

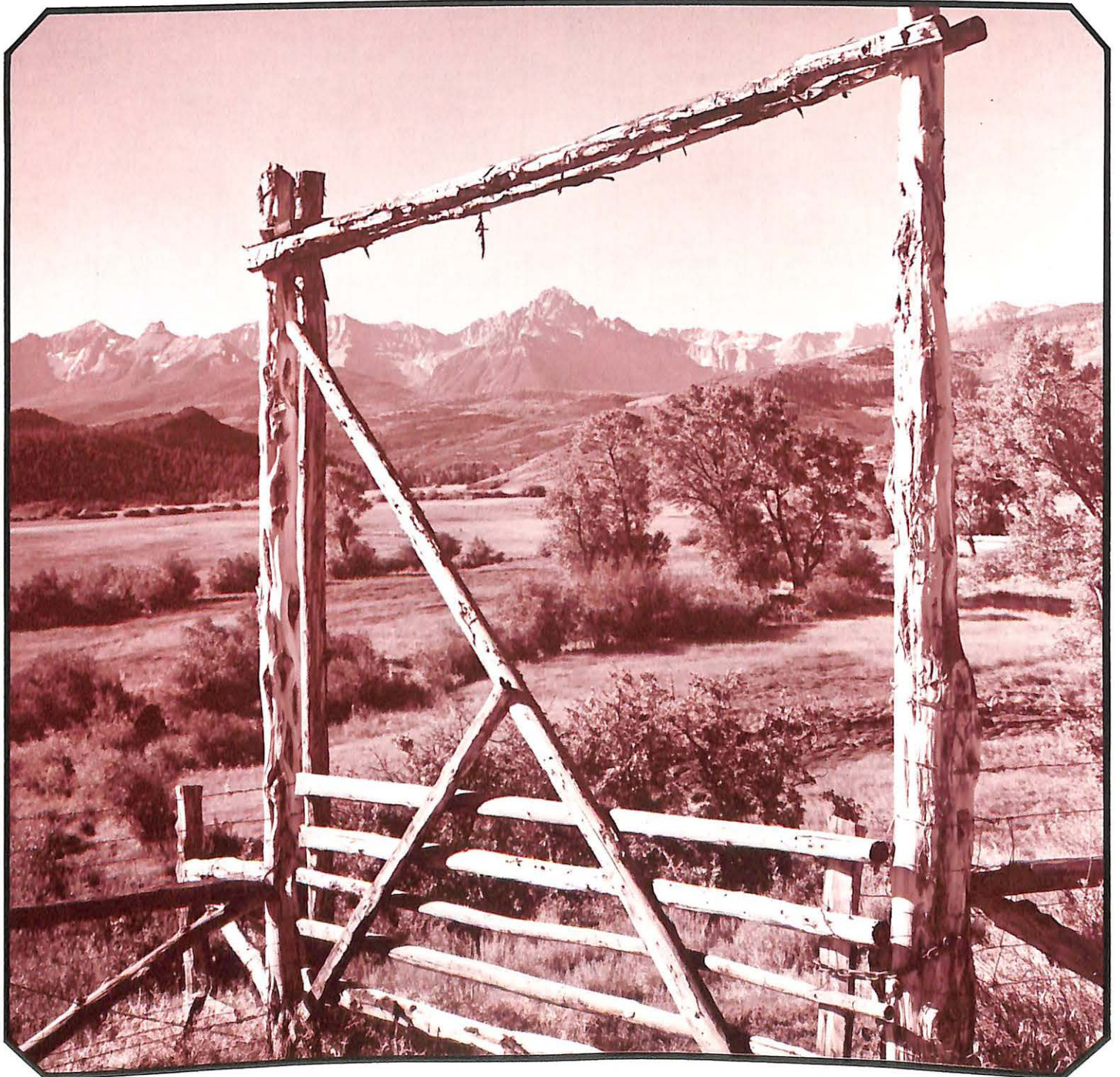
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7:30 pm	Opening Session "Launching the Week" Singspiration Funspiration Information	Dr. H. N. Wright: "Characteristics of a Christian Family" 8:30 pm Personal Estate Planning Conference Sharing Session	Dr. V. C. Grounds: "Helping My Family Live Its Faith—An Assignment for Parents"	Dr. V. C. Grounds: "Helping My Family Live Its Faith—An Assignment for Children"	Dr. V. C. Grounds: "A Test Question for Christian Families"	Dr. H. N. Wright: "Our Emotions and Our Family Life"	"The Family Understanding Missions" Rev. Fred Folkerts Co-ordinator Missionary Offering		

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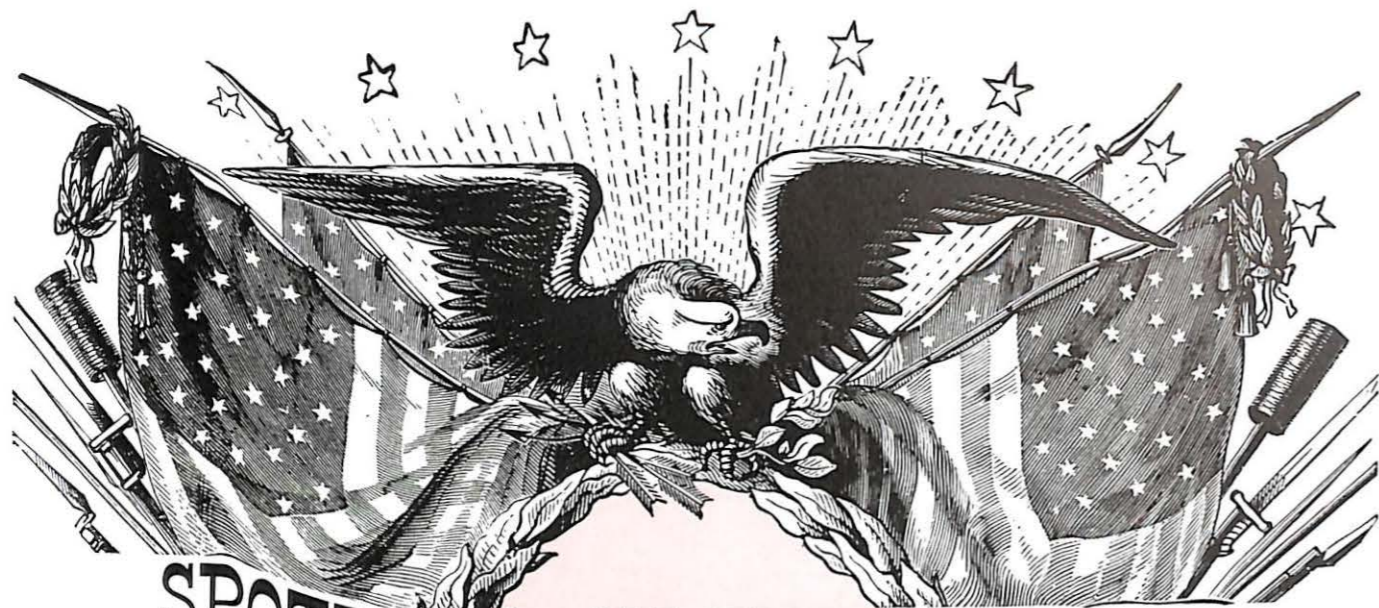
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SPOTLIGHT ON THE SIGNERS

by Vincent Edwards

ASK THE AVERAGE American about the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and he will be doing well if he can name as many as ten of that illustrious band of patriots! The other forty-six are as lost and unknown to him as if they lived on another planet.

With Independence Day at hand, perhaps it is a good time to pause and think of those to whom we owe so much. Here are a few facts that will make them come alive a bit.

Benjamin Franklin had good reason to be called Philadelphia's "Grand Old Man," since he helped to establish there the first circulating library in America, the first fire department, the first city police bureau, and the first literary and debating club (Philadelphia's famous "Junto").

Abraham Clark of New Jersey was never admitted to the bar, but he gave so much free advice from his knowledge of common law to persons who were mixed up in land disputes that he came to be known as "the Poor Man's Counsellor."

Button Gwinnett of Georgia was shot down in a duel less than a year after signing the Declaration and died, leaving no money nor descendants nor any reliable portraits of himself. He left nothing, in fact, except thirty-six signatures on his letters and papers, for anyone of which rich autograph collectors would now pay over \$10,000.

Dr. Josiah Bartlett of New Hampshire, prominent physician, built up quite a reputation for himself by his

successful treatment of throat maladies with Peruvian bark.

Roger Sherman of Connecticut walked all the way from Boston with his cobbler tools on his back to set up a shoemaking shop in New Milford.

George Wythe, the great Virginian, who was Thomas Jefferson's law teacher, died in agony after a money-mad nephew slipped arsenic into his coffee, but he lived long enough to disinherit the murderer and to make his old pupil his heir.

Joseph Hewes of North Carolina has sometimes been called the "Father of the United States Navy." As chairman of the marine committee in the Continental Congress, he managed to get a ship and a commission for his young friend, John Paul Jones.

Thomas Lynch, Jr. of South Carolina still remains the central figure in a mystery that has never been solved. Because of his rapidly declining health, the young plantation owner was advised by his doctor to seek a more favorable climate. And so, late in 1779, Lynch boarded a ship for the West Indies, expecting to take another from there for France, but he was never heard from again.

Stephen Hopkins of Rhode Island, first chancellor of Brown University, once had a telescope set up in a Providence public square, so that all who were interested could look through it and observe the planet Venus.

Dr. Benjamin Rush of Pennsylvania, first surgeon-general of Washington's army, was fairly worshipped by young

medical students when he became the head physician of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. Here he set up the nation's first free dispensary for suffering poor patients.

Arthur Middleton of South Carolina was born and is buried at "Middleton Place," the famous gardens outside of Charleston where thousands of visitors come every spring to see the bowered terraces of camelias and magnolias and azaleas in bloom.

Charles Carroll, Maryland's most famous patriot, was more than ninety-two and had outlived all the other "signers," when, on July 4, 1828, he came to Baltimore to lay the foundation stone of America's first railroad, the Baltimore and Ohio.

Francis Hopkinson of New Jersey was not only a gifted artist and poet and musician and composer, but all the evidence seems to prove that he and not Betsy Ross designed the Stars and Stripes.

John Hart of New Jersey paid a terrible price for signing America's charter of freedom. From the Sourland Mountains where he was hunted like a wild animal he could see his fine mill and farm buildings go up in flames, set on fire by the Redcoats. His ordeal of hiding out so affected his health that he died in a matter of a few months.

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on the same day, July 4, 1826. Adams remarked with almost his last breath, "Thomas Jefferson still lives"—not knowing his old Presidential rival had passed away eight hours before! □

Living Water

by Benno Przybylski

In retrospect, I must admit that while living in Canada I did not grasp the full significance of the concept of "living water." When the sprinklers run continuously all summer, it is indeed difficult to conceive of water as a precious commodity.

After bidding farewell to the green lawns of Canada in July 1973, my wife and I were struck by the brown scorched earth of Israel. Soon after our arrival in Jerusalem we decided to visit the Caves of Qumran near the shore of the Dead Sea. Since the next ridge always appears more intriguing we climbed high above the caves to the plateau of the Judean Wilderness. The excursion took much longer than anticipated, for soon the 100°F plus temperatures slowed us down to a snail's pace. For the first time in my life I realized what it meant to be really thirsty. Fortunately, a friend had taken a little water along, and as we rationed it I was amazed how good warm water out of an old plastic bottle could taste.

The next reminder of the worth of water came when we received our first water bill. It turned out to be almost as high as our electricity bill. Consequently, we realized that taking cold showers to cool off in the heat was an expensive luxury rather than a democratic right.

As the summer progressed, we were again and again reminded of the importance of water. The news media stressed that the water level of the Sea of Galilee, Israel's main water reservoir, was at an all-time low. Another winter with little precipitation would have disastrous effects in 1974.

Not only did we learn about the value of water from the present situation, but also through the voice of history as we walked through Hezekiah's tunnel (II Chronicles 32:30). This tunnel which is 531 meters long was hewn through solid rock in the seventh century B.C. in order to bring water from the Gihon Spring, which was outside the city walls, to the City of David. In this way Jerusalem was assured a safe supply of water even during an enemy siege.

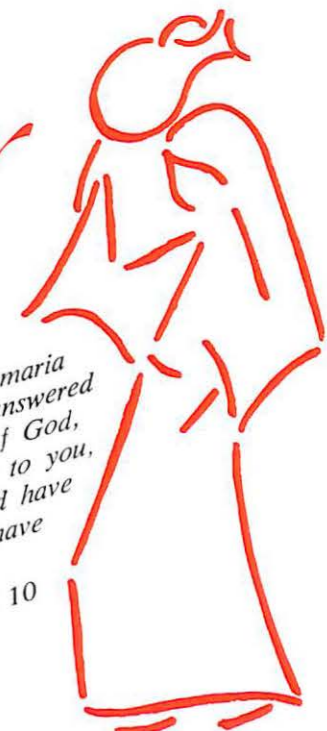
Yes, during the summer of '73 we learned that water was not something which could be taken for granted. We started to get a feeling for the meaning of living water.

However, it was not until after the winter rains came that we realized what Jesus may have meant by living water. Much of what is described as merely "rocks and sand" by the summer tourist now came to life. In Jan-

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There came a woman of Samaria to draw water . . . Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

—John 4:7 and 10



uary the so-called desert turned into a lush green as grain began to spring up in the most unexpected places. No place was too small to be cultivated. We saw green fields on the terraced sides of hills which were too narrow for a North American combine even to stand on. All available land was utilized so the winter rains could bring life.

At times we even forgot the lessons of the summer as we complained about the numerous rainy days. Although the first snow storm was a novelty, the second was already met with complaints. Yet, in general we thought that we now knew the true significance of living water. How wrong we were, for during a five day trip to the Sinai Desert in the beginning of February we were to learn another lesson.

At first we were overawed by the lack of water as we travelled along so-called roads in parched wadis to St. Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai. However, when we travelled cross-country with the help of a Bedouin guide, we were amazed at the number of wells he pointed out to us. At that time the realization struck me that even in remote parts of the desert there is water, you only have to know where to find it!

While returning to Jerusalem we learned the final lesson. Violent rain storms had raged in the Negev and the Dead Sea Valley. As we approached these areas we came upon rivers gushing across the road. A wadi, which appeared so safe a few days earlier, had turned into a roaring torrent of run-off water and was destroying the road ahead of us. I now realized that water may bring not only life but also destruction. Where there is life there is also death.

How rich a background such a simple phrase as "living water" can have. However, don't just take my word for it, but come and see for yourself. □

Death. Where Is Thy Victory?

by Calvin L. Fox



Guns at the ready, the soldiers crouched to provide a smaller target and moved stealthily through the underbrush. Without warning, the noise of battle shattered the silence of the mountain forest. As the men sought cover, the captain dived into a shallow ravine.

Months after, the captain (or mayor), who is also lay leader of the Baptist church in his community, learned that the whole incident had been set up by the local Communist group and their professional killer. Their aim: to assassinate the captain. He also found out that the assassin had been hiding in the same ravine, less than ten yards away.

