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WOYKE,  
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YEARS



# APPRECIATION EXPRESSED TO FRANK H. WOYKE

by Dr. George A. Lang  
General Conference Moderator  
1944-1952



Dr. George A. Lang

At the meeting of the North American Baptist General Conference in Tacoma, Washington in 1946, Dr. Frank H. Woyke was elected to the office of Executive Secretary, to succeed the retiring Dr. William Kuhn. The responsibilities of this office had been expanded so that for the first time in the history of the General Conference the services of a fulltime officer were required.

To select Dr. Woyke to this position was indeed a wise choice. He entered his responsibilities with a strong spiritual dedication, a great love for the denomination, and the experiences of a pastor, professor and military chaplain. It was soon very evident that he was a wise administrator who was able to coordinate the various areas of our denominational enterprise into an effective organization for the advance of the cause of Christ.

It was a pleasure and privilege for me as moderator of the General Conference to work together with him in the development of plans for denominational advance. He used his special ability as teacher and administrator to lay a good foundation for future growth through his wise instruction and guidance. His progressive spirit and influence were felt in every area of our denominational outreach. The growth of our General Conference in the last quarter of a century is a visible tribute to the effective contributions which were made by Dr. Woyke through his efficient guidance and dedicated leadership.

by Walter W. Grosser  
General Conference Moderator  
1952-1958



Walter W. Grosser

Two trienniums (1952 to 1958) were most rewarding years while I served as the Moderator of North American Baptist General Conference. One realizes very soon how important it is to lean heavily upon the Executive Secretary. Dr. Frank H. Woyke had been in this capacity long enough to have become familiar with the purposes and objectives of the Conference, as well as having become aware of the problems. His wise, intelligent guidance and counsel helped me to avoid many errors. He was genuinely Christian in his rela-

tionships, both ethical and conciliatory when there was a difference of opinion. He was a man of conviction, with courage to stand up and be counted for what he felt was right and best, yet always allowed others freedom of expression.

The General Conference can be justly proud of its greatest advances during his time of service. In a period of rapid change choices were made resulting in expansion, development of quality education, as well as bold and progressive new missionary endeavors demanding increased sacrificial stewardship. Through it all, there has been a noticeable spirit of unity within the fellowship quite unusual in times of change.

The General Conference has enjoyed a favorable image in the larger areas of the cause of Christ, due in large measure to the high caliber of representation in the person of Frank Woyke.

Certainly, my close association with him has enriched my life. I covet for him the same deep respect in his new and challenging assignment, which he had while he served us, and wish him and the service to which he has been called the blessing of God.

by Dr. John Wobig  
General Conference Moderator  
1958-1961



Dr. John Wobig

Dr. Frank H. Woyke is a wonderful friend and Christian brother. His kind and understanding spirit, together with his strong love for and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ, has always led me to esteem him highly for his work's sake. I first learned to know him as a student at our seminary where our acquaintance soon developed into one of true friendship. Then in 1930 I travelled with him in a seminary quartet which not only strengthened our fellowship but revealed to me the clear convictions of his faith, his devotion to God and our churches, and his ability to display a quality for leadership and Christian service. After graduation from seminary our paths led in different directions, his to the eastern part of our country and mine to the middle west, however an exchange of Christmas greetings kept us in touch with each other and our families. It was when he was elected to become the Executive Secretary of our denomination and I was serving on some of the important Boards of our constituency that I had the privilege of working together with him again. Perhaps the closest working relationships occurred when I had

the joy of serving the denomination as vice-moderator and as moderator. It was then that I recognized and appreciated his suitable qualifications as business manager, his keen appraisal of the needs and the problems of our entire denominational enterprise, and his dedication to the duties that came upon him. It was always with great pleasure and confidence that I labored with him in the overall program of promoting the welfare of all cooperating societies.

Personally I gained much by working with him. I shall carry with me the memories, the fellowship and the blessings which we shared together. May the future continue to reap the fruits of his endeavors, may the Lord richly bless him in his new field of service, and may our friendship continue during the remainder of our life here, and then clasp our hands anew when we shall be joined in the presence of our blessed Lord forever.

by Edwin H. Marklein  
General Conference Moderator 1961-64



Edwin Marklein

As I write this article my thoughts go back to that early morning hour, twenty-two years ago in Tacoma, Washington, when I arrived in the hotel room of Frank Woyke to inform him that the General Council wanted his consent to place his name in nomination for the position of Executive Secretary. When I spoke with him I can still remember his look of surprise because it was so unexpected. After a somewhat long discussion and a telephone call across the United States to his wife he gave his consent. This was the beginning of a consecrated and dedicated service to his Lord.

It has been my privilege to serve our denomination under his leadership as Moderator, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Church Loan Fund and Church Extension Committees, Chairman of two Survey Committees as well as many other responsible positions I have held over the span of these twenty-two years. For me these have been glorious years as we labored together for the furtherance of God's Kingdom through our beloved denomination.

Dr. Woyke is now being led of the Lord to undertake a new responsibility which appears to be an expanded service to His cause. I have always admired his devotion to the will of God, therefore, we must believe that the Lord has some greater undertaking for him.

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## Editorial

### WHY ALL THE VIOLENCE?

The violent, irrational assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy on June 5 has again deeply shocked and wounded every American. This is the third assassination of a leading public figure in American life within five years. Why all this violence?

These and other events in American life seem to indicate that we are increasingly using violence to solve human problems. It is becoming increasingly difficult to have an exchange of free speech. More people are taking the law in their own hands. They think the way to deal with someone with whom they disagree is to do away with him.

The leadership of America has taken some very important legislative steps in recent years to give all citizens equality and justice. However, these measures are not being implemented very effectively. More and more people are ignoring the existing law and making their own laws. The Bible speaks of a time when "everyone did what was right in his own eyes." This is being repeated in our day. The very foundation of democracy is being threatened by such irrational acts.

When Dr. Billy Graham heard of the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, he said that it "is symbolic of what is happening throughout the country and much of the world. The ugly tide of crime and violence is spreading throughout the world and unless trends can be reversed, we are on our way to anarchy."

Dr. Graham said he had learned of the tragedy when a friend called him about 4:00 a.m. He said he then spent several hours in meditation and prayer. "I don't weep often," Dr. Graham said, "but today in this beautiful sunshine, I wept for the country that has declined so much in its morality and spirituality. In 1963 when another Kennedy was assassinated we said through our tears that a great lesson had been learned. But since 1963, the tragedy has spread like a slime. It seems as if a hoard of demons of violence has been let loose in the country."

Dr. Graham said he feels law and order is going to be the number one issue in the 1968 presidential campaign and he added, "the candidate who best convinces the public that he can bring about law and order is going to be elected."

A greater respect for life and law and order must be restored in our country if it is to continue to be a leader in the world of nations. Let us permit God to search our own hearts and purge us from prejudice and hostility so that we could as Christians be channels of reconciliation, peace, law and order. These will solve human problems much more than force or coercion.

John Binder

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The 1968 North American Baptist General Council members (and some visitors) pictured above met at Forest Park May 24-25 to determine the annual program and budget for our conference.

# Review of Twenty-Two Years

by Frank H. Woyke

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a reprint of Dr. Woyke's twenty-second annual report as Executive Secretary to the North American Baptist General Council, May 24-25, 1968.)

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:1-2).

I cannot help but join the Psalmist in praise as I think back over the years of my service as Executive Secretary.

It was exactly twenty-two years ago that I concluded my work as a chaplain in the United States Army, having served in Texas, Great Britain, France and Germany.

The 28th General Conference sessions were scheduled to be held in Tacoma, Washington August 19-25, 1946. Since I was located in Stratford, Connecticut at the time, my attendance at the Conference sessions presented something of a problem. In this situation, the General Missionary Society agreed to pay my expenses and a modest honorarium if I would visit some of our key churches during the summer months, an offer that I accepted with alacrity. Thus it was that, after having had a delightful time visiting more

than thirty of our churches that summer, I arrived in Tacoma eager for fellowship and the business of the Conference.

By agreement with the Board of Trustees of the Seminary and the support of the G.I. Bill of Rights I was at that time looking forward to completing work on my doctoral dissertation and then succeeding Dr. O. E. Krueger on our Seminary staff in the fall of 1947.

Important events took place at the Tacoma Conference: at the age of seventy-six, Dr. William Kuhn terminated his long service as General Missionary Secretary; and a completely new constitution, providing for an enlarged and more representative General Council and the full-time position of Executive Secretary, was adopted.

Before the Conference days were over I had, upon election by the delegates, agreed to become the new Executive Secretary, a position that I have held ever since. Although I must admit that I have at times longed for the quiet of the academic life, my work has been rewarding beyond all expectation. It is difficult for me to imagine how anyone could have wished for a

more challenging and satisfying assignment than the one that was entrusted to me.

The understanding and support that have been extended to me at all times make me very grateful and humble. My thanks go out to all: my co-workers in Forest Park; the district secretaries; the leaders of the various denominational departments; the members of the General Council and Council Committees; the pastors of our churches; and our constituency in general. May God reward you all for your kindness.

## DENOMINATIONAL MILESTONES

Perhaps a brief review of important decisions and developments in the life of our denomination are in order as my service as Executive Secretary comes to a close.

(1) *Denominational Reorganization.* Until 1946 our denominational work had been carried on by a number of co-equal cooperating societies, with a minimum of coordination. In actual practise the General Missionary Society had largely supervised our work. The denominational reorganization ap-



Rev. Aaron Buhler (l. to r.) vice moderator of the General Council; Mr. Stanley Johnson moderator; Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary; Miss Erna Redlich secretary to Dr. Woyke.



All the Secretarial Staff members of the Forest Park office are pictured above.



Dr. Frank H. Woyke (r.) congratulating Rev. Gideon K. Zimmerman who has been elected by the General Council to become the Executive Secretary for the unexpired term until the next General Conference in 1970.

proved in 1946 gave the General Council authority to determine all budgets and to coordinate the work of all departments.

(2) *The Secretarial Staff.* Soon after I arrived in Forest Park we began the practice of arranging meetings of the secretarial staff from time to time. These sessions quickly proved their value, both for purposes of information and coordination.

(3) *Our Great Relief Program.* During the years 1947-1951 Dr. William Kuhn supervised a massive relief program, primarily for the needy in European countries ravaged by the war. This relief included many carloads of food and clothing as well as more than 40,000 gift parcels sent to individual addresses.

(4) *Immigration.* Following World War II about eleven million East Europeans, many thousands of Baptists among them, fled to the West and became refugees. Through the untiring efforts of Rev. William Sturhahn, Immigration Secretary, many of these people were assisted in coming to Canada and the United States to find a new home. More than a score of churches, now a part of our Confer-

ence, were organized by these immigrants.

(5) *The Million Dollar Offering 1947-1949.* The missionary giving of our churches had shown encouraging increases since the end of the war. In the spring of 1947 the General Council approved a Million Dollar Offering appeal, this amount to be raised for the united missionary program during a two year period. Although we did not quite reach our goal, the level of giving increased significantly.

(6) *Reorganization of Pension Fund.* As of January 1, 1948 a new, actuarially sound pension plan for ministers and missionaries was put into effect. This plan, with some revisions, is still in effect and now provides benefits up to \$2,100.00 per year at age sixty-five.

(7) *Church Loan Fund.* Following the end of the war many of our churches found it imperative to relocate but great difficulty was encountered in arranging financing of building programs. Our denominational Church Loan Fund, launched in 1948, has made loans to scores of churches to assist them with the building programs.

(8) *Pastoral Placement.* Pastoral placement has never been easy in Bap-

tist circles, for churches are fully autonomous. Sensing that both churches and pastors needed assistance in this area, the General Council appointed a Pastoral Placement Committee to keep a list of pastors desiring changes and to make recommendations to pastorless churches. Our files reveal that both churches and pastors are increasingly relying on the ministry of this committee.

(9) *Seminary Relocation.* Our Seminary, located in Rochester, New York for nearly 100 years, found it impossible to obtain degree-granting privileges in that state. After much prayer and discussion, the removal of the Seminary to Sioux Falls, South Dakota was approved by the 29th General Conference in 1949. Buildings were erected and dedicated free of debt in the spring of 1950. Granting the B.D. and M.R.E. degrees, the Seminary is serving the denomination well.

(10) *Church Extension Program.* In 1952 the delegates at the General Conference adopted a resolution calling for an aggressive church extension program. During the years 1953-1955 an initial fund for this purpose was raised and a program of starting new church-

## OUR MEMBERSHIP

The following membership statistics reveal that the net increase in the number of churches since 1946 has been 71, or about 27%. The net increase in total membership has been 15,648, or about 40%. This is a creditable showing, especially for a group with a foreign background.

