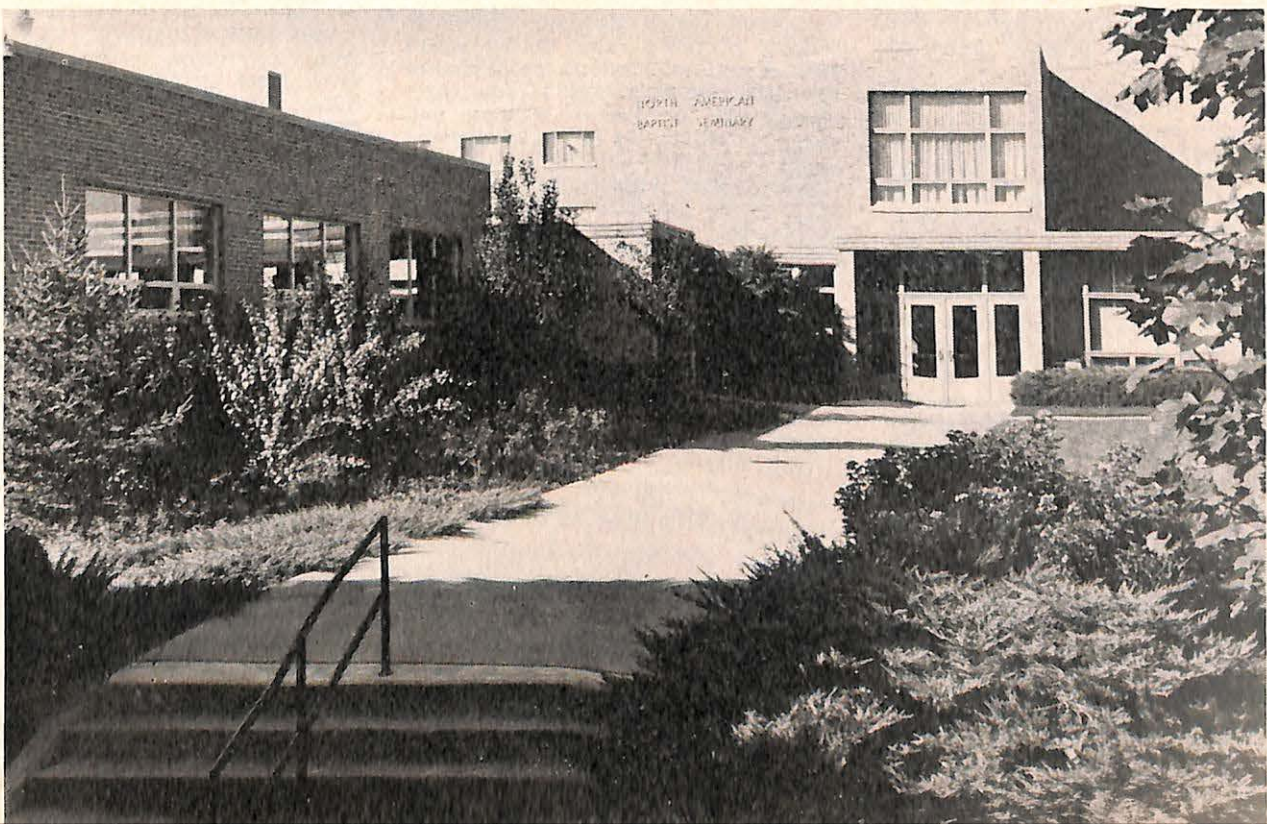


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NEWS & VIEWS

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS MET IN HOUSTON

By Victor Tupitza

Enthusiastic soul-saving evangelism joined hands with a calm, equally determined Christian social session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, on June 4-7. The strongly conservative messenger began on a note which one the liberal described as a "reaction to" and was brought to its zenith by Billy Graham, who preached the concluding message.

For many, however, the heart of these sessions evolved about "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation." Presented to the convention as Recommendation No. 24, the state-ment carried the signatures of the heads of 19 Southern Baptist agencies and a large majority of the state convention executive secretaries and editors.

The statement was the result of increasing sensitivity to the racial inequities in the nation, culminating in the riots at the time of the assassination of Martin Luther King. An ad hoc committee of denominational leaders first met in Nashville, Tenn., to work on the paper. It was released to the national press about ten days prior to the convention so that the eyes of the messengers were focused on this one topic as the primary issue of business.

"We are shocked by the potential for anarchy in a land dedicated to democracy and freedom," the report began. "There are ominous sounds of hate and violence among men and of unbelief and rebellion toward God. These compel Christians to face the social situation and to examine themselves under the judgment of God."

This report was debated and somewhat altered in form but not in nature by the executive committee of the convention and presented as its recommendation. In addition to defining the existing crisis, the report reviewed past efforts of the denomination, voiced a confession of participation in the collective guilt of the nation, declared its commitment as a service to Christ, and concluded with an appeal to the messengers of the convention to improve the statement and labor to alleviate the causes which made it necessary.

Debate of Recommendation No. 24 was warm and understanding, al-

though somewhat committed toward accepting it. A motion was made to erase the confession, but had small support, as was true with many amendments which would have greatly weakened it. A Kentucky messenger, a Negro, who said he "came down here to give color to the convention," pleaded that the motion be passed unimpaired and unamended. A motion to table the entire matter was hotly rejected, indicating that the messengers were well aware of the church's involvement not only in the salvation of the nation's souls but that it also share its collective shortcomings. The final vote was in favor of a slightly amended crisis statement by a 2 to 1 margin.

Outgoing SBC President H. Franklin Paschall noted that "this is a computerized age." Much of the business conducted at these sessions, including the passing of its crisis statement, upheld the hopes of many that the SBC was prepared to become a part of the new era. Interestingly enough, the messengers overwhelmingly chose the leadership of staunchly conservative Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the 15,000 member First Baptist Church of Dallas. President-elect Criswell, who at a press conference insisted "I am a Bible preacher" and not an expert in the social affairs of the nation, was also frank to admit great difficulty in understanding the events that rock the nation almost daily.

Criswell stated that his church is seeking to bring calm to the racial tension and the nation's problems by "changing people's hearts. You can't change the outside of a man and change anything. He has to be changed inside."

When asked if he would fight liberalism in the denomination Criswell indicated the difficulty of defining it. Instead of fighting anything, he said he would rather try to "lead the convention into a tremendous evangelistic and missionary effort." He added

• We need to evaluate and test our abilities and interests. If you do poorly in mathematics, God will probably not want you to be a mathematician. Sometimes we may have an ability and not like to do something, but it may still be God's will for us. We may need to learn to like it or even develop an ability we thought we did not have.

It is not easy to know the plan of God, but to sense His guiding hand in your life is the biggest thrill you could ever have. Let us accept the counsel of the Psalmist when he says, "Commit your way unto God, trust also in Him and observe God working in your life." (Psalm 37:5)

—John Binder

that he felt he was an evangelist, and that others would have to lead in the social action efforts.

Southern Baptists now total 11,142,726 in number, representing 34,147 churches which cooperate with the denomination. At their Houston session where about 14,000 messengers were registered, they adopted a record budget for 1969 of \$27,670,480, an increase of \$970,480. Last year, they spent over \$36,000,000 for the construction of new church buildings. In a straw vote, they also rejected a possible change in the name of the denomination. Neither United Baptist Convention or Baptist General Convention received much support as the suggested new title. New Orleans was approved as the site of the 1969 convention.

BAPTIST SEMINARY OF WEST IS FORMED AT BERKELEY

BERKELEY, CALIF. (ABNS)—The federation of Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and California Baptist Theological Seminary was voted here on June 7 by Berkeley trustees.

The federation will be known as the American Baptist Seminary of the West. President C. Adrian Heaton was authorized to "proceed with steps for carrying out its (the federation's) provisions."

Dr. Heaton has been president of California Baptist in Covina since 1959, and head of the Berkeley School since November 1967.

The new American Baptist Seminary of the West will maintain theological centers at Berkeley and Covina. Dr. Heaton explained that the Covina program would be "separate but related" to the federation.

BETHEL COLLEGE EXPELLED 17 STUDENTS FOR DRINKING

DAVENPORT, IOWA. (EP)—Seventeen young people were asked to withdraw from Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., during the past year because they used alcoholic beverages.

In a report to the 89th annual meeting of the Baptist General Conference, which operates Bethel, Dr. Carl Lundquist said "most of the students requested to leave Bethel for a year were freshmen from evangelical churches. And most acknowledged some

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Editorial

KNOWING GOD'S PLAN

"What does God want me to do with my life?" is a question that every Christian must ask. It becomes a most difficult question to answer for youth today who have an infinite number of opportunities available to them.

As I see the shortage of pastors, directors of Christian Education, missionaries and other leaders in church-related occupations, and see the enrollment decreasing at theological seminaries, I must conclude that a lot of youth are not honestly seeking God's plan for their lives.

We were all thrilled to hear the news that our N.A.B. Seminary became fully accredited in June 1968. This is a tremendous achievement. We congratulate the Seminary and its supporters. This goal has demanded a great deal of many people for a long time. However, we have only about 40 students at our seminary. We should have twice that many in order to meet the need of at least 25 new workers in our denomination each year.

Youth—you are needed! The world is confused and mixed up. It offers you opportunities as never before to witness to the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God is depending on you. Maybe God wants you to enroll at the seminary this fall.

The following are a few tips that youth or adults may use in seeking God's will:

- Remember that every Christian is called to proclaim the Gospel and to witness of his experience with Jesus Christ. This is your primary vocation as a Christian, no matter what occupation you may be entering. You have no choice in this matter anymore. You made your decision to fulfill the commission of Christ when you first committed your life to him. The big decision now needs to be made on the following question: In what occupation and setting can I best accomplish the task of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, or *how* does God want *me* to fulfill the great commission?
- God has a plan for every life. He has created us and knows our capacities, weaknesses, and aspirations. His plan is exactly suited to our needs so that He enables us to make the most of our potential and possibilities.
- God wants to reveal His plan to us. No matter where you are or what mistakes you may have made, God can help you find the right road.
- God's plan is good for us. We are the losers if we do not follow His plan. God can do much better than we can with our lives.
- We must be willing to do God's will. Unless we are willing to unreservedly risk it with Him, we shall probably never know what His plan is.
- Our decisions must conform to the teachings of God in Scripture. He never reveals something else to us individually that is contrary to the Scriptures.
- We should seek the advice or counsel of friends, parents and pastor. These people are also in contact with God, and God may lead you through them.
- We should have a definite inner peace and joy in the decisions we have made. This does not mean that there will be no conflict or battle or fight.

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Accreditation Granted to Seminary

by Frank Veninga

The Board of Trustees Together with the President and Faculty Take Pleasure in Announcing that North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has Been Accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools at its Biennial Meeting In St. Louis, June 11, 1968.



AATS Visiting Team in consultation with the seminary president and board chairman. Pictured above are President Frank Veninga (l. to r.) Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, Chairman, Herman Bleeker and Dr. Warren Groff.



Dr. Alvin Rogness, chairman of the AATS Commission on Accrediting, visiting with seminary board members. Pictured above are Rev. David Draewell (l. to r. around the table), Rev. Donald Ganstrom, Dr. Alvin Rogness, Dr. Frank Veninga, Mr. Paul Stolz, Dr. Frank Woyke.

FULLY accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools." Those words are now part of the credentials of the North American Baptist Seminary, and marks a milestone in the school's 118-year history. With this action, taken by the accrediting agency at its biennial meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, June 11, 1968, the seminary takes its place among some 100 accredited theological seminaries in the United States and Canada.

Accreditation comes to the seminary after a long process of self-study and thorough preparation. In 1954 the seminary became an associate member in the American Association of Theological Schools. This type of membership is granted to schools which meet certain minimal requirements and are preparing themselves for full accreditation. In consultation with representatives of the AATS, administration, faculty and trustees have worked diligently to strengthen the faculty, expand the library, upgrade the curriculum, and to make other changes in order to meet the rigid standards of accreditation.

Dr. Charles Taylor, former Executive Director of AATS, was on our campus for consultation purposes in the fall of 1959. A Visiting Team was at the seminary December 5-8, 1960. The team composed of Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, and Dr. Warren Groff, Bethany Biblical Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, provided much valuable help. Their recommendations became guidelines in the seminary's development program. Shortly thereafter we inaugurated a formal self-study of the

entire work of the seminary. Dr. Jesse Ziegler, Executive Director of AATS visited with administration and faculty April 17-18, 1962, and May 21-22, 1966, at which time he delivered the commencement address.

A 32-page report documenting progress in 24 specific areas was submitted October 28, 1966. The acceptance of this report resulted in the coming of Dr. Alvin Rogness, chairman of the AATS Commission on Accrediting. Dr. Rogness counselled with faculty and trustees November 11, 1966. In March of 1967 the Commission sent its schedules for our completion. These were returned in November of 1967. They cover all areas of seminary life and activity . . . history, purpose and aims, administration, faculty, curriculum, teaching and instruction, students, library, alumni and resources. A team of examiners visited the seminary March 3-5, 1968. The team was composed of Dr. Allen Graves, chairman, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and Dr. Frederick Wentz, President of Hamma School of Theology, Springfield, Ohio. The examiners' findings were submitted to the Commission June 9-10 and accreditation was granted June 11, 1968. Reverend David Draewell, Secretary of Higher Education, and President Frank Veninga were in attendance at the AATS meeting. Accreditation means that we are recognized by other schools as doing a good job of theological education. It also means that we will have the stimulus of continued striving to improve our education in the light of standards expected by the AATS. Membership in this association enables



SEMINARY FACULTY: Hugo Lueck (l. to r.), Donald Madvig, Gerald Borchert, Frank Veninga, Ralph Powell, George Dunger, George Lang.

our students to transfer to another institution in any section of the country and receive credit for their work at NAB Seminary.

Membership in the national accrediting association is voluntary and has no bearing on a school's theological position. Our distinctive character and spirit will, of course, remain the same. The AATS carefully refrains from making any judgment upon the theological position of any school. Accreditation is based upon "academic criteria without reference to doctrinal position or ecclesiastical affiliation, and upon evidence that the institution has the necessary facilities and standards to prepare students for the ministry." (AATS Bulletin, 27)

With accreditation we face our work with new confidence and obviously heightened morale. We expect the opening of new opportunities for growth and greater service to the denomination and to the larger Church of Jesus Christ. Prospective students



President Frank Veninga and Miss Carol Reynolds are in the process of mailing the 348 pages of the AATS Schedules.