When the Communist executioner later told his side of the story, he said flatly, "Something happened to me, and I just could not shoot the captain."

Within a few weeks the head of the Communist army in the Philippines called the assassin before him to explain why the captain was still alive. The professional killer offered the only explanation he could. "The captain is a man of God," he reported, "and that makes him very hard to kill." Enraged the commander slapped the subordinate's face. "Do not speak the name of God again!" he shouted.

Sometime later the captain led another army patrol on an inspection of the village. "Where is the executioner's house?" asked the sergeant, as they moved through the village. "Just ahead," the officer pointed out. Tension engulfed the patrol, as the men quickly began preparing for a fight. Instead, the captain laughed. "This is not a hostile patrol," he reminded the men, "but only a cleanliness inspection."

He was mistaken. Without being aware of it, he was about to face another brush with death. The patrol's arrival had surprised the executioner, and he was hiding in his house. He confessed later that he fully intended to shoot the captain that day and then turn the gun on himself before the patrol could capture him. Instead, because of God the assassin understood later, he sat quietly

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and listened as this Baptist layman talked with his wife.

The captain informed her that President Marcos had promised amnesty to any Communist who would turn in his guns and denounce all ties with the Communist movement. The captain added that he would help anyone secure amnesty, if that person would confess his sins to a loving God—who would forgive all sins, not just crimes against the government—and trust Christ as Savior. These words touched the executioner deeply, for he had never heard of a God who loved and forgave; he had heard only of a God who hated and took revenge.

After a few days the captain once again stepped into the valley of death. A party was planned at the executioner's home. As is customary, the captain was invited to make a short speech. The party was only a ruse; every guest had come just to help the host trap and murder the officer.

As soon as the captain entered the house, he sensed the danger. He greeted everyone, sat down, and prayed. The guests, in a game of cat and mouse, gave him a chance to speak. But his words startled them.

"I know who you all are, and I know why you have invited me," he began. "You think I am afraid to die. Well, I am not afraid to die, because I have trusted Christ as my Savior. He has taken away all of my sins and made it possible for me to go to heaven when I die.

"This is what you cannot understand. This is what makes you afraid of me. You can see that I am not afraid to die, but you are. This is why the Communists can hold you and force you do things you know are wrong."

His gaze swept his audience. "You do not go outside of your homes without a gun or a companion," he charged. "I walk alone at night unarmed. You cannot sleep well at night, because you are afraid you might be killed. I sleep like a baby, because I know that if I die, I will go to heaven. This is beyond your comprehension, but Christ has changed my life and has made me a different man."

Then the captain told how Christ had given him a new

life. "Christ is waiting to give you the same new life," he said, "if you will confess your sins to God and accept him as Savior."

Throughout the remarks, in the next room sat the executioner, M-16 in hand, ready to do away with the captain. But he was unable to move. Never had he seen a man who was not afraid of death. Never had he heard so much about this God of love.

"I will help anyone of you to get amnesty, if you will accept Christ and confess your sins to God," he heard the officer saying. "If you confess your sins to man, it is only burying them, and someday the old life will come back. But God removes sins and remakes men. I promise everyone of you that I will help you tomorrow to get amnesty, in spite of the fact that you invited me here to kill me."

He rose, excused himself and left the house. At the bottom of the stairs the executioner's wife stopped him. "Did you really mean what you just said?" she asked softly.

"I will help anyone who will confess his sins to God and accept Christ as his Savior," he promised.

The following night the captain had a visitor at his home. The executioner's wife came to tell him that her

husband would be waiting to surrender to him at a specified place. There were two conditions: the officer must come alone and come unarmed.

After much prayer and a night's sleep, the captain headed for the meeting place—either to lead a paid killer to Christ or to walk into another trap. He reached the designated spot and waited. In a little while, when the executioner was satisfied that his conditions had been met, he came out of hiding.

"I am ready to surrender, because I can trust you," he said.

The captain smiled and said, "You know my requirements."

"I do, and I am ready."

Together the Baptist lay leader and the trembling executioner knelt. The captain listened as the man poured out his confession of the murders of many of the officer's friends and neighbors.

The story is not over, for neither of these men or their families will be completely safe as long as there is a Communist movement in the Philippines. Both men need the continuing support of prayer. But because a believer was unafraid to die, a guilty man has found the promise of eternal life. □

How Can You Be Inspired?

by Lucille Harper

WE READ today that people have no creativity, give out no sparks, light few candles, and heaven help the future.

Considering the materialistic ideas hurled at the ordinary man or woman today, via television, movies, books, and magazines, is it any wonder that people seem to be uninspired?

If the eye and the mind absorb no truth, beauty, or art in the highest sense, how can that person give inspiration to others, whether it be in the home, the office, the classroom, or the community?

Inspiration for everyday living will not be found one day spent in church, if the other six days are a battle against secular culture. Ideas spewed out from newspapers, television and mov-

ies give false values and wrong ideals, and a purposeless view of life.

But some individuals do retain their sense of values, hold fast to ideals and standards thought antiquated by others, and do risk being called an idealistic non-conformist. They feel if that's the worst they are ever called, they are fortunate indeed.

How do these rare individuals retain their sense of values? Why is it when you talk with them, you are somehow inspired when you leave them?

If you question them, you will find they have a three-point plan, and a simple one at that. They follow a good reading, good entertainment and prayer program.

Good reading is not necessarily dull or heavy reading, they point out. But it is reading that is solidly based in true values of life. It is reading that shows them their responsibilities and

opportunities to be good Christians, and it does enlarge the small world they live in.

To squeeze in good reading, this sometimes means turning off the television. In view of the fact that ratings often take good programs off the air, and retain mediocre ones, turning off the television is your own censorship program.

Imagine the reaction of a television surveyor one night, when I answered the phone.

"What program is your family watching?" she asked.

"We're not watching a program" I answered. "We're reading."

A stunned silence. "Oh," she said finally, "thank you."

It's amusing to hear people say they have no time to read, but there's always television time. In this case, the same sense is used, the eyes. But with reading, the brain must work a little,

too. I know people who do their best napping before television. Try and nap with a good book!

We meticulously look for good movies when we're in the mood for one. And as you readers know, the pickings are very slim. Some producers are making better movies, but they are very few. There are movies for children, and movies for adults, but the in between range for general viewing isn't very large. Misleading advertising, I suspect, keeps people away from some movies.

We try to select plays, too. Of course, playwrights have more freedom than producers of motion pictures, because everyone knows that playgoers are in a minority. Small community and little theatres produce very good shows, and those who aren't afraid of losing money, or of being "non-commercial" often do a better job than professionals.

A friend said to me: "I don't want

to see some plays and some movies. They confuse me. They go against everything I've been led to believe. I don't think they can shake my faith. But why fill the mind with all that junk?"

Another friend told me: "If I want to use my ears and listen to good music when I'm at home, and too busy to do anything but listen, I want music, not commercials. I know those men have to sell cars, and what-not; but I'd rather put on a couple of long-playing records than turn on the radio for music. I find it more inspirational."

Inspiration. That's the magic word. And what is more inspirational than prayer? It doesn't have to be a formal prayer, it can be a talk with God. You won't hear voices, like some of the saints, but you will lift your mind up and up to your Creator. One thing about prayer. You can pray anywhere, since it is your mind that is speaking, and you don't have to use eyes or ears.

Prayer can be reading several passages from the Bible, the only book that remains and remains a best seller in all ages. One thought from the Bible can be pondered all day, and if the mind is busy pondering that, there won't be room for mediocre thoughts.

Very few people would say: "I don't want to be inspired." Of course not. It's human to want to be creative, to improve one's mind, to accept responsibility, to accomplish some good, and to grow wiser in the lifetime we have.

But it takes a great deal of effort in the world we live in today to do all these things. It takes discipline, determination and good cheer. Discipline is used when you ration your time well, determination is used when you cling to your own values, and good cheer when you smile as you work. Who is inspired by a gloomy-faced person?

One person said to me: "To whom ever you write, inspire them." Inspiration, the magic word. □

of this facility without a lot of frills to distract from its functional purpose was impressive.

Like pilgrimage participants of early ages, we were housed in the homes. A notable exception to this were the single male seniors who stayed at the Denominational Inn (the apartments within the headquarters building). The opportunity to meet new people and establish new friendships was a bonus feature of our pilgrimage. For some seniors who stayed with former pastors or relatives, there was an opportunity to reminisce upon the past. Being able to attend Sunday morning worship service with our host, provided us with an opportunity to visit many of our Chicago area churches.

The 3:00 hour Sunday afternoon brought us together to begin our orientation sessions. Joining our group for these sessions were Mr. and Mrs. Daley from Detroit and the Rev. and Mrs. Willis Potratz. It was in these orientation sessions that each of our denominational leaders presented the purpose and ministries for which they are responsible. Being conscious of the pressure of an activity packed schedule, each presentation had to be brief and concise. As we concluded our first day's orientation about 9:00 p.m. our minds were weary. It seemed as if we had received so much information in such a short amount of time.

As we looked forward to Monday morning we saw a packed schedule until noon and then the long pilgrimage back to Sioux Falls. One of the most popular aspects of our

pilgrimage was touring the office building. The interest in this activity is probably reflected in the fact that it delayed our schedule. Being able to see each of the men and women in the context of their office and staff relationships was most meaningful. The specific spot which attracted the most attention was the White Cross room. Seeing the various items and realizing the process of collection and distribution was a new experience for most of us. Two of the senior wives who have a special interest in baby layettes, were presented with one.

An important aspect of any pilgrimage experience is returning with curios and relics. Our pilgrimage was no different. However, rather than placing these items in a sacred shrine, we have placed them in our file cabinets for future reference. The variety of resources that we received included every aspect of denominational life. We received information on *Baptist Herald*, church extension, estate planning, communications, Christian Education, our new home ministries department and our established foreign missions department.

Having been a part of the Forest Park Pilgrimage, we saw our denomination leaders as persons working hard with limited resources. We saw an emphasis on ministry and people and not only programs. As participants in this pilgrimage, we came away with a renewed sense of commitment to the ministry that is ours together. □

Forest Park Pilgrimage

by Marvin Busenius



The experience of a pilgrimage is an activity which has occupied man's attention throughout history. Man has always been in quest of that which makes his religious association seem more authentic. Christians are among those who have sought various pilgrimage experiences. The commercialized exodus to the Holy Land of the present age is but one example of a situation which seems similar to the pattern of the Middle Ages. As a person participates in a pilgrimage there is not only the emotional fervor of having been there, but also the reality of mental identification.

Another type of pilgrimage experience which recently took place was the Seminary Seniors' trip to our denominational headquarters in Forest Park. The participants in this pilgrimage included members of the senior class and their wives. Even though our pilgrimage has numerous similarities to those of centuries past, there also are a number of distinctively unique aspects.

Our pilgrimage had an early start on the morning of March 23. In the 5:30 darkness of that Saturday morning there was the scurry of seniors and the shuffle of suitcases.

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In respect to the mode of travel for this pilgrimage, there was a distant relationship to that of the horses that were used by the participants of an earlier era. We did not have horses or a greyhound; but a Jack Rabbit. This was the name of the local carrier from which we chartered our bus. A positive aspect of our bus trip was the fact that we were able to relax and visit with fellow classmates, as we crossed the mid west plains from Sioux Falls to Chicago. The experience of just being together for the entire weekend was enriching. There were times when our bus was filled with laughter and singing; and there were times when our bus was filled with silent sleepers. There were times when there were intense personal discussions and there were times when individuals and small groups passed the time playing games. The total impact of the trip was one which brought individual uniquenesses together for the sake of a common purpose of a pilgrimage.

The specific destination was our denominational headquarters. As we arrived Saturday evening we were met by the Rev. Everett Barker. For some of us who had never been at our headquarters, our feelings were mixed. We had made this long pilgrimage and did not find the sacred shrine that we had expected. In fact the building is very modest and is in keeping with the stylings of its surroundings. The modesty

God's VOLUNTEERS TEAM 2 REPORTS

by Michaelle Schauer



Gordon Bauslaugh leading a spirited discussion at a coffee house meeting.

During the past year, you may have seen six young people traveling across the country in a car they call Marantha. Where are they from? From the North American Baptist Conference. What are they called? God's Volunteers, Team 2. What are they doing? Telling everyone what Jesus Christ means to them. Now they want to share with you the changes that have come from sharing their faith in Christ.

Traveling from the east to west coast, into Ontario and down to Texas, our team has spent nine months watch-

ing God work in our lives and in the lives of those we met as Colleen Bredin expresses: "It's not that I've been to a lot of interesting places, such as seeing two nation's capitals. And it's not that I've met a lot of interesting people, though this is true of every place I've been. The exciting thing is that I've seen God at work in a very tremendous way. I've seen him at work in the lives of so many people everywhere who are searching and who don't know that through Jesus Christ they can have all their needs met. Not only have I seen God working in the



Diane Patzer greeting a senior citizen in home where God's Volunteers sang.

Team 2 in action at a high school rally.



lives of others, but I know that my own love for and faith in God has grown greatly. Therefore, I am excited and want to tell everyone about Jesus Christ."

This year has been an exciting, fruit-bearing and learning experience for each of us. Barbara Voigt tells how sharing her faith has helped her mature in her Christian life: "It's been a wonderful experience, learning to share with others my faith in Jesus Christ.

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MCFC Quarterly Report

by Daniel Fuchs

The Bible bears witness that God wants lost people found. He wants alienated men, women, and young people reconciled to God in the church of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to seek and to save, and he said: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." He commanded us to make disciples and teach them to do what he has said. That means making contacts for Christ. It means finding the lost in our communities and personally sharing the gospel with them. It means winning our neighbors to Christ and incorporating them into churches.

Pastors and churches all across our NAB Conference are excited about the results of their MCFC ministry. Many make hundreds of contacts for Christ each quarter. These are the churches that grow in membership and reach their communities for Christ. Others report: "We are just beginning our visitation evangelism and hope to have much better statistics in a few months." Still others realize that they too must have a directed ministry of personal gospel outreach to increasingly fulfill their God-given mission in the world.