Year	Churches	Baptisms	Total Membership
1946	266	1,330	38,710
1950	267	1,665	41,560
1955	288	2,044	47,319
1960	300	1,463	50,646
1965	329	2,047	53,711
1966	332	2,020	53,742
1967	337	1,792	54,358

## OUR GIVING

Total missionary contributions received in Forest Park during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1968 amounted to \$1,241,162.04, exceeding the total amount received during the previous year by \$73,686.15. I must point out, however, that this total includes \$14,116.90 contributed toward MAP and \$56,146.84 toward the special Northern Conference Centenary Goal for the Christian Training Institute building program. When we keep in mind that our goal without these two funds was \$1,250,000, we find that we were actually \$79,101.70 short of our goal. With the MAP campaign to continue during the current year, it is clear that the devotion and faithfulness of our people will be tested to the utmost.

The trend of our giving can be seen in the following comparative figures.

Year	Total for all Purposes	NAB MISSIONS	Percentage of Total NAB Missions
1961-1962	\$5,623,894.66	\$ 850,472.79	15.12%
1962-1963	\$5,751,866.75	\$ 960,412.99	16.70%
1963-1964	\$6,329,922.40	\$ 996,029.53	15.74%
1964-1965	\$6,330,053.49	\$1,007,951.01	15.92%
1965-1966	\$6,798,824.90	\$1,047,410.48	15.41%
1966-1967	\$7,606,747.83	\$1,167,475.89	15.35%
1967-1968	\$7,964,622.86	\$1,170,898.30	14.70%

es was begun. Under this program more than sixty thriving new North American Baptist churches have been organized. These churches have accounted for much of our growth in recent years.

(11) *Publishing a New Hymnal.* With the English language being used by most of our churches, the need for our own hymnal had long been evident. Such a hymnal, named "The North American Hymnal," was published by the Roger Williams Press in 1956. This hymnal has been widely accepted by our churches and serves as a unifying factor in our fellowship.

(12) *Enlarged Program of Christian Training Institute.* A careful study by a denominational commission revealed a considerable student potential, especially in Canada, of young people who were not academically qualified for enrollment at our Seminary. In response to this need, the 32nd General Conference authorized the Christian Training Institute to enlarge its program to include a theological course on the "B.Th.-Bible College level." Many young men have already taken this course and are now serving our churches, especially those with a bilingual program.

(13) *Relocation of Publishing House.* A further decision reached by the 32nd General Conference was the relocation of our publishing house from Cleveland, Ohio to Forest Park, Illinois. Our print shop in Cleveland was closed and

our periodicals were "farmed out" for printing. Our publishing house has been able to serve our churches more effectively in its new location, as is attested by the fact that the sales of Sunday school materials has increased by more than 400%.



The Forest Park Secretarial Staff of 1946 is pictured above. Rev. Helmut G. Dymmel (l. to r.) Dr. J. C. Gunst, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Dr. William Kuhn and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.

(14) *Baptist Jubilee Advance.* During the years 1959-1964 we participated in the great evangelistic program sponsored by the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Although evangelism is the core of our program every year, this special effort, culminating in a Jubilee Celebration in Atlantic City, New Jersey in May of 1964, was a blessing to all who participated.

(15) *Appointment of District Secretaries.* The need for more local contact between the churches and the denomination had been evident for some time. The 32nd General Conference approved the election, by the General Council, of four district secretaries. Available for counselling with pastors and churches, these secretaries represent our cooperative program in their respective districts.

(16) *Enlarged Forest Park Office.* Along with providing facilities for the Roger Williams Press, the denomination in 1959 also undertook to enlarge our Forest Park office facilities. The old offices, remodeled from three small stores, had become too small to meet our needs. The enlarged building provides both added office space and an attractive Conference Room.

(17) *Growth of Our Missionary Program.* Perhaps the most thrilling development of the past twenty-two years has been the growth of our missionary program. Our missionary work in Cameroon has grown by leaps and bounds and is now served by more than fifty missionaries. New fields have been opened in Japan and Brazil. The total number of missionaries has grown from about twelve to more than 100.

(18) *The Department of Christian Education.* Our Sunday school and youth work has been greatly strengthened by the reorganization of the de-

partment. Three staff members now serve in three areas: ministry to children, ministry to youth and ministry to adults.

(19) *The Stewardship Department.* An adequate program of stewardship education had been a need in our program for a long time. This need is now being met through the ministry of the Stewardship Committee, the Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education, and the Director of Stewardship Advance. We are confident that our people will reach higher levels of stewardship as the result of the ministry of this department.

(20) *Relocation of Christian Training Institute—now North American Baptist College.* For a long time everyone had been agreed that the present facilities of the Christian Training Institute are very inadequate. The difficulty was that the price of relocation seemed to be prohibitive. The 35th General Conference finally approved the relocation of the school and appropriated the sum of \$650,000 for the building program. The site had already been bought and paid for by the Alumni Association. Added to the cost of the buildings themselves will be the cost of providing the utilities and the furniture. Construction of the buildings is proceeding apace, so that the contractor hopes to have them available for occupancy by August. The name of the school in the new location is to be "North American Baptist College."

(21) *MAP Capital Funds Campaign.* The Mission Advance Program (MAP) is the most ambitious capital funds drive ever undertaken by our Conference. Approved at the General Conference in 1967, the appeal is to provide capital funds in four areas: the North American Baptist College building program; home missions; foreign missions; North American Baptist Seminary. We are counting on our people to provide well over \$1,000,000 for these programs.

## END OF AN ERA?

It is clear from the above outline that the year 1946 ushered in a new era in the life of our fellowship. Until that time we had considered ourselves primarily a foreign language group that would cease to exist when that mission had been fulfilled. Now a decision was made to go forward regardless of language. In looking over the developments since then, one cannot help but notice that the trend has been toward the strengthening of the denominational organization and program. Through the years we have provided virtually all the programs and services needed by a growing constituency.

With many of the older denominational workers disappearing from the scene, the question arises as to whether we may not already be entering a new era, a question that becomes more urgent as a possible merger with another denomination is being considered. Our history as we have known it would obviously come to an abrupt end if

## General Council Actions

The annual sessions of the General Council were held at the Forest Park office May 24-25. The following is a listing of some of the most significant actions of the council.

### REPORT OF SPECIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Bert Braun, Chairman, reported that this committee of eight members, elected by the General Council, met on January 27, 1968 in Forest Park, Illinois to search out the will of the Eternal and nominate one or more individuals for the position of Executive Secretary. The following qualifications were listed which guided their thinking and influenced their judgment: 1. to have sound theological learnings or social attitudes; 2. to possess adequate academic preparation; 3. to be denominationally oriented; 4. to be bilingual; 5. to have a keen sense of fiscal responsibility; 6. to possess the drive and ability to work harmoniously with associates, co-workers, etc.; 7. to employ self-discipline and diplomacy with firmness and restraint; 8. to experience a good family relationship; 9. to be in good health and possess a balanced sense of maturity; 10. to encourage and to exhort others; 11. to exercise good judgment; 12. to coordinate effectively and harmoniously all cooperating societies; 13. to have a deep compassion and a kind regard for the lost; 14. to preach inspiringly; 15. to administrate effectively with a keen inner sensitivity to the leading of the Spirit of Christ; 16. to ably represent our denomination in areas outside our own work; 17. to be a Christian gentleman, sympathetic and understanding of divergent points of view. The committee then placed two names in nomination and two additional names were nominated from the floor. The voting resulted, on the second ballot, in the election of the Reverend Gideon K. Zimmerman by majority vote. The council thereupon cast a unanimous vote of support for the Reverend Gideon K. Zimmerman as the Executive

Secretary for the unexpired term. Mr. Zimmerman has served as General Secretary for the Department of Christian Education since 1955.

### REPORT RE-ARRANGEMENTS FOR 36th GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Rev. William Sturhahn reported that the Winnipeg area churches have invited the 36th General Conference to meet in Winnipeg, Manitoba and that preliminary preparations have been made for hotel accommodations and the meeting place. The motion was carried that the dates for the 1970 General Conference to be held in Winnipeg will be August 4-9, 1970. The sessions are to begin on Tuesday evening, August 4.

### REPORT OF ELECTION PROCEDURE COMMITTEE.

Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, Chairman, explained that the reason for the existence of this committee was because some delegates at the General Conference raised a question as to how present personnel is elected. They requested the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to study this matter. Such a committee was appointed and met in January and in March. They reviewed the election procedures and discussed the objections to a single slate of officers.

The following motion was carried: 1. That the Nominating Committee need not obtain more than one name for each position on the ballot when the candidate is an incumbent, salaried, elected officer; 2. That the balloting committee be instructed to make provision on the ballot, (when there is only one candidate on the slate), next to the name of the candidate for a place to vote for the candidate ( yes) and a place to vote against the candidate ( no).

### DISCONTINUANCE OF DENOMINATIONAL INTERIM PASTOR MINISTRY.

Dr. Woyke reported that ministers who retire voluntarily enter into interim services and that there was therefore no need for a denominational interim pastor program.

The motion was carried that we adopt the recommendation of the Pastoral Placement Committee to discontinue the "denominational interim pastor" program.

It was stated that this would take effect immediately.

### APPROVAL OF A PROMOTIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

A motion was carried to adopt the fol-

such a merger were carried out. It is good that a competent committee is studying this issue carefully before a final decision is to be made. But even if no merger takes place, our work will inevitably develop in new directions under new leadership in the years to come. I am confident that our most glorious years are yet to come.

*Dr. Frank H. Woyke has served as the Executive Secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference since 1946. He has recently resigned to become an Associate Secretary with the Baptist World Alliance office in Washington, D. C., effective July 1, 1968.*

lowing recommendation of the Secretarial Staff:

1. That the General Council appoint a Promotional Coordinating Committee having the following basic responsibilities:

- (1) To discuss and recommend general promotional objectives for the denomination.
- (2) To give guidance to all departments and cooperating societies regarding quality and format of promotional programs and materials.
- (3) To coordinate the dissemination of news to the constituency.

2. That this committee be composed of the following:

Rev. John Binder, Promotional Coordinator who shall serve as Secretary of the committee.

Rev. David J. Draewell, Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education.

Rev. Gideon K. Zimmerman, Executive Secretary.  
One representative to be designated by each of the following: Board of Missions, North American Baptist Seminary, North American Baptist College, Department of Christian Education, Women's Missionary Union, Pastors' Fellowship.

#### APPROVAL OF BUDGET OF \$1,300,000 FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

The following motion was carried: To adopt a budget of \$1,300,000 for the next fiscal year, April 1, 1968—March 31, 1969.

It was pointed out that the Stewardship Committee concurs with the adoption of this budget. It was also noted that this is \$60,000 beyond last year's income.

#### APPROVAL OF BRINGING CAMEROONIAN MUSICAL GROUP TO AMERICA.

The Board of Missions received a request two years ago from the Stewardship Committee to bring a Cameroonian musical group to America in the fall of 1969 to tour our churches. There would be a minimum of fifteen in this musical group consisting of high school and early college age students. It would be mostly a vocal group.

The motion was carried to approve in principle bringing a Cameroonian musical group to America to tour our churches in the fall of 1969.

#### APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY BASIC POLICIES TO SECURE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE VARIOUS DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRIES.

The motion was carried to approve the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee to appoint a committee to study basic policies of securing financial support for the various aspects of our denominational ministry.

The following committee was appointed:  
Moderator  
Chairman, Finance Committee  
General Secretary of Board of Missions

President, NAB Seminary  
President, NAB College  
Executive Secretary  
Director of Church Extension  
Secretary of Stewardship

#### APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

The motion carried to approve the recommendation of the Publication Board for the appointment of an Editorial Committee of nine members who are to be responsible for the North American Baptist Publications—THE BAPTIST HERALD, *Moments With God* and *Der Sendbote*. This nine member committee will be appointed annually by the Board of Trustees of Roger Williams Press and will consist of three three-member subcommittees, one responsible for THE BAPTIST HERALD, one responsible for *Der Sendbote*, and one responsible for *Moments With God*.

#### DISCONTINUANCE OF "ANNUAL."

By motion made and seconded it was voted to approve the recommendation of the Publication Board that the publication of the *Annual* be discontinued since the biographical sketches of the pastors and denominational workers now appear in the *Annual Conference Reports* and the other special features could be carried in THE BAPTIST HERALD.

#### DISCONTINUANCE OF WEGWEISER.

The motion was carried to adopt the recommendation of the Publication Board that *Der Wegweiser* be discontinued in its present form and that the material be incorporated in *Der Sendbote* and that additional reprints of this four page insert be made available for purchase at the present subscription price on an experimental basis for one year. This change is to become effective on January 1, 1969.

#### APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN PUBLICATION OF DER SENDBOTE FROM BI-WEEKLY TO SEMI-MONTHLY.

The motion was carried to adopt the recommendation of the Publication Board that the frequency of publication of *Der Sendbote* be changed from bi-weekly to semi-monthly beginning with August 1, 1968, and that *Der Sendbote* be printed on better quality paper.