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may look to the NAB Seminary with assurance that the quality of instruction, the library resources, the spiritual and intellectual tone, and the facilities available are adequate to the goals of the school. Changes in degree nomenclature from that of the Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) degree to Master of Divinity (M. Div.) degree are being considered.

The Board of Trustees recognized the importance of accreditation and established policies bringing the seminary in line with standards set by the AATS. We commend the Board for its vision and courage. The assistance and support of the Committee on Higher Education, the Finance Committee and the General Council is gratefully acknowledged. However, in achieving our goal we by no means minimize the support and encouragement given by countless number of alumni, friends, and churches. The contributors to our Library Development Fund have had a vital share in accreditation.

We pledge to continue to carry on our work as an academic community dedicated to an evangelical interpretation of the Gospel, with strong emphasis placed upon thorough acquaintance with the inspired Word of God and the development of a mature spiritual and theological perspective of each student. As the graduate school of theology of the North American Baptist General Conference, we recognize a double responsibility—first of all to the Lord, and then to those whom we serve, to provide the best possible theological education.

While we rejoice in achieving accredited status, let us not conclude that no more advances are necessary.

Rejoice with us that God has enabled us to come thus far. Surely we may anticipate even greater progress in the years ahead. The seminary has been at the center of the denomination's concern, care and support for 118 years. With your prayer and financial support and the recommending of young people to the seminary for their theological training we fulfill our divine mission and we meet the growing needs for dedicated and adequately trained leadership.

It is our firm conviction that the message of Revelation 3:8 "I have set before thee an open door," is applicable to the seminary and to the denomination.

Dr. Frank Veninga is the President of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D.



AATS EXAMINING TEAM CONSULTING with the seminary president and board chairman. Pictured above are President Frank Veninga (l. to r.), Dr. Allen Graves, Dr. Frederick Wentz, board chairman Mr. Herman Bleeker.

From Mission Interest To Missionary Service

by Richard Schilke



Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Breikreuz

**Introducing
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Breikreuz,
Missionaries to Cameroon
By Richard Schilke**

TO THE question "What influences led you to consider missionary service?" both Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Alfred Breikreuz gave a very straight forward answer. Mr. Breikreuz referred to the three years of Bible training at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta and said: "The influence of the training received at CTI is the dominating factor. Missionary articles in the *Baptist Herald* and the missionary letters from our missionaries stating the need and the opportunity made their impression upon me. Mrs. O. R. Schmidt who taught missions at CTI stressed the need for missions and made it live for us."

Mrs. Breikreuz refers to a much earlier experience in her life in answering that question and says: "My interest in missions was aroused in my early teens when Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Zepik started a Junior Girls' organization, 'Missionary Echoes.' We really studied our missionary work and ever since then I have kept up with the progress being made. . . . At the time we had only a few missionaries in Cameroon and as we wrote letters to

each of them, we were thrilled to receive handwritten letters from a real, live missionary in return and felt that they became our personal friends. This interest in missions has never really waned and as the *Baptist Herald* came to our home regularly, if I never read anything else as a teenager, I read the missionary articles. I feel that I have been greatly influenced by reading missionary letters and meeting missionaries home on furlough."

Home and Church Experiences

Elmer Alfred Breikreuz was born on September 16, 1932 at Bruce, Alberta, Canada to Mr. and Mrs. Ewald M. Breikreuz as the oldest of nine children, four sisters and four brothers. Two years later his parents moved to a farm near Onoway. They wanted their children to be brought up in a community where there was a Baptist church. As far back as he can remember his parents took their children regularly to Sunday school and church. The training received in Sunday school through faithful teachers was supplemented with Bible reading and devotions in the home. At the age of ten in January, 1943 he accepted Christ as his Savior through the ministry of the late Rev. Fred W. Benke. On June

17, 1945 he was baptized by Rev. Hugo Lueck and became a member of the Onoway Baptist Church.

Ellen Veona Breikreuz nee Froehlich was born on November 15, 1934 at Trochu, Alberta, Canada to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Froehlich as the youngest of six children, four sisters and one brother. Her parents lived on a farm near Trochu. They were faithful Christians and active in church who by example sought to bring up their children in a Christian way. Their social life revolved around the activities of the church. At the age of nine she accepted Christ as her Savior and three years later in 1947 she was baptized by Rev. R. H. Zepik and became a member of the Trochu Baptist Church.

Preparation for a Teaching Vocation

Elmer Breikreuz received his elementary and high school education in his hometown Onoway, graduating from high school in 1950. After high school he was not certain as to what he wanted to do and be and so he prayed for guidance. In 1953 he was directed to attend the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton where he attended three years. In 1956 he enrolled at the University of Alberta

to obtain his teacher's certificate since he felt led to go into public school teaching.

Ellen Froehlich received her elementary and high school education in her home town Trochu, graduating from high school in 1952. Her lifelong ambition had been to become a school teacher. When she completed her high school, she felt that she was not ready for the task. Most of her older sisters attended the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton and so she enrolled there in 1952 for the two year Christian Worker's Certificate which she received in 1954. The following year she attended the University of Alberta to obtain her teacher's certificate.

Her first year of teaching began in the fall of 1955 in the school on the Louis Bull Indian Reservation near Wetaskiwin where she taught 17 Indian boys and girls from grades one to six. Here she also had her first close contact with missions. The untiring efforts and sacrifices of Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, then missionaries among the Indians on that reservation, made a great impression upon her and served as a further challenge to a greater dedication of her life to God in whatever He would have her do.

Elmer Breikreuz and Ellen Froehlich had known each other for several years at CTI and at camp meetings at Sylvan Lake where both were active. On August 17, 1956 they were married. The Lord has since given them three sons: Aaron Dean born on November 7, 1957; Bevin Mark born on August 12, 1959; and Timothy Grant born on October 29, 1963.

In the fall of 1956 they both taught school in an isolated community in the Peace River country in Northern Alberta. They were faced with the problem of adjusting to very primitive conditions in school and in living quarters. There was no electricity, no running water, and an old log school house complete with a barrel type heater with logs as fuel. The only religious influence was a Roman Catholic service held from time to time in the schoolhouse. They thus felt led to begin a Sunday school for all who desired to come.

Missionary Interest and Promotion

In 1957 they moved to Onoway where Elmer taught for seven years. Ellen had to give up her teaching due to family responsibilities. But both found their place and activity in the life of the church at Onoway. They taught Sunday school, worked among youth, helped in music and made themselves useful wherever the need arose. Elmer became Sunday school superintendent and Ellen became president of the Women's Missionary Society.

At this time both felt that the missionary emphasis in the church was not what it ought to be. To create missionary interest there must be missionary information. Together

they set out to use their church organizations to inform their people of our denominational missionary enterprise. Through the process of better acquainting their people with missions, they themselves became even more interested. "Slowly the Holy Spirit started working in my heart," says Mr. Breikreuz, "and since I had some teacher training, I thought that perhaps the Lord might be able to use me in this way on the foreign field. Even though I had a good job, enjoyed teaching and there was a great opportunity for me to continue in it with attractive job security, and though both of us were very active in the Lord's work in our church, I still was not satisfied. I felt that perhaps the Lord wanted me in some other field of service."

A Step Further to Missionary Service

Elmer Breikreuz refers to a missionary letter written by Mr. Donald E. Witt from Cameroon and mailed through our Forest Park office. In it Mr. Witt called for more workers, especially teachers. This letter made a deep impression on him and as Mrs. Breikreuz says: "When we were confronted with the need for trained teachers in Cameroon, we found no excuse to offer." After more thought and prayer over this matter they wrote to the General Missionary Secretary in August, 1964 and offered themselves for missionary service in the field of teaching.

Mr. Breikreuz realized even as he wrote the letter that he needed additional training for Cameroon. He had not yet completed his university work for his degree. In 1965 he and his family moved to Edmonton. He then enrolled at the University of Alberta and completed his work for B. Ed. degree by 1966. Following that he continued his studies in educational administration and by October, 1967 he received his M. Ed. degree.

In Edmonton they joined the Meadowlark Baptist Church which was a new church extension project. Here they found opportunity to continue their church activity and serve the Lord wherever the need was apparent. Early in 1967 they filed their application for missionary service. Appointment to Cameroon was made by the Board of Missions in its annual meeting in April of that year. However, due to finances the appointment could not be confirmed for that year. Mr. Breikreuz continued teaching for another year at Iowa High school near Edmonton.

The way has now been cleared and the open door to missionary service in Cameroon is before them. Plans for their departure for Cameroon are made for August 26, 1968, the day on which they are to leave from New York. Prior to that date they will visit with Mrs. Breikreuz's sister in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Rev. and Mrs. Manfred Taubensee, and with Mr. Breikreuz's brother in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Breikreuz.

In Cameroon they will be stationed at Ndu where in this coming year Mr. Breikreuz is to be acting principal at Joseph Merrick Baptist College. May God's abundant blessing accompany them in all they undertake.

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

LEARNING TO WITNESS

by Daniel Fuchs

"PROJECT 68"

MEMBERS of a Sunday school class of our Grosse Pointe Baptist Church recently started a ministry in inner-city Detroit. They called this ministry "Project 68." The purpose is to become personally involved in communicating the gospel through Christian witness in the inner-city of Detroit.

In giving a progress report of "Project 68," the chairman, David Willison, reports as follows:

"The project is based on the big brother-big sister plan. Fifteen inner-city young people, 10 to 15 years old, attended the first meeting on May 10, 1968. We played volleyball and baseball in a park and had refreshments and sang songs. The enthusiastic response of the young people and comments like 'monthly meetings are too far apart,' and 'why don't you drop around every day?' indicate the young people want the meetings to continue. One boy asked who his big brother was, that he had understood there would be a one to one relation, which shows us that young people of this age want adult friends. We were impressed with the friendliness and respect given to us, and we are determined to remain flexible enough to change our method in order to serve and become a living witness as a natural result of friendship.

"Following our first meeting, we realized areas that need to be improved in our future meetings. Because of the tremendous spirit in the youngsters, we will be more carefully organized so that the program keeps moving every minute. We shall break down into smaller groups for work on projects and then combine to report to the others. We shall work more with songs, drama stressing morality and brotherhood, and strive to find activities within the city limits.

The meetings will end with a planned segment devoted to a meditation and prayer. We were impressed with the intelligence of the youngsters and feel we can have discussion groups on topics familiar to them which also will give opportunity to apply Christian witness.

"During our first meeting we felt the power of renewal in the Holy Spirit working through us in this personal encounter."



Photo by A. Devaney Inc.

THE MACHINERY of the ghetto was structured by the combination of mass dislocations of population and selfish economic interest. Its wheels grind on, unyieldingly. Its grist is people: men, women and children.

The one person inside the ghetto who ought to be doing the most for renovating it is the Negro man. Yet he is its most unstable element. Why?

Negro intellectuals say the problem began centuries ago when slavers first ruptured Negro family life. During succeeding generations as a slave in the New World, the Negro man was not permitted to carry the responsibilities of head of a family. Frequently, he witnessed his women being violated, while he was powerless to protest. Hence today he has a limited grasp of the importance of his role as father and husband.

The People Of The Ghetto

by Levi Keidel

Developments of the last two decades have aggravated his problem. When World War II ended, Negroes were among the first to be laid off. Ghettos, grinding their way toward our central city areas, drove plants to the suburbs. At an increasing rate, automation is closing job opportunities they are best qualified to fill.

Endemic Unemployment

Endemic unemployment in today's ghettos is of frightening proportions. In many ghetto areas, 25 to 35 per cent of the male working force is unemployed. Block after block can be found without a single wage earner.

When the Negro father is repeatedly refused employment, his own feelings of inadequacy are reinforced. His children beg continually for food and for things they need at school. His inability to hide his inadequacy behind a screen of excuses breeds despair and shatters his self-respect.

If he keeps house so his wife can find a job, she will ordinarily bring home more money than he would at comparable employment. This aggravates his problem. If neither can find employment, he can qualify her for higher welfare payments if he leaves home. These conditions underline his inadequacies as a husband and father. He deserts, and helps swell the horde of anonymous drifters.

And so, providing an element of stability in ghetto society falls to the Negro woman.

Negro Women

It is almost impossible for the deserted mother to keep a family unit intact. If she can work, she is fortunate; but her neglected children become imbued with the standards and values of the street gangs, which virtually confirms their eventual serious delinquency.

If she cannot work, she and her children are locked up with grinding poverty, within the walls of their rooms. It would be difficult for any woman to convert some of these rooms into a home under the best of circumstances.

More than four million American urban families live in substandard homes, 21 per cent of which have neither bathtub nor shower. The average Chicago ghetto dwelling passes through the hands of three owners every five years, each in turn losing his equity. None of them has money to spend for upkeep.

I sat in an elevated train alongside Ed Riddick from Chicago's Operation Breadbasket as we sped through a ghetto area. I watched an attractive complex of low-income high-rise apartments go by. I wondered if federal funds used to build them had improved the people as much as they had improved the landscape.

"Have these apartments helped the housing problem?" I asked.

"Each of those nineteen-floor buildings you see is home for 2,800 people,"

he said. "Take Robert Taylor Homes, for example. There 28,000 people live in ten of these buildings on 94 square acres of land.

Inside a High-rise

"Almost 75 per cent of those living in these high-rise apartments are under eighteen years of age," he continued. "The buildings were poorly planned and shoddily constructed. They are poorly heated; their rooms are too small for the big families which must live in them. Kids burn themselves in exposed steam pipes. Walls are thin. Any single family is constantly bombarded by noises of families living above, below, and around them.

"There are four wings on each building. Each wing has two elevators. Generally one of them doesn't work. People stand in line fifteen minutes waiting to go downstairs. When children get outside to play, they tear things up. There are five-year-old children in those buildings who have never set foot on ground; they've only seen grass from the eighteenth floor.