We praise God for the revival of evangelistic visitation in our conference churches—in rural as well as city

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churches. A pastor from a rural church reports: "The attitude of our members engaged in MCFC would warm your heart, as it does mine. We are reaching into the camp of the en-

emy himself, and we are now getting some very unusual reaction and opportunity. The more we reach out, the more there is to reach out to. Praise the Lord!" □

ONE MILLION CONTACTS FOR CHRIST

Associations	Number of Churches Reporting	January-March 1974					Total for Triennium October 1973 to March 1974				
		Quarterly Contact Goal	Personal Contacts Made	Decisions Recorded	New Members Received	Persons Making Contacts	Current Contact Goal	Personal Contacts Made	Decisions Recorded	New Members Received	Persons Making Contacts
Alberta	6	7,465	80	17	5	24	14,930	243	22	22	48
Atlantic	1	3,245	73	5	7	12	6,490	756	37	14	73
British Columbia	5	4,390	105	7	16	25	8,780	267	16	47	55
Central Dakota-Mont.	15	5,440	629	59	15	113	10,880	1,329	126	51	238
Eastern	8	3,635	503	18	17	49	7,270	1,654	38	17	122
Illinois	6	3,235	250	14	17	76	6,470	291	21	29	93
Iowa	6	3,975	643	21	22	68	7,950	698	26	41	84
Manitoba	2	3,620	8	10		4	7,240	21	16	2	10
Michigan	13	9,850	1,754	70	82	226	19,700	2,597	215	129	529
Minnesota-La Crosse	4	2,165	50	9		13	4,330	107	25	17	39
Northern California	3	3,865	1,419	57	42	57	7,730	1,619	69	60	76
North Dakota	10	3,100	172	19	17	63	6,200	388	42	62	112
Oregon	9	3,220	557	67	26	113	6,440	649	96	42	140
Pacific Northwest	8	2,820	1,492	101	16	179	5,640	2,213	124	36	236
Penn-Ohio	1	3,865	961	356	12	52	7,730	1,890	377	35	114
Saskatchewan	2	2,165	19	4	1	3	4,330	41	15	7	5
South Dakota	8	3,325	124	4	16	27	6,650	277	4	40	52
Southern	6	1,240	740	18	6	84	2,480	836	24	9	100
Southern California	4	3,995	467	49	51	134	7,990	1,600	157	94	334
Southwestern	9	4,075	711	70	18	75	8,150	1,223	136	65	132
Wisconsin	4	3,745	12		4	5	7,490	96	13	14	29
Totals	130	82,435	10,769	975	390	1,402	164,870	18,795	1,599	1,833	2,621

N.A.B. PLANNED GIVING Estate Planning in Canada

by William Sturhahn

Trust Companies, banks and other financial advisors are offering their assistance in planning your estate. Without minimizing the proficiency of such organizations in this field, I would like to suggest that a Christian, whose life is under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, should have a different and wider approach to this task of planning his estate. I want to deal with the matter of money and estate planning from a Canadian point of view. Each country has laws which, to a large extent, govern the planning and handling of estate matters.

Today, most working people and many retired people have money and assets. To be sure, much of this is made up of inflated dollars. Some of us have more money than we are willing to admit or than we will be able to use during our lifetime. I fully realize that this introductory comment might evoke vigorous protests from people who have little or barely enough to get by on. We apologize to you. Our main thoughts are directed to those who do have material benefits which God has permitted.

As Christians we need to be concerned about three living authorities who control us and to whom we are accountable:

1.) YOU, YOURSELF are the first authority. You have rightfully and justly earned your possessions and you have an obligation to yourself and your family. You have the responsibility of looking after the needs of your family, to provide children with food, clothing and a proper education. You may have your own standard of living, determined by your position or determined by actual needs. I am not so sure whether, according to the Bible, we have the privilege to set our own standard of living. The Bible speaks for God, who says, "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content" (I Tim. 6:8). Even allowing for

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a considerable stretch in "food and raiment"—we must admit that we do live well. You are in charge, but your actions and transactions depend to a great extent on your attitude towards the following two authorities.

2.) GOVERNMENT—The government of Canada plus the several lower level governments have laws which determine what portion of your possessions and estate they require for their purpose and program. We simply call this legal hold "taxes." The biggest "chunk" of your taxes is probably taken by the government "income tax." Interestingly, however, the income tax laws make almost unbelievable concessions to "charitable donors." In our case "charitable donors" means those who give to missions, to the church, to anything that has to do with the kingdom of God. The charitable organization has to be registered with the Canadian government. In subsequent articles I should like to discuss several areas where government is virtually saying, "If you give to the work of your church or your denomination, we will not only honor your gift, but we will indirectly contribute." In other words, "we will help you." Imagine, the Canadian taxpayer may deduct up to 20 percent of his net income from this "taxable income" (with proof and valid receipts). This deduction will place him in a lower tax bracket. Let me illustrate:

Supposing your income tax form showed your net income to be \$8,000.00. (Yours may be more or less). Your taxes would be (in Manitoba) \$1,586.00 plus \$716.70, or a total of \$2,302.70. You would be in the 28 per cent tax bracket, which is not very high. You have, however, receipts for 10 percent charitable donations, or \$800.00. Your taxes are down to a total of \$2,017.00, which is \$295.00 less than the previously stated full amount. The government says virtually—"we will help you with your \$800.00 donation by contributing almost \$300.00."

Now, let us look at a 20 percent donation. Your net income is still

\$8000.00, on which the taxes are \$2,302.70. You have receipts from your church or mission for \$1,600.00. Your taxes now are \$1,749.70, or a reduction of \$553.00. You gave \$1,600.00 to the Lord's work, but the government says "we will assist you to the tune of \$553.00." I would say that this is a very generous concession and would question the wisdom of one who does not make use of this. This is very much like the "grace of God." In order to have it, you will have to take it. To all of this I say, "Thank you, I shall certainly make full use of it."

3.) GOD—The third authority over our possessions is God. I am sure that we are familiar with the Biblical statements which make it very clear that we are nothing but stewards or housekeepers of God. The parable of the talents; the story of the foolish farmer; the Old Testament assertions that "the silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8). "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle of the thousand hills" (Psalm 50:10).

Certainly, we do not lack information. We do, however, lack the honesty and the trust to accept God's ownership. You see, in the matter of ownership, God is very much an abstract being. He does not peek over our shoulder; he does not throw us into jail. We often feel that we can get by with God, although it is not always a comfortable feeling.

Many Christians suffer under this guilt feeling, which they then vent on their family, pastor or fellowman. The Bible states very clearly that, "After a long time the master of those servants came to settle accounts with them." The kingdom of heaven of which the Lord Jesus speaks is now embodied in the ministry of your church, the mission of your denomination, the teaching ministry of the N.A.B. Seminary and the N.A.B. College. Why not invest your material blessings in gifts to God's kingdom which can be made larger by tax savings from our Canadian government? □

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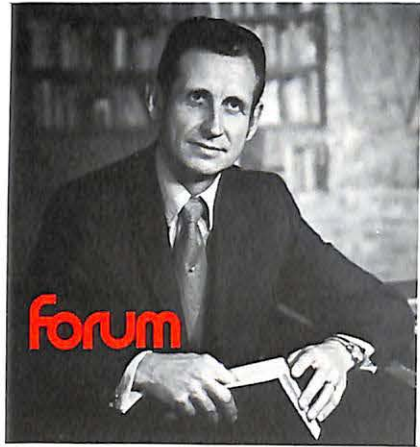
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Dear Readers: Thank you for continuing to send your questions during the few months I am writing these brief summaries of reflections concerning some of the countries I have visited during my sabbatical leave from the Seminary.

As was stated in the Field Secretary's letter to our missionaries I wish again to express my sincere gratitude to all those who enabled me to experience in Cameroon one of the most memorable months of my life. The kindness shown to me by the missionaries and Cameroon nationals will never be forgotten. Not only did I have the privilege of visiting all of our stations from Victoria to Mbem, of speaking at most of our institutions, of meeting in committees with both Cameroonians and missionaries, of dining with two ambassadors to Cameroon, and of making many new friends, but my life was greatly enriched because the Lord spoke to my heart a number of times while I was in that land.

As I thought of how Saker, Merrick, Bender and many others gave the best years of their lives to bring the Gospel to a part of Africa that, because of disease and hostility, was rated in missionary manuals at one time as being among the most dangerous places on earth for missionaries, I thanked God time and again for the courage and wisdom of the Baptist Missionary Program in Cameroon. While many missionaries left, the North American Baptists stayed and God's hand of protection rested firmly upon them. To witness the work of our missionaries and national Christians, therefore, was for this writer a significant blessing.

The concern of the medical staff for

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the illnesses and injuries of people is clearly evident. To attempt teaching a doubting people to boil their water, to assure them that a pill is just as effective as a shot, to accept near hopeless cases which have exhausted the efforts of juju medicine, to touch with tenderness the rejected leper, to try and relieve the pain of the helpless epileptic who because of his "queerness" was uncared for and fell into the fire, to deal with the numerous relatives who accompany the sick and frequently want to take them home before they are well, and to do the myriads of other things all in the name of Jesus is the purpose of our medical centers. As I watched operations, made rounds with the committed doctors, saw the love of the nurses when they looked into the eyes of their patients, witnessed the faithful work of the national chaplains, it was easy to understand why the hospitals and maternity centers have been an important witness for Christ in Cameroon. It was likewise a delight to attend the dedication of a new ward at Mbingo. But the future of the medical work will someday depend upon national doctors. We must, therefore, pray that they will be forthcoming and that they will evidence as much commitment to Christ and to the tedious work and low salaries as the current missionary staff. And with rising costs and some national tensions, the work of medical missions in facing the tests of the future will require of nationals and missionaries a sensitivity to the leading of God in this important area of service.

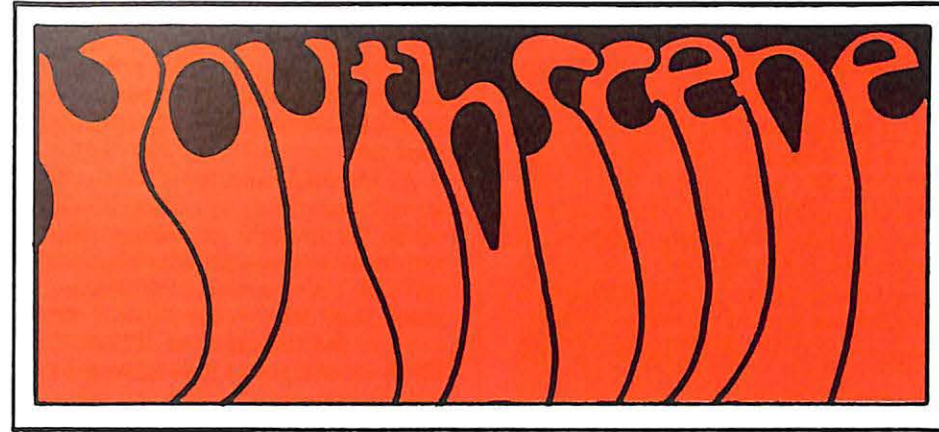
The commitment of the educational staff is also very evident. From Saker on the coast to Merrick in the grassland hills regular missionaries, short-termers and national tutors serve in colleges under national principals who are supervised by a joint national and missionary educational authority and directed by a Cameroonian national secretary. To understand the pressures for educational development which surface from the Bakweri, the Bafoum, the Bikom, the Nso, the Wimbum and the Kaka tribes (to mention only a few from south to north) and to impart to each the wisdom of Christ Jesus in connection with contemporary educational techniques and current technology, is the purpose of the educational program. For this writer to dialogue with students in each of the colleges and to visit and speak to the children in a number of the primary schools was a distinct pleasure. Now as the Cameroonian government takes over the task of teacher training, the chal-

lenges of new horizons face educators in Cameroon. Kom College is being considered as the site for a new technical school. This is an obvious area of need in Cameroon.

The work of the Bible School at Ndu has been very significant and must continue with even greater vigor if the church is to grow. In addition, there is considerable desire among the Cameroonians for a Seminary offering a B.Th. degree. Soppo College at Buea which is being phased out of teacher training is being considered as the new site for a proposed seminary. One of the purposes of this writer's visit to Cameroon was to review the prospects for such a school and to develop greater ties between the Seminary in Sioux Falls and the theological education programs in Cameroon. The great problem of theological education in developing countries is that church-supported "inexpensive" theological education becomes the stepping-stone to political and industrial positions of leadership, while the church suffers because of changing living patterns and low salaries which are not common with other fields. Although the church in Cameroon can praise God for Christians in government and business, it must be very careful in its development of future theological education programs so as to ensure that from the large sums of money it expands its churches will be staffed with educated people and not merely with people who have had only a primary education.

Finally, the dedication of missionaries and national workers engaged in the specific tasks of evangelism, church administration and church growth programs has been exemplary. Whether it was in a mud-brick bush church, a stone edifice in one of the cities or a chapel service in a dining hall on one of the colleges run by the government or some private corporation, I sensed the warm Spirit of Christ in our missionaries and pastors as they reached out to people in need of the message of Christ's reconciliation. But if I felt the need for more workers in any part of our mission effort, it was definitely in the area of evangelism and guidance in church development. The national pastors are working hard but are in need of help. As the future of the Cameroon Baptist Convention is now being formed, the pastors and leaders need literature, supportive counsel, assistance in developing administrative technique and evangelistic skills. All of our efforts in Cameroon will be in vain, if the church there is weak, back-

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PROJECT ANYONE?

Looking for a project or two for your youth group for the summer and fall? Try some of these on for size. They have worked for other youth groups.

Summer Concert

Do you have musical talent in your youth group? Why not develop a musical program—vocal and instrumental—and give a concert in your local neighborhood park, recreation center or town square. Three or four young people could move through the crowd distributing some attractive and well-written tracts. Check with city or park officials to make sure you are not violating any ordinances.

Help Your Community

Interested in community service? As a group, volunteer to canvass your community for the Heart Fund drive, United Fund or other worthy organization. They often find it difficult to recruit enough solicitors. This will give you opportunity to make contact with many homes, talking to people and, of course, collecting the money for the fund. While you are collecting, you can mention that this is a project of your youth group, thereby giving your youth group and church publicity and opening the possibility of helping not only man's physical condition but his spiritual life as well.

Happy Birthday, Church!

Make a list of the needs of the church. This could include books for the library, a mimeograph machine, typewriter, coat hangers, easels, chairs, tables and other items. Find out the approximate cost of the various items and then print up the listing. Title the first column "Needs," then list the various articles that are needed. The next

column should be headed "Cost" where you will list the approximate cost of each item. A third column can be headed by the word, "Donor," where you can write in the name or names of persons accepting this particular project. Take the list to members, friends and groups within the church to enlist them as donors. Individuals will be able to undertake some items alone. Other items will need to be taken by two or more people or by one of the organizations in the church. Be sure to have the approval of the Board of Trustees before you begin this project. On the church's anniversary or a specially designated night, have a birthday party at which time the gifts are brought and presented. Of course, you would have a birthday cake for refreshments.

Prayer Parents

Contact couples in the church who do not have teenage children. Ask them to consider becoming prayer parents to one of the young people of the church. Encourage prayer parents to remember the teenagers regularly in prayer and with cards on birthdays and special holidays. This is a good way to increase interest and communication between the two generations.

For each prayer parent, make up a folder containing the following information:

Page one: "We welcome you to 'Adventures in Prayer.' It is our special pleasure to welcome you as Prayer Parents. In a real sense this is an 'Adventure in Prayer,' for you will be bearing precious fruit to the throne of God for his use. This concern on your part for young people will not only make you feel that you are a vital part of the church, but will also enrich your

own spiritual life."

Page two should contain a listing of the teenager's name, address, telephone, high school, grade in school, best subject in school, hobby, birthday and Sunday school teacher. Be sure to put the name of your church either on the front or back of the folder.

