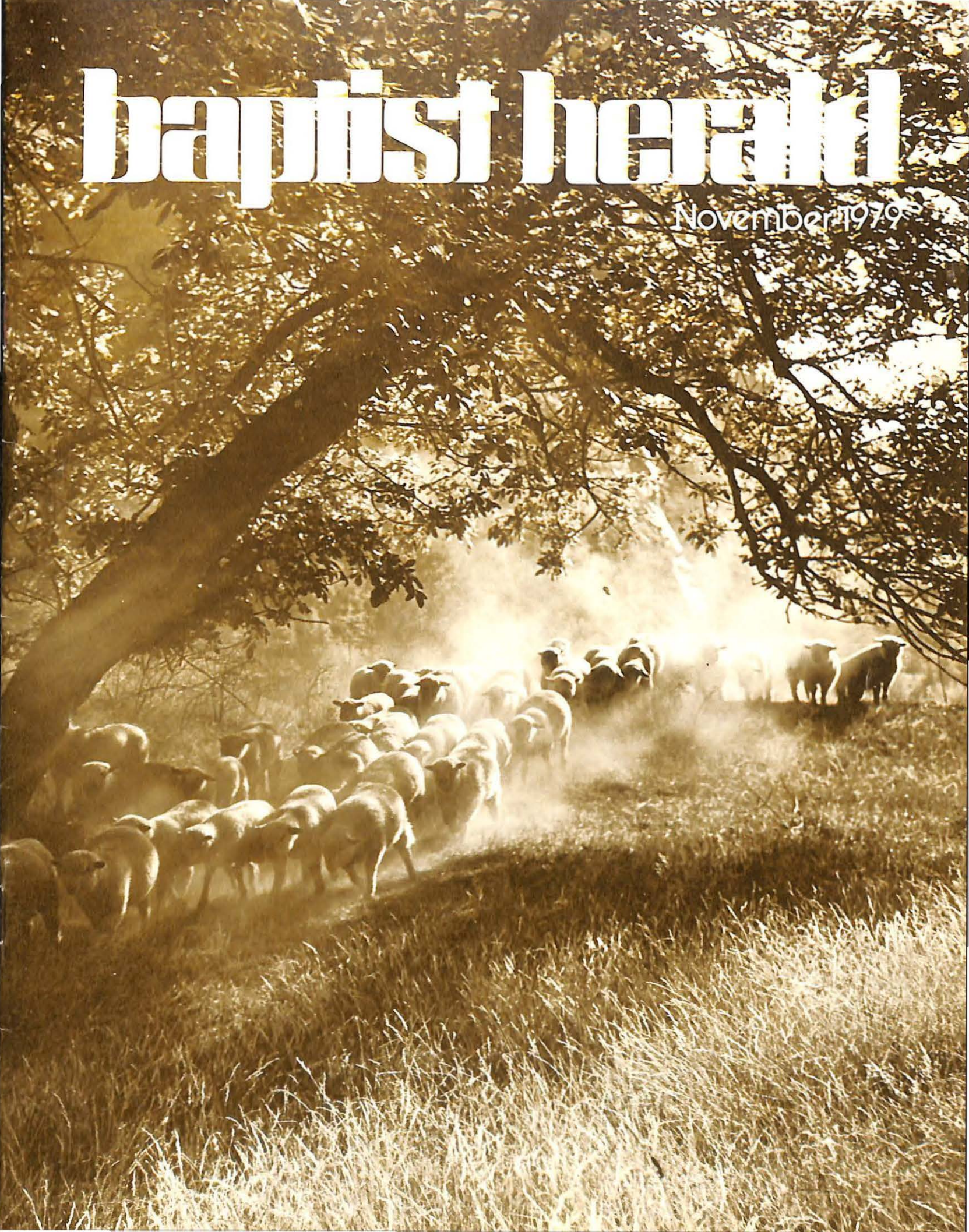


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news Flash

Strife-Torn Nicaraguans Send \$100 for "Bibles for the USSR"

WASHINGTON—There are 5,232 members of 45 churches in the Baptist Convention of Nicaragua. In 1972 their nation suffered a disastrous earthquake. They since have experienced severe drought and floods, and this past year suffered a civil war that overturned the Somoza government.

Things are difficult to say the least. But Nicaraguan Baptists read in *The Baptist World*, publication of the Baptist World Alliance, that the door had opened for the legal import of 25,000 Bibles into the Soviet Union. The Nicaraguans temporarily forgot their own needs and sent \$100 to the BWA office in Washington, marked "Bibles for Baptists in the USSR."

It is one of several incidents recently noted by BWA general secretary, Robert S. Denny, of the generous cooperative relationship of members of the worldwide Baptist family.

The Latvian Baptist Union in the USA, a relatively small group of expatriots from the former Baltic nation (actually 563 members in eight churches), made a 1979 contribution of \$236 to the BWA operating budget, as compared to \$100 in former years. And the 3,500 Baptists (55 churches) in the National Baptist Convention of Venezuela tripled their contribution this year from \$100 to \$300.

The increases are in keeping with an appeal voiced by BWA President, David Y. K. Wong, in a letter to the Alliance's 115 member bodies, explaining that economic inflation has greatly increased the fellowship's operating costs. □

Why Not Now?

by Lenore Lang

What was that joke that made you laugh so hard last week? Or was it a cartoon, or a Blondie-and-Dagwood comic strip? Well, cut it out! Yes, get a pair of scissors and cut it out! Then—send it to a missionary in a letter. And do it—TODAY!

“What?” you ask. “Today? A letter? Jokes? Has that writer flipped completely?”

Not flipped, not completely anyway! But I *am* completely convinced that a lot of people need a nudge when it comes to writing letters to missionaries. In fact, I have a sneaking suspicion that, while intentions are good, many people just don’t like to write letters—to anyone! Isn’t it true that most of us would rather pick up the phone and call a friend than write a letter, even a card or short note? We’d rather pay the long-distance rates than write! We’re not lazy, either, I’m sure of that, but maybe we have a mental block of sorts, worried whether we’ll be able to phrase our letter to our friend or relative the way we really want to. So much easier to TALK! Therefore we turn to the phone, or—we put it off and put it off, and that letter doesn’t get written at all.

All of this may be true for you when it comes to family and friends. And if it is, add the complication of writing to a missionary whom you have met at a Round Robin Mission Conference in your church, or a missionary whom your church supports financially. You know from what those missionaries say or what they’ve written to your church that they DO appreciate mail, oh they DO, very much indeed!—and your conscience is pricked as you sit there and listen to them and you say to yourself, “*This time it’ll be different! This time when they go back, I’ll surprise them and myself. I’ll really write!*”

You really meant it, you DID intend to write, but now it has been six months and your conscience gives you ten fits every time you think about the missionaries, so maybe you push them out of your mind so completely you’ve even stopped praying for them! It just makes you feel so guilty! And then, to add to everything else, you’re afraid to write because you don’t think you’ll write the right things! As one dear lady expressed it to me once, “I’m afraid my letter won’t be *spiritual* enough!”

Spiritual enough? Yes, I understand the thought behind that phrase, but shall I tell you what one missionary said recently when I shared the incident with a group? This one piped up and said, “Send us the football scores.” Do your eyebrows go up on that one? They shouldn’t! No, they really shouldn’t, because remember, your missionaries are human beings. They are real people, and real people do en-

joy football (well, some of them do, and then again, some of them don’t) and they enjoy jokes, and recipes, and as one missionary wife said to me, “Sometimes I get hungry just to see the grocery ads in a newspaper, so I can get an idea of what people in the States are paying for groceries.” (And by the way, though what we in the States and Canada pay may seem high, in many cases what our missionaries are paying overseas for some of the same items is probably much more!)

Now more often than not, churches, or at least the Women’s Fellowship of the church, have a practice of sending birthday cards to various missionaries throughout the year. Often when we were in Africa, we received these cards, and they meant a great deal to us, even when they arrived three months late. (Just a thought on this: If you are sending these cards by sea mail, it would help if you geared them to be sent off at *least* three if not four months before the birthday. Airmail goes faster, but of course is more expensive, and the money you save by sending cards and letters by VERY EARLY sea mail can go into the White Cross budget of the Women’s Fellowship of your church.)

Your church may also have the commendable practice of assigning missionaries to people who are encouraged to write letters occasionally to those missionaries for a certain length of time, for instance, a year. May I give two suggestions here? This is a very good idea of encouraging letter-writing, and ALL letters are very much appreciated by missionaries. An empty mailbag is no fun. However, 1) Think twice before you write this: “I have been assigned to write to you.” And 2) When your assigned year is up, could you still keep that person in your prayers and on your heart for an *occasional* letter that isn’t a “must”? Why do I make those suggestions? Well, let us suppose that some Sunday evening someone approaches you after the church service and says, “Let’s go out for a cup of coffee and some pie.” Probably you’d be very happy about that, and you open your mouth to say, “Oh, what fun! I’d love to!” But before you can get THAT in edgewise, the person says to you, “The Christian Service commission of the church has assigned me to do this for you once in awhile.” Ugh! Inwardly your thoughts do flip-flops. “What? What is this person saying? Someone has assigned this—this person to ask me out? Does that mean he/she didn’t really want to go? They’re being forced by some—assignment?”

Or, worse yet, suppose that after a full year of having a number of enjoyable times with this individual, without the previous “assignment” explanation, suddenly the invitations to go out for coffee stop. No explanation. No reason given. Nothing. You are just dropped. And it hurts. Then one day you hear about the Christian Service commission assignments that last for one year, and you begin to figure it out. “Oh, I was an assignment, that’s all.” It still hurts, but you accept the explanation and go on, a little wiser perhaps, a little more knowledgeable about how these things go.

How about it. Does this sound far-fetched? Perhaps it does, but it is a bit similar to what one missionary told me. For a year she had received delightful letters from a young woman whom she began to look on as a real friend. She looked forward to these letters which were real *boosts*. Then after a year, the letters stopped. She wondered if she

had done something to offend her friend, but could think of nothing. Finally, one day she came to the conclusion that the person had had her as an assignment, and when the year was over, that was that. No more letters. Nothing. The missionary was just dropped. And it hurt.

Hurt? you ask. Missionaries shouldn’t be hurt by such things. But—they are! They get over it, of course; they pray about situations and work things out, just as you and I do this side of the ocean. But—wouldn’t it be better if they didn’t *need* to, at least in cases of letter writing? Let them keep their energies for fighting other spiritual battles! And there are plenty of those! For those they need our prayers, unhindered by our guilt about not writing. Guilt that we are not “as spiritual” as those missionaries. Guilt that we are not doing what we should for them and others like them. Unhindered prayers: yes, missionaries need them. And I can practically guarantee that you’ll feel more like praying for a missionary to whom you’ve been writing letters. (Prayers that are more than: “God, bless all the missionaries!”) “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21). And—I could add: Where your letters go, there will your prayers go also! Yes, how very important is letter-writing!

Our letter-writing can be as original as we are individually. You *are* an original, you know. There is no one else quite like you on the face of the earth. Our Heavenly Father specializes in originals, whether they are snowflakes, trees, sunsets, or—PEOPLE. People such as you



It seems that the number of short-term missionaries appointed for Japan runs in cycles. Two years ago we appointed just one. Last year we were able to appoint five to replace five who came home. This year we appointed one to replace the one appointed two years ago and who

has now come home. The short-term service is a commitment for two years. Sometimes it is voluntarily extended to a third year, and a goodly number of short-termers have extended it. Some have even gone into “full-time missionary service,” after they were specifically challenged by the experiences and by God’s leading during the short-term period.

Arlynn Friesen has considered some type of missionary service “since I was a child,” as he put it in his application for short-term service in Japan. This past year he was a first year student at N.A.B. Seminary in Sioux Falls, SD. During the second semester he came to know the Rev. Hisashi Murakami, who came from Japan in January to

Dr. Richard Schilke is interim associate secretary for missions at the North American Baptist Conference International Office.

and I. People such as missionaries. Missionaries who like model airplanes or football scores or recipes or grocery ads, or good side-splitting jokes and cartoons, or the latest women’s magazine, or a bit of the latest happening that you just heard about on the six o’clock news!

News! Isn’t that what letter-writing is all about? But your version of the news as it comes to your ears and eyes may be different from that person who sits beside you in church on Sunday morning, different from the neighbor down the street, or from the pastor in the pulpit. Maybe this article has lit up an idea that has been lurking in the corners of your mind, an idea that would spark up a letter. Maybe you know, right now, of some clipping that you could tuck into a birthday card, a clipping of a joke or a recipe, or a hand-craft idea. Perhaps you have some of those money-saving blue airforms in your desk drawer this very minute, airforms on which you can jot down a few sentences about your recipe that flopped, or the hailstorm that made mincemeat of your cabbages, or of that helpful illustration you read or heard from your pastor last Sunday morning. You’ve got ideas: I know it! So—share those ideas with others, via letters, and above all, share them *this week*—with a missionary!

P.S. Correspondence is a two-way street, I know, and on the “street” coming back to you *from* the missionary, will be love and gratitude and letters as often as their full schedules will allow. Just be patient, keep writing,—and your patience will pay off, I know! □

To Be God’s Man in Japan

Introducing Arlynn G. Friesen,
short-term missionary to Japan
by Richard Schilke

take up studies for his D. Min. degree. In conversation and fellowship with Brother Murakami, Arlynn was specifically challenged to consider Japan and said: “Pastor Hisashi Murakami has specifically requested that I come to work in Japan, in his city, Tsu.” Brother Murakami himself gave him a good recommendation. He feels that with his language abilities, Arlynn would fit in very well with the short-term program of teaching conversational English.

Arlynn Gerhard Friesen was born on Jan. 1, 1954, in Mankato, MN, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard K. Friesen as the third of four children. His family has been consistently interested in missions. His parents, as he said, “planned at one time to be missionaries overseas. They will support me in my missionary purpose.” And speaking of his purpose, he said: “My purpose is to be God’s man in bringing others to know God’s love and the reconciliation to God made available through Jesus Christ.”

Early in life, Arlynn accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized at the age of 15, October 19, 1969, by the

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Mrs. Lenore Lang lives in Sioux Falls, SD. She and her husband, George, served as missionaries in Cameroon, West Africa.

1979-The Year of Personnel Changes

by the Editor

Christian and secular organizations alike experience changes in structure, goal setting and personnel. The North American Baptist Conference has the mark of being a rather conservative Baptist body with little changes in regard to structure and goal orientation. However, the year 1979 has been an exception to the rule. Whereas there were very few structural changes, there was, however, an exceptional turnover of personnel.