#### APPROVAL OF PUBLICATION OF ONLY THREE ISSUES OF BAPTIST HERALD DURING SUMMER MONTHS.

The motion was carried to adopt the recommendation of the Publication Board that only three issues of THE BAPTIST HERALD be published during the months of June, July and August of 1969. These three issues are to be increased from 24 to 32 pages in size.

#### APPROVAL OF PUBLICATION OF ONLY THREE ISSUES OF DER SENDBOTE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

The motion was carried to

adopt the recommendation of the Publication Board that only three issues of *Der Sendbote* be published during the months of June, July and August of 1969.

#### APPROVAL OF NAME FOR DENOMINATIONAL ARCHIVES ROOM.

It was reported that MAP has received a request for donors to the archives room at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The donors now request that this be a memorial to Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

The motion was carried that the Council go on record to approve naming the archives room "Martin L. Leuschner Denominational Archives Room."

#### COMMENTS BY DR. FRANK H. WOYKE.

Dr. Woyke expressed his gratitude for the gracious way in which his departure has been accepted. Since last July he was given the opportunity to continue serving another three years. He felt guilty resigning at this time, especially with all the DAP Committee recommendations he had instigated. He stated that the Executive Secretary, under our system, does not stand alone, but is a position among a team of people and we have a fine group of men with whom to work. He congratulated Rev. Zimmerman. He then requested that all unite behind Brother Zimmerman and urge our pastors to support him as he leads us in the days to come.

He concluded with the request that he covets the prayers of this body for himself as he goes to serve the Baptist World Alliance. He requested that they look kindly upon any requests that come from the Alliance.

#### RESIGNATION OF REV. AND MRS. GEORGE D. HENDERSON

Rev. and Mrs. George D. Henderson were appointed as missionaries to Cameroon and commissioned at the sessions of the General Conference convening in Tacoma, Wash. in 1946. Most of this time they were stationed at Victoria and Kumba, both coastal fields in Cameroon. During the latter part of their last term, Rev. George Henderson held the office of evangelism secretary and Mrs. Henderson the office of women's worker. Their ministry in Cameroon and in the homeland during furlough years has been a blessing to thousands. Their evangelistic zeal will long be remembered.

Upon their homecoming for furlough they felt led to terminate their missionary service in Cameroon and submitted their resignation. It was accepted with regret and with appreciation for their service of more than twenty years. Their missionary status will terminate with August 31, 1968. Rev. George Henderson is presently studying at a college in Georgia where

with the summer course he will complete his work for his master's degree. He then plans to take up teaching in the South.

The resignation of the Hendersons and the expression of appreciation by the Board of Missions for their service follows herewith:

Dear Brethren:

It is with deep regret that we submit our resignation to you at this time; . . . we feel that it is what the Lord would have us to do.

We want to thank you for the privilege of serving as foreign missionaries under the N.A.B. Mission Board for the past twenty-one years. We have given our very best in serving the Lord, the people of the Cameroons, and our N.A.B. constituency.

May the Lord continue to bless your labors, and the ministry in the regions beyond which shall ever be very near to our hearts.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henderson

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Henderson:

God's guiding hand has been upon you in your life and ministry ever since you yielded to the call of God. Your services have been richly blessed during all these years at home and abroad. Many have turned to God through your faithfulness. Countless others heard the call of God through you and entered into the service of Christ our Lord. The Lord will reward you in accordance with his promise, and we are very grateful to God for all that has been accomplished, and which is fully recorded in the annals of Heaven.

Your resignation has been presented to the Board of Missions during the Annual Session. It has been regretfully received and accepted.

The Board of Missions, on behalf of the whole denominational family, would express deep appreciation for the many years of untiring and faithful service especially in Cameroon, West Africa. More than 20 years have brought untold blessings to all in that far away land, and countless others have rejoiced as you visited and reported in the homeland.

We shall always be grateful to God as we remember the services you have rendered and as we were privileged to enjoy Christian Fellowship together. Our prayers go with you as you enter into new fields of service for Him.

Very gratefully yours in Christ,  
The Board of Missions

#### RESIGNATION OF MRS. BARBARA STROH GLEWWE

Mrs. Barbara Glewwe nee Stroh was first appointed as missionary teacher to missionary children in Cameroon and commissioned at the General Conference sessions in Sacramento, Calif. in 1964. However, before she got to Cameroon the assignment for her was changed and she was placed at Saker

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Baptist College in Victoria where she taught for two years. The third year she taught at the Baptist Teacher Training College at Soppo.

Cameroon also changed her life for there she met and became engaged to Mr. Norman Glewwe, a short term missionary. Upon their homecoming in 1967 they were married on October 7. Since Mr. Glewwe is not returning to Cameroon at this time, Mrs. Glewwe submitted her resignation as missionary. The resignation was accepted with regret and with appreciation for the three years of service. Her missionary status has terminated with June 30, 1968.

The resignation of Mrs. Glewwe and the expression of appreciation by the Board of Missions for her service follows herewith:

Dear Dr. Schilke:

I hereby submit my resignation as a missionary to West Cameroon. . . . My three year association with our North American Baptist Missionary Society, as a missionary to West Cameroon, has been a wonderful one. I am indeed grateful to God for granting me the privilege of serving Him in that land. We are trusting Him to lead us in the future as to whether we are to return to West Cameroon, go to some other foreign land, or continue to serve Him in this country.

Barbara Glewwe

Dear Mrs. Glewwe:

The Board of Missions recognizes with deep appreciation your missionary ministry in Cameroon, West Africa. Your many and varied accomplishments are a testimony of your faith and confidence in Christ our Lord, and your dedicated service unto Him.

Your resignation has been accepted with deep regret. However, we believe that God will continue to guide and direct your life and ministry for countless blessings to others and for the glory of God. We can only wish for you the very best in Him.

Very gratefully yours in Christ,  
The Board of Missions

#### APPRECIATION TO WOYKE

(Continued from page 2)

It is natural for me to feel keenly the loss that our denomination will sustain as he leaves us for a new field of service. However I am grateful for the years in which we labored together in the cause of Christ. Through his administration the North American Baptist General Conference has been inspired and united in the service of the gospel and in the blessings of Christian brotherhood.

As he leaves us, he goes with my prayers and blessings as he assumes his new work in the larger Baptist fellowship. I am sure that he will always be in the hearts of every member of our denomination and I am confident that we shall always be remem-

bered by him.

In conclusion I know that our loss will be the gain of the Baptist World Alliance. God bless you and keep you.

by Dr. A. Dale Ihrle  
General Conference Moderator  
1964-1967



Dr. A. Dale Ihrle

It is with regret that we must release Dr. Woyke to a larger ministry. His strong qualities of Christian character have enabled our denomination to undergo an important transition from a mono-cultural, ethnic group to a multi-cultural, strong Baptist fellowship. His tact, his courage, his good judgment, and his devotion to Christ have been strong factors in the emergence of the North American Baptist General Conference as an increasingly significant Baptist entity.

When the history of the Baptists in America, during the twentieth century, has been written and evaluated by some future historian, the name of Dr. Frank H. Woyke will be among the leaders of prominence. Our group has been fortunate that God gave us the privilege of enjoying his presence among us for the crucial period of the past two decades.

On the personal level I esteem him as a friend who has enriched my life.

by Stanley C. Johnson  
General Conference Moderator,  
1967-1970



Stanley C. Johnson

... to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding" (Colossians 1: 9b).

Dr. Frank H. Woyke in my estimation is a man filled with wisdom and spiritual understanding. He has always been very kind and thoughtful and above all else, extremely honest. He is not one to give out words of flattery, but has always been sensitive to the needs of the other person. He is very cautious with his remarks concerning other people. He has an inherent ability to analyze a situation and summarize the facts. He possesses an unusual ability to remember details concerning something that happened years ago.

As the new moderator I have had to work very closely with him these past several months and I have appreciated his willingness to share with me, always willing to spend whatever time was needed to bring me up to date and fill me in on the background concerning our denominational effort.

When his decision came to us, concerning his leaving, we were all shocked. Knowing him we came to realize that unless this change was of the Lord

he would never have even considered it.

We see him leave our fellowship with all of us full well realizing that the work of Christ, through our particular ministry must progress.

He wants it that way. We want it that way.

by Arthur Schwerin  
Member of the Denominational  
Financial Committee



Arthur Schwerin

It was my privilege to be associated with Dr. Woyke for over twenty years. During this period on different occasions I spent a lot of time at the office working on fund raising. Also, I made arrangements for four general conferences. I mention these, because during these periods, many questions arose, and he was always able to come up with a solution. As an administrator, Dr. Woyke has been tops. When he took over we had 266 churches and 38,170 members. I was told by some of our outstanding lay leaders that if Dr. Kuhn were to quit that would be the beginning of the end of our conference. Today we have 337 churches with 54,358 members. During these years a number of churches have either left our conference or been liquidated but we still have a net gain of 71 churches.

For the year 1946-47 our budget was \$230,000.00 as compared to our budget for this coming year of \$1,300,000.00.

One interesting thing about the budgets of long ago, was the fact that no one organization was given a specific sum at the beginning of the year to operate on. Instead each one received a percentage of the income. If we had a poor year they were short of funds. If we had a good year as far as contributions were concerned they had money left over. Experience proved that under this arrangement planning for the future was impossible. It was strictly a hand to mouth operation.

We had twelve missionaries as compared to the one hundred we now have.

Naturally in order to achieve this progress, some one had to lead the way. When Dr. Woyke was elected at Tacoma, Brother Kuhn said to me that he did not see where there would be enough work to keep a full time executive secretary occupied eight hours a day. Today there are not enough hours for him to do all of the things he would like.

Instead of the eleven people working in our various departments and offices in Forest Park in 1946 today there are about 38.

He is an ex-officio member of all committees, I have always been amazed at his ability to switch from one committee to another and take an active part without the necessity of referring to notes. His memory of details and recollection of items that had happened

years ago made a deep impression on me.

There are many other traits he has that I could mention. He has welded all of the various phases of our work so that they operate as a unit. He is leaving a strong, well staffed and dedicated body of workers that, I am sure will strive to carry on the many programs he was instrumental in starting.

In conclusion I wish to add my best wishes to the many he has received, that God will bless him and his efforts as he enters the larger field of Christian Service.

by Rev. Gideon Zimmerman

Our thirty years of acquaintance (1938-1968) must allow for some reminiscing as I write these few paragraphs recalling your influence which has enriched my life and that of my family. As my professor, you helped me to establish meaningful patterns of classroom learning and personal study habits. My studies in other schools, after Rochester, always upheld the fact that we had a high quality of teaching at 246 Alexander Street. Thank you, Professor.

At times when I faced decisions as a pastor, your counsel was timely. I remember your rough landing at the Grand Forks airport, March, 1951, when I was confronted with the call to Temple Church of Milwaukee. You cleared up many questions regarding the decision I needed to make. Following the 1955 General Conference in Texas, my wife and I faced another decision, that of considering a change from the pastorate to general work. You provided helpful principles upon which to base a decision. As I recall God's leading in my life, I find God using you to help provide insight toward the making of decisions which were according to His will.

The past thirteen years have increased the number of opportunities to benefit from your counsel, your encouragement and your upholding of Biblical and ethical principles. This gave me, as a co-worker, the kind of confidence and courage which brought out the best in my life for the cause of Christ. Words do not adequately express my personal regrets about your leaving our office. As you assume the new task to which God has called you, there will be opportunities to influence others on a world-wide scope.

The sacrifices and behind-the-scene helpfulness of Mrs. Woyke dare not go unmentioned because our loved ones have a far greater role in our ministry for Christ than the public knows or would be able to acknowledge. To both of you, Dr. and Mrs. Woyke, we express our gratitude for the inspiration which you have been to us. We know that God will faithfully continue to lead you in the years to come. We wish for you many intangible rewards, often spoken of as spiritual blessings and happiness. We shall follow, with great interest, your continued creative and influential ministry for Christ.

by Rev. Willis Potratz

Grace R. Randall said "To know what to do is Wisdom; To know how to do it is Skill; To do it as it should be done, is Service!" You have served in wisdom and skill with growing stature.

Your Christian depth and leadership ability have been consistently evident, but I remember observing this especially at the General Conference when we voted to establish the position of Secretary of Higher Education and Stewardship. Following the vote, agitation arose concerning the method that would be employed to select a person to fill the position. It was revealed that the General Council had voted to ask the Conference to place this responsibility upon them. This was obviously the only way that the position could be filled without waiting three years since no one was ready to accept the call. When several of the delegates voiced hasty objections, you were called upon to speak. In wisdom you simply said, as I remember it, "Rather than suggesting that the Council be empowered to make the selection, I would have asked the Conference how they would like to handle this." There was little more said or that needed to be said. To me this, among many other things, gave true evidence of your good leadership.

We will miss you. It has been good to work with you. It has been assuring to have you at the helm.