"A mother spends half of her \$200 monthly welfare check for rent, and scrounges for cheap and sometimes partially spoiled foods to stretch what is left to keep her kids from starving. She has nothing left with which to improve herself. It becomes a treadmill, a prison. She ceases being a person. She gives up.

"You see that line of three-story apartments?" he gestured out the window. "You see how neat they are? Negroes are buying them on long-term contracts from the government. They know they aren't getting fleeced. They know someday they'll own those houses. Those constructions are fifteen years old; and they're in better shape than the five-year-old high-rise apartments."

Health statistics reveal the results of this kind of living. According to the United States Riot Commission Report, national death rates for non-white mothers are four times as high as those for white mothers. About 30 per cent of all families with incomes of less than \$2,000 per year suffer from chronic health conditions which adversely affect employment.

Proving Manhood

Men and women who live in a society where they have been deprived of being persons find unsocial ways of proving to themselves and to others that they are still human beings. They resort to crime.

According to Federal Bureau of Investigation records, during 1965, the arrest rate of Negroes for murder and robbery was thirteen times that of whites. During 1966, the crime rate in our larger cities was more than double the national average. From three to six times as many crimes are committed as are reported.

Of crimes committed by Negroes in Chicago, 85 per cent involve Negro

victims. The law-abiding ghetto resident lives in a perpetual state of tension and insecurity beyond the comprehension of most middle-class Americans.

For proof of their personhood, desperate human beings resort to sex. National Negro birthrate is 47 per cent higher than white birthrate. Because of the continued disintegration of Negro family life, much of this birth is out of wedlock. In many urban ghettos, illegitimacy rates exceed 50 per cent. Across the nation, the illegitimacy pattern fluctuates with the unemployment pattern.

This burgeoning birthrate packs the ghettos tighter and compounds their problems. In Chicago's white areas, population density is 14,000 per square mile; in the Kenwood-Oakland Negro area, population is 66,000 per square mile. At the density rate in parts of Harlem, the entire American population could be squeezed into three of New York City's five boroughs.

If men and women have been dehumanized by the grinding effects of the ghetto, their children have even less hope.

Negro Children

The disadvantages of a broken home could somewhat be offset by good educational opportunities in school. However, today's ghetto schools operate at 154 per cent of capacity. In our nation 40 per cent more is spent for the education of a white pupil than for a Negro pupil. Up to last summer, the Washington D. C. school board was spending \$100 more per pupil in white schools than in Negro schools.

A recent National Education Association report condemned the Baltimore school system for building stadiums and swimming pools for white schools while children in slum areas studied in fire traps.

"These people have been victims of the kind of system which, as George Bernard Shaw said, forces a man to be a bootblack, and then points to his occupation as proof of his inferiority," the report said.

An education earning a meaningful place in society would encourage the Negro youth to stay in school. But by grade twelve, Negro reading level is three years behind that of whites. In 1963, the average employed Negro high school graduate earned \$49 per week, while the average white high school dropout earned \$58 per week. The median income for a Negro college graduate is \$5,928, while that of a white college graduate is \$9,023. And of all Negro graduates of public schools, 23 per cent have no jobs at all.

Facing this kind of future, 35 per cent of ghetto youth drop out of high school. The Chicago dropout rate is 1,000 per month. Many of them find a sense of fellowship and identity in street gangs, where lawbreaking is a status symbol.

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A NEW ROAD TO WARWAR

by Willie Gutowski

"TO GOD be the Glory, Great things He hath done!"

Almost five months have passed since we were welcomed to Warwar! Much has happened, and many things have changed since we came here on horseback on January 18, 1968.

There is now a road to Warwar! Coming from Gembu, we can now cross the Donge River on a ferry, moved by men with bamboo poles and proceed on a brand new road to Warwar. No, it's not a paved highway, but it sure beats walking!

The road didn't appear by itself, nor were there any bulldozers or graders

to construct it. It was all dug by hand with spades, pickaxes, and hoes, all six miles of it! The road passes over the very steep and stoney hills, making it a very difficult work. The presence of our Landrover in Gembu, when we first arrived, inspired the people to work all the harder. One day was unforgettable.

It all began when we closed the dispensary one Monday A.M. and announced "a road digging day." The church pastor had mentioned it at



Warwar photo—H. Johns
New road to Warwar.



Warwar photo—H. Johns
New school under construction.

church on Sunday and he was ready for work at 7:00 A.M. He brought with him the church bass drum, which he used to summon workers and to lead the singing which accompanied the work.

After seeing the seriously ill patients I followed our station laborers to join the pastor and deacons at the road at 8:00 A.M. There were 14 men

there. We began to dig into the hillside, excavating a road which would be wide enough for one vehicle to pass. The pastor kept on beating the drum and singing. Then the people began to come. First, the Christians, then the Warwar Chief and his Kashalas (quarter heads), and the people; both men and women. They came from the town, from across the hill, and from their farms. By 10:00 A.M. there were about 50 people; by 11:00 A.M. there were at least 100; and by 2:00 P.M. there were about 250 people! The earth was moving as if by magic. Watching from a distance it looked like a giant red and black snake creeping over the green hillside. The people worked in groups, all using their pickaxes, spades, and hoes in unison, in rhythm to the drum and singing, like a huge machine. It was a thrill to see!

At the end of the day, we had completed two stone bridges, and dug over one-half mile of road, the final stretch to Warwar. It was a triumphant entry, as I drove the Landrover over the new road, followed by the throng of cheering, dancing people, unto the church compound, just across the valley from the mission station.

What has this meant to us? We can now bring our building and medical supplies right to Warwar, making it much cheaper and faster than having it carried in. It prevents the loss of materials such as having cement spill out of rain weakened bags. As a direct result of this saving we were able to undertake the building of three new classrooms, for our 120 Warwar children, who at the present are meeting in the church and outside for classes. We are able to visit many of the churches in our field, who badly need advice and encouragement.

Yes, it's all a part of a missionary's life; ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of the people, but also to improve the community life as a whole.

Continue to pray for us as we finish the new school and maternity buildings, and are now beginning our plans for the development of a Rural Health Center, which we need so badly in this needy area.

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million children to squalor in their formative years can expect 3.5 million bitter adults disrupting normal functions of society."

Suppose right after the Civil War someone would have said, "While the Negro is now as free as we are, he is generations behind us in his economic and social development. Unless we put forth every effort to close the gap, it will grow wider; and the day will come when the Negro problem will blow up and threaten to destroy our way of life."

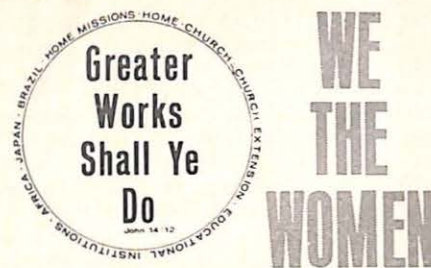
People would have said, "He's an

alarmist; a fanatic. Things couldn't be that bad."

Things were that bad. It has happened now, and there is no longer time for labeling. It's time we find some hard answers. Unless we do, there is danger of something more than a blowup. There is the possibility of chain-reaction explosion on an international scale. And the white man would be at the chief whipping post.

Rev. Levi O. Keidel is a missionary in Congo, Africa. He is currently on furlough in the U.S.A.

BAPTIST HERALD



BY MRS. HERBERT HILLER,
Woodside, New York,
President Woman's Missionary Union

YOUR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

It was a nice, exciting and enlightening experience for me, as your representative to attend the General Council sessions. The dedication of those in places of leadership impressed me as truly being servants of the Lord. "We, the Women" have a vital part in the work God has entrusted to us as North American Baptists. Our moderator, Mr. Stanley Johnson, opened the sessions by reading Luke 6:46-48, and Psalm 127:1. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

The reports presented give us reasons for much thanksgiving. Let me mention a few: the enthusiasm on our newest mission field, Brazil; the increased enrollment at the North American Baptist College in Edmonton and in Sioux Falls, the response to the MAP program; the 27,403 lbs. of White Cross shipments valued at \$20,000 gone out, as well as the 10,000 lbs. sent early in June in part to Lagos, for the Maternity Center at Warwar. We could continue to speak of accomplishments, but the reports and recommendations also point to new challenges and needs: the many pastorless churches; missionaries ready to go, but funds not available; an increase in giving shown, but as was stated "we must keep running just to stand still." The dollar doesn't go as far as it used to. The challenge remains to advance in our present responsibilities and to enter new areas of service as the Lord opens doors.

The testimonial dinner in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Woyke expressed appreciation of our fellowship for their 22 years of dedicated, faithful service. May we remember them prayerfully as they serve in the Baptist World Alliance.

Two words keep coming to mind as I reflect on the Council sessions. They are "knowledge" and wisdom." We have a good overall picture of our work, but need wisdom to act on the knowledge we have. How can we, (I), best meet the needs for advancement in the work of the Lord? James 3:13 and Proverbs 2:6.

—Mrs. Henry Fluth,
WMU General Council
Representative.

NEWS AND VIEWS

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drinking prior to coming to Bethel." "Church and college must work together more closely on establishing ideals for a Biblical Christian life style proper in today's world," Bethel's president declared.

Referring to students riots that have swept America during the past year, Dr. Lundquist said "the breaking of the law is not to be condoned even when done by students on their own campuses."

GALLUP POLL: MOST REJECT 'SICK' SOCIETY TAG

PRINCETON, N. J. (EP)—Most Americans don't think the United States is a "sick society," but as many as one-third answered in the affirmative when asked their views on the subject by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

The two groups most inclined to view the nation as "sick" are the Negroes on the one hand and the supporters of presidential candidate George Wallace on the other.

Blacks by the ratio of about 8 to 7 say this country is "sick," but white people by a ratio of more than 3 to 2 hold the opposite opinion.

The Gallup pollsters said backers of Vice President Hubert Humphrey are somewhat less inclined to view this country as "sick" than are Nixon supporters, and considerably less than are Wallace backers.

Most Americans felt as did the 39-year-old Californian who exclaimed "You can't judge a nation by a few individuals who make headlines."

NEW 'WESLEYAN CHURCH' ELECTS ITS LEADERS, WILL WOO FREE METHODISTS

MARION, IND. (EP)—Following the merger of the Wesleyan Methodist and the Pilgrim Holiness Churches in Anderson, Ind., the General Board of Administration of the newly formed denomination called The Wesleyan Church met in session to work out administrative duties assigned to it.

The new church of 122,340 members has a 36-member board from which Dr. Bernard H. Phaup of Marion was named chairman and Dr. Melvin H. Snyder of Indianapolis vice chairman.

At the closing business session of the merged conference the body overwhelmingly proposed immediate merger negotiations with The Free Methodist Church of America with headquarters at Winona Lake, Ind.

ABE FORTAS WOULD BE FIRST JEWISH CHIEF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Abe Fortas, a "man of the law" nominated to succeed Earl Warren as Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, would be the first Chief Justice of the Jewish faith, if confirmed.

In religious matters, the Justice re-

cently dissented from the majority opinion which upheld a New York law requiring public-school authorities to loan textbooks to parochial students.

"The statute," said Mr. Fortas, "is an unconstitutional use of public funds to support an establishment of religion."

CHURCH GROUPS WON'T BUY FROM BIASED UNITS

NEW YORK (EP)—Millions of dollars spent for purchases by 17 church groups here will be given only to companies and unions offering equal employment opportunities to minority groups.

This was the decision of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish organizations who formed "Project Equality" upon the conviction that "true religious stewardship involves not only how we budget our money but also where we spend it."

The effort will attempt to overcome job discrimination in the three areas of general manufacturing and services; insurance, banking and real estate, and construction.

RUSSIAN RABBI CALLS ON ALL FAITHS TO FACE PROBLEMS

NEW YORK (EP)—Yehuda Leib Levin, Chief Rabbi of Moscow, said in a discussion with Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox clergy that he regards his American visit as an "important step in the growing contact between the major religious faiths of the United States and the Soviet Union."

In his view, the mission of religion should be to "confront the social problems" facing the world today.

Rabbi Levin, described as probably the last living link with Moscow's Jewish Community, told the attentive audience of more than 60 clergymen and laymen that religion must eradicate poverty, sickness, hate and strife.

"Religions have fantastic moral resources and strengths which can be harnessed to solve the issues of our times," said the man who had earlier been taunted by hecklers when he insisted that Jews have perfect freedom of religion in Russia.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES ARE 'THIRD DIMENSION' TO ASSEMBLIES OF GOD EVANGELISM COUNCIL

SPRINGFIELD, MO. (EP)—Young people will be invited to participate in the Assemblies of God Council on Evangelism Aug. 26-29 in St. Louis, according to college youth representative Jerry Sandidge.

"It's a 'third dimension' to the council," he said. "While the adults meet in the Gateway and Sheraton-Jefferson Hotels for morning sessions, we will meet in a third place—Kiel Auditorium."

The purpose for the youth activities, he said, was "to expose young people of the Assemblies of God to the ex-

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PEOPLE OF THE GHETTO

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The Future

This is one of the fastest growing segments of our population. Its growth rate is almost double that of whites of the same age group. This group has the highest unemployment rate in the nation. It commits the highest percentage of our crime. It plays the most significant role in our riots.

As *Newsweek* (Nov. 20, 1967, p. 42) put it, "A system that condemns 3.5

The Challenge of Camargo

by Bill Cowell

A SQUALL line was making its way down the Rio Grande Valley, accompanied by a brisk wind, lightning, and a little rain, as we turned our car westward and drove the final forty miles toward Rio Grande City, Texas. My family and I, along with two young men from our church in Kansas, were nearing the end of a thousand mile journey to visit our missionaries, Brother and Sister Robert Sandoval and family, and to work with them for one week.

We arrived in Rio Grande City late that Saturday evening and there was a restlessness in the air. It was the end of election day; an especially tense hour. A candidate, sponsored by a group of Starr County citizens who favored progress and development, had been defeated by the combined forces of two other parties. The margin was slim and it was alleged that the means used toward victory included breaking into one of the ballot boxes. The existing political regime has long kept the economy low, the community in a static condition, and the people generally in a state of ignorance. Violence that night was minimal to what it could have been and to what had happened in years past.