Already in fall of 1978 it became apparent that the Church Ministries Department would have to reduce its personnel as a result of the budget cuts, which all of the Conference departments were asked to make.

The Rev. Henry G. Ramus, since 1968 an executive staff member of the Church Ministries Department, was notified in spring of 1979, that his position would be terminated, effective June 30, 1979. In the meantime, he has become the associate minister of church ministries with the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, IA. His position will remain vacant for the time being.

Another significant change was in the making, when the executive secretary, Dr. G. K. Zimmerman, announced that he would not have his name placed on the ballot for reelection at the Bismarck Triennial Conference. A search committee was formed for the purpose of looking for a worthy successor.

In May 1979 the General Council decided to submit two names to the Triennial Conference as possible candidates: Dr. John Binder and the Rev. Willis Potratz. At the time of the conference, two additional names were placed on the ballot.

Dr. John Binder was elected and took over the duties as executive secretary on Sept. 1, 1979. As part of the election procedure, his vita was presented to the delegates, which we are reprinting here to familiarize all of our readers with the new executive secretary.

Dr. John Binder. John Binder was born in Dafoe, Saskatchewan, on Nov. 10, 1930. He attended North American Baptist College (then CTI), from 1949 to 1951. It was during the first year at N.A.B.C. that John accepted Christ as Savior, and God began directing his life toward full-time Christian ministry.

John attended Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, SD, from 1952 to 1954, and Augustana College, also in Sioux Falls, from 1954 to 1956, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College in 1956. He entered North

American Baptist Seminary in 1956 and attended the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany, and also Hamburg University as an exchange student in 1958-1959. John received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from our North American Baptist Seminary in 1959. Subsequently he has continued his education at Northern Illinois University, concentrating in the fields of journalism and business administration. In May 1979, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by our North American Baptist Seminary.

Dr. Binder was ordained by Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba, Oct. 9, 1959. He served as pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church from 1959-1960. In 1960 he was appointed general secretary of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship, and in 1961 he was appointed assistant general secretary of the Department of Christian Education and director of Youth Work. He was appointed editor of the Baptist Herald and Director of Communications in 1967. From 1971-1979 he was Stewardship and Communications Secretary.

John and Barbara (Weisser) Binder have three children, ages 16, 12 and 7, and live in Westchester, IL. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Bellwood, IL.

His experience in the fields of Christian education, communication and stewardship have prepared him for the



Dr. G.K. Zimmerman (left) handing over the executive secretary responsibilities to Dr. John Binder.

responsible position to which the Conference has entrusted him. Dr. Binder is known to North American Baptists from north to south and coast to coast. He has spoken at camps and retreats, at association meetings and at other gatherings of our N.A.B. Conference. He has also been an active member of committees serving the Baptist World Alliance. His worldwide outlook on the Church of Jesus Christ, his sober judgment and his quick and keen analytical insight are some of his best qualifications for his new job as top administrator of our Conference.

The third personnel change came, when Dr. Richard Schilke, for 28 years general secretary of Missions, announced that also he would not consider a reelection for the position he has held since 1951.

The General Council affirmed the Board of Missions' nomination of the Rev. Fred Folkerts and the Rev. Gordon Thomas. In July the Triennial Conference voted Rev. Folkerts into this position over the aforementioned and two additional candidates, who had been nominated from the floor (Dr. Gordon Harris and the Rev. Harold Lang).

The following is a reprint of his vita as presented to the delegates in Bismarck.

Rev. Fred Folkerts. Fred Folkerts was born in Steamboat Rock, Iowa, on June 18, 1931. He accepted Christ as personal Savior when he was eight years old. In 1941, he was baptized by the Rev. Howard Johnson and became a member of the First Baptist Church in Steamboat Rock.

He attended Wheaton College from 1949-1954, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies and Secondary Education. At the Wheaton Graduate School he continued studies, leading to a Master of Arts degree in Theology in 1958. He attended Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago and completed a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1958. In 1959, he received the Post Graduate Certificate in Education with honors from the University of London, England.

Fred recognized the call to the Gospel ministry during high school and responded to a missionary call at a youth conference, where Dr. Laura Reddig was speaker. From 1956-1958 he served as assistant to Pastor Rubin Kern at Forest Park Baptist Church. Fred was ordained to the ministry by First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, June 1958.

Fred and Nancy (Wood) Folkerts were married in August 1955 and both felt a call to overseas missionary service. Nancy completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Education at Wheaton in 1954. They were appointed for missionary service to Cameroon in April 1958 and left for the field in 1959, following a year of study in England.

Fred served first as teacher, then as principal of the Baptist Teacher Training College, Soppo, where he served for three years. He was then appointed field secretary for overseas missions at our N.A.B. International Office. He served in this position with responsibility for the administration of the two N.A.B. African mission fields until his election as general secretary of Missions, effective Sept. 1, 1979.

Fred and Nancy have four sons, ages 20, 18, 16, 13. They live in Glen Ellyn, IL. All are members of the Village Green Baptist Church.

By electing Rev. Folkerts, the Conference has chosen a man of outstanding qualities. His 14 years of missionary



The Rev. Fred Folkerts giving a brief acceptance speech at the time of the handing over ceremony at the N.A.B.C. International Office, Aug. 31, 1979. From l. to r.: Dr. R. Schilke, Mrs. Nancy Folkerts, Fred Folkerts, Missionaries Larry and Bonnie Scheffler with daughter Julie.

work have given Rev. Folkerts the rare ability to handle complex international affairs. With tact and genuine empathy he knows how to relate to national coworkers and has gained great respect from Christians at home and overseas.

There was still another change, however less dramatic. The untimely passing away of the Rev. Lyle Wacker in 1978 had left a gap in the Church Extension Department. Its Board appointed the Rev. John Ziegler, associate secretary for Church Extension, to become the acting general secretary until election time. The Triennial Conference elected Rev. Ziegler into the position of general secretary of Church Extension. His vita is reprinted here.

Rev. John Ziegler. John Ziegler was born Dec. 12, 1929, in Madison, Saskatchewan. He accepted Christ as Savior in 1941, was baptized and became a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Glidden, SK, the following summer.

He graduated from Briarcrest Bible Institute, Caronport, SK, in 1949. From 1950-1952 he attended Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, SD, and graduated from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, in 1953 with an A.B. degree. He attended North American Baptist Seminary from 1953-1956 graduating with a B.D. degree. From 1961-1967 he was a part-time student at United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, and was awarded a M. Div. degree in 1963 and the S.T.M. degree in 1967. He has earned additional credits through an extended series on continuing education course work.

John was ordained at First Baptist Church, Appleton, MN, which he served from 1956-1958. He was the associate pastor and interim pastor of Ridgemont Baptist Church, East Detroit, MI, from 1958-1960. He served as Church Extension pastor at Community Baptist Church, Xenia, OH, from 1960-1967. From 1967-1977 he served as pastor of Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, IA. He was appointed as the associate secretary of the Church Extension Department in 1977 and became the acting general secretary following the death of the late Rev. Lyle Wacker.

John has been a member of various Conference organizations. He was chairman of the Conference Board of Christian Education, a member of the Committee on

Higher Education, the Finance & Stewardship Committee, and the General Council: He was elected to several offices on the Association level.

John and Mildred Ziegler have two children ages 19 and 21. They live in Lombard, IL. They are members of the Bloomingdale Baptist Church, Bloomingdale, Illinois.

The 20 years of pastoral work and the three years in Church Extension work have qualified Rev. Ziegler for his present position. He has diligently worked in Church Extension and in established churches and knows, from his own experience, the needs of a local church. His leadership qualities as pastor are now fully put to work as he guides and administers the Church Extension ministry.



Rev. John Ziegler and his wife, Millie, during the turning over ceremony.

The Rev. Bruce A. Rich has worked at the N.A.B. Conference Office since 1964, when he was called to be the director of Children's Work. In 1967 he enlarged his responsibilities in the position as assistant general secretary for Christian Education and director of Youth Work. One year later he became the general director of the Church Ministries Department, a position to which he was re-elected for three years at the last Triennial Conference.

Still another change of personnel was experienced in the Stewardship and Communications Department. Not only did the election of Dr. John Binder set the stage for a change, but also the resignation of the Rev. Everett A. Barker left a void with regard to the work in Personal Estate Planning. In 1967 Rev. Barker had taken on the challenge to build up a field heretofore unknown among North American Baptists: Planned Giving, or as it was later called Personal Estate Planning. His resignation in 1979 came in reply to a call extended by Northern Baptist Seminary in the Chicago area, to work for the seminary in a similar position. His vacant position has not yet been filled. A search committee is trying to decide who, and under what terms, shall continue to lead this vital ministry to North American Baptists.

Immediately after the Triennial Conference elected the new executive secretary, the newly formed Executive Committee met and appointed the Rev. Connie Salios acting secretary of Stewardship and Communications for the



The Rev. Bruce A. Rich was reelected for another three years.

period of one year. He had served as associate secretary for Stewardship since 1976. This is his vita.

Rev. Constantino Salios. Connie Salios was born in Elberton, Georgia, on Aug. 13, 1926. He received his education at Bob Jones University, 1946-49; Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, TX, 1949-50; and Northern Baptist Seminary, 1950-53, 1965. He received the B.D. degree from Northern Baptist Seminary in 1953 and the Master of Theology degree in 1965. In addition he has taken graduate studies in marriage counseling and theology.

Rev. Salios was ordained by Florida Street Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC, in 1948. His pastorates include: Ida Baptist Church, Sherman, TX, 1949-50; First Southern Baptist Church, Chicago, IL, 1950-52; First Baptist Church, Bellwood, IL, 1953-59; Glenbard Baptist Church,



Rev. Connie Salios, secretary of Stewardship and Communications.

Glen Ellyn, IL, 1959-65.

From 1965-69 he served as director of God's Volunteers Team of the N.A.B. Conference. The years 1969-76 saw him back in the local pastorate ministry at Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, CA. Then he accepted the call to become associate secretary for Stewardship at the N.A.B. Conference International Office.

Connie and Harriet Salios have three married sons: Connie Jr. (28), Timothy (27), Gregory (23), and one single

daughter, Rebecca Anne (19). Connie and his wife belong to Village Green Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, IL.

His great interest in stewardship matters and his great and warm love for God's people, plus his practical experience in the pastoral ministry, highly qualify him for this new position.

May God give his blessings on these and all of the Conference leaders, as they desire to serve the Lord and our Conference with their lives, time and talent. □

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German Baptists Hold Press Conference With Georgi Vins

EBP—BAD HOMBURG, Germany—At the invitation of the German Baptist Union, about 25 persons gathered here recently at the Union headquarters for a press conference with Pastor Georgi Vins, exiled leader of Reform Baptists in the USSR. Most participants represented the religious press.

After an introduction of pastor Vins by Dr. Gunter Wieske, the interpreter read Job 42:2 as a theme verse for a summary statement by Vins of his career as a religious leader in USSR. Vins mentioned his conversion at 17 and the trials he had faced in refusing to cooperate with the government. He spoke briefly about the beliefs and activities of the Council of Churches of Evangelicals and Baptists, which he heads. A printed booklet was distributed containing his testimony of June 1979, before the Helsinki panel in the United States. Most of his later answers to the questions of the morning appeared in that booklet.

Vins' mother, Lidia, was also present and was recognized as leader of the Council of Prisoners' Relatives for Evangelical Christians and Baptists. That group informs believers about persecution all over the country, acts as legal representative for Christian prisoners to the authorities, and tries to help prisoners in material ways.

A two-part question came first: "Why is registration with the government considered wrong by your group, and what are the relationships between your group and the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists?"

Vins pointed out that since all power in his country was in atheist hands, thousands of evangelicals had been arrested and many had died in prisons for disobeying regulations that limited their Christian witness. In the last 30 years prison terms and various kinds of persecution have continued.

In 1960 the All-Union Council, which is recognized by the government, sent out "Letters of Instruction" to all Russian Baptist churches listing certain new restrictions. Some Baptist churches decided they could not obey four of them: that children could not attend worship services, that baptism of persons 18-30 years of age must be limited, that evangelistic preaching must be discouraged, and that the selection of chief officers of the church must be approved by the government.

Russian Baptists began to divide along this line, until in 1965 the dissenting Baptist group became known as the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians and Baptists. Vins said this group has about 1,500 congregations with about 70,000 members. The All-Union Council includes about 5,000 churches and about 600,000 members.



Pastor Georgi Vins and interpreter talk with Dr. G. K. Zimmerman in a briefing session in May 1979, at the BWA Headquarters, Washington, DC.

Most members of the Reform group are young people, Vins said, with about 15 percent in that age range in the All-Union Council churches.

To be recognized by the government, churches must promise to observe all regulations. Vins and the Reform Baptist group affirm three principles as so important that they will endure prison to preserve them: (1) total freedom of conscience and the priesthood of believers, (2) complete separation of church and state, and (3) freedom to preach the gospel as the main purpose of the church. Although Vins and other pastors and leaders have worked illegally, and publishing is being done secretly, worship services are open meetings in homes, in the woods and even in churches. "We are not underground," Vins said; "everyone knows where we meet."

But according to Vins, persecution has been real. Within the last several years a number of Baptists have died from torture in prison. Others, like Vins, have been imprisoned, fined and frequently interrogated. Christian weddings and prayer meetings have been invaded by local police, church members have been fined, and publications have been confiscated. "Much of this would stop if our Baptist leaders would agree to cooperate with the KGB," Vins said.

At least half of the conference participants raised questions. One of them repeated the question about relations between Reform Baptists and the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. Vins responded that since many leaders in the AUCECB were influenced or controlled by the KGB, activities of the Reform Baptists had been reported to the police when members of the two religious bodies had met together.

What had been his impressions of religion in the West since his departure from Russia, Vins was asked. "It is too early for me to evaluate the West," he responded. "I have seen many good things. Perhaps what has been happening in Russia will help young people in the West in their religious loyalty. In Russia atheism and religion are definitely separated, but here things are somewhat gray."

Another questioner mentioned the fact that the tensions between the two evangelical and Baptist groups in Russia have been introduced into West Germany by Russian emigres and asked Vins why this would be so. He gave no definite answer but said, "Some could have been introduced by the KGB, or perhaps old traditions are still strong."

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North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD

1980 JANUARY TERM

TERM A—JANUARY 7-11, 1980

A wide variety of courses are again available at NABS during January 1980. The courses offered during Terms A, B and C each carry one semester hour credit. Of special interest to ministers is the scheduling of most January courses for one week. Required papers can be completed after the course has terminated. The courses B 352 and H 445 in Term A, and W 756 and W 255 in Term C can be taken concurrently to earn two semester hours credit in one week of classes. A maximum of three semester hours can be earned in January.

