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Blessings of Extension Work In Hillsboro, Oregon

by Martin C. Franke

"I'll build all the cabinets," offered an elderly retired layman: "I'll paint the building," volunteered another layman: "We'll pay for the construction of the road to the site," two others agreed. These are just a few of the expressions of dedication toward the church extension project begun at Hillsboro, Oregon. The joys and blessings of church extension planning and building are found in the cooperative efforts of God's people praying, planning and working together. We here in the Oregon Association are enjoying the visible working of the Holy Spirit in the dedicated service of both laymen and pastors.

The Hillsboro project is the first of two extension projects planned by the Church Extension Committee of the Oregon Association of North American Baptists. A ten-acre site near Gresham, Ore., has also been purchased by the committee for a future work. In the meantime, efforts have been concentrated on the Hillsboro project west of Portland.

The Rev. Martin C. Franke became the pastor of the Hillsboro church extension project on Sept. 1, 1970. Pastor Franke and his wife Lydia have four children ages nine to nineteen.

Pastor Franke in front of the parsonage.



A parsonage is being built to house the pastor's family and will also be used as a temporary meeting place. This building of approximately 3200 square feet, or about 1600 square feet on each of two floors, will have living quarters upstairs and classrooms downstairs. The building is being constructed on 4.265 acres of land so that there is adequate room for a future church building.

This area west of Portland is growing rapidly and many new homes and industries are expected. Eighty new homes are planned for the acreage across the road from the Hillsboro project and some have already been completed.

Last April a team of four men (experienced in church extension) presented a challenge to our Oregon churches. The four men were the Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, Sierra Heights Church, Renton, Wash.; the Rev. John Hisel, Sherwood Forest Church, Redmond, Wash.; the Rev. LeRoy Kiemele, Evergreen Church, Renton, Wash.; and the Rev. Bernard Fritzke, Bethany Church, Portland, Ore. Along with their presentation and challenge, the men formed a quartet to share a blessing in song.

A challenge was presented by the team to the churches to buy square feet of the proposed building at \$25.00 per square foot. At the time of this writing, over \$11,000 have been given or pledged towards the new work. Of course, much more will be needed to pay for the land and the building and later for a first unit of a church, but the Lord is working in the lives of adults, young people and children. The Oregon Baptist Youth recently gave a contribution and in some of our churches, children are buying square inches in their Sunday school classes, which go to buy square feet for the project.

Perhaps one of the richest blessings of church extension is the spirit of cooperation between God's people as they allow the Holy Spirit of God to guide and direct them in this work. Church extension can be a unifying factor between the churches within an association. The Lord is truly building His Church. It is our prayer that the Hillsboro project will be used of God to strengthen our Oregon Association, reach the unchurched and the unsaved for Christ, and produce a Gospel witness for Christ in a new community. □

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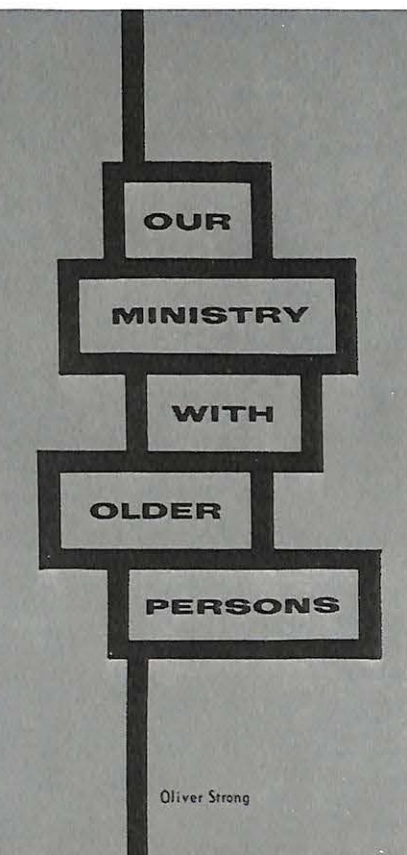
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Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall.

Happenings at the 1970

About 2,500 delegates and visitors participated in the 1970 General Conference (36th) of North American Baptist Churches in Winnipeg, Man., Canada, Aug. 4-9, 1970. All sessions were held at the beautiful Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall.

The tone of the conference was set by the keynote address on the conference theme, "Christ for Our Generation," given by Mr. Stanley Johnson, Tacoma, Wash., General Conference Moderator (1967-70).

In answering the question as to why young people have today turned their backs on the church he said, "We adults have not really gotten the message across to young people on the beauty of the person of Jesus Christ. They do not see Christ meeting our needs . . . We are often not impressed with Jesus Christ and that is why our young people are not impressed." Johnson continued to relate a few experiences from his own life and how he came to know Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

Mr. Johnson concluded by challenging young people to give their whole lives to Christ. "You will find the greatest joy that ever existed in serving Jesus Christ." He also challenged everyone to rededicate his life to Christ: "If we do this, we won't have any trouble meeting our budget as a denomination; the Holy Spirit will prompt us to do this naturally."

The music by the mixed choir of the Winnipeg area churches, directed by Hans Rogalski, was superb. The conference organists, Roger Fuchs (evening sessions) and Erwin Kitsch (day sessions), brought great enjoyment to all. The various special musical groups, bands and song leaders made vital contributions to the enrichment of the conference.

The conferees gave \$14,543.93 in offerings for the ministries of the conference; each evening before the offering they were presented with a facet of N.A.B. outreach through audio-visuals and testimonials.

Professor Werner Waitkus of the North American Baptist College, Edmonton, Alta., was the Bible study speaker at the close of each morning session. In the studies of the book of Colossians, he affirmed the victorious Christ as Lord of the universe, center of the Christian life and head of the church. With the Apostle Paul, he challenged contemporary Christians to be so Christocentric in their thinking and living that as a church amidst social change and strife they continue the work of reconciliation and be a people with courage to move and to innovate.

N.A.B. missionaries from Brazil, Texas, Colorado, Nigeria, Japan and Cameroon related the victories and needs of the respective fields each morning during "Missions in Motion."

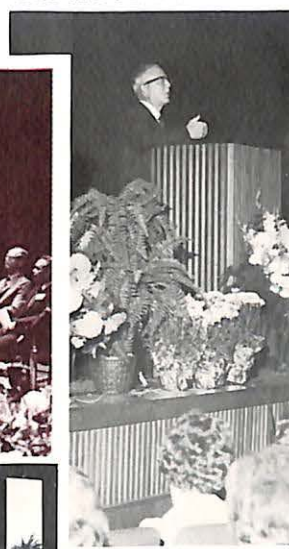
Mr. Stanley Johnson, moderator 1967-70, leading the business session.



The Rev. Paul Siewert addressing the conference.



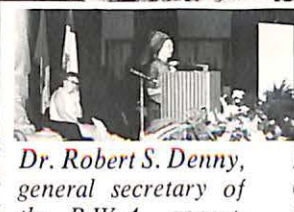
The Rev. Harold Gieseke addressing the conference.



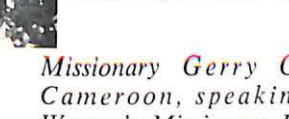
Bill Glass speaking at the conference dinner.



The Rev. Aaron Buhler, moderator of the General Conference 1970-73.



Dr. Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the B.W.A., reporting about the witness of Baptists around the world.



Missionary Gerry Glasenapp, Cameroon, speaking at the Women's Missionary Union session.



Professor Werner Waitkus giving the Bible study.

General Conference

Departmental reports were described by some conferees as the "best ever." A variety of media were used to communicate the past accomplishments and the future objectives of the various denominational departments.

Citations of recognition were given to Dr. Richard Schilke and the Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens by the Board of Missions; to the Rev. Phillip Daum and the Rev. Adolph Braun by the N.A.B. Seminary Alumni Association; and a memorial citation to the late Rev. Gerhard Schroeder was presented by the Board of Missions and received by Mrs. Gerhard (Edith) Schroeder.

An impressive memorial service for all N.A.B. pastors who have gone to be with the Lord since the last General Conference was conducted by the Rev. James Schacher, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas. Appropriate scripture selections and the names of the deceased pastors were read after which a moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Rev. Harold Gieseke, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., brought the Wednesday evening message on the theme "Christ—the Truth." "Truth," he stated, "is the word of God spoken, explained and lived by Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the truth about God. He reveals the truth about men. Jesus is the truth about salvation and he tells us the truth about our destiny. We are saved to serve as ambassadors for Christ here and are destined to be with Him in eternity."

Rev. Gieseke outlined the nature of the truth in Christ as being historic, authoritative, relevant, unchanging and liberating.

Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., spoke on Thursday evening on the topic "Christ—the Life" and said, "Some say that religion is declining, that people are turning away from the churches and worshipping materialism, and the cause of Christ suffers." He pointed out that, "if the church is on the decline and religion fails us, we must also admit there is confusion in the world. If religion is on the decline then freedom is on the decline too. There is also a decline in our great institutions of learning. There is confusion, destruction and death. We need more than money and armies. We must have our hearts and attitudes changed, and think of Christ who died for us." He pointed out that thousands of young people are concerned about life and worried about death, and stated that life, encouragement and faith can only be found in Jesus Christ, and that this is where the power is.

The Rev. Paul Siewert, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C., spoke on Friday evening on the theme "Christ—His Church." He emphasized that "Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25). However, Christ did not speak about church buildings or organizations when he referred to the

N.A.B. missionaries commissioned by Dr. Richard Schilke.



Tsuneo Niki, a student from Japan, giving his testimony at the conference dinner. Rev. Ernie Rogalski is seated to his right.



Persons viewing the departmental exhibits.



Rev. G. K. Zimmerman (standing) with the stewardship display on the platform.



The Herman Effa family, missionaries to Brazil, singing at the conference dinner.



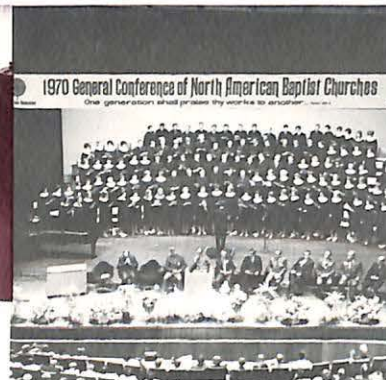
The missionary tea.



About 450 children participated in the special activities provided for them.



R.W.P. exhibit.



The Winnipeg area mixed choir directed by Hans Rogalski.

Inside the Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall.



church. He does not despise buildings or condemn organizations; when they function for the honor of God, he will recognize them. "The attributes of the church," Rev. Siewert stressed, "can only be found in the attributes of Christ. The church has to be fortified with godliness, it has to be contemporary and it has to be evangelical."

Approximately 1,100 conferees assembled in the festively decorated Skyview Ballroom of the Marlborough Hotel for the General Conference Dinner on Saturday evening. The Rev. Ernie Rogalski, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, B.C., served as master of ceremonies.

The New Dawn Singers, a quartet from the North American Baptist Seminary, sang "I Want the World to Know," and "What Will Your Answer Be?"

Rev. and Mrs. Herman Effa and their two children gave a brief testimony about their work on the Brazilian mission field and sang several numbers.

Tsuneo Niki, a student from Japan, gave an account of how he had come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ through the work of our missionary, Miss Florence Miller. He requested prayer for the Christians in Japan and in particular for the establishment of a church in Osaka, where he has been attending services

in the home of the Rev. Fred Moore, one of our missionaries.

The New Life Singers, a girls' trio from the North American Baptist College in Edmonton, Alta., sang two numbers.

The dinner speaker, Evangelist Bill Glass from Waco, Texas, former defensive end of the Cleveland Browns, and one of the most outstanding football players in the National Football League, asserted that "anybody who can read a newspaper and does not see that the world is in a mess is a fool. But what have we done in the face of this crisis? Have we gone back to the basics of successful Christian living? Mr. Glass defined these basics as follows: "1. Be yourself. 2. Believe in yourself. 3. Be understanding of other people. 4. Have a goal before you and be motivated." He said, "This goal must constantly be before the followers of Christ and you must live according to the Scripture verse: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness.'"

The Rev. Raymond Harsch, director of God's Volunteers, Team 2, spoke at the conference Sunday morning worship service on the "Renewal of Evangelism in the Church." He said that "if renewal in evangelism is going to be effective then we must work through our young

people and inspire them to go out and witness. Evangelism has been a victim of ineffectiveness because many remain untouched by the Gospel we are proclaiming. There is an absence of sincere compassion for the lost. Renewal will take place in the church if we allow renewal in our own lives and hearts. We need to become involved to reach others for Christ in a personal way. Renewal must begin on our knees through prayer."

The closing service of the conference on Sunday afternoon was attended by an overflow crowd. The Rev. Donald Miller, in his welcoming remarks, recalled the many blessings enjoyed by delegates and friends during the week's sessions.

The Rev. Willis Potratz installed the newly elected conference officers and personnel. He remarked about the "fine spirit in the business sessions, the presence of the Holy Spirit and the honor brought to Christ throughout the sessions." He pointed out the support given to the staff in the election and indicated his expectancy that the Lord's blessings would be poured out. He said, "Administration is largely leadership and men listen to men who listen to God."

Dr. Richard Schilke presented and commissioned the following new missionaries: The Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Nelson for Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. George Baab, Miss Wilma Binder, Miss Jean Berkan, Miss Rose Herke, Miss Susan Krier, Miss Kathryn Kroll, Miss Martha Schaer, Mr. Larry Scheffler, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wilcke, Miss Patricia Lenz (for 1971), Rev. and Mrs. David Burgess (Rev. Burgess was commissioned previously and has served in Cameroon for a year. His wife of two weeks was appointed as a short term), all for Cameroon, Africa.

Mr. William Tayui, a Cameroonian student attending Northern Iowa University, gave his testimony. He spoke about the very good spirit of the conference, and related how he had become a Christian. He credited Miss Laura Reddig with first challenging him to follow Christ. Speaking about the times in which we live, he felt it was easier to win a person to Christ in Cameroon than in America. He expressed his thanks for the fellowship.

The message of the afternoon was presented in song by the Greater Winnipeg Mixed Choir, directed by Hans Rogalski, which sang the missionary cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold," by Eugene L. Clark. □

General Conf. Business Actions

1. The denominational Pension Fund benefits were increased.

2. The office of Secretary of Higher Education and the Committee of Higher Education were eliminated.

3. A new election procedure was approved whereby the Nominating Committee would not be required to obtain more than one name for each position on the ballot when the candidate is an incumbent, salaried, elected officer, but a provision is to be made on the ballot (when there is only one candidate) 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).

4. It was decided to have cooperation with the Baptist General Conference in an increasing number of mutually agreeable areas with the purpose of testing the feasibility of merger and evaluating the advisability of future merger. (About 90 percent voted in favor and 10 percent voted against this item by secret ballot.)

5. The association shall become the basic unit through which denominational business shall be transacted and denominational objectives achieved at the local level, thus associations shall elect representatives to the General Council and provide statistics and financial reports to the denominational office rather than the local conferences.