Only at Christmas?

Why go caroling only at Christmas? Take the group Easter caroling, Thanksgiving caroling or maybe sometime during the summer just for chorus caroling. Visit shut-ins or needy families. Depending on the occasion, you may want to take canned foods, toys or other items to those you are visiting.

Spread the Word

Have your youth group finance and place a courtesy subscription to a Christian magazine in the local high school library. Choose a magazine that is written for young people and portrays the way of salvation and the Christian life. Magazines might also be placed in the public library and public transportation terminals.

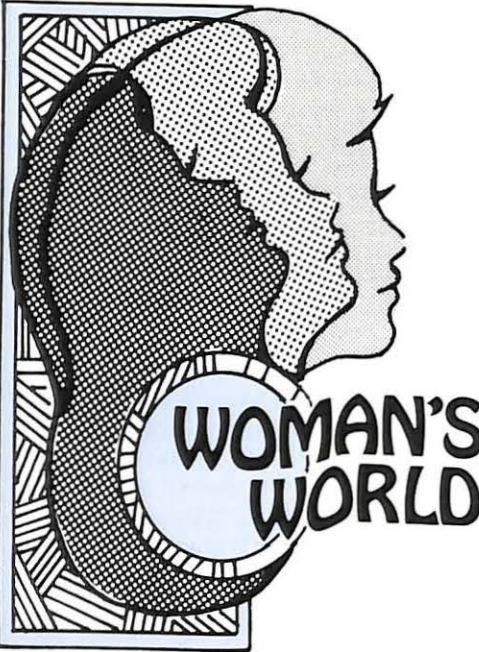
A Christmas Gift

Make Christmas card holders for the aged in your community by wrapping rug yarn vertically around a large juice, or other 32 ounce can, with both ends removed. After completing the wrapping, put a plastic coffee lid on the top. Decorate the top with artificial flowers. Distribute these while you are caroling. For something a little extra, have each person put a signed card on each holder.

Maybe your youth group has done an especially meaningful project. How about sharing it with us and others? Send it to the Church Ministries Department, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill. 60130. □



"Yes, I was talking quite a bit during the lesson to the boy in the next class but they were soft answers to turn away wrath for what he was saying about our class. . . ."



to a happy relationship with everyone with whom we come in contact.

There are also things we should not encourage to grow. Much time and care is often spent on plants that turn out to be harmful weeds. Greed and selfishness are such weeds.

Sometimes others reap the blessings from the things we work so hard to grow. Our children will surely reap many benefits if we plan well and tend carefully our garden of life. □

I CAN'T BUT GOD CAN

by Carol Thielenhaus, wife of the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhaus, pastor of Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta.

"But Mama, I can't!" How many times my son said that when I wanted him to do something that was hard for him—like going to bed without that special item.

"But Lord, I can't!" How many times have we said that when Jesus has wanted us to do something for him—like write an article, invite some ladies in to study the Bible, witness verbally or lead a Sunday school class?

Even Peter said this when God told him to eat from the sheet (Acts 10:9-16). It took three times of God's saying "Yes, you can!" before Peter understood that God was not asking but commanding him to obey.

Sometimes the Lord allows us to experience many trials. Just about the time we start to say, "But Lord, I can't bear it!"—he gives us his command and promises that all things are possible through Christ and that he will not allow us to be tempted above that which we can bear (1 Cor. 10:13).

Shortly after my second miscarriage some months ago, I was lying in the hospital bed with so much pain that I could barely move my hand to my mouth to feed myself, and I would start to say, "But Lord, I can't!" Then I would recall God's promise of help. When I became discouraged, wondering why God allowed such pain, I would read Eph. 1:8 "... for how well he understands us, and knows what is best for us at all times!"

God has given us such tremendous promises in his Word. How many times we fail and fall just because we haven't taken time to read and learn God's words of help. Then, also, in Eph. 5:20, Paul says we are to be "Giving thanks always for all things unto God."

There are times, such as every morning when I get out of bed and struggle

to put on my back brace, that I find these words to be extremely hard to swallow and digest. Have you truly given thanks for pain, sorrow and problems as well as for the good times in your life?

As we study and learn God's Word, we are better able to defeat any blows which Satan might hurl at us. We can withstand any temptation and trial if we will but know God's Word. We must dwell daily in the Bible if we are to grow and be able to say, "Yes, Lord, I'll try to do it," and then allow his Spirit to do it through us. □

ON BEING A PREACHER'S KID . . . THEN

by Alma Broeckel Rueb, until recently a member of Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., now living in Aptos, Calif.



Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Broeckel in 1941.

I was always proud to be a P.K. My earliest recollection of life as a P.K. was our move to a small town in North Dakota when I was three years old. These were exciting years of baptisms, Sunday school picnics at a nearby lake and services three times each Sunday at the "town" church or one of the "stations" (country churches). On one occasion the Model T became stuck in the snow and we walked the last mile to the church. I remember the ladies rubbed our feet and hands and dried our clothes around the potbelly stove in the center of the church. I felt really loved by the people.

There came the painful time of leaving to go to a "far away" place in South Dakota. This was to be the most meaningful move for me personally, as it was here that I accepted Christ as my Savior and met the one who later became my husband.

These were the years of drought and unemployment—the depression. People seemed to feel a real need for God and the churches were usually full. The hungry were never turned away from our home. It was not unusual to see a ragged man sitting at the kitchen table devouring a whole loaf of Mom's homemade bread plus anything else that was offered. At the other end of the spectrum were the evangelists and seminary quartets who were frequent guests and brought joy and blessing.

God led back to North Dakota where we experience revivals never to be forgotten! There was a great harvest of souls out of which came at least one who heeded God's call into the pastorate.

My father was the Rev. Emanuel Broeckel who recently went to be with the Lord at the age of 97 years. We often say Dad was always "the Preacher." His study was in our home and many times I opened the door to see him kneeling and praying aloud. This left an indelible impression on me of the importance of prayer. As a family, we began each day with Bible reading, devotions and prayer.

Shortly before his homing, Dad was heard singing to himself as he left the Chapel at the Baptist Home in Bismarck, N. Dak., "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." This was the story of his life and I'm proud that I was this Preacher's Kid. □

Note: A special tribute to Rev. Broeckel appeared on p. 9 in the April, 1974, issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. Ed.

ON BEING A PREACHER'S KID . . . NOW

by Nancy Wolff, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Manuel Wolff, Ellinwood, Ks.

A P.K.? Yep, that's what I am. And I'm glad. In fact, I think being a P.K. is one of the best things to be.

You see, it all started about 25 years ago when God called this guy named Manuel Wolff to be a preacher and a few years after that, to marry a girl named Roselyn Walth.

Next, I came along. Since then these two people have brought me up according to Eph. 6:4, "Bring them up



Rev. M. D. Wolff and daughter, Nancy, First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas.

with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice." Now I know how I am to live while I'm here. And, praise the Lord, I know where I'm going when I leave here!

I thank God for having made me a "preacher's kid." After all, how long would it have taken me to get up the courage to go to Camp Mack or Crystal Springs if my parents hadn't insisted that first year? Or what about last summer's conference in Wichita? Or what about the moves from North Dakota to Michigan to South Dakota and now to Kansas? I would have missed many opportunities for spiritual growth and beautiful Christian friendships.

I'm a "preacher's kid" and, praise the Lord, I've been blessed! □



PROGRAM IDEA FOR AUGUST

by Adeline Kopt, packet editor

The program, "Sharing Christ," was presented at one of our women's retreats. It made such a deep impression on me, and others, that Donna Kennedy was persuaded to contribute her talk to the packet. Use it—and use the discussion questions that are included. This program can be the beginning of more effective witnessing by your women.

A devotional by Mrs. Bruno Voss closes with a poem, "Stir Me." You will find this devotional a good beginning for your August meeting. □

FIFTY YEARS

The Morris Baptist Missionary Society of Morris, Manitoba, celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 21, 1973.

Miss Ida Hoffman, a member, did some research, reflecting and reminiscing summarized in the following account. In 1923 an energetic young pastor's wife, Mrs. Philip Daum, and a hard-working farmer's wife and mother, Mrs. Mathilda Lohr, held a prayer session with the Lord and then organized the society.

The "round-up" that followed was anything but easy. The few members lived four to 16 miles from Morris.

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GOD GIVES THE INCREASE



by LaVerna Mehlhaff, women's work director

In 1850 at the Eastern Conference a seed was sown; the "sisters" were encouraged to "organize" to help support the work of the church and missions. That seed was watered and God gave

the increase for in 1882 at the Northwestern Conference it was suggested that a union of all Woman's Societies be formed. That process continues even today. We praise the Lord for 400 active societies with a membership of about 10,000 women.

Today we praise God for the faithful sowers of the seed, for the faithful ones who watered and above all we praise God for the increase he has given. The principle was laid down by Paul in 1 Cor. 3:6: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." To each of us God has given a special task; our responsibility is to be faithful servants and God will give the increase. □

HONESTY-

A Double Standard?

by Alan Cliburn

JEAN DAWSON was washing the dishes as her daughter and some other girls played in the backyard.

"How old are you, Debbie?" one of the girls asked.

"Eight," Debbie replied without a moment's hesitation. Jean frowned, put aside her dishcloth, and walked to the door. "Debbie, I'd like to see you for a minute," she called.

"I'll be right back," Debbie told her friends as she ran to the porch. "What, Mommy?" she asked.

"Come inside," Mrs. Dawson said.

Debbie went into the house and closed the door behind her. "What?"

"Debbie, I heard you telling the other girls that you're eight," Jean began. "You aren't even seven-and-a-half yet."

Debbie bit her lip and looked down. "But they're already eight," she explained finally. "Cathy's almost nine. I didn't want to be the baby."

"What about honesty and telling the truth?" her mother asked.

"But you told that lady last week that you're twenty-nine," Debbie remembered suddenly. "And you're really—"

"That was different," Jean interrupted, blushing slightly. "Go play now, but be honest."

"But Mommy, why—"

"We'll talk about it later."

The above scene, or one similar in outcome, occurs daily in homes everywhere. It's a matter of "Don't do what I do; do what I say!" Is it really any wonder that today's youth are often mixed up and down on the older generation and the "establishment"? Parents just don't seem to realize how their actions affect the lives of their children. They see no contradiction between insisting that the child be completely honest and then allowing the child to see them or hear them being dishonest.

We had an incident in my own family recently that demonstrates which won when honesty or saving money were the only choices. A friend and I were flying from Los Angeles to San Francisco for a brief visit. Two of my young nephews wanted to go along. One had never

flown before, and so it was an eagerly awaited trip. The two boys are twelve and fourteen. As you may or may not know, children eleven and under may fly for half fare when traveling with an adult.

I was surprised and disappointed to discover that the twelve-year-old was going for half fare. My brother-in-law had listed the ages as eleven and fourteen. To me it was the same as stealing \$16.20 from the airline.

Even though I thought it was wrong for my brother-in-law to do this, I wasn't particularly concerned about him. I'm sure he probably rationalized until it was all above-board, at least to him. However, it's hard to know what effect this will have on my twelve-year-old nephew, and that was my main concern. In essence, my brother-in-law was telling him: "Honesty is fine, son, but saving \$16.20 is what really counts."

I see similar examples all the time, with parents telling their children to say they're younger than they really are. It can save a lot of money at the movies or amusement park. Many restaurants feature special menus and prices for children under a certain age. Parents wink at their kids or congratulate each other for "getting away with it." They may have "got away" with more than they bargained for—namely, a child who thinks it's smart to be dishonest.

I started out as a rather dishonest child, not because of bad examples at home but simply because I saw some candy at the store and wanted it. Under my shirt it went. I was probably three or four at the time. When we reached home, my ever-alert mother discovered the hidden—and unpaid for—goodies. Based on what I've seen and heard lately, today's parents probably would have patted me on the back for my successful shoplifting caper. Not my mother. She marched me right back to that store, and I returned the ill-gotten goods to the manager. It must have had a strong psychological effect on me at that tender age, because my shoplifting career ended then and there.

Whether you're an honest person or not is your business—until you get caught!—but your child's honesty is something else again and should concern the whole community. As a parent, you have both the biggest opportunity and the biggest responsibility as far as your child is concerned. He's with you a lot; he sees the way you act and react in various circumstances. Many of his own responses will be based on what he learns by observing you.

As a teacher in elementary school, it's easy for me to see who has had the right kind of training at home. It goes far beyond returning a dime found on the playground. It includes cheating on tests, copying a friend's homework, or anything that involves basic honesty. Too many children are expert thieves and liars by the time they reach third or fourth grade. They show absolutely no twinge of conscience—unless they get caught. And then they get mad at the person who caught them! Too often this is a philosophy learned at home: "It isn't wrong unless you're caught."

You'd never teach your child such a thing? Maybe not directly, but how much faster do you drive when police cars are nowhere in sight? How often have you bragged to friends or relatives about the money you made by "padding" your expense account or by subtracting unearned deductions from your income tax?

Children hear a lot more than you want them to, and they remember details you forgot long ago. You can preach honesty for hours, but it will be futile if you don't back it up with how you actually live. Kids don't care so much about theory; they care about fact. They often

have to see it to believe it, and when they see or hear you being dishonest, it makes a lasting impression.

If you've never taken a penny that didn't belong to you, and yet your children are having a rough time with honesty, you might need to dig a little deeper. Maybe your own dishonesty is hidden to you. For example, many people think nothing of using the telephone as a signaling device for friends across the country. Some have a regular code worked out and have been using it for so long that they don't even think about the money they're taking—or stealing—from the phone company. A child can spot dishonesty right away, even if it doesn't seem that way to you. And to a child, if dishonesty is all right for Mom or Dad, it's probably all right for him, too.

Maybe it's time you thought about honesty and dishonesty around your house. The longer you put it off, the harder it will be for your children to break some bad habits that might already be starting. Honesty might cost you something—as with my brother-in-law and the \$16.20—but the dividends it pays in the long run make any expense worth it! □

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

TEAM 2 REPORT

(Continued from page 9)

God has given me a real desire to witness wherever I am. It's so important that we, as Christians, go out and share God's love with all those around us. I have been set free from Satan to serve God (I Peter 2:16) and set free from self to serve others (Gal. 5:13). This is the greatest challenge in my Christian life. I am now under Christ's authority to serve, and my goal is to use what God has given me, to observe and meet the needs of others."

Our singing has been an avenue into schools, rest homes, churches, radio and television stations. These songs have become a part of us as Diane Patzer explains: "One of our songs that we have enjoyed singing is 'Get All Excited' which has been a favorite with people in the different churches. The theme of the song is that Christians everywhere should get excited about their Savior and King Jesus Christ and tell others about him. Let's stop talking about our problems but instead, let's talk about the 'problem solver'. This year on God's Volunteers has caused me to get excited about Jesus Christ who not only provides our physical needs but also fulfills the needs of our spiritual lives. Christ has the answers. Get excited with me and 'tell everybody that Jesus Christ is still the King of kings'."