There is much spiritual ignorance and darkness in Rio Grande City as well. Here are people for whom Jesus Christ died and regardless of poverty and other existing conditions they need to be reached with the life changing Gospel of God's Son. It is here, with these people and with a great love and compassion for their needs, that the Sandovals work so faithfully. The high calibre of their Christian service and their faithfulness to the work of Jesus Christ in the upper Rio Grande Valley may easily be seen by observing the sacrificial service which they have rendered over the past several years in repenting our North American Baptist constituency with the Gospel to this needy community.

After Sunday morning services at the Garcia's Ranch Baptist Church where Brother Sandoval is pastor, and a delightful dinner at their home, we had our first visit to Ciudad Camargo, Mexico. The paved road leading from the international bridge gave way to the dusty, rocky, narrow streets of this typical Mexican village of some 6,000 people. It is situated several miles from the Rio Grande and does not include usual features of a border town.

Not long ago hurricane Beulah slammed the Mexico-Texas coastline and devastated countryside and towns for many miles inland. One of those towns was Camargo. We stopped close to the San Juan River where buildings had fallen over the bank as a result of Beulah's destructive forces. There were the ruins of one of the only Protestant church buildings that had been in Camargo. It has not been rebuilt.

To Rio Grande City, Texas, refugees were brought from Camargo and were housed in temporary facilities. They were poorly treated. Thus, an opportunity was opened for the Sandovals to help. Some 65 were housed in the Garcia's Ranch Baptist Church building. An urgent appeal for clothing was made to our North American Baptist constituency, resulting in tons of clothes sent to the valley for emergency distribution. Brother Sandoval accompanied many of the refugees back to their homes via helicopter. But, the opportunity for ministry had just begun.

Many of the people accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and several have already been baptized. They asked for services so the Sandovals go every Sunday afternoon and conduct services for them. The afternoon we were there, over forty people packed into two little rooms of a house and some stood. It was hot and humid as the temperature soared in the nineties.

These people were not playing church. They were serious about their Christianity. There was no air conditioner, no carpeted sanctuary, no plush seats. They sat on plank benches. I would like for every member of our congregations to be in those conditions for one Sunday afternoon. Doubtless there would be many complaints and excuses made.

The singing was enthusiastic. There was participation by those who came. A young man led the song service and a young lady read scripture. Brother Sandoval brought a Bible message for the adults while Mrs. Sandoval conducted a children's class outside under the mesquite trees. Prayer requests were shared—possibility of losing a job, a sick daughter, a broken home. I witnessed the faith of those believers and heard them sing in spite of their conditions, "De paz inundada mi senda ya esté, O cúbrala un mar de aflicción, Mi suerte cual quiera que sea, diré: Alcancé, alcance, salvación." (When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea-billows roll. Whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul).

After the service had formally ended I accompanied Brother Sandoval to a nearby home to pray for the sick daughter. The home was plain—only the bare essentials. Chickens walked freely in and out from room to room. But the people want to share what they can. We were handed two cooked ears of corn to take with us. A few days later we sat at their table and had lunch with them. Back at the meeting house, many of the people were still assembled. There was a new note of concern as a lady had just come telling of an accident in which her husband was involved. Everyone in the house fell to their knees while Brother Sandoval prayed for the injured man. It was well after six when we left Camargo that afternoon and made our way back to Rio Grande City for the evening service.

Nearly every day following this for a week we spent some time in Camargo. It was impossible to talk with the people and to sit at their tables without being moved with compassion. One of the homes we visited was that of the Guerrero's. This is just one family the Sandovals have been able to help both spiritually and materially. Alma and Rosa, 15 and 18 years of age, now stay in the Sandoval home. That week, Alma received her letter of acceptance at the Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, Texas, where she will enroll next September. The whole family is now united in their faith in Jesus Christ and they are a wonderful testimony to the saving power of the Gospel.

These believers in Camargo need help and the Gospel of Jesus Christ needs to be proclaimed in Camargo.

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New Campus of the NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE

A \$165,000.00 STORY

by William Sturhahn

FOR ONE conference to give \$165,000.00 over and above its regular mission and church contributions at first seemed a formidable task. It is to be a capital outlay. This is what the Northern Conference has undertaken in its special contribution to the relocation of the Christian Training Institute. It is an interesting story, typical of the workings of a democratic Baptist denomination. In the centre of discussions, debates and suggestions was the urgent need to have a new and larger campus for the Christian Training Institute. The C.T.I. is a cooperating society of the entire denomination, hence the Northern Conference has no jurisdiction. But the Northern Conference did give birth to the school and it did see hosts of its young people grow spiritually and come forth as preachers and teachers because they had spent time in study at the C.T.I. In the hearts of Northern Conference churches the C.T.I. is more than just an ordinary school.

The first demonstration of attachment was given when the Alumni Association so successfully undertook to raise the purchase price of a large acreage of land at a price of \$35,000. Within a few years it was paid for, and offered to the denomination as a site for a new school. When the Board of Trustees of the C.T.I. proposed to the General Council to undertake the relocation and new construction of the school, the Northern Conference in successive years supported the move by committing itself—at first to \$100,000.—then to \$125,000. and finally over and above its regular contributions to the denominational mission budget. This is also in addition to their expected participation in the total denominational Mission Advance Program (MAP) at a later date.

The General Conference at Detroit in July 1967 gave wholehearted, almost enthusiastic approval to the relocation. It also accepted the offer of the Northern Conference by incorporating the

commitment into the total sum for building a new school. Hereby the contributions to this special fund will be accredited in Forest Park. The Northern Conference had appointed a special committee to implement the project. Mr. Daunavan Buyer of Carbon was elected chairman. The committee met for preliminary planning prior to the General Conference. Since the major part of the project would fall into Canada's Centennial observance, the project was named NORTHERN CONFERENCE CENTENNIAL ADVANCE FOR C.T.I. Both project and name caught fire in Northern Conference churches. Most people realized that it would require special sacrificial giving by many.

Immediately following the General Conference's approval of C.T.I. relocation under the new name NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE, the committee for implementing the \$165,000.00 Centennial Advance made its final plans for organization and im-

plementation. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary, was asked to give direction as campaign secretary. Basic plans for the campaign were drawn up. The entire conference was divided into ten areas, each with an appointed chairman. In addition three areas were created to include our German-speaking churches. The area chairmen with the campaign secretary appointed one or more solicitors for each church. We have a total of 73 active workers participating in the project. Within a short time the organization was set up, literature prepared, printed and distributed. Every area chairman met several times with his committee for briefing and planning. A good deal of leeway was given to each area, taking into consideration the economy of the area and church.

After careful deliberation, October 29th, 1967 was set as "Take-Off Sunday." Every church was asked through the solicitors and by circular letter to use this Sunday by telling the story of the C.T.I., and how it was used by the Lord to bring blessings to young people and churches of the Northern Conference. Reports indicate that about 50% of the churches were able to observe this day, with the balance of churches using subsequent Sundays. The C.T.I. Alumni, members of the C.T.I. student body and staff participated wholeheartedly. The majority of pastors brought appropriate messages. Our "Advance" had begun.

This was the date on which the appointed and instructed solicitors were

to start the campaign. Each campaign solicitor had received a campaign manual and a material folder, besides the actual briefing sessions. A certain campaign strategy had been agreed upon and outlined by the committee.

After Take-off Sunday we waited in considerable anxiety. How would our churches respond to the actual appeal? Slowly the wheels began to move. The first reports—Take-off Sunday had been a success; our people are enthused. Soon the first contributions came in. We heard from Leduc, Edmonton, Winnipeg and other places. The first project was taken—The President's office at \$3,750. Several \$1,500. projects were taken. Churches and church groups remitted offerings. It became evident that projects of all sizes were in demand, requiring weekly revision of our project list. We had offered a total of 26 projects ranging from \$50.00 to \$7,200.00

Reminiscing further—barely six months after developing our plans; less than five months after our first solicitation, where did we stand? We had already reached our first goal of \$125,000.00. It seemed unbelievable. In fact we had surpassed our goal, and we still had some unofficial commitments of considerable amounts coming in. In April 1968 the Northern Conference increased the goal to \$165,000. Since that time commitments have already been made to achieve this goal. I can hardly restrain myself from shouting this good news from the housetops.

The Lord has done a marvellous thing in our midst. You had a share in it. I had a share in it. I wouldn't have missed it for anything in the world. And I don't even feel that I sacrificed. Do you?

Rev. William Sturhahn is the Northern District Secretary for the North American Baptist General Conference.

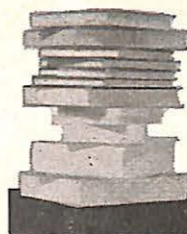
GRAVITY'S PULL

I shall never forget the impressions that were mine when I first saw the Niagara Falls. We drove along the calm wide river on a bright sunny day. It was hard for me to imagine that around the bend, the huge boisterous falls. The same water, but what a difference as it dropped off the rocky ledge and beat and churned into the white foam beneath.

So strong is the law "water seeks its lowest level," that it would not be stopped. It may have been hindered, pushed here and there, its ways filled with adversaries, crooks and turns upstream. Dams may hinder but cannot stop; winter may freeze the surface, but under the ice the river moves on.

There is that persistent pull that never lessens until the goal is reached. St. Augustine knew this when he said, "Our souls are at unrest until they find their rest in Thee O God."

Friend, do you feel that pull toward God? Then, surrender your life to Jesus now.



BOOK REVIEWS

By B. C. Schreiber

JOYFULLY EXPECTANT by Helen W. Kooiman. Revell—1966—121 pages—\$2.95.

So many books are published today that we no longer look for the unusual. However, this volume introduces a new approach to meditations for the expectant mother. Mentally and spiritually she can find comfort, strength and inspiration through the thoughts expressed by a mother of four children. The poetry is particularly beautiful and selected with care.

THROUGH HOSPITAL WINDOWS by Lois Horton Young. Judson—1966—\$1.00 (paper).

Because of her many personal experiences of hospital life the author is able to feel, hear and observe much that is not noticeable to the occasional patient. However, some of her deep spiritual insights can be a source of inspirational strength and comfort to anyone who must be confined to a hospital for a short or long duration. Excellent for a gift suggestion to patients.

THOUGHTS ALONG THE ROAD by Harleigh M. Rosenberger. Judson—1966—\$3.50.

Not all devotional books have an abiding and meaningful content. Often they do nothing but repeat pious phrases which are well known to all and have no depth of meaning.

This volume is different. Each individual devotion is relevant to our common ventures of life. It takes a man with deep spiritual insight and a close relationship to God to see and communicate these every day truths meaningfully to those who are usually preoccupied with things that have only a material value or are of a superficial religious significance.

FAITH, PEACE AND PURPOSE by Richard L. Evans. World Publishing Company—1966—\$4.00.

Many Baptists are among the millions of listeners who tune in every Sunday to the radio broadcast of "Music and the Spoken Word, from the Crossroads of the West." The longest continuous radio program in existence (36 years) it is still popular today.

No one can deny that the music ranks among the best. Since the spoken word has a non-denominational tone as well it is also highly and sometimes profoundly inspirational even though presented in simple language.

It is interesting to note that among the more than 350 quotations from the Bible, great saints of God and other sources, only three or four are taken from the Book of Mormon.

PRAYING WITH PAUL by R. L. Brandt. Baker—1966—\$2.50.

So much is written about the missionary journeys of Paul. Ministers have their files stuffed with sermons about Paul and professors have written books and given lectures on the theology of Paul, but few, if any, have concentrated on the source of Paul's spiritual power and knowledge as exemplified in his prayer life. Mr. Brandt has dipped into the fountain of Paul's energy and into his keen theological insight by exploring his personal relationship with God through prayer. To be like Paul one must be able to pray like Paul, which is no easy accomplishment. The rules governing prayer have not changed. Therefore it may not be easy for this pushbutton age and this cybernation generation to develop the patience and the endurance to become masters of prayer.

Each prayer of this great Apostle, or his reference to prayer, is given special attention with a view to help the Christian, not to become the Apostle Paul, but to attain greater heights in the spiritual life.

WHEN LOVE GROWS UP by Verna J. Joiner. Warner Press—1966—

This may look and sound like another "Dear Abby" volume, but the reader can be assured of a strong and healthy Christian accent. The advice to young Christians is filled with common sense as well as with a sense of the divine. The poems in the preface and on the last page also indicate that the author has some poetical ability.

SUNDAY WITH THE FAMILY CIRCUS by Bill Keane. Judson—1966—\$1.00 (paper).

Although not as well known as the cartoonist of "Peanuts" Mr. Keane's "Family Circus" is familiar to most of the readers of newspapers in major American cities. Parents who have small children in Sunday school will find some of their own experiences in these cartoons.

WELFARE KID by Dave Hill. Herald Press—1966—\$3.00.

It is a sad and tragic story and most of them do not end as well as this one.

The author gives an insight into the life of a boy who becomes a welfare case because of a drunken father, an irresponsible mother and an ultimate divorce.

CHRIST THE TIGER, Thomas Howard. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1967. \$2.25 (paper).

CHRIST THE TIGER is an autobiographical analysis of what the author (himself a young fundamentalist) feels is amiss in fundamentalism; it is the narrative of an evangelical's expanding awareness of life, the world, himself.

Judged by its vocabulary, CHRIST THE TIGER should get an award. An intoxicating variety of words spills unobtrusively from the author's pen. Howard also has a clear (occasionally astringent) insight into the isolationist mentality of some evangelicalism. His candor about personal feelings and experiences is disarming and refreshing, sometimes merely silly.

Despite the candor, the valid criticism of evangelicalism and the kaleidoscopic vocabulary, CHRIST THE TIGER is basically disappointing. Some incidents and reflections have little perceptible relation to the respective subjects. The only structure the book shows is a loose chronological sequence of the author's life from childhood, through Christian schools (grade, secondary and college), the Army, two years teaching in England, and graduate study "at an enormous university in the cornfields." Nor does he show any awareness of the manner in which his thinking has developed; he merely recounts the changes.

