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news Flash

North Central Accreditation to NAB Seminary

Dr. David Draewell, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD, recently announced the renewal of the school's accreditation with the Association of Theological Schools and for the first time in its history has received accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The NCA examines and accredits public schools, colleges and universities throughout most of Central United States.

The recent accreditation by the North Central Association includes all the degrees offered by the local seminary to include the Master of Arts, Master of Divinity, and Doctor of Ministry.

When asked why the Seminary sought accreditation with NCA, which usually accredits only secular institutions of learning, Dean Wayne Peterson replied, "More and more Christians in secular positions are taking courses with us. Teachers, counselors, nurses, medical doctors and others want to study counseling or education in a Christian context. NCA accreditation makes it easier for them to transfer these credits to schools with the same accreditation."

In making the announcement on accreditation, President David Draewell added, "Our future has never been brighter. Charles Hiatt has recently joined us as Vice President for Development. Our new assistant librarian, Bruce Eldevik, is now on the job. Our student body this fall promises to be one of the largest in our history. All our full-time faculty members, even the new ones, have earned doctorates. We have built solidly to give an effective education for the professional ministry and the helping professions." □

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ONE PEOPLE ONE MISSION

Members of the Stewardship and Communications Department have asked a few people what they are thankful for and what the motto, One People One Mission, means to them. The following six answers are representative of the 57,000 North American Baptists in North America and the about 50,000 Christians overseas, who are part of the worldwide ministry of the North American Baptist Conference.

Paul H. Meister, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA.

I think that the first sense of oneness is that we have constant fellowship with Jesus Christ and therefore with one another. When we have people together in our Associations, we really feel the oneness, and when we come together as Conference we are introduced to the oneness that we have across the nation and across the entire world, as we think of our mission program.

According to God's Word, I feel that our first mission is to reach other people for Jesus Christ. I also realize that some churches have another mission, or rather all churches have two missions—one to reach people and the other to strengthen those who are Christians and are doing his will.

As churches we are trying to reach people for Jesus Christ; and our most effective program right now is through our youth program. We reach mainly the children in the community, and after we reach them we work with their parents and try to persuade them through God's Word of their need for Jesus Christ. As far as the world is concerned, of course, our outreach is through our mission program as North American Baptist Conference.



Samuel Ngum, past executive secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Convention and recent student at North American Baptist Seminary.

My faith and my awareness of our unity in Christ? Yes, we are one people, and we have one responsibility and one charge. All that ties us together.

Our message cannot be any other than the one that Christ came down from heaven. For he set out from heaven and his heavenly glories and came to earth to experience the harshness of the world, in order to bring change in the lives of people. The ministry of preaching, teaching, healing and even of taking care of physical needs is our common task.

All of these things will bring change into the lives of people. By bringing God into their lives we build them up for eternity.

In view of the vastness of our world that continues to expand with increased population, we realize that it is impossible for any one person to fulfill the great commission single-handedly. Therefore, we need the cooperation of individuals and local churches, associations and conventions or conferences. Christ has emphasized this when he said that where two or three agree upon what they will ask for, he will grant it. And "two or three" may not just be a reference to two people or two churches, but rather to denominations or even international organizations which are endeavoring to accomplish the Great Commission.



Verna Peters, member of Board of Missions, Winnipeg, MB.

First of all, I believe the sense of oneness has come from early childhood. Perhaps because I have seen my sister go to the mission field when I was a teenager have I followed up the work of the Conference very closely. I have always been very interested in whatever goes on and also in personalities, as we have read their articles and have met these people at conferences. I feel, too, that we as N.A.B.s have a real evangelical thrust. This has always tied into, what I felt, were my convictions as far as outreach goes; and this has always given me a feeling of oneness.

Furthermore, as we have moved out into ministries such as Church Extension (we have lived in Regina and then in Winnipeg, both times involved in new church work), we have come in contact with people who did not have the same ethnic background. Logically there was not always that sense of oneness I wished for. Yet, there was always an overarching unity in Jesus Christ.

Our one mission is to evangelize and then to disciple. Serving on the Board of Missions I always think of our foreign mission field. Our God-given mission is to reach people for the Lord, beginning with our own areas and our own neighborhoods. I myself have been greatly encouraged and spiritually uplifted over the last few years as a housewife and a woman in the community.

My encouragement came as I became involved in a women's club and also in friendship Bible coffees. One other goal for our church and community is to interest couples in Bible studies, with our church people taking the lead.

Bernietta Graf, editor of "Woman's World" in BAPTIST HERALD.

Yes, I do feel a sense of oneness in our Conference, and think the key word there is a sense of family. Our Conference is not one of the large Baptist groups. Because of this we are able to fellowship and share with others of our Conference in a more personal and intimate way. Our Conference is small enough that as we visit in other churches, go to Association meetings or attend the Triennial Conferences we feel a true oneness, and we discover that our goal is the same: sharing Christ.

Once we share Christ in our areas, we readily branch out to a greater work. This can be done best through our local churches, as we support various mission programs both at home and abroad.

As we start in the community, we work with the framework of our own church, and then we branch out in a one-mission-idea of instructing and teaching our people how to bring Christ to the people in our local area and to instruct those on our mission fields. This can be done by round-robin conferences, by keeping our correspondence up to date with our missionaries, through our women's work, through bulletin boards, through youth work and in Sunday school programs. We have to know and live the idea that we are all one in Christ.



David A. Samf, USAF chaplain, Washington, DC.



I represent the military chaplaincy ministry of the conference, specifically the Air Force chaplaincy. The Conference supports me through prayer. In MOMENTS WITH GOD the names of our N.A.B. endorsed chaplains appear as prayer requests. I appreciate the fact that I know people who are not military, yet sense a need to support those who are ministering to military. I feel their support in prayer as I carry out a ministry the average persons cannot do, because they are in civilian communities, whereas I am in the Air Force and therefore I can carry out this ministry to people who are in this branch of service. It wasn't too many months ago that a person came into my office, a lady who had two children and a wonderful husband, and she said, "Chaplain, I really don't know who you are, but you're a man of God, you're a chaplain. Let me therefore ask you: How can I find God?" I was able to explain to her and to show her through Scripture how she could find Christ as a personal Savior. This is one of the many opportunities to share with people the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our Conference has various missions for our pastors in local churches, for our missionaries overseas, for laypeople everywhere and for me as an Air Force chaplain.



Hisashi Murakami, pastor of Shinmachi Tsu Christian Church, Tsu, Japan.

I came in contact with the gospel through a missionary sent by the N.A.B. Conference. His name is Clemence Auch. He is the one who introduced me to the Christian message. I realized that there were people who sent him, and who not only sent him but also prayed and supported him and so made it possible for him to respond to the mission call. Right from the beginning of my contacts with Christianity I always related to those Christian professors of faith that made such an effort to proclaim the Good News worldwide. Their ministry made me join the family of God.

Basically the mission given to the church is to serve Christ and his church, the Body of Christ. We Christians in Japan have been placed there as his vessel. It is important for us to realize that our mission is to be faithful witnesses at the places where we have been placed and to be effective witnesses to our own communities. If each of us is found faithful in our witnessing, we will contribute to the development and growth of the Church of Christ scattered throughout the world.

One of the major factors that we are facing is how to reach our people with the message of Christ. I believe we have found the key, by establishing teaching centers in various communities. Under the leadership of lay people we are proclaiming and training new Christians and non-Christians very carefully in a long-range program. From year to year we are making more contacts. The home Bible study groups often result in six to seven baptismal candidates and the strengthening of the local church.

THE TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

in Words and Pictures

The thirty-ninth triennial meeting of North American Baptist Conference churches, held in Bismarck, ND, July 10-15, 1979, is now history. It surpassed all previous registration and attendance figures. A total of 4,081 delegates and guests met under the theme, "Building Relationships Through Christ," to transact Conference business and to experience spiritual refreshment. Close to 590 young people had registered for their special programs. The amount of \$76,366.74 in conference offerings was another record unsurpassed by previous conferences. The Saturday night attendance of about 4,500 made it the largest gathering of N.A.B.'s anywhere.

Elected as the new executive secretary of the conference was Dr. John Binder, secretary of stewardship and communications. He succeeds Dr. Gideon Zimmerman, who held the position since 1965. To succeed the retiring Dr. Richard Schilke, general secretary of missions for 28 years, the delegates chose the Rev. Fred Folkerts, associate secretary for overseas missions since 1974. Acting general secretary, the Rev. John Ziegler, was named general secretary of church extension. The Rev. Bruce Rich was reelected as director of church ministries. Dr. Peter Fehr is the new moderator, with the Rev. Donald Miller assisting him as vice moderator. Mr. Milton Hildebrandt retained his position as Conference treasurer.

The editor has asked various delegates and guests to write about their conference impressions. It is his hope that the following reports will reflect some of the outstanding spiritual treats God had in store for all who had the privilege of attending this outstanding conference.

Our First Conference—But Not the Last

by Dan and Sue Kiblin



The Rev. Dan Kiblin and his wife Sue pastor the Twin Grove Baptist Church in Buffalo Grove, IL.

The Triennial Conference at Bismarck was our first Triennial Conference experience, because my wife and I are new in the N.A.B. Conference. It was a tremendous blessing to us, from the beautiful scenery of North Dakota, to the inspiring messages of the speakers. We thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, but there are some things which particularly impressed me. First, the fellowship was beautiful. We met so many brothers and

The Rev. Dan Kiblin and his wife, Sue, pastor the Twin Grove Baptist Church in Buffalo Grove, IL.

sisters from all over Canada, the United States and around the world. The theme of the conference was, "Building Relationships Through Christ," and it was being lived out in the fellowship of believers there in Bismarck.