This year has given each of us a new look at our Conference. Steve May shares how dealing with our churches has shown him that God is at work: "This year on G.V.s has given me a better knowledge about our Conference. I thank God for this opportunity and hope to learn more. God will work in our churches if we let him. God has dealt with me personally, showing me parts of my life I need to work on through Christ's help. It has shown me that God is always teaching us. It also helps to have a family and a home church praying for me. I can really see how the power of prayer works. Thanks for this opportunity this year, and may you always remember God's love covers all of us, including you."

Gordie Bauslaugh, our team leader, tells some of his thoughts and feelings concerning the past year on God's

Colleen Bredin and Steven May singing a duet.



Volunteers: "I praise the Lord for this year. As I think back I realize I have learned many things. Sometimes I wonder if I would have learned these lessons outside of God's Volunteers. I know, even though I am a poor student, I have the greatest Teacher. I thank the Lord for the many fond memories and people that the Lord brought into my life. I can look back and say it's been a year that I wouldn't trade for the world. There's been good and bad, but 'Through It All' I'm learning to trust in God."

A year of service for God has brought many rewards and joys our way. Michaelle Schauer shares about one of her greatest joys: "Many joys have come to me after we have left a church and later hear about lasting results. It's great to receive letters from those I have met and hear how God is working in their lives. What a joy it was to hear that a youth group has started a visitation program on Saturdays. I couldn't stop smiling happily when our team received a letter from Rev. Kern, telling that the Sacramento work has grown steadily since we were there. He told us about couples we had first contacted that were now actively involved in this new work."

It is a real encouragement to us that if we are faithful, God will richly bless our efforts. We are not the only ones God blesses, though. He will do the same for each of you. Our team would like to challenge you to be faithful in sharing your faith with others. □

Mr. Alan Cliburn is a photographer and freelance writer. Many of his photos have appeared in the BAPTIST HERALD.



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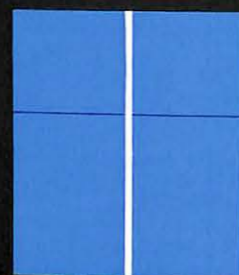
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Insight into Christian Education

THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO LIVE

by Genevieve F. Carder

Chief Dan George, the Canadian Indian who played a significant role in the movie *Little Big Man*, was asked why he and his people do not come more completely into Canadian Society, instead of remaining on reservations. His response was something like this:

"Do you have any idea what it is like to feel that you are of no value to society? . . . to know that people come to help you, but not to work with you, because they believe you have nothing to offer? You hold out your hand and beckon me to come and integrate. How can I come with any dignity? I shall not come as an object of your pity. I shall come in dignity, or I shall not come at all."

Although adults who are mentally retarded are much less eloquent than Dan George, they can be heard making the same deeply felt statement, "We want to live among you with dignity, with self-respect, as persons of some worth."

They have lived too long with the label, "eternal children." They have been for too long the objects of our patronage and our doing good. Their past experiences have given them good cause to suspect that we really feel they have no contribution to make to the life of a community or congregation.

They have a right to live among us with dignity. We who call ourselves Christian have a responsibility to affirm that right, in every way that we can.

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Persons of worth in the sight of their Creator

Every person, no matter how severe his disability, has the right to know that he is an individual of worth in the sight of his Creator. We have a responsibility to communicate to those who are handicapped the good news that God loves and values each human being, just as he is.

We have accepted this responsibility, to some degree, by working interdenominationally to provide two series of special Christian education materials, designed for the learning potential and life situations of mentally retarded children, youth and adults. (*Adventures in Christian Living and Learning Series*, Parts 1 and 2; *Exploring Life Series*, Parts 1 and 2.) But the best of materials are worthless unless they are used in a relationship that is warm and caring. Our efforts to select carefully and train well those who undertake the Christian teaching of retarded persons have not been so consistent. And a recent evaluation of the *Adventures in Christian Living and Learning* curriculum series indicates a disturbing lack of understanding and support on the part of pastors and church members.

To quote one very concerned teacher, "My congregation's lack of acceptance and respect for the mentally retarded young people in my class is counteracting all that I am trying to teach them about their worth as members of God's family."

Valued members of a congregation

If he is to live with dignity, a person needs to feel that he is a valued mem-

ber of some significant group of other human beings. In most religious traditions, preparation for membership and acceptance into membership are important events, symbolic of one's acceptability within the fellowship. These experiences must be made available to mentally retarded adults, in language and concepts which they can comprehend.

One mongoloid young man, quite limited in his ability to speak, was prepared for church membership by an understanding pastor. The nature and work of the church were explained to him in terms that he could grasp. He was rehearsed patiently and carefully for the simple ceremony—not to avoid mistakes, but to give him enough confidence to take his part with enjoyment. At the close of the service most of the congregation went forward to shake his hand and welcome him into their fellowship. This was an experience of tremendous significance for him. From that day he had a warm feeling of belonging. Members of the congregation have been heard to comment that his smile and his obvious enjoyment of the regular services of worship are a benediction to all of them.

We have a responsibility, too, to enable mentally handicapped members to discover how they can contribute to, as well as receive from, the life of a congregation. A retarded young adult may need special opportunities arranged to help him make his unique contribution. He may need special training if he is to share in the worship of the congregation according to his abilities.

A mentally retarded young woman in western Canada prepared for and entered into membership in her congregation as a matter of course when she was eighteen. Throughout all of her growing years she had been enabled to participate in religious education activities by teachers and leaders who gave her, unobtrusively but consistently, the special help she needed. Several months after her confirmation into membership, her mother remarked to a neighbor that Jean was missing the youth group which she had outgrown. She had not been able to find a place for herself among the adults of the congregation. This neighbor alerted a group of young women, who invited Jean to join them. Now a member of the group calls for her and accompanies her home after each meeting. She is vice-chairman of the social committee and enjoys helping to plan and serve refreshments. Group members, aware

that Jean cannot read or write, do not allow her to be placed in a situation where this would be embarrassing. When the group has a speaker or discussion that is beyond Jean's comprehension, she is usually content to sit quietly and watch. If she asks a question, a member who is nearby provides a simply-worded explanation to clue her in. On more than one occasion, this simply-worded explanation has been the means of clarifying a topic for the whole group!

On the other hand, a mildly retarded young woman in another city had a very different kind of experience. After spending her growing years in a large institution, where she had received good vocational training, she moved out on her own to make a place for herself in a small town. She had no difficulty finding work and a place to board. The institution's chaplain had counseled her to look to a neighborhood church as a place to find friends and social contacts. Dressing with care and taking all her courage in hand, she went to a young people's meeting that was announced on the bulletin board of a nearby church. The notice did say, "Everyone Welcome." Her own words, as she reported the bitterly disappointing experience to her landlady afterwards, were, "They all acted as if I just weren't there." In that encounter she lost both her dignity and her courage.

Was the chaplain guilty of giving her unrealistic expectations? Do church groups need special preparation to be able to reach out to a lonely individual? Was she too vulnerable to their lack of sensitivity?

Victims of public misunderstanding and ignorance

While the church is seeking to affirm the worth and dignity of mentally handicapped persons by integrating them into its fellowship, it has a responsibility to support, in every way possible, all current movements to integrate them into society as a whole.

In many parts of the country, government and voluntary agencies are responding to new insights regarding mental retardation by moving to integrate retarded adults into community life and work. The apprehension many citizens express about "all those incompetent people being turned loose in society" is shocking proof that public understanding has not been developing at the same pace as professional planning.

One of the most unforgettable pre-

sentations at the International Congress on Mental Retardation, held in the fall of 1972, was that of Mr. Bernard Posner, executive secretary of the President's Commission on Employment of the Handicapped. When he accepted this responsibility, Mr. Posner decided to discover at firsthand what kind of obstacles a mentally handicapped adult encounters as he seeks employment. So he spent two days posing as a mentally retarded man seeking a job. In the company of a rehabilitation counselor, he visited a number of employers in a small city and had the most dehumanizing experience of his life. Of fourteen persons interviewed, only one spoke to him directly. And that one, although young enough to be his daughter, addressed him by his first name. The others spoke about him to the counselor, in his presence, in most derogatory terms. His outstretched hand was ignored when an introduction was made. Mr. Posner's final comment was, "No one saw me as a man. They were aware only of my tag, mentally retarded."

The well-meant term, "eternal children," has been a most damaging concept that still lingers on in the minds of many people. Any person who has a life experience of more than eighteen years is not a child. He may think slowly and make decisions inadequately, according to our criteria, but he is a man, who deserves to be addressed as "Mister," who merits the firm grasp of my outstretched hand, who needs his worth affirmed by the way I talk to him and listen to him.

We must begin to improve public attitudes by examining our own attitudes and ways of speaking. Some very dedicated workers for the mentally retarded refer to men and women as children, address and introduce them by their first names only, or sometimes neglect to introduce them at all. We must open our own homes and hearts and make available some of our precious time for person-with-person relationships, to make it obvious to our friends and neighbors that we do count some retarded adults among our good friends. Attitudes cannot be changed forcibly. They are emotional things and can be affected only by something equally emotional and deeply felt.

Advocates instead of patrons

A relatively new term that has significance for the church in its ministry with handicapped persons today is the term "citizen advocacy." A citizen ad-

vocate is a person who makes a definite commitment to become a personal friend with a handicapped person—to provide opportunities, encouragement, guidance and support that will enable the one who is handicapped to enter with developing self-confidence into social, recreational, business and worship experiences in the community. The advocate never does for his friend anything that the handicapped person can manage to do for himself. The advocate provides a listening ear and a caring acceptance to allow the expression of feelings of frustration, disappointment and anxiety. As in all good friendships, the volunteer soon discovers that this is no one-way street. His retarded friend has much to give in terms of warmth and openness and a sense of truly human values.

With the best of intentions, the helpfulness of kindly people has frequently robbed handicapped persons of dignity, self-confidence and resourcefulness. We in the churches need to consider carefully the implications of the citizen advocacy concept!

I am going out by myself

There has been an encouraging growth in the number of sheltered workshops, small community residences, and available foster homes for mentally retarded young people. Although there have been problems with apprehensive neighbors, most of these moves into average North American communities have been happily successful. The young adults are responding well to opportunities to shop, worship and join in community recreational events. When invited into private homes, they prove to be appreciative, pleasure-giving guests. In turn, they are learning how to be competent hosts and hostesses. Well-meaning church groups are firmly discouraged from "doing things for" the residents and are encouraged instead to help them find their own individual places within the life of the congregation.

In concluding a letter to the social worker in a large institution where she had spent the first twenty years of her life, a young woman resident of a small-group home said, "Thank you and everyone that had something to do to get me here. I have never felt so good and happy. . . . I am no longer afraid to meet people as I have been shown that I am just as good as the next person. . . . I will close for now as I am going out to the store *by myself*."

Some young adults, struggling to

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日本 NEWS FROM JAPAN

Reported by Miss Lucille Wipf, missionary.



"Miss Yumiko Onaka, who played the part of Mrs. Kenjo in the presentation by the Young Ambassadors from Japan, and Mr. Yoshiyasu Nishimura also from our Kyoto church, were united in marriage on October 15, 1973. The wedding ceremony was performed by Tomokuni Aoki, pastor of the Kyoto church and also a member of the Drama Troupe."



"Shown in a recent photo are the Rev. and Mrs. Hisashi Murakami and their two children from Tsu, Japan. Yuko, born Oct. 1, 1973, was adopted by the Murakamis soon after her birth. She joins an older brother, Makoto, who was born in the United States in June 1966. Many readers will remember the Murakamis from their time of study at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls and also at Eastern Theological Seminary."

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THE HUMANITY CREED

BY NINA NELSON

I am a Human.
 I am a World Citizen.
 I am an American.

My cradle was set in nature
 in a Paradise of beauty and cleanliness.
 I was created in the image of God
 with a free will to choose between
 Life and Death—between Love and Hate.

I was told to lie down on green pastures
 and drink of clear waters.
 But I subdued the earth for my
 own selfish progress.
 I spoiled the land and
 polluted the waters.
 God, give me back my humanity.

I was told to be my brother's keeper
 and to love my fellow-man.
 I was given the ability to distinguish
 between colors,
 but I reduced the talent to segregate
 between black and white,
 and I left my brother in the ghetto
 forgotten, starving, dying,
 while I was suffering from obesity.
 God, give me back my humanity.

I was told we are all equals
 in the sight of God.
 We initiated democracy
 and confined the Indian to the
 reservations
 forgotten, exploited, drunk,
 and made him a second-class citizen
 in the land of liberty and
 justice for all.
 God, give us back our humanity.

We were told to be peacemakers
 to love our neighbors as ourself.
 We translated it our own way.
 In the name of peace we bombed
 Hiroshima
 and killed peasants in the jungles of
 Vietnam—
 and divided the World.
 God, give us back our humanity.

We were told to have but one God
 and let the Spirit guide our lives.
 Instead we created plastic gods
 and let crude oil be the energy
 of our lives.
 We are exhausted—lacking in love—
 no more energy—doomed . . .
 God, give us back our humanity,
 —before it is too late! □



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the N.A.B. General Conference, I want to thank you very much for your prayers and financial support which have made it possible for me to study here at the Seminary. Your love is greatly appreciated. I would have liked to give each of you a handshake as an expression of my joy, but because it's not possible, I have decided to write these few words just to say thank you.

The professors in this Seminary, as well as the students, were very nice to me. They treated me with real brotherly love. I thank God for them. I believe that their love to me was a demonstration of your love. It has been very difficult to freely say good-bye to them as well as to you who are far and near. But the love for my wife, children and Cameroonian brothers is so strong that I must go back as early as possible.

This year has been one of the most meaningful years of my life. The Seminary has been to me what the Mount of Transfiguration was to the disciples. I will surely miss the whole seminary family, for they have meant much to me.

I covet your prayers, for I will do much traveling this Summer, and much work is awaiting me back home. Once again I say, "thank you so much." Some of you I may meet at camps, but if I don't meet you, know that I praise God for you.

May the Lord richly bless you.
 Yours in Christ,
 Charles F. Tangwa

Mr. Charles F. Tangwa studied in 1973-74 at the N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, S.D. Previous to his coming to the U.S.A. he served the Cameroon Baptist Convention as Youth Worker.

TACOMA, WASH. The Portland Avenue Baptist Church has been excited about church growth in our area. We have been working hard to develop our Home Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. Our pastor, Harvey Mehlhaff, along with six others attended a seminar in Seattle, Wash., on April 19-20 entitled, "Christian Come Alive," conducted by Albert J. Wollen. We are excited by all the new ideas to help our Home Bible Study leaders conduct their classes on the "Personal Application" of God's Word. Our studies are divided among six homes. With God's help and blessings we will reach out to our unchurched neighbors.

The Portland Avenue Baptist Church is proud of its new Junior Choir consisting of six to twelve year olds, under the direction of Mrs. Patty McDonough. The Children's Choir (pictured) takes the place of the Adult



Choir when they sing for the morning service. They sing the Call to Worship plus special music. They also sing for special occasions and at least once a month. Two of our other churches were invited to attend when they sang on holidays.