Worst of all, the book fails to fulfill the promise of its title and preface. Anyone (evangelicals as well) who has ever tried systematizing "Jesus, the Christ," he begins, "has had, in the end, to admit that the seams keep bursting. He sooner or later discovers that he is in touch, not with a pale Galilean, but with a towering, and furious figure who will not be managed" (9f). But at no time does Howard give the impression that he has personally found Christ to be an unmanageable tiger; rather, it is the world which he (after a childhood which was "a massive effort to get cozy;" after a youth which strove to "trim down one's world to a manageable size") has come to acknowledge as a shattering, unpredictable, disgusting, overpowering reality. Howard's key discovery is not Christ the tiger, but "a world that burst the seams of my ideas about life." In response to this bigger-than-life world Howard suggests that one is called upon to risk the vision that the world is "redeemable"—its people and activities, its joys and sorrows, its chaos and hate—because that is what the Incarnation means. His concluding existential plea to risk authenticity is vague and disappointing. Here is another voice in the wilderness promising

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

June, 1968

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BASIC PROGRAM

| Conference | June, 1968 | June, 1967 | June, 1966 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Atlantic | \$ 2,049.01 | \$ 4,031.99 | \$ 3,973.74 |
| Central | 10,958.39 | 20,805.48 | 16,528.02 |
| Dakota | 5,590.74 | 9,366.77 | 6,508.44 |
| Eastern | 1,086.22 | 1,373.60 | 801.57 |
| Northern | 2,501.08 | 3,307.35 | 16,141.54 |
| Northwestern | 9,008.24 | 8,478.97 | 5,720.74 |
| Pacific | 19,752.47 | 16,043.18 | 14,940.55 |
| Southern | 589.73 | 887.29 | 199.76 |
| Southwestern | 1,558.86 | 3,979.98 | 3,386.08 |
| Inter-Conference | 1,472.43 | 2,022.93 | 1,567.29 |
| Total Basic Program | \$ 54,567.17 | \$70,297.54 | \$ 69,767.73 |

FISCAL YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BASIC PROGRAM

| | Budget Contributions | Special Projects | Total Basic Program |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| April 1, 1968 to June 30, 1968 | \$195,099.64 | \$14,881.74 | \$209,981.38 |
| April 1, 1967 to June 30, 1967 | 181,234.57 | 23,262.87 | 204,497.44 |
| April 1, 1966 to June 30, 1966 | 195,862.80 | 14,262.99 | 210,125.79 |

CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGNS CONTRIBUTIONS

| | June | Fiscal Year |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Northern Conference Centennial Advance for NABC | \$18,210.81 | \$ 37,663.77 |
| Mission Advance Program | 26,191.86 | 50,015.56 |
| Total | \$44,402.67 | \$ 87,679.33 |

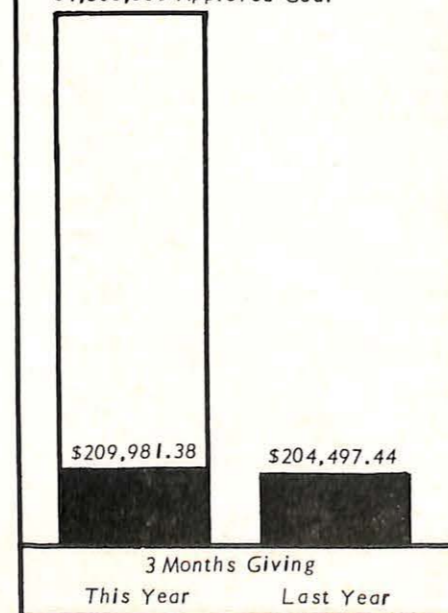
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

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|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Total Basic Program | \$54,567.17 | \$209,981.38 |
| Capital Funds Campaigns | 44,402.67 | 87,679.33 |
| Total | \$98,969.84 | \$297,660.71 |

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

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an idea, not the testimony of his food and certainty, but offering only own discoveries of Christ. Howard does not point the way to Christ as tiger; nor does he demonstrate that he has found Christ unmanageable.

If you need shocking out of the rut of pietistic, isolationist fundamentalism, this book may help you; but it will show you no towering, furious, unmanageable Christ, only a wordy intelligent, sometimes silly young author. Take your \$2.25 or more and buy a book by R. E. O. White, C. S. Lewis, John Stott or J. B. Phillips.

(Reviewed by David T. Priestley)

RING OF TRUTH: A TRANSLATOR'S TESTIMONY, J. B. Phillips. The Macmillan Company, New York, 1967. 125 pp., \$2.95.

J. B. Phillips says that his newest book "is my testimony to the historicity and reliability of the New Testament." Because of the twenty-five years he has spent in studying and translating the New Testament, he feels qualified to express an opinion based on his experiences.

His basic thesis is that the New Testament has a "ring of truth;" its pages echo the origin of its words. He cites five evidences of the veracity of the New Testament—1) his experience as a translator and that of others who expose themselves to the N. T. reveals that it is vital, relevant, and transforming; 2) the epistles give evidence that something superhuman happened to Paul, John, Peter and the other writers as well as to the pagans and Jews to whom they wrote; these letters reflect a certainty, vigor and awareness of God to be found nowhere else; 3) the very artlessness of the Gospels impressively presents the serious reader with a "character of awe-inspiring stature and quality" without any flavor of myth or folklore; 4) Jesus, himself, was so unpredictable, dedicated, integrated and strong that he could not have been fabricated; 5) the resurrection of Jesus must be accepted as fact because of the impossibility of explaining the empty tomb, the origin of the church and the transformation of lives then and now in any other reasonable manner. "It was the sustained down-to-earth faith of the New Testament writers which conveyed to me that inexpressible sense of the genuine and the authentic." "It is my serious conclusion that we have in the New Testament words that bear the hallmark of reality and the ring of truth."

The immediate occasion for writing the book was the suicide of an elderly, retired clergyman. After reading the new theologies and critical theories, the old minister was convinced that his own life's work had been founded on a lie, a bundle of myths. As a result of this emotional impetus the book evidences haste and passion. But the material had been maturing in his mind and heart for many years (see

his preface to "Letters to Young Churches").

Occasionally, one feels that he reacts unnecessarily to his view of fundamentalism (he feels that translation work demonstrates the untenability of the theory of verbal, plenary inspiration). He reacts just as emphatically against destructive criticism. He says nothing essentially new; but the impact of the book lies in its personal testimony to the vitality of the New Testament. He demonstrates that anyone who is willing to risk exposing himself to the Scriptures for a long period of time cannot but discover this disturbing pointedness.

Again and again the Christian will recall his own unexpected (and not always pleasant) encounters with the Living Word. He cannot but renew his determination to risk exposing himself to the illumination of the Holy Spirit through the Scriptures. I suspect it might equally re-enforce the decision of some not to chance the effects of a faithful Bible study.

(Reviewed by David T. Priestley)

APOSTLE TO THE ILLITERATES by David Mason. Zondervan—1966—92 pages—69c (paper).

The name, Frank Laubach, is familiar to every mission board which uses his method of teaching illiterates. But he is also known in at least 103 countries where his literary missions have taken him. He is credited with teaching almost 100,000,000 persons to read.

One of the world's greatest saints and mystics, he still follows an active schedule of travel and writing at the advanced age of 82. "Each one teach one" has become a familiar byword, as well as a password wherever he goes.

The author has written this short biography in a simple and direct style, very similar to that which Dr. Laubach uses. Perhaps because he is a close Associate Director of Laubach Literacy, Inc., he may very well have been influenced by this relationship.

WHAT JESUS HAD TO SAY ABOUT MONEY by Frank C. Laubach. Zondervan—1966—63 pages—\$1.00 (paper).

This is a straightforward presentation of what Jesus had to say about possessions, particularly as understood in the light of Jesus' experiences with the rich young ruler and Zacchaeus, as well as in relationship to the parables emphasizing stewardship.

Dr. Laubach's preliminary word and final recap are concentrated on the working out of the Gospel, as well as believing the Gospel.

SON OF TEARS by Henry Coray. Eerdmans—1966—316 pages—\$1.95 (paper)

This is a religious novel based on the life of Saint Augustine. Those who have read, or who have tried to read his *Confessions*, may have lost interest be-

cause of the monotony and repetition. One is left with the impression that he must continually dwell on his past sin and sorrow in order to feel grateful to God for salvation.

Mr. Coray has revealed the extreme conflicting emotions with which Augustine had to battle for the first thirty-three years of life. There was first of all the conflict engendered by the paganism of his father and the Christianity of his mother. It became even more intensive when he felt the love and passion for his mistress, Melanie, on the one hand and the strong dominating influence of his mother, Monica, on the other hand. She never permitted the union to consummate in a legal or Christian marriage.

Melanie's fear of Monica and her love for Augustine and their son became a burden and a suffering which she was unable to bear. Of her own free will she left, entered a convent and, as far as we know, was never heard from again.

It was after this desertion that Augustine became a profligate which only intensified his inner conflicts. The story of his conversion is well-known and the author presents it in a most dramatic way without doing harm to the actual facts. The rest is church history, informative as well as inspiring.

Although Augustine is the "hero" of the story one cannot but feel the utmost sympathy and compassion for Melanie who was no doubt the more innocent party in this triangle, and hope that she found the peace and the joy that she also sought.

MIND AND HEART by Ronald A. Ward. Baker—1965—144 pages—\$3.95.

Many Christians go along with a simple affirmation of the fundamentals of the Christian faith. It is much easier to say "I believe" than "I do." Signing one's name at the bottom of a particular creed, a statement of faith or a set of Christian principles is merely a surrender of the mind. The heart is often unchanged. The Christian must not only seek information, but also illumination; not only good notions but in Christ a new nature.

The Incarnation, the Cross, the Resurrection, the Ascension, the Holy Spirit and the Word of God are the foundation doctrines of our faith, but they are a foundation on which we must be built up in Christ. Like a new marriage in which husband and wife think they know each other, but are surprised to learn that there are depths of mind and character never before suspected, so the Christian learns to know Jesus Christ more and more.



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Reclaiming

Dropouts

IF WE are to reclaim our dropouts, we must be able to identify them as dropouts, determine why they are dropouts, and decide on an approach to reach them.

Many articles have been written and many speeches have been delivered about dropouts. Little has been written or spoken, however, as to their identity, or why they dropped out, or what is being done or what can be done to reach them and help them.

A study of Sunday School dropouts in one of the southern states, revealed that 75 percent of them were sons and daughters of regular church members and workers. They had attended Sunday School regularly for from three to twenty years. Their average age at the time of dropping out was fifteen and a half years.

WHY STUDENTS BECOME DROPOUTS

The reasons for dropout revealed in the study are apparent in the following quotations:

"I got tired of attending Sunday School because I had to listen to a discussion of fashions such as hats, clothes, etc., after which there was little time left for the entire lesson, so I just quit attending."

"From Junior department on, the Sunday School has not met my needs."

"I did not learn anything in my seventeen-year class."

"The teacher was real nice and lots of fun. She gave us parties, but she didn't really inspire us."

"I knew in advance what would happen each Sunday."

"Sunday School is too cut and dreid and the teacher read from the quarterly."

"My teacher lectured and we did not have freedom of expression."

"The teacher knew all the answers."

"Age range of the class was too wide and I was the youngest member of the class. The older boys always answered the questions."

"There was not enough freedom of expression in the class."

"Lack of interest in type of teaching; approach too dogmatic, not enough time for free discussion."

APPROACHES TO SOLUTIONS

We used this approach to get the dropouts to help in the study? "This is not an attempt to get you back in Sunday School. We want you to help us." It was amazing to the participants in the study to find that 27 of the 204 interviewed returned to Sunday School the first Sunday following the interview. This fact revealed a real need for someone to listen to what the young people had to say.

Some of the reasons given almost suggest their own solution.

Here are some suggested approaches for the teacher, who really is responsible for reaching, teaching, winning, and developing the members and prospects:

1. Know each person individually and intimately—his home, school, friends, hobbies, and peculiarities.

2. Know the truths that you are trying to lead the person to discover and accept for his own life. What does the Bible say? How is it related to the lives of these young people?

3. Live up to what you profess. Teach by example. One educator warned against trying to bluff teen-agers. They have a built-in radar system, he said, that detects a teacher's degree of sincerity.

4. Be available when the person needs to talk to someone. Listen, without criticizing, without showing alarm or amazement at the problems, and without alienating the person so that he cannot come back to talk with you.

A church does have the responsibility to its youth to provide them with teachers who care enough to meet their needs. Dedicated teachers will make a difference in the number of dropouts.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

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citing possibilities of their involvement in "Our Mission in Today's World," the council theme."

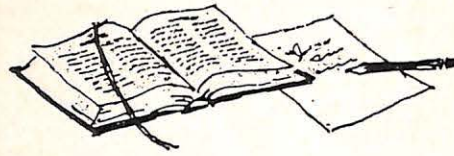
The Rev. Mr. Sandidge added: "We believe we can only carry out this mission effectively by the presence of a 'Third Dimension'—the power of the Holy Spirit. This is our heritage. This is our present strength. We want to perpetuate it in our youth."

PROFESSOR CALLS FOR END TO RACIAL MYTHS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (EP)—There are certain myths about the Negro that must be exploded if we are to make progress in solving the race problem, says Professor Edward A. McDowell in a release by Baptist Press here.

Myth number one, writes Mr. McDowell, says the Negro is a descendant of Ham and is therefore destined to be a servant forever. Other "myths" include such ideas as: Negroes as a race are inferior to white people in intelligence . . . all Negroes are alike . . . The Negro is by nature shiftless and unreliable . . . if Negroes attend white churches they will ultimately outnumber us and take over our churches . . . and, God intended for Negroes and whites to remain separate because he made them of different color.

"If God gave the Negro his color," says the professor, "is it not blasphemy against him to dishonor the Negro because he is black?"



Sunday School Lessons

by James A. Schacher

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 1, 1968

THEME: NEHEMIAH REBUILDS THE WALL

Scripture: Nehemiah 2:17-18; 4:15-20; 6:1-3, 15-16

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. Opposition will confront the work of God. But this can be used to good effect to rally supporters to active zeal. Faith will overcome the obstacles.

INTRODUCTION. Nehemiah was a prominent official in the court of King Artaxerxes. As a cup-bearer he tasted the royal wine and then served it to the monarch. His intimate contact with the ruler of the land made it a requirement that he be entirely trustworthy.