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B 492 THE LIFE AND WORSHIP OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH - January 14-25, 1980

A study of the historical setting of the early Christian Church in terms of its social environment and community worship.

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Ali, Boxing's 'Greatest,' Visits With Billy Graham

by Bob Terrell

Muhammad Ali—the greatest—looked up to another man and liked what he saw.

The retired, three-time world heavyweight boxing champion flew to Asheville a few weeks ago and spent several hours with Billy Graham in the evangelist's home atop a mountain in Montreat.

Sitting on the porch of Graham's home, Ali looked at Graham with admiring eyes and said, "He comes before me, I'm just a boxer—famous and all that—but he leads people to God. I look up to him."

Ali said his visit to Graham was one of "looking and searching" in an effort to "learn more about other people."

"I feel a spiritual pull," the ex-champion said. "I want to do something with people. I've always admired Mr. Graham. I'm Muslim and he's Christian, but there is so much truth in the messages he gives, Americanism, repentance, things about government and country—and truth. I always said, if I was a Christian, I'd want to be a Christian like him!"

"I think all religions are basically good, and I had a lot of questions I've been wanting to ask about Christianity. I asked them today. He gave me answers. I cannot go into them beyond that."

When Ali arrived at the Asheville Airport at noon, Graham met him and drove him to Montreat. The two talked until 6:50 p.m. when Ali departed for the airport.

"People are influenced by ministers," Ali said, and indicating Graham, added, "I like his style."

"When we arrived at the airport, Mr. Graham himself was waiting for me. I expected to be chauffeured in a Rolls Royce or at least a Mercedes, but we got in his Oldsmobile, and he drove it himself. I couldn't believe he came to the airport driving his own car."

"I thought he'd live on a thousand-acre farm. We drove up to this house made of logs. No mansion with crystal chandeliers and gold carpets, but the kind of a house a man of God would live in."

"I notice all these things. They're signs of a spiritual person."

"The Book says, Christ will come as a thief in the night. I'm sure God wouldn't

come bragging 'I'm God'—and neither did Mr. Graham. He's a humble man."

Ali, who retired from the ring recently, said he was "trying to figure out what to do now."

"I've had so many offers," he said. "I've turned down major movies, professional contracts to fight the three top contenders, managerial contracts. I was offered a network television show—a one hour, once-a-month special, interviewing people like Mr. Begin and Mr. Sadat, and I turned it down."

"I met Mr. Brezhnev, and talked to communist students in Russia to see what they felt. I met Col. Qaddafi of Libya. Now I'd like to meet Rex Humbard and Oral Roberts."

"I find that titles separate people—Jew from Moslem, Catholic from Protestant, Hindu from Buddhist. These are man-made titles. Put a Jew and an Arab heart on a table side by side, and you couldn't tell them apart."

"I believe God will not judge on color or race, but on men's hearts—and so I'm searching to learn more about other people."

Ali, dressed in a dark blue suit with dark blue tie, removed the brash facade that helped him gain the heights of the athletic world. He was in a serious mood and spoke quietly. "I don't want to talk boxing," he said. "I want to talk about spiritual things."

At the end of their five-hour session, Graham said of Ali: "He has a fantastic memory and a brilliant mind. The thing that makes him different from many other major sports figures is that he has substance to his life. What we see on television—the fighting and the clowning—is just the tip of the iceberg. I've thought that for years, and now I know it."

"I believe God has a great future and purpose for him. I will pray that God will show him the path to serve humanity and the Kingdom of God."

"He has a wonderful ability to transmit to the world. There are few people in the world who transcend all barriers—race, religion and such—and he is one of them. This puts tremendous responsibility on him, and I promised him to pray for him and to help him all I can."

Both Graham and Ali recognized the differences in their faiths, but they found common ground.

"We come from different faiths," Graham said, "but we have many things in common. Islam and the Koran accept the prophets of the Old Testament, Isaiah, Elijah, and they accept Jesus Christ as a prophet."

"There are areas we could not agree on—that Christ was the Son of the Living God, for example—but whether we like it or not, we've got to live in the same world with the terrible arms race, so we've got to live together or blow up together. We as Christians have not only got to be for peace, we've got to work for it. So have the Muslims, the Jews and everybody else."

Ali added, "I wish people who don't like Christians could learn what I've learned. I'd like to see many faiths represented at a conference table to see how they think. I would like to be at that table, and would hope that Mr. Graham would be there, too."

After the lengthy discussion, Graham and Ali moved from the porch to the living room of the Graham house. A fire crackled in the fireplace.

"Ali," Graham said, "I've been watching you since you started making headlines . . ."

Ali stopped in his tracks and a look of faked horror crossed his face.

"If I'd known Billy Graham was watching me," he said, "I might've acted different . . ." □

chuckle with bruno

We know that the best things in life are free, but we can't understand why the next best things should be so expensive.

The worst thing about middle age is that you outgrow it.

A recent retiree complained: "I wake up in the morning with nothing to do, and by bedtime I have it only half-done."

Another man living in retirement says he's been playing golf—but only on those days that end in y.

PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING



The Importance of Having a Valid, Current Will

by W. Russel Van Camp

"I should have a will made up. I'll get it done one of these days."

How many times have these words been spoken? Unfortunately, many people do not have a valid will at the time of death. In some cases, the laws of the state will distribute the decedent's estate in much the same manner as the decedent would have provided for, had he made up a will. These laws are called Laws of Intestacy.

However, in other cases, these same Laws of Intestacy will operate to distribute an estate in a manner totally contrary to the decedent's wishes. These laws are not based on the intent of any particular decedent, but upon the presumed intent of the average decedent. Typically, these laws will provide for distribution to the surviving spouse and children in varying degrees.

If there are no surviving spouse or children, the estate generally passes onto any lineal heirs of the decedent, such as grandchildren. Finally, if there are no lineal heirs, the estate passes to any living collateral heirs, such as uncles or cousins.

The right of a person to dispose of property by will is granted by statute in every state. Some states make the drafting of a will quite easy for anyone. Others require a number of formalities and legal technicalities, which may trap even an attorney. The failure to comply with these formalities and technicalities can easily

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result in the will being declared invalid by a court.

If you have extensive holdings and/or are planning a relatively complicated scheme of distribution, it is best to consult an attorney. An attorney may suggest alternative means of distributing an estate, which will provide tax benefits or avoid large expenses. He will also ensure that the will is in compliance with state law and that its provisions clearly outline the scheme of distribution.

A number of states recognize the validity of holographic (handwritten) wills.** It is relatively easy for a non-lawyer to draft his or her own will in these states. However, your state may have certain requirements not present in other states. In order to insure that your handwritten will is valid, the following precautions should be taken:

- The will should be *entirely* in the testator's handwriting;
- It must be dated with the day, month and year;
- It must be signed by the testator. It is also a good practice to have the will witnessed by two (2) persons who are not named in the will itself.
- Make certain that the language of the will is clear and understandable. If possible, have a friend read the document to insure that its provisions are easily understood by others.
- Mention *all* of your children in the will, even if they are receiving nothing.
- Most importantly, make *certain* that your state recognizes holographic wills. If it does not, the will is totally invalid!

Almost as important as preparing a valid will is keeping the will current. Many times the circumstances of life alter the decisions which resulted in the preparation of a will.

The very best way to alter a will to reflect changed circumstances is to prepare a new instrument. This may be done by drafting a new will, which *expressly revokes* the prior will, or by drafting a "Codicil" (amendment) to the earlier will. The Codicil is used to alter a portion of the prior will without destroying the other provisions.

In summary, it is important that everyone have a properly drafted, up-to-date will. Without one, a person is totally dependent upon state laws to distribute his or her property at death. Since each state provides us with the opportunity to dispose of our possessions at death, we should take advantage of this opportunity. □

**Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming. The New York and Maryland statutes permit holographic wills only for members of the Armed Forces.

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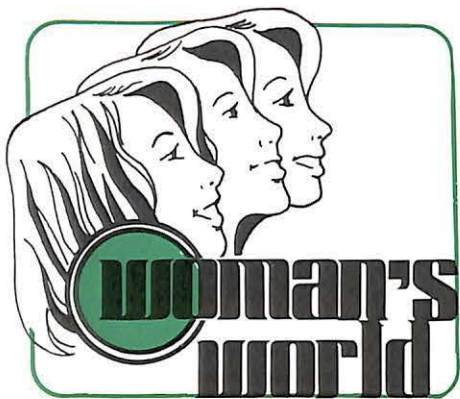
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Thank You America

by Maria Schultz,
St. Joseph, MI

I was born in the Ukraine, that portion which was under Polish government, where we had freedom of religion, and missionaries were allowed to come. American missionaries led Mom and Dad to give their hearts to Jesus Christ; their lives were completely changed. God started to prepare them for a long journey and a large family of ten children.

We had very little of material things, but we had our parents' love. Most important, they taught us that God loved us, and we never felt unloved. In 1939, the beginning of World War II, Germany invaded Poland, and Russia took over the Ukraine, but allowed all the German people to go to Germany. We were transported by train in cattle cars the winter of 1939-40 to Germany. That was the beginning of our journey.

The first 16 months was camp life spent in 12 different camps—then a little farm in Germany under Nazi rule. We saw Hitler being worshipped by the German people, when God was put aside. We knew from the Word of God, Psalm 118:8: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." We put our complete trust in God. Hitler, not satisfied with Poland, desired to have Russia also. First, Germany was winning, but then the sides turned, and Russia was pushing the German Army back. People all over East Germany started to leave their homes. Refugees were everywhere, and they came closer and closer to our doorsteps.

We had a bunker built close by our house in the woods. When the order came for the village to be cleared, we all went into the bunker. We had another family with us, friends who had been on the road for some days. We were 22 people, 16 children under 14 years of age. We stayed in that bunker until our food got short and then decided to follow the German

Army to the West. We had an old ox to pull the wagon (horses were not available). On our way, we had to cross a river, but coming closer, we saw that the bridges were all blown up; so we had to stay on the East side. We were trapped between the fighting lines. It seemed as if all hell broke loose. Grenades came from

both sides— bombs, bullets and ground mines were all around us. One grenade came so close we all fell to the ground and cried to God. He kept that grenade from exploding. Others came close by, but never exploded. It seemed as if God had put a shield around us. When the fighting stopped a little, we moved away from the



by Dorene Walth,
W.M.F. president,
Sioux Falls, SD

A church we formerly served celebrated its 110th anniversary. A women's organization observed its 85th year. The board of directors at a Christian camp set aside a special weekend to recognize the 25th year of successive, successful camp experiences on some acres that God has blessed with buildings and many souls for Christ.

At each occasion much reminiscing was done. It was fun to look at old pictures and greatly inspiring to see how God has led and blessed throughout the years. Thanksgiving was given in each instance.

To be thankful, it's also good to look back to see how far up the stairway one has come in his or her personal life.

A song by Dottie Rambo called, "Remind Me, Dear Lord," has some lines I like: *Roll back the curtain of memory now and then. Show me where you brought me from and where I could have been. Remember, I'm human, and humans forget; so remind me, remind me, dear Lord!*

One's humanness causes self-pity and a tendency to blame God for circumstances today, which could be much worse, had God not been guiding in our lives thus far.

We say things like, "God, look at this difficult day ahead of me or this hopeless situation I'm in right now. Where are you when I need you? You always help others, but look at me! I need this, and this, and this! I always get the short end of the deal."

When I pause to reflect and recognize "where he has brought me from where I could have been," I grow much more appreciative of my place in life today!

Just think, I could have married that other beau who has been plagued with alcoholism these years and because of a recent heart attack, is presently quite handicapped.

Becoming pregnant on our honeymoon, when there were so many other adjustments to make, did not seem ideal. We wanted to wait a few years to have children. The morning sickness did not enhance our first months of marriage. Within six years we had three sons. God taught me so much as a "rookie" parent; and now while I'm still in my "youthful" middle forties, I can energetically enjoy my grown children, while having special times of togetherness and privacy with my husband. In those early years, unhurried moments together were hard to come by, and now we value them to a greater degree than perhaps we would have then.

Working toward that college degree was hard. A full course of study along with motherhood and "pastor's wifery" was nigh impossible for me. Sitting up till wee hours of the morning, cramming for exams, often found me crying over coffee between text book chapters, while everyone else in the family slept peacefully.

God was in it, though, and without that education, I could never have realized the varied teaching opportunities I've had while fulfilling career ambitions.

Life as a pastor's wife had its negative aspects. There were times of "loneliness in the crowd," and times when the fish bowl existence was very trying for us. But the richness of that life and the treasured lifetime friendships in different regions of the country remind me of the valuable memories and growing experiences which were byproducts of parsonage living.

Lord, remind me of all you have done for me through the years. The joy of remembering puts a song in my heart!

"When I remember Thee on my bed, I meditate on Thee in the night watches, for Thou hast been my help, and in the shadow of Thy wings I sing for joy" (Psalm 63:6-7). □

front lines. Then we got on our knees to thank God for the miracle he had just performed. When we were through praying, Russian soldiers came and took everything they liked away from us. They sent us away from the fighting lines, and that was the beginning of life under the Communists.

We saw the faithfulness of God through our struggles under the Communists. We were in constant danger and watched closely by the enemy. The only future we had to look forward to was Russia, and we had no desire to go there. We prayed for deliverance from the enemy. What seems to be impossible with man is possible with God. God had a plan for our lives, and he was bringing it to pass regardless of circumstances. Through many details, God made it possible for us to get to West Germany.

There were thousands of people escaping to the West, and the West German people were not too happy about that. They did not want all the refugees. We were taken to a farming area, but no farmer was willing to take Mom and Dad and ten kids. Finally, our family had to be divided, and we were put on five different farms—never to live together as a family again. The darkest days in my life was when I had to leave my family and, with two younger brothers, go and live with strangers.

But God's grace was sufficient, and he brought us through the dark days. My

God's Designs

by LaVerna
Mehlhaff,
women's
work director



God is interested in what you and I do with our lives. He will instruct and guide us if we are willing to be guided and instructed. His instruction and guidance will be tailored to our needs.

Sometimes we question why he leads us in a certain path and others in seemingly easy paths. It is not ours to question the path God has chosen for us; it is for us to accept his leading. All we need to do is submit, and we will experience his guidance.

"I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life" (Psalm 32:6).

God designed your path and mine especially for us. As we travel this path, we will find blessings designed especially for us, too. □

Dad's one desire was to get his family together again, but that was impossible in Germany. Two of his brothers had lived in America since 1912. He sent them a letter, and they replied: "We will help you come to America." The process was slow. It took a long time of paperwork until in November 1951 my parents and six younger children emigrated to America. Before my parents left Germany, I was married to the man God chose for me. I, too, wanted to go to America, but my husband's family was in Germany, and he wanted to stay there.