Patty McDonough has been a charter member of our church for fifteen years. She has a beautiful voice and sings solos often.

From 1969-1972 she and her husband, Tip, were stationed in Germany where they taught Sunday school. While in Germany they attended the Trinity Baptist Church in Baumholder where Tip was a deacon.

Our "Ladies Friendly Circle" group meet the first Thursday of every month in the evening. In trying to find a new way to reach our unchurched neighbors to join our group, we are trying something new. Our president, Karen Wardlow, is now presenting to the women a study from Joyce Landorf's book entitled, "The Fragrance of Beauty." We seek to develop not only the outward beauty but that "inner beauty" that comes from Christ. (Barbara Almgren, reporter.)

GEORGE, IOWA On Easter Sunday a baptismal service was conducted

during the morning worship service at Central Baptist Church. Three of the four persons who were baptized were



welcomed into the fellowship of the church. Pictured are (left to right) Doris DeWeerd, Mrs. Gertrude Schrick, and Karel Klinkenborg. Also baptized was Julie Kruger (not present for picture). Their desire for baptism followed evangelistic services conducted by Ron and Diane Susek. The Suseks impressed many in the George community with the need of individual soul searching through music and the spoken Word of God. The Rev. Eugene Carpenter is pastor of the church. (Mrs. H. J. Stubbe, reporter.)

LODI, CALIF. Since September 1968 the First Baptist Church has conducted services at Vista Ray Convalescent Hospital every Wednesday. At the beginning we had an attendance of only around 15-20, but now the attendance usually is more than 40. For the last two years a number of our senior members of First Baptist have regularly helped the Rev. P. G. Schroeder. After the service we visit some of the sick in their rooms.

Every second month we have the Lord's Supper after the service for members of our churches, with pastor Ernie Rogalski from Temple Baptist and members of our church assisting. After one of the communion services one of the occupants of Vista Ray and a member of our church said: "It was so nice, it seemed to me I was back in my own church again."

Our German Bible class, which the Rev. P. G. Schroeder is teaching, is decreasing in number, and it is only a matter of time when this class will have to be discontinued.

God is abundantly blessing our church under the interim ministry of pastor G. G. Rauser.

CHICAGO, ILL. Six candidates, upon confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, followed the Lord in baptism. They were received

into the fellowship of the East Side Baptist Church the following Sunday during the communion service, when a mother of one of the young people was also received into the fellowship. The Rev. Raymond Dickau is pastor of the church. (Mrs. Loretta Beifuss, reporter.)

MC CLUSKY, N.D. World Day of Prayer was held at the Mc Clusky Baptist Church on March 1. The W.M.S. and also the Naomi Circle were the hosts. Churches in the area that were represented were Assembly of God, Grace Lutheran, St. Johns Lutheran and the United Methodist Church. Some of them also took part in the program. (Alvin Dockter, reporter.)

CHEROKEE, OKLA. Circumstances are looking up for the Bethel Baptist Church. In 1973 this church with a membership of only 35 lost four families via transfers. This loss amounted to 17 members. Those remaining were determined by the grace and will of God not to give up. The Rev. Menno Harms, a member of the church, was asked to assume the pastorate.

Since his ministry, a young man, college graduate, began teaching the Young Men's Bible Class. As many as eight or ten attend. April 7-14 evangelistic meetings were held with an evangelistic team consisting of Dr. Jim Whitby, former state director of Youth for Christ, and Mike and Peggy Williams, and Jane Boyle, all students at a nearby college, in charge of the music. Easter Sunday Rev. Harms baptized two sisters and a brother. (pictured) Two family men, members of other churches, surrendered for full time service. The membership voted to pay down \$500.00 on an old debt to



the North American Baptist Conference.

Two Home Bible Studies have been implemented. One Bible study includes all the young people, the other the older adults. The W.M.S. is active and meets monthly.

OUR CONFERENCE IN ACTION

CALGARY, ALTA. The Alberta Baptist Association convened at the Brentview Baptist Church in Calgary from April 18-21. The theme was "Reconciling the World to Christ . . . The Role of the Local Church." The Rev. Paul Siewert from Minot, N.D., our guest speaker, dealt with the subject, "Outreach-Methods; Role of the Pastor; Role of the Church Worker; You and I." Most of the 38 member churches were represented by pastors and laymen who shared in fellowship, worship and conducting business. An excellent program for all ages, including children, was planned. The banquet, at which Dr. Joe Sonnenberg spoke, also featured a musical group from Meadowlark Baptist in Edmonton, "Eternal Trust Co.," as well as an octet from NABC. To close the sessions, a rally was held at which the NABC Choristers presented a musical program. (Mrs. Linda Ohlhauser, reporter.)

JAMESTOWN, N.D. The Rev. George Breitreuz and his family began their ministry at the Temple Baptist Church Aug. 1, 1973. Under his direction, many exciting things have been happening in our midst. We have purchased a 42 passenger bus which is being readied for a bus ministry program by the Sunday school. One of our college students set up a library in our church and a Christian reading program has been initiated. We welcomed



four new members by baptism. Pictured are those who have joined Temple Baptist Church in the past few months, along with Pastor Breitreuz and his wife. Our choir presented a cantata on Easter Sunday. (Jo Taft, Deb Scherbenske, reporters.)

WINNIPEG, MAN. The Manitoba Association was held from March 28-31 at the Ellice Avenue Baptist Church. The theme, "The King is Coming" based on Acts 1:11 suggested that preparations and positive provisions need to be made for the coming of the

King. Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg from the N.A.B. College in Edmonton served as special speaker. Dr. Hugo Lueck of the N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, served in the German language. Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger reported on the missionary activities in Africa to the ladies. Rev. Heinrich Goliath served effectively as Moderator and welcomed the new church of Pinawa and the pastor, Rev. Andrew Wolstenholme. And Rev. Fred Ohlman was also welcomed as he serves now the Temple Baptist Church of Swan River. All sessions were well attended. The Ladies Luncheon on Friday attracted as many as 240 ladies and the men's luncheon 120. Miss Weisenburger spoke also during the evening program sponsored by the ladies. A budget of more than \$7.00 per member received endorsement for the coming year. The challenge to be enlisted to contact one million for Christ was also given.

The Lord willing we shall meet next year in Swan River with the Temple Baptist Church.

The officers were installed by the Northern Area Secretary, Rev. Isador Faszer, during the Mass Rally on Sunday afternoon. During the Association nearly \$4,000 were contributed and more than \$2,400 for missions alone in that closing session. (Henry Pfeifer, reporter.)

CARBON, ALTA. On Sunday April 14 an Easter sunrise service sponsored by the senior young people of the Carbon Baptist Church, was held on a high hill overlooking the village. Breakfast was served in the church.

After the morning worship service, our pastor, the Rev. Earle Wanamaker baptized six young people (pictured)



upon confession of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Rev. Wanamaker had the privilege of baptizing his son on this occasion. Prior to the communion service, the hand of fellowship was extended to the six candidates by the pastor and the diaconate, and they were welcomed into the church membership. (David Gieck, reporter.)

BEULAH, N.D. On March 16, 1974, the Immanuel Baptist Church held its yearly meeting. It was decided to donate \$100.00 to the Baptist home in Bismarck, N.D. On March 7 the Women's Missionary Society held its meeting and a new member joined. On April 2-7 we were blessed with the ministry of God's Volunteers. Sunday night, April 14, we had a special mission program for Miss Wilma Binder. She will be leaving for language study before returning to Cameroon. A lunch was served after the program. The Rev. George Neubert is the pastor of the church. (Mrs. Alvin E. Moos, reporter.)

WEST FARGO, N.D. On Sunday, March 17, our interim pastor, the Rev. Otto Fiesel (pictured on right), baptized three candidates at the Grace



Baptist Church after they professed Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The hand of fellowship was extended to them on Sunday, March 24, followed by the Lord's Supper.

On March 19, a leadership and Growth Workshop was held in West Fargo. It was divided into four classes led by Mr. Wes Buechler, Fessenden, Rev. Harry Haas, Minot, Rev. LeRoy Moser, New Leipzig, and Rev. Ron Norman, Bismarck. The topics were "Evangelism and How to set up a Visitation Program," "Finance in the Family and in the Church," "Youth and Teens Living in a Teen World," and "Leadership and Growth."

On Sunday, April 21, the Grace Baptist Church welcomed their new pastor, the Rev. LeRoy Moser and family. A supper was held in their behalf. Members from the various church organizations gave welcoming remarks after which Rev. and Mrs. Moser responded. A time of fellowship was held and a pantry shower concluded the day.

On April 26-May 2 we enjoyed the songs and testimonies of God's Volunteers Team 1 and the Rev. Ray Harsch. Fifteen members joined the Volunteers

in the calling program. We made 374 calls, 221 contacts, and four decisions were made for Jesus Christ. (Mrs. Harold Fried, reporter.)

PLEVNA, MONT. On March 7 the Agape Players, a group of young Christians, presented a musical program in the Plevna Baptist Church. God's Volunteers were with us March 26-31.

On Easter our youth group had a sunrise service consisting of a playlette and special numbers. The service was followed by a pancake breakfast served by the young people. In the evening the Women's Mission Circle and Men's Fellowship presented a Cantata. The Senior Banquet, sponsored by the youth group, was held April 26 with about 80 guests present. Carnations were presented to all the mothers on Mother's Day by the youth group and the afternoon service was a program honoring the mothers. The Rev. Richard Lawrenz is our pastor. (Mrs. Paula Fuchs, reporter.)

WINNIPEG, MAN. March 10, 1974, was a special day for the Rowandale Baptist Church, on which we had a mortgage burning ceremony. This spacious building was begun on March 10, 1965, in a spirit of unity and sacrificial giving by the members. We are grateful to God for the many spiritual blessings which we received. Since 1965 our membership has increased from 100 to 150. The planning committee is now concentrating on the erection of the education unit, which was originally on the architect's plan.

A baptismal service is planned for the near future and we are preparing for a Crusade for Christ with the Janz Team for the German population of Winnipeg in October. (H. Kahler, reporter.)

LA CROSSE, WIS. On the observance of the Vanderbeck's 50th wedding anniversary, Dr. M. Vanderbeck brought the message in the morning service, and his son, Dr. John Vanderbeck, gave the evening message at the Bible Baptist Church.

Rev. Clarence Walth, North Central area secretary, was our speaker for four days of special service. His subject was "The Infinite Value of Wisdom," based on Proverbs.

Pastor Sweet taught an inquirers class for several weeks. There have been three decisions for Christ and one baptism.

Cassette recorders have been purchased by the church for taping the

services and subsequently taken to the homes of our shut-ins.

Members of our church have participated in classes and clinics on witnessing and soul-winning in La Crosse and Sioux Falls. After viewing the film, "Like a Mighty Army," several interested members and the pastor decided to begin visitation evangelism. (Hiram Phillips, reporter.)

NAPOLEON, N.D. On Sunday, April 21, Pastor Edwin F. Walter, of the Napoleon Baptist Church, baptized two candidates (pictured). After the



baptismal service they were received as members of the church. The Lord's Supper was also observed. On April 30 we observed the National Day of Prayer. On Sunday, May 5, we dedicated a new Dukane filmstrip, slide, cassette projector given in memory of Mr. Otto Grenz by the family. Gideon Oldenburger gave the tribute for the faithful service rendered by Brother Grenz. Pastor Walter had the dedication prayer. (Martha Grenz, reporter.)

MILLET, ALTA. A baptismal service was observed on April 28. Five people were baptized and seven others were received into the membership of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church. Included in this group is our pastor, the Rev. F. Paul and his wife who were serving as interim. (Phyllis Ertman, reporter.)

VENTURIA, N.D. The W.M.S. of the Venturia Baptist Church hosted a Missionary Tea. Guest speakers were our own missionary, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger and Miss Daphne Dunger. They presented a skit depicting a typical market scene in Africa. Ladies from the community and neighboring churches attended and enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments. Miss Weisenburger stressed the need for White Cross materials and how much they are appreciated. A number of our members attended the Ladies Retreat at Crystal Springs. Miss Wilma Binder, missionary to the Cameroon

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and Mrs. Bea Pankratz W.M.U. vice president, participated.

We completed our annual White Cross project. One of our fund raising projects was a Surprise Calendar. (Mrs. Art Tesky, reporter.)



HUNTER, KAN. On Sunday, March 31, the Bethany Baptist Church held a farewell service for their minister and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Zepik. They were presented with a coffepot and memory book. They will be serving as interim pastor at Lehr, N.D. (Mrs. Chester Dressler, reporter.)

MINOTONAS, MAN. Good Friday worship service, April 12, was combined with the First Baptist Church of Minitonas and Temple Baptist Church, Swan River. Twenty-three candidates followed the Lord in baptism: 16 from the Temple Baptist Church of Swan River and seven from the First Baptist Church of Minitonas. The Rev. Fred Ohlman officiated. This was followed with a hand of fellowship and the Lord's Supper.

In the evening the Temple Baptist Church choir of Swan River, presented the Easter Cantata, "King of Glory," by Jane La Rowe. This was under the direction of Dan Dahl. (Gisela Rosentreter, reporter.)

LA SALLE, COLO. The Rev. and Mrs. Milton Falkenberg of the First Baptist Church were guests at Governor John Vanderhoof's recent Prayer Breakfast. This annual prayer breakfast is open to Colorado's leaders by invitation only. Music was provided by tenor, Leo Frazier, accompanied by his wife Janet (Bohlender) Frazier. The main address was given by Vice President Gerald Ford. (Tylen Schmidt, reporter.)

LEHR, N.D. The reception for our new pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Zepik took place in the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Sunday evening, April 14. The Rev. A. Fischer of the

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Berlin church was the guest speaker. Both the deacons spoke words of welcome and also a few musical numbers were rendered. The farewell reception for our former pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. Len Strelau and daughter Carmen, was held on Sunday Oct. 28. The Rev. A. Fischer was also the main speaker. (Mrs. Henry Johnson, reporter.)

COLUMBUS, NEB. A week of spiritual renewal with the Rev. Leon Bill, Sioux Falls, was held in the Shell Creek Baptist Church March 11-17. Special emphasis was given the youth with a supper meeting of the BYF on March 12. Pastor Bill also spoke to the WMS in the afternoon.

The WMS celebrated its 75th anniversary with a birthday banquet and program on March 24. A letter of congratulations from charter member Ella Benthack Behlen, now of Columbus, was read and a gift check gratefully received. Members of the society presented birthday gifts of 75 pieces of money in varying amounts.

On April 9 the Tim Peterson and Samaritans musical group presented a program to a large audience from the surrounding communities. On Good Friday, the film, "The Sound of the Trumpet," was shown to the congregations of Shell Creek, Creston, and Redeemer, Columbus, at Shell Creek.

The church also joined in a united crusade held in Columbus from April 14-18, with the Rev. Aubrey McGann of Jamaica. About 100 decisions were recorded. (Mrs. William Effa, reporter.)