Hanani, a relative, visited Nehemiah and described the deplorable ruin of the wall of Jerusalem. This stirred Nehemiah so greatly that he sat down for several days, fasted, prayed and wept. When he went in to serve beverages to the King, Artaxerxes noticed his gloomy disposition. So Nehemiah explained his great grief. He pled for a leave of absence so that he could journey to Jerusalem and remedy the situation. The king complied and even granted Nehemiah an armed escort and official letters of clearance.

I. NEHEMIAH RALLIES THE WORKERS. Nehemiah 2:17-18. After arriving in Jerusalem Nehemiah carefully evaluated the debris. He made a secret nighttime tour of the wall. Then he directly confronted the people with the challenge of rebuilding the wall. Immediately they responded with enthusiasm.

A competent leader will rally the people to a worthwhile cause. But there are no leaders unless there are followers. Instead of opposing the spiritual leaders of our day it may be well to be open to the winds of consecrated change. How frequently a congregation refuses to see the vision of its deacons and pastor. Blessed is the church which can say to its leaders, as one of our Church Extension works has done, "What's holding us up? Let us rise up and build the work of God in our community!"

II. NEHEMIAH RAISES THE WALL. Nehemiah 4:15-20. When Sanballat, the Horonite, heard what the Jews were doing he became greatly upset. He "blew up." Tobiah, the Ammonite, tried a contrasting technique. He joked about the wall and declared that if a fox jumped on it he would knock it over.

But the work gained momentum. The broken down gaps were built up. Then informers warned Nehemiah that the

enemies were huddling together to devise strategy. Nehemiah countered by stationing guards amongst the workers.

How does opposition affect us? Does it temporarily paralyze initiative? A teen-age football player tells how the bruises of the game discouraged him almost to the point of quitting. But then he came to learn to enjoy the discomfort. He hurdled the barrier of inconvenience. If he did this for the sake of athletics, how about Christians who fight for a more lasting cause?

III. NEHEMIAH RESISTS THE WICKED. Nehemiah 6:1-3; 15-16. "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down." What an inspirational phrase! It was an appropriate rebuttal to Sanballat who had conceived a sly plan. He and his companions had invited Nehemiah to a conference in one of the surrounding towns. They had no intention of obeying any international rules, if there were any. The Jews, who were under the virtual siege, were not fooled. Under the leadership of Nehemiah they stayed with their task of building. Why are we so often detoured from the major issues? In Sunday School classes why do we emphasize tiny points when crucial concerns stare at us? Why are we distracted from witnessing and praying? Let us not major on minors.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) Are we open to changes suggested by our church's leaders?
- (2) Does opposition discourage you right away?
- (3) In what ways are we coming down from our great work to get tied up in nonessentials?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 8, 1968

THEME: CONFESSION AND COVENANT

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1, 8; 9:32-38

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. Worship of God is a two-way street. God takes the initiative to confront us with His will and word. Men, then, respond to Him with adoration, confession and commitment.

INTRODUCTION. For 14 years or so, Ezra, the scribe, had been living in Jerusalem. Though he had disciplined himself to learn God's law the rank and file of the people were largely ignorant. Now that the Jerusalem wall was completed, it was possible to concentrate on the spiritual condition of the people. It was in his heart to teach them the law when he first had returned (Ezra 7:10). Therefore he began to perform the most important task of

reviving the spiritual impulses.

I. GOD SPEAKING TO MEN. Nehemiah 8:1, 8. The people assembled and requested to hear the book of the law of Moses read. How this must have lifted the heart of Ezra. To hear them calling for the Word of the Lord must have been the thrill of a lifetime.

The law was read to the people standing in the street. They were not sitting in a comfortable pew. Ezra stood on a pulpit constructed of wood. When he had spoken a word of blessing, all the people said, "Amen." Then a team of leaders read the law and explained it to them. It was an emotion-packed occasion as the people wept when they again heard the Word of God. The leaders had to admonish them to go home to eat.

Have you ever spoken to a seminary student just beginning to learn Greek or Hebrew? There is genuine excitement as one begins to read the Scriptures in the original tongues. But there is an even more excellent joy when one discovers the Living Word for his own life. Even so the Jews were quick to obey and to re-establish the Feast of the Tabernacles. Each family put up a small skeleton shelter or hut on the top of their roofs to commemorate the nomadic life of Israel in the wilderness.

II. MEN SPEAKING TO GOD. Nehemiah 9:32-38. In response to the reading of the law for one-fourth of the day, the people spent another fourth of the day in confessing their sins and worshipping God.

The Levites led them in a prayer which recited the acts of God in His covenant with Abraham, the deliverance from Egypt, the conquest of Canaan and the continual rebellion of the people.

So they implored God, by virtue of His covenant-keeping mercy, to deliver them from oppression. They maintained no illusions about deserving God's help. When we come into the presence of Almighty God we, too, see our unworthiness in the glare of His holiness. But He also makes known His kindness. The thunder and lightening of a storm in the middle of a night may impress a child with the power of God. But the warm morning sunshine glistening off the furry coat of his kitten will reassure him of the pleasantness of God's creation. This parallels our worship experience that God is both mighty and loving.

The worship of this day was sealed with a commitment. It is insufficient to praise God and tell Him we're sorry for our sins. Every prayer and worship service should conclude with a

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Our Churches in Action

CHURCH REPORTS VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES

MORRIS, MAN. May and June have been designated as "CHRISTIAN HOME AND FAMILY MONTHS" and many outstanding services were held.

A musical group of eight young people from the Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg visited us and presented a program that proved to be a challenge to our young people.

Mother's Day brought morning and evening tributes for Mother, and the Home Builders Class presented a special Mother's Day program.

On Pulpit Exchange Sunday, our pastor spoke at the German Baptist Mission Church in Winnipeg. Rev. Walter Stein of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church ministered in our church.

Six young students from the North American Baptist College of Edmonton presented a special program with musical selections and encouraging information concerning the educational opportunities available at the N.A.B. College in Edmonton.

A musical group of ten young people presented the opportunities of the Prairie Youth Conference at Banff this fall. In fact, three of our young girls were a part of this group: Christal Schalin, Wendie Schroeder, and Gaylene Zilkie.

Sunday evening, June 2, the mixed choir of the Grant Park Baptist Church, under the direction of Ewald Nickel, presented a special program as part of the Manitoba Baptist Tri-Union Choir Exchange.

And then God offered to all of us from June 5-16 the most unusual opportunity in what is known with us as the "MORRIS AND DISTRICT CRUSADE FOR CHRIST." More than ten churches pooled their resources, their prayers and talents to the ministry of soul winning. The evangelist, Rev. Wes Aarum from Toronto, and Mr. DeVerne Mullen from Newmarket, Ontario, served us most effectively. (Rev. Henry Pfeifer, reporter.)

MINNETRISTA CHURCH REPORTS SPIRITUAL AND NUMERICAL GROWTH

ST. BONIFACUS, MINN. The Lord has blessed the ministry of the Minnetrista Baptist Church in the past few months. In November we had a series of Deeper Life meetings, with Rev. Leland H. Friesen of St. Paul. In the evening service of May 19, we had a baptismal service in which a married young man and three children followed the Lord in this step of obedience. This was the fourth baptism since we are here on this field. June 10-14 we had our Vacation Bible School, with Mrs. F. E. Klein as director. The total enrollment was 86 pupils and 17 teachers and helpers. The average attendance was 93.6. The mission offering amounted to \$40.62. Many of the children came from the homes of our community. (Rev. Fred E. Klein, reporter.)

CENTRAL BAPTIST HAS BAPTISMAL SERVICE

WACO, TEX. Rev. LeRoy Schauer, Pastor of Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, had the joy of baptizing two young girls and three adults. They are Jill and Jan Lippert, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perry and Mr. Olis Eaton. They were extended the hand of fellowship at the communion service June 9. It has also been a real privilege to receive several members by transfer of letter (Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, reporter.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT CENTRAL BAPTIST

WACO, TEX. "Venture With God Into The Unknown" was the theme of the annual Vacation Bible School held at Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, June 3-7. Rev. LeRoy Schauer served as Director. There were 69 children enrolled in classes from Pre-Kindergarten through Intermediates, and a staff of 20 teachers and helpers. The daily offerings were designated for Missions. On Sunday evening, June 9, a

program was presented by the children. After the program an opportunity was given to view the handwork and a time of fellowship was enjoyed. (Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, reporter.)

NORTH HIGHLANDS CHURCH HOLDS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DALLAS, TEX. "Venture with God into the Unknown" was the theme for Vacation Bible School at North Highlands Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, June 3-7. Twenty-five teachers and helpers guided the 75 children in their opening worship, visual aid storytime and workbooks. With added attractions of handcraft and refreshment time each day.

"A Day at V.B.S." was presented at the closing program on Friday night when the children illustrated what they did at V.B.S. The children received certificates for their presence in V.B.S. and the teachers, appreciation certificates. (Mrs. Gordon Thomas, reporter.)

GERMAN FAITH CONFERENCE HELD IN TEMPLE CHURCH

CALGARY, ALTA. The German Faith Conference was held at the Temple Baptist Church in Calgary, June 6-9. Rev. C. T. Remple, pastor of the local church and Rev. W. Laser, president of the Faith Conference, extended greetings and a welcome to all conference guests.

Guest speaker, Rev. A. Husmann from West Chester, Pa., Rev. H. Stinner, pastor of the Salem Church, and Rev. R. Hohensee, pastor of the Central Church, both of Edmonton, brought thought provoking messages, based on the theme of the conference, "Principles of Faith and Progress Toward Maturity" (Heb. 6:1).

Rev. W. Sturhahn, secretary of the Northern District, gave a bird's eye view into the work of our denomination.

Professor W. Waitkus of Edmonton, extended greetings from Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the N.A.B.C. and faculty, and gave a brief but encouraging report about our N.A.B.C.

Rev. R. Kanwischer showed a sketch of the existing Baptist Haven of Rest in Medicine Hat, and spoke about the needed physical and spiritual care the Home renders to our aged members.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Aaldyk, missionaries from the Bull Reserve in Hobbema, Alta., now in charge of the Benke Memorial Indian Baptist Church, gave a comprehensive report about their difficult but, nevertheless, fruit-bearing missionary work among the Indians.

The Faith Conference reelected the existing officers unanimously for another year: Rev. W. Laser, pastor of the German Baptist Church in Calgary, president; Mr. Otto Fritz, Bethany Baptist Church of Lethbridge, vice president; Mr. W. Bewernick, secretary; and Mr. Chr. Harsch, treasurer.

The final service of the Faith Conference, with its emphasis on missions, was held Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Balmoral School. Rev. W. Laser, the newly elected president, was in charge of the meeting, Rev. A. Husmann presented a challenging message entitled "We Are Made Perfect in Christ" after which a missionary offering was taken. (Emil Schiwiy, reporter.)

CHURCHES HAVE COMBINED BAPTISMAL SERVICE

EDMONTON, ALTA. On June 16 the Meadowlark Baptist Church had a combined baptismal service with the Greenfield Baptist Church. These two newest churches in Edmonton had the joy of baptizing six converts upon their profession of faith. Rev. Leverette of the Greenfield church baptized two and at the close of the service extended the hand of fellowship to four new members. Pastor Sibley of Meadowlark baptized four young people and extended the hand of fellowship to them at the conclusion of the service. During the three and a half years of Brother Sibley's ministry the

Meadowlark church has received 129 new members, 68 of these by baptism. (Church reporter.)

PORTLAND AVENUE CHURCH OBSERVES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

TACOMA, WASH. In 1944 Portland Avenue Baptist Church originated as the Salishan Baptist Chapel, a mission established by the Calvary Baptist Church to serve the defense workers in the Salishan Housing Project. Three old construction shacks were its first buildings. The first service in February 1944 was attended by forty-six.

The name was changed to Portland Avenue Baptist Chapel in November 1944.

In May 1958 the group decided to step out on faith and organize a church. There were fifty-seven charter members. The Rev. Henry Smuland accepted a call as full-time pastor. The church was recognized by the Pacific Northwest Association in June and a new sanctuary construction was started in March 1959, dedicated in 1960. Our present pastor, the Rev. Harvey Mehlhaff and his family, were welcomed in February 1967. The church became self supporting in 1968.

On Sunday, May 19, the 10th anniversary was celebrated. We were privileged to have the Rev. Henry Smuland, the church's first full-time pastor, as guest speaker at the morning worship service. Our pastor's wife, Carol Mehlhaff, sang the much loved hymn, "How Great Thou Art."

At the evening service we enjoyed the program presented by Laura Reddig of Cameroon. At the close of the service, refreshments were served and we were joined by many friends from the Calvary Baptist Church for an hour of reminiscing and fellowship. (Mrs. Mary McIntosh, reporter.)

SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION HAS INSPIRING PROGRAM

Even though the weather was cool and the sun did not shine, the guest speakers at the annual Saskatchewan Association kindled a fire in our hearts. Rev. Connie Salios and Missionary Laura Reddig challenged our hearts on the theme, "Witnessing Today."

The Springside Baptist Church hosted our conference June 14-16. The Saturday evening Youth Banquet (apparently everyone felt young that evening because there was need of two settings) was the highlight of our sessions. Rev. Salios spoke very pointedly on "Youth, the Bible and Witnessing." One of the young people, a former drug addict, testified to the difference Christ made in his broken and purposeless life.

We trust that God may use us, as a Saskatchewan Association, to testify "...to that which we have seen and heard, that ye also may have fellowship with us..." (I John 1:3). (Rev. Leonard Strelau, reporter.)

WOMEN HAVE BUSY MONTH

LEDUC, ALTA. March was a busy month for the ladies of the Mission Circle preparing for their annual program March 31. Our neighboring churches were invited. A play, "Good Excuses and Poor Reasons," written by Viola Pahl was presented. To emphasize our mission theme a short play, written by missionary Mrs. Herman Effa, which is a true story, "Brazil Needs Him Too" was presented.

On May 5, we had the privilege of having missionary nurse Miss Trudy Schatz speak to us.

Mother's Day was special again this year. Each Mother received a corsage presented to her by the young people. The young people also participated in the service. Our pastor's wife, Esther Kresier, brought a challenging message entitled "Mothers in Perspective."