Secondly, out of the fellowship it was quite evident that a strong unity exists in our N.A.B. Conference, a unity with Christ and his purposes and a unity with one another. Even in the midst of seeking to determine God's will in important matters of business, our unity was not lost or shattered. Thirdly, I was impressed by two characteristics of our unity—our love and our commitment. God's love abounded more and more throughout the week and is the motivation for the commitment of our people. There was commitment in prayer, in ministry and in support. We are truly united to accomplish God's will as we reach out with his love.

To accomplish God's will, we also need good leadership and this is the fourth thing that really impressed me. God has indeed blessed us with men and women gifted in ability and dedicated to serving him. The out-going as well as the newly elected officials, our strong lay leadership and the shepherds of our churches combine to give our Conference truly effective leadership which was exemplified during our time at Bismarck.

Lastly, I was impressed by the opportunities for ministry we have as a Conference, and the resources we have to accomplish God's will as we work together. From the training of seminary students and the equipping of the saints within our churches, to the many ministries of our missionaries, to the provision of Bibles to the Soviet Union, we can have an effect in our world for Jesus Christ. God has given us tremendous opportunities to minister and the resources to meet these opportunities. May we be responsible stewards. □

What a Full Program!

by Edward Meister



How can we make real to you, who for some reason were not present at Bismarck, the experience that was ours? It would take our beloved, late Dr. Martin Leuschner with his silver tongue to describe these mountaintop experiences.

Every morning, Dr. Ben Haden in his own inimitable way led us into deep spiritual truths from familiar passages of Scripture.

It was exciting to hear the good reports from Church Extension, our Seminary and College.

The testimonies of several people, including pastors Wollenberg and Littman, drew us closer together as a caring family. The beautiful way our moderator, Dr. Kenneth Fischer conducted the business. I call him "a man with a heart," as he was so kind in handling the business. How ready the vice moderator, and how our newly elected moderator, Dr. Peter Fehr, was, to step in and make his contribution in whatever way it was needed. As we looked at the election ballot, we were thankful to God for the highly qualified spiritual men who were willing to serve. We prayed, we voted and believe God directed us in choosing these men to serve our Conference for this next Triennium. Many extremely important items of business were discussed in a thorough manner and then decided upon.

After each day, from 9:30 p.m. to after 11 p.m., we enjoyed a reception at the Kirkwood Inn: Tuesday, meeting our Church Extension pastors with displays and information about their church; Wednesday, our missionaries, most of them in native costume, were present to share with us; Thursday was our opportunity to say thank you to Dr. and Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman, Dr. and Mrs. R. Schilke and others who have served faithfully for many years. Each evening we were served coffee, cold drinks and cookies plus some specials on Mission Night. Friday, on the one free night, found twenty of us from Foster Avenue Baptist Church and many of our Conference people at Happy Joe's Ice Cream Parlor, which also served over 4,000 conference guests with ice cream sundaes at our Ice Cream Social on Saturday in less than half an hour.

The nearly six hundred youth present gave us a beautiful program and thrilled us with their spontaneous enthusiasm each evening. Our hope and prayer is that in a few years they will be taking up responsibility in the regular sessions as well as in our churches. The music was varied and very

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good during the day and evening sessions. We want to say a special thanks to our organists and pianists.

We received spiritual food and challenges every evening. The message on "Stewardship" as a lifestyle by a layman, Dr. Lloyd Omdahl, made us think through our priorities. The record attendance and giving is an indication of the spirit at the conference. We, who attended, are determined to go home to our churches and share our experiences and ask our fellow members to join us in giving, so that our deficit will be eliminated and our missionaries be sent back to the fields white with harvest.

The conference concluded Sunday noon, but a great Praise and Thanksgiving Service was held at the Bismarck Baptist Church in the evening. Every seat was taken, and forty missionaries were sitting in the choir loft. Many thanks are due to Pastor Ron Norman and his people for hosting the conference. □

God's Word In the Focus

by G. Wesley Blackburn

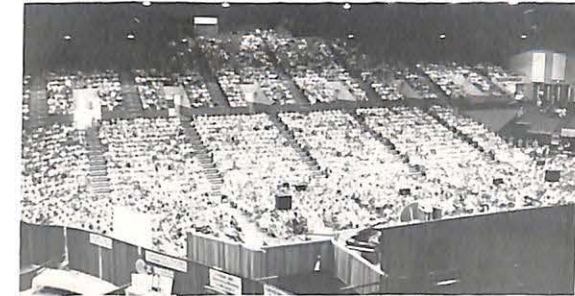


To me the Triennial Conference in Bismarck was one of the best and most inspiring of the conferences I have been privileged to attend. The spirit of enthusiasm and participation was a joy and blessing. I am sure that this was due, at least in part, to the inspiration of the Bible expository ministry. The ministries of Dr. Stephen Olford and the Rev. Ben Haden were a special blessing. But there were other sessions, too, which were a real challenge from the Word of God and of great inspirational value. It is great to realize that in spite of all of the reports and business, which are essential at our conferences, we can still make the prime emphasis upon the Word of God.

The reports by the various departments and organizations were varied and of great interest. Those responsible are surely to be commended. The display booths on the main floor of the Civic Center were most accessible which is important for delegate and visitor observation.

There were so many things contributing to the blessing of the conference, including the music and testimonies and the obvious enthusiasm evidenced by the large registration and the huge missionary offering, but above all the evidence of the Holy Spirit's leading and his blessing were of greatest significance. □

The Rev. G. W. Blackburn is pastor of Hillside Baptist Church, Dickinson, ND.



About 4,500 delegates, guests and friends packed the Civic Center on Saturday night of the conference.



Pastor Herman Effa, former missionary, brought the challenge, "Missions and Call to Christian Vocational Commitment."



Dr. Stephen Olford set the tone for the conference with his provocative keynote message on the first night.



Radio and TV Pastor Ben Haden led the conference in the daily Bible studies.



Dr. G. K. Zimmerman discussing last organizational details with Marilyn Kipp, Bismarck Chamber of Commerce representative, who was a tremendous help during the months of preparations.



Wall-to-wall people! Singing...



Voting...



Smiling...



Worshipping.

Lost and Found Among Singles

by Pamela R. Kiemele

Lost and Found Department

To whom it may concern:
Lost—In the vicinity of Bismarck, ND, July 10-15, 1979 several hearts filled with impurity, jealousy, anger, dissension, envy, hatred, selfishness, unwillingness, stubbornness and impatience.
If Found—please destroy immediately. No longer needed or wanted. Have been replaced with hearts full of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

I hope that the above lost and found ad can be symbolic of a desire that exists within many of our lives. I know that it certainly is my prayer for my own life.

As I reflect back on the singles activities of the Triennial Conference, I must admit that at times I was indeed a "doubting Thomas." How could all the planning and errands possibly get done on time? Never before had there been a single adults program at our conferences; so for all of us, this was a first-time learning experience.

With fear and trembling we set forth, only to have our doubts fly away as it became evident that God was truly leading us as activities fell into place. The "Bash by the Splash" at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Townhouse, our singles headquarters, started the ball rolling. That evening, following the general session at the Civic Center, we had a "Shenaniganza"—get-acquainted-time. Imagine yourself and fifteen others in your group, trying to act out an electric can opener or a phonograph, without saying a word, so that others in the room will know what you are? Try it sometime! It's fun?

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Pam Kiemele lives in Bismarck, ND. She is a member of Bismarck Baptist Church and served on the planning committee of the singles program.

Single But Not Lonely

by Gwen Dickau



It was with anticipation that I arrived in Bismarck to participate in the singles program. Knowing the ages would be from 18 to 99, I was afraid I might be a part of the

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"lonely hearts" club. But I quickly found out how wrong I was to give that a thought.

The conference theme was "Building Relationships Through Christ," and I saw this theme in action. Not only were we encouraged to build and strengthen our relationship with Christ, but we were encouraged to build lasting relationships with new people. That's what happened throughout the time we spent in Bismarck. It was easy to get to know new people because we all had a common bond, Jesus Christ. It was great to renew friendships with people I hadn't seen for years as well.

There were different activities every day for the singles. I'd like to share a few I enjoyed the most.

The first activity was a poolside buffet on Tuesday noon. We saw a film that showed what happens when a person gives out "warm fuzzies." A warm fuzzy includes anything from a warm smile, to a kind word, a helping hand or a hug! We were encouraged to give out "warm fuzzies" whenever possible. That was easy for me to do, because everyone was very friendly and warm. There sure wasn't a warm fuzzy shortage that week!

Tuesday, after the evening service, there was a "Shenaniganza." We played get acquainted games, participated in skits and sang songs. It was fun meeting people of all ages from the United States and Canada.

Wednesday evening, following the service, there were two workshops to participate in. I chose "Learning to Relate Genuinely." This workshop was led by Pastor Phyl and Joe Putz. We discussed communication and how im-

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Young and Alive at the Conference

by Annette Kerstan

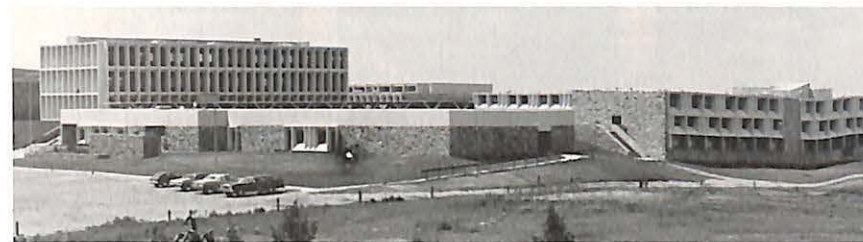


July 19 was the beginning of one of the most memorable experiences in the lives of 590 N.A.B. youth, including mine. Never have I felt such genuine friendship from other Christian young people as I did throughout the week of this conference. It was the beginning and most certainly not the end of long-lasting relationships through Christ.