One day our doorbell rang, and I saw an American soldier standing there. As I opened the door, I looked into the face of my brother. He had only been in America six months, when "Uncle Sam" sent him right back to Germany. He convinced my husband that America was a better place to live. It took us another five years of paperwork until we were able to go to the country of my dreams. We arrived on a very special day, the Fourth of July, 1956. Dad came to pick us up from the railroad station, and he drove a car. I thought he had become the richest man in America. In Germany he could hardly afford a bicycle. Dad took us to his house, a beautiful home he had built and paid for in five years. Then I looked at the table: there were two big plates of fried chicken—ready to eat. How could my Dad afford so much meat? He said, "It did not cost so much." How I thanked God that he had blessed my family so richly.

Conference Reflections

Unforgettable experiences were ours as we participated in the women's activities of the 39th Triennial Conference in Bismarck. Helpful suggestions were gleaned from excellent workshops led by LaVerna Mehlhaff, Dorene Walth and Iona Quiring. We became excited about the theme of our next triennium, "Rooted, Grounded, Growing," taken from Col. 2:6, 7. The breakfast for W.M.F. officers was truly a spiritual blessing, as various ladies shared in testimonies and prayer.

Without question, the highlight of events took place on Wednesday at the ladies' luncheon. The Kirkwood Inn seemed like a beautiful garden as approximately 1,500 ladies gathered around tables for food and fellowship. What a thrill to blend our voices and sing once more the theme of the past three years, "The Joy of the Lord." We were then challenged to a deeper commitment to our Lord by the words of a new theme

People in America have so much and they take it for granted. We have more food than any other country in the world. We throw so much away. The big garbage cans are a surprise to foreigners. I have almost gotten used to them, although they still bother me.

How about our freedoms? Freedom of worship, freedom of speech, freedom of voting. It is surprising and a real shame that only a small percentage of people vote on election day. We have freedom to work or live where we like, freedom to travel, freedom of education, regardless of our party leanings or religion— opportunities beyond measure. A father does not have to be rich to produce a doctor, lawyer, engineer or professor. My brothers and sisters are proof of it. They all took advantage of the great opportunity America offers to all, and they worked their way through college without help from Dad.

What a privilege to live in America, to live in a free land in which you can reach for the stars and only the sky is your limit! With privilege goes responsibility. Our responsibility is to do the very best for our country.

I am so thankful to be an American!

Thank you, America, for taking us in, for giving us a homeland when we were without a country. Thank you for missionaries who had a part in my parents' salvation and, through my parents, in my salvation. We serve a great God! What a privilege it is to be a child of the King and on the way to heaven! □

song, "Deeper, Deeper in the Love of Jesus." Daisy Hepburn, our guest speaker, inspired us to a life of intercession, serving the Lord obediently. A goal of \$675,000 was adopted. Also the name of our W.M.U. was changed to Women's Missionary Fellowship. Attractive patchwork placemats, which we took home as reminders of a memorable event, graced the tables.

—Edith DeNeui, Chancellor, SD □

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love." Although this was not the theme of our Triennial Conference, it surely was the feeling conveyed throughout the week. The leading of the Holy Spirit was felt in the unity of the messages presented by the various speakers. The overwhelming response to the financial needs of the Conference for the mission fields by those present was also evidence of the Holy Spirit working in individual lives.

All through the week we were challenged many times to live our faith daily: building relationships through Christ with those around us; taking on the role of servants to meet the needs of those

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Tired But Full of Love

by Cynthia Pelzer



Being in Bismarck for the Triennial Conference meant that I was part of a tremendous youth program. Living with 590 youth for five days on a college campus outside Bismarck gave all of us many opportunities to grow, to learn about others, ourselves, and most of all, about God. The entire week was exciting, tiring, refreshing and lots of fun. Rooming with three others, standing in a lunch line for thirty minutes and sleeping through thunderstorms gave us all many chances to grow. Days were filled to capacity with interesting classes and wonderful fellowship. The underlying theme for the week could be summed up in a song we sang, "We are One in the Bond of Love."

One of our speakers, Dawson McAllister, spoke on love. He gave love a brand new perspective. In a series of vibrant, attention-holding talks, he dealt with love for God, for ourselves, for our parents and for others. All week this love was demonstrated in many ways. Often it took all the love we could muster to keep smiling, when we had had only three hours of sleep the night before. Love was shown by those who were one of the two hundred that had to sit on the floor during classes. We had to feel with each other when practicing for our Saturday evening presentation. We were crowded together for two hours in a ninety-five degree room.

Getting to know the kids in our discussion groups, or huddles, helped us to reach out and share part of ourselves with others. We learned that to truly love others, we must become vulnerable to them. The people in our huddles became our close friends as we became more open toward the end of the week. We drew closer to each other through a common bond of love in Christ.

We worked together all week for the Triple T Event, a program that our group gave on Saturday evening. "True Triennial Togetherness" is what we worked to share, showing God's love in us through songs, testimonies and skits. We wanted the evening to reflect the enthusiasm God had given us. Greg Nelson, the director of the Triple T Event, told us constantly that if we weren't focused 100 percent on God and the songs we were to perform for him, the program wouldn't be effective. Our presentation was well received, and it showed us that if we completely give our lives to the Lord, we can't help but succeed.

The conference gave all of us a feeling of unity in Christ. Now we are to pass on that feeling of love and oneness in Christ to the world around us. We ended our Saturday program by singing the song, "Pass It On". This song clearly symbolizes what we are to do with God's love. □

Cynthia Pelzer, 17, lives in Cedar Rapids, IA. She is a member of Twin Pines Baptist Church, where her father serves as pastor.



The young people had abundant energy and packed the auditorium at Mary College during every session.



Mrs. Emma Schade, widow of the late Dr. Arthur Schade, has attended triennial conferences since 1916. Here she embraces a young pastor's wife for whom the conference attendance is a first.



The program must be good to bring a young person into such a pensive mood.



The N.A.B. Bookstore at the Kirkwood Inn was a busy place. Becky Salios (l) and Kim Ziegler tried to satisfy eager customers.



Missionaries Tina Schmidt (l; Cameroon) and Marva Radke (r; Nigeria) love the food samplings from other countries.



Cameroon missionary Fred Holzimmer enjoyed a good laugh during the missionary reception, when all the missionaries dressed up in dresses and costumes representing their fields of service.



Mrs. Thelea Wesseler, B.W.A. vice president and chairperson of the communications department, gave a report of the B.W.A. activities throughout the world.

Through The Eyes of a Woman

by Maria Rogalski



Have you ever gone to a long-awaited family reunion, seen and met more relatives than you had ever dreamed possible, and come away from it with a new appreciation of your roots and a sense of pride and gratitude for being part of such a "great" family? That was my happy experience when attending the Triennial Conference at Bismarck.

From the moment we parked our car in the parking lot of the Civic Center, and immediately found ourselves face to face with friends we had not seen in more than 15 years, to the last reluctant goodbyes after the closing service, it was a "high time," no matter which way you look at it.

Fellowship with old and new friends, however, was only an added benefit. The real blessings lay in the inspiration and challenge received through the various conference speakers, starting with the keynote address by Dr. Stephen Olford, who emphasized our need to be channels, not cups, of the Holy Spirit.

Of real benefit were the 30 minute Bible studies every morning by Dr. Ben Haden. He made God's Word come alive for us in a fresh and tangible way.

Special blessings were the occasional testimonies, two of which moved me to tears, given by the Rev. John Wollenberg and the Rev. Charles Littman. I felt as though I was stepping on holy ground. These were living letters of God we were allowed to read, testifying of his faithfulness and grace to "give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, praise instead of heaviness" (Isaiah 61:3, LB).

No dry reports full of statistics and figures but very creatively and imaginatively prepared presentations, using people with real faces and feelings, gave us an inside view into the many facets of the work of our Conference.

The Christlike spirit displayed by our moderator, Dr. K. Fischer, in presiding over the business meetings, as well as the personal touch of the conference announcer were noteworthy and appreciated.

A highlight for me was the Women's Luncheon, where 1,500 women taxed the facilities of the Kirkwood Motor



Many visited the display booth of Communications, where they picked up free literature.



Our missionaries featured interesting displays of their work and how they relate to the culture on their respective mission fields.



The Floyd Roehl family of New Leipzig, ND, excited the conference with their harmonies. At one time, the parents had been members of God's Volunteers.

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the GROWING edge

FEATURES FROM YOUR CHURCH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Brief, provocative articles to expand the growing edge of the mind and soul—to suggest, perhaps, new avenues of thought and action.

Denny's Column

by
Denny
Miller



"... I dream of many things, especially the future. I want the present to hurry by, so I can see if I have achieved my goals which I have set for the future. I also think about the past—what I could have done to make the present more satisfying. To sum it all up, I want to speed up and slow down at the same time."

After reading this portion of a letter from a friend, I chuckled.

But isn't that the way life so often is?

We live in a couple of tenses.

Past tense. We romanticize what is past. "Oh, if I could only have lived then," or "If I knew then what I know now..." and we remind ourselves of past errors. We can never escape the shadows of past failure. Yesterday determines what we do today.

Future tense. "I wish it were next week"—or next month—or next year. "It'll be so great when I graduate." We set goals for ourselves and keep our eyes on them. We wish we could see the future. "What did I do? Did I succeed?"

We forget about making the most out of today. How many times have I prayed, in sincerity, "God show me your will for my life," and then flipped on the TV set or gone out and never bothered finding out what God's plan is for me for that particular day.

We forget to pull together the relationship between what we do now and become and do in the future. I have a goal of

becoming more Christ-like and growing close to him. Then I let things go till the last minute and skip devotions "just this once" ("Lord, I'll spend twice as long tomorrow"). And then we're surprised when it is tomorrow, and we aren't closer.

Why not make a goal to try and live each day to its fullest potential. Slow down and appreciate nature and friendships and all the things you're involved in.

Try to make each day count in furthering your relationship with Jesus Christ. Use the time you've set aside to spend with him to *really* spend with him—not off daydreaming somewhere.

It's funny, but if you seek Christ earnestly today, you needn't worry about tomorrow's plans.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5, 6).

school could write notes of appreciation to teachers and workers in your church school.

Leaders aren't the only ones who need Warm Fuzzies. Everyone needs them. Try some of these ideas.

1. A good way to let a child know he is a special person is to call him by name and take time to talk to him.

2. On two occasions in our morning worship, a time was given during the sermon to give a gift of love to another person. This could be done through a note, verbally, or just a handshake or squeeze of the hand. Many special things took place in those two services. We shall never forget the little five-year-old boy who hopped up on the platform steps in braces and handed his note of love to the pastor.

3. Thank-you notes must be a special "Warm Fuzzie" to people. Thank you notes take so little time. "Thank you for the lovely solo you sang." "Thank you for being such a great teacher for my child." "Thank you for spending so many hours in the nursery caring for my

baby." Thank you... Thank you... I care... I love you... You are special! Let's give lots of Warm Fuzzies! □

(Shared by Oral and Laura Withrow writing in *Christian Education Resources*.)

Thank You Lord

by Jack Lundin

For those whom we remember best as our teachers,

for giving us values and goals,
we give thanks.

For those who have lived with us, loved us, shared our trials,

and still allowed us to become what we are,
we give thanks.

For those who led us out of our own personal slaveries
and taught us the meaning of being free,
we give thanks.

For those who were sensitive enough to offer us words of comfort
when we were anxious,
we give thanks.

For those who visit the lonely,
clothe the naked, and feed the hungry,
not because it's an injunction from above, but because it's a joy of their own being,
we give thanks.

For those who taught us to love by loving us, expecting nothing in return,
we give thanks.

For those who allow us our freedom to have more than a second-hand faith

and our own struggles without interference,
we give thanks.

For those who are gracious in old age and who are saints,
not so much because they invite us into the depth of long life without fear,
we give thanks.

For those who give cheer to life and laughter to day-by-day perceptions,
we give thanks.

For those who now surround us,
family, friends, those who share our secrets,

those who wish to know us better, and those of the community of saints who give us courage and hope to live,
we give thanks.

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Practical Rules For A Happy Marriage

A wise old philosopher once gave these practical rules for a happy life for men and women united in marriage.

Never both be angry at the same time.
Never talk at one another, either alone or in company.

Never speak loudly to one another, unless the house is on fire.

Let each one strive to yield most often to the wishes of the other.

Let self-denial be the daily aim and practice of each.

Never taunt with a past mistake.

Neglect the whole world rather than one another.

Never part for a day without loving words to remember.

Never make a mean remark at the expense of each other.

Never meet without a loving welcome.

Never let the sun go down upon any anger or grievance.

Never forget the happy hours of early love.

Never forget that marriage is ordained of God and that his blessings alone can make it what it should be.

And you will be happy ever after! □

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

(St. Francis of Assisi)

Have You Given Any Warm Fuzzies* Lately?

Each of us seems to have been born with a built-in antenna which scans the space around us. It seems to be looking for someone who says, "Yes, I see you! I know you are there! I affirm you as a person! I like what you did! I feel good about you! I love you!" When we find a place where we receive such messages, we like to be there because we feel warm and safe. Church leaders, teachers and workers need the encouragement of Warm Fuzzies. Use some of these ideas to show your love and appreciation.

*(A Warm Fuzzie is a word, a touch, an action, a look, or anything that someone does for someone else that makes him feel all warm and fuzzy.)

1. Honor your workers with a "This Is Your Life" banquet. Have someone in your church dig up some interesting information on the background and experiences of each worker and present them as a "This Is Your Life" program. Or, it might be done by taking life experiences of all the teachers and putting them together in something of a profile, as if the whole group were one leader.

2. Honor them in a worship service. The pastor and other leaders might give personal testimonies and expressions of appreciation.

3. Make Warm Fuzzies. Purchase or make soft flannel balls filled with soft stuffing to use as Warm Fuzzies. Pin on each of these messages of love and appreciation. Pass these Warm Fuzzies around the church with each person adding a note of appreciation to it, and eventually giving it to the appropriate person.

4. A large graffiti board for teachers might be placed in the church's narthex or at some other appropriate place. Here members and participants in your church

Teenagers Lazy? No Indeed

That old stereotype of the lazy teenager apparently doesn't have much basis in fact. At least, not according to a study

prepared for the American Home Economics Association. Get this: the average time teenagers work around the house is about two hours a day! The average includes homes with working mothers and nonworking mothers (outside the home, that is). In homes where mom is not employed, teens work from ten to 12 minutes a day in families with one child, and up to three and one half hours a day in families with seven to nine children. In homes where mom is em-

ployed, teens work better than one hour a day in one-child families, and up to three and one half hours a day in families with five to six children. In true scholarly fashion, authors of the study concluded: "The accumulated contributions of teenagers added up to a sizeable amount of household worktime, whether or not their mothers were employed." □

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WOMANS WORLD (Continued from page 15)

around us; showing the love of Christ within us by sharing it with others.