Our G.M.G. (Girls Missionary Guild) work under the able leadership of Mrs. Esther Kresier has been busy this past year working on their awards, reading program, and handcraft. At the beginning of May a Mother-Daughter and Big Sister Tea was held. The girls presented their mothers with a lovely corsage they made and each mother and Big Sister received a tea towel that the girls had embroidered. On June 16 was their annual G.M.G. award night. The girls presented a skit, "By Love Serve One Another," and received their awards for the work which they did throughout the year. Some of these girls have made decisions for the Lord and

our prayer is that these girls may continue to grow spiritually. (Mrs. Paul Ohlmann, reporter.)

NEW CHURCH BUILDING IS DEDICATED

ESTERHAZY, SASK. A crowd of 450 persons attended the afternoon service of dedication on April 28, 1968.

The program of dedication included numerous congratulatory greetings from the mayor and the business people of Esterhazy; from the churches of Esterhazy; from the mother churches and from the Association and via letter from our denominational headquarters. Lovely floral tributes were also received from Theakers Funeral Home and from Miss Margo Gracey in memory of her parents, our late mayor and his wife who died in a tragic accident a year ago. The dedication address was given by one of the men responsible for the initiation of this project, Rev. W. Dickau, who is now pastor of a similar project in Dickinson, N. D.

The preliminary survey, which led to the establishment of a Baptist witness in Esterhazy, was done in May and June of 1964 by Mr. Harry Hiller. Services were then carried on by visiting clergy and laymen from the mother churches, notably, Mr. Bill Arndt of Springside. On Jan 1, 1965, Rev. P. Schroeder came to Esterhazy with his family to take up the new Extension work. The Esterhazy Baptist Church was organized on Sept. 12, 1965 with eighteen charter members. The group has since more than doubled its number. The present membership is thirty-nine.

The new building offers a very attractive and worshipful auditorium which can seat 200 worshipers in comfort. (Rev. P. Schroeder, reporter.)

W.M.U. ACTIVITIES HELD AT DAKOTA CONFERENCE

BISMARCK, N. DAK. On Thursday morning, June 20, the pastors' wives and W.M.U. presidents held their annual breakfast at the Bismarck Baptist Church. Mrs. Ray Hoffman, Dakota Conference W.M.U. President, welcomed the ladies and brought greetings from our National W.M.U. President, Mrs. Herbert Hiller. Mrs. Walter Sukut spoke on "Effectual Mission Emphasis."

The annual luncheon and business meeting was held Friday noon with approximately 400 women in attendance. The project adopted for the coming year was set at \$2,100.00 and was designated for God's Volunteers, Brazil and Japan Mission Fields. Newly elected officers are: Mrs. Walter Klempel, President; Mrs. Iver Walker, Vice President; Mrs. Charles Balogh, Secretary; Mrs. Leon Bill, Treasurer; and Mrs. Clara Fehr, White Cross Chairman.

Rev. Richard Mayforth, missionary to Japan, spoke to us about the responsibilities and problems of the Japanese women. A question and answer time followed, with Rev. Mayforth, Mrs. Harold Lang and Mrs. Walter Sukut sharing in answering the questions.

Friday evening the W.M.U. Program was presented with the President, Mrs. Ray Hoffman, in charge. Mrs. Harold Lang gave her testimony as well as Mrs. Walter Sukut.

The offering of the evening amounted to \$426.94 and was designated for the Seminary, the Nursing Home at Madison, S. Dak. and the Baptist Home at Bismarck, N. Dak.

Rev. Richard Mayforth again challenged us with his presentation of the Japan Mission Field and its needs. (Mrs. Iver Walker, reporter.)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE HOLDS SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CONTEST

During the month of March a Sunday school attendance contest was held among the churches of the Central Conference.

The schools were divided into two classes. In class one we had 11 Sunday schools that had an average attendance of 175 or more during the same period a year ago.

In class two we had 12 Sunday schools with an average attendance of less than 175 during the same period a year ago.

The Colonial Village Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich. was the winner in class one. Mr. Walter Kuhn is the Superintendent.

The First Baptist Church of Utica, Mich. was the winner in class two. Mr. Robert Beattie is the Superintendent.

Rev. Oliver Strong presented a plaque to each winning church during the Central Conference session in Cleveland, Ohio. (Paul Schroeder, reporter.)

CALIFORNIA GIRLS TO ATTEND YOUTH CONFERENCE IN BERNE

ANAHEIM, CALIF. Two Bethel Baptist college girls, Miss Barbara Mader and Miss Susan Cool will attend the 7th Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne, Switzerland July 22-28. The girls will be in a tour with 30 other Southern California and Arizona students and will spend two additional weeks sightseeing in Italy, Austria and Germany.

The 34 attending enjoyed a double feature program: a filmstrip, "Mr. Wilson's Discovery," which showed the overall work of the North American Baptist Conference and a talk by Mrs. Bert Jacksteit, wife of Bethel's former pastor. (Mrs. Adel Stabbert, reporter.)

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OBSERVES MOTHER'S DAY

CORONA, S. DAK. The Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Corona presented its annual Mother's Day program on May 7. There were about 60 in attendance.

The program opened with an organ prelude by Mrs. Elmer Schulte. A play, "Mothers Of The Bible," was given by members of the society.

Opening remarks and Devotions were given by President Mrs. Elvin Sprung.

An offering was received of which part was designated for the Dakota Conference Project.

Refreshments and a time of fellowship was enjoyed in the Fellowship Room following the program.

We as a Society have 24 active members and 3 Honorary Members. Our theme is "Greater Works Shall Ye Do." (Mrs. Louis DeBoer, reporter.)

DORCAS SOCIETY IS HOST TO MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA

STEAMBOAT ROCK, IOWA. On Friday evening, May 10, a Mother-Daughter tea was held in the Fellowship Hall. The Dorcas Society of the church were hostesses for the event. There were approximately 160 in attendance. Julia Johnson, the President of our Dorcas Society, led in the devotions. The message of the evening was given by Mrs. Deane Luiken. A mission offering was received and refreshments were served. (Mrs. Ernst Luiken, reporter.)

FAITH BAPTIST HAS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, ANNIVERSARY AND BAPTISM

SELBY, S. DAK. Vacation Bible School was held at the Faith Baptist Church of Selby, South Dakota from May 27-May 31. The course studied was, "God's Word Today's Hope." There was an average attendance of 33 students and eight staff members and helpers. Friday evening a program was presented and the parents and friends were invited to view the handicraft made by the students.

The Faith Baptist Church celebrated its 10th anniversary on March 24 with Rev. Daniel Fuchs as guest speaker. An anniversary fellowship dinner was held at noon, and an afternoon service to which neighboring churches were invited. The present church building was dedicated in November 1961 and the parsonage was purchased in May 1965. Rev. Milton H. Vietz is pastor of the church.

On Easter Sunday evening April 14, five young people followed the Lord in baptism: Dianna Ackerman, Larry Grenz, Glorie, Marilee and Jonathan Vietz. (Mrs. M. H. Vietz, reporter.)

BAPTIST YOUTH MEET FOR WEEKEND RALLY

ARNPRIOR, ONT. First Baptist Church was the scene of a weekend rally for young people of Eastern Conference. Theme speaker of the occasion was the Rev. Bruce Rich, Director of Youth Ministry, from the Department of Christian Education, Forest Park, Illinois. A high point was the address by the Rev. Leo Hughes, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Arnprior, at the Saturday evening banquet. The Rev. Hughes spoke on "60 Minute Christians."

Sunday morning the Rev. Bruce Rich spoke on "Witness-

ing." Bill Kauffeldt led an open session in the Sunday School. The group enjoyed a bus tour of Ottawa Friday, visiting the Parliament Building and a Jewish Synagogue.

At the banquet Saturday evening, Angie Maerz, Hamilton, read the Scripture lesson; Lynne Felhaver, Killaloe, led in prayer, and the Rev. Hughes brought the message.

The planning committee, chaired by Gerald Scheel, included members Valerie Woermke, Janice Phillips, and Diane Holbein.

The visitors were greeted by Allan Scheel, YPU Youth Advisor. (Mrs. Norman Friday, reporter.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM HELD

CORONA, S. DAK. Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church of Corona was held June 10-14 with an enrollment of 36 pupils. The staff consisted of 12 teachers. The school was directed by Mrs. Otto DeBoer.

The theme, "Venture With God Into The Unknown," was emphasized in both study and song. Filmstrips were also used.

The missionary offering totaled \$51.30. This was designated for the American Bible Society to purchase Bibles and literature for servicemen.

A program was presented on Friday evening, June 14 with all the V.B.S. pupils participating. A display of workbooks, visual aids and handcrafts were shown afterwards.

Rev. L. D. Potratz is our pastor. (Mrs. Louis DeBoer, reporter.)

CHURCH IS BLESSED BY GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

CLEVELAND, OHIO. April 28 through May 3, 1968, the God's Volunteers, Team II, visited the Missionary Baptist Church. The programs, which were led by Rev. Connie Salios and team, were a big blessing to us. Decisions and dedications were made during the evening services. In the afternoon, our pastor, Erhart Knull, the team, and members of our church went out calling on prospects in the neighborhood. Seven hundred and fifty homes were visited. The average attendance throughout the week was ninety-two. (Olga Popadyuk, reporter.)

RIDGEMONT CHURCH DEDICATES NEW ORGAN

EAST DETROIT, MICH. On June 16 we held a dedication service for our new Rodgers Electronic Organ. Our hearts were lifted in praise as we sang together and listened to the choir sing, "The Heavens are Telling the Glories of God." It was our privilege to have Rev. R. Kern as guest speaker. The topic of his sermon was "Music in Our Ministry." To complete our service we were favored with an organ recital. (Church reporter.)

TEMPLE BAPTIST WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

MEDICINE HAT, ALTA. On June 16, the Temple Baptist Church felt honored to welcome Rev. and Mrs. I. H. Schmuland and family into our church and community. Through faith in God we believe that he has called him here by our prayers, and we'll pray that his ministry in our church will help us and others to stand up in a world filled with unhappiness, fear and godlessness. (Mrs. Gertrude Grose, reporter.)

APPRECIATION SHOWN TO PASTOR'S WIFE

WARREN, MICH. On Friday evening, May 31, the ladies of Redeemer Church surprised our pastor's wife, Mrs. Adolph Braun, with a miscellaneous shower. There were about 85 ladies present and everyone enjoyed the program and refreshments. It was a delightful way for our ladies to show their love and appreciation to Mrs. Braun for her faithful ministry in our church as pastor's wife. (Mrs. Margaret Willms, reporter.)

CAMP HELD AT COVENANT HEIGHTS, ESTES PARK, COLORADO

First Baptist of La Salle and Sherwood Park Baptist of Greeley held a combined camp June 11-13. Twenty-four young people and adults attended, as well as Samuel Becke from Cameroon, Africa, and Missionary Laura Reddig. Rev. Edwin Michelson served as Camp Dean, Rev. Richard Grenz was Camp Pastor, Delores Wacker was Camp Nurse; our

teachers: Mrs. Esther Moser, Mrs. Norma Strohauser, Miss Barbara Tietjen. Music Director and Cabin Inspectors, Mrs. Verna Michelson and Mrs. Shirley Robb.

An inspiring rededication service at the fireside was planned by Merle Schramm.

A mission offering of \$22.45 was received. (Mrs. Shirley Robb, reporter.)

HIGHLIGHTS REPORTED IN SOUTH CANYON CHURCH

RAPID CITY, S. DAK. Among the highlights this spring at the South Canyon Baptist Church at Rapid City, S. Dak. was the visit of God's Volunteers with Rev. Klatt.

In May the Mother-Daughter banquet was held with about 70 ladies present. The theme of the program was, "The Old Fashioned Kitchen." The mistress of ceremony was Mrs. Eldon Odegard and Mrs. Melvin Warkentin was in charge of devotions.

In June the Father-Son banquet was held with about 40 present. The theme of this program was, "So Groweth The Man." The Master of ceremony was Mr. Duane Gilmore,

Vacation Bible School is to be held in August. With the baptistry being completed, plans are being made to have a baptismal service soon. (Mrs. Wm. C. Lutz, reporter.)

CHURCH BIDS MISSIONARY FAREWELL

BUFFALO CENTER, IOWA. Members and friends of Lavonna Lee gathered at the Baptist Church, to bid her farewell on June 13. A good sized crowd gathered to wish her God's blessings on her fifth term to Nigeria. All auxiliaries of the church were represented by a speaker and each gave a farewell gift along with the free will gift given from all present. Miss Lee told of her work and expressed heartfelt thanks for all that was done for her. (Mrs. Fred Stratman, reporter.)

MISSIONARY GUILD ATTENDS FIRST WOMEN'S RETREAT

KELOWNA, B. C. On June 14 the Trinity Baptist Ladies' Missionary Guild met at the Green Bay Baptist Camp for the first Women's Retreat in the Okanagan Valley.

Our theme was "Greater Works Shall Ye Do." Our guest speaker was Mrs. Mildred Neuman, former missionary among our Canadian Indians.

In discussion groups we studied questions based on Romans chapter 12, followed by a panel which summarized the highlights.

Sharing hobbies was also an interesting part of our program.

We are looking forward to an even bigger and better retreat next year. (Christina Hufnagel, reporter.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD IN EVENING

JAMESTOWN, N. DAK. Another "first" for Temple Baptist Church was Vacation Bible School which was held during the week of June 3 to 7, each evening from 7 to 9 a.m. Average attendance was 48, and classes were held for nursery children through adults. The week was climaxed with a program on Sunday evening, June 9, presented by the students, also in recognition of Children's Day. The offering from Vacation Bible School will be sent to Church Extension, which plays a vital part in our church organization. (Mrs. W. A. Taft, reporter.)

BOYS AND GIRLS RECOGNIZED FOR SCRIPTURE MEMORY WORK

BILLINGS, MONT. Boys and girls who have completed another year of Scripture Memory Work were recognized at a recent Sunday evening service. Having learned a total of 510 verses, they are as follows: Monica Sieler, 7th year; Dorothy Sieler, 5th year; Cindy Buchardt and Nancy Wolff, 4th year; Jan Kopptie, 3rd year; Lori and Monty Lang, 2nd year; Cynthia and Valerie Lofthus, Terry Dockter and Monte Koch, 1st year. (Mrs. Raymond Koch, reporter.)