Dynamic speakers, such as Dawson McAllister, who understands the problems facing teenagers today, highlighted the days spent in spiritual growth. Dawson, in a humorous but absorbing way, spoke on love and the true meaning of the word; self-image and how to accept ourselves for what we are; how to cope with and understand sex; and parent/child relationship. On Thursday night, in a most remarkable way, Dawson talked about Jesus Christ and all that he did for us. Although I have heard so many times

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Annette Kerstan, 15, lives in Winfield, IL. She is a member of Bloomingdale Baptist Church, Bloomingdale, IL.



N.A.B. youth met for their own programs at Mary College, about five miles out of town.



One of the many youth "huddle" groups involved in serious meditations and discussion.



Dan Grueneich went over like a real "pro."



The boys were just as interested in huddle discussions.



Dawson McAllister, a widely traveled communicator with youth, fascinated the conference youth with his biblical messages applied for today's situations.



Many young talents came out into the open to entertain the young people.



The "money grabbers" were needed to count the record offerings every night.



Mothers have a genial way to take care of their children during the sessions or at the Ice Cream Social.



The audio engineer was kept busy all day long. He had to listen to every spoken and sung word.



The quick wit and Christian determination of Lloyd Omdahl reached the heart of every listener as he spoke on "Stewardship as a Lifestyle."



The untiring workers at the Conference Office had to give up many of the blessings in order to keep the conference business flowing.

TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE REPORTS

YOUNG AND ALIVE (Continued from page 10)

what Jesus Christ went through during his life and crucifixion, never before did it make me realize how much he really loves us. Not only did I feel some power, but I think every single person was struggling inside. When an invitation was given for the rededication of life to the Lord, over 100 people went forward with tearful eyes and souls filled with the Holy Spirit.

In my opinion, this night was one of the most rewarding of all, to feel such a direct contact with Jesus Christ and all his glory.

Another speaker, Jeff Siemon, a Minnesota Vikings linebacker, leaned more toward the football theme. He spoke of his life and how the Lord moved in it.

Another very enlightening experience was the "Triple T Event" performed on Saturday night by the youth for the entire 4,500 people who attended the Triennial Conference. We sang a series of beautiful Christian songs. I could feel the enthusiasm all around me, as youth and adults

sang their hardest for the Lord. Even though during practices the room was hot and packed with more than 500 heavy breathing young people, it didn't seem to bother most of us; just being together was fun. Then finally, as the Lord moved, our voices were lifted up to him on Saturday as we sang. Others also participated in skits and sang solos for a happy crowd. Heike Korthals from Milwaukee gave her testimony and ended it by singing "Pass It On." And as she touched the person next to her, both began to sing, they touched another, and soon we were all singing. We spread out through the auditorium, and all who were touched were singing the words, "I'll shout it from the mountaintop, I want my world to know: The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on!"

Again, I want to state with excitement still in my heart that the fellowship of new and very special friends and the spiritual growth I experienced throughout that week was so overwhelming, that I surely want to "pass it on." □

I understand it, a few of the foul-ups occurred because people didn't pre-register. A word to the wise is sufficient.

I am pleased that our youth are taking such an active part in our conference. The future is not my concern, that is, I'm not worried about it. My major concern is now. If we hand over to our youth a denomination that's alive and solvent, there's no limit to what can be accomplished for the Lord in the future!

Well, it's over. It was a great conference! There's been a switch around in leadership, but my prayer is that the real leader of our Conference is the Lord. And, that all of us may fulfill our role as loving servants.

"Love never fails." □

A Truly Great Conference

by Manuel Wolff



One begins the trip to a Triennial Conference with all kinds of preconceived notions as to what's going to happen, especially this time. Who's going to be our next executive secretary and mission secretary? A strange kind of anticipation filled the air. Then, when additional names were added to the ballot. Wow!

The speakers communicated well the message the Lord had laid on them. The comments I heard were all positive. I especially liked Ben Haden.

A couple of the reports were kind of "corny" in their presentation, but they were different enough to hold our attention and got the information across. I'm for any method of reporting that will keep me from listening (?) to someone drone on and on. Sleep time is at a premium at conference, and dull reports offer an opportunity for a siesta. Milton Hildebrandt is my favorite reporter. He got the information out clearly and understandably, and with a gentle nudge (some not so gentle) from some of the speakers, we responded with \$76,000. Fantastic!

The Lord said things to us at the conference that we need to communicate to those who weren't there. That's the hard part. How do you do that? I suppose we've got to show them what it'd done for us, and just maybe it will rub off on them.

The conference was big! Largest ever! Great planning! A thing or two could have been planned differently, but as

The Rev. Manuel Wolff is pastor of First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, KS.



The Rev. Kenneth Fischer, past moderator of the North American Baptist Conference, presenting a citation to the outgoing executive secretary, Dr. G. K. Zimmerman and his wife.



Two great organizers: The Rev. Ron Norman, pastor of Bismarck Baptist Church and chairman of Local Arrangements Committee, and Dr. Kenneth Fischer, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, CA, who moderated most of the conference sessions.



Three executive secretaries: Dr. F. H. Woyke (1946-68) Dr. G. K. Zimmerman (1968-79) Dr. John Binder (1979-)



The tellers at their seemingly never ending job of counting the votes

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Connie Dykstra displaying one of the centerpieces used at the Ladies Luncheon.



North Dakota Governor Edward Link greeted the conference cordially as a fellow believer.



The children were well taken care of during the conference days.



Missionary Doug Woyke translated for the Japanese visitors, who thanked the Conference for the mission work in Japan.



Missionary Sharon Woyke (left) exchanging some humorous thoughts with missionary Nobuko Clausen.



Missionary Oryn Meinerts, with Cameroonian robe and cap, left for Cameroon right after the conference to re-assume his role as field secretary.



The Rev. Hisashi Murakami from Tsu, Japan, took in every possible session and delighted in the many friends who greeted him.



Dr. and Mrs. Denis Palmer, who were commissioned for medical missionary service in Cameroon.



Dr. and Mrs. R. Schilke (left), general secretary of missions, are here congratulated by the Rev. and Mrs. Goodman, missionaries from Nigeria.

Mission Emphasis at Bismarck

by Bernice Strohschein

"We serve a God of miracles!" was the testimony of one of our retiring missionaries as we met to share highlights of our 1979 Triennial Conference at Bismarck.

A number of us, and especially our missionaries, felt a bit discouraged before the conference began, because we realized that, with a budget deficit, it would mean cutbacks in personnel and new endeavor on the mission fields. However, we praise God that in his keynote address Dr. Stephen Olford emphasized the importance of building relationships through the greatest power on earth, and many responded in a public dedication to fuller commitment to Christ. In the days that followed, each succeeding speaker built on the theme of the first evening until it became very evident that a new spirit was being born. It was a new spirit of deep commitment, renewed hope and excitement, as a feeling of unity and singleness of purpose prevailed. A tangible evidence of the work of God in our midst was a remarkable increase in our daily offerings. The Sunday offering itself exceeded the total giving of any previous Triennial Conference. As this new spirit spreads to our churches, it will renew the cause of missions as no other planned program could.

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Our hearts were touched when we honored four retiring Cameroon missionaries who have served for a combined total of more than one hundred years. Rings were presented to Laura Reddig and Ruby Salzman as a token of our love, and a gift of money was given to Ken and June Goodman in appreciation of their faithful service. They responded with glowing words of praise to the Lord for his faithfulness. We believe that God has other young people in our churches who will continue to pledge their lives.

Dr. R. Schilke was honored by the Conference for twenty-eight years of dedicated service as general missionary secretary. He is retired from that office but is serving as interim associate secretary. All of us were moved by his sincerity and kindness, especially as he concluded his remarks at the missionary breakfast with the words, "My little children, this is the last time that I will speak to you as your general missionary secretary."

Interest and color were added to an afternoon session of the conference as two native Japanese shared greetings and testimonies of how they had come to know the Lord through the efforts of our missionaries.

Because one congregation took up the challenge of raising an additional \$10,000 per year above their already high missionary budget, we were able to commission Dr. Palmer and his wife for service in Africa. A short-termer, Arlynn Friesen, was commissioned for service in Japan.

Our missionary fields were prominently brought to our attention at a reception for missionaries on Thursday evening. Thousands toured the beautiful booths and chatted informally with representatives from each of the four mission fields.

The Holy Spirit is at work among us. Truly we serve a God of miracles! □

Young Teens Game Plan

by Gordon Bauslaugh

(The following article describes the Young Teens Program—those students going into 7th-9th grade, who attended the Triennial Conference. All the young teens were staying with parents in their motels.)

23! . . . 34! . . . HUT! HUT! HUT!
The director of the Young Teens Program is fading back—the program is developing—Yes, yes, I see it before me now—and what a program it is, ladies and gentlemen.

TOUCHDOWN!
Wheewwiee, was that ever an exciting program! Let's look at it again in instant replay . . . I'm sure the huddle concept was the key to the program. Yes, we can see that this was the case. Slow motion will allow us to take a closer look at the program.

Right away there was something for the young teens after the first evening service—meeting at the Kirkwood Motor Inn—a fun-time of getting to know each other.

There were special emphases that complimented the overall game plan of the conference, such as building relationship with parents, Christian friends and the God's Volunteers. The Schlafmanns and Helwigs, missionary couples, were with us on Friday of the conference.

But the huddle concept didn't stop there. There was planned competition through Crazy Olympics, Scavenger Hunt of Information held at Fort Lincoln, Miniature Golf and Barefootin' Frisbee, not to mention indoor games that took place on Friday during the all-day outing.

I noticed there was an audible play that could have been called at the line of scrimmage, which was swimming at the Kirkwood Motor Inn, just in case bad weather came rushing in from the western side of the defense. Bad weather did come on Friday morning, but the audible play was not needed. A double reverse occurred, changing the day's schedule around, so that the young teens were indoors during the morning until bad weather had the wind knocked out and was taken out of the game.