6. A 12-member Board of Missions shall be elected by the General Conference.

7. A 6-member General Christian Education Committee shall be elected by the General Conference.

8. A 6-member Board of Trustees of the Roger Williams Press shall be elected by the General Conference.

9. The chairmen of the following General Council committees shall become voting members of the General Council by constitutional provision: Stewardship Committee, Finance Committee, Investment Committee, Pension Fund Committee, Church Loan Fund Committee and the Constitutional Change Committee.

10. Two additional Area Secretary's positions are to be established, the first

position to be filled about Jan. 1, 1971, the appointee to assume responsibilities within the Central Area, and the second position to be filled at an appropriate time to be determined by the General Council, the appointee to assume responsibilities within the present Eastern Area.

11. An association or combination of associations shall qualify for *one representative* on the General Council if it has a minimum of 1000 members and five churches or 500 members and 10 churches. An association will qualify for *two representatives* on the General Council if it has a minimum of 3000 members and 15 churches or 1,500 members and 30 churches.

12. The following shall be the minimum membership composition and terms of office for General Council committees: 12 Finance Committee members for six-year staggered terms; 8 Pension Fund Committee members for six-year staggered terms; 6 Stewardship Committee members for three-year terms with right of reappointment after the lapse of one year. The General Council shall appoint the above committees upon nomination by a General Council Nominating Committee.

13. The following schedule for adopting the structural changes was approved:

Fall of 1970

—Associations appoint necessary committees to determine their purpose and function based on guidelines provided in a sample constitution.

1971

—All local conferences implement plans approved by the General Conference.

—Associations will revise constitutions and elect necessary officers including representatives to the 1972 annual General Council meeting.

1972

—General Council will meet with its new composition.

—Associations will function with their revised constitutions.

14. The General Council was authorized to appoint a committee to

study the entire stewardship and fund raising program of the conference before filling the position of Secretary of Stewardship.

15. The following denominational personnel and committee members were elected:

Executive Secretary: Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

General Missionary Secretary: Dr. Richard Schilke

General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education: Rev. Bruce A. Rich

Manager of Roger Williams Press: Rev. Eldon L. Janzen

Moderator: Rev. Aaron Buhler

Vice Moderator: Mr. Henry Fluth

General Treasurer and Mission Treasurer: Mr. Milton Hildebrandt

Board of Missions

Ministers: Rev. Walter Damrau, Rev. Donald Decker, Rev. Richard E. Grabke, Rev. Richard Paetzel, Rev. William Sibley, Rev. Connie Salios

Laymen: Dr. Peter Fehr, Mr. Norman Glewwe, Mr. William Rentz, Mr. Adolph Zuch

Laywomen: Mrs. Albert Reddig, Mrs. Delmar Wessler

Seminary Trustee Board

Ministers: Rev. Donald Ganstrom, Rev. Willis Potratz

Laymen: Mr. Paul Stolz

Laymen — South Dakota Area: Mr. Alvin Haas

Laymen — Canada: Mr. Carl Lang

Minister — Canada: Rev. Paul Siewert

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Laymen — Edmonton: Mr. Otto Radke

Laymen — Canada: Mr. Martin Arndt

Minister — U.S.: Rev. Harold Weiss

Minister — Canada: Rev. Ronald Mayforth

(three year term)

Ministers — Canada: Rev. Bert Milner, Rev. Peter Schroeder

Roger Williams Press Board of Trustees

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Laymen: Mr. Gerhard Panke, Dr. Oscar Schmuland, Mr. Darrell Herringer

General Christian Education Committee

Ministers or D.C.E.: Rev. James DeBoer, Rev. Norman Miller, Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland

Laymen: Mr. Alvin Bibelheimer, Mr. Wayne Herringer, Mr. Reuben Ziolkowski

Woman's Missionary Union

President: Mrs. Walter Stein
Vice-President: Mrs. Herbert Pankratz

Secretary: Mrs. Charles Littman
Treasurer: Mrs. E. A. Hoffmann

Council Representative: Mrs. Henry Fluth

White Cross Chairman: Mrs. Ed Oster

Baptist Men

Committeeman — Canada: Mr. Melvin Bergstresser

Committeemen — U.S.A.: Mr. Bert Braun, Mr. Milton Hochhalter

Minister's Fellowship

President: Rev. Bernard Fritzke
Vice-President: Rev. Ronald Mayforth

Secretary-Treasurer: Rev. Merle Brenner

16. The 1973 General Conference is to be held at Wichita, Kansas, with the Kansas Association as host.

17. The 1976 General Conference is to be held at Portland, Oregon, with the Oregon Association as host.

18. The following resolutions were adopted:

a) EVANGELISM

Recognizing that the primary mission of our denominational fellowship is to make Christ known to the world and lead men to a personal acknowledgement of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, BE IT RESOLVED that

every constituent of our fellowship be encouraged to give top priority to a vigorous outreach in personal evangelism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with our triennial theme, "Renewing the Church in a New Day," all churches be encouraged to establish a practical and continuous program to share Christ on a person to person basis.

b) COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

WHEREAS we recognize Christ as the need for our generation, BE IT RESOLVED that each North American Baptist local church fellowship become actively concerned beyond their immediate horizon by exercising the Christian faith in a positive manner in local community life and problems, establishing an identity that promotes a spiritual force against lawlessness, crime and drug abuse, and revealing in all the compassion of Christ and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to change lives and give purpose to living.

c) WORLD RELIEF

WHEREAS, members of the North American Baptist General Conference have sought avenues of providing material help to Christian brethren in disaster-torn areas of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, under the direction of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, has been efficiently channeling contributions received for distribution to disaster victims; and

WHEREAS, the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee is the only Baptist group presently operating in this field of relief; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we go on record recommending to our affiliated churches and their members, continuing support for the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee as God lays it upon our hearts, with the knowledge that these funds will be carefully distributed throughout the world wherever disaster strikes. Should a sudden urgent need arise, such as the Peruvian earthquake, the denominational office will notify all churches of this need

and give guidance for immediate response.

d) GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

WHEREAS our mission program is so vital a part of the Great Commission and since we are interested in our missionaries and see them so seldom and WHEREAS they are not given adequate time on the program, BE IT RESOLVED that the Program Committee of the next General Conference make more effective use of our missionaries.

19. A statement of policy on the taxation of church property as formulated by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, was adopted. (The details of the policy are available in a leaflet upon request.)

20. During a one-hour Open Forum conferees were given an opportunity to ask denominational personnel questions about the various conference ministries. Important questions were raised and discussed freely.

21. The Conference expressed special thanks to the following persons involved in making the plans and arrangements and participating in the 1970 General Conference:

The Rev. Donald Miller, chairman of General Conference Program Committee and his committee members

The Rev. John Binder, secretary of the Program Committee

The Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, executive secretary

Mr. Stanley Johnson, moderator

Local Committees

Mr. Ed Streuber, chairman of Local Arrangements Committee

Mr. Melvin Bergstresser, first vice-chairman

Dr. William Sturhahn, second vice-chairman

Mr. Dieter Hettig, chairman, volunteer pool

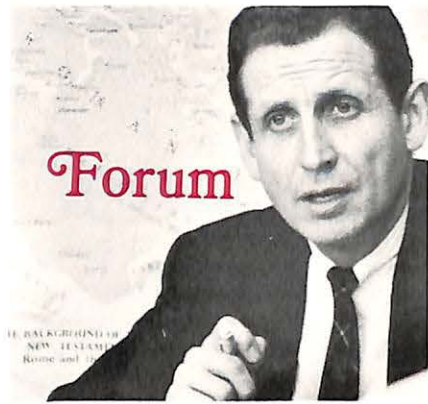
Mr. Walter Koberstein, chairman, registration & lodging committee

Mr. Murray McClarty, chairman, finance committee

Mr. Walter Pohl, chairman, properties & displays committee

Mrs. Willi Mueller, chairman, decorations committee

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Forum

by Gerald L. Borchert

Dear Dr. Borchert: I am disturbed about the letter in "Open Dialogue" by B. C. concerning minister's salaries. It seems to undo all the work which you and other men have been doing in trying to provide a more adequate scale for pastors . . . Would you please comment. A Pastor.

Dear Pastor: Because of my interest in the field of the minister's salary I have received considerable comment on the letter mentioned above including a number of personal comments at the General Conference.

To answer your question let me begin by reminding all of my readers that life is very short and that what really counts in life and what really will last is that which we do for our wonderful Lord and Savior. I believe that such is part of the message which B. C. was trying to present and in such a message I heartily concur. We must do our best for our Master no matter what the cost.

On the other hand, we must be careful lest we slide into the bog of a martyr-complex and unfortunately this is part of the message that also gets across in the letter. When the pastor wrote about his second-hand furniture, I could not help but think about my student days when I was able to purchase new cars. Since I have become a professor I have only owned used cars and today I travel in a seven year old model which I had rebuilt. The reason I mention this fact is that all of us can find something to boast about, even if it is our humility or our martyred life. But God calls us to forget ourselves and concentrate on his work.

Now the reason I am interested in

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the minister's salary is because I am deeply concerned about the work of our Lord. Sacrifice is not an enforced way of life—even for a minister—it is something he is able to give because all of God's people are giving. And when a minister is not properly paid something is wrong with the church's view of the shepherd of God's flock. If God's people are not concerned with their pastor they will be accountable to God, and likewise if their minister is not fulfilling his responsibility then he will be accountable to God.

A people should have joy in doing special things for the one who sits beside them in the horrible hours of death or in frustrating hours of loneliness and for the one who reminds them "let not your heart be troubled . . . believe in Jesus." At least two dozen pastors came to me at the General Conference and remarked that they would love to visit the Holy Land with the Seminary Tour. It is just the way they would like to go, but they had no money and how could they tell their churches. Well maybe their churches are not able to send them on such a trip, but let us all pray that pastor and people will love each other enough to want to give themselves for one another in the name of Christ.

Money is a God-given way of expressing concern for mission, for evangelism, and for the welfare of the pastor. What we do with our money is exceedingly important in the sight of God. No pastor should ever offer an excuse when he must talk about money. It is his duty to do so because the Bible makes it eminently clear that where a man's treasure is, there is his heart also. The way a church takes care of its pastor will be related to the church's concern for missions and will be indicative of whether that church is self-centered and building oriented or mission-centered and people oriented. G. L. B. □

CHUCKLE WITH BRUNO

"Son," a father told his growing boy, "just remember one thing: I know a lot more about being young than you do about being old."

All of us know the difference between right and wrong. What we need is a foolproof way to know the difference between temptation and opportunity.

General Conference Business

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Mr. Leslie Zilkie, chairman, ushers committee

Mr. H. J. Schulz, chairman, halls & meeting places committee

Mr. Wm. Rentz, chairman, transportation committee

Mr. Hans Rogalski, chairman, music committee

Mrs. Lena Ulrich, chairman, nursery committee

Mrs. Dieter Hettig, chairman, children's recreation & service committee

Mrs. Margaret McClarty, chairman, dinner, luncheons & breakfasts committee

Mrs. Jeanette Stein, chairman, women's activities committee

Mrs. Shirley Hemmerling, chairman, first-aid committee

Mr. Rudy Paas, designer of conference logo and art work for conference publicity materials

The Rev. John Binder, chairman of Conference Publicity Committee and director of communications.

Special speakers, messages, lectures and pictorial presentations

To all delegates, friends, and visitors who came; to God for gracious journeying mercies, good weather, and good health. To all churches in the Winnipeg area for their warm Christian hospitality and financial contributions we extend our deepest heartfelt appreciation.

22. At the close of the business sessions the delegates and visitors of the General Conference gave Mr. Stanley Johnson a standing ovation for his fine job as moderator. □

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Youth Scene

by a District Judge

You come from good homes, both of you. E . . . , I have known your father for many years and I have for him as much respect as for any man I know. I do not know what attitude he has taken about this at home, but since your arrest he has gone about his work with his face as full of sorrow as if there had been a death in his family.

You will retain his love, but you will never again have his full respect and confidence. There will never be a time that you are away from home when he will not have a feeling of fear and wonder about what you are doing.

H . . . , Mr. R . . . tells me that your family is as good as E's. You may be sure that the things I say apply equally to you.

You have been convicted of a felony. A felony is a crime for which you might be sent to the penitentiary. In this case I do not have to send you to the penitentiary. The law gives me the choice of sending you to Anamosa for one year, to the county jail for six months at hard labor, or fine you \$300.

It may be that some day you will have a chance to get a job in one of the expanding countries of South America, and you will apply for a passport. You will not get it. Canada might allow you to come in for a two-week fishing trip, but you will not be allowed to stay. No country will allow you to become a resident. Your world is oh! so much smaller than it was.

Some day you may want to take a position of trust, where a surety bond is required. On the application for the bond will appear this question: Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

From the Nebraska Press Association.

And while you go from one bonding company to another trying to find one willing to take a chance on you, the position will be filled by some applicant who has not been convicted of a felony.

In a few years you will be 21, and others your age will have the right to vote, but you will not.

It may be that some day the governor will pardon you and restore your rights, but it's going to be humiliating to ask him. He'll want to know your whole record. It is a bad one.

Your country is calling men to the colors. Military men are proud of the service, they will not permit it to be debased by the enlistment of convicted felons. You may serve your country in a labor battalion, but never behind the guns. Yours may be drudgery of war, but never the honor that comes to a soldier.

I am granting you a parole. A parole is in no sense a pardon. You will report to the men who have accepted your parole as often as they may ask. Should they suggest that you refrain from going to certain places or with certain companions, you will follow their suggestions without question and without grumbling.

You will obey your parents. If your parents send you to bed at 9:00 o'clock you will go without complaint. You will perform such tasks as are assigned to you. Your parole is a fragile thing.

Should the slightest complaint of your conduct reach this court, your parole will be revoked immediately and you will begin serving your sentence. You will not be brought back here for questioning or explanations. You will have no opportunity to speak to this court. You will be picked up and taken to prison without notice to you and without delay. □

Hey You, Young People

I'm leaving on a jet plane,
Don't know when I'll be back again,
Why is it that I should have to go?
The needs are great, oh, can't you see?
They're waiting there for you and me,
For some have never heard Christ's Name, you know.

So I'm leaving on a jet plane,
Don't know if I'll be back again,
But don't feel sorry for me or any who go;
Pray to God your life He'll use,
For if in Him your will you lose,
The greatest joy in life you'll ever know.

by Martha Nelson, North American Baptist General Conference missionary to Brazil



"COMPUTERIZED . . . ANALYZED . . .
HOMOGENIZED . . . SYSTEMIZED . . .
STANDARDIZED . . ."

book reviews by B.C. Schreiber

Faith Under Fire. By Donald B. Strobe, Waco, Texas. Word Books. \$4.50.

This is one of the better books, written by one of the better authors who has a better understanding of the current conflict between the new and the old. In his Preface Dr. Strobe reminds us that "the one area of life which most people believed to be immune to the winds of change has now become the scene of the wildest turmoil, and everything seems to be 'up for grabs' in the church." However, he looks upon change as an indication that there is still evidence of life in the Christian community, and that these changes which appear to be "threats" should be looked upon as "challenges."

With keen insight and objective perception the author takes the reader through a realistic "tour" of today's issues which challenge the church. Beginning with the problems of the death of God, prayer, the comfortable pew, the new morality and the sophisticated Playboy philosophy, Dr. Strobe ends on a strong and positive note when he reminds us of Christ's prayer, purpose, plan and promise for the church.