May the Lord continue to give you much joy and effectiveness in your new and wider ministry.

by Rev. Fred Folkerts  
Field Secretary, Cameroon  
Baptist Mission

On behalf of your missionary co-workers in Cameroon I express our deep appreciation to you for your faithful service to our denomination. We are especially grateful for the missionary interest which you have maintained for all of our fields and for your participation in our Cameroon Mission. We are hopeful that you will be able to accept our invitation to visit Cameroon this year.

God has blessed your ministry with the North American Baptists, and we are confident that He will continue to bless your ministry among Baptists of the world.

by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner

In the Alps of Europe, there is only one Mont Blanc that towers over all other majestic peaks. In our North American Baptist Conference there has been only one full-time Executive Secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, who has brought greatness to our Conference and merited honors for himself during his memorable twenty-two year ministry. It has been an unusual joy for me to witness your unfolding ministry, Dr. Woyke, and to serve for most of these years as a colleague of yours on your staff.

Your sterling, unflinching leadership

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has brought our Conference to new heights of blessing. Under your leadership our denomination has grown numerically and spiritually, enjoyed an improved and a more efficient administration, been strengthened financially with wise investments and loan assistance to our churches, and increased its missionary boundaries in fields and personnel. Today North American Baptists can stand tall and straight in other circles because of the justified pride and leadership you have given them.

You have lifted many horizons of thought and faith for our people. You have strengthened our denominational ties with fellow Baptists in the work of the Baptist World Alliance. You have sounded a clear clarion call for religious freedom and the separation of church and state. You have taught our churches the blessing of Christian cooperation without conformity or compromise with principles. You have shown us the world-wide needs of people so that we might be more sympathetic in Christ's Name to those who have "fallen by the wayside." Your ministry has constantly stressed "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

The firmness of your outstretched hands in sincere Christian faith will never lose its grip for any North American Baptist. Everyone has experienced some facet of this friendship for himself or herself through your addresses at conferences and dedications, through your heart-warming smile of approval, and through your words of commendation and inspiration. When these many instances of your influence are added together, the facets shine like that of a lustrous, rare diamond. This is a spiritual beauty and a melody that will abide whenever your name and your ministry will be mentioned.

We wish you an enriching adventure as Associate Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. But we also praise God and thank you for these memorable years of your leadership in the North American Baptist General Conference.

CITATION PLAQUE GIVEN WOYKE

A citation plaque was presented to Dr. Woyke at the testimonial dinner by Mr. Ed Marklein with the following inscription: "Citation of Appreciation to Dr. Frank H. Woyke, for Thirty-Six Years of Ministry With the North American Baptist General Conference; a Stalwart preacher who never lost sight of the central message of Jesus Christ; a theological scholar and educator who stimulated and inspired many to higher levels of Christian living and service; a wise counselor and kind friend who upheld Biblical and ethical principles which enabled many to gain a clearer understanding of the will of God; a most competent and incisive administrator who gave consistent and progressive leadership to the conference so that it experienced advances in every area of mission outreach and service. Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ . . . I Thessalonians 1:3."

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## Testimonial Dinner Held in Honor of Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Woyke

TESTIMONIAL DINNER HELD  
IN HONOR OF DR. AND MRS.  
FRANK H. WOYKE

On Friday evening, May 24, General Council members, together with representatives from the Chicago area churches, gathered in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, Oak Park, Illinois, for a testimonial dinner in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Woyke. Among those participating in the program were Stanley Johnson, Herbert Freeman, Mrs. Herbert Hiller, Eldon Janzen, Edwin H. Marklein, Richard Schilke, Arthur Schwerin, John Grygo and John Binder. An appropriate message was brought by Dr. Joseph Nordenhaug, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. The music was furnished by Mrs. Connie Salios and the Foster Avenue Baptist Church Male Chorus, directed by Dr. Herbert Pankratz. Over two hundred persons were in attendance at the dinner.



The above book of mementos was presented to Dr. Woyke at the testimonial dinner in behalf of his many friends and co-workers by Mr. Arthur Schwerin.



Dr. Joseph Nordenhaug (standing) gave the message at the testimonial dinner. Mr. Ed. Marklein (seated to the r. of Nordenhaug) served as toastmaster at the dinner.



Mr. Stanley Johnson presented a gift of an Almos clock (standing on the table) to Dr. Woyke in behalf of the General Council and the North American Baptist General Conference.



Elaine Shewfelt, Secretary to Church Extension Department and Receptionist



Rev. David Draewell, Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education



Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary, Department of Christian Education and Eldon Janzen, Manager, Roger Williams Press conferring with each other.



Rev. Bruce Rich, Assistant General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education and Director of Youth Ministry



Mary Leypoldt, Comptroller



Christel Bussmann, Bookkeeper



The above are new staff members during the last year: (l. to r.) Rev. Reinhold Kerstan, Editor of German Publications; Rev. Everett Barker, Director of Stewardship Advance; Dorothy Pritzkau, Editor of Christian Education Literature; Rev. Lyle Wacker, Director of Church Extension and Rev. Henry Ramus, Director of Children's Ministry.



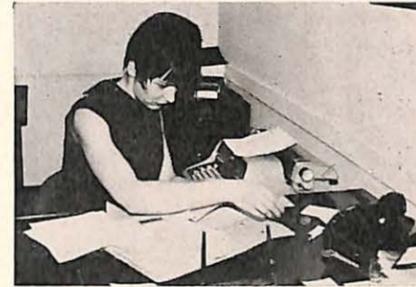
Sarah Redlich, Secretary to Secretary, Stewardship Department



Evelyn Pyle, Secretary in Department of Christian Education



Linda Langford, Secretary in Bookstore



Bernice Werk, Secretary, Accounting Department



Eleanor Niko, Bookkeeper and Truda Barthel, Bookkeeper

# A Look At The Forest Park Office Staff



Lois Vanderpool, Secretary, Addressograph Department



Ruth Job, Secretary to Reinhold Kerstan and Addressograph Department



Rev. Hugo Zepik, Printing Shop Supervisor



Rev. Richard Schilke, General Missionary Secretary



Viola Nelson, Secretary in Department of Missions



Beverly Levy, Secretary in Sunday School Literature Department



Rev. John Binder, Editor of English Publications and Promotional Department



Rev. Bruno Schreiber, Promotion Assistant



Arleen Limbaugh, Mailing Clerk



Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Assistant General Missionary Secretary



Frieda Wesch, White Cross Worker



Harriet Salios, Secretary, Sunday School Literature Department



Heidi Schaffrin, Secretary, Editorial and Promotional Department



Dorothy Tomenchuk, Varitypist and Secretary, Department of Christian Education



Terry Ilardo, Mailing Clerk

# Tributes To the Reverend John Grygo



Rev. John Grygo

Editor's Note: Rev. John Grygo has served as pastor of the Holmes St. Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., 1932-1936; Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., 1936-1947; Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., 1947-1950; Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., 1950-1954; Bismarck Baptist Church, N. Dak., 1954-1961; and editor of German Publications for the North American Baptist General Conference, 1961-1968. He has resigned from this position, upon retirement age, to accept the position of chaplain of the Central Baptist Home, Norridge, Ill. The following are letters of tribute to Brother Grygo for his many years of friendship and faithful service.

## A FRIEND OF MANY by Rev. G. R. Zimmerman

I am grateful to God for our Brother, John Grygo, who is most influential in communicating a steadfast faith in God, a spirit of dedication, and a positive attitude toward life.

Brother John Grygo, whom I have known for thirty years, is one of whom we can say the words of the Apostle Paul, "Your love, dear brother, has brought me great joy and much encouragement! For you have cheered the hearts of all God's people." Philemon, verse 7 (*New Testament in Today's English Version*).

In the past years, as co-worker at our denominational office, I had many opportunities to share in fellowship with Brother Grygo, both at our office as well as in each other's home. Living on the same street and walking on

the same street to the office, has revealed to me how extensive Brother Grygo's influence is in the community. When it happened that he and I would walk together, I was amazed at the many friends he had made in our city of Forest Park. The businessmen in Forest Park speak of him as "that friendly little preacher from the Baptist office."

Brother Grygo has done much to bring a meaningful testimony to our town because he really wins friends and influences people for the Lord. I know that his many friends in the town of Forest Park would look forward to his "walk down Madison Street," where he is known as an influential witness for Christ. His relocation to Norridge, Illinois, is fortunately not too far away.

He was my wife's pastor at the time when she made her decision for Christ and was baptized. He has also played the role of pastor on many occasions since these events.

We wish Rev. and Mrs. Grygo many years of influential service for Christ in his new role as chaplain at our Central Baptist Home in Norridge, Illinois.

## A FRIENDLY MAN by Rev. Eldon Janzen

My first recollection of Rev. John Grygo goes back to a pastor's conference at Greenlake, Wisconsin which I had the privilege of attending as a seminary student. On that occasion he spoke words of tribute for a friend and fellow pastor who had passed away.

Though I have known of him for quite a number of years now, it is only

in the last three years that I have come to know him well. During these years that we have worked together in the Publication Society, my first impression that he was a man who was keenly interested in people and valued the friendship of others, has been confirmed and strengthened.

It is always a pleasure to be in his company. His ready wit and humor have enlightened many a discussion and brought a smile to the lips and cheer to the hearts of those whom he met. His interest in persons as individuals has encouraged many and won their friendship. In all his contacts he exhibits the spirit of dedication, humility, and friendliness. These characteristics will stand him in good stead and will certainly endear him to the residents of the Central Home in Norridge as he serves them as their chaplain.

I count it a privilege to have the opportunity of working with him and of calling him "my friend."

## A MAN WITH A BIG HEART by Dr. Frank H. Woyke

I have had the privilege of knowing Brother John E. Grygo for many years. Our first meeting took place at the opening of the Seminary school year in Rochester, N. Y. in September of 1928. After four years as classmates, we graduated in May of 1932 and began our service as gospel ministers. Ever since that time we have been friends and co-workers. Although Brother Grygo is small of stature, I have come to value him as a man with a big heart.

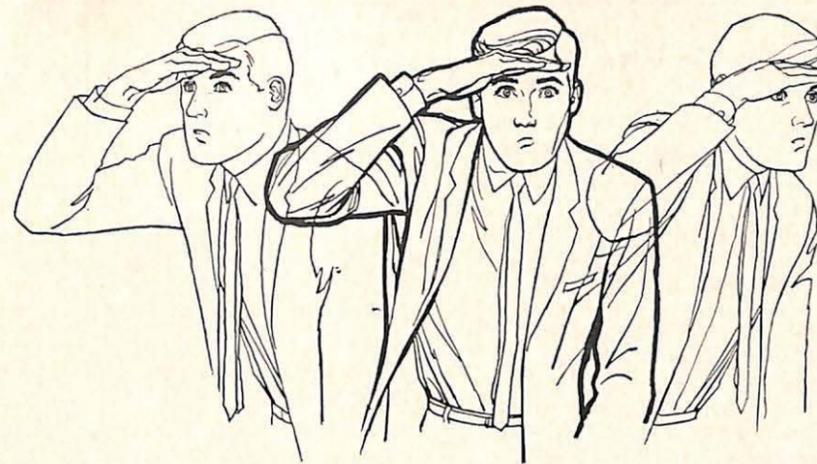
*He loves his Lord.* Not infrequently seminary students, and even ministers, waver in their loyalty to their Savior and in their commitment to the ministry. I have never seen evidences of this in Brother Grygo. The son of a pastor, he knew all that was involved in such Christian service but he was ready to go wherever God might lead. Throughout the years of his ministry he has been an example to all of us as a faithful servant of God.

*He loves people.* Since coming to Forest Park as editor of *Der Sendbote* more than six years ago Brother Grygo has lived within a mile of the office. It did not take him long to make friends. The man at the newspaper stand, the attendant at the gasoline station, the clerk in the drugstore, the police officer on the corner—all soon looked forward to his cheerful greeting and all were radiant as he passed by. Fellow workers at the office have become so accustomed to Brother Grygo's cheerful presence that he will be sorely missed in months to come. Wherever he has served he has left behind a host of friends.

*He gives himself.* The Christian life, if it is to bring true joy, must be a life of unselfish service. From the time that I first came to know Brother Grygo, I have been impressed with his

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## I May Not Come Back

By a One-Sunday Visitor

I was new in the Sunday school. And I was by myself. I don't know what I expected, but . . . well, let me tell you what happened.

As I walked in, a few eyed me curiously. I hung up my coat. An usher started toward me and I smiled. He smiled back. I felt better.

I asked him where I'd go for class. He was diplomatic. "There is a college age class and another—mostly couples—class. They're older."

I smiled. "I'm a little beyond college age," I said.

Then I think you'll like the couples class. They meet downstairs, first door."

I thanked him and went downstairs—alone. The door said "Primaries."

Upstairs again the usher looked concerned. "I'm sure they meet downstairs," he said. "Straight ahead."