There were also non-competitive outings such as roller skating and the Benny Hester concert.

What a program the young teens had! Working together as a unit—even though there were all-pros like Jeff Siemon in the lineup of scheduled events.

This was a young teens program for both the boys and the girls.

You can't beat a winner! **WHAT A PROGRAM!**
(There were over 160 young teens who registered for this program of the conference. The faithful "coaches" who were with the young people throughout the week were the Rev. Jim Yerke, Cheryl Yerke, Brenda Moser, Lori Fritzke, Bryan Hochhalter, Sandy Bauslaugh and Gordon Bauslaugh, head coach). □

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Impressions and Reflections

by Otila Veninga



"Wasn't it a tremendous conference?" This could be heard again and again as we were flying from Bismarck to Chicago. Some referred to inspiring music, others to uplifting messages, but all had reference to the heart-warming Christian fellowship. For me the conference was very special. Why?

Having walked through deep valleys and having friends and delegates pray for me during the Detroit Conference, I realized anew the power of prayer. To hear friends say, "We prayed for your recovery," was deeply meaningful.

To greet those who graduated from the North American Baptist Seminary, while my husband was president (1959-1970), and to see them in positions of leadership and responsibility was most rewarding. To see the fruits of full accreditation of the Seminary achieved through hard labor by trustees administration, faculty, staff and students was satisfying indeed. How vividly I recall the words of my husband when he came from the seminary office saying, "Today we mailed 348 pages of research to AATS, now let's pray that the long-sought accreditation may be granted." I will never forget his enthusiastic telephone call on June 11, 1968, when he said, "Honey, we have an accredited seminary."

To be a participant in the congregational singing was inspiring. What heavenly music it was as half in the Civic Center sang "Praise Ye The Lord" and the other half responded in loud acclaim, "Praise Ye The Lord." Encouraging, too, was to see the tremendous growth of the Pastors' Wives' Fellowship which was organized in the recreation room of our home in Sioux Falls during the sixties.

Furthermore, I was richly blessed by the speakers who faithfully proclaimed God's Word. Many reminded us of the opportunities and responsibilities that are ours. If we are faithful, God will meet our needs. The generous offerings and pledges indicated a desire to wipe out an accumulated deficit and to get on with the King's business. We shall overcome! That spirit is evident in Dr. Woyke's denominational history, *Heritage and Ministry of the North American Baptist Conference*.

Last, but by no means least, was to observe the enthusiasm and spirit of nearly 600 young people. What a thrill to see them move among some 4,000 people singing, "Pass It On"! Everyone was touched by a neighbor but most of all by a great and mighty God. The future looks promising indeed. □

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A Memorable W.M.F. Luncheon

by Dorothy Ganoung



Rhine Hall and Garden of the Kirkwood Motor Inn in Bismarck was filled to capacity with a record 1,500 women who attended the Triennial Conference W.M.U. Luncheon on Friday, July 13, 1979.

Each place setting rested on a lovely, quilted place mat which each lady received as a keepsake. The Dakota-Montana women sewed approximately 2,000 place mats in preparation for the Luncheon. Local arrangements for W.M.U. activities were under the direction of Mrs. Freda Reddig, Cathay, ND, and decorations under Mrs. Carolyn Heringer, Anamoose, ND.

Highlights included music by the Dakota Women's Chorus directed by Mrs. LaVerne Giedt, Ashley, ND, and a tribute to retiring missionaries Dr. Laura Reddig, Miss Ruby Salzman and Mrs. June Goodman. Each received an artistically hand-painted plate designed and painted by Mrs. Doris Fehr, Minneapolis, MN.

Business highlights were the adoption of the 1979-82 Triennial theme, "Rooted . . . Grounded . . . Growing," based on Col. 2:6-7, and approval of a \$675,000 financial goal for the same period. Of this amount, \$75,000 is a special offering in honor of the 75th birthday of the W.M.U., which will occur in 1982.

The name of the organization was officially changed to Women's Missionary Fellowship, replacing the former Woman's Missionary Union.

Officers elected for the new triennium are Mrs. Dorene Walth, Sioux Falls, SD, president; Mrs. Iona Quiring, Rogers, MN, vice president; and Mrs. Sylvia Auch, Bismarck, ND, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Daisy Hepburn, Minneapolis, MN, was the guest speaker. She is the author of "Life with Spice," material for women's groups.

Mrs. Hepburn captivated the audience as she spoke about serving the Lord with gladness, obedience, faithfulness, intelligence and honesty. She cited the examples of Joshua, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Zacchaeus and Jesus.

She shared experiences from her own family life and the contributions her parents made to her life through their exemplary Christian living, their legacy of service inspired by a close walk with God, and their daily prayer for her and her family. She stated that daily, believing prayer is the control factor in her life. She challenged each woman to intercessory prayer for her own and other children.

Mrs. Hepburn stated that "insipid Christian living is not really Christian living at all." We must choose to be labeled and take the risks of identification. We must

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become knowledgeable about the forces that will shape the future of our children and daily ask for wisdom to make right choices.

She concluded by reminding us that Jesus calls us to "do as I do"; he calls us to "basin and towel" service. We must desire the servant heart with which to serve God obediently, faithfully, intelligently and honestly. □

It Must Have Been Wrapped In Love

by Martin Pschigoda

What did I like about the 39th Triennial Conference held in Bismarck?

The theme was, "Building Relationships Through Christ." What I liked best has to deal with the theme.

It must have been the fellowship. Four thousand N.A.B.s in one place means fellowship. Seeing old and making new friends. Learning what has been happening in the lives of others.

It must have been the workshop I attended the first day, "It's Never Too Late," with Ralph and Ardice Powell. You want to talk about incentive? They convinced me.

It must have been the business sessions so capably moderated by Dr. Ken Fischer. The substitute to the amended motions and animated discussions did not keep us from doing the business necessary to carry on our God-ordained ministries.

It must have been the missionary reception. All those missionaries, with an opportunity to shake their hands and chat with them—from Dr. Laura Reddig with 41 years of service, to the Dennis Palmers, new appointees.

It must have been the men's luncheon with 600 men listening to Chaplain (Ltc) David Samf "share" (that was his word) the work of a home/foreign missionary. The chaplaincy is a part of the Church Ministries Department. Chaplain Samf told what problems face military personnel today and how he tries to meet the needs. Chaplain Samf reminded us that he serves at no cost to the Conference.

It must have been the Bible study with Ben Haden. Each day I learned more about my responsibility as a Christian in my world. He made the message clear through the Word of God, that the Christian life demands, not suggests, certain actions.

It must have been the speakers at the evening meetings, each challenging me in Building Relationships Through Christ. Mr. Lloyd Omdahl reminding me of my stewardship responsibility. Pastor Herman Effa reminding me of my vocational commitment. Or Pastor Peter Unrau re-

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Rooted, Grounded and Growing . . .

A Triennium
Of Thanksgiving!
by Iona Quiring,
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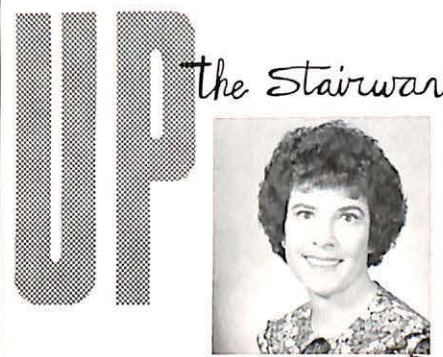
"Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness" (Col. 2:6, 7).

Since we will be celebrating our Diamond Jubilee in 1982 (75 years of W.M.F.), starting with the 1980 program packet, we will be stressing the importance of our beginnings, our roots. We will be considering the rich heritage we have received from our forefathers . . . and mothers! We are thankful for our roots!

But each of us is also responsible for establishing roots. We believe it is important (1) to deepen the spiritual roots of each individual woman; (2) to recognize the contribution our ancestral roots have made to our lives; and (3) to preserve and extend these spiritual roots to the people around us as well as to future generations.

The resources contained in the program packet can help you to accomplish these purposes. Thirteen women share the story of their personal spiritual experience. You will be encouraged and inspired. Four programs deal with the importance of being properly rooted in the faith . . . in God the Father, in the Holy Spirit, in Jesus and in the Bible. In the three pro-

grams about the roots established by our forefathers, there are lots of creative ideas for exploring and expanding the influence (past, present and future) of your family, your church and your country.



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

Some responsibilities on my stairway carry extra unique blessings. As the deadline for this article came due for me, our family was involved in the ordination of our eldest son, Carlo. I was asked to give the "charge to the candidate's wife," my precious daughter-in-"love." Would you like to listen in?

"Jean Ann, this is one of my proudest and yet most humble moments. I'm sure I speak in behalf of your own Mom and Dad, and Carlo's Dad as well, when I say how blessed I am to have children whom God has singled out and set apart for the gospel ministry.

"I am your mother-in-law and I love you very much! In spite of the fact that Carlo's father and I will miss having you two nearby, we are excited *for you and with you* over the new location and position that will be yours within a week.

"Because of your talents, your calling, and your commitment to Christ, it is important that your lives be shared with as many people as possible.

"It is a comfort to us to know that, in spite of the miles that separate us, you are always as close as the telephone and as close as Christ. For as we stay close to him and you stay close to him, we will stay close to each other. Be assured of our constant prayers for you both.

"Serving God as a pastor's wife in a church is like gardening—and I know you love to garden.

"The congregations in which you will serve are like plots of ground that will produce abundant fruit for God if properly cared for.

"I can envision you spending long hours toiling like a gardener as you

Our roots also need to reach out into the world around us, and into the next world, so there are programs on those subjects, too.

And extras! You will find ideas for

minister through music, counseling, cooking, cleaning, conversation and caring among your people.

"Remember, a gardener can only plow the soil, plant seed and weed his garden when the weather is right.