It will be difficult to adjust to the fact that many of our cherished forms, structures and practices will fall by the wayside because they served their purpose, but the church, the people of God on the march, will continue its mission upon earth until its final goal is reached.

Trumpets in the Morning. By Harper Shannon, Nashville, Tenn. Broadman Press. \$3.50.

According to the fly leaf, this is the wonder and excitement of the ministry — told as it really is — by a *successful* pastor who thoroughly enjoys being a preacher.

The unsuccessful minister may react and say that not everything is told as it really is: "He should have my church."

However, Dr. Shannon's success is primarily based on a simple, humble attitude in his pastor-layman relationships. He believes that it should not be too difficult for the minister, of all people, to admit on occasion that he is wrong and to take literally the words of Scripture to "confess your faults one to another."

The chapter on *The Old Green-eyed Monster* should be read by every pastor. Ordinary or so-called unsuccessful ministers will find both comfort, courage and challenge.

Thinkables. By James C. Hefley, Old Tappan, N.J. Fleming H. Revell Co. \$3.95.

According to the sub-title these are meditations for people who mean it. Anyone who expects to feel calm and relaxed when reading these devotionals will be disappointed. The author does not lead the reader "beside still waters," but into the midst of the troubled waters in our generation.

The 52 meditations raise questions, provoke thinking and are applicable to the relevant life situations found all around us. No down-on-the-farm stories or old cliches are used.

"The courage to change," "Love is not for Sale," "Jesus in Jail," are topics which cover some of the pertinent ideas.

You may be tempted to read the entire book at one sitting.

Studies in the Fourth Gospel. By Leon Morris, Grand Rapids, Mich. Eerdmans Publishing Co. \$8.95.

Dr. Morris is considered to be one of the outstanding Greek scholars and a staunch conservative evangelical. He is presently serving as Principal of Ridley College in Melbourne, Australia. His scholarship is evident in other areas of the New Testament, especially in the Pauline epistles. On this subject he has written a number of volumes for the Tyndale and the New International Commentaries.

The title of this particular volume may be a little misleading if the student of the Bible expects to look for content studies. Actually the major portion of the book is devoted to the discussion of authorship and the author as "eyewitness."

One of the more interesting chapters, in the opinion of the reviewer, is the *History and Theology in the Fourth Gospel*. Dr. Morris points out that John made no attempt to write without giv-

ing his history an interpretation, and a religious interpretation at that.

The relationship of the Gospel of John to the other Gospels is perhaps more familiar to the seminary student. However, the author shares some additional interesting and provocative insights in his chapter on *The Dead Sea Scrolls and St. John's Gospel*.

For practical purposes this volume would lend itself best for textbook purposes in the seminary or for resource material for the serious student of the Bible.

A New Testament Commentary. Editors: G. C. D. Howley, F. F. Bruce, H. L. Ellison, Grand Rapids, Mich. Zondervan Publishing House. \$7.95.

Although the front flap indicates that this commentary is intended for the lay student of the Bible it cannot be classified in the so-called "easy reading" category. After all, it is written by some of the outstanding New Testament scholars.

In order to give clarity and understanding to the New Testament the editors have contributed 14 general articles which present a fairly complete historical background for a more meaningful study. These include information on the text, language, environment, development, archaeology, politics, and a survey of pagan and Jewish religion.

The commentary is a selected verse-by-verse exposition and analysis of the New Testament, and is particularly convenient in a one-volume form.

The Vacant Pulpit. By Jack Gilchrist, Valley Forge, Pa. Judson Press. \$2.95.

In addition to the above, the church library should also have a copy of *The Vacant Pulpit*, the story of a pulpit committee's agonizing search for a pastor. The author was chairman of a pulpit committee and speaks from personal experience.

He points out that Baptists, in a rather mystic way, believe that their search for a minister has divine guidance and that the man finally called will have been directed to the pulpit by the hand of God. But the ministerial selection process is sometimes a humbling, illogical happenstance, led by a committee that has little or no experience. The author points out how difficult it is for God to work through Christians who have their biased opinion of what God's will is. A democratic process can often make it very difficult for God.

N.A.B. Youth On Mission Tour

by M. Vanderbeck

We hear much about youth these days being involved in riots, strife and drugs. The news media exhorts these things until many youth feel that this is one way to get in the newspapers, on TV or radio. But we are happy to report to you about a youth group which worked hard to help others who had much less than they had.

It was about eight months ago that the First Baptist Church of Linton, N.D., started to organize such a group to go as "short term Missionaries" to the Spanish American Mission of the North American Baptist General Conference in Colorado.

Soon after the word spread that such a trip was to be made, the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia joined with us in this adventure. The leaders of the group as they left for Colorado were Dr. M. Vanderbeck, Mr. Vernon Wolff of the First Baptist Church of Linton and the Rev. and Mrs. Kurt Brenner and Mrs. Claudia Hoffman of Fredonia. Mrs. Hoffman volunteered to serve as cook while on the Mission field. Mr. Christopher Kemmeth was the bus driver. On Monday, June 8, the group left on their long journey to Colorado.

Dr. M. Vanderbeck is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Linton, N.D. He organized the trip to the mission field and accompanied the youth.

The youth group from the Linton and Fredonia churches with pastors Vanderbeck and Brenner.



Our first destination was Sterling, Colorado, where we were welcomed by the Reverend and Mrs. Maynard Lund, of the American Baptist Church, who served the supper that night. The group then gave a brief program after which they were taken to the homes of the church members who entertained them, served breakfast and brought them back to the bus on Tuesday morning as we continued our trip to Monte Vista, Colorado, our destination. We made a brief visit to the Military Academy near Denver and also Pikes Peak.

We arrived at Monte Vista at about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday morning. The missionary family was there to greet us at that late hour and provided places to stay for the whole group. Each one in the group carried their own sleeping bags.

That morning at 9:00 a.m. the group was ready to start the work they came to do. Hard work, much work, but they were not afraid to get soiled as they worked to paint the various buildings.

Five houses were painted on the outside. The Chapel and Sunday school room and entrance were painted as well. The benches were varnished, tables and chairs painted, until the church really looked very attractive. The clinic, operated by the Mission, was also painted inside and outside. Three buildings were torn down and the lum-

ber saved for other buildings to be erected.

Then the group was asked to go to Del Norte, another Mission station, where two houses were painted and two houses torn down also. All of this work was accomplished by Saturday noon.

Each morning the Rev. Earl Ahrens led the group in devotions and the evenings were spent at a swimming pool 30 miles from Monte Vista. One evening was spent in prayer with the Spanish Americans.

Thus the week of work came to an end, and many were made happy because of what the youth had accomplished on a voluntary basis. The churches who sponsored the group paid for all the paint and material needed.

On Sunday there were three churches to be visited. Rev. Brenner with half of the group stayed in Monte Vista while Dr. Vanderbeck with the other half went to the church at Del Norte and then to Center where the groups sang and messages were given. In the evening the three churches met at Monte Vista where the group sang and Dr. Vanderbeck brought the message. There was a packed house and an appreciative group. After Monte Vista the group visited Laos, New Mexico, Denver, Colo. (where the Rev. Mervin Kramer is pastor of the Church Extension Project), Hot Spring, S.D., and Mt. Rushmore.

We arrived at Linton on Thursday evening and were welcomed by the church people, grateful for the guiding hand of God who worked it all out the way it was originally planned. We appreciated the hard work of our missionaries in Monte Vista, the Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens. Their untiring labors and activities in the church and the clinic and other necessary things, and are happy to know that they always placed the spiritual above the physical. We also learned to appreciate the work of the Christian doctor and nurses as they tried to meet the needs of the people.

We saw the great need of a chapel at Center. It seemed to us that this need must be met very soon. Grateful for the trip, the opportunities, the lessons learned, we thanked God for leading us, using us and keeping us. As we saw the work done, we hoped and prayed that someone might enter into full time missionary service because of this experience.

Besides all of this a check of over \$500.00 was sent through our Forest Park N.A.B. Mission office to be used in the work among the Spanish Americans. □

It was said at the 1970 General Conference in Winnipeg

Mr. Stanley Johnson quoting Dr. Billy Graham's mother: "When Billy gave his life to God he gave him all of it."

"It is often much more attractive to be a crusader than to be a reconciler. Our ministry is not to body *or* souls, but to persons with all of their needs." Professor Werner Waitkus.

"Faith is hope and love becoming active. The Christian is the freest of all men because God has given him the freedom to love." Professor Werner Waitkus.

"Right conduct comes from right Scriptural doctrine." Rev. Harold Gieseke.

"When things get so black that I do not know where to turn then I remind myself that Christ still reigns." Rev. Harold Gieseke.

"The servicemen in Vietnam are tired of phony Christians who very superficially practice a little bit of religion on Sunday morning for an hour or two and then live inconsistently during the week." Chaplain Clinton Grenz.

"The things we thought we have conquered have come back to haunt us." Dr. Joseph Jackson.

"It is not the change of position but the change of heart that makes the difference." Dr. Joseph Jackson.

"When you take the cross of Christ out of theology, life becomes meaningless." Dr. Joseph Jackson.

"Jesus never fell in love with a building; he is in love with a fellowship of believers. Christ does not despise buildings. When buildings and organizations function for his honor

and glory he honors the building and the organization." Rev. Paul Siewert.

"Churches are emphasizing all sorts of Mickey Mouse schemes to prove themselves relevant, but are neglecting the Lordship of Jesus Christ." Rev. Paul Siewert.

"Jesus Christ has not so much called me to defend the gospel but to preach the message." Rev. Paul Siewert.

"The church that withdraws from the world will become uninspired and unexciting." Rev. Paul Siewert.

"In football, the thing to do is not to think about the play before or the play following, but to concentrate on the play now." Rev. Bill Glass.

"Don't be what comes most naturally; be your best self." Rev. Bill Glass.

"The world is in such a mess because man has always done his own thing instead of doing what God wants him to do." Rev. Bill Glass.

"When God is in you then you are enthusiastic to the glory of God." Rev. Bill Glass.

"The really humble person is one who forgets about himself and thinks only of the goal he is trying to reach." Rev. Bill Glass.

"You cannot coast into port unless you can say with Paul, 'This one thing I do.'" Rev. Bill Glass.

"If a renewal of evangelism is to take place in our churches then it will have to begin on our knees." Rev. Ray Harsch.

"Evangelistic involvement goes beyond our annual revival meeting." Rev. Ray Harsch.

"Our life should be a life of no reservations, no retreats and no regrets." Rev. Ray Harsch.

"Several observations have made a lasting impression upon my life as I have traveled around the world as a military chaplain. First, one senses the many tensions of millions of people who differ with American people culturally, religiously and philosophically. They are faced with the basic problems to life: hunger, disease, poverty, shelter and skepticism. Our affluent society and our Christian brethren must become aware of these needs, be sensitive and personally involved to help relieve the basic tensions before we can win the peoples of the world for Christ. Secondly, we must take seriously the threat of communism. The effectiveness of communism lies in the fact that they offer the exploited and neglected people of the world that which has been most often denied them in a simple free democratic society. We must be certain that we as Christians provide equality of opportunity for all people, that we NOT exploit backward peoples, that we confess our sins, that we use our freedoms of speech, press and worship to bring Honor and Glory to Christ and our country, that we give generously of our offerings, and that we send men and women into Christian fields of service. My final observation comes from youth who want demonstrated genuine Christianity. They are tired of phony Christians who very superficially practice a little bit of religion Sunday morning for an hour or two, then live inconsistently for Christ during the week. Let us display compassion, love, and understanding for the people of our day." Chaplain Clinton Grenz. □

Resoundings of Baptist World Congress

The 12th Baptist World Congress, after hearing a score of speeches on the themes of racial equality, peace, justice, hunger, disease, evangelism, Christian unity, and reconciliation between people and nations, adopted a manifesto, a message to its churches, and a half-dozen resolutions dealing with the same basic issues.

The congress which was held in Tokyo, Japan, July 12-18, 1970, ended with a message by Evangelist Billy Graham on the roles and responsibilities of youth, while about 50 Japanese young people protested the prominent clergyman's presence on the program.

Theme for the congress was "Reconciliation through Christ," with most of the speakers repeating and amplifying the topic again and again.

The 8,556 registered Baptist delegates from 76 countries, though voicing their unity repeatedly in sermons and the resolutions, frequently displayed their differences.

For the first time in the 65 year history of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), the presidential nominee suggested by the nominating committee of the 31-million member organization was contested from the floor.

But the delegates, in a sparsely-attended business session, elected the committee's nominee, V. Carney Hargroves, 70, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Germantown, (Philadelphia), Pa., as president, 841 to 636.

Hargroves, a former president of the American Baptist Convention, won over Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The 15,000 seat Budokan Hall, built for the Olympic judo matches, was filled with as many as 10,000 persons on the opening and closing nights.

The congress opened with a keynote address by Theodore F. Adams, retired minister from Richmond, Va., who issued a plea for Christians to unite in breaking down the barriers of racial prejudice, social customs, and political differences that divide nations and individuals by applying the reconciling gospel to life.

While the former BWA president spoke, about 30 Japanese youth passed out copies of a resolution critical of the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Tokyo. It decried the renewal of the U.S.-Japanese Security Treaty. A later leaflet opposed Billy Graham's presence on the program because of Graham's close ties with the U.S. President Richard M. Nixon.

No real demonstrations occurred, however. The most vocal opposition came while Graham was speaking. Youths sitting in the balcony began to clap and shout a Japanese word meaning "nonsense". Graham patiently

waited for a moment and then went on with his address when the noise subsided.

A protest was also shouted out during the opening "Roll Call of Nations" when the Russian flag was carried on the stage along with those of the other nations represented. A former Rumanian Jew converted to the Lutheran Church, Richard Wurmbrandt of Burbank, Calif., shouted, "The blood of Christians is on that flag" as the Russian Baptist representative walked off the stage. Later, police quietly removed Wurmbrandt, who was not a delegate or a Baptist.

The Roll Call of Nations, one of the most colorful ceremonies of the congress, combined with dramatic presentations on Baptist work in each continent, music from the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra and numerous international musical groups to add inspiration and drama to the congress.

Issues were discussed mostly in morning panel presentations, evening addresses and in the resolutions, manifesto and message to the churches. On the subject of peace, the congress urged world statesmen to intensify efforts to find world peace by strengthening the United Nations and making it representative of all peoples. The peace resolution adopted by the delegates declared: "We cry out against the continued tragedy of the conflicts in Indochina and the Middle East and urge that the killing be stopped."

In two of the strongest speeches during the congress, United Nations General Assembly President Angie Brooks-Randolph of Liberia and former Minnesota Governor Harold Stassen, now an attorney in Philadelphia, Pa., called for strengthening the United Nations as a means of reaching world peace.

Stassen, a several-time candidate for the U.S. Presidential nomination in the Republican Party and one of the original signers and drafters of the U.N. Charter, told the congress he believed the charter should be rewritten to include both Chinese governments, both German governments, both Korean governments, and both Vietnamese governments.