RAPID CITY, S.D. South Canyon Baptist Church was greatly blessed by the ministries of the Rev. Elmo Tahrn of Bloomfield Hills, Mich. and the Rev. Walter Hoffman of Alpena, Mich. The meetings were held March 17-21. Their messages were very informative and timely. Their musical numbers were greatly enjoyed. The highlight of each evening was a visit with DEDE, Rev. Hoffman's little helper.

Our church also participated in the classes on psychology and family counseling. The meetings were under the auspices of the Christian Counseling Center with Mrs. Alvin Ver Berg conducting the "New Life Series."

We helped the pastor celebrate his birthday the 31st of March by having a potluck supper. A gift of money was presented to him. We are grateful for the ministry of our pastor, not only

in the work of the church, but also in our community.

On April 7 six persons followed the Lord in baptism. Six members were added to the church that evening, four by baptism and two by transfer of letter.

Our youth groups were able to enjoy a retreat at Bethlehem Cave the weekend of March 22. Rev. Lee Moser of New Leipzig brought very challenging messages to the group. (Mrs. Ray Stradinger, reporter.)

DALLAS, TEX. "How to Enjoy Your Bible" has been an interesting class held by Larry DuBrien for the last 10 weeks at the North Highlands Baptist Church.

March 22 and 23 a seminar was held by Campus Crusade for Christ International with classes to follow once a week for eleven weeks. Eighteen are enrolled to learn how to lead a soul to Christ, how to conduct personal follow-up with new Christians, how to visit, memorization of Scripture, etc.

March 31-April 2 we were privileged to have a missionary conference held by Miss Ruby Salzman, Miss Barbara Kieper and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Woyke.

Within the last month seven new members have been added, six being a result of our visitation program under the direction of Pastor Warkentin. (Mrs. Willie Mae Balka, reporter.)

In Memoriam

MRS. GERTRUD BERGATT, 70, of Chicago, Ill., died on April 10, 1974. She was born on March 21, 1904, in Germany. Following her conversion she was baptized in 1920. Since coming to the U.S. in 1937 she has been a member of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church. Surviving her are her widower, Ernst; two daughters: Ingrid and Elsa-Marie Seidel; one granddaughter, one brother, and one sister. Pastor Eldon G. Schroeder officiated at the funeral service.

CAESAR BLUSCHKE, 73, of St. Joseph, Mich., died March 29, 1974. He is survived by one daughter Mildred, one son Robert, three granddaughters, one brother and one sister. He came to the United States from Russia as a small child and has always lived in St. Joseph. He was baptized as a boy at St. Joseph Baptist Church, served as financial secretary for Clay Street Baptist Church, Benton Harbor. He was a charter member of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church. Robert Brown, assistant pastor of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, officiated.

MRS. ROSIE BROCKEL nee Beck, 78, of Herreid, S.D. died on April 29, 1974. She was born on March 25, 1896, in Russia. She emigrated to the United States with her parents in 1908. She was married to Philip Brockel in 1916, and to this union 12 children were born. She received Christ as her Savior, was baptized and joined the Herreid Baptist Church in 1924. She is survived by three sons, six daughters, 26 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers. The Rev. Edward Kopf was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

RUDY FIEDLER, 62, of Bismarek, N.D. died on May 2, 1974. Mr. Fiedler was born in Hudson, S.D., Dec. 8, 1911, and married Norma E. Edinger in 1934. Surviving him are his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Jim Lambertson, and a son, Darrell. He accepted Christ as Savior at the age of 12 and served as Sunday school teacher and leader in the Bismarek Baptist Church, where he was a member. Pastor Ron Norman was the officiating minister at the memorial service.

MRS. ALFRED GEIGER nee Kirsten, 68, of Milwaukee, Wis., died on April 3, 1974. She was born on Nov. 6, 1906 at Eden, Wis. She was married in 1926 to Mr. Alfred Geiger. Mrs. Geiger accepted Christ as her personal Savior as a teenager. She was a member of the Bethany Baptist Church for many years. She used her talent of sewing in doing White Cross work as a faithful member of the Ladies' Missionary Society. She is survived by her widower; one daughter, Mrs. Arlene Canitz; one son, Jerome; nine grandchildren, a brother and two sisters. The Rev. James A. Schacher was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

KATHERINA HEINLE nee Fehr, 84, of Hebron, N.D., died. She was born Aug. 15, 1890. Just after her conversion and baptism in 1910, she was united in marriage to Mr. Otto Heinle. Nine children were born to this couple. Surviving her are: Mrs. Art Frey, Emanuel, Mrs. Hilda Kuntz, Mrs. Art Krein, Willie O., Mrs. Theophil Auch, Mrs. Albert Idler, Mrs. Elvin Striha, one brother, 23 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. The Rev. Robert Hoffman was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

JACOB LANG, 78, of Southey, Sask., died March 30, 1974. He was born April 20, 1895, in Austria. He accepted Christ as his Savior in his early youth and was baptized and joined the Southey Baptist Church. He was united in marriage to the late Ludwicka Wagner. After some years he married the late Beate Hiertz. Surviving him are six sons: Carl, Jake, John, Albert, Ernest and Walter; one daughter, Ann; one sister, 23 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. The Rev. Len Penner officiated at the funeral service.

REINHOLD A. OTTO, 60, of Wasco, Calif., died on April 23, 1974, in a nursing home in Ft. Collins, Colo. He was born in Los Angeles, Calif., on Jan. 14, 1914. As a teenager he was converted, baptized and united with the Wasco Baptist Church. Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Otto; two brothers and one sister. The funeral service was held in the First Baptist Church, Wasco, with the Rev. Sherl Taylor officiating.

MISS DOROTHY POSTEL, 54, of Mercer, N.D., died on May 8, 1974. She was born on Jan. 7, 1920 ten miles North of Mercer. She was saved in 1952 and was baptized North of Mercer. In 1954 she joined the First Baptist Church, Mercer, N.D. She is survived by two brothers and two sisters. The Rev. Arthur Freitag was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

EDWARD WITT, 84, of Warren, Mich., died on March 12, 1974. He was born on Jan. 14, 1890, in Russia. He accepted Christ as his Savior in his early youth. He was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., until his death. He married Katherine Armbruster in 1928. Surviving him are his widow; one son Donald and a daughter, Shirley, and five grandchildren. The Rev. Ron Kernohan, assistant pastor, was the officiating minister at the funeral service.



She did not forget her BAPTIST HERALD—Don't forget yours.

WOMAN'S WORLD

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Cars were few and far between. Winter travel was difficult because roads were full of snow drifts and were unsafe for horse sleighs. A trip by horse and sleigh would mean several hours on the road in 25 to 40 below zero weather.

Finding officers to serve was difficult in those days, too, for the women were kept busy at home baking bread, cooking daily for large and growing families, patching tears on shoes and stockings, knitting mittens, shirts, caps and scarfs and reinforcing torn, weather-beaten elbows and knees in pants, coats and dresses. Most new garments for the family were handmade, too.

In addition, they milked cows, fed chickens and other stock. There were no automatic feeders and waterers in those days. The feed had to be carried from 50 to 100 yards twice daily.

Wood for burning had to be gathered from nearby brush areas or from loose-lying refuse around the yard. How often I remember my mother coming across the yard with a large apron full of pieces of wood for the cook stove.

All these were "light chores" for the housewife. The "heavy chores" were field work in spring and harvest.

Mothers also took time to listen to complaints about the aches and pains of family members, settle the petty squabbles and nurse the sick in the family! My head spins when I think of the myriad of things that just had to be done or else there was a catastrophe. How lucky we are today—and we think we are rushed! What a relief when devotions came. This was a time of complete relaxation, quiet and peace.

Sometimes spiritual dearth threatened the life of the society, but the long-suffering and patience of our heavenly Father was also there in strong evidence and won out with flying colors. To him be the glory.

With the coming of open winter, all-weather roads, cars, telephones and automation, the load on the housewife was greatly lightened but not the tensions of daily living. These have doubled and tripled. We pray these tensions will not keep us from our duties at home, from the care of loved ones or from close communion with our Creator and Savior!

Although we meet at least 12 times a year now, and have a tremendous choice of spiritually sound material available for our program planning, I sometimes miss our "homemade" programs which took time, courage and

Happiness Is Service

by Mrs. Marie Schmunk

Happiness is—when you can honor someone for 54 years of faithful service. Last year, Calvary Baptist in Tacoma, had a special day for one who had served as teacher and superintendent in the Kindergarten Department of their Sunday school for these many years.

Mrs. Edward Stabbert (Lenna) had just been married and moved to Tacoma. Here she found her place of service for the Lord in the Kindergarten class. Her faithfulness has been exemplary. Only a short time was taken off to have her two children, Ronald and Jean. Otherwise, unless sick, she was always in her place, teaching, instructing, or just listening to these little ones as they shared their joys and disappointments with her.

Mrs. Stabbert seemed to have a storehouse of ideas and used them in the room for decorations or in class to help the little children learn to love the Savior whom she loved and served. She had a huge sand box and spent hours making people and animals and houses to tell her stories, making them more easily understood by young minds.

Everywhere she went, she brought

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pain to produce and which came directly from the heart.

With the following story I should like to close. Early one day in spring, an ambitious young housewife decided she would like to produce fragrant flowers for her house all summer. In just one hour she had planted a nice row of sweet peas and arranged strings on a rack along the row to support the climbers when they were ready.

She left the plot and soon became preoccupied with many other things. "First things first," she said. Suddenly one morning she thought of the seeds she had planted six weeks before. She hurried to her garden. All she found was one plant that had survived the wear and tear of wind, weather and the skirmishes of cats and dogs. It was sturdy, strong and straight on its string, blooming profusely. All the others were cowering in the dirt on the ground, gnarled, tangled and sadly deformed. She had

home ideas or materials to use. Each season had something special to delight the hearts of the children. Missionaries were introduced by way of story, picture and name, and the children learned to pray for each.

No child could get tired in her classes, for she always had a new way to stir up their interest. Mrs. Stabbert is known for her fine story telling. There is no generation gap there, for she knows how to get down to the level of understanding for each.

When Mrs. Stabbert began, it was really Nursery and Kindergarten combined. There had to be a variety of action in both song and story. Still, she only remembers two or three who have given her trouble in these 54 years. She expected good behavior and had it. God's house was to have respect and quiet, and the children learned this early.

All who have worked with this special lady have felt a real spirit of cooperation and love. Her kindness and patience and love for these precious jewels has never wavered.

The entire church service was dedicated to Mrs. Stabbert. A short history was read, letters from our former pastors commending her for her faithful service, special music, and finally a short sermon by our pastor, Edgar Wesner, on "A Diligent Servant of God" made this a truly moving experience. □

not been there to give them the support they needed at the right time.

Are we allowing other things to take priority over the small but essential things that make the home, the church . . . the Mission Circle? God works through little people, little insignificant things and makes them great. Over and over again our Missionary Society has grown because of careful attention given to small things like the kindling of the flame of enthusiasm and unity; through the sincere prayers of the few; through a word of kindness and sympathy to an antagonistic neighbor; through a glass of water offered to some fainting stranger; or through doors kept open for persons in trouble or need. Christ said, "Whatsoever ye have done unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40). May our Missionary Society proceed into the future from this 50 year milestone with this in mind. □

NEWS & VIEWS

AUDIO VISUAL SEMINARS

The tenth annual missionary communications seminar, sponsored by Ken Anderson Films of Winona Lake, Indiana, will convene December 3-5, 1974.

The seminar, conducted without charge for missionaries and Christian workers, involves basics in both production and utilization of audio visuals. Advance sessions are offered for those who have attended previous seminars or who are themselves skilled in audio visual techniques.

Further information may be obtained by writing to:

Miss Sherry Glommen
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Ken Anderson Films
P.O. Box 618
Winona Lake, Ind. 46590 □

BIBLE PUBLICATIONS STILL ON THE RISE

Twenty-six languages and dialects in which the Scriptures were published for the first time in 1973 have brought the Scripture language count to 1,526.

Statistics compiled by the United Bible Societies show that since the invention of printing in the middle of the 15th century to Dec. 31, 1973, at least one complete book of the Bible has been printed, by various organiza-

tions, in 1,526 languages or dialects. The new total is an increase of 26 over the previous year.

Complete books of the Bible were published in 25 new languages or dialects in 1973. They ranged from Achaal, spoken in Peru, to Yakurr, spoken in Nigeria. Publishers included Bible Societies and six other organizations.

Kewa: West, a dialect which is spoken in Australia, was the 26th new language. It made its debut in the language count as a complete New Testament.

The United Bible Societies is a worldwide fellowship of 56 national Bible Societies, one of which is the American Bible Society.

In September 1966 the American Bible Society published "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version, which currently has a circulation figure in excess of 43 million copies. The complete Bible in Today's English Version will be published in 1976, which will be the 160th anniversary of the founding of the Society. □

LET NO MAN PUT ASUNDER

The Christian ministry is a family affair in India. B. R. Moses, president of the Ramapatnam Baptist Theological Seminary, reports that 10 families are graduating from the school this year. The seminary will celebrate its centenary in December. □



WELCOME TO PORTLAND. Randall B. Kester (Center), past president of the Portland, Oregon, Chamber of Commerce, assured Baptist youth leaders Theo Patnaik and Karl-Heinz Walter that young people from all the world will be welcome in his city for the Baptist Youth World Conference, July 31-August 4.



by Paul H. Siewert

Church historian and theologian Martin Marty of the University of Chicago recently classified past religious trends in America this way:

1953-58, a period when churchgoing and membership soared.

1958-63, a period of energetic and hopeful religious social action, epitomized by the racial disintegration drive of Martin Luther King.

1963-68, a period of ideological confrontation, of leftist and rightist tumult.

1968-73, a period of conservative backlash, of disillusionment with institutions and leaders.

The coming trend is now expected to be a time of reflection, of examining, and clarifying basic convictions.

Reflections are necessary; but may God help us to be more than reflective. It appears to me that Christianity has too often been plagued with two ever encroaching dangers. One is reflection without action. The other is action without reflection, or more specifically; an ivory tower faith divorced from practical daily living, or an impulsive faith with a lot of action but little balanced biblical stability.

It is in this context that I hope these contemporary prophets are wrong. One thing is always encouraging, and that is that God is never bound to the prophecies of men. □

The Rev. Paul H. Siewert is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minot, N.D. In this column Mr. Siewert analyzes current religious news of his choice.

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ward and unable to cope with the sophistication being developed in the unclear areas of Cameroon. The need for workers is obvious. The need for financial support is clear. North American Baptists have risen to the challenge before. Will they do so in this era of the developing nation? G. L. B. □

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. A. Werschke observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 4, 1974. They are members of the Grace Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta.

■ The Rev. Andrew Wolstenholme is the new pastor of the Pinawa Baptist Church, Pinawa, Man.

■ The Rev. Hero Ulrichs has resigned as pastor of the Springside Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., and is now serving the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Man.