CHURCH MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

VENTURA, N. DAK. Members of the congregation with

the help of Rev. and Mrs. Milton Falkenberg gave the entire parsonage a new coat of paint.

Awards were given for Scripture memory to Marie Hoffman and Cherrilaine Heupel. Each were given nine year pins and a picture of Christ for completing the entire course.

A number of special activities have highlighted the winter and spring months. In November we had evangelistic meetings with Rev. Iver Walker from Herreid, S. Dak.

There was a fine participation at the Christian Education Workshop held at Ventura Baptist Church in March.

Our men's chorus and their wives gave a program in the Leola church and also one at the Lehr church. They were accompanied by the church orchestra.

In March we had a Bible study on the Book of James with Rev. John Thielenhaus of Aberdeen as teacher. Our pastor, Rev. Milton Falkenberg, taught the young people. (NyLetta Heupel, reporter.)

CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

STEAMBOAT ROCK, IOWA. The annual Bible School was held May 27-June 7. The Standard Material was used with the program entitled, "God's Word, Today's Hope." Mrs. John Frericks, Jr. served as director. The enrollment was 74 and there were 15 teachers and helpers along with Pastor Ehman. The program was presented to the church Sunday evening, June 9. We are happy to report 7 children made decisions for Christ. The offering of \$145.16 was received for the "God's Volunteers" work. (Mrs. Ernest Luiken, reporter.)

REPORT FROM THE MANITOBA ASSOCIATION

The annual Association of Manitoba was held in the new Minitonas Baptist Church, June 14-16. The theme was "Messages of the Endtimes in the Light of Scripture." The speakers were pastors of the Manitoba churches. The Ellice Ave. Baptist Church gave us a special treat by playing Saturday night and Sunday afternoon for half an hour before the services. The business sessions were run smoothly under the direction of Pastor Bruno Voss from the River Hills Baptist Church, our new Moderator for the Association. Pastor Dave Unrau from the Ochre River Church became our Vice Moderator, and Pastor Buhler from the Moosehorn Church, the Secretary Treasurer. (D. Buhler, reporter.)

PASTOR CONDUCTS SPECIAL SERVICES AND RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS

HEBRON, N. DAK. Ten members were recently received into membership by the First Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak. Eight of these followed the Lord in baptism during the Easter season. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Luithle were received on their personal testimonies.

The pastor, Rev. Peter J. Wiens, conducted a week of special services between Palm Sunday and Easter based on the theme, "Individuals in the Furnace of Calvary." Special music was provided for these meetings by the men's quartet and soloist from Bismarck; Pastor and Mrs. Helmut Strauss, New Leipzig; and Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Dickau and daughter, Dickinson.



Pictured above are the baptismal candidates left to right, back row: William Kitze, James Kitze, Alfred Diede, Danny Kitze, Bob Heinle, Rev. Wiens. Front row: Idella Heinle, Mrs. Alfred Diede, Diana Schneider. (Mrs. R. Stanley Schneider, reporter.)

CHURCH RECEIVES FOUR NEW MEMBERS

NAPOLEON, N. DAK. On April 11 we had the privilege of welcoming four new members into our church family. The Rev. R. Thomas Harfst baptized the following persons upon confession of their faith: Mrs. Amelia Roemmick, Mrs. Andrew Christman and Mrs. Roger Oldenburger. Miss Gladys Peterson joined the church by the transfer of membership.

We were privileged recently to view slides of the Holy Land, which were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Grenz who toured the Holy Land early this year.

Vacation Bible School was held from June 3-7, with the Baptist and United Methodist churches cooperating. We had an enrollment of 50, with 12 teachers and helpers. The theme was, "God, Creator and Sustainer." (Mrs. Edwin Pfeifle, reporter.)

CHURCH HAS SUCCESSFUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ALPENA, MICH. The Vacation Bible School at the Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church was held June 17-21. Mrs. Bill Pollard was the director with 33 helpers. Starting day 100 attended with an increase to 178 in one week. Friday evening was the closing program with a mission offering taken for our field in Brazil. (Mrs. Ron Pinkel, reporter.)

PASTOR ENDS EIGHT YEARS OF MINISTRY IN CHURCH

PORTLAND, ORE. June 16, 1968 brought an end to Pastor William Jeschke's eight years of ministry at Immanuel Baptist Church. His farewell address was on "Grace" in the morning and "Peace" during the evening service. A farewell recognition followed in the fellowship hall with representatives of the various departments and individuals speaking words of encouragement to the Jeschke family, also adding their blessing to Pastor Jeschke's new venture of preparing himself for the teaching ministry.

Rev. Fred David, chaplain of the Veterans Hospital in Portland, Oregon and also former Church Extension Pastor, will be Immanuel's interim pastor while we are seeking a new shepherd. (Mr. Rod Rosentreter, reporter.)

ROSENFELD BAPTIST CHURCH

ANAMOOSE, N. DAK. "God's Word Today's Hope" was our V.B.S. theme. Directed by Mrs. Rueben Grueneich, our V.B.S. was held May 20-24 with 26 students. Rev. Rueben Grueneich taught the young teens, Mrs. William Isaak the juniors, Mrs. Albert Isaak the primaries, Mrs. Bennie Martin the pre-school. Mrs. Frieda Kemper was craft teacher for the pre-school, and Mrs. David Dieterle, and Mrs. Vernon Kolschefski were in charge of craft for the upper three classes. Mrs. Elvin Kanko was in charge of music, and secretary.

A money tree was designed by Mrs. Grueneich which held all the offerings. This money tree, totaling \$63.87, was presented to the Crestview Baptist Church Sunday School of Minot, North Dakota. (Mrs. David Dieterle, reporter.)

FAITH CONFERENCE CONVENED AT DETROIT

The Faith Conference of German speaking churches of the Eastern United States was held at the Ridgmont Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, June 1-2. The theme, "Divine Authority," was dealt with by Rev. R. Goetze, Chicago, Rev. E. Mittelstedt, Detroit, Rev. W. Kroguletz, Cleveland, Rev. H. A. Pohl, Benton Harbor, Mich., and Rev. R. Kerstan, Forest Park, Ill. Highlight of the conference was the oratorio, "Israel's Exodus out of Egypt" by August Ruecker, presented by a massed choir of a hundred voices under direction of Mr. R. Zech. The mission offering of \$1,350.00 was designated towards the building of the North American Baptist College in Edmonton, Alta. Rev. H. J. Waltereit, Detroit, was elected moderator of the conference, and Rev. H. A. Pohl, Benton Harbor, secretary-treasurer. (Rev. H. A. Pohl, reporter.)

CHILDREN DEDICATED AND BAPTISMAL SERVICE HELD

EBENEZER, SASK. During the worship service on May 26, a child dedication service challenged parents to the need of dedicating their children to the Lord. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Patzer brought Terry and Kordell Keith before the Lord.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Patzer dedicated their daughter, Lorlie Fonda. In conjunction with this service the pastor, Rev. N. Taylor, had the joy of baptizing four young people and one adult: Calla and Candace Guse, Jerry Fairhead, John Dreger and Mr. Lawrence Patzer. The following Sunday the hand of fellowship was extended to these candidates during the communion service.

CHURCH HOLDS MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

EBENEZER, SASK. June 7-9 were days filled with spiritual blessings as Miss G. Schatz and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Glewwe ministered to us. Slides were shown of the different phases of work in Cameroon. Saturday night we had a panel discussion on missions. Miss Schatz, Mr. and Mrs. Glewwe gave their viewpoint on what missions mean to a missionary. Arthur Patzer gave his testimony on what missions mean to a layman. Rev. R. Hoffman of Springdale shared what missions mean to a pastor as found in Acts 1:4. A discussion period followed. As this was the only conference in the area, the neighboring churches visited with us. A missionary offering was received. (Mrs. Paul Dreger, reporter.)

DAKOTA CONFERENCE HOLDS 60TH SESSION

The Sixtieth Annual Dakota Conference met June 19-23 at the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota. The host church, their pastor, Rev. Allen Strohschein, and the various committees had put in much time and work to make the guests welcome, and the conference a great success.

The Theme, "How We Share the Gospel," presented by our guest speaker, Rev. Everett Barker, Director of Stewardship Advance, Forest Park, Illinois, and by the various pastors from our Dakota Conference churches.

Of great interest was the sharing of our missionaries, Rev. Richard Mayforth and Mrs. Harold Lang, and testimonies by members of God's Volunteers, short-term missionary to the Cameroons, and Rev. Connie Salios, director of one of God's Volunteer teams.

"Daily Highlights" of the conference given by our Central District Secretary, Dr. J. C. Gunst, left a spiritual impact on the conference. The climax was reached on Sunday afternoon when Rev. and Mrs. William Keple were commissioned as missionaries to Cameroon, Africa. (Rev. O. Fritzke, reporter.)

CHURCH ORDAINS FRED JANTZ

ANAHEIM, CALIF. "The world may say, give us a preacher that will walk with us, but what they really need is a preacher that will walk with God." On the evening of June 9, Pastor Ken Fischer directed these words to Fred E. Jantz, the eighth young man from Magnolia to be set apart for a God-called ministry.

Fred, an active member of Magnolia since Junior High School days, earned his B.A. at Biola and his B.D. at the NAB Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Words of encouragement were spoken by Pastor Loren Fischer, Dr. Robert Saucy gave the Charge to the Candidate and the Ordination Prayer, and Rev. Earl Broce welcomed Fred into the ministry.

Special music was presented by the Youth Ensemble, the Chancel Choir and Mrs. Dan Gilbert, soloist.

The Rev. Fred E. Jantz has accepted a call from Trinity Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon, where he will serve as Minister of Youth. (Mrs. Rosemary Query, reporter.)

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS DEPICT LIFE AS A SYMPHONY

ANAHEIM, CALIF. The annual Mother-Daughter banquet of Magnolia's WMS was held in Friday, May 10, in the Chicken House at Knott's Berry Farm.

This year's theme, "Life is a Symphony," was carried out in table decorations featuring centerpieces made of old phonograph records and in programs designed to simulate record albums.

A Symphony in Fashion followed the welcome and the opening prayer. Mothers and daughters participating made the attire modeled. Mrs. Mary Ann Mooney was the guest speaker. (Mrs. Rosemary Query, reporter.)

● **Rev. Bruce Rich** has been elected by the General Council to become the General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education for the unexpired term until the next General Conference in 1970. He will continue to serve as Director of Youth Ministry. He succeeds Rev. Gideon K. Zimmerman who has become the new Executive Secretary. Mr. Rich has served in the Christian Education Department since 1964. He was the Director of Children's Ministry from 1964 to 1967 when he was appointed by the General Christian Education Committee to serve as Director of Youth Ministry.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Robert Radcliff** announce the birth of a daughter, Robyn Suzanne, on June 15. Rev. Radcliff is Director of Christian Education at the Temple Baptist Church in Lodi, Calif.

● **Rev. Kenneth Fenner**, pastor of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph,

His new home address is 1107 Bernard Drive, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60090.

● **Rev. Fred Jantz's** new home address is 7640 S.E. Yamhill, Apt. 2, Portland, Oregon 97215.

● **Rev. Kurt Redschlag** has accepted the call to the Temple Baptist Church in Swan River, Manitoba, Canada. His address is: Box 441, Swan River, Manitoba, Canada.

● **Chaplain (Lt. Col.), Leslie Albus** has been transferred to a new district. His new address is Nord Bayern District, APO New York, New York 09696.

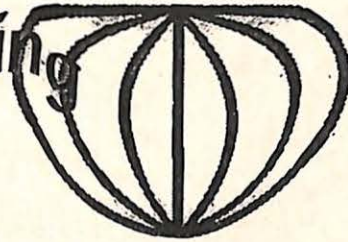
● **Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Lang** and family have returned to the mission field in Cameroon. Their address beginning with July is: C. B. M., West Cameroon, Great Soppo, Buea, P. O. Box 65, Fed. Republic of Cameroon, West Africa.

from the Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to become pastor of the Sunshine Ridge Baptist Church (Church Extension Project) in Delta-Surrey, British Columbia, Canada effective August 1. His address will be: 11301 - 82nd Avenue, North Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.

Miss Joyce Batek reported that Mrs. Hisashi Murakami developed a massive hemorrhage after surgery which almost resulted in death. Although the immediate danger is over, Rev. and Mrs. Murakami request our united and earnest prayers.

Rev. R. Kerstan reports that because of the postal strike in Canada, the delivery of *Der Sendbote* will be delayed indefinitely. Readers of the BAPTIST HERALD are kindly asked to inform the subscribers of this German publication in the United States.

what's happening



Mich., has resigned and is taking up the pastorate at Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., on Sept. 1, 1968.

● **Dr. John Wobig** closed his ministry as interim pastor at the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif. on June 21 and moved back to Portland, Ore. His new home address is 7530 S.W. 92nd Place, Portland, Oregon 97223.

● **Rev. Reinhold Kanwischer's** new home address is LaSalle Apts., 503-A 3rd Avenue S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada.

● **Rev. Arthur E. Garling** has resigned as assistant pastor from the Glenbard Baptist Church in Glen Ellyn, Ill., effective July 1. He is the pastor of the Twin Grove Baptist Church (Church Extension Project) in Long Grove, Ill.

● **Rev. Gordon Voegele** has resigned from the church in Wichita, Kansas and accepted the call to the Temple Baptist Church in Jamestown, North Dakota. His new address is: 1545 - 4th Avenue N.W., Jamestown, North Dak.

● **Rev. Richard Goetze** has resigned from the Baptist Mission Church in Chicago and will begin his new ministry in the German Baptist Church in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

● **Mr. Paul Enns**, who worked in the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba has become the pastor of the Oak Bank Baptist Church in Oak Bank, Manitoba, Canada.

● **Rev. Edmond Hohn** has resigned

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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declared surrender to do God's will. This is what is meant by praying in Jesus' Name. We certify our willingness to accept God's plan and to act upon it.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) Do we anticipate hearing the reading of the Sunday morning Scripture passage? Why or why not?
- (2) How did living in "booths" help the Jews worship God?
- (3) How many characteristics of God are listed in Nehemiah 9:32?

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