There was so much more that was a blessing to me: meeting friends both old and new; the program of the youth Saturday evening; the expression of gratitude

by the business community because of the Christian witness displayed. Thank you, Lord, for permitting me to attend.
—Irma Norman, Jamesburg, NJ □

Conference Recipe: Take six days of inspirational speakers. Blend well with times of fellowship. Sprinkle in exposure to our missionaries. Garnish with two beautiful Japanese women who shared

their testimonies in a most gracious way. Add one ladies' luncheon with 1,500 women attending. Stir into that a beautiful setting and a message of commitment to serve the Lord by our guest, Daisy Hepburn. The above ingredients were baked in warm Dakota hospitality. This recipe yielded a batch of new commitment and appreciation that I am part of the great N.A.B. family.

—Elenor Kern, Fair Oaks, CA □

Disciplers Get On-The-Job Training

by Shari Hildebrand

God's Volunteers spend the month of September training at Central Baptist Camp in preparation for their winter tour. The music section learns songs and works on drama, while the discipling section receives training in discipling church members. Each team sharpens its particular ministry of evangelism.



The Discipling Section: from l. to r.: Tim Walker, Shari Hildebrand, Leeann Cordill, Cindy Adolf, Linda Patzia, Paul Singer, Bob Walther.

The discipling section had a week-long on-the-job training at the Bible Baptist Church in LaCrosse, WI. The training opportunity in LaCrosse came as a result of the God's Volunteer's director, Bob Walther, seeing a need for actual experience communicating the gospel. A lot can be

Shari Hildebrand is the reporter for God's Volunteers.

learned from role-playing among group members, but actually meeting someone at the door can be an entirely different experience. Members of the discipling section learned to think on their feet, as they were exposed to many different responses to the survey questions. Cindy Adolf agrees, "I've had a lot of fears about door-to-door witnessing, but through the week I've found that God gives me the words to say—whether I'm talking to an agnostic, a lonely old man, or a liberated university student." The team also learned from each other. Going sharing with a different team member each day gave them opportunity to see several approaches.

In addition to learning, the week served as a motivational experience. Tim Walker shares, "This week has been special for me because it's built the desire in my heart to want to call and really work at meeting the needs of different homes in the community." The team found that people enjoy visiting, and many are searching for answers. "The week has reaffirmed my call to God's Volunteers. God has given me compassion for people, as I see that they actually want to know about a relationship with Jesus Christ," said Shari Hildebrand.

The fellowship among the team members that week was another tremendous blessing. The team stayed in two fold-out tent campers provided by the church at nearby Goose Island Park, just off the Mississippi River. Each evening after a busy day, they relaxed and snacked back at the park. Seven people squeezed around the small camper table and shared family backgrounds and humorous experiences. Paul Singer sums it up by saying, "We really got to know, love and appreciate one another."

Everyone agreed that the week was very worthwhile, and it will hopefully be done again with future teams. Of course, the discipling section was glad to get back to its other half (the music section). The feeling was mutual, because they had made a "Welcome Home" sign and hung it out to greet the disciplers upon their arrival back at Central Baptist Camp. □

THE 1979-80 God's volunteers

by Ray Harsch,
evangelism director

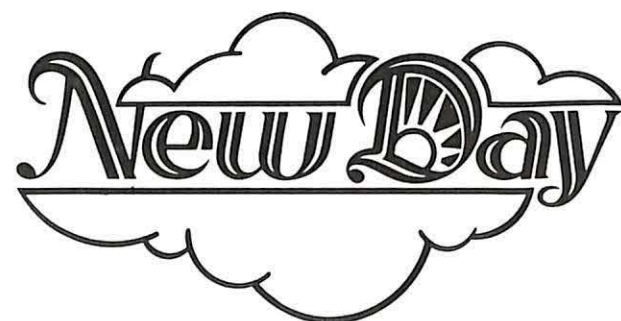
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Holly Roehl New Leipzig, ND	Timothy Meier Wichita, KS

Cindy Adolf Acampo, CA	Linda Patzia Winnipeg, MB
Leeann Cordill Anaheim, CA	Paul Singer Turtle Lake, ND
Shari Hildebrand Stafford, KS	Tim Walker West Fargo, ND

Director: Rev. Bob Walther
Student Assistant Director: Mr. Paul Dykstra



DISCIPLING SECTION

Pray for them as they minister in the following churches of our Conference:

Oct. 18- Nov. 1	Twin Grove Baptist Church Buffalo Grove, IL	Music section: Oct. 18-21 Follow-up sec.: Oct. 20-Nov. 1	Jan. 16-31	First Baptist Church Trenton, IL	Music section: Jan. 16-20 Follow-up sec.: Jan. 19-31
Oct. 23-25	Recording at Pinebrook Studio	Music section	Jan. 23-30	Immanuel Baptist Church Kankakee, IL	Music section
Oct. 26-31	Meridian Woods Community Bpt. Church Indianapolis, IN	Music section	Feb. 1-15	Southside Baptist Church Maumee, OH	Music section: Feb. 1-3 Follow-up sec.: Feb. 2-15
Nov. 2-4	Victor Baptist Church Victor, IA	Music section	Feb. 5-7	Community Baptist Church, Xenia, OH	Music section
Nov. 6	First Baptist Church Steamboat Rock, IA	Music section	Feb. 8-13	Fellowship Baptist Church Evans City, PA	Music section
Nov. 7	Aplington Baptist Church Aplington, IA	Music section	Feb. 14	Pilgrim Baptist Church Philadelphia, PA	Music section
Nov. 3-15	Tri-State Baptist Church South Sioux City, NE	Music section: Nov. 8-11 Follow-up sec.: Nov. 3-15	Feb. 15-22	Immanuel Baptist Church Woodside, NY	Music section: Feb. 15-17 Follow-up sec.: Feb. 17-22
Nov. 11	First Baptist Church Chancellor, SD	Music section: Nov. 11	Feb. 19	Calvary Baptist Church Bethlehem, PA	Music section
Nov. 13	First Baptist Church George, IA	Music section	Feb. 20	Winton Road Baptist Church, Rochester, NY	Music section
Nov. 14	Trinity Baptist Church Sioux Falls, SD	Music section	Feb. 21-March 5	Latta Road Baptist Church Rochester, NY	Music section: Feb. 21-24 Follow-up sec.: Feb. 24-Mar. 5
Nov. 15	West Center St. Baptist Church Madison, SD	Music section	Feb. 26-27	Austin Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, NY	Music section
Nov. 16-29	Memorial Baptist Church Parkston, SD	Music section: Nov. 16-18 Follow-up sec.: Nov. 17-29	Feb. 28- Mar. 2	Bethel Baptist Church Getzville, NY	Music section
Nov. 20	First Baptist Church Corona, SD	Music section	Mar. 4-5	Temple Baptist Church Cheektowaga, NY	Music section
Nov. 21-25	First Baptist Church Emery, SD	Music section	Mar. 6-9	Folsomedale Baptist Church Cowlesville, NY	Music section: Mar. 6-9 Follow-up sec.: Mar. 7-9
Nov. 27	New Leipzig Baptist Church New Leipzig, ND	Music section	Mar. 10-17	Retreat	Music section: Mar. 20-23 Follow-up sec.: Mar. 18-27
Nov. 28-29	First Baptist Church Hebron, ND	Music section	Mar. 18-27	Lakeshore Baptist Church St. Catharines, ON	Music section: Mar. 20-23 Follow-up sec.: Mar. 18-27
Nov. 30- Dec. 6	Turtle Lake Baptist Church Turtle Lake, ND	Music section: Nov. 30-Dec. 2 Follow-up sec.: Dec. 1-6	Mar. 18	German Baptist Mission Church, Hamilton, ON	Music section
Dec. 4	Bismarck Baptist Church Bismarck, ND	Music section	Mar. 19	Central Baptist Church Kitchener, ON	Music section
Dec. 5	Grace Baptist Church Grand Forks, ND	Music section	Mar. 25-26	Pineland Baptist Church Burlington, ON	Music section
Dec. 6-13	Brook Park Baptist Church Brooklyn Center, MN	Music section: Dec. 6-9 Follow-up sec.: Dec. 8-13	Mar. 17- Apr. 11	Humbervale Park Baptist Church Toronto, ON	Music section: Mar. 27-30 Follow-up sec.: Mar. 29-Apr. 11
Dec. 12	Faith Baptist Church Minneapolis, MN	Music section	Apr. 2-6	Nepean Baptist Church Ottawa, ON	Music section
Dec. 13	Christmas Vacation	Music section	Apr. 8-9	Calvary Baptist Church Killaloe, ON	Music section
Dec. 14-29 Dec. 30-Jan. 4	First Baptist Church Ellinwood, KS	Music section: Dec. 30-Jan. 2 Follow-up sec.: Dec. 30-Jan. 4	Apr. 11-17	Forest City Baptist Church London, ON	Music section: Apr. 11-13
Jan. 3-13	Calvary Baptist Church Stafford, KS	Music section: Jan. 3-6 Follow-up sec.: Jan. 5-13	Apr. 15	Bethel Baptist Church Windsor, ON	Music section
Jan. 8	First Baptist Church Bison, KS	Music section	Apr. 16-May 1	Ebenezer Baptist Church Detroit, MI	Music section: Apr. 16-20 Follow-up sec.: Apr. 19-May 1
Jan. 9	Bethel Baptist Church Cherokee, OK	Music section	Apr. 22-24	Bible Baptist Church Troy, MI	Music section
Jan. 10-13	Calvary Baptist Church Corn, OK	Music section	Apr. 25	First Baptist Church Auburn, MI	Music section
Jan. 15	Memory Lane Baptist Church Wichita, KS	Music section	Apr. 26-30	Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church, Alpena, MI	Music section
Jan. 15-17	Whispering Oaks Baptist Church Kansas City, MO	Follow-up sec.: May 2-7	May 2-7	Grosse Pointe Baptist Church Grosse Pointe Woods, MI	Music section: May 2-4 Follow-up sec.: May 3-7
			May 7	Fellowship Bible Church Kalamazoo, MI	Music section
			May 8-18	Lakeshore Baptist Church Stevensville, MI	Music section: May 8-17 Follow-up sec.: May 9-18
			May 13-15	Napier Parkview Baptist Church Benton Harbor, MI	Music section
			May 16-18	Woodland Shores Baptist Church Bridgman, MI	Music section



CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

Crowing About a New Baptist Church

by Allen Wilke
Photos by Vern Decoux



9,500 foot Crowsnest Mountain as photographed from Coleman.

The future for church extension in the Crowsnest Pass at Blairmore, AB, is very bright. The population of 7,500 for the most part has no church affiliation. Most church groups in the Pass are old and struggling. Vital alternate evangelical or other Protestant opportunities are virtually nil. Persons coming into the area tend to go from group to group without finding any that really meets their needs. Most simply drop out of the church scene. The Crowsnest Church Extension Project is designed to fill this void.

The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass is situated in a beautiful Southern Alberta mountain valley bordering on British Columbia and 30 miles north of Waterton Lakes Park and the Montana border. The municipality is the recent product of unification of five local governments and includes the communities of Bellevue, Hillcrest, Frank, Blairmore and Coleman, all of which are located within a narrow eight mile stretch along Highway 3. The Pass economy, historically tied to the coal industry, anticipates future industrial diversification and increased tourism as well as more coal mining activity in both Alberta and neighboring BC.

Church extension began in the Crowsnest Pass when a small but strong congregation, made up primarily of families new to the Pass and affiliated at the time with the Canadian Sunday School Mission, lost its pastor. The group took this occasion to examine alternate oppor-

Allen Wilke lives at Blairmore, AB, where he is a social worker specializing in family counseling. He is a member of Crowsnest Church Extension project.



Crowsnest Pass residents near Blairmore 'crowing' about the new Baptist Church.



Widely photographed tree at East end of the Crowsnest Pass with Frank Slide in background.

tunities for church association and church growth, ultimately deciding to become a North American Baptist Church Extension project. Church Extension, which became a reality in the spring of 1979, provides the support through fellowship with neighboring churches as well as the financial and human resources necessary to extend the work of Jesus Christ in a relatively unchurched area. Thus, though the organization is in a certain sense old, the vision and opportunity are new and alive.

The coming of the Rev. Herman Kesterke and his family to serve as pastor on Sept. 1, 1979, provides the congregation with new optimism and a spirit of thanksgiving for the filling of this great need in cooperation with North American Baptists. The arrival of the Kesterkes was coordinated with a move out of the congregation's small and inadequate facility in Bellevue to an elementary school in centrally located Blairmore.

The congregation believes that the time for church growth in the Crowsnest Pass is at hand. The congregation's intent is to provide a family emphasis that will appeal to a wide variety of backgrounds.

The immediate future will be one of work toward growth as a congregation both in numbers and spiritual quality. The congregation is also preparing to be recognized as a church by the Alberta Association. Finally, the congregation expects to begin planning for the building of a new church facility very soon. With the prayers and help of the Alberta Association and all North American Baptists, this work will soon blossom into the vital and viable spiritual flower of the Crowsnest Pass. □

CONFERENCE REPORTS

(Continued from page 17)

Inn to the limits. Colorful, handsewn patchwork place-mats, made by the North Dakota-Montana ladies (they made 2,000 of them as favors for us) were part of the table decorations. Daisy Hepburn from Minneapolis, MN, author of "Life With Spice," had us in stitches. In her vibrant and exuberant way she went on to forcefully challenge us to "serve the Lord with gladness" in our homes and communities.

The Triple T Event (True Triennial Togetherness) saw about all 4,500 of us, including 590 young people in charge.

The "feeding of the 4,000 plus" at an old fashioned ice cream social immediately following the program was a feat of organization.

With very reluctant and drawn out goodbyes after the closing service on Sunday morning, when the new officers were installed and three new missionaries commissioned, the N.A.B. family scattered in all directions, carrying sparks of challenge and enthusiasm. What a potentially high fire hazard this can be for fires of renewed commitment and obedience to God's will in our homes, in our churches, in our communities, all across Canada and the U.S.A.!

Let's pass it on—for it only takes a spark to get a fire going.

Mrs. Maria Rogalski is a member of McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, MB. She is the newly appointed WMF editor for the "German Packet."