I went downstairs again. "Primaries." And then a Sunday school teacher came out of the classroom. She thought the class I was looking for met in the room to my left. She came with me to find out. "Nope," the teacher in their said. That was for college-agers. Had been all summer. Maybe my class was the one that met in the choir loft. The choir loft was the right meeting place. But right now I should be at the opening exercises in the room where the first usher was!

I did get to the right place: a class where no one—not even the regular teacher—noticed either me or the new couple next to me.

I like to think it was an off day in that school. But lest something like that happen to a newcomer in your school, let me tell you what I'd like to have found:

*Someone to greet me.* One church I know of has ushers at each door. They open the door for regulars and visitors, making everyone welcome and no one conspicuous. They also show visitors where to register.

*Someone to register me.* I'd like the Sunday school to be interested enough to know my address and to give my teacher a copy so I can be on the mailing list. I might be looking for a regular Sunday school.

*Someone to tell me where my class meets,* and to tell me a little about it. I like specific directions for getting to class. And if the registrar says, "I think you'll like this class; they're studying Proverbs," or whatever, it makes me at least want to see what that class has for me.

*Someone to show me where to go next.* An informed usher who takes me to where my classmates sit, and introduces me to them or to the teacher, makes me glad I came. It's nice to walk to class with someone after opening session instead of trying to find the "tower" room or room 302 by myself.

*Someone who knows I'm there.* When the teacher acknowledges me, at least I know I counted on the attendance. And maybe after class someone will greet me.

*Someone who was glad I came.* A postcard that invites me back makes me want to know why your Sunday school—and what you teach—is so important that I should come again and again and again.

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## FOSTER AVENUE SUPERINTENDENT HONORED

Mr. Paul Schroeder, Sunday school superintendent at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, was named **Sunday School Superintendent of the Year** by the Greater Chicago Sunday School Association.

Mr. Schroeder feels that being Sunday school superintendent is a God-given task. He states, "I count it a great privilege to be in this position and to be able to serve our wonderful Lord. He has been very good to me personally, and has blessed the efforts of the Sunday school staff in a wonderful way." He cites the cooperation of the pastor, Rev. Clarence Walth, and the Sunday school staff as being of prime importance in the successes achieved by the Sunday school.

Mr. Schroeder has led the Sunday school in a number of changes and advances in the past four and one half years.

Closely-graded Roger Williams Press curriculum has been adopted for use in the seven departments of the school.

Sensing the importance of a good educational program in the church, a regular teacher training program has been established to train and enrich the staff in each department. In addition, monthly workers' conferences are held.

Good stewardship practices have been developed throughout the Children and Youth divisions of the school through the use of offering envelopes. When it was tried in the Junior and Junior High departments first, the offering there increased by about 300 per cent.

A program of mission education has been developed with the presentation of one of the fields in a different department each week.

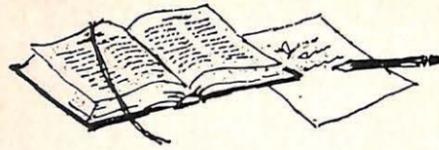
Elective studies are offered in the adult department classes.

Mr. Schroeder has taken advantage of opportunities for further training and study as they became available. He has attended conventions of the National Sunday School Association and taken evening courses at Moody Bible Institute. In addition he has served on the Christian Education Committee of the Illinois Association of North American Baptist General Conference churches.

Mr. Schroeder declared that they expect exciting things to happen in the days to come as they seek to be faithful and true to Christ.

Our hearty congratulations to Mr. Schroeder, the pastor, and staff of the Foster Avenue Sunday school. Your dedication and enthusiasm for the Lord's work are an inspiration to all.





# Sunday School Lessons

by James A. Schacher

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 21, 1968

### THEME: EZEKIEL'S CHALLENGE

Scripture: Ezekiel 18:26-32; 36:26-28

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT.** There are many factors which affect an individual. Family, religious training and environment in general influence human beings. Yet in a unique way man is alone before God in an awesome moment of decision every time he confronts an ethical choice.

**INTRODUCTION.** Ezekiel was a younger contemporary of Jeremiah. In the second fall of Jerusalem (597 B. C.) he was taken into exile with King Jehoiachin to Babylon. Ezekiel addressed the Jews in Captivity as well as the Jews remaining in the homeland. He spoke words both of condemnation and hope. The exiles in Babylon were wailing in great grief for the shame and pain of a strange land. They blamed God for their misfortune. Was it not true that the fathers eat grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge (18:1)? But Ezekiel said, "Not so." If the parent sins he shall die. If the son sins, he too, shall pay.

### I. EACH MAN ACCOUNTS TO GOD FOR HIMSELF. Ezekiel 18:26-29.

Overlooking moral responsibility before God involves great danger. The Jews were prone to evade the impact of their evil deeds by charging their forbears with the blame. Our society increasingly accomplishes the same end with a different approach. Current theologies claim that there are no valid universal laws by which God expects men to live. The Biblical position is not granted a hearing. A young man on a popular radio "talk program," The Joe Pyne Show, was blasting the old-fashioned morality. The interviewer asked him if he had read the Sermon on the Mount. Somewhat reluctantly, the young man admitted that he had never read it! The present fad is to avoid responsibility by disregarding it.

### II. EACH MAN MUST REPENT IN ORDER TO LIVE. Ezekiel 18:30-32.

The exiles had been grumbling that they were the scapegoats for the sin of their fathers. But Ezekiel focuses on the other side of the coin. "I will judge you . . . every one according to his ways," was God's reaction to their complaint (18:25, 30).

In like manner we must repent and cast away all our transgressions in

this twentieth century. Only then can we expect divine intervention in our personal and social ills.

### III. EACH MAN CAN HAVE A NEW HEART. Ezekiel 36:26-28.

It is man's part to seek a new heart; it is God's part to install it. The practical effect of this is that God will motivate us to walk according to His will. This implies a gift of incentive beyond our own ability to work up.

One lady, lamenting over wickedness in the world, concluded, "You know I guess people just need to be re-born." That is right. We do not possess the power in our natural inclination. It's like asking an auto mechanic to compose an encyclopedia essay on Plato's philosophy. Or like expecting a housewife to draw up irrigation plans for a wheat field. It is unnatural, God must create new life within us.

#### Questions for Discussion

(1) Which is correct? Ezekiel wrote these passages primarily to point out: a) that children would not suffer for Dad's sins. b) that no one could go to heaven without repenting. c) that the exiles were wrong to complain about injustice and had better straighten up themselves.

(2) According to this lesson how would Ezekiel describe a "righteous man"?

(3) Do you find it easy to blame someone else for your evil deeds?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 23, 1968

### THEME: DANIEL PRAYS FOR HIS PEOPLE

Scripture: Daniel 9:3-6; 17-19

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT.** In the time of tribulation men look to God for rescue. But genuine penitence logically precedes the possibility of obtaining divine assistance.

**INTRODUCTION.** Daniel was brought to Babylon as a youth when Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem for the first time about 605 B.C. In exile he was chosen to be educated in the Chaldean literature and language. The Babylonian king then drafted Daniel and several other Jewish young men to be his personal advisors.

He rose to the position of overseer of one of the Districts in the Persian Empire. Under him were the governors of 120 provinces. Therefore, our Daniel, by occupation, was a statesman rather than a prophet. But he exercised a genuine gift of prophecy. He

spoke to a homesick people who wondered how God could have forsaken His people in a distant land and to permit the Temple of Solomon to lie in pitiful ruins!

### I. DANIEL'S PRAYER OF CONFESSIO. Daniel 9:3-6.

In a totally submissive fashion Daniel turned in prayer to God. This affected his clothing (sackcloth) and his activity (fasting). It was not enough to hold conferences on prayer and engage in dynamic discussions on "Values of Prayer." He did it.

Daniel's starting point was adoration. He paused to establish contact with God before rushing into a recitation of his feelings and desires. To approach the Almighty was an awesome experience. It made Daniel feel small and finite by comparison. God is not terrible or dreadful in a nasty way, but in a fearful or reverential manner. We look up to Him in astonishment at His greatness and majesty.

This may be what current Christians lack. It is so easy to speak quickly of what we want God to do, but it is cumbersome to spend many moments in reflection on God's attributes and His being. Would this not water the parched deserts of our Christian experience—if we would concentrate upon God rather than self?

### II. DANIEL'S PRAYER OF PETITION. Daniel 9:17-19.

After the confession of sin Daniel proceeds to petition God for help. Specifically Daniel wants a restoration of the temple and the rejuvenation of the city of Jerusalem. Notice how he makes his request: "behold our desolation." Just look upon the city, O God, and upon the people which are called by Thy name. Just seeing the awful calamity would constitute an urgent SOS for deliverance.

But even in his request for aid Daniel cannot forget the great sin of the people. He recognizes that the ground or the basis on which God would listen was not their goodness but His mercy.

In great heart agony he exclaims, "O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive . . . hearken and do . . . O my God." This wholehearted contrition reminds us how little this is done in our time. When last did you cry over your own sins? At the 1964 General Conference in Sacramento a prominent visitor remarked about how little confession was evident in our public prayers. Is this because we must maintain a re-

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1. **Question:** I have heard about MAP, but how does it fit into our denominational program?

**Answer:** The Mission Advance Program is a \$1,000,000 capital funds campaign over a three-year period which seeks individual financial covenants beyond your present support of your church and missions. MAP funds are urgently needed to enable God's word to advance in the following areas of ministry:  
Relocating the North American Baptist College, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada—\$275,000.  
Building projects on our Home and Foreign Mission fields—\$300,000.  
Building new churches in the United States and Canada—\$275,000.

2. **Question:** Providing expanded facilities for the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota—\$150,000.

3. **Question:** Supposing I fill out a covenant card and later illness, death, depression or some other loss makes it impossible to pay?

**Answer:** Neither God nor the denomination expect what is impossible under the circumstances. Your covenant is a venture in faith. The covenant envelope states: ". . . as He blesses and I am able."

4. **Question:** I am interested in designating my gift. Is that agreeable?

**Answer:** This is only possible when the gift is in the Leadership Gift category which is \$1,000 and above. Exceptions relate only to Matching Gifts for the Seminary.

5. **Question:** What is a Matching Gift for the Seminary?

**Answer:** Donors employed by over 350 corporations in America can have their gift to the Seminary doubled. Some corporations do this by matching every dollar given by

# Answering Questions About MAP

by Everett A. Barker

their employees to institutions of higher education by a gift from the corporation's treasury. The donor's gift must be given to the Seminary and receipted as such. The receipted gift can be presented through the proper channels of the corporation for a matching gift. (Write to the Department of Stewardship in Forest Park for a folder listing the companies and detailing the program).

5. **Question:** Will my church receive mission credit for my contribution?

**Answer:** Yes. All gifts given through the local church will qualify for mission credit.

6. **Question:** Will the MAP campaign cut into the present mission giving of our people?

**Answer:** We can not allow this to happen because the annual operating needs of our denominational program demand top priority. For instance, there is no point in building missionary homes and then having to recall missionaries because budget funds are unavailable for their support.

7. **Question:** What is the \$500 and \$300 Club?

**Answer:** Individuals making contributions of \$500 or more qualify for membership in the \$500 Club. Those giving \$300 or more qualify for membership in the \$300 Club. The names of club members will be inscribed upon appropriate plaques located in the Forest Park office.

8. **Question:** Can I present a gift in memory of a loved one?

**Answer:** Yes. All gifts of \$300 or more given in memory of a loved one can be so presented. The words, "In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_" will be inscribed on a plaque and located in the Forest Park Office.

9. **Question:** Are children and young people expected to give?

**Answer:** It is hopeful that all members, young and old, will feel challenged to give. Share Certificates are available for covenants of \$20.00 which is approximately \$7.00 per year. Individuals or families can take a number of shares and it is hoped that every North American Baptist will have a share in MAP.

10. **Question:** Do you really think we will reach the \$1,000,000 goal?

**Answer:** God has presented us with a clear vision of needs which actu-

ally go far beyond the million dollar goal. As a General Conference, we have sensed God's leading last summer in Detroit in our decision to approve such a goal. North American Baptists certainly have the ability to meet and surpass this goal. The real answer to your question, however, depends upon the enthusiastic response of people like you.

11. **Question:** Will \$1,000,000 sufficiently meet the denominational capital funds needs?

**Answer:** Each department has greater needs and it should be emphasized that the four major area goals are minimal. Actually, we need more than \$1,000,000 because of covenant shrinkage by death or inability to pay, inflation and campaign expenses.

12. **Question:** Is there any concrete evidence that the local church will really reap benefits following the Mission Advance Program?

**Answer:** Capital funds campaigns like this strengthen the financial stewardship muscles of a local congregation. People are able to accomplish what they have never before attempted resulting in increased faith.

It normally follows that the local church giving level remains higher after the campaign even though it may not stay at the highest level of the campaign.