The Liberian United Nations official, Mrs. Brooks-Randolph (nee Angie Brooks), said that while the world's masses want justice and peace, world government leaders show by inaction they really don't want this. She said the church, by its silence, is failing to prod government leaders to obtain peace. If the church does not speak out on the issues of peace, poverty, war, human environment and others, the church might ultimately find it is not able to be a positive influence in the world, she said.

Dr. Robert S. Denny, general secretary, Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D.C.



The Rev. Gerhard Claas, general secretary of the German Baptist Union, is addressing the congress. (A Japanese interpreter is beside him)



A view of the main section and balconies inside the Budokan which seated about 12,000 persons.



The Tokyo Symphony which played several times during the week.



A view of the platform with the silk screen back-drop depicting the theme inside the Budokan.



Entrance to the Budokan Hall in Tokyo.



Billy Graham giving the closing message of the congress.



Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr., vice president, Republic of Liberia, and president of the Baptist World Alliance 1965-1970; and V. Carney Hargroves, pastor, Second Baptist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, Penn., newly elected president of the Baptist World Alliance for 1970-75.



The Budokan in Tokyo, Japan.



Miss Angie Brooks (with Japanese interpreter on her left), president, General Assembly, United Nations, assistant secretary of state, Republic of Liberia, is addressing the congress.



Hong Kong choir group.



Dr. Ed. Tuller (center), executive secretary, American Baptist Convention, Valley Forge, Penn., panel discussion leader each day of the congress.



Some of the flags of the 76 countries represented at the congress.



A Southern Baptist college singing group from U.S.A.



Another major speaker, German Baptist executive, Gerhard Class, said he felt sure that the Baptists from each of the 76 countries represented were convinced that each country really does desire world peace, and yet all efforts to obtain world peace have failed. Class said the task of Christians is to take the initiative in reconciling mankind as the major step toward world peace.

On the related subject of race relations, a Black pastor from Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, Calif., Thomas J. Kilgore, hit hard at racism in the church and in America, saying the North American church is the worst offender in racial injustice. "The churches have more to repent of than anyone else," said Kilgore, immediate past president of the American Baptist Convention. "They have failed to fulfill their role."

Another Negro Baptist pastor from America, John W. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., said in the congress sermon that Christians cannot permit, without protest, a divided world that pits brother against brother because Christianity proclaims that "every homicide is a fratricide and every war a civil war."

In another major address, David S. Russell of London, England, said the issues of race and world poverty are "ugly-headed monsters which strike deadly blows at decency and dignity and must be resisted and slain in the name of God who came to destroy the dividing walls between man and man." Russell, general secretary of

the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland said that the church must be interracial at all levels and must eliminate "social hatred and prejudice and bigotry of all kinds."

A black Baptist minister from the States, William Lawson of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, spoke on the program instead of Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of slain Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Mrs. King had been scheduled to speak but had to cancel a few weeks before the meeting, Lawson said. Lawson issued a plea for youth and the older generation to work together in changing the world "for God, for your neighbor, and for yourself." He declared that the older generation had relied too much on big business, big government and the military to change the world.

He said adults need the honesty and idealism of youth, but that youth need the experience, patience, and knowledge of unseen dangers. "You need us (adults) as much as we need you," Lawson said to the youth. He urged youth and adults to work together to draft a plan for changing the world for good and to teach Christians to love neighbors.

Several speakers commented that the congress was dominated by Americans, and by Southern Baptists in particular. Of the 8,556 delegates, about 5,800 were from the United States and about 5,000 from the South-

ern Baptist Convention.

Russell of England said that too often Christians give the impression theirs is a western religion. "We have dressed it (Christianity) in western garb and exported it to other countries as if it were just another commodity we had manufactured and wanted to sell in another part of the world. May God forgive us for our stupidity and our self-assurance," he lamented.

U. Kyaw Than, general secretary of the East Asian Christian Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, said Christians should tackle the issues of peace, hunger, and reconciliation between nations and people. "While two-thirds of the world is begging for bread, the wealth of the nation that could provide bread is spent on a space venture to bring back a rock from the moon," Than decried.

During a commission's report on religious liberty and human rights, an American seminary professor said that social action by the church is the only way to change systems which oppress people.

Said Culbert Rutenber, former president of the American Baptist Convention and professor at Covina, Calif.: "It is an act of love to feed the hungry, but it is also an act of love to attack the roots of poverty. It is an act of love to bind the wounds of a soldier, but it is also an act of love to attack the roots of war."

A call for Baptist churches around the world to participate in a world evangelistic effort of reconciliation be-

tween 1973-75 was presented by Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

For the first time, a commission on Cooperative Christianity presented a report on Christian unity, discussing ways Baptists can relate closer with those of other denominations. "We should spare no effort to restore unity in the church, but how to achieve this is one of the great issues of our day," said George Beasley-Murray of Spurgeon's College, London.

A resolution urging more participation and representation of youth in the Baptist World Alliance was adopted, calling for youth to be involved in the planning process for the organization and congress sessions every five years.

Graham concluded the congress with a sermon on youth, saying that adults are in danger both of ignoring youth and worshipping them. "Youth has become an obsession with the older generation," Graham said. Graham said he has made a constant effort to understand and have dialogue with youth, and is convinced that young people lack purpose in life "because they have been robbed of moral values and religious faith."

He concluded with an evangelistic appeal for youth to respond to the Christian faith. An estimated 200 visitors and delegates responded to Graham's invitation to come forward and make some kind of decision for Christ. □

We the Women

WOMEN'S SESSIONS AT TOKYO

An air of expectancy, colorful, gay national costumes, the vibrancy of voices, warm hellos or "komban wa" made up the mood of about 175 Baptist women leaders from 74 countries who met in Tokyo, Japan, July 8-11 for the pre-Congress women's meetings. The exquisite hand-made silk floral corsages that were presented to each woman at registration expressed the warm welcome of our Japanese Christian sisters. A beautiful maroon and gold laquered candy dish with the theme "Claiming the Future, Tokyo, July 1970" inscribed on the inside cover was the gift to each representative for which Japanese women had saved 10 yen (2.8¢) each week for the last 2 years. Their graciousness and courtesy were felt at all times.

President Mrs. Edgar Bates of Toronto, Canada, in her charming and efficient way very ably bridged all differences of color and culture, uniting all women beneath the foot of the Cross of Christ. Symposiums on such fascinating themes as the home and the seventies (led by our own Mrs. D. Wesseler), youth, church responsibility and involvement, the Christian role in the world, and the mission of the church and its future, all proved to us that though customs and cultures vary with nations, the Christian woman has influence and responsibility to exert. There is HOPE for the '70's, and that hope lies in the Christian family. The Christian woman's greatest contribution goes from her hearthside (home) to the world. Unfortunately the tremendous pace of today's living has made many a home merely a service station. If parents sorted out priorities, children would soon learn what is vital to a Christian's growth.

A lady from Bolivia said that "before we can discipline children, we must discipline ourselves." A certain mother, who, recognizing that she

talked too much at her children learned to discipline herself to watch her words, and thereby earned the respect of her children. The Chilean representative urged the church to be more concerned with the physically and mentally ill, and the winning of alcoholics, instead of just the "nice people."

Testimonies by two ladies (one a former wealthy Hindu from South America and the other a Vietnamese) who lost their husbands and earthly possessions, were persecuted, yet testified that their new-found faith in Jesus Christ made them younger, happier, and has given them purpose for living. Many of us questioned ourselves whether our Christianity is vigorous and vital enough to stand such tests, or are we too comfortable for effectiveness?

Mrs. E. K. Martin of Cameroon spoke of the gulf between rich and poor, the educated and uneducated, the tribal (not racial) problems, and stated that only a spiritual injection, a change of heart, the love of Christ can break all such barriers.

The sharing of views, convictions and concerns in conference together and of experiences in fellowship with one another, even at meal times, was a source of inspiration and better understanding of the task we face in our respective and distinctive communities.

Music transcends all lines. When we raised our voices in singing, each in her own native tongue, "Jesus Saves" and "Blessed Assurance", we felt the unity of Christ, the tie that binds—and united we found ourselves challenged to CLAIM THE FUTURE for "in Christ all Things Hold Together" (Col. 1:17). □



Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Hiller in Tokyo, Japan.

by Mrs. Delmar L. Wesseler

"Claiming the Future," the theme of our women's pre-Congress sessions in Tokyo, Japan, was developed into a more detailed study during two afternoon Congress sessions. These two programs were presented in the Budokan using the colorful Hemispheres scene painted on silk screen as a background.

A portion of "Looking into the Future" was presented each of these times by representatives from each continental group using the order in which their Union was organized and came into the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. As many as 20 women in colorful native dress represented and spoke for either a denomination or an area of their continent, relating a bit of the past, what work is being done now, and what each Union sees as its greatest claim on the future. Japanese interpreters were used to translate to their people.

The European women were the first to organize in 1948, and presently have 17 European countries as members, with Jordan and Lebanon as adopted members. Worship, study, and action characterizes their work. Our North American Union now includes 14 Baptist conventions. The fact was stressed that our dreams and prayers are for insight and courage to match the hour; the future is coming with lightning speed. Mrs. Herbert Hiller, WMU President, told of our White Cross work, giving, and of mission fields both at home and abroad.

Eighteen areas were represented from the African Continent. Our own Hannah (Mrs. E. K.) Martin was the representative of our 48,000 Baptists in West Cameroon. Her friendliness and radiant personality was a joy to us all. I had many delightful and informative visits with her during the Congress. Luthardt was right when he said "Heathenism was the seeking religion; Christianity is the reality of what heathenism sought and Judaism hoped for."

The Latin American Union includes all Spanish speaking countries of the Americas, thus 15 countries were represented in the program. The future of the work in Latin America is characterized by rapid growth and concern for evangelism. Nowhere else in the modern world has there been such success in extending Christ's kingdom. The Southwest Pacific Union hopes to organize additional groups to come into the Union and that mission work will expand. They have observed tribes who were once at war with each other

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Special Days and Creativity

by Dorothy Pritzkau

Our objective, in presenting programs on special days, is generally twofold: we want it to have an effect on those who view it and on those who participate in it. For the viewer our objective may be to inspire, to present a new way of looking at the old or traditional, or to effect decisions regarding the viewer's relationship to Christ. We want the participant to have both an educational and emotional experience, to feel that he is interpreting and sharing his faith. We want him to grow.

When we regard special day programs as a way in which to communicate our faith, we recognize the need to approach them creatively. According to Elizabeth Allstrom, creativity is imagination with boldness and originality; it is ideas put into action; it is the freedom to think out loud; it is individuality.

We can apply creativity to special day programs by using methods and media available to us in a way which will accomplish our objective. This would include working with students to write our own program or drama; using monologues and dramatic readings; using choral speaking groups; having an art exhibit of posters and pictures or photographs; making a filmstrip or slide presentation; having children make a mural and story to go with it.

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An Art Exhibit

A children's department might have an art exhibit at Easter. Before the students arrive, the teachers will see that art materials are out and ready for the children to use. Used men's shirts make good painter's smocks. As the children arrive, explain that they will be using the art materials to portray their thoughts about the story they will hear. Before beginning the story of Christ's death and resurrection, the teacher should describe some of the imagery of the story such as the cross, the tomb, the crowds, so that the children will have some impressions in their mind before the story is told. Tell the story and let the children go to their places and begin the pictures. The pictures they make will be their response to the scripture. The hardest part for the teacher will be to sit on the sidelines, not making any comments, while the children work. Have them tell about their picture when it is finished and mount the pictures on large sheets of colored construction paper so that they can be displayed.

Older classes might decide to make a photographic exhibit and narration on Thanksgiving. Such a project could be very meaningful for a youth department.

Monologues and Dramatic Readings

A monologue is defined as one person speaking alone, sharing the thoughts and feelings of the character being portrayed. Following are a number of sources of monologues.

—*Christ and the Fine Arts* by Cynthia Pearl Maus (\$6.95)

—The Bible

—Baker's Plays, 100 Summer Street,

Boston, Mass. 02110. Write for a catalog.

—The Drama Shop, Box 1188, 1406 Meadowbrook Drive, Mason City, Ia. 50401. Write for their selected list of readings (basic catalog No. 48).

—Edna Means Dramatic Service, 610 Harmon St., Tama, Ia. 52339. Write for a catalog of readings and monologues.

—Wetmore Declamation Bureau, 1631 S. Paxton St., Box 2595, Sioux City, Ia. 51106. Write for their catalog of readings and monologues.

—*I Saw Him* by Sarah Walton Miller, Broadman Press. A dramatization consisting of eleven monologues. (35¢)

Choral Speaking Groups

These are most effective when they number from 8 to 20 and consist of one age group. Choral speaking requires practice and cooperation among group members and can be very effective. Some sources follow:

—*An Approach to Choral Speech* by Mona Swann, St. Martins, (\$1.40)

—*Acting Out the Truth* by Sarah Walton Miller, Broadman Press, (\$2.50)

—*Choral Readings for Junior Worship and Inspiration; Choral Readings for Teen-age Worship and Inspiration; and Choral Readings from the Bible* all by Helen A. Brown and Harry V. Heltman, Westminster Press, each 90¢.

Dramatics with Children

May Molton, an authority in creative dramatics with younger children, tells us that there are seven basic steps: (1) Tell the story, do not read it, so that eye contact can be maintained; (2) Let the children retell the story in terms of their senses. What did the characters hear, see, feel? (3) Help the students recall the order of events. (4) Help the children recall how the characters acted. (5) Play it through once without stopping, if possible. (6) Ask the children how they felt as they portrayed the characters. (7) Play it a second time. This fits in well with a departmental program.

The book, *Playmaking With Children*, by Winifred Ward, Appleton, (\$4.50) will be helpful to those interested in drama and plays with children. □

APPRECIATING THE UNITY OF THE FAITH

November 1, 1970

Scripture: Gal. 6:1-10

CENTRAL THOUGHT. Faith in Christ involves one in the company of his disciples.

INTRODUCTION. The isolated Christian life is impossible, abnormal; from the very first, Christians worshipped and suffered together (Acts 2:44-47). Christian faith unavoidably relates us to God's people (Eph. 2:19-22). Within established fellowships we must pursue and practice the unity which exists in Christ although we do not always sense it.

I. SUPPORT FOR THE ERRING (v. 1). Temptations frequently come with such power and unexpectedness that we transgress God's perfect plan even before we are aware of it. And we often thoughtlessly expose ourselves to temptation and then find ourselves soiled and sorrowful, needing God's forgiveness. Other Christians are to support the sinning brother with their presence, prayer and encouragement so he will be restored to full fellowship as a forgiven child. We survive temptation by God's grace, not by the strength of our own character.

II. SUPPORT FOR THE TROUBLED (v. 2). Our sins and the shame and trouble they cause are difficult enough without being rejected by others; the concern of fellow Christians encourages us to be reconciled again with God and to experience full forgiveness. The excluded brother flounders more helplessly in temptation; the excluding brother has violated the second summary commandment (Gal. 5:14) and is in spiritual danger himself (cf. Col. 3:12-15). The support of the brethren increases our resistance to temptation.