The Huge Family Reunion

by Diane Fraser

"I'm so glad I'm part of the family of God" kept going through my mind all during the week of the Triennial Conference in Bismarck, North Dakota. This was my first conference.

As we arrived in Bismarck and parked the car, I met a gal that I had corresponded with but had never met in person. Here we hadn't even registered and I was already meeting people I knew. What a thrill it was even to wait in line to register. Our family chatted briefly with missionaries home on furlough, people from other churches that we hadn't seen in years, former pastors and other people that we had met during the years. At this point we had only a brief moment to say "Hi", but how I cherished and enjoyed the dinner and supper hours when we dined with friends and found out what was happening in each other's lives. After an exciting first day, my 14-year-old daughter, Teresa, summed it up, "Hey, Mom, this is just like a huge family reunion!"

Our morning speaker, Ben Haden, refreshed our souls with his uplifting and challenging messages. My husband, John, and I had listened to him for the past eight years on radio and appreciated seeing him in person. Each evening we were again brought close to our Lord through many



The Rev. Charles Littman moved many conference participants to tears with his testimony about how God used the brutal murder of his son to bring about blessings in the life of many people.



The speakers at the Pastor's wives' breakfast on Friday morning were Mrs. Eleanor Zimmerman (l) and Mrs. Kay Schilke (r). Mrs. Sharon Mayforth (m) is the president of that group.

musical numbers and numerous speakers. I was thrilled by the many testimonies that were given, and how wonderful it was to see people acknowledge God's working in their lives.

I found myself looking forward to the business meetings. As a delegate I was wondering how these sessions would be handled with such a large group of people. I can honestly say that I really enjoyed each session and found the comments on many of the issues quite stimulating. I certainly am a great deal more acquainted with our Conference than I was before.

As a mother, I marveled at the preparation that went into the Conference. What a blessing it was to see my children excited and anxious for the next day's activities. My junior higher thoroughly enjoyed the activities, and how great it was for her to be in a large group of Christian kids having fun and growing together spiritually.

Any mother of a four-year-old knows the frustration of sitting with a small child and trying to receive something out of the session. How happy I was to have the well organized and efficiently run nursery. These women are to be commended greatly. Not only did my son eagerly look forward to his learning sessions three times a day, but I had the opportunity to participate in the adult activities, knowing that he was in good hands.

Breakfasts, luncheons, workshops, and special opportunities at every turn kept us busy. Very little time for sleep, but then, why take time for that when there are so many more interesting things to do?

If the feelings and excitement of the people at the conference could be put in a bottle and taken back to their local church, I'm sure that the city of Niagara Falls could not handle all the N.A.B. people that would come in 1982. The only sad part of the week was realizing that it is so long until the next Triennial Conference. □

Diane Fraser lives in Shakopee, MN. Her husband, John, is pastor of Shakopee Baptist Church.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. THEOPHIL HAAS of Dallas, OR, who will be married 50 years on Nov. 5, were honored at a reception on June 24 at the Salt Creek Baptist Church. Hosts for the occasion were their children, Milo of Milwaukie, OR, Ruby Letcher of Eugene, OR, Evelyn Neuman of Rochester, MN. There are seven grandchildren.



The Haas's came to Dallas in 1969 after farming in Ashley, ND for 40 years. They have been active in the Salt Creek Baptist Church and the Dallas Senior Citizens Group. The early celebration date was to permit the entire family to be together at one time.

GOODRICH, ND. "Great is the Lord" was the theme of the 75th anniversary of the First Baptist Church, held July 7 and 8. A banquet was held at the local school auditorium Saturday evening with the Rev. Ron Mayforth, area secretary, as the speaker. The public was invited to the Sunday activities which included a morning worship service with the Rev. Clarence Walth, a potluck meal at noon in the church basement. An afternoon praise service concluded the program by the final guest speaker, Dr. J. C. Gunst. A time of fellowship followed at the school gymnasium, where the ladies of the church served anniversary cake and other refreshments.

Former pastors who attended the anniversary events included the Rev. I. H. Schmuland, the Rev. Jacob Ehman and the Rev. Harry W. Johnson. Members and friends enjoyed the time of reminiscing with these pastors and other visitors.

Music for the anniversary services was provided by the church choir, the men's chorus, a German choir and special numbers by the families of the church. The Rev. Daniel Heringer is present pastor of the church. (Judie Seibel, reporter.)

DETROIT, MI. Local associations of N.A.B. churches exist for a number of reasons, such as the edification of believers, fellowship among friends of like mind, and the carrying on of business beneficial to the churches concerned. All of these goals were achieved when the Michigan Association met on May 3-5, 1979, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit. Pursuing the theme based on Romans 12:5, "In Christ... Ministering to One Another," Dr. Wayne Peterson, of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, spoke on several occasions. He made frequent references to his pastoral experiences, showing both the possibility and necessity of lay people

ministering to one another out of love that Christ put into their hearts. Missionary Laura Reddig put forth a challenge to all in attendance about consecrating their all to the Lord and his work. Two decisions of general interest were made. One was to admit of Cypress Springs Baptist Church of Coral Springs, FL, into the membership of the Michigan Association. We appreciated hearing the excellent presentation by the pastor, the Rev. Paul Davis, and welcome him and the church into our N.A.B. fellowship. The other decision was to accept a resolution, affirming our belief in and acceptance of the Bible as the divinely inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God. We are grateful to the host church, the Rev. Bill Cummins, pastor, and the many other friends who gave generously of themselves and thus made the 1979 Michigan Association a blessing and success. (Rev. Al Grams, recording secretary.)

MINITONAS, MB. As a church we at First Baptist rejoice that eighteen young people have accepted Christ as their personal Savior and had the desire to follow the example of our Lord through the waters of baptism on June 17, 1979. Our prayer is that they learn to put their trust in God,



and over the years grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. We had a busy summer with Summer Camps held at Wellman Lake for the young people and boys and girls. There was also good attendance at D.V.B.S. We are thankful to God for this opportunity of outreach to young lives in our community. It is with regret we said farewell to our pastor, the Rev. Hero Ulrichs and family in August. May God bless them and make them a blessing as they serve the Lord in their new location in Missoula, MT. Pray with us, that God may direct the right man to be the shepherd of his flock in Minitonas. The Rev. Wm. Hoover is serving as our interim pastor for a couple of months. (Mrs. Elsie Fichtner, church clerk.)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. On Sunday, June 24, members and friends gathered at the Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis, MN, to bid farewell to Pastor and Mrs. Allan Strohschein, Sandra and Don. The Strohscheins served faithfully at Faith for almost ten years. We have seen spiritual growth, and have served as the "mother" church to two Church Extension churches. An Awana program was started. Mrs. Strohschein helped develop a junior church program and a "four-day club" which met during the Easter school vacation. Sandra and Don, too, have played an important part in the youth program of the church.

Mr. Alvin Quiring, moderator, officiated at the service. Dr. Peter Fehr, chairman of the Board of Deacons, reflected on the achievements of the ten years the Strohscheins have been with us. The choir sang some of Pastor Strohschein's favorite numbers. Paul Becker, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the Strohscheins with a grandfather clock, a gift from the church. A buffet supper was served following the service.

Pastor Allan Strohschein and his family are now serving the Sierra Heights Baptist Church in Renton, WA.

Dr. Donald Madvig, of Bethel Seminary, has been supplying the pulpit in the absence of a pastor. The Rev. Harvey Mehlhaff will become the pastor at Faith Baptist Church in September.

We have been blessed this past year by having the Dr. J. C. Fluth family home on furlough. The year went all too fast. On Sunday, Aug. 3, we said farewell to them. The Fluth family presented a program with son Ken as the MC. A coffee hour followed the service.

Dr. Fluth left on August 5 for France to study the French language for two months. Kristy and Ken proceeded to Nigeria to enter school at Jos. Mrs. Fluth and Kevin will be joining Dr. Fluth in France about Sept. 1. Kathy and Karen remained in the United States to attend college.

On Sunday, Aug. 19, we were privileged to have Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Palmer with us for the day. Members of Faith Baptist Church have pledged \$10,000 per year over and above regular giving toward their support for each of the next two years. (Ellen Lehr, reporter.)

VERNON, BC. On June 19, 1979, we were privileged to witness a baptismal service held at Faith Baptist Church. Three young people (pictured with pastor Henry Schu-



macher) were baptized upon confession of their faith in Jesus Christ their Savior. (Mrs. Trudy Glinsbockel, reporter.)

ST. JOSEPH, MI. Sunday, July 1, 1979, our pastor and his wife, the Rev. Charles Littman and Audrey were honored at a church reception for the ten years of ministry they have completed at First Baptist Church. Following the evening service, members and friends were invited to remain for a short program, refreshments, and to greet and fellowship with the Littmans. The reception was hosted by the Board of Deacons, chairman, Alvin Wetter. Mr. Wetter was privileged to present a sizable check

to the Littmans, enabling them to take a trip of their choice that will enhance their future ministry. Monies for this gift were a response from mailings sent out by the Deacon Board to members in March of 1978, and in no way affected the church income. The gift was a total surprise to the Littmans. Both Pastor Littman and Audrey take an active interest in all church programs. Audrey has been our Family Night Whirlybird director for many years, also the primary Sunday school superintendent. The Littmans have a unique gift of being able to make all who come in contact with them feel "at home." Their only son, Alan, was taken home to glory suddenly in July 1978.

Coming to us from Edmonton, AB, Rev. Charles Littman preached his first sermon here on July, 1969. The membership of First Baptist has been truly blessed with the Littmans. We have never doubted that God led them to us, and we thank him for the Rev. Littman's biblical preaching and counseling, and for the Christian example of both Pastor Littman and Audrey, not only to the congregation, but to our entire community as well. (Vera Zwar, church secretary.)

ANAMOOSE, ND. On June 24, the Anamoose Baptist Church held a baptismal service at Camp Bently Lake. Seven youths and adults followed the Lord in baptism by the Rev. Vernon Schneider, interim pastor (pictured).



Sunday, July 1, the hand of fellowship was extended to the candidates, along with three new members who joined the church. This was followed by a time of fellowship and potluck to welcome Pastor Byron Brodehl and farewell for interim Pastor Vernon Schneider. (Lorraine Frank, reporter.)

ELGIN, IA. "Great is Thy Faithfulness," was the theme of the 100th anniversary celebration of the First Baptist Church of Elgin, IA, on July 28 and 29. The people rejoiced as they attended an open house at the parsonage on Saturday afternoon and a banquet that evening. Dr. Lee McDonald from Sioux Falls, SD, was guest speaker on Sunday. The H.I.S. Simple Truth Quartet of Columbus, NE, gave a concert of sacred music Saturday evening and sang again at the services on Sunday. A large display of pictures was featured at the church. After a picnic dinner, the group assembled for the afternoon service, which included a pageant of the early history and organization of the church.

The celebration was climaxed by an anniversary tea. It was a time of looking back and realizing how faithful God had been, and a time of looking forward as we were reminded of the unchanging God who would direct in the future as well. (Mrs. Leon Jacob, clerk.)

ST. JOSEPH, ME. Oakridge Baptist Church had great joy in witnessing a baptism of ten young believers (pictured) May 27, and then extending to them the hand of fellowship on July 1. The candidates went through extensive Bible study and church history classes given by Pastor Oscar Fritzke. They all shared a favorite Bible verse, and when or how they were saved.



The church is also going through a training session of outreach in the community given by Pastor Walter Damrau. (Mrs. Ingrid Hartwig, reporter.)

RAPID CITY, SD. Vergil Schmidt, a member of South Canyon Baptist Church, was ordained Sunday, July 8, in a special ordination service. This took place after an Ordination Council, composed of delegates from both North and South Dakota, met to hear Vergil's testimony and statement of doctrinal beliefs.

Vergil, who had just completed the requirements for a B.A. degree at the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, previously served as interim pastor of South Canyon Baptist Church. He has also ministered to Mountain View Baptist Church in Spearfish, SD, as Youth and Music Director, and served as the assistant to the pastor at Grace Baptist Church in Fargo, ND.

The Rev. Elmo Tahran is the pastor of the church. (Donna Brett, reporter.)

LEHR, ND. The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, under the leadership of Pastor Ben Lautt, baptized four individuals during the morning worship service on July 29 (pictured, Pastor Lautt on right). On July 29, during the evening service, an entire



evening of music was enjoyed. A record crowd also enjoyed a fellowship time in the basement following the service. (Pastor Ben Lautt, reporter.)

FESSENDEN, NE. Our young people had charge of the Sunday evening service and showed the film, "A Distant Thunder," telling of the tribulation time. We were greatly blessed to have "God Gang" with us for a presentation of song and skits. The King's Kids presented a program of music and testimonies in our church. Myrna Goodman, one of our missionaries, was with us and showed slides about her work in Cameroon. We had a farewell dinner for Barbara Kieper. She also showed us slides of her work in Nigeria. Our prayers go with her as she returns to the mission field. (Regina Pepple, reporter.)

SWAN RIVER, MB. The new Temple Baptist Church (pictured), with a plaque that reads, "Dedicated to the Glory of God," was officially dedicated to the service of our Lord, Sunday morning Aug. 26, 1979. The plaque was placed by the chairman of deacons, Mr. John Dahl, Mr. Erwin Henkelman and Mr. Rudolf Schmalcel. Mr. Milton Mateika, supervisor of building, cut the ribbon. Extending the keys to Pastor Leland Bertsch was the chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. Arnold Betcher. Processional to the church sanctuary was led by Pastor Bertsch. The Rev. Edmond Hohn, a former member, gave the pastoral meditation. A fellowship dinner followed.



The dedication service at 3 o'clock was witnessed by an overflow crowd of approximately 620. Guest speakers were welcomed by the moderator, Mr. Erwin Henkelman. Included in the guests were Mr. Doug Gourlay, M.L.A.; the Mayor; representative of Swan Valley Ministerial Association; the Rev. Isador Faszer, Northern Area secretary; representative from Minitonas Baptist Church; two former pastors: the Rev. Nickel and the Rev. L. Zilkie. The afternoon sermon was delivered by Dr. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary. Others participating in the service included the Temple Baptist Choir, a violin solo and a vocal duet. Pastor Bertsch then led the members in an inspiring dedication reading.

The following day an open house tea offered the general public an opportunity to view the church facilities. (Kay Betcher, reporter.)

MEDICINE HAT, AB. July was a busy month for Grace Baptist Church. We were

our conference in action

involved with the various summer camps for youth and children, along with the two Baptist churches in Lethbridge, Temple Baptist Church in Medicine Hat and the churches in Hilda and Golden Prairie, at the combined group's camp in Cypress Hills, SK. (Renita Graham, reporter.)