Also, many workers are involved and instructed in the area of stewardship in a special way which brings greater continuing interest. In addition, when following the BASIC PLAN of local church participation, some members will become involved who previously had little or no interest in their stewardship responsibilities.

Dr. Arnold Olso, President of the Evangelical Free Church of America, was asked a question as to why his denomination had a higher per capita giving record than most other denominations? He said that a major factor was their involvement in a denominational capital funds campaign, which raised the giving level of their entire fellowship.

Rev. Everett A. Barker is the Director of Stewardship Advance for the North American Baptist General Conference.

● **Rev. Gordon Voegele** has resigned from the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan., to become the pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, James-town, N.D., effective August 1, 1968.

● **Rev. Arthur Kliever** has resigned from the Oak Bank Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Man., effective June 1, 1968.

● **Rev. Assaf Husmann** will serve as interim pastor at Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., effective July 1.

● **Mr. Lowell Routley** became the new pastor of the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., effective June 1.

● **Mr. Dennis Eggert** has resigned as Director of Music and Youth of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., effective July 1. He plans to continue his studies at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

● **Rev. Chester Strobel** has resigned from the West Side Baptist Church to enroll in the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for a full year of study. The Strobels were appointed as missionaries by the Board of Missions in April. They plan to go to the field in about a year.

● **Rev. Harold Baker**, pastor of the

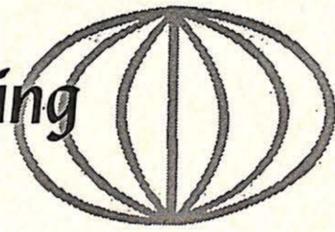
Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana, was recognized as a Baptist pastor by the recognition council of the Dakota Conference on May 11, 1968.

● **Rev. A. J. Borchardt** has resigned from the First Baptist Church of Streeter and Medina, N. Dak., to become the pastor of the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., effective Sept. 1, 1968.

● **Rev. Daniel Herringer** has resigned from the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Friez** of Lemmon, S. Dak., announce the birth of a daughter, Arlette Gaye, on May 27, 1968.

## what's happening



The Roger Williams Press Board of Trustees (pictured above) met at Forest Park on April 5-6, 1968 to review the various publications and work of the Roger Williams Press. Rev. Jothan Benke is the chairman of this board. Some of the significant decisions are reported in the General Council Actions.



The Stewardship Committee (pictured above) met in Forest Park, April 29-30, to make plans for our stewardship program for the next fiscal year. Rev. Kenneth Fischer served as chairman. The newly elected chairman is Mr. Alvin Haas.

### MISSION ADVANCE PROGRAM

Building to Teach and Witness

"Teach all nations . . . be my witnesses" (Matt. 28, Acts 1)

DATE — MAY 31

Leadership Gift Covenants \$228,000.00

Cash Received \$37,978.10

GOAL \$1,000,000



The Board of Missions (pictured above) met in Forest Park, April 23-26, to decide on various aspects of our mission outreach. Rev. Ernest Hoffmann served as Chairman. The newly elected chairman is Mr. Henry Fluth. The board re-affirmed the appointment of the following five missionaries and appointed a sixth missionary all of which are considered replacements: Miss Myrna Joyce Goodman (was appointed a year ago and went to Cameroon in February 1968) Cheyenne, Wyo.; Rev. and Mrs. William B. Keple, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Breikreuz, Edmonton, Alta.; and Miss Carolyn Lea Okert, Carrington, N. Dak. They all plan to be on the field in Cameroon by August 1968. The following ten newly appointed short-term missionaries also expect to be in Cameroon by the end of August 1968: Mr. Henry Dreger, Courtney, B. C.; Mr. Raymond A. Seutter, Edmonton, Alta.; Mrs. Hans J. Specht, Edmonton, Alta.; Miss Dorothy Ann Loeweke, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. Carl E. Mabs, Anaheim, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Lindley J. Reimer, Junction City, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Wolfe, Detroit, Mich.; Miss Jeanette I. Losten, Hutchinson, Minn.

# Our Churches in Action

## GRACE BAPTIST HOLDS BANQUET

RACINE, WIS. A wash day theme was carried out as the Women's Missionary Society of Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., held its Mother and Daughter Banquet at the YMCA.

Mrs. Sophie Schacht gave the invocation. Guest speaker was Ruth Rabenhorst, missionary nurse to Cameroon, West Africa. Also on the program was Bonnie Fragale who used hand puppets to tell the story of "Pokey." A tribute to the mothers and daughters was given by Christine Genich and Mrs. George Genich. Mrs. Tony Ferraro was toastmistress.

Special music was given by the Graceaires: Elizabeth Cook, Jacque Hess, Heidi Warner and Donna McGuire. Mrs. Harold Brygger was the soloist while Mrs. Jay Bailey led a sing-a-long.

Our women have divided into four circles; we have a goodly number out at each meeting. Two circles meet in the evening, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Our pastor's wife, Mrs. George Breikreuz, has helped us very much in getting these circles organized. This has caused new interest in missions. (Mrs. Hugo Schacht, reporter.)

## GUEST SPEAKERS HEARD IN CAMROSE CHURCH

CAMROSE, ALTA. A capacity crowd was present for the rendition of the Easter Cantata by the Fellowship Baptist Church Choir of Camrose, Alta. Several churches cancelled their Sunday evening services to be present with us.

On Sunday evening, April 21, our hearts were blessed and challenged as we had in our midst the Ferd Berg Chorale of Calgary.

From April 21-28 we were privileged to have with us for Deeper Life Meetings Rev. David Berg, the father of our Pastor. All services were well attended with several decisions made.

Missionary Miss Gertrude Schatz was a very welcome visitor with us on May 2. (Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, reporter.)

## ASHLEY W.M.S. OBSERVES SPECIAL DAYS

ASHLEY, N. D. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. D., is putting forth special efforts in laboring for the Lord. At our regular April meeting, we put special emphasis on the Easter season with appropriate readings and songs. Mrs. M. Vanderbeck brought an inspiring message from John 20.

On May 5, the W.M.S. gave their annual Mother's Day program at the church. Each member was presented with a fresh carnation. Two songs were sung by the Society, as well as a duet and a song by six ladies; three readings were given. Dr. M. Vanderbeck, interim pastor, gave an appropriate message based on Isaiah 49:15, "Can a woman forget her child?" The offering was designated for mission purposes. (Mrs. Carl Fischer, W.M.S. secretary.)

## LEADERSHIP EDUCATION COURSE HELD AT MISSIONARY CHURCH

PARMA, OHIO. For six consecutive weeks, Rev. Erhard Knull of the Missionary Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio, led a Christian Leadership Education Course based on the books, *Ministry of Visitation and Witnessing* by John T. Sisemore and *Let's Go Soul Winning* by Dr. Jack Hyles. Pastor Knull stressed the importance of being prepared and well instructed before home visitations are made. After the completion of the course, certificates were awarded during the morning worship service. (Olga Seizew, reporter.)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INCREASED AT MISSIONARY PARMA

PARMA, OHIO. During the month of March, the Missionary Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio, participated in a March

to Sunday School Contest. Other churches from our denomination also participated. Although we were in second place from the smaller churches, we were pleased at the increase in our attendance. It was a challenge to go out and invite people of all ages to come to Sunday school. Five hundred homes were visited. Leaflets, bulletins, and invitations were given out.

At the end of March, our church purchased a bus, which we needed in order to provide transportation for those wanting to visit the house of God. The large bus holds forty adults or approximately fifty or sixty children. (Olga Seizew, reporter.)

## ATLANTIC CONFERENCE SESSIONS HELD IN MAY

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Attendants at the 71st Atlantic Conference held in historic Fleischmann Memorial Church, May 2-5, 1968, received both inspiration and challenges. "Christ Appealing through Us—within Our Families—to the World—to our Neighbors—to the Spiritual Dropouts" was an all embracing theme and treated well in its various aspects by speakers Rev. Everett Barker, Missionary Laura Reddig, Rev. Warren W. West and Dr. Frank H. Woyke, as well as devotional leaders Rev. Arnold T. Malmberg and Rev. Edward Pritzkau. We were happy to have with us also our Eastern District Secretary, Rev. Rubin Kern.

The business sessions were presided over very ably by the moderator, Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht. Some areas of reports were encouraging; others indicated regression or a mere marking of time. Workshops in the area of Christian education were in charge of Rev. Gary Miller.

Interesting interludes concerning the oldest church in our denomination, celebrating its 125th anniversary in conjunction with the conference, were presented at each service by the host pastor, Rev. Ernest Hoffmann. Conrad Anton Fleischmann played a prominent role in our beginnings.

As usual, the women's luncheon and missionary meeting with Miss Reddig as speaker was one of the best attended services. How she does radiate the joy of her work!

Mr. Harry Hiller's message Saturday evening, following the banquet and afternoon of recreation at the local "Y," was directed particularly to young people.

The Sunday afternoon rally with Dr. Woyke's closing message, "Responding to Christ's Appeal," challenged each of us in a very specific way. (Eva Yung, reporter.)

## LINTON W.M.S. IS ACTIVE PAST YEAR

LINTON, N. D. The Women's Missionary Society, First Baptist Church, Linton, N. D., has 34 active members and three associate members. Our Sunshine Committee sends greeting cards on special occasions to those in our church and community. Our mission giving has been generous: \$450—national W.M.U. project; \$50—Dakota Conference project; \$100—support of the Herman Effas; and money and food—Baptist Home, Bismarck, the Crippled Children's School, Jamestown, and the School for the Mentally Retarded, Grafton. Delivering Christmas baskets to many in retirement homes and shut-ins proved to be a real blessing.

Ten regular meetings and our annual November birthday festival constituted our monthly meetings. The free-will mission offering was about \$200. The May meeting was a program of mother-daughter specials. We had an annual program on a Sunday evening in May.

We again filled our White Cross quota and sent more than required in supplies and money. White Cross Work Night is a highlight for us. Women bring portable sewing machines. The men bring the rolling machines they have made. Every-body works. We end the evening with a lunch.

New officers elected in March are president—Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer, vice-president—Mrs. Jake Kiemele, secretary—Mrs. Dan Tschritter, treasurer—Mrs. Howard Rau, and White Cross chairman—Mrs. Martin Walther. Mrs. Adolph Kist,

retiring after nine years as secretary, and Mrs. Ben Meiding-er, having served 21 years as treasurer, were each presented with a book in appreciation of their faithful work. (Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer, reporter.)

#### MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY FOR PARSONAGE

BEULAH, N. DAK. The Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., held a mortgage burning ceremony for their new



parsonage at the morning worship service. Left to right are: Mr. Roy Fischer, chairman of the building committee; Mr. Gilbert Ost, deacon and member of the building committee; Mrs. Ed. Anderson, treasurer. In the background is Rev. George W. Neubert, pastor. (Mrs. Gilbert Ost, reporter.)

#### SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE PASTORS CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

HILLSBORO, KANSAS. On April 29 the Southwestern Conference pastors registered at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas, for a four-day retreat involving a program of continuing education.

This year's program was held as a cooperative effort with the pastors of the Mennonite Brethren Southern District, which covers approximately the same area as



Photo by Schmidt

our Southwestern Conference. Fourteen NAB pastors were in attendance with a comparable number of Mennonite Brethren pastors as pictured above.

Two courses were conducted. One course was taught by Dr. Gerald Borchert, Professor of New Testament at the NAB Seminary, and was entitled, "The New Testament and Its Interpreters." "Burden-Bearing and the Work of the Ministry", was the title of the other course taught by Dr. Dean Kliever, instructor in psychology at Tabor College (a Mennonite Brethren school) and clinical psychologist at Prairie View Hospital, Newton, Kansas.

It was felt that such a program should again be held cooperatively by the two groups within a few years. (Rev. Elwyn Zimmerman, reporter.)

#### WOMEN PRESENT PROGRAM AT HOME FOR THE AGED

BISMARCK, N. DAK. On May 2 the "King's Daughters" of the Bismarck Baptist Church presented their Annual Program at the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak.

The group began and concluded by singing the North American Baptist Women's Theme Song, "Greater Works." Mrs. John Kirschmann, president, replied to the introduction and welcome by Rev. Emmanuel Wolff, Chaplain of the Baptist Home.

The program consisted of musical numbers which included a solo, by Mrs. Gerald Klein, a duet, by Mrs. Clarence Delzer and Mrs. Larry Thompson, and a trio, by Mrs. Ray Jesser, Mrs. Dennis Kramer and Mrs. Curtis Martin.

Testimonies were given by Mrs. Ronald Sieler, Mrs. Milton Hochhalter and Mrs. Ronald Johnson. It was a joy to see the faces of these elderly people and to clasp their hands. We do hope that we have added new faith and encouragement to their lives. (Mrs. Ronald Johnson, reporter.)