III. SEVERITY WITH ONESELF (vs. 3-5). Without Christ we can do nothing (John 15:5). So we must evaluate our attitudes and conduct before God to see whether or not they are Christ-engendered. Christless actions and affections must be confessed as sin; Christ-produced behavior and feelings give us reason to rejoice. Happiness is seeing what Christ is doing in us, rather than through making favorable comparisons with other Christians' sins. Each of us answers for his own load of sins alone to God, but we need the help of others to be assured

of God's love and forgiveness to dispose of that load.

IV. SUPPORT FOR THE TEACHER (v. 6). We are not to allow our responsibility for ourselves and for the mutual encouragement of disheartened and sinning brethren distract us from cooperating with our spiritual leaders in positively, actively working for good (Col. 3:16 f.). Many a pastor, many a church leader has become disheartened by the lack of concern others show for growing in grace and obeying Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How can we support a sinning

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brother without seeming to approve of his sin?

2. Because we also sin, what right have we to try to help someone else correct his waywardness? ☐

GROWING THROUGH WORSHIP

November 8, 1970

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

CENTRAL THOUGHT. Spiritual growth is directly related to maturing awareness of the unique glory of God and public and private expression of love to him.

INTRODUCTION. Aside from the scenes of heavenly worship described in Revelation, no other part of Scripture so graphically portrays the majesty of God and awesome response of the penitent worshipper as Isa. 6. Whether alone or with other believers, the Christian needs the vision of God, the glimpse of his glory to rouse him to praise. Worship expresses worthiness, and God alone is praiseworthy.

As we grow in our knowledge of God, our ability to worship grows; as we truly worship, our knowledge of God matures.

I. THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF WORSHIP (v. 1). Some understand that the king's death produced the emotional situation where God was able to reassure Isaiah through this vision, perhaps even at the state funeral itself. We are often most sensitive to God during life's crises and in places men call holy. However, the vision was given to Isaiah not obtained by his desire or preparation. There are no limits to the times and circumstances in which God may arrest our attention with a glimpse of himself and arouse our wonder and praise.

II. THE SCENE OF WORSHIP (vs. 2-4). The overall impression is one of awe-inspiring splendor and power. The angelic beings proclaim the elevation of God by modestly hiding their feet and faces as they sing his holiness. God's greatness is reflected by the praise he receives from exceptional creatures and by the very name they use—"LORD of Hosts;" God is sovereign creator, maintainer and governor of all agencies, forces and beings of the universe. Both his separateness ("Holy, holy, holy;" cf. v. 1), his nearness ("all the earth is filled with his glory;" cf. v. 1), and his power are stressed.

III. THE RESPONSE TO THE VISION (v. 5). No man can glibly view the majesty of God; to see him is to see one's own spiritual corruption and helplessness.

IV. GOD'S ANSWER TO ISAIAH'S CRY (vs. 6-8). Before man destroys himself in loathing what he sees in God's light, God offers cleansing and a task. God alone purges sin; God alone gives us a glimpse of himself; God alone forgives; God alone gives us tasks of ministering to others in his name. He shows us himself, not to kill but to save and to commission; he shows us ourselves not to despair but to purge and to love.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Should we expect such experiences in our church services or in our private devotions?

2. How could our church services be changed to give us reminders and opportunities to see God's greatness, purity, love?

3. Will we hurt ourselves spiritually by desiring such experiences? ☐

GROWING THROUGH GIVING

November 15, 1970

Scripture: Romans 12:1-8

CENTRAL THOUGHT: Selfishness stunts spiritual growth because it shows lack of faith and a mean view of God.

INTRODUCTION: How one uses what he is and what he has shows whether he is mastered by Christ or by his possessions. Freedom to give results from giving oneself away.

I. SELF-SACRIFICE (vs. 1-3). To commit oneself to God with all one is and has, for the present and the future, is a thoroughly reasonable act, the only intelligent choice one can make. Such surrender begins a process of mental renewal (cf. 1:28) and spiritual growth which gives a true knowledge of God and his will as well as of oneself. This dedication is best viewed as an intention rather than a settled condition. We must renew our decision continually by allowing God to take over our lives, piece by piece, bringing each new crisis, joy, discovery, perplexity to him for direction and blessing. As we learn to think as he thinks, we must always ask him to rule that part of life which faces us at each moment.

II. SACRIFICIAL GIVING (vs. 4-8). He not only transforms our thinking, he endows us with abilities and opportunities which we are to use to the limit. To hoard or use selfishly anything we have says: a) they are *ours*—but God calls us stewards (I Cor. 4:1 f.); b) we have to take care of ourselves—but God meets all needs (II Cor. 9:6-11; cf. Matt. 7:25-33). As we grow in our knowledge of God we learn to trust him. We cannot be hurt by giving what God asks us to give; it is not "sacrifice," only an act of happy faith and obedience. The measure and manner of our giving are one evidence of our growth in grace.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1) Should we give so much to the Lord that we aren't certain we can manage on what is left?

2) In comparison to what you might be able to give, what does your actual giving say about your faith and love for Christ?

3) Are you perhaps giving your money to the Lord but ignoring his requests to discipline your use of time better or to serve some need in your community or church? ☐

TRAINING FOR SERVICE

November 22, 1970

Scripture: Mk. 1:16-20; Eph. 4:11-16.

CENTRAL THOUGHT: Through his representatives Christ trains us to serve him by serving others as his representatives in turn.

INTRODUCTION: Repeatedly, God tells us that we will be judged according to our conduct (Rev. 20:13; Rom. 2:5-11; II Pet. 1:5-12); only those whose behavior is motivated by love and obedience to Christ will not be condemned in the judgment. Repeat-

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edly, God tells us that he redeems us to do good (Tit. 2:14; Eph. 2:10). Salvation by grace is often misunderstood to mean we have no obligation to act charitably or even be concerned about our conduct. On the contrary, we are saved to serve. Only the growing Christian can effectively glorify God by serving, and obedient service produces further growth. Ministry (service) is not the responsibility of an elite, but of every follower of Jesus.

I. TRAINING THE TWELVE (Mk. 1:16-20). Jesus' purpose in calling disciples was for them to be an extension of his own ministry after learning to know him intimately (3:14 f.). The disciples do not speak their own message nor act on their own authority; all focuses in and derives from him. Although the method and classroom always varied, what Jesus taught is contained in the New Testament. We have the promise also of the Master's presence to make his once-spoken word live again. He still trains his disciples to be his representatives, his substitutes.

II. TRAINING THE CHURCH (Eph. 4:11-16). In the extended ministry of the Savior he has endowed men with gifts for evangelism, teaching, shepherding and speaking his word. Part of this training is instruction in morals and wisdom (Prov. 2:1-15) but all of it is God-centered. The ministry of prophets (those who give a message from God, God's spokesmen), pastors and others is intended to equip, perfect the saints, get them into proper condition to do two things (v. 12): to serve and to build up the church. Ministry/service grows out of the Christian's obligation to actively love men for God's sake; all such service is really offered to Christ—whether collecting for the poor (II Cor. 9:12), serving fatherless families (Acts 6), or any other work of spiritual or material assistance. Such service builds the church numerically, in spiritual strength and in love. The desired maturity this develops is expressed in unity, knowledge, perfection, Christ-likeness, stability, truthfulness, love, harmony, growth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) We often think of his dramatic miracles, but what are the little things Christ would do to show his love and meet some need however simple? As his representative can you do some of these?

2) Does social service build the church? What does it mean to "build up Christ's Body?"

3) Whom are we to serve for Christ's sake? ☐

GROWING THROUGH STRUGGLE

November 29, 1970

Scripture: Matt. 6:25, 31-34; Eph. 6:10-18.

CENTRAL THOUGHT: Conflict with satanic forces produces spiritual growth when we use Christ's weapons and power.

INTRODUCTION: Those who imagine that accepting Christ as Lord solves all problems and makes life easy soon have their illusions shattered.

I. STRUGGLE FOR NECESSITIES OF LIFE (Matt. 2:25-34). Anxious strain for financial security is evidence of faithlessness. God provides the necessities for those who seek him above all. Many of our "necessities" are luxuries to which we have become attached. Christ calls us to a consuming preoccupation with God, to let him be sovereign in our affections,

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PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO. Thirty-six building craftsmen and thirty-one contractors were cited May 19 at the Builder's Exchange 13th Annual Craftsmanship Award Dinner for excellence in work during 1969. Four of the awards went to Parma Heights Baptist Church. They are as follows: organ screen and chancel walls, plastering in the sanctuary, copper roof, narthex screen and stairs.

A board of ten architects and engineers voted the awards.

CHANCELLOR, S. D. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Weeldreyer hosted open house at the Chancellor school auditorium on July 12 in ob-



servance of their parents' golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeldreyer have eight children, 27 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

On July 16, they left for a visit with relatives in Germany and also spent some time with their son, Arnold, who is in the U.S. Airforce in Greece. (Mrs. Raymond DeNeui, reporter.)

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. The Rev. Meriki Mitinje of the African Inland Church, Tanzania, gave a sermon in his native tongue. Richard Dilworth, missionary now home on furlough, interpreted the message. On behalf of the church, Ruth Schulze, president of the Ladies Guild, presented a gift of money to Florence and Richard Dilworth. They will be with our church again in December before returning to the mission field.

The church honored the choir with a dinner party at Knott's Berry Farm on Saturday evening, June 20. Pastor Barnett thanked the members for their faithfulness. He recognized Gwen Cozens, organist, Adolph Jantz, president, and Harold Wetzler, who is in charge of rehearsals. We do not have a direc-

tor at present. Following a short program, the members recalled unusual incidents that happened during the past years. (Esther Johnston, reporter.)

GREELEY, COLO. The Sherwood Park Baptist Church held a joint baptismal service with the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo. on Sunday evening, May 17, at the Sherwood Park Baptist Church. The five baptized by Pastor Grenz and two by testimony united with the church in June. (Mrs. J. Bruntz, reporter.)

KELOWNA, B.C. June 19-20 the Women's Missionary Guild of Trinity Baptist Church assembled at Green Bay Baptist Camp for their third annual retreat. Joining us were a number of ladies from Grace and Vernon Faith Baptist churches. Mrs. Edith Schroeder from Cameroon was our guest. Her testimony and zeal to return to Africa presented a challenge to us.

Our five discussion groups centered around topics on stewardship of money and time. Our missionary offering and profits were designated towards the Gary Schroeder Memorial Fund. (Mrs. Velma Halsmith, reporter.)

WACO, TEX. The eighty-seventh Annual Southern Conference sessions were held at Central Baptist Church, July 9-12. "The Crises Of Our Liberty," was the theme and was developed primarily by Dr. Ralph Powell of our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S.D. Dr. J. C. Gunst brought the concluding message at the youth service on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Oliver Ringering presided over the business sessions.

Missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sandoval, from the Rio Grande Valley, Tex., told of their work in the Garcia Ranch Baptist Church and in Carmargo, Mexico.

New officers elected were as follows: Moderator, Raymond Engelbrecht; Vice-Moderator, Sidney Morrison; Secretary-Treasurer, Eric Loewer; Statistical Secretary, Leslie Kramer; General Council Representative (pastor), Rev. LeRoy Schauer; Alternate Rev. Gordon Thomas; General Council Representative (layman), Dr. Lyle Grenz; alternate, Erwin O. Blum; Mission Secretary, Rev. Gordon Thomas. (Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, reporter.)

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. "Involvement through Vision" was the theme of the 90th Annual Central Conference which was held at the First Baptist Church,

St. Joseph, Mich., May 14-16. Our theme song for the Conference was, "Make Me What I Ought to Be."

The sessions were made meaningful through the messages of Dr. Malcolm Cronk. Dr. Cronk is professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Chicago. Out of the involvement with life and the Scriptures, Dr. Cronk brought to our attention the dignified place of the church in God's economy. Through God's chosen means, we as God's people, diversified, imperfect, yet gifted, become involved in God's plan and purposes here on earth.

The hearing of reports, meeting new missionary appointees, welcoming new churches, anticipation of the coming General Conference, all helped us to see more clearly that we "are laborers together with God." (Arthur Boymook, reporter.)

EDMONTON, ALTA. Delegates met at the McKernan Baptist Church on June 23, 1970, to consider recognition of the ordination of their pastor, the Rev. Dwight Steele. Prof. W. Muller was elected as moderator of the council, and Prof. J. W. Goltz as clerk.

Mr. Steele gave a presentation of his experience of salvation, call to the ministry and preparation, and his doctrinal views. After a brief time of questioning the Council voted that he be officially welcomed into the North American Baptist fellowship.

A brief service of recognition followed. The message was delivered by the Rev. W. Sibley. This was followed by the charge to the church by the Rev. R. Hohensee, and the extending of the hand of fellowship by Mr. Albert Lake on behalf of the North American Baptist fellowship. The Rev. Steele closed the meeting with prayer.

ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH. The Bethel Baptist Church welcomed 18 new members (pictured) into the church



on June 14. The day was also highlighted with the singing of our Children's Choir.

Our Building Committee has set groundbreaking for our new sanctuary

for October 11, 1970. (Kenneth C. Fenner, reporter.)

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. Three important events highlighted the summer activities at Trinity Baptist Church. First, the ordination to the Christian ministry of Mr. Darwin Stahl took place on Sunday June 7. Mr. Stahl began his service in July at the church in Corn, Okla. Second, a farewell was held for Miss Daphne Dunger before she returned to the mission field and her work at the New Hope Leprosy Settlement. Third, a series of farewells were given for Dr. and Mrs. Frank Veninga. On Sunday, June 28, Dr. Veninga closed his ministry in Sioux Falls with an address, "Reflections of a Decade." (Daniel Feske, reporter.)

JAMESTOWN, N.D. Our 62nd Annual Dakota Conference was held in Jamestown, N.D., June 18-20 with a delegation of about 350. A challenging theme "Get With it Now," was presented to us. We were encouraged to Get with Christ, the Church, the Conference and other Christians. The Rev. R. Kerstan, editor of *Der Sendbote*, was our guest speaker, and Mr. Donald Witt, our guest missionary.

What was the outcome of our Conference? We were reminded of the proposals for the General Conference in Winnipeg, exhorted to increase our giving, exposed to what life in Christ can do for us and challenged by what our missionaries are doing and will be doing in the near future. (Rev. Len Strelau, reporter.)

WINNIPEG, MAN. The Southern Manitoba Tri-Union spring youth retreat was held May 1-3, at the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg. *Critical Issues for Youth Today* was the theme. Guest speaker, the Rev. Paul Siewert, lectured on "Vital Relationships to Self and to Others." Saturday night a banquet and folk musical, "Time Out," was enjoyed by 100 youth. Sunday began with breakfast and a youth worship service with the Rev. Siewert speaking on the "Revolutionary Jesus and You." A closing rally held Sunday afternoon included special music and testimonies of what the weekend had meant to those who participated. (Mrs. Dieter Gohl, reporter.)

WIESENTHAL, ALTA. The first baptism to be held in our new church was observed on Sunday morning June 14, 1970, with seven candidates (pictured). This was also the first baptismal ser-



vice for our pastor, Mr. Herman Kesterke, who began his ministry on May 17, after graduating from North American Baptist College.