AVON, SD. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dykstra were honored by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Rogalski of Winnipeg, MB, and Mr.



and Mrs. David Dykstra of Avon, SD, at the First Baptist Church on their recent marriage in Winnipeg. Paul is the assistant director of the God's Volunteers teams. (Estie Betz, reporter.)

GRAND FORKS, ND. On Sept. 9, 1979 an installation service was held for the Rev. Jerry L. Pattillo as minister of Christian education. Two vocal solos were given by Kaye Vanderpas. The various departments extended a warm welcome. Pastoral remarks and installation were given by the Rev. Robert F. Penner with the Scripture text of 1 Tim. 3:1-7. A reception was held, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Pattillo. In addition, a surprise baby shower was given for the Pattillos in honor of their son, Scott Michael, 12 days old. The Rev. Pattillo graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary in May 1978 with a Th.M. degree. He also holds a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Tech. He was ordained into the ministry June 4, 1978. Mrs. Pattillo (Beth) attended Wheaton College and holds a B.A. degree in French and secondary education. She has taught French at the junior and senior high levels. (Mrs. Bonita J. Shambaugh, reporter.)

ELLINWOOD, KS. On July 29, 1979, as part of the 100th anniversary of the First Baptist

Church, Marvin Dewey was ordained to the gospel ministry. The service was led by his pastor, the Rev. M. D. Wolff. Following the reading of the minutes of the Ordination Council, Prof. Ted Faszer of our N.A.B. Seminary, gave the ordination sermon, followed by the laying on the hands and the ordaining prayer by Pastor Wolff. The charge to the candidate was given by Marvin's brother, the Rev. Dennis Dewey; the charge to the candidate's fiancée, Miss Becky Heerts, by Mrs. Dennis Dewey; and the welcome to the ministry by the Rev. Connie Salios. An offering was taken for Marvin's library. Marvin responded and led in the benediction. Homemade ice cream and cake closed out a beautiful evening. We praise God for having called Marvin into his service. (M. D. Wolff, reporter.)

EMERY, SD. A reception for the Rev. and Mrs. David Korb and their children, Joshua and Gretchen, was held at First Baptist Church, Emery, SD, on Sunday evening, Sept. 9, 1979. Barry Seifert, youth and music director, had charge of the program, which consisted of words of welcome from the various boards and organizations of the church and musical numbers. The Rev. Duane Westing, pastor of the neighboring church at Plum Creek, spoke on behalf of the church, and Mrs. Westing played a cello solo. A time of fellowship was enjoyed following the program. The Korb family arrived in Emery on August 28 from Pittsburgh, PA, where they had been serving the congregation at Calvary Baptist Church. (Mrs. Otto Bleeker, reporter.)

HEBRON, ND. July, our pastor, the Rev. Herbert Schauer (pictured on right), had the privilege of baptizing ten candidates who followed the Lord in baptism and church membership at First Baptist



1917, and three daughters, all of whom survive, were born to them: Mrs. Paul (Inez) Unzicker of Watertown, SD, Mrs. Gordon (Elsie) Roos of Oxford, WI, and Mrs. Melvin (Lily) June of Merrill, IA. At the time of her death she was a member of First Baptist Church, Corona, SD, but health made it impossible for her to actively participate. Besides her three daughters she is also survived by 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, William, her parents, three brothers, one sister and one great-grandson. The Rev. Harry W. John-

son officiated at the funeral on Friday, April 27, 1979, following her death on April 24, 1979.

OAKBANK, MB. The fall program at Oakbank Baptist Church was launched most successfully with an all-church breakfast and Rally Day program. About 120 adults and children attended the breakfast planned by the teaching staff. September 26 was the reopening of Boys Brigade, Pioneer Girls and Children's Hour, which ministers each week to about 80 boys and girls in our church and growing community. The Rev. Ed Fuellbrandt is the pastor of the church. (S. Fuellbrandt, reporter.)

BILLINGS, MT. Families of the Calvary Baptist Church attended a family camp over a weekend, Aug. 24-26. Guest speaker, Connie Salios, spoke on the topic "Growing Together." We have been having above record attendance this summer in Sunday school during our "Stump the Summer Slump Contest." Our new church building is progressing on schedule and we are hoping to move in by winter. The Lord has blessed our church with new members and also a new pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. Brian Hayes, Brian Jr., and Amy. We will continue to give him all the praise and glory for his goodness. (Jan Kapptie, reporter.)

AVON, SD. Pastor Henry Lang conducted baptismal services recently at the First



Baptist Church, baptizing nine candidates, and welcomed them into the fellowship of the church with four others coming by letter and confession of faith. (Estie Betz, reporter.)

son officiated at the funeral on Friday, April 27, 1979, following her death on April 24, 1979.

MRS. BERTHA BROCKEL, 84, was born Feb. 1, 1895, near Java, SD. She married Henry Brockel Dec. 12, 1912, at Mound City, SD. She died at the Mobridge hospital on July 16, 1979. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, and one daughter. Survivors include four sons: Reuben T., Wolvin, Argo, Harley J., all of

McLaughlin; four daughters: Mrs. Lloyd (Agnes) Fluke, Mrs. Kerwin (Margie) Jones, both of Bath, SD, Mrs. Orn L. (Irene) Hier, McLaughlin, and Mrs. Roy (Lorraine) Link, Sioux City, IA; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. The funeral service was in the First Baptist Church, and officiating were the Rev. Kendall P. Mercer and R. C. Stading, the pastor.

JOHN A. GROSS, 87, Bowdle, SD, was born on May 17, 1892, at Bowdle, SD, and died on Aug. 4, 1979, in the Bowdle Hospital. He married Barbara Stahlecker on March 2, 1915, and they farmed in the Bowdle area until moving into Bowdle in 1945, where he operated an insurance agency. He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church of Selby. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; four sons: Milton and Norman, Bowdle; LeRoy, Watertown, and Victor, Reedsburg, WI; one daughter, Mrs. James Breitling, Roscoe, SD; 20 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and four sisters. The Rev. Victor Gross and the Rev. Edward Kopf officiated at the funeral service.

HERBERT A. KLUDT, 74, of Wessington Springs, SD, was born April 23, 1905, in Hutchinson Co., SD, and died Aug. 3, 1979. On March 11, 1926, he married Louisa Radke. They farmed northwest of Wessington Springs until 1974. Herb attended the Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Churches and was a faithful giver to the Lord's work. Survivors include his wife, Louisa; a daughter, Lola Kludt of Minneapolis, MN, and a son Jerry and his wife Joyce and their two children; two sisters: Bertha Kludt and Mrs. Leonard (Lydia) Holzwarth; three brothers: Otto, August and John, all of Wessington Springs. The Rev. Darwin Stahl officiated at the funeral service.

ERNEST M. KRULL, 61, was born Dec. 4, 1918, to Hillery and Minnie (Kix) Krull at George, IA, and died June 26, 1979. He married Darlene Walters Feb. 24, 1954, in Pipestone, MN. They farmed northwest of George until August of 1977, when they moved to their present farm one mile east of George. He was a member of Central Baptist Church and served as trustee and Sunday school treasurer. Survivors include his wife Darlene; two daughters: Marcia of Sioux City, IA, and Mary Jo at home; his father; three sisters: Mrs. Alice Jansen, Mrs. Phyllis Peters and Mrs. Fredwin (Harriet) Ackerman; three brothers: George, Fred and Wilfred. The Rev. Helmut Strauss officiated at the funeral service.

CLARA LANDENBERGER, 71, passed away June 25, 1979. She was born Oct. 16, 1907, in McLean County near Washburn, and to William and Christina Sayler. She was

converted to Christ at an early age, was baptized and joined the Wasburn Baptist Church. She served in various positions in the ladies organizations and worked with the children's church while living in Washburn. She was married to August Landenberger Oct 26, 1926. They lived on a farm near Washburn until their retirement, when they moved to Bismarck in 1968. She maintained her membership in the Washburn church. She is survived by her husband; two sons: Marvin and Clinton of Carmichael and Roseville, CA, respectively; three daughters: Mrs. Nick (Nadine) Baranick of Bismarck, ND, Mrs. Reuben Strecker (Joyce) of Canby, OR, and Mrs. James (Sharon) Roeder of Bismarck, ND; a sister, Mrs. Edmund (Edna) Schaefer of Bismarck, ND, also survives. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. Bernard Edinger, Washburn, and the Rev. Paul Stuart, Bismarck.

MR. JOHN SCHAEFER, 22, was killed when the top of a silo he was working in collapsed upon being hit by a tornado on June 19, 1979. John was born in Prescott, AZ, on Sept. 8, 1956, to Frank and Elizabeth Schaefer. His parents moved to the rural Marvin, SD, area when John was seven months old. He attended school in Marvin, Summit, Rapid City and Wilmot, SD, where he graduated from high school in 1974. He married Joyce DeBoer on April 9, 1977, shortly after joining the First Baptist Church of Corona. He became a Christian as a teenager, was baptized and joined the South Canyon Baptist Church of Rapid City, SD. At the time of his death he was an active member of First Baptist, Corona. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; his son, Jason; his parents, maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Miller of Yucaipa, CA; brothers: Matthew, Jeffrey and Robert and one sister, Susan. The Rev. Harry Johnson officiated, assisted by the Rev. Jim Taylor of Wilmot and the Rev. Allan DeBoer, uncle to Joyce.

JACOB CHRIST SCHAFFER, 80, of Carrington, ND, was born on April 22, 1899, in Leola, SD, and died August 7, 1979. He married Bertha Woehl, July 2, 1922. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington. He is survived by his wife, Bertha; two sons: Raymond, Carrington, ND, Alvin, Jonesboro, GA; two daughters: Mrs. James (Helen) Pettaway, Oklahoma City, OK; three brothers: Christ, Nampa, ID; William, Edmunds, ND; Ed, Carrington, ND; one sister, Mrs. David (Katie) Ahl, Marysville, WA; eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The Rev. Frank Unruh officiated at the funeral service.

LENA SPRUNG (nee DeBoer), 75, was born on June 19, 1904, in George, IA. She came to South Dakota with her family and settled in Kilborn Township, Grant County. She was converted and baptized on July 24, 1921, and received the right hand of

fellowship to the First Baptist Church of Corona. She was a member of the same church at the time of her death on Aug. 6, 1979. She was united in marriage to Leonard Sprung on Sept. 12, 1929. Surviving her are her husband; two sons: Alvin of Corona and Larry of Twin Brooks; five grandchildren; six brothers: Martin of Bismarck, ND; Leonard, John, Otto, Dick and Louis of the local area; three sisters: Elsie DeBoer of Corona, Mrs. Bert (Jennie) Lange, Columbus, NE, and Mrs. Marvin (Ann) Behlen of Milbank. The Rev. Harry Johnson officiated at the funeral service, assisted by the Rev. Ralph Beckstrom of the First Baptist Church of Milbank, SD.

MARY UNGER, 87, was born March 4, 1892, in Germany and died July 14, 1979. In 1919 she married Albert Unger and came to Canada in 1924, residing in Saskatchewan and later at Olds, AB. Her husband died in 1945. She lived in Medicine Hat for 20 years before returning to Olds in 1972. Her love for her Savior, family and church were a great inspiration to many. She served and ministered to others enthusiastically while health and strength permitted. She is survived by two sons: Harry and Edward; three daughters: Mrs. Ruby (Molly) Rapske, Mrs. Harold (Ruth) Weiss, Mrs. Walter (Elsie) Kerber, 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A memorial praise celebration was officiated by her sons-in-law, the Rev. Walter Kerber and the Rev. Harold Weiss at East Olds Baptist Church.

ELDON VOIGT, 71, of Tyndall, SD, was born March 8, 1908, near Avon SD, and died Aug. 21, 1979. He married Ida Finck of Tyndall, SD, on June 5, 1932. This union was blessed with four daughters and a son. He was a member of Avon Baptist Church. He accepted Christ in his early youth and has served faithfully as a Sunday school teacher, superintendent, church clerk and deacon. Survivors include his wife Ida; four daughters: Lorraine Haugen, Nashville, TN; Bettie Schuler, West Bend, WI; Mae Dvorak, Labor, SD; and Leatta Pudwill, Tyndall; one sister, Goldie Lubbers, Tyndall; five half-sisters, four half-brothers, 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. The Rev. Henry Lang officiated at the funeral service.

BENJAMIN HARRY WEISSER passed into the presence of Jesus Christ on June 5, 1979, at the age of 80 years. He was born in Salem, OR, in 1899, moving with his family to the Camrose area in 1901. He received Christ as Savior at the age of 17, and was baptized into the membership of the Bethany Baptist Church (now known as Century Meadows Baptist), of Camrose. In 1928, he married Esther Dickau of Wetaskiwin. After leaving the farm, and

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in memoriam

MRS. WILLIAM (JENNIE) JOHNSON, 87, was born at Lexington, NB, on Jan. 9, 1892. She was the daughter of Harm and Elsie Groenweg. Jennie married William Johnson at Willow Lake, SD, on Nov. 13,

REGISTRATION FOR 1980 BAPTIST CONGRESS

The 14th Baptist World Congress will meet in Toronto, Canada, July 8-13, 1980. Registration/housing forms are available upon request from the Baptist World Alliance office, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC, 20009. Forms for Canadian delegates may be obtained by writing to Mr. Peter Kaups, Baptist Church House, 217 St. George Street, Toronto, ON M5R 2M2.

Every person attending the Congress must register. All housing requests, from countries other than Canada, must come to the Washington office.

PARKS TO HEAD SBC FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

EP—Dr. R. Keith Parks was elected executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at a special session of the Board August 7. Dr. Parks, 51, will succeed Dr. Baker James Cauthen

on January 1, 1980. Dr. Cauthen will retire after 26 years at the post.

The next executive director and his wife, Helen Jean, served with the Foreign Mission Board in Indonesia for 14 years before he was named area secretary for Southeast Asia to administer the work of Southern Baptist missionaries in eight countries or territories. He served in that capacity for seven years and in 1975 was elected director of the Mission Support Division, one of three administrative divisions for the Board's outreach into 94 countries where 2,963 missionaries are currently assigned.

The Foreign Mission Board was organized in 1845, the same year in which the Southern Baptist Convention was chartered. Its total budget amounts to about 71 million dollars. EBPS 79:165

EUROPEAN BAPTISTS CELEBRATE "FAMILY REUNION" AT BRIGHTON

BRIGHTON, ENGLAND—More than 6,000 people shared in various sessions of the European Baptist Federation Con-

gress held here, June 27 to July 1. Delegates from 22 European countries came by air, bus, and car, and sixty families stayed in caravans or tents. "The Brighton Congress is a kind of family reunion," said Dr. David S. Russell, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. Dr. Russell was later elected president of the Federation for a two-year term.