#### SEVEN ARE BAPTISED AT NAMAOPARK

EDMONTON, ALTA., NAMAOPARK. In the evening service of April 14, Namao Park Baptist Church held a



baptismal service. Pictured are those who were baptised into the fellowship of our Lord. Mrs. Margaret Hoffmann, Mr. John Watt, Shirley Jarvis, Mrs. Ella Lowny, Doris Lewandowski, Linda Lowney and Leslie Lowny. A communion service was held following the baptism at which time those wishing to join the church received the hand of fellowship including Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hoffmann. At center back of picture is our pastor, Rev. F. Pahl. (Mrs. H. Mandzie, reporter.)

#### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY AND MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

ANAHEIM, CALIF., BETHEL. The Women's Missionary Society observed two memorable occasions recently—its Anniversary program and the annual Mother-Daughter banquet.

At the Anniversary program new officers were installed by our pastor's wife, Mrs. Donald Ganstrom. The new president is Mrs. Walter Gooden under whose leadership we look forward to another year of service and inspiration. The outgoing president, Mrs. Herbert Stabbert, presiding over the meeting introduced Mrs. Lloyd Kwast who ably represented our Cameroon Mission, speaking and showing pictures of her work at Ndu.

Carrying out the theme "Pattern for Living" at our Mother-Daughter banquet our fellowship hall and tables were beautifully decorated with sewing baskets and items, ivy and flowers.

Men of the church headed by John Miller prepared a sumptuous dinner for 168 guests served by our young men. Mrs. Walter Gooden served as general chairman of the dinner.

The past president presented the program chairman, Mrs. Donald Ganstrom, who introduced the evening's en-

tainment of group singing. Miscellaneous numbers and a fashion show consisting of look-alike mother-daughter dresses, hats and hair pieces. The concluding number was a devotional by Karen Lindstrom who applied the items needed for sewing as illustrations of the qualities needed in the Christian life.

We were especially honored to have with us Mrs. Dan Wedel a charter member of the society who was also recognized as the oldest mother present. Two groups of four generations and the youngest mother were also honored. (Adel Stabbert, reporter.)

#### FORMER TELEVISION PERSONALITY SINGS AT MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

ANAHEIM, CALIF., SUNKIST. Donna Baker, former television singer and artist, was guest speaker and soloist at the Mother-Daughter banquet of the Sunkist Baptist Church Women's Missionary Society, May 9, in the Walter Knott room, Knott's Berry Farm. Her challenging message to the mothers as well as to the young girls was, "This Is My Life." Mrs. Baker also sang, "I Believe In Miracles."

Mrs. Alma Fox, WMS general program chairman, was in charge of this most successful evening. (Ruth Issler, reporter.)

#### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL HELD IN SPRING

CHICAGO, ILL. For the first time, Vacation Bible School was held during Spring Vacation, April 22-26. The theme at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church was "Venture With God Into the Unknown." Even though the weather was sometimes quite cold, (there was a slight snowfall one of the days), attendance was very good. The total enrollment was 97 with an average attendance of 79. Betty Johnson, Director of VBS, had a staff of 36 teachers and helpers.

The closing session was held Sunday evening, April 28. Each of the six departments presented a short program related to what they had been studying. Pictured is the primary department at the closing program singing and acting out the story of the Good Samaritan. According to the pastor, Rev. C. H. Walth, the missionary offering brought by the children totaled \$68.12. (Beatrice Scroggin, reporter.)

#### CHURCH HAS PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION AND BAPTISM

YORKTON, SASK. A baptismal service was held on



Easter Sunday morning when Dale Neuman, Daryl Fritzsche and Mrs. Gramuck followed the Lord in baptism. Rev. E. Kern is standing in the center of the picture. In the evening these three were welcomed into our fellowship as well as one woman, who had previously been baptised.

Mother's Day was a blessed day for our church. In the morning service we had a Parent-Child Dedication when six children were publicly dedicated to God. Our W.M.U. President presented each mother, whose child was being dedicated, with a carnation. There were five blue tinted carnations and one pink symbolizing five boys and one girl. Each child also received a New Testament to commemorate this solemn occasion. (Mrs. Hertha Rowden, reporter.)

July 1, 1968

#### CHURCH HAS BAPTISM AND HONORS PASTOR

EDMONTON, ALTA., MCKERNAN. "Every work for Jesus will be blest!" was the recurring thought of the baptismal and Church Family and Friends Services held in McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, during March on the fifth anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. C. Littman's ministry. The pastor is standing on the right in the picture of the baptismal group and new members. We were encouraged with the accounting of the achievements of a new sanctuary, a remodeled Sunday School Educational Unit, and crowning it all, the addition of 100 new member workers for the Lord during



these five years. The services were enriched by the inspiring music supplied by church family talent, which included a solo, duet, instrumental quartet and three trumpeters, and a guest speaker, Rev. Sturhahn. The youngest organization, the Boys Service Brigade was recognized by special awards earned by the individual members. This memorable day of fellowship and thanksgiving came to an end after a delicious lunch served by the W.M.S. (L. Korella, reporter.)

#### RECOGNITION COUNCIL FOR REVEREND HAROLD BAKER

BILLINGS, MONT. The Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana, invited area churches and representatives of the NAB Conference to convene on May 11, for the purpose of examining and welcoming Rev. Harold Baker into the North American Baptist General Conference. Delegates attending came from the First Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota, Plevna and Billings, Montana. Rev. Allan Strohschein, Moderator of the Dakota Conference and Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, were also members of the council.

Mr. Ray Seidel led the organization of the Council at which time Rev. Peter Wiens was elected Moderator and Rev. Edward Kopf, clerk. The Rev. Harold Baker was then presented to the council and gave, in a brief and concise manner, his conversion experience, call to the ministry, preparation, doctrinal beliefs, views on Christian fellowship with churches, and his willingness to cooperate with the local conference churches as well as with the North American Baptist General Conference.

After some questions by the delegates on each of these areas, the council withdrew into closed session for deliberation. The Recognition Council voted to declare itself satisfied with Rev. Baker's statements.

The council then moved to recognize Rev. Harold Baker's ordination as a Baptist pastor and that he be accepted into our fellowship. (Rev. Edward A. Kopf, clerk.)

#### ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOLDS BANQUET

BENTON HARBOR, MICH., NAPIER PARKWAY. The adult Bible Class of the Napier Parkway Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., held their annual banquet on the evening of May 3, 1968. After the dinner hour an interesting program was enjoyed. Four members of the class sang two numbers after which Rev. Richard Mayforth, our missionary to Japan home on furlough, showed pictures of the work in Japan and gave an interesting message. Mrs. Mayforth with the children demonstrated

the celebration of Children's Day as celebrated in Japan. Mrs. Mayforth and her little daughter dressed in native costume.

Rev. Mayforth also was the speaker at our mid-week Bible and prayer service May 8. (Isabelle Grenewetzki, reporter.)

#### INCREASED MEMBERSHIP AND DEEPER LIFE MEETINGS GIVE INSPIRATION

CLEVELAND, OHIO, PARMA HEIGHTS. It has been a joy to us as a church to see the blessings of God being poured out on us in recent months and we thank God for sending us our new pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler. He and his family arrived the first Sunday in January and since then 75 new members have joined our church, 53 of whom Pastor Buhler baptized.



Parma Heights Baptismal candidates

We recently concluded a week of Deeper Life Meetings with Rev. Edwin Miller of Wilmington, Delaware, a former pastor of Parma Heights Baptist Church. There were two sessions each day with good attendance at both. The morning sessions dealt primarily with the home and the evening messages on the Doctrines of Christ. (Ruth Pech, reporter.)

#### NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. The new sanctuary of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, pastored by Dr. Louis R. Johnson, was dedicated on Sunday, April 21, highlighting three days of dedication activities.



Sacramento, Willow Rancho Church

Rev. Clarence Walth, who was the extension pastor of the church in 1955 and served as pastor until 1960, was

guest speaker at the Sunday morning worship service.

A special dedication service was held in the afternoon. Rev. Joseph Sonnenberg, NAB Western District Secretary, was the main speaker. Following the dedication, visitors were given guided tours of the building.

Rev. Eric Kuhn, second pastor of the church, who served from 1960-1964 was guest speaker at the closing service of Dedication Day.

The initial church membership in 1956 was fifty-six. By 1964 it had grown to approximately 250 members. In that year planning for the present structure was initiated by Dr. Johnson. A ground-breaking service was held on Sept. 3, 1967, and construction was begun Sept. 5, 1967.

The building, constructed at a cost of approximately \$225,000.00, seats 400 people in the auditorium plus 40 in the choir with Sunday school space provided for 400 pupils. Much of the labor was done by the men of the church.

This building is the culmination of much planning, prayer and effort on the part of the people of the church. (Mrs. Jeff Mahnke, reporter.)

#### TROPHY AWARDED TO BIBLE QUIZZERS

ERIE, PA. Youth from the South Hills Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., took the honors in the 1967-68 Greater Erie Youth For Christ Bible quizzers. The team, consisting of Wilfred Puscher, Roland Puscher, Mark Texter and Dawn Texter, received the distinction as the "Number One" team, and were awarded the trophy. If the church team successfully wins for three consecutive years, they keep it permanently.

Wilfred Puscher received the distinction as "Top Quizzer." He was presented with an additional award of an all-expense paid trip to Youth For Christ International Conference at Ocean City, New Jersey, June 21-28.

On Maundy Thursday Pastor Fred Mashner baptized a young married man and two girls and received them into the membership of the church. On Easter Sunday, in the morning service, the beautiful organ chimes were dedicated in the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hetzel, Sr., and Harvey Meuser. In the evening the choir rendered the Christ-exalting cantata, "No Greater Love," by John W. Peterson. A capacity crowd prevailed at both services. (Pat Heiple, reporter.)

#### NEW CHURCH EXTENSION CHURCH RECOGNIZED

HOUSTON, TEXAS The Anderson Road Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, established through the program of Church Extension, called a recognition council which met at the church on April 19, 1968. Twenty-two delegates from the Southern Conference churches conferred with the pastor and members of the church.

Mrs. Adolph Hill of Kyle, Texas and Rev. Eleon Sandau of Branch, La. were elected chairman and clerk of the council, respectively. The history and organization of the church were reviewed along with its constitution and records.

In executive session the council voted to recommend that the Anderson Road Baptist Church be recognized as a duly organized North American Baptist Church, that the church proceed with the recognition service and that the Southern Conference receive her as a sister church. On the basis of this recommendation a public recognition service was held in the evening of the same day at which service Rev. Lyle Wacker of Forest Park, Illinois delivered the main address. Rev. Elton Kirstein is pastor of the church. (Rev. Eleon Sandau, reporter.)

#### FOUR BAPTIZED IN EMERY CHURCH

EMERY, S. DAK. At the First Baptist Church in Emery, S. Dak., on Easter Sunday evening, four young people witnessed of their faith in the Lord Jesus by being baptized by Rev. M. D. Wolff. They are Linda Bohmuller, Debra Hanssen, Cindy Heitzman and Jerome Tschetter. Also the Lord's Supper was observed and the hand of fellowship extended to them. (Mrs. Walter Heitzman, reporter.)

# Obituaries



#### MRS. DOROTHY L. RIEGER of Munson, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Dorothy Rieger was born to Mr. and Mrs. August Brandt April 2, 1898. She passed away on March 10, 1968 at the age of 69 years.

She was united in marriage on Dec. 29, 1921 to Rev. Henry Rieger and shared with him 48 years of happy home life.

She had accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and was baptized by Rev. Apel and became a member of the Forest Baptist Church of Munson, Pa.

Her passing away is mourned by her husband, Rev. Henry Rieger; one daughter, Delores Jenney; one grandson, Harold Jenney; one brother, August J. Brandt, Mt. Holly, N. J.; four sisters: Mrs. Olga Schroeder, Riverside, Calif., Mrs. Lydia Schmidt, Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Elsie Schultz, San Bernardino, Calif., and Mrs. Johanna Reuye, Detroit, Mich.

The memorial service was held at the Forest Baptist Church of Munson, Pa., Tuesday, March 12, 1968. The pastor, Rev. Oliver Exley, conducted the memorial service and spoke words of comfort and hope based on the words in Hebrew 6:10, 11.

Mrs. Rieger was a member of the Woman's Missionary Society of the church and she is known for her many deeds of kindness, providing flowers and plants for the church of Jesus Christ, and revealing her deep love for her Savior.

REV. H. RIEGER and FAMILY

#### EMIL H. WORM of South St. Paul, Minnesota

Emil H. Worm was born in Germany, December 19, 1888 and at six months of age came with his parents to South St. Paul, Minnesota, where he lived until he went to be with his Lord February 4, 1968. He accepted the Lord as his Savior as a young boy while attending a revival meeting. He was baptized at age 13 by Rev. Jaeger. He was a member of the Riverview Baptist Church until 1927 when the South St. Paul Baptist Church was organized of which he became a charter member. This church then became the First Calvary Baptist Church, to which he was faithful not only in church and Sunday school attendance but held several positions through the years. He taught a Sunday school class and served as church treasurer and trustee.