The baptismal candidates and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wies were accepted into the membership of the church on the same morning service. (Ralph Smith, reporter.)

REGINA, SASK. The Women's program and tea of the Sask. Association was held at the Faith Baptist Church in Regina on June 12 with 100 ladies present. Mrs. Isabel Hoffman, president, was in charge. Mrs. Dorothy Erickson, president of the host church WMS, gave the welcome and presented a pin to the guest speaker, Mrs. Edith Schroeder.

Mrs. Schroeder spoke about her work in the Cameroons. She read several letters of comfort that were sent to her after the death of her husband. It is through her faith in Jesus Christ that she is able to carry on.

The offering was divided between church extension and the Gary Schroeder fund. Newly elected officers are: vice president, Mrs. Verna Peters; secretary, Mrs. Lois Mohninger; member at large, Mrs. Martha Hollerbaum; treasurer, Mrs. Grace Bohn; reporter, Mrs. Vera Rosom. Mrs. Isabelle Nornberg was elected president to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Isabel Hoffman. (Mrs. Rose Minke, reporter.)

SPOKANE, WASH. Ten candidates recently followed the Lord in baptism at the Terrace Heights Baptist Church



upon confession of their faith. Our pastor, the Rev. Myrl E. Thiesies, is pictured with the group. One was not present for the picture. The hand of

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fellowship was extended during the communion service which followed. (Mrs. Ben Schmidt, reporter.)

LODI, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schindler were honored on their 70th wedding anniversary. The celebration was held at the Vienna Convalescent Home where Mrs. Schindler has been confined. They were married in Goodrich, N.D. on Feb. 8, 1900. The couple has 12 children, 34 grandchildren and 69 great-grandchildren. When asked the secret of their long, happy life they quoted Psalm 37:25: "We have been young, and now we are old, yet we have not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread."

Mr. and Mrs. Schindler are members of the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Willis Potratz is the pastor. (Hazel Helwig, reporter.)

LODI, CALIF. Evangelistic meetings with chalk artist Jerry Beltz were held Feb. 16-22, in the First Baptist Church. The picture was awarded each night to the person bringing the most first-nighters.

In March we had God's Volunteers Team 1 with the Rev. Donald Miller as guest speaker.

Our choir, under the direction of Mr. Tony Fachner, presented the latest John Peterson Cantata, "Easter Song."

In May the W.M.S. held their annual Mother and Daughter Banquet. Mrs. Dorothy Miller directed and narrated the program entitled "Living Pictures In The Hall Of Memories." The Rev. Willis Potratz is pastor of the church. (Hazel Helwig, reporter.)

LINTON, N.D. The First Baptist Church W.M.S. presented the play, "The Ten Virgins," on Sunday evening, May 31. The play, a portrayal of the story as recorded in Matthew, had a cast of 16 characters. The play was under the direction of Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer. Special music included two solos and a mixed quartet. A fellowship hour followed the program. (Mrs. Calvin Breckel, reporter.)

BENTON HARBOR, MICH. In June our pastor, the Rev. H. A. Pohl, and his family moved into the new church parsonage (pictured) which was built on a five acre church site. The work was mostly done by volunteer labor with Mr. Ethan Brandt, supervisor of building, and Mr. Emil Wolf, chairman of the building committee. This constitutes the first phase of the relocation

of the First German Baptist Church in Benton Harbor to St. Joseph. The new



house has an estimated value of \$38,000. A dedication service and open house was held May 17. The parsonage is debt free. (Margret Pohl, reporter.)

HILDA, ALBERTA. The Easter Cantata, "The Prince of Life," was presented at the Hilda Baptist Church March 29, 1970. The Easter Story had Mr. Henry Strauss as director, Mrs. Mattie Wanamaker as pianist and Mr. Gordon Haag as reader. (Mrs. Gertrude Straub, reporter.)

JAMESTOWN, N.D. With "Get With Christ—as Women" as their theme, the Dakota Conference women met on June 20, at Jamestown, N.D., for their annual meeting. The day was begun with a breakfast for W.M.S. presidents and pastors' wives, led by Mrs. Wm. Geidt, vice president of the Dakota Conference Women's Organization. After a devotional by Mrs. Reuben Stading of Gackle, N.D., we had a time of introductions and sharing of ideas brought from our local societies. During the ladies' luncheon, held at Jamestown College, the business session was led by Mrs. Albert Reddig, president. The following were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Albert Reddig; Vice President, Mrs. Wm. Giedt; Secretary, Mrs. Alvin Haas; Treasurer, Mrs. Walter Dingfield; White Cross Chairman, Mrs. Clara Fehr.

The new officers were installed during our afternoon women's program by Dr. J. C. Gunst. The message was brought by Mr. Don Witt. (Mrs. Etan Pelzer, reporter.)

PORTLAND, ORE. Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Bertuleit celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 14, with a reception at Trinity Baptist Church, hosted by their children: daughter, Mrs. John (Eleanor) Baird, and sons, Paul and Daniel. The couple was married on June 10, 1920, by the Rev. Jacob Kratt in the First German Baptist Church, now Trinity Baptist Church. The couple has seven grandchildren. They have both been



members of Trinity Baptist Church for over 50 years, are active in the choir, men's and women's organizations, and Bible school. (Mrs. Miriam Krueger, reporter.)

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. On June 7, the Willow Rancho Baptist Church welcomed 16 new members into the fellowship through baptism and transfer of letter. We held a joint baptismal service with our Lincoln Village Church and Pastor Schauer. The ser-



vice was brought to a close with the observance of the Lord's Supper. The Rev. Arthur Brust is standing on the right with the baptismal candidates. (Miss Cathy Mauch, reporter.)

BISMARCK, N.D. On April 5, 1970, Pastor Walter Dingfield baptized eight young people. They are pictured with



Pastor Dingfield on the left. On April 12, they were welcomed to the membership of the church. Since January, 1970, our church has had a gain of 28 members. (Mrs. Harold Michelson, reporter.)

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ABERDEEN, S.D. Six were baptized and two others were added to the membership of the Calvary Baptist Church by transfer of letter.

The Rev. Donald Miller held a series of meetings on Family Life, and the pastor, the Rev. Eugene Kern, led the church in a week of Bible school for all ages during evening sessions. (Willard Tesky, reporter.)

ELK GROVE, CALIF. Student workers, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Vossler of Sioux Falls, S.D., arrived June 6, to serve as assistants at the First Baptist Church during the summer months. Garry Vossler has completed his first year of study at the NAB Seminary. Both are graduates of Sioux Falls College.

A reception was held for the Vosslers on Sunday, June 7. The young people of the church were in charge of the fellowship-refreshment hour.

"The New Dawn Singers" from the NAB Seminary presented a program of sacred song and meditation on June 6. The Rev. Merle Brenner is pastor of the church. (Mrs. Leonard Fanrich, reporter.)

RENTON, WASH. On May 24, the North American Baptist churches of the Puget Sound area participated in a union outdoor baptismal service at Lake Sammamish Bible Camp. A total of 13 were baptized. The following Sunday evening 15 new members (pictured) were welcomed into the Sierra



Heights Baptist Church.

Our church voted to add another unit to our educational facilities. This is the fourth building project in the last eight years. With only a \$3,000 loan the work has been started in faith that God will encourage our people to supply volunteer labor and funds until it is completed. The Rev. Ervin A. Gerlitz is pastor of the church. (Mrs. Betty Coyer, reporter.)

FOREST PARK, ILL. On June 21, 1970, the Forest Park Baptist Church welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Elton O. Kirstein and family (pictured). Mr.

Harold Johns, moderator, was in charge. Welcome addresses were given by representatives of the various church organizations. The Rev. J. Reimer represented the Chicago area NAB Minis-



terial Association. A challenge to church and pastor was given by the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman. The pastor and his family expressed their appreciation. A challenging response was given by Pastor Kirstein. The Kirstein family moved from Houston, Tex. (Mrs. Roy D. Eisaman, reporter.)

POUND, WIS. The 90th Annual Northwestern Conference met at Pioneer Baptist Church in Pound, Wis., May 29-31. Pastor Anthony Guenther and congregation were the hosts.

The Conference theme, "Challenged To Go" was well developed by the speakers: Rev. Bruce Rich, Dr. J. C. Gunst, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzhammer, Rev. Wesley Gerber and Rev. Allan Strohschein. Alan Addy of Racine, Wis. served as Conference song leader and soloist.

One resolution encouraged our churches to give their young people proper sex education and information regarding the drug problem.

One of the highlights of the Conference was the presentation of the musical production, "Tell It Like It Is," by the young people of the German Bethel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis.

The 91st Northwestern Conference will be held at Buffalo Center, Iowa. (Iver Walker, reporter.)

CRESTON, NEB. The Rev. David Zimmerman celebrated 40 years in the Christian ministry, June 7, at the Creston Baptist Church. The Rev. Jacob Zimmerman presided during the service, and the Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, executive secretary, gave the anniversary message. Anniversary greetings and letters were read and there was recognition of the Zimmerman family also. Dale Zimmerman provided the special music. (Mrs. Orton Hulsebus, reporter.)

OUR CHURCHES IN ACTION

TYNDALL, S.D. The Tyndall Baptist W.M.S. held its program and 75th anniversary Sunday June 21. The W.M.S. was started in 1895. Mrs. Calvin Finck, president, gave the welcome and led the song service. Devotions, based on The Lord's Prayer, and vocal numbers were part of the program. A film, "How Great Thou Art," was shown. Mrs. George Lubbers gave a summary of the last 75 years. The Rev. Fred Penner is pastor of the church. (Mrs. Glen Hoerth, reporter.)

CALGARY, ALTA. In a few years, the youth group of the Brentview Baptist Church has grown from 15 to about 40.

Recently we presented a musical program at the Grace Baptist Church. We also presented a fashion show to assist in the payment of a project which we have undertaken for the church. The last Sunday evening of each month we take charge of the service and present a variety of programs. In May we presented a play called, "A Stranger Only."

Among other activities we also have a service at a nursing home each month, prayer breakfasts each week, regular youth meetings and a social gathering on weekends. The Rev. Ronald Mayforth is pastor of the church. (L. Reimer, reporter.)

EDMONTON, ALTA. On May 10, 1970, Mr. LeRoy Moser was ordained in the Namao Park Baptist Church on recommendation of an ordination council. Dr. A. S. Felberg gave the ordination message, "What is a Minister of the Gospel?" The meeting concluded with the ordination prayer. An offering was taken for the library of the Rev. LeRoy Moser. (Mrs. E. Schultz, reporter.)

CARRINGTON, N.D. The Women's Missionary Society is carrying on a varied program emphasizing missions, devotions, study courses on prophetic themes, special day observances and meaningful films.

On April 18, a Mother-Daughter banquet was held with about 60 in attendance.

At the present time we are pleased to have the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Wiens, who began their ministry recently, with us. (Tina Seibold, reporter.)

ASHLEY, N.D. On May 14, the Ashley Baptist Church heard the N.A.B.

College Choristers from Edmonton, Alta. They presented a program at the Ashley High School Auditorium. The Rev. Etan Pelzer is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Carl Fischer, reporter.)

SIoux FALLS, S.D. Miss Rosalind Rinker, author and lecturer, spoke to 400 ladies assembled for a spring rally on May 9. This was a combined meeting of mission societies of South Dakota Association of North American Baptist Churches and General Conference Churches of South Dakota.

Widely known as the author of "Prayer, Conversing With God," Miss Rinker's speaking and writing on conversational and dialogue prayer has attracted thoughtful audiences and readers in universities, communities, and churches for prayer workshops and retreats. She spoke and conducted prayer workshops at both morning and afternoon sessions of the rally. (Mrs. Elmer Schulte, reporter.)



CATHAY, N.D. On Sunday, July 12, the Germantown Baptist Church of Cathay, N.D., and the First Baptist Church of Fessenden met together for a combined baptismal service. Some time later these were extended the right hand of fellowship. One candidate was from the Germantown Church and seven were from the Fessenden church. The Rev. D. H. Wagoner of Germantown is on the left and the Rev. Ray Hoffman of Fessenden is on the right in the picture. (Mrs. Roy Olschlager, reporter.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA. On June 28, 1970, the Pilgrim Baptist Church welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. David Wick and Jesse David. The Rev. Herbert Freeman of the Fleischmann Memorial Church (our Mother church) brought greetings and congratulations. Pastor Milton Zeeb challenged our Director of Christian Education, as well as the members, to greater consecration, concern, service and love. (Mrs. William Esenwein, reporter.)

OUR CHURCHES IN ACTION

ANAHEIM, CALIF. The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schneider presented a program on June 20, 1970, for their 50th wedding anniversary in the Sunkist Baptist Church. One granddaughter made a speech on the theme, "Christ The Only Hope" which won first in city, state, and national honors and a trophy in 1969. Mr. Kurt Stommel, former



president of the Christian Business Men's Association of Detroit, gave a life story of the Schneiders, while slides were shown. Dr. Clarence Bass of Bethel Seminary, son-in-law, was master of ceremonies. Pastor Hoover thanked the Schneiders for their outstanding faithfulness in the Lord's work in Anaheim.

NOKOMIS, SASK. The Nokomis Baptist Church ordained Mr. Walden Reinhart Schmidt into the gospel ministry on Aug. 12, 1970. An ordination council was called, represented by churches of the Saskatchewan Association of the North American Baptist General Conference. Mr. Schmidt presented good statements for the council in the areas of Christian experience, call to the ministry, education and doctrine. The council thereupon recommended that he be ordained.

Mr. Schmidt is a graduate of the NAB College with a diploma in theology and Christian education. He is also trained in radio electronics and following his marriage to Miss Elfriede Kuerner on Aug. 22, they plan to go to the mission field in the area of radio service. (Rev. Delvin Bertsch, reporter.)

SPRINGSIDE, SASK. A highlight in our church was the "Homecoming 70" July 31-Aug. 2. An invitation was extended to former members of the former Homestead, former West Ebenezer and Springside Baptist Churches who have gone into Christian service as missionaries, pastors, pastors' wives or God's Volunteers. Twenty of the 41 who were invited were able to be with

us with their families. Many other former members came to renew acquaintances and have family reunions.

Our weekend of fellowship began with a service on Friday evening. Many testimonies were heard of God's leading.

Saturday evening was highlighted by two banquets; an open banquet at the Centennial Hall where the Rev. L. Knoll, missionary to South India, and the Rev. B. Fritzke of Portland, Ore. were guest speakers, and a youth banquet in the church auditorium where Mrs. Herman Effa, missionary to Brazil and the Rev. Ervin Strauss of Richmond, B.C., were special speakers.

Sunday was again spent at the Good-spirit Lake campgrounds with about 500 people present. The speakers included Miss Betty Mantay, missionary nurse from Cameroon, Africa, and the Rev. George Breitzkreuz of Racine, Wisc. A story hour for children was led by Miss Vivian Arndt of God's Volunteers 70-71.

The speakers for the afternoon were the Rev. E. Hoffmann of Cheektowaga, N.Y. and the Rev. Herman Effa, first missionary to serve on our new mission field in Brazil. (Mrs. June Pinder, reporter.)