■ The Rev. Raymond Leesen is the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church,

Wetaskiwin. He previously served the Meadowdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., as assistant pastor.

■ The Rev. Otto A. Ertis has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ont. He previously served the German Zion Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta.

■ Dr. Louis Johnson has accepted the call of the Board of Trustees of the North American Baptist College, Edmonton, Alta., to join the faculty as Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, beginning in fall of 1974. For the last

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four years Dr. and Mrs. Johnson were missionaries in Cameroon, West Africa.

■ The Rev. Arthur Helwig, youth pastor at the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., has resigned from his position.

Rev. and Mrs. Helwig will be serving as missionaries in Cameroon. They will leave for Africa the middle of July.

■ The Rev. Jake Leverette is now serving as the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. He previously served the Apple Valley Baptist Church, Apple Valley, Minnesota.

■ The Rev. George Martin is the Minister of Christian Education at the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif.

■ Mr. Jerry Petillon is the Youth Pastor at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

INSIGHT

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cope with life outside of the protective environment of an institution, are being hurt because they are so vulnerable to society. It is not easy to equip handicapped young people with sufficient self-confidence and social skills to enable them to deal with thoughtless, ignorant people. An increasing emphasis needs to be placed on preparing the mentally retarded more adequately for community living. And we in the churches need to place more emphasis on preparing our communities to accept them as they move in among us and to value the contributions they bring.

The heartbeats of their existence

Anyone who wants to enter into a caring relationship with a handicapped person is advised by Dr. Jean Vanier to "listen to the heartbeats of his existence." Terms like "acceptance," "valuing," "enabling them to live with dignity" can sound deceptively simple. This is no easy task. But it is an urgent, essential task for those who claim God as their Father and all of his children as their brothers and sisters.

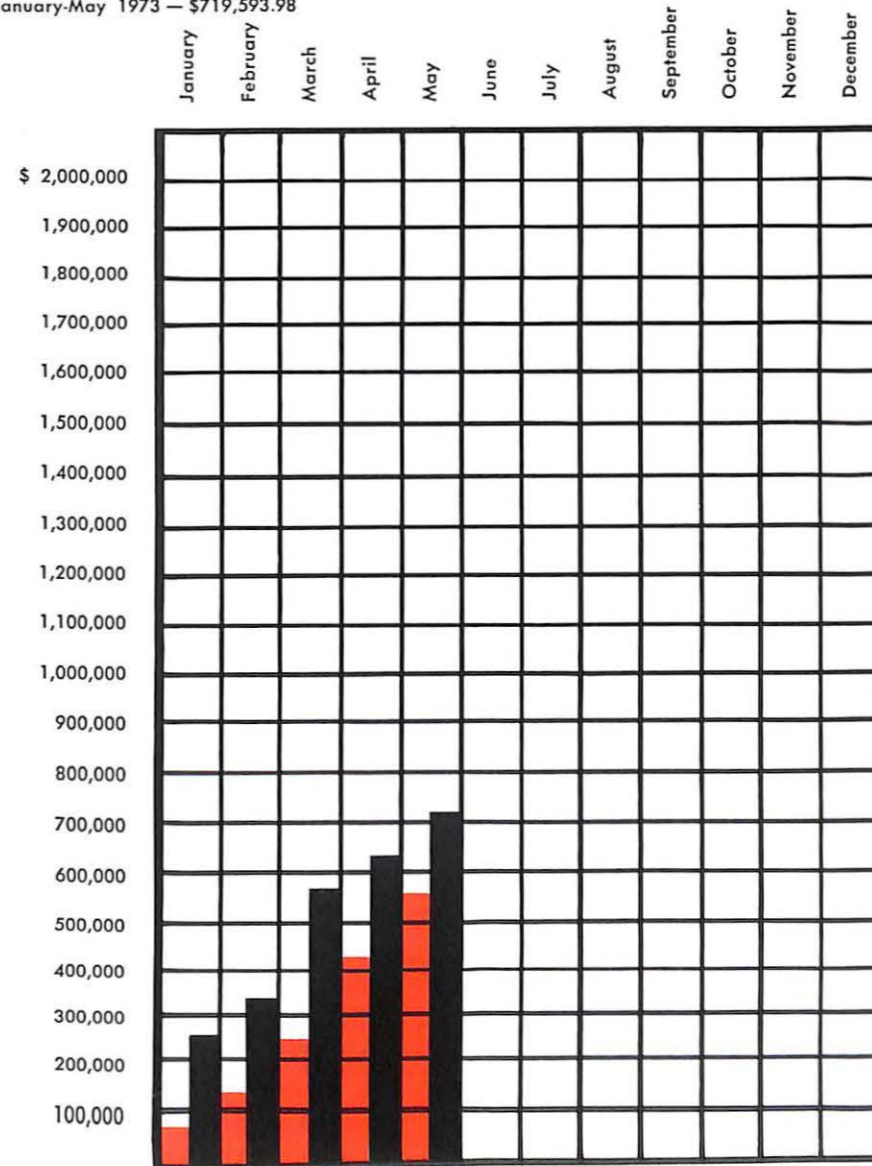
Those who are mentally retarded can no longer tolerate living among us as objects of our pity and patronage. They have a right to live among us with dignity. □

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OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD/NAB BASIC MISSION PROGRAM

Total for five months
January-May 1974 — \$567,518.24
January-May 1973 — \$719,593.98

Goal for 1974 — \$1,974,000



Color line for 1974; black line for 1973



What On Earth Are We Doing?

"To see the earth as it truly is, small and blue and beautiful in that eternal silence where it floats, is to see ourselves as riders on the earth . . .". These words by Archibald Mac Leish appeared in *The New York Times*, on Dec. 25, 1968, as Apollo 8 circled the moon. From such a far distance, did Mac Leish get the true picture of what the earth really is like? Man's footprints are on the moon, but his earthly home steadily becomes less livable. Our air, land and water are grossly polluted; unable to withstand the constant assault of chemicals, sewage, pesticides, detergents and radioactive waters. It is a wellknown fact that most pollutants end up in our oceans. Our oceans—the source of 70 percent of our oxygen—are dying and we could soon run out of breathable air. Every major world city has a smog problem. We remember in horror the smog attack in London some years ago which took 4,000 lives.

Over us hangs also the nuclear sword of Damocles. We are being told that to keep up with the demand for energy, one hundred nuclear reactors are being built or planned in the U.S.A. alone. The generation of our children will have the sad task to watch over eighty million gallons of radioactive wastes seething away in tank farms—some so hot they will boil for about three hundred years. Government agencies made the soothing statement that only five percent of the tanks will be leaking after about 20 years!

Even pesticides do not seem to be an unquestioned blessing. An institute in Israel has this card displayed on its walls:

"Pesticides—the World Health Organization sent a pesticide to Borneo to kill mosquitos and roaches. It

worked fine, but it didn't kill all the roaches, which accumulated the pesticide in their bodies. Lizards living in the thatched huts ate the roaches. The pesticide slowed the lizards so they were easily caught by the cats which then died. With the cats gone, the rats moved in, carrying the threat of plague. In addition, the pesticide killed a type of parasite that feeds on caterpillars. The caterpillars multiplied in the huts, where they fed on the roof thatching. Then the roofs started caving in."

Is perhaps the roof of the world caving in? Each day brings new stories of environmental hazards. Each story must be worse than the last in order to attract enough readers. Although they are filled with fear, people want to read about it. Our generation has become acutely conscious of the environment.

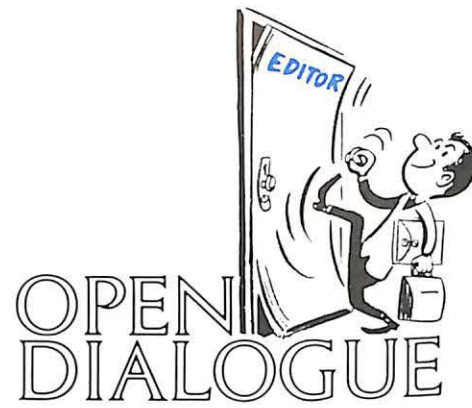
Historically speaking, the present attitude is an almost complete turnabout. Since the beginning of man's history until not so long ago, the environment was conceived as hostile to man. As far back as in the Garden of Eden God told man, "Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you . . ." (Gen. 3:17-18).

Since then man played the major part in the drama "Man against Nature." Our history books are filled with the stories of courageous pioneers who fought the unfriendly elements of nature at the frontiers—and were triumphant. Forbidding mountains, rushing rivers, impenetrable forests, snow storms, spring floods—all stood in man's way.

Now, it seemed, man had finally won. The wild frontier had been harnessed and the wilderness tamed. But has man really been victorious? Generations growing up with Strontium 90 in their bones, DDT in their fat and asbestos in their lungs will challenge man's victory.

Who is to blame? There are some who say that the Bible has fostered the problem, for it views the world as put here for man's benefit and enjoyment. Some others quote the verse in Genesis 1:28 and feel that man has obediently "subdued" it, as commanded by his Creator. I cannot imagine that God, the Creator, intended his earth to be what it has now become to be: a conglomeration of ecological problems. God is a God of order, holiness and beauty. May we as his children follow his will and contribute our share to keep this world orderly and beautiful.

It is true: "Here we have no lasting



letters to the editor

Dear Editor:
The letter on "Spiritual famine" (April 1974 issue) aroused many thoughts in my mind. First, I feel that the resolution was a good thing. Without some specific concrete goals, little is accomplished. Granted it is not nearly what we ought to do, but it can cause a new impetus towards fulfilling our Lord's commission to make disciples.

In the light of that Great Commission and the minister's role in it, however, I must give affirmation to the overall complaint. Too few ministers take the necessary time with the Lord to be able to feed, counsel and train his people as they ought.

I remember as a new Christian hearing the same basic message Sunday after Sunday. Only the passage changed month after month. Stagnation and frustration resulted. What is needed is to determine the specific cause for regular lack of preparation, and then a course of correction.

city, but we seek the city which is to come" (Hebr. 13:14). Yet, as long as God keeps us here on earth we better take good care of it, for "the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). RJK

NOTICE!

The Communications and Stewardship Committee decided in its annual meetings recently, to change the date of the BAPTIST HERALD so that each issue will show the forthcoming month instead of the current month. Slow postal service has necessitated this change. However, all subscribers will receive their regular twelve issues per year, as in the past, even though there will be no "July" issue by name.

Some ministers are kept from adequate time to prepare for their major responsibilities by innumerable other expectations. A minister cannot do all the visitation, counseling, lead Bible studies, teach Sunday school, attend all church socials and still be the church maintenance man, janitor, chauffeur, secretary and choir director.

All the latter group should be done by others, and some of the former can be shared by others with the minister. Some ministers are so busy serving their congregation and/or their ego that they have ceased to grow in the Lord and therefore have nothing beyond the superficial to give.

Sometimes it is the minister's fault that he is too busy to do the vital job that he was called to do. He may like the feeling he's "doing it all." His job is to equip the saints so that they are doing the work of the ministry, that maturity and growth result (Eph. 4:11-16). If the pastor concentrates upon this, others will be continually raised up by the Lord to take over various ministries and to assist in others. He will then be able to concentrate more and more on his actual calling and the necessary preparation to fulfill it.

There are other ministers who neglect preparation for other facets of their ministry because they lack the gifts, interest or training necessary to do well in teaching. We all have a variety of gifts and inclinations. However, the nature of the preaching ministry requires certain gifts and the willingness to utilize them. One who lacks these should move into or concentrate upon a ministry for which he has gifts and incentive. Others should be given the ministry of teaching who are gifted and eager. It is not fair to the congregation, nor fruitful for the cause of Christ, to misuse gifts and abilities by failure to develop them, or concentrating in the wrong area of the ministry.

Praise God that our congregation has a senior minister who has the gift of teaching and who spends time with the Lord to receive, that he might teach the congregation.

Gerald Hilderbrand, youth pastor, Salem, Oregon

Dear Editor:

I have read Mrs. Helm's article about those pantsuits (February issue). I am altogether against them. At no time or nowhere should they be worn to a

church or any church activity. I always say they are fine in their place; mainly in scrubbing floors on your knees. Or maybe if they have to do chores outside. But nowhere else. When I see them come along, and want to be Christian women, well I just can't grasp it. A Christian to my notion should always set an example. And not with pantsuit clothe. And I can't see why they should wear them anyway, when there are such a lot of beautiful clothe in the world. My husband said to me one day, why I didn't get one. I said, no thanks. He said, "Well, you wouldn't look any worse than the others." I said "Maybe I wouldn't look any worse but I wouldn't look any better either."

I hope all our Baptist churches put a ban on them. Maybe some day I will write again on another subject that I detest, namely smoking. Let's hope that the time will never come when that is allowed in our churches. The Baptist faith as far as I can see has always had high ideals. Let's hope we all live up to them.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I remain

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. John Roth, Hazeldine, Alberta.

**NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE
1973 STATISTICS**

Association	Churches	Baptisms	Members	Sunday School Enrollment	Youth Groups	Youth Group Members	WMU's	WMU Members	Baptist Men's Groups	Baptist Men's Membership
Alberta	38	133	4,976	4,552	79	1,438	31	821
Atlantic	15	57	2,162	1,022	38	254	16	338	2	27
British Columbia	16	139	2,924	2,718	50	791	17	604	3	117
Central Dakota-Montana	30	120	3,626	3,208	57	705	36	679	14	236
Eastern	19	124	2,423	1,659	50	781	20	535	3	89
Illinois	13	60	2,157	1,884	54	418	18	424	1	30
Iowa	15	78	2,648	2,450	41	378	21	671	1	10
Manitoba	17	77	2,413	2,615	42	497	15	543
Michigan	22	210	6,566	5,046	67	1,417	21	853	3	24
Minnesota	12	64	1,444	1,300	26	342	12	282
Northern California	6	111	2,577	2,488	32	621	7	437	2	26
Northern Dakota	18	96	2,067	2,040	29	381	20	500	8	146
Oregon	10	47	2,145	1,599	61	563	16	354	3	34
Pacific Northwest	14	133	1,879	2,183	30	343	15	295	7	94
Penn-Ohio	14	71	2,575	1,851	40	1,064	15	417	1	10
Saskatchewan	14	33	1,359	1,443	34	457	14	229	1	20
South Dakota	15	68	2,214	1,873	38	409	15	420	7	167
Southern	10	27	827	735	12	92	10	151	4	71
Southern California	6	147	2,661	2,820	32	386	4	409	3	72
Southwestern	28	62	2,714	2,538	63	544	31	645	7	119
Wisconsin	14	66	2,496	1,721	27	291	20	461	3	39
Totals	346	1,923	54,853	47,745	902	12,172	374	10,068	73	1,331

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INDEPENDENCE DAY



From The Living Bible

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people he has chosen as his own. The Lord gazes down upon hearts and closely watches e... king—for great strength is... winning victories—it is stro... over those who fear him, w... even in times of famine! V... us; he protects us like a s... trusting him. We trust hi... for our hopes are in you al... (Psalm 135:1-22)

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