June 12, 1919 he married Emma L. Becker of New Hamburg, Ontario, Canada. God blessed this union with three daughters. Mrs. Worm preceded him in death, passing away Dec. 12, 1958.

He was in the grocery business, retiring in 1956.

He passed from this life into the presence of his Lord after a period of failing health. Surviving him are his three daughters: Miss Dorothy E. Worm, Mrs. Val (Betty) Kuntz both of South St. Paul, and Mrs. Carroll (Ruth) Haynie of Pasadena, Maryland, seven grandchildren and nieces and nephews, also his sister, Mrs. Ella Zehm.

MISS DOROTHY WORM

#### MRS. ANNA HECKMANN of St. Paul, Minnesota

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Mrs. Anna Heckmann went home to be with the Lord on April 3rd at age 85. She accepted the Lord as her Savior in her youth and was baptized during the ministry of the Reverend C. F. Stoeckmann. She had been a faithful member of this church for these 61 years.

Mrs. Heckmann was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Raatz in Pommeron, Germany, and came to the United States in her youth.

The surviving children are Esther, Mrs. Harvey Stanke, Betty, Mrs. Lloyd Campbell, Ruth, Mrs. Leo Pfeiffer, Vernon, Reuben and Harvey. All are members of the Dayton's Bluff Church except Harvey who lives in Neenah, Wisconsin.

May yGod raise up others to take her place.

LELAND FRIESEN, pastor

#### MRS. AMELIA HACKMANN of Elgin, Iowa

Mrs. Amelia Hackmann was born May 17, 1883 in Elgin, Iowa and passed away May 11, 1968, at the age of almost 85 years.

She was baptized March 24, 1897 by Rev. Hack and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Elgin where she served faithfully.

On Dec. 4, 1907 she married Carl Hackmann and lived in the Elgin community. The Lord blessed them with the privilege of celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 3, 1967.

Survivors include two sons: Reuben of Elgin and Hugo of West Union, Ia.; two daughters: Gertrude (Mrs. Clarence Kohls) of Strawberry Point, Ia. and Louise (Mrs. Bert Kurth) of Omaha, Neb.; four sisters: Mrs. Marie Muehlenhauser and Lillian (Mrs. Max Lehman) of Elgin, Carrie (Mrs. Gust Hackmann) of Maywood, Ill., Frieda (Mrs. Thomas Gorgas) of Waterloo, Ia.; 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband 3½ months earlier, a sister and a brother.

She will be missed by many other relatives, friends and neighbors for her friendliness and her little deeds of kindness.

The memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Ia. on May 15 with Rev. David Hackmann of Minneapolis, Minn. assisting the pastor.

ORVILLE H. METH, pastor

#### ELIZABETH DIEDER of Carbon, Alberta

Mrs. Elizabeth Dieder died on Sunday morning on May 12, 1968 at the Calgary Foothills Hospital at the age of 83 years, 8 months and 4 days.

Born at Odessa, Russia in 1884, she immigrated to the United States with her parents at the age of 9 years. Then later immigrated to Carbon, Alberta with her husband and four children in 1913. Three of the children were born in Alberta.

She was born again at the age of 11 years, and was baptized by Rev. A. Kujath on April 18, 1915.

She was a member of the Carbon Baptist Church until her death, and was an honorary member of the Carbon Baptist Women's Missionary Society while residing there.

She was a faithful servant of God until her death. She had made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Biebrick for the past seven years. She was a most wonderful mother and friend to all that knew her. She was always eager and ready to witness for her Lord and Master.

She leaves to mourn four daughters and two sons: Mrs. Rosie (Chris) Harsch, Carbon, Mrs. Elizabeth (Emmanuel) Sailer, Calgary, Mrs. Dorothy (Cyril) Beingsner, Calgary, Mrs. Edith (Arthur) Biebrick, Calgary and Chris and John, Carbon; one brother, William Weigum of Moberidge, South Dakota; fourteen grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren, and many relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her loving husband Christian on July 6, 1955, a son Richard in 1915, a grandson, 2 great grandchildren, three brothers and one son-in-law. Burial took place in the Freudental Cemetery of the Carbon Baptist Church.

BERT E. MILNER, pastor

#### JOHN ADAM OHLHAUSER of Carbon, Alberta

John Adam Ohlhauser was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ohlhauser near Ashley, North Dakota, March 9, 1895. The family moved to the Carbon district in 1909.

In his early teens John Ohlhauser received Jesus Christ as personal Savior, and followed the Lord in baptism.

In March 1918 John Ohlhauser and Rose Weigum were united in marriage. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary March 3, 1968.

Brother Ohlhauser was active in the community during his farming days, having served as counselor for over twenty years.

In 1960 Mr. and Mrs. Ohlhauser retired from farming, having previously moved to Carbon. When the Freudental Baptist Church was organized in 1910 Brother Ohlhauser was one of the charter members. During the years he was a faithful member of the Lord's church in this community having served as Sunday school and Bible Class teacher, as trustee and as deacon. He set an example as a Christian husband and father by his faithfulness. He was a faithful member of the Carbon Baptist Church until his death.

He passed away March 8, 1968 in the Drumheller Hospital after being taken there that same day, having suffered a sudden stroke.

Left to mourn his passing are his beloved wife Rose Ohlhauser, one daughter Gladys Bertsch, Carbon, one daughter Frances predeceased him, two sons, Arnold of Carbon, Norman of Vernon, B.C.; four sisters: Mrs. Katharine Biebrick of Calgary, Mrs. Pauline (Albert) Bertsch of Acme, Mrs. Lydia Bertsch of Toronto, and Mrs. Freda (Bill) Dickau of Wetaskiwin; two brothers: Jacob J. of Calgary, and Emil J. of Sacramento, California; six grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Psalm 116:15).

The burial took place in the Freudental Cemetery of the Carbon Baptist Church.

BERT E. MILNER, pastor

#### ALBERT BESELT of St. Joseph, Michigan

Albert Beselt was born on March 30, 1892 in Poland and passed away on May 18, 1968 at the Hospital of Benton Harbor, Michigan, at the age of 76 years. He had immigrated to St. Joseph, Michigan in 1916 where he was a resident.

In 1912 he married Hulda Kalbach, who passed away in 1932. In 1933 he was united in marriage to Hulda Conrad, nee Zippel. She died in 1944. In 1944 he married Bertha Boehm, nee Penkowsky. Mr. Beselt was a veteran of World War I.

In his youth he became a member of the Baptist Church and had his membership with the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich. For over twenty years he directed a church choir, taught also in Sunday school, was a member of the church board and privileged to attend services almost up to the day of his departure.

He leaves to mourn: his wife of St. Joseph; of first marriage two sons: Bert and Edmund of St. Joseph, and his daughter Elsie (Mrs. Henry Moritz) of Benton Harbor; of second marriage one son Albert, Jr., of New York, serving in the U.S. Air Force; eight stepchildren, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service was held at the Benton Harbor First German Baptist Church with Rev. H. A. Pohl officiating.

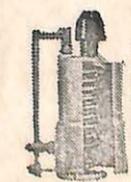
HERMAN A. POHL, pastor

#### JONATHAN BREITKREUZ of Springside, Saskatchewan

Jonathan Breitkreuz was born April 12, 1907 in Plaganau, Germany. He passed away suddenly on Friday, May 17, 1968 while at work in his spring seeding. At the age of 16 he came to Canada with his parents and settled at Winnipeg, and in 1925 moved to Springside where he was resident until his death. Bro. Breitkreuz received Christ as his Savior in 1922 and was baptized the same year. He joined the Springside Baptist Church as a charter member in 1934 and was a very active church member throughout the years. On Nov. 28, 1934 Jonathan Breitkreuz married Edith Weick.

Two daughters came into his home. Bro. Breitkreuz was preceded in death by his father, Samuel, a sister Hilda, twin brothers, a sister in infancy, and a grandson, Dale Scheirer. To remember his life, and looking for the coming of Christ and the resurrection are: his wife, Edith, two daughters, Shirley, Mrs. Norman Scheirer, Lamberton, Sask., and Emily, Mrs. Harold Gilchrist, White Court, Alta.; three foster children: Gary, Eddie and Alan; his mother, Mrs. Emelia Breitkreuz; two sisters: Erma, Mrs. Wm. Arndt and Inga, Mrs. Jake Berg, both of Springside; two brothers: Adelbert of Springside and Rev. George Breitkreuz, Racine, Wis.; five grandchildren and a host of friends.

ROBERT R. HOFFMAN, pastor



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Woodside, New York,  
President Woman's Missionary Union

### IN APPRECIATION OF DR. FRANK H. WOYKE

The 13,000 members of our Woman's Missionary Union across Canada and the United States express their appreciation to Dr. Woyke for his ever-willing listening ear and wise counsel throughout the 22 years as Executive Secretary of our denomination. At all times he had the right word, the kind understanding for needs and situations, and knew what to do. His backing and guidance was always reassuring. Thank you, Brother Woyke! . . . Mrs. Herbert Hiller, New York, W.M.U. president '67-'70.

Some past presidents will also express their appreciation. . . . Dr. Woyke has untiringly given of himself these past years as he has served our Lord by directing our denomination. His broad knowledge of Baptist affairs distinguished his service among us. He always found time to be a part of our annual WMU Executive Board, and was available for any advice he was asked to give. He, along with his dear wife, our First Lady, will be greatly missed in denominational leadership roles. . . . Mrs. Delmar Wesseler, Kansas, WMU president '64-'67.

As a fellow-labourer in the Lord I was impressed with Dr. Woyke's strong Christian convictions, his ability to cope fairly with every problem, and his high standard of devotion to God. The sincerity of his prayers will linger with me.

The WMU is indebted to him for his generous contribution of time, his co-operation, and wise counsel in all

our areas of service for the Lord—Mrs. Harm Sherman, Iowa, WMU president '61-'64.

We, the Women, have never had a more loyal friend or better promoter than Dr. Woyke. His words of encouragement, considerate advice, and unfailing interest in our work have consistently been a source of inspiration to us. We will remember him for his rare gift of choosing just the right words to install each group of new officers at our General Conferences. We shall miss him!—Mrs. Albert Reddig, North Dakota, WMU president '58-'61.

Early in my work with our WMU and on my way to our Forest Park office, I accidentally met Dr. Woyke in a Chicago railroad station. Not being certain of directions, Dr. Woyke assured me he would let me know when to get off the Elevated. Sure enough at the right moment, he signalled, and I stepped off. "But where do I go from here", I thought. Looking back and up, I saw Dr. Woyke pointing straight ahead. We want to thank him for his faithful God-fearing direction upward and straight ahead all of these years. . . . Mrs. Thomas Lutz, South Dakota, WMU president '55-'58.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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spectable front? Does this imply insincerity on our part, It's also true that one of the hardest things to say, even to God, is "I'm sorry." May loyal Christians echo increasingly the concern of Daniel in their prayers.

#### Questions for Discussion

- (1) What is the difference between praising God and thanking Him for the blessings which He gives to us?
- (2) Will God hear our prayer if we do not first confess our sin?
- (3) Why do we often experience great tribulation before we come to God in dead earnestness?

### TRIBUTE TO JOHN GRYGO

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industry and faithfulness. As a student, he was always prepared for his classes and carried out assignments conscientiously. As a pastor, he continued his reading, was careful in preparing his sermons and did not neglect his pastoral ministry. Yet he was never too busy to attend conferences and to enjoy fellowship with the brethren. As editor, he has often worked late into the night to serve the readers of *Der Sendbote*.

Although Brother Grygo is now retiring as editor, we know that he is not retiring as a messenger of God. May he continue to spread joy and blessing wherever he goes.

### A MAN OF JOY AND ENCOURAGEMENT

by Rev. John Binder

There are very few persons who have the unique gift of being especially friendly and encouraging to everyone they meet as has Rev. John Grygo. He has no hesitancy in relating even to total strangers. Though he was in residence in Forest Park only about seven years, one could not walk along the sidewalk with him very far before meeting someone from the community who Brother Grygo knew or who knew him. He loves people. He brought joy and encouragement to the lives of multitudes as a person, as a pastor, and as the editor of *Der Sendbote*. These qualities had their foundation in a deep faith in God and a genuine Christian concern for others.

We will greatly miss Brother Grygo at our Forest Park office. We are grateful for his ministry. Our lives have been enriched by having been associated with him. No one else can replace his humor, cheerful spirit and positive attitude. He has given unstintingly of himself to the cause of Christ. His faithful and dedicated service has touched the lives of many.

The residents of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged are fortunate to become the recipients of Rev. John Grygo's future ministry. The Forest Park office staff will also look forward to frequent visits from Brother Grygo.

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