"So it is with you. You cannot cultivate spiritual soil, plant the seeds of salvation and love, nor help rid the congregational garden of negative weeds when there is unsettled weather within your life or under the parsonage roof.

"A gardener must understand his work, have specific skills and the right tools to get results.

"God has equipped you with definite skills and understanding for working with people, and your main tool is his holy Word which I know you love and enjoy studying.

"The green-thumbed gardener becomes more successful with experience. You, too, will grow in knowledge and wisdom with each new experience you encounter.

"In ministering to the aged, youth, children, babies, grandparents, moms, dads, handicapped, strong and weak, don't forget that although they may at times be gathered in groups, you must see them singly as individuals.

"Remember, too, that your husband, your children (when they come along) and you, yourself, are a part of that congregation. Take time to do spiritual gardening in your own home!

"Take time to THINK . . . it is the source of power. Take time to PLAY . . . it is the secret of perpetual youth. Take time to READ . . . it is the fountain of wisdom. Take time to PRAY . . . it is the greatest power on earth. Take time to LOVE AND BE LOVED . . . it is a God-given privilege. Take time to BE FRIENDLY . . . it is the road to happiness. Take time to LAUGH . . . it is the music of the soul. Take time to GIVE . . . it is too short a day to be selfish. Take time to WORK . . . it is the price of success. Take time to do CHARITY . . . it is the key to heaven. (Gerffert)

"Sixteen happy years of my own life have been spent as a pastor's wife. I failed God many times, but he has never failed me. The verse that helped me most through those years is the one I shall give you in closing: 'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee!' (Isa. 26:3).

"Happy gardening, Jean Ann!"

Mother's Day, a missionary birthday party, a couple of skits. There is a super thing called, "A Walk Through the Cameroon Baptist Women's Union," which you will really enjoy if you are will-

Walking Where Jesus Walked

by Maria Quiring
Minneapolis, MN

At the Allenby Bridge, where Israeli and Jordanian military installations glare at each other like wary watchdogs, we crossed over the muddy waters of the Jordan River into the Promised Land last February.

The country seemed quite peaceful, although there were a few reminders of the tension we had found at the bridge. Occasionally we were stopped briefly for inspection at surprise military checkpoints strung along the roads. And once, just minutes before we were to enter the Old City of Jerusalem to shop, a bomb, hidden in a sack of parsley, exploded in the marketplace injuring five people, one

Woman To Woman

by LaVerna
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Those who were able to attend the Triennial Conference in Bismarck, ND, have many beautiful memories of those days. We were inspired and challenged to renewed dedication in service to our Lord.

God will grant to each of us, as challenges are accepted, wisdom in reaching women for Christ as programs are planned, for our fall meetings, to meet needs of women today.

We again look forward to the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer on November 7 with the theme: *Together in Prayer*.

Let us remember the good news of another promise of God: "Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord, that walketh in his ways" (Psalm 128:1).

ing to work a little. The Christmas program is designed to help you get into the right spirit early in the holiday season. Information about our N.A.B. missions from the beginning is included in the packet. And there are hints for the presi-

seriously.

There were 120 of us, including our 15 from Faith Baptist, Minneapolis (pictured), each collecting his own memories and impressions.

Being in Israel spoke to me as pictures never had. We did not expect that much of this semi-tropical country would look as if some giant rock crusher high in the sky might have screened down sand and gravel and assorted rocks over the landscape. Vast sections of both planes and hills are dry and barren, but sandwiched in between are lush farmlands—near the Dead Sea, around Jericho, and elsewhere, too—where as many as four crops of vegetables are produced each year, and where dates, fingerling bananas, and the sweet, flavorful Israeli oranges are grown in abundance.

News media and books may "tell it like it is," but let's face it, I was unprepared for certain aspects of Mid-East culture. Judging from external appearances, life in some areas of the villages and cities could be comparable to life as we know it. But here and there, as we drove out into the countryside, we took off on a time-tunnel adventure back to B.C. Secluded in the hills and out on the desert were tribes of Bedouins, storybook people for whom "home" is a large, much-weathered tent set out in the open, where herdsmen can graze their camels, sheep and goats. In such a setting these people continue to live as they have for centuries. Unable to convert to 20th century lifestyle? Perhaps. But probably preferring their age-old, semi-primitive existence.

We sometimes found townspeople, too, clinging to primitive ways. Close to the tomb of Lazarus, on a hillside in Bethany, a young woman squatted on her "kitchen floor"—the ground outside her simple adobe house—washing a few pots and utensils. Meanwhile her two small children played nearby, oblivious to the lambs and chickens which shared their dustbowl playyard.

Life in the Morning Star Kibbutz, where we overnighed near the Sea of Galilee, was far from primitive, however. Kibbutz members live together in small family groups. Every member is obliged to use his talent and skills for the good of the community, and each has an equal claim to a share of the fruits of labor.

Comprising only about three percent of the population, the kibbutzim nationally raise more than 30 percent of the agricultural output of the country. Furthermore,

dent.

Many women contributed to the 1980 program packet with the hope and prayer that you will find it helpful. Order yours now! □

their constituency is well represented in influential positions in government—in parliament, in the defense forces, and in their federation of labor. Fiercely pro-Israel, these people are investing their lives in their country.



Group from Faith Baptist, Minneapolis, MN, where the Jordan River comes out of the Sea of Galilee.

Perhaps more money-oriented, another segment of the population invests its efforts in the tourist trade. Little shops abound. They intrigued me. A merchant, plus friends, brothers and sons, all will descend on a potential customer and thrust before him knick-knacks, toys, clothing, jewelry and what not. Almost any tourist will take up that challenge and bargain and barter with relish. Actually, it's quite exhilarating to come away with a real buy, but quite deflating, somehow, to be done out of a few cents.

Although present-day Israel and its culture captivated us, the scenes which linger to haunt me are of the North, where the lovely Sea of Galilee lies cradled among quiet green hills, and where spectacular mountains serenely survey the beautiful valley of Jezreel. In those mountains, Old and New Testament history was enacted centuries ago. As we boated across the sparkling blue Sea of Galilee, how easy it was to imagine Christ ministering to the hungry crowds as they stood at water's edge, or to envision the disciples casting their nets on the other side of the boat at Christ's command.

At another unforgettable moment, we sat, at twilight, high on the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking that same Sea. What could I say to thrill your soul as

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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, Portland, OR



Three Gospel Stories According to Peer Pressure

Jesus went to the temple to teach the people the great truths about God's love.

This group of pious church people were testing Jesus' style of ministry. Did he mean what he said? Or was it all puffery? After all, who wouldn't want a crowd of followers, they reasoned.

They rounded up this woman they knew that slept around (how they knew I wouldn't want to guess) and brought her to Jesus.

They treated her roughly and threw her

to the floor. One confident guy, chewing his gum loudly, said, "See here, Jesus, this woman is dirt. She's impure. I-M-P-U-R-E." He leans over Christ, "The book says death. Boys? What are we gonna do?"

"Stone her," they yelled.

The man saw Jesus' hesitation and pressed his point. "You hear? You hear? Stone her!"

Jesus, seeking acceptance and the crowd's support, picked up a stone.

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This man had a job watching some sheep. It was a boring job, but he was a hard worker even though the benefits weren't that great.

A bunch of the guys who punched the clock in town stopped by with plans for the evening. They invited him.

"Just put the sheep in the fold. Nobody will ever notice your absence for an hour or two."

So he counted them up as he herded them in. "One short . . . hmmm . . . where could he be?"

The guys revved the engine of the red convertible, "Come on. We got plans."

He looked at the sheep, over to the car, back to the sheep . . .

The horn blasted twice.

He swung his jacket determinedly over his shoulder and headed for the car.

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"Hey, Jesus, whatcha doing up there? You talk big—now show us your stuff! You come down, and then we'll believe you. Ha ha. Son of God sure had a short reign!"

Jesus sighed, pulled out the nails, and climbed down.

MORAL: Ask yourself, who are these friends? What effect will my decision have tomorrow? Where does Christ come in?

original diagnosis; Becky, seven, is confined (most of the time) to a wheelchair.

The most common reaction to our children? Stares! I don't mean furtive glances. I mean having 20 pairs of eyes glued to the child in a wheelchair. Children need to be taught not to stare. It's so much easier for Becky to deal with questions than to be watched unblinkingly.

People—even professionals—often act as though a handicapped child is retarded. When Becky fell and cut her chin, the emergency room doctor glanced at Becky's wheelchair and asked me, "Can she understand what I am saying?" With tears in her eyes and blood on her chin, Becky piped up: "I understand. It's my chin that hurts and my legs that don't work."

Assume that every child is of normal intelligence. If the child is retarded, he won't be insulted. But try to imagine the damage to a bright child's self-image when people automatically assume him

What Do You Say to a Child in a Wheelchair?

by Bonnie G. Wheeler

Do you look away? Do you stare? Or do you do nothing for fear of offending?

Our eldest daughter, Julie, was born with cerebral palsy and has spent 12 of her 14 years in leg braces. Our third child had a minor orthopedic problem and wore braces for two years. We adopted two other children with cerebral palsy. Benji, now three, shows no signs of his

retarded.

Another problem is other children. Julie came home asking, "What's a cripple? Some boy asked me if that's what I am. I told him I didn't know. What's a cripple, Mommy?"

Parents need to educate their children. Tell them about wheelchairs, explain the functions of hearing aids, crutches and braces. If children have questions (and they will), let them ask. When in public, though, answer their questions briefly, then explain in more detail at home.

Becky has several sensitive friends at church who seek her out rather than wait for her to maneuver her chair to them. They always say "Hi." And if they have

time to talk, they bend down to Becky's level. Most important, they love her.

Handicapped children have trouble getting out to play with others. Many children, like Becky, are denied the common joys of birthday and slumber parties. Becky has been invited to several parties for her more active friends. They don't change the party plans, but as long as Becky can play a few games, she doesn't mind.