CANISTOTA, S.D. During the past year the Spring Valley Baptist Church had a seminary student, Darwin Stahl, as pastor. At Easter a choir of 16 was formed to present John W. Peterson's cantata, "No Greater Love," directed by Mrs. Caryl Ann Rand.

The Women's Mission Circle has grown in number so that almost every woman in our church is a member. Mrs. Palmer Long, registrar at our Seminary, spoke at our June WMS meeting.

Pastor Stahl's last Sunday with us was on June 14, before he left to begin his ministry at Okeene, Okla.

Mr. Neal Todd of Hope, Kan., began his duties as our pastor on June 21. He and his wife and two children are living in our parsonage. He will begin studies at our seminary this fall. (Mrs. Caryl Ann Rand, reporter.)

VENTURIA, N.D. On July 27, the Venturia Baptist Church hosted "The New Life Singers" of the NAB College in Edmonton, Alta., who presented a musical program.

A course on Christian leadership was taught by our pastor, Lorimer Potratz, once a month. A film was

shown with every lesson. (NyLetta Heupel, reporter.)

HEBRON, N.D. A farewell service was held at the First Baptist Church honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Peter J. Wiens on the last Sunday in May with Mr. John Stading, church moderator, in charge. The Wiens came to Hebron from Avon, S.D. in February 1967. They are now serving the Lord in Carlington, N.D. (Mrs. R. Stanley Schneider, reporter.)

CALGARY, ALTA. The Faith Conference met in the German churches of Alberta for the third time. Developing the theme, "Preparation for the Task of the New Decade," were speakers such as Dr. A. S. Felberg, Professor W. Waitkus, pastors E. Laser, O. A. Ertis, R. Hohensee and others. The Brethren, E. P. Wahl, A. S. Felberg and Wm. Sturhahn were also honored for their many years of Christian service.

The next conference will be held in Lethbridge, Alta. (Rev. S. Hoppe, reporter.)

PEORIA, ILL. Continuing a tradition established several years ago, North Sheridan Baptist Church conducted a series of six Sunday night Drive-In services in its parking lot. These were "come-as-you-are" services, at which those attending remained in their cars throughout the service. Speaking and music were amplified over the church's public address system. The Rev. Edwin Michelson, pastor of the church, used as his theme for the services, "The Five Senses." At one of the services the Rev. Eugene O'Brien, Director of Peoria City Mission, was the guest speaker. The Rev. Michelson's subjects were "Who



Hath Ears," "Come and See," "Taste and See," "Feeling Quietness" and "The Good Smell."

Each service featured special music, including an appearance of Peoria's Salvation Army Youth Band, pictured behind the Rev. Michelson. (Walter E. Kohrs, reporter.)

Theophil Frey, 74, of Richardton, N.D., died on June 28, 1970. He was born in Olivet County, S.D. In 1922 he was married to Martha Klein. As a young man he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized and became a member of the Hebron Baptist Church. He held various offices in the church for many years. Surviving him are his wife; two sons: Wallace and Welde; six grandchildren; two brothers and five sisters. The Rev. Peter J. Wiens was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

John Eitel, 74, of Bison, S.D., died. He was born on Oct. 7, 1895, in Russia. As a boy he emigrated to the United States with his parents. He was converted and baptized in 1915. In 1916 he was married to Anna Pauline Reh. After her death in 1938 he was married to Anna Marie Fritzmeier. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bison and served as deacon and Sunday school teacher. Surviving him are his wife, Anna; five daughters: Mrs. Edna Hildebrand, Mrs. Helen Rucker, Mrs. Linda Goldsworth and Edith; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Rev. Ed Oster was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

Mrs. Rose Lebedoff nee Mattheis, 88, of Wishek, N.D., died on July 11, 1970. She was born in Russia on April 8, 1882. In 1907 she emigrated to America. She was married to Alexander D. Lebedoff in 1910. In 1915, upon profession of her faith she was baptized and joined the First Baptist Church in Streeter, N.D. She was active in the choir and the WMS. The Rev. Clemence Auch was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

Keith Alan Dressler, 19, of Hunter, Kans., died in an auto accident on July 25, 1970. He was born on Aug. 2, 1951. At the age of 10 he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized and became a member of the Bethany Baptist Church. He was active in the CBY. Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dressler and one brother, Kent. The Rev. R. H. Zepik was the officiating minister at the funeral service, assisted by Dr. Gustaf Gabelman, an uncle of Keith.

Jacob Hepper, 82, of Underwood, N.D., died. He was born on May 1, 1888 in Russia and emigrated to America with his parents. In 1911 he was married to Mary Koth. He accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church in Underwood. For 27 years he served as church clerk and taught Sunday school for many years. Surviving him are his wife; one son, Russell; one daughter, Mrs. Neoma Peterson, and two grandchildren. The Rev. Oliver Bender officiated at the funeral service.

GROSSE POINTE, MICH. Mr. Rick Hartsoe, minister of music and a graduate of Moody Bible College in Chicago, is choral director of Dondero High School in Royal Oak, Mich. He directs the chancel, youth and junior choirs while his wife, Sylvia, works with the primary group. The youth choir (pictured) is made up of 50 young people



from grades 7 through 12 who meet every Wednesday evening. They gave four concerts in two days. They performed at the Central Conference banquet at

Mrs. Hans J. Hanssen nee Brouwen, 83, of Madison, S.D., died on June 24, 1970. She was born on April 6, 1887, in Emery, S.D. In her youth she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized. She married Hans J. Hanssen in 1912. Surviving her are her husband; two daughters: Mrs. Harry Hodgson and Mrs. Alfred Elias; one brother, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The pastors, Manuel D. Wolff and Jothan G. Benke officiated at the funeral service.

Mrs. Louise Hofer Miller, 96, of Elgin, Iowa, died on July 30, 1970. She was born on Oct. 7, 1876 in Elgin. In 1900 she was married to Christian C. Miller. She served the church as Sunday school teacher, secretary of the WMS and sang in the choir. Surviving her are two daughters: Mrs. Grace Simek and Mrs. Chrystal Hansen, and five grandchildren. The Rev. Henry Schroeder officiated at the funeral service.

Herman Krause, 63, of Cleveland, Ohio, died on July 24, 1970. He came to the United States in 1926. For many years he served as a member of the Board of Deacons. Surviving him are his wife, Katherine, whom he married in 1934; four daughters: Doris, Ann, Ruth and Deborah; one grandchild; one brother and two sisters. The Rev. Edward Kary was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

Fritz E. Kaiser, 86, of Kenosha, Wis., died on Aug. 2, 1970. He was born on May 14, 1884, in Germany. At the age of 12 he accepted Christ as Savior and was baptized. In 1905 he married Bertha Kaleck and in 1913 emigrated to America. He was a charter member of Immanuel Baptist Church where he served faithfully in many offices. He is survived by his widow, his daughter, Mrs. Dan Behr, a sister, a brother, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The Rev. Clifford Barker officiated at the funeral service.

Herbert Reich, 58, of Burt, N.D., died June 23, 1970. He was born near Lehr, N.D. On Aug. 1, 1934, he married Lydia Imhoff. At the age of 21 he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized and became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, New Leipzig, N.D. He served as deacon and trustee for many years. He is survived by his wife, Lydia; three daughters, three grandchildren, three brothers and four sisters. The Rev. LeRoy Moser was the officiating pastor at the funeral service.

Everett Clark, 58, of Aberdeen, S.D., died on July 23, 1970. He was born in Big Stone City, S.D., on Feb. 8, 1912. He married Lois Smith on Sept. 14, 1940. He accepted Christ as a young man and was baptized in 1970 and became a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Aberdeen. Surviving him are his wife, Lois; three sons:

The First Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mich., at First Baptist and at Napier Parkway Baptist Church in Benton Harbor, and a one and one-half hour concert at South Kent Baptist Church in Grand Rapids.

They sing anthem material, cantatas, and contemporary styles, a full cantata at Christmas, one Sunday evening per month, and also play a prominent role in the year-end concert.

Grosse Pointe "Wayfarers" is a group (pictured) of Christian young people who play a prominent role in the church outreach program. They proclaim Jesus Christ in religious folk music and personal testimony at youth socials, receptions and retreats. They have also taken part in informal meetings in homes for the purpose of discussing the Christian life following the Sunday evening service.

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James, Allan, and Steven; one daughter: Mrs. Catherine Hoff; two grandchildren; four brothers and one sister. The Rev. Eugene Kern was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

Mrs. Viola Ackerman nee Quenzer, 47, of Herreid, S.D., died on Aug. 13, 1970. She was born on Oct. 5, 1923, near Mound City, S.D. She was married to Reuben Ackerman on Dec. 5, 1946. In 1935 she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized and became a member of the Herreid Baptist Church. Surviving her are her husband; four children: Marjorie Neumiller, Sharon, Arnold and Glen; her father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Quenzer; three brothers, three sisters; two stepbrothers and one step-sister. The Rev. Edward A. Kopf officiated at the funeral service.

John Bredin, 63, of Winnipeg, Man., died on Aug. 10, 1970. He was born in Russia on June 15, 1907. He came to Canada with his family in 1928. He was a member of the Grant Park Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife Olga; a daughter, Mrs. Zelma Zozman; two sons, Gottfried and Bernard; his mother, Mrs. Albertina Bredin; one sister, one brother and four grandchildren. The Rev. Alvin Harsch officiated at the memorial service.

Phillip Ketterling, 73, of Hettinger, N.D., died on July 27, 1970. He was born on Oct. 19, 1896, in Hosmer, S.D. In 1921 he was married to Julia Kirschanowski. They had 10 children. He accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized and was a charter member of the Grace Baptist Church. He served as deacon for 25 years. Surviving him are eight children: Mrs. Lorraine Hall, Mrs. Viola Gilbert, Mrs. Hilda R. Banning, Mrs. Maybelle O. Borgrud, Mrs. Esther Anderson, Richard, Phillip Jr., and Wesley; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The Rev. Robert Lennick was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

Mrs. Theodore Schoenewolf nee Laabs, 94, of Gatesville, Tex., died on Aug. 21, 1970. She was born on April 16, 1876, in Germany. She emigrated to America at age 20 and soon after accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized. In 1897 she was married to Theodore Schoenewolf. Surviving her are two daughters: Mrs. Maggie Buth and Mrs. Rosa Lengefeld; 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. The pastors, Oliver K. Ringering and Delmar K. McCracken officiated at the funeral service.

The "In Memoriam" items are to have a maximum of 12 lines. Payment, of a flat rate, of \$2.00 per item is to be sent with the obituary. □

Bob Radcliffe, minister of Christian Education and coordinator, related how prayer has been effective in organizing the group and providing the equipment. These young people are a self supporting unit and through various enterprises earn money to cover operating expenses. (Doug Whittam, reporter.)

LA SALLE, COLO. The First Baptist Church of LaSalle, joined with the Sherwood Park Baptist Church of Greeley, for a combined baptismal service. Three adults, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hunter and Miss Tracy Morehouse, and two young girls, Christie and Judy Pry, were baptized. The Rev. M. Falkenberg gave the message at the Sherwood Park Baptist church. The Rev. M. Falkenberg is the pastor of the church in LaSalle and the Rev. Richard Grenz in Greeley. (Mrs. Carrie Oster, reporter.)

NEWS & VIEWS

National Survey Reveals 19 of America's Largest Sunday Schools Use Gospel Light Curriculum

Twenty-two of the seventy-five largest Sunday Schools in the United States use curriculum materials prepared by just two of the non-denominational independent publishers including Gospel Light Publications of Glendale, California, according to an unbiased survey conducted by *Christian Life Magazine* and released in the August issue of that publication. Gospel Light curriculum is used in 19 of those 22 Sunday Schools.

The survey, directed by Dr. Elmer Towns, revealed further that twenty-six of the Sunday Schools use literature published by the Southern Baptist Denomination, seventeen write their own study courses and thirteen use materials from eight denominational publishers.

Nineteen — or 25% — of these leading Sunday Schools, including the country's largest use Gospel Light or Gospel Light based curriculum materials. Eight of the twenty-five largest churches use G/L materials.

"I'm grateful and overwhelmed," G/L's Vice President and General Manager William T. Greig, Jr., commented upon being informed that the survey showed 25% of the largest churches use Gospel Light Curriculum.

Church Spokesmen Protest Compulsory Chapel Ruling

WASHINGTON — Spokesmen for three major denominations, including the American Baptist Convention, have declared that they find "unacceptable" a recent ruling of the U.S. District Court here which upheld the practice of compulsory chapel attendance at the nation's three military academies.

The American Baptist Convention joined with the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ to request that the matter be considered at the upcoming October meeting of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel.

The commission, representing 34 denominations, is the principal Protestant coordinating agency for the military chaplaincy.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs also will take up the issue at its semi-annual meeting early in October. The committee, made up of representatives from eight Baptist bodies, will consider the church-state and

religious liberty aspects of compulsory chapel attendance at military academies.

In 1964, the General Commission on Chaplains passed a resolution requesting the Department of Defense to move to voluntary chapel attendance in all service academies. Earlier this year the Pentagon defended the compulsory chapel rule as an integral part of the overall package of leadership training for future officers.

Judge Howard F. Corcoran of the U.S. District Court here accepted the general argument and language of the Pentagon and ruled early in August that the purpose of the requirement to attend church or chapel "is purely secular" and "its primary effect is purely secular."

The chairman of the General Commission on Chaplains, C. Edward Brubaker, said the judgment was in "complete contradiction" to the purpose for which churches provide chaplains to the armed forces.

Brubaker, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kan., continued that it was in contradiction to the purposes for which chaplains conduct worship services.

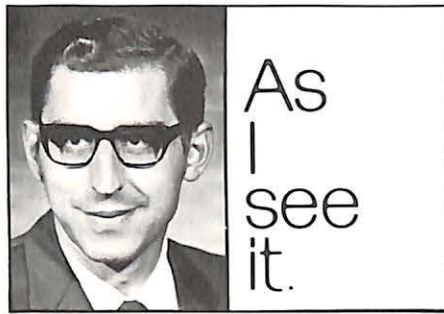
A. Ray Appelquist, executive secretary of the Chaplains Commission, testified against compulsory chapel attendance before Judge Corcoran. Appelquist said of the ruling that "such a definition and understanding of chapel activities seems strained and contrived to avoid the obvious intrusion on religious liberty."

"The military's argument is offensive to many religious people and church leaders who strongly support the obligation of the government to provide appropriate religious care for service personnel," Appelquist continued, "but only on a voluntary basis in keeping with the nation's heritage of full religious liberty."

Baptists Begin Counseling Service for Ministers

ATLANTA (BP) — A counseling service for Georgia Baptist minister and their families has been initiated at the Georgia Baptist Hospital here.

The experimental program has been established by the hospital commission of the convention's Executive Committee for a one-year period, according to Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention.



by Paul Siewert

Earlier this year it was my experience to attend a gathering that some referred to as a Christian Rock Festival. It had all of the "sit around" atmosphere, along with the stage of rock music and contemporary regalia. At the same time it was well ordered, respectable, and well immersed in Christian witness and song.

However, even as a lucid spectator, there was something that dogged me to be less than elated. For some reason the phrase from J. B. Phillip's translation of Romans 12:2 kept coming back to me: "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold."