At the opening session delegates and visitors were welcomed especially by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Donald Coggan. The keynote address on the Congress theme "So Weak—and Yet Strong" was delivered by the Rev. Knud Wuem-pelmann, of Denmark, retiring president of the European Baptist Federation.

Each day's schedule began with Bible study in nine language groups. Plenary sessions included worship, interviews, music, and addresses. Nine discussion groups met on two afternoons to consider various problem areas such as unemployment, family life, evangelism, human rights, lay responsibility and the like. Sectional meetings for women, men and youth were all well attended.

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■ **Dan Tidsbury and Neil Strohschein** are the two recipients of the annual N.A.B. College Alumni Award. Both students at N.A.B.C. have "demonstrated outstanding academic achievement with exemplary Christian character."

■ **The Rev. Erhard Knull**, N.A.B. chaplain in the Veteran's Administration at Cleveland, OH, recently received the Performance Award on the occasion of the "May I Help You" Campaign introduced by the V.A. administrator "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the improvement of the hospital's ministry through his superior performance." Congratulations!

■ **The Rev. Bernard Edinger** since 1976 pastor of Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, ND, accepted the call of Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, WA, and began his work there Nov. 1, 1979.

■ **Chaplain (LTC) Clinton E. Grenz**, retired on Aug. 31, 1979. At the time of

his retirement he received the Army's highest peacetime award, "The Legion of Merit." He was awarded this recognition for "exceptionally meritorious service from April 1978 to August 1979, while serving as Pastoral Coordinator, United States Army Chaplain Center and School, Fort Wadsworth, NY, and an outstanding religious program at Fort Dix."

On October 1, he assumed the position at Bismarck Baptist Home as assistant administrator.

■ **Mr. Jim Schneider**, N.A.B. Seminary '79 graduate, has accepted a position as "Minister of Family Life" at Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, WA. Congratulations to Jim Schneider and Kathy Hoffman on their engagement. Jim and Kathy will be married in Medicine Hat, AB, on Dec. 29, 1979.

■ **The Rev. Don Paschke**, pastor of Melville Baptist Church, Melville, SK, resigned on Oct. 1979. His future plans are not known.

■ **The Rev. Gordon Voegelé**, since 1977 pastor of Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Englewood, CO, resigned effective November 26, to begin his ministry at Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, ND, on Dec. 1, 1979.

■ **Mr. Christopher Creech** accepted the pastorate of Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, OK. He began his ministry there Sept. 1, 1979.

■ **The Rev. James Dillon** began his ministry at First Baptist Church, Paul, ID, on Aug. 26, 1979.

■ **Rev. Harvey Wilkie** resigned as youth pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, CA, and accepted the position of senior pastor of McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, where he began in September.

■ **Mr. Keith Heyn** became part of the pastoral staff at First Baptist Church, Minot, ND, on Nov. 1, 1979.

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I praise God for the committed people he has given to us to minister in behalf of our N.A.B. Conference in some 66 churches during this tour year. They have been a genuine blessing to our churches

already. Churches, families and individuals are being encouraged to grow in the Lord and obey the Lord's commission to go, to teach, to disciple. God's Volunteers are helping the churches to reach out and grow in these marvelous days of opportunity.



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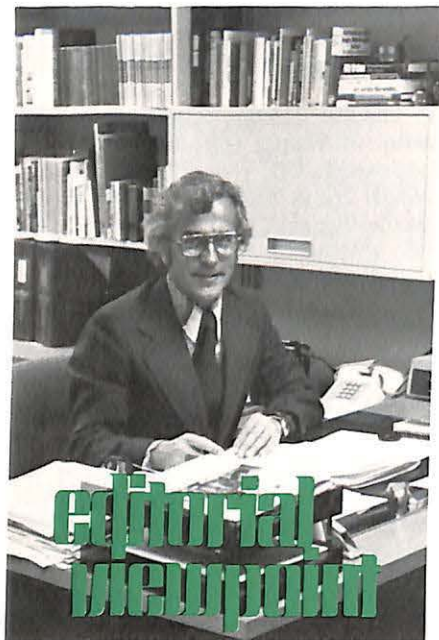
GOD'S MAN

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Rev. L. D. Fast and became a member of an Evangelical Free Church. He became active in the musical and teaching ministries of the church and started a children's church in his home church. In high school he participated in a Youth for Christ musical group. He is now a charter member of the Brandon Valley Baptist Church in Brandon, SD, one of our Church Extension projects.

Following his high school graduation in 1972, Arlynn enrolled at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA, and graduated in 1976 with a B.A. degree, majoring in languages. He took a summer course at University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, in 1976; a semester at the Predigerseminar in Ewersbach, Germany 1976/77; a summer course at Trinity Divinity School, Deerfield, IL, in 1977; and the 1977 fall semester at St. Paul Bible College, St. Paul, MN; and, this past year, he studied at the N.A.B. Seminary in Sioux Falls, SD.

Concerning his experience with Christ, Arlynn says: "Jesus Christ is all that I am and all that I have. He is my loving Savior and Lord, so that I am willing to be obedient to him. I have known his presence for so long that my life would be purposeless without him. Through friendship I have helped several people come to a



The Pie in The Eye

When I did some free lance writing and city desk assignments for a daily newspaper as a young, ambitious reporter, my editor-in-chief gave me a piece of free advice: "Never write a thing everybody else knows about, and never write AGAINST a thing everybody else knows about." As if to demonstrate the seriousness of his statement he rejected one of my articles, which I had worked on with great diligence and thoroughness. I have forgotten what it was about, but in retrospect I seem to remember that I dealt with the glory of motherhood for one of the newspaper issues before Mother's Day. "Everybody knows about it anyway," he commented.

Since then more than two decades have passed. Many articles have been written in these years. And it seems that my editor was right: There are a few things you

just don't write about or against; in America, for example, such things as motherhood and apple pie.

Well, I don't intend to crusade against apple pie or any other kind of pies. However, what I want to question in this editorial is the custom of pie-fighting. The monthly magazine, *GROUP*, featured this "sport" in its June 1979 issue. The article has the following opening sentences:

"Although pie-fighting has been officially outlawed in most civilized countries, it has never been totally suppressed. You'll still find underground Pieings being held in out-of-the-way farmyards and abandoned garages."

Then the author goes on to list the rules of pie-fighting as formulated by Jack J. Anderson, "the Marquis of Queensbury of the pie-fighting world."

Somewhat in disgust I made my way through the rules which start out with the explanation: "A Pieing shall consist of three rounds, called Pannings." The rules have this concluding remark: "Any Pie-player who wins three sanctioned Pieings enters the ranks of the Upper Crust and is entitled to participate in the Big Meringue."

In my editorial of September 1979 ("Would You Like to Live on a Boat?") I tried to awaken us as North American Baptists to our Christ-commissioned responsibility of feeding the hungry, giving a drink to the thirsty, receiving strangers in our homes, clothing the naked, taking care of the sick and visiting those in prison (Matt. 25:35-36).

Today I would like to put the serious question before all BAPTIST HERALD readers: Can we, with a good conscience, continue to throw pies at each other, made out of whipping cream, eggs, sugar, flour and shortening, while 75 percent of the world population is starving? We have read of farmers burning part of their crops to regulate the market price, and we try to understand. The news of egg throw-

ing contests by government or diplomatic officials in Third World countries is harder to "stomach," especially when the reporters mention that the population was watching the throwing contest, wishing they could have only one of the eggs.

Let's be honest: It may be fun to throw pies and land them on the opponents' faces as a "splat, sploosh, slurp or slop." But in an age, when food has become an almost luxurious item in many countries of the world, can we afford to neglect the need of fellowmen and keep on throwing food?

"Well," some might say, "I wouldn't do it. But let the young people have some fun while they're young. They'll outgrow it soon enough." I am not convinced that there is much truth in this statement, and the Bible seems to back me up. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

At a young age we train our children to show respect for the elders, to observe table manners, to show gratitude, and we teach them other rules, which, when observed, help them to get along better through life.

By letting them throw away food, whether in a pie-throwing contest, the leftovers in a restaurant or food at school, we are giving them poor training—and when they are old, they "will not depart from it." In the name of God, who makes the food grow, and in the name of a starving world, let's stop living as if it were not our concern that many people in the world have to go to bed (if they have one!) hungry. No, we will not be able to feed all the starving masses, but by conserving not only energy but also food in our wasteful throw-away society, we'll give other people a better chance to get a share of what we have in abundance. Besides, Jesus Christ reminds us pleadingly "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." RJK

THE MAKING OF THE POPES 1978: The Politics of Intrigue in the Vatican by Andrew M. Greeley. Andrews and McMeel, Inc., Kansas City, KS. \$12.95. Why review Catholic books in a Baptist periodical? The question should be, "Why not?" If pastors and many lay persons study comparative religions, why not study and review comparative publications? Both Protestants and Catholics are often accused of shooting their arrows at indefinite targets. Actually some of the targets should be preserved rather than destroyed, especially when we realize that no denomination has a corner on the saints. Even those who claim to have the fullness of the Spirit have containers that leak.

THOMAS MERTON'S APPOINTMENT CALENDAR gives you something to think about while making note of your engagements. His art may not, in every instance, be understood, but his spiritual and practical thoughts, almost without exception, will appeal to the heart and mind. A few examples: "God is more glorified by a man who uses the good things of life in simplicity and with gratitude, than by the nervous asceticism of someone who is agitated about every detail of his self-denial." "The grateful man knows that God is good, not by hearsay, but by experience. And that makes all the difference." "The secret of prayer is hunger for God, appreciating our need for God."

In **CHRIST IN ECLIPSE** Mr. Sheed puts us on the spot in the very first chapter: "How Real is Christ to Us?" This is what the book is all about. How well do we know him? What strong desires have we to know him better? Similar in intensity as Charles Sheldon's **IN HIS STEPS**, the author reminds us of Augustine's grim question: "If Christ were standing here with us, what should we feel, not about him, but about ourselves?"

Our piety is often concerned about doctrine and orthodoxy but is sadly and often tragically lacking in our relationships. "Nothing tests our love," says the author, "like our fellow Christians. People who can discuss religion amicably with Mohammedans, Buddhists, Parsees, Confucians, find it difficult to keep their tempers with people they know to be believers in the same Christ—Catholics with Protestants, Protestants with Catholics. It gets worse with co-religionists. I do not know how Protestants are with Protestants, but some of the fiercest infighting ever seen is between Catholics and Catholics." We can assume, Mr. Sheed, that the same is true of Protestants.

In closing, the author reminds us that God sees all of it from the beginning, and we shall see the whole race in its relation to God on the judgment day.

THE MAKING OF THE POPES IN 1978 by Andrew M. Greeley is another story. Those who are looking for juicy gossip in the Catholic Church will no doubt find it. But the politics of intrigue in the Vatican are not peculiar to the Catholic church. A careful look behind the scenes of the Southern Baptist Con-

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point where they were willing to make a definite personal commitment to Christ. My family and church have been the greatest influence on me, although I believe that particular missionaries had a great initial influence on me when I was

GEORGI VINS

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After lunch the representatives of the German Baptist Union indicated strongly that they were concerned about the reconciliation of both groups, not only within the USSR, but also within the Federal Republic of Germany.

Dr. Gerhard Claas, associate general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, stated to the Press Service

vention or other major religious bodies will reveal similar, if not such intense, *modus operandi*.

The purpose of Greeley's report is to show how the Vatican works: how the Curia isolates and influences the pope, how Paul VI's conscience was repeatedly exploited and manipulated by the curialists around him, and, finally, how nothing can be kept secret despite the elaborate precautions.

Each character in the "scenes" is pictured as well as described: their strengths and weaknesses, how they can be used and manipulated, or why they should be rejected by the Curia. Occasionally the author takes the words "damn" and "hell" out of their biblical context in order to let the adjectives add forcefulness to certain descriptions.

Like Andrew Young, Andrew Greeley would make a poor diplomat. The ordinary priests and the common people, however, know they have a champion who is fearless in fighting for their causes. As such, he enjoys a certain degree of immunity from the Catholic hierarchy, especially Cardinal John Cody, whom he criticizes heartlessly in this volume.

Father Greeley is a senior study director at the National Opinion Research Center and sociology professor at the University of Arizona.

THE MAN FROM IDA GROVE by Harold E. Hughes, published by Chosen Books, Lincoln, VA; distributed by Word Books, Waco, TX. \$10.95.

My first thought while reading the worst part of Harold Hughes' life was, "How in the world was he able to make

still a child."

The Board of Missions appointed Arlynn as short-term missionary to Japan. The summer months he spent with Calvary Baptist Church in Stafford, KS, as student pastor working with Rev. Elton Kirstein, the pastor of the church. He was able to be at the Triennial Conference in Bismarck in July, where he was part of the brief

it?" Then Fanny Crosby's song came to mind: "Down in the human heart,/ Crushed by the tempter,/ Feelings lie buried that grace can restore . . ." At the same time I also remembered the words of Paul in Rom. 5:20: "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

This is a Horatio Alger story at its best, because it's true. To rise from an alcoholic to governor, to senator, and to a "dark horse" candidate for the presidency is a testimony to the grace and power of God. Harold Hughes' record shows that he was in the forefront as either instigator or chairman of at least fifty areas of concern during his terms of governor and senator.

But in spite of his success in government, he had an intuitive, compelling commitment to launch out in a different kind of effort that would be primarily spiritual rather than political. With the help of his Fellowship Group, plus much faith, prayer and work, a 21-acre parcel of land on Chesapeake Bay in Maryland was purchased. It included two houses, office, lodge and recreational facilities. Here he works with the down-and-outers. He had given up another term in the Senate that would have provided a comfortable pension for life.

Although Senator Hughes has experienced miraculous changes in his life, he is not Pollyannaish in his outlook. He is a realist who also experienced cruel and ruthless criticism, disappointment, and intense sorrow in the death of one daughter and a son-in-law. Life, however, continues for him, and he finds joy in knowing that he abides in God's will.

commissioning service on Sunday morning July 15. He also took in the missionary orientation worship which followed the Conference sessions.

Arlynn left for Japan on September 1. Our prayer for him is that God may so lead him, that he may be God's man in Japan, an instrument in the hand of God to lead others to the Savior. □

IN MEMORIAM

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barbering in Camrose, Ponoka and Olds, he and his wife settled in the Millet area, becoming members of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church. He was faithful in attendance, participation and prayer support in every church he attended. He is survived by his wife Esther, two sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren, four brothers and four sisters. Pastor Neil Strohschein officiated at memorial services, assisted by the Rev. Arthur Weisser and the Rev. George Nelner.

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