"I want to help the kids worse than me!" Julie said when she asked us to sign her pledge card for the March of Dimes 20-mile walkathon.

The last mile was uphill. Julie's legs were ready to quit, but she wasn't. Her

girlfriends slowed their pace to match hers. Finally, two girls pushed from the rear and two girls pulled from the front. Julie made the 20 miles. She could hardly walk for the next week, but the boost to her pride and self-worth was worth the discomfort.

One of the most important ways to help a "special" child is also the easiest. It requires no special training and it works wonders. Smile! These kids get so many glares and stares. A simple smile helps.

When people ask, "What's wrong with you?" our daughters answer, "My legs don't work." To Julie and Becky that is all that is wrong. They want to be treated with love and dignity like any other child.

Why Didn't I?

by Roberta Strotkamp

Why didn't I say, "Hey, you're nice!" when Joan was so sweet to that little kid? I felt like it, But I didn't.

Why didn't I wash the car for Dad after he'd let me use it Saturday night? I meant to, before something came up, But I didn't.

Why didn't I compliment Miss Green when she wore that new outfit? I thought about it, But I didn't.

Why didn't I go with the kids to the nursing home when they went last week? I had planned on it, But I didn't.

Why didn't I tell Joe what a great play he made? He was apart, and quiet, but I was with the girls. And I didn't.

Why didn't I plant that rose for Mom? I knew she'd be pleased. I thought about it as I watched TV. But I didn't.

Why don't I do these things? Is my life to be one large regret made up of tiny, fleeting regrets?

Or can I learn to ignore the slight nag of embarrassment, or inconvenience, And do it?

Together

Recently I was talking to my Lord. I said, "Isn't it wonderful that you and I are walking the pathway of life together? In looking back I can see your footprints and mine side by side. But Lord, there are some rough, stony places on our pathway

of life when I see only one set of footprints. The Lord said, "Those are mine, I was carrying you." "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee" (Psalm 55:22). (Shared by Chaplain Fred A. David, Veterans Administration Hospital, Portland, OR)

Beatitudes For Friends of Exceptional Children

Blessed are you who take time to listen to difficult speech, for you help us to be understood if we persevere.

Blessed are you who walk with us in public and ignore the stares of strangers, for in your companionship we find havens of relaxation.

Blessed are you who never bid us to hurry, and more blessed, you who do not snatch tasks from our hands, for often we need time rather than help.

Blessed are you who encourage us to enter new ventures, for we will surprise ourselves and you.

Blessed are you who ask for our help, for our greatest need is to be needed.

Blessed are you who show the graciousness of Christ, for often we need the help we cannot ask for.

Blessed are you who see us as individuals and who encourage our God-given self which no infirmity can confine.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, and know that you reassure us, for you deal with us as Christ dealt with all his children.

—Author Unknown

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LOST AND FOUND

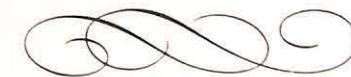
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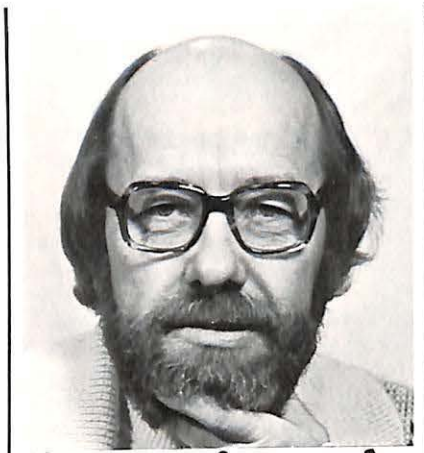
On Thursday night many of us enjoyed the Benny Hester concert along with Super Huddle '79. It was a time of commitment for us. It also showed us that we need to reach out to others with God's love. Many of us did just that, too, as a time of visitation was planned for Friday afternoon. Many single adults commented how it touched their hearts, as they went from room to room in two of our nursing homes in Bismarck and were able to share with the older folks that God loves and cares for them.

With the seminars and speakers being so terrific, and with us hardly believing we could take much more, we were constantly reminded throughout the week that we as singles truly were unique. We were not forgotten by God. We are very special people, and as we begin to realize this and accept ourselves for what we are, then it is no secret that our lives are a gift from God.

After all this spiritual food, we needed a time to relax. Saturday afternoon was provided for either a tour of the surrounding sights or recreation. This was followed by an outdoor beef pit bar-b-q. It turned out beautifully and the weather cooperated.

So, what else can I say? Friendships made, some renewed; was it worth it? You bet! As long as we make Christ No. 1 in our lives from day to day, the adventures we experienced this week will not just be a spiritual high for a month or so, but for years to come. See you in Niagara Falls in 1982! □





putting it together

by Ernie Zimbelman

Recently I wrote how the dynamics of modern life train us to become shallow. I believe, if we are not already shallow, we will become so unless we take very specific steps to counteract the experience of

living in the modern world.

I stated that there are some individuals who avoid the pressures of the present life by withdrawing. I feel there are three specific reasons why this is not an appropriate response to our life:

1) God created us for purposes of fellowship. We are commanded to love people. It is impossible to love people if we do not have contact with them.

2) The example of Jesus was one of involvement socially, personally, physically and in a religious way.

3) Withdrawing as a technique for preserving myself is as shallow and superficial a way as I could possibly choose.

Therefore, I recommend that you stay "in the world" actively involved, but at the same time "keep yourself unstained from the world" (James 1:27). Is this possible? In the process of answering this question more fully, I will discuss two areas that draw us into the world.

Today we live in what is, sometimes lovingly and sometimes hatefully, called "the technological world." Modern technology has given man a wonderful way of life. But at the same time it has become our master. In spite of unions, high wages and shorter hours, we must spend more and more of our time earning money to support all of the things available to give us the good life. As a result we have less time for personal meditation

and church activities. We have less time for family or friends—especially in times and places where there is no interference from the products of technology.

Another area that draws us away from family, friends and God is the modern means of communication. This involves books, magazines, stereo, TV, or radio. Even if we read only Christian books and magazines, listen only to Christian records and programs—these are external influences and are exceedingly shallow compared to personal interaction with God, family members, friends, or neighbors.

Take a stopwatch and time yourself to see how much time you actually spend in deep relationships with others. It can easily be that being tuned to a Christian radio station all day, or playing gospel music all day, is an excellent way to "be stained by the world." □

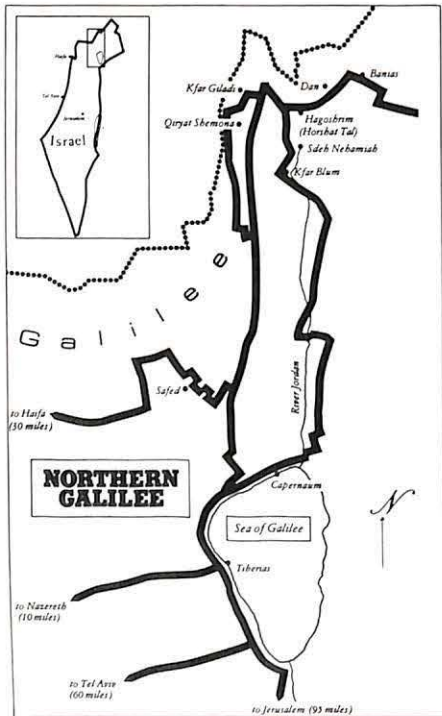
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mine was thrilled when we celebrated communion in the fading pinks and lavender of a setting sun?

In the next few days we saw other sights and scenes in the Holy Land, made important by Scripture. Places like Old Jerusalem with her high walls and famous gates, her temple ruins, her painful memories etched in stone; the room of the Last Supper; the Pavement where Jesus mutely stood trial before Pilate, where he was cruelly flogged and spat upon by mocking Roman soldiers. We stood at Calvary, the place of the skull, where the Lord of heaven and earth suffered death under the crushing sins of the world. But, praise God, we could also step inside a tomb left empty because Christ had the power of life in himself, and standing there, could revel in the assurance of eternal life for ourselves, because *his promises are sure!*

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip, and though many of the sites we visited have been perpetuated as shrines by tradition, and so may not be authentic, yet we were able to capture the spirit of the Scriptures. These places have acquired special meaning for me, and as I now read about them, I am there! □



SINGLE BUT NOT LONGELY (Continued from page 10)

portant it is in a relationship. The one thing I learned is that if I want to relate genuinely, I have to be open with the person I'm trying to communicate with, whether it be a new acquaintance, an old friend and yes, especially God. I also have to learn to listen very carefully to what they say to me.

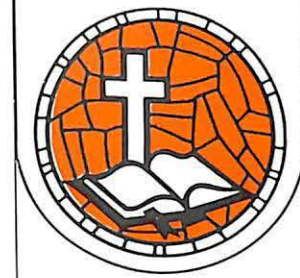
After the Ice Cream Social on Saturday evening, the singles got together for a sharing and singspiration time. It felt good to know that many of the other singles enjoyed the week too.

Some of the other activities we participated in were visitation at the Baptist Home and a hospital, a pizza buffet, a tour of Bismarck, an afternoon of volleyball, frisbee or croquet and a pit beef bar-b-q.

I'm very glad I was able to go to the conference. It was great to be a delegate and part of the decision-making body. I enjoyed the Bible study time in the morning, the reports and special music in the afternoon and the services in the evening. It was a week I'll never forget. □



PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING



Alternative Giving

by Lucy Rathburn Berry

I share the following in a spirit of humility yet real joy to suggest an alternative possibility for your consideration in stewardship of that which God has given to you.

"Stewardship" evokes many varied responses. It's often a sensitive area. That stewardship is a matter between one's own conscience and God is very true. But the word itself speaks of availability and openness to God's leading. When we consider availability, we're automatically confronted with not only the potentiality but the actuality of stewardship taking its rightful place in our lives. How then, can we be available?