After some mental analysis, I concluded that possibly the reason for my reticence was that in so many contemporary approaches to sharing Christ, Christians have displayed so little imagination. Instead of pioneering in methods and approaches, we have simply latched on to the going "thing" and tried to convert it to serve our end.

It is obvious that every generation will spawn its own jargons, temperaments, and modes of communication. Christians obviously must take these into account, in making the Gospel known in a contemporary vehicle. But does this justify our mimicking of the secular? Is this the way to be contemporary? Is this not an indication of our lack of creativeness and the absence of a spirit of divine freshness?

On the other hand, it is true that the Apostle Paul submitted that we are to be "all things to all men," to make Christ known. Maybe the best we can say is that we be careful not to make our parroting quite so obvious. □

The Rev. Paul Siewert is the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C. In this column Mr. Siewert analyzes current religious news of his choosing.

■ The Rev. William Effa has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Neb., effective Nov. 8, 1970. He previously served the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Mont.

■ The Rev. Melvin L. Warkentin has accepted the call to become the pastor of the West Broadway Baptist Church, Enid, Okla., effective Oct. 1, 1970. He previously served the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S.D.

■ The Rev. Jakob Klingenberg has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Anderson Road Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, effective Oct. 4, 1970. He previously served the First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S.D.

■ The following are the six N.A.B.

military chaplains: Chaplain (MAJ) Clinton E. Grenz (501-30-1925) Student Det, USACHS, Fort Hamilton, N.Y.; Chaplain (CPT) Kendrick A. Gould (001-24-0917), HHC 119th Brigade, APO San Francisco, 96279; Chaplain (CPT) John Wayne Hisel (503-36-3167), U.S. Army Training Centre Infantry, Fort Ord, Calif.; Chaplain (CPT) David A. Samf, Box 72, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96299; Chaplain (2nd LT) Henry E. Wake, 13800 Biola Ave., La Mirada, Calif. 90638; Chaplain (CPT) Curtis J. Wiens (305-48-6556), HHT, 1-1 Cavalry, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96374.

■ Mr. Don Witt, former N.A.B. missionary in Cameroon, has become the part-time assistant to the pastor at the

What's Happening

Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., effective Sept. 1, 1970. He will work especially with youth. He is also doing graduate studies at the University of Minnesota.

■ Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Patzia announced the birth of a daughter, Carol, born Aug. 14, 1970. In July, 1970, Dr. Patzia began as an assistant professor at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S.D.

■ The Rev. A. J. Borchardt has resigned as pastor of the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., to retire.

■ The Rev. Raymond Hoffman has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Ore., effective Nov. 1, 1970. He previously served the First Baptist Church, Fessenden, N.D.

■ Dr. A. S. Felberg, former president of the N.A.B. College in Edmonton, has become the interim pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, B.C., effective Sept. 15, 1970.

■ The Rev. Herman A. Pohl accepted the call to become the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., effective Sept. 13, 1970. He previously served the First German Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

■ Plan ahead! The next Family Conference (Laymen and Pastors) will be held at Green Lake, Wis., July 10-17, 1971.

■ The second annual "Conference on the Ministry" will be held at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, Nov. 27-29, 1970. The conference is designed for college-age young people who intend to enter a church-related vocation as well as those who are uncertain about their vocational plans.

The program includes in-depth discussions, "talk" groups, addresses, interviews, tours, worship services, films and sing-alongs. It provides unique opportunities to discover what the ministry and seminary is all about. It also gives students an opportunity to get the "feel" for the life and style of theological education at NABS. Competent resource leaders, faculty and staff of the seminary, and NABS students will share in the weekend of discovery.

Young people from all parts of the United States and Canada are invited to attend upon nomination by their pastor. For more information contact the Rev. Donald N. Miller, Coordinator of the Conference at the North American Baptist Seminary, 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, S.D. 57105.

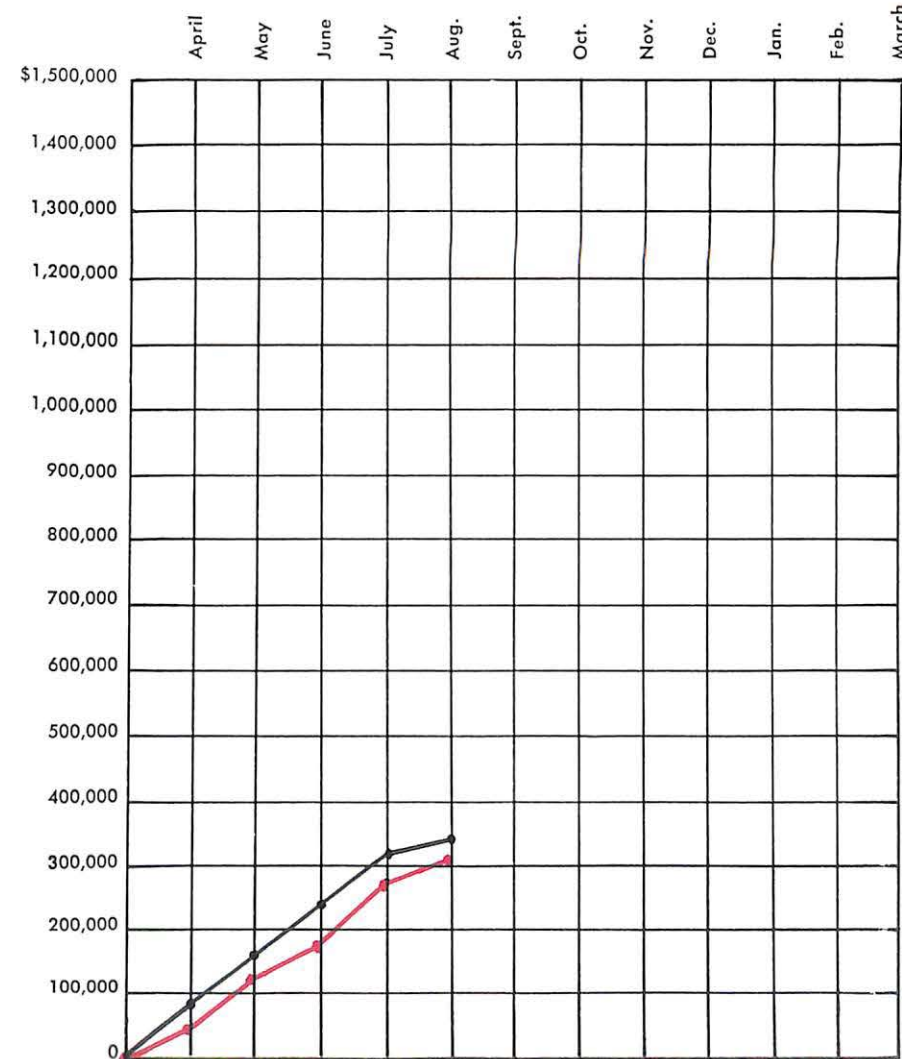
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Christianity in Japan

Nestorian Christianity was first introduced to Japan from China in 736. But tradition says that Buddhism eventually absorbed it. From the sixth century, Buddhism joined ancient Japanese Shintoism as the most important influence on the spiritual life of Japan.

In 1549 Francis Xavier, a Roman Catholic missionary came to Kyoto, where he apparently obtained imperial permission to work throughout Japan and even tried to lead the emperor to faith in Christ. Christianity enjoyed a period of rapid and wide growth under Xavier's assistant, Vileria, who remained in Kyoto after Xavier returned to Kyushu.

Much progress was made in education, in treatment of ill, and in relief for the poor. The first Christian Church of Kyoto was built in 1577. Numerous missionaries came, and the Christians increased to about 200,000 in 1587, to 300,000 in 1597, and to 750,000 by 1605. It is reported that more than 60 feudal lords, including some of the most prominent ones, became Christians.

In the midst of this prosperity, opposition developed against Christians in Japan. This was spurred by quarrels between Spanish and Portuguese travelers over foreign trade and policy, giving to Hideyoshi Toyotomi, Japan's chief administrator, the impression that these foreign countries, including the Christianity they had brought, had colonial designs on Japan. In addition, the Christian farmers posed a disciplinary problem, for they no longer feared death. Therefore, it was concluded that Christianity must be suppressed, and thus began a period of tragic persecution as cruel as that perpetrated by the Romans against the earliest Christians.

Christians were made to decide finally for or against Christ by being urged to trample a copper tablet bearing the image of Christ or Mary. When anyone persisted in his loyalty or faith, he was tortured and eventually killed

by crucifixion, or by being burned at the stake, by being beheaded or drowned or hung, or cut in pieces with a saw, or by gradual dismemberment. It is said that perhaps 200,000 Christians were martyred.

In 1596 Toyotomi ordered the execution of six missionaries and 18 Japanese believers from Kyoto and Osaka. To make a spectacle of them, one ear was cut off from each person, and they were led about the streets of Kyoto, Osaka, and Sakai on a cart. They were then forced to walk 1000 kilometers to Nagasaki in freezing weather, still tied with rope. Three of the group were boys approximately 13 years of age. They proceeded to Nagasaki with tired bodies and bleeding, swollen feet, staggering in the rain and sleet.

The executioner in Nagasaki tried to dissuade the three boys, but they replied: "We cannot give up eternal life for this short life which so soon vanishes!" Their three crosses, smaller than the others, were lined up with the other 23 on a hill which runs out into the sea overlooking Nagasaki. The parents of one boy named Antonio tried to influence him to recant, but he answered, "Father and mother, please don't feel sorry for me. I am going happily to be with Jesus!"

Persecution of Christians grew even more severe until in 1637 37,000 Christians, led by a sixteen-year-old boy, revolted against the government. They shut themselves up in a castle and for four months resisted 127,000 government forces in a revolt which shook the entire country. When they finally surrendered, everyone of them was killed. Artifacts of the incident remain today. This persecution and killing of Christians continued until 1873 when all edicts prohibiting Christianity were taken away.

Protestant missionaries came to Japan after Commodore Perry accomplished the opening of Japan to foreign trade in 1853. Today Christians make up less than one percent of the population. Statistics of 1969 number Protestants at 612,000 and Catholics at 353,000. (The above information was taken from a brochure prepared by the Kyoto Christian History Study Committee.)

Though Japan enjoys religious liberty today, and the majority of youth are rejecting Buddhism and Shintoism, this is still one of the most difficult countries for Christian missions. Christianity will probably not make much of an impact unless it recaptures again the ring of authenticity of the "three 13-year-old boys." — J. B.

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Sunday School Lessons

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thought, plans, activities.

II. STRUGGLE AGAINST ENEMIES OF SPIRITUAL LIFE (Eph. 6:10-18). Another kind of conflict is part and parcel of the Christian life: spiritual warfare. Satan will use any depression, disharmony, disappointment or the like to thwart God's plan for our perfect development and happiness. The Christian finds his best efforts to serve and know God constantly hindered.

Obviously, Satan's knowledge of man and our susceptibility to temptation make it impossible for us to live godly lives by ourselves. Through his apostle, God here reminds us of the weapons He has fashioned and will use against the enemy of our souls. Absolute integrity is possible only for him who is possessed by Christ, the truth. Righteousness is possible only for him who receives the righteousness of God through a right relationship with him. The good news of peace with God through faith in Christ constitutes the only secure footing for God's child. Faith is the protection from the satanic barbs thrown to destroy our life and joy and growth. Salvation is Christ's gift to preserve us from destruction. All of these are known to us through the Word of God and this word in turn can be used to set to flight our attackers. God provides all this armor; but if we fail to take advantage of his offer, we will be helpless against Satan.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS?

- 1) Are there guidelines to distinguish between financial anxiety and irresponsibility, between obligations to care for dependents and faith in God?
- 2) What are principalities and powers which today demand allegiance and commitment that could conflict with God's claims on us?
- 3) What parts of the Christian's ideal armor as described here can be discarded? Have you dropped any? □

We the Women

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now sitting together in love and fellowship as Christians. As we "looked in on Asia" they felt that as nations become more affluent, material things seem to become more important than spiritual matters. Their hope is that they can provide a mature and spiritual leadership to meet the demands of a materialistic society.

Mrs. E. Bates, our retiring Chairman summed up the thoughts by reminding

us that we constitute a minority in a largely pagan world. She emphasized more daily prayer — at least one half hour per day more prayer, and also greater participation in Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. We are fortunate to have a Guide and to know "In Christ all things hold together" (Col. 1:17a).

"My hope for the Women's Department," Mrs. Bates concluded "is that our members may be faithful stewards of God's blessing of the past and strive even more earnestly to fulfill our Department's aim as set forth in I Cor. 3:9 "We are laborers together with God."

Mrs. R. L. Mathis (U.S.A.), our past Treasurer, was unanimously elected as Chairman for the Women's Department of B.W.A.

As women from 76 countries fellow-shipped together, we as individual members of this greater worldwide group of Baptist women realized anew the urgency and responsibility to win souls and to help "claim the future" for Him. □



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God Leads a Pretty Sheltered Life

At the end of time, billions of people were scattered on a great plain before God's throne. Some of the groups near the front talked heatedly — not with cringing shame, but with belligerence.

"How can God judge us?" "How can He know about suffering?" snapped a joking brunette. She jerked back a sleeve to reveal a tattooed number from a Nazi concentration camp. "We endured terror, beatings, torture, death!"

In another group, a black man lowered his collar. "What about this?" he demanded, showing an ugly rope burn. "Lynched for no crime but being black!" "We have suffocated in slave ships, been wrenched from loved ones, toiled till only death gave release."

Far out across the plain were hundreds of such groups. Each had a complaint against God for the evil and suffering He permitted in His world. How lucky God was to live in heaven where all was sweetness and light, where there was no weeping, no fear, no hunger, no hatred. Indeed, what did God know about what man had been forced to endure in this world? "After all, God leads a pretty sheltered life," they said.

So each group sent out a leader, chosen because he had suffered the most. There was a Jew, a black, an untouchable from India, an illegitimate, a person from Hiroshima, and one from a Siberian slave camp. In the center of the plain they consulted with each other. At last they were ready to present their case. It was rather simple: Before God would be qualified to be their judge,

He must endure what they had endured. Their decision was that God "should be sentenced to live on earth — as a man!"

But, because He was God, they set certain safeguards to be sure He could not use His divine powers to help Himself.

Let Him be born a Jew.

Let the legitimacy of His birth be doubted, so that none will know who is really His father.

Let Him champion a cause so just, but so radical, that it brings down upon Him the hate, condemnation, and eliminating efforts of every major traditional and established religious authority.

Let Him try to describe what no man has ever seen, tasted, heard, or smelled — let Him try to communicate God to men.

Let Him be betrayed by His dearest friends.

Let Him be indicted on false charges, tried before a prejudiced jury, and convicted by a cowardly judge.

Let Him see what it is to be terribly alone and completely abandoned by every living thing.

Let Him be tortured and let Him die! Let Him die the most humiliating death — with common thieves.

As each leader announced his portion of the sentence, loud murmurs of approval went up from the great throng of people. When the last had finished pronouncing sentence, there was a long silence. No one uttered another word. No one moved. For suddenly all knew . . . *God had already served His sentence.* □

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