Sooner or later we're faced with the necessity of setting things in order. What should we do with our material possessions? Stocks, bonds, trusts, annuities—much has been written about these. What about real property?

After God called my husband to his heavenly home, it was my privilege to bring a long-sought dream of ours to fruition. Rather than waiting until I'll meet Christ face-to-face, I gave our new mobile home back to God *now*. I gave it, completely furnished, to my church to be used to fulfill that dream of ours. I have the use of my home for as long as I want or need to use it. I also maintain the home in every way. God's accomplishments and resultant blessings in my life are indescribable!

For years, as lay persons, students, and as a pastor and family, we were blessed far above that which we had given by sharing fellowship and hospitality with

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God's servants in varied situations. Some were missionaries home on furlough or preparing to return to the field, as our representative for Christ. Others were retired pastors seeking a permanent home for their retirement years. Again others were evangelists and guest speakers sharing Christ with members of our churches. From these experiences grew a deep desire to "someday" be able to provide a haven for those weary travelers; a home where they could kick off their shoes, put up their feet and just catch up with themselves. Perhaps some would feel a real need for a quiet place to draw apart from the busyness of the world around them and just talk with God and listen for his leading.

The experiences which have been mine these past two years have not been just a one-time blessing. Echoes of the original joy I felt have increased and returned to me, much as a rock, dropped into a pond, causes the still water to ripple and swell, returning blessings one upon the other. New opportunities of ministry have re-sulted as well.

It's been a special joy to me to care for that which belongs to God in every way, while I'm still able to do so. He's given me a new sense of love and thankfulness! He's opened my eyes and washed them with tears, so that I could see unmet needs in front of me all the time. He unplugged my ears, allowing me to hear, as never before, the longing and desires shared in brief conversations with friends. He showed me the area of priority, in that as I became more sensitive to the pain endured by my brothers and sisters in Christ, I can encourage them to realize that he will never leave me nor them alone because he never forsakes us. Isn't that a beautiful promise?

When making arrangements for transfer of title, insurance and other legalities, I recall the feeling of amusement I felt, as the world's minds were boggled! Most often heard was, "It's so unusual!" That statement alone made me feel at the same time very sad. The world says, you can't separate a man from his pocketbook. God says, your heart and your treasure are chained together if you get the priority wrong. He isn't saying not to plan ahead, but rather to keep the future in its right perspective. With our priorities in line with God's teaching, our availability to him would really rattle the cages of the minds of the world. The "unusual" would soon become a customary occurrence. Let's rattle their cages a little harder!

This alternative method of giving has worked for me. God has provided over and above what I could have expected. He has said, "Put me to the test—I will open the windows of heaven and pour out on you in abundance." That he does! In

every way! In unsuspecting ways!—from a heart of love! □

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N.A.B. Outreach in Pennsylvania

by Larry Cavin



Remodelling of the deteriorating steeple.

Cranberry Township, PA, is located 25 miles north of Pittsburgh in the fastest growth area of the state. It is now a rural-suburban area of about 12,000 people, more than double the population of 1970 and projected to quadruple before the turn of the century.

Fellowship Baptist Church of Cranberry Township was a struggling independent work in a rural route of Evans City, PA, when in December of 1977 they became evident that identity with others of like faith and common goals would be essential to ensure both the survival of the work and the fulfillment of the Great Commission. The Holy Spirit carefully guided in the next year and brought this ministry into league with the North American Baptist Conference.

"Fundamental in the Faith—At Liberty in the Lord" is the church motto. Since that first Sunday in December 1977, it has been our joy-filled liberty to grow from 19 to 62 members, witnessing more than 40 professions of faith in Christ.

"We preach Christ crucified . . . Christ the power of God,

The Rev. Larry Cavin is pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church of Cranberry Township, PA.



Fellowship Baptist Church of Cranberry Township.



The congregation at worship.



A good song leader makes everybody sing better. At left, Pastor Larry Cavin.

and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:23-24). And, indeed, Christ's gospel is powerful and his leadership wise. In recent evangelistic meetings, "Vicki", for 35 years prayed for by a family in the church, was wondrously saved. She left her back pew, almost running forward, before the first word of the invitation hymn could be sung. Now, although distance keeps her from us, her son and his family are attending services at FBC.

Another, a man in his mid-forties, for nearly a year did everything to avoid the pastor. After a year of "sowing and watering," God gave the increase and this man and his wife received Christ as Savior.

Construction workers, housewives, children, educators, salesmen and prison guards have come to know the living Christ and found the depth of his resources above measure for their needs.

The needs of FBC are substantial. The old church building, in which we meet, is deteriorating faster than we can pay the mortgage. The future growth of the township tells us that our current site will rapidly be outgrown. New land and facilities will soon be needed. Your faithfulness in prayer and stewardship will be greatly appreciated. Thinking of the promise in Phil. 4:19, we are confident: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." □

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Buck of Jamestown, ND, were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary by their children and friends in Temple Baptist Church on May 7, 1979.



Their six children were all present and made preparations for a beautiful program. The eldest son, Melvin, was in charge. The pastor, the Rev. G. Robinson, spoke briefly. Philip Dockter, a deacon, also had a part in it. Three ladies sang two songs. Lunch was served. The Bucks are charter members of the church.

On May 28, 1979, McDermot Avenue Baptist Church honored Mr. and Mrs. John Rogalski on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. They had been our members since 1929, retiring to Kelowna, BC, in October 1973. Mr. Rogalski served as lay preacher, Sunday school teacher and young peoples worker, and was a deacon for 44 years. The program was



chaired by Mr. Ed Streuber, a long time friend. Mr. George Foerster, honorary deacon, presented a book that he had compiled of pictures and letters sent in by many former pastors and friends. The Rogalskis have four children. A highlight of the evening was the presence of their son, Pastor Ernie Rogalski from Lodi, CA. Mrs. Paul Dykstra of the God's Volunteers is a granddaughter.

The Rev. and Mrs. Walter C. Damrau, Stevensville, MI, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 4. Three celebrations were held. On Aug. 4, a family dinner was hosted by Mrs. Gertrude Czolbe of Singen, West Germany, sister of Rev. Damrau.

An open house reception was held Aug. 5 at Lakeshore Baptist Church, hosted by the Rev. R. I. Thompson.



The Damraus were also honored on Aug. 12 at a dinner and program at Oakridge Baptist Church, St. Joseph, MI. Host was the Rev. Oscar Fritzke.

The couple has two sons, Wilbert W. Damrau of Tacoma, WA, and Paul D. Damrau of Rochester, NY, and six grandchildren.

Rev. Damrau is a retired pastor and is currently serving as minister of outreach at Oakridge Baptist Church. He formerly served as interim pastor at Lakeshore Baptist Church and North Lincoln Baptist Church. Mrs. Damrau is a retired teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roesler, Plevna, MT, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 29, 1979, at an open house at the First Baptist Church. Their daughter held a social hour with a program and refreshments in their honor.

On Saturday evening, May 12, 1979, at the Latta Road Baptist Church, Ruth DeBoer and Alfred Kanwischer hosted a Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration for their parents, Oswald and Olga Kanwischer. The program included the reading of Mr. Kanwischer's autobiography, which describes his life as a refugee in Southern Russia during World War I, immigration to the United States in the early 1920s and the successful courtship by mail of Miss Olga Zuch, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs.



Karl Zuch of Poland. They were married in Poland on May 16, 1929. Mr. and Mrs. Kanwischer have been active members of the Andrews Street Baptist Church (now Latta Road Baptist Church). Many ministers of North American Baptist Conference churches, who studied at the Seminary in Rochester, NY, will remember Mr. and Mrs. Kanwischer fondly for the Sunday dinners in their home, and for the en-

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joyable hours they spent singing in Mrs. Kanwischer's choir. Mr. Kanwischer has served for many years as trustee, deacon and other church offices. He is presently deacon emeritus. Mrs. Kanwischer served as director of the choir for thirty years. She is deaconess and president of the Senior Citizens Group.

On Sunday July 8, 1979, Pastor Braun and the congregation of Sunkist Baptist Church honored Mr. and Mrs. R. Joe Quast on their 65th wedding anniversary. A reception was hosted by their daughter and husband and their son and wife. They were married in the 15th Street Baptist Church in Los Angeles, CA. The Quasts



were formerly very active members of the Bethel Baptist Church in Anaheim. They have continued an active church life as charter members of the Sunkist Baptist Church. Their lives have been a real inspiration to those around them, and their congregation extends many prayers and good wishes in the years ahead. (Jo Kwast, reporter.)

SHATTUCK, OK. On April 29 the Ebenezer Baptist Church celebrated its 75th anniversary. It was a beautiful day and friends gathered from far and near for this service of praise. The speakers for the morning service were the Rev. Oliver Ringering and the Rev. LeRoy Schauer, both former pastors of the church.

A delicious meal was served at noon. In the afternoon a musical program and a message by the area secretary, the Rev. Milton Zeeb, was presented. We praise the Lord for all the blessings that he has showered upon the church these many years.

The Lord has blessed our people with an abundant harvest. May it be used to further his kingdom. Edwin C. Ollenburger is the pastor of the church. (Esther Ollenburger, reporter.)

LEOLA, SD. The First Baptist Church recently experienced two special occasions for which we have reason to praise our heavenly Father. On Palm Sunday three candidates followed the Lord in bap-

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tism (pictured, Pastor Friez on the left). We are thankful for being able to reach



new families with the gospel and thereby involve them in the work of the church.

On July 3 we witnessed a mortgage burning for the church and parsonage. N.A.B. churches from Herreid, Ventura, Eureka, Ashley and Aberdeen gave congratulations and several of these had special music. Congratulations were also sent and read from former pastors, Arthur Fischer and Edward Oster. Our area secretary, Ron Mayforth, was the guest speaker. We continue to give God the glory for great things he has done and endeavor to serve him even more faithfully in the days and years to come. (Arnold M. Friez, pastor.)

GLEN ELLYN, IL. Village Green Baptist Church held the ordination service for Michael F. Pennington on Sunday, Aug. 5, at 2:30 p.m., followed by an informal time of refreshments.

The ordination service took place at the recommendation of the Village Green Baptist Church and an examination council which met at the church on Monday, June 25. The examination council consisted of sister churches in the North American Baptist Conference in the Illinois and Michigan Associations.

The Rev. Pennington is the pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Naperville which is sponsored by the North American Baptist Conference and the Village Green Baptist Church. He is a 1973 graduate of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI, and a 1978 graduate of the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI, where he received his Master of Divinity degree. Fellowship Baptist Church meets at the Maplebrook Elementary School, Bailey Road at Warbler Drive every Sunday morning. (Mrs. Rolf Grupp, reporter.)

LOYAL, OK. On June 17, 1979, members of the Immanuel Baptist Church witnessed the baptism of three persons. The Rev. Tony Arends, for the first time as pastor, entered the waters of baptism to baptize his two children, Molly and Murrey Arends, and Randy Welch. On June 24 Ladena Welch and Jannet Dobrinski were welcomed into our fellowship as new members. (Mrs. N. Vilhauer, reporter.)

GOOD SPIRIT LAKE CAMP, SK. The Women's Missionary Union of the Saskatchewan Baptist Association gathered on

June 22 for its annual meeting. There were 113 ladies in attendance, and Nobuko Clausen of Japan was our guest speaker, relating some of the adjustments she has had to make living in a different country, as well as telling us of their experiences and work in their field. Following the program and business meeting, everyone shared in a buffet supper. Mrs. Isabel Hofman, Regina, is the president. (Mrs. Isabelle Nornberg, reporter.)

SPRINGSIDE, SK. We praise the Lord for a blessed and fruitful year. Our church has had a very active year thus far. In the winter months the Sutura Twins Crusade held in Yorkton was well attended from our area, and many were encouraged to examine themselves and have learned to grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. All organizations of the church are very active in their departments. We have



had the privilege of hosting a number of musical groups as well as visiting pastors. On Mother's Day, a child dedication service was held with five children dedicated. In June we had the joy of witnessing six young people following the Lord in baptism, followed by the Lord's Supper. William Keith is pastor of the church. (Julia Yanke, reporter.)

GRAND FORKS, ND. On July 6, Pastor and Mrs. Penner had an open house at the parsonage in honor of their daughter, Diane, who returned home from Japan, where she has served as a missionary for two years. The open house was well attended and Pastor and Mrs. Penner were a very gracious host and hostess.

On July 8, the church had its annual Sunday school picnic at Turtle River State Park, Arvilla, ND. The picnic was well attended. A vesper service was held with missionary Jarvis Schlafmann speaking. He also gave the message during the morning service, telling of their work in Cameroon. His wife and two children were also with us. (Mrs. Bonita J. Shambaugh, reporter.)

PLEVNA, MT. The Plevna Baptist Youth Fellowship presented its annual Request Program for the afternoon service on March 18. Many beautiful musical selections were presented by various members of the church.

Jackie Kramer, Mrs. Dorothy Bleecker, pastor Henry Ramus, and Dr. Gordon Harris were all with us to teach in a Church Ministries Workshop on March 25.

The annual B.Y.F. pancake supper was

held on Good Friday. An Easter program entitled "Easter Joy" was presented by our Mission Circle and Men's Fellowship.

We held our Vacation Bible School June 4-8; the theme this year was "Jesus, I'm His and He's Mine."



June 3, Pastor Donald Ganstrom and the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Zepik were with us to present the challenge of Church Extension as experienced by the Century Baptist Church in Bismarck, ND. Slides were shown about the Church Extension Investor's Fund.

A group of nine (pictured) were welcomed into the membership of the church on June 3. Eight of the group were baptized in the morning service. The Rev. Richard Lawrenz is our pastor. (Mrs. Paula Fuchs, reporter.)

ANAHEIM, CA. On Wednesday, July 4, the Sunkist Baptist Church held its usual mid-week prayer service. However, the staff decided, in keeping with the holiday, to hold a family fellowship and celebration. In the time allotted to Bible study, Pastor Braun called attention and stressed the many Bible references to "Liberty and Freedom." He discussed the true meaning of these words and the fact that unless one is a true believer of the Lord Jesus Christ, he is a slave to his sin. As a true believer he is liberated and becomes a free man. We had the usual time for prayer. Aside from remembering our personal needs and as a church, we prayed for our country and leaders. The remainder of the evening was given to family fellowship and fun. A special treat of homemade ice cream and cookies was enjoyed by all. Each family brought their fireworks, and under the fine supervision of Pastor Fred Martin, a very safe and colorful show was shared.

We thought perhaps other churches may be interested in our ideas and plans for fellowship. (Jo Kwast, reporter.)

CAMROSE, AB. Wonderful things are happening at Century Meadows Baptist Church. During May, we had a reception for our new pastor, Larry Froese and his family. A gift box of pantry items was presented to them after a short program of welcome and challenge. Our Sunday school had an open house for the community and this was an opportunity for the parents of the children to be in the classroom and see our Sunday school in action. The first baptismal service in our new church occurred on May 27, at which time three people (pictured) followed the Lord through baptism. The witness of this



service was so great that within a month another baptism was held, and on June 17, five more people (pictured) were baptized on the profession of their faith. The candidates are pictured with Pastor Larry Froese on the right. (Winona Roth, reporter.)

CHILLIWACK, BC. On Sunday July 1, the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church held an installation service for our new pastor, the Rev. Len Strelau. The Rev. Robert Jaster, our interim pastor for the past eight months, presided over the service. Church representatives and representatives of Vancouver and area churches brought greetings and welcomed Pastor Len and his family. Welcoming Pastor Len on behalf of the BC Association was the Rev. Erwin Strauss. The Rev. Jaster read the Scripture, 1 Thess. 5:12-24. The opening prayer was given by the Rev. Waltereit of Vancouver. The Rev. Strauss gave the message, "Expectations Regarding the Pastor and the Church." Some key points stressed were that a pastor should take heed unto himself and his soul, he should care for his emotions and body, he should feed the flock and be a man of prayer for the people. Choir and special music numbers were presented. After the service a time of fellowship with refreshments was held. (Monika Schulz, reporter.)

MEDINA, ND. It was a time of joy, praise and thanksgiving when the Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp observed its 25th anniversary in June with the theme "25 Years—A Giant Step." The first evening was a time of sharing, giving praise and reminiscing by many area pastors and lay persons, who were instrumental in its beginning. Those coming from a distance were: the Rev. and Mrs. Ed Oster, Sioux Falls, SD, chairman of the first and original camp committee; the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lang, Avon, SD, and the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Vetter of Lorraine, KS.

During the 25 years, six couples have

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the summer of 1978 ten different camps were held, ministering to 2,300 campers and staff. (Mrs. Orrin Enockson, Ann. Com. Secretary.)

JAMESBURG, NJ. In August, the Rev. Karl E. Bieber was honored by the First Baptist Church on the occasion of his tenth year as pastor here. The entire celebration, a surprise to the Bieber family, was planned while they were away on vacation.

During part of the program members spoke over a roving microphone, carried by a deacon, and told how they appreciated all the Rev. Bieber had done for them personally, spiritually and as a church. The entire family consisting of his wife, Frances, sons Timothy and Mark, and daughters Carleen, Cathleen and Joanna, were included in these words of love and praise that were taped for them. Several members paid tribute in song and instrumentally. This part of the program came to a close with the presentation of a beautiful grandfather clock to the Biebers.

A catered meal was then served, and fellowship was enjoyed. A large cake, made by a church member and appropriately decorated and inscribed, topped off the meal. An enormous anniversary card was presented to the pastor complete with verse, also made by members.

Rev. Bieber ended the celebration with expressions of appreciation and love for the congregation and spoke of our continued work together for the Lord in the future. The Rev. Karl Bieber began his pastorate in the First Baptist Church in 1969 in our former place of worship. He now leads us in our new edifice where we moved in 1976.

Dr. Lee McDonald, associate professor of New Testament at N.A.B. Seminary, was our speaker at a morning worship service in August. His topic was, "The Marks of a Successful Christian." (Marguerite Lee, reporter.)

STAFFORD, KS. The Calvary Baptist Church celebrated its 70th anniversary on July 21 and 22. Many former members and friends returned for the occasion (pictured).



The annual picnic on Saturday was a festive occasion, with the recognition of three charter members as "Queens of the Day." Devotions, group singing and read-



served the camp as caretakers/managers and all were represented. Pictured are back row: the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Borchardt, Phil and Louise Dockter, Mrs. Bessie Davis; front row: the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Arends, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Derman, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Spicer are not pictured. Mrs. Phil Dockter served the longest period of time, eleven years. The Rev. and Mrs. Jim Arends are serving well at the present as manager/director.



Dr. Laura Reddig, originally from the camp area, told in her unique presentation of her experiences at this camp as she shared and reminisced (pictured). The chairman of the Anniversary Committee, Art Bender, Wishek, ND, was the MC.



Two highlights of the event were the Anniversary Tea on the camp lawn on Friday afternoon with a cake in the shape of a chapel. In the evening the climax was the Anniversary Banquet with 175 in attendance. The banquet was held in the camp dining room (pictured) with beautifully decorated tables and a delicious meal. The Rev. Clarence Walth, Sioux Falls, brought an inspiring message.

The motto of the camp is "Camping with a Christian Purpose," winning souls to Christ and ministering to their needs. The 25th year of the camp is more than an opportunity to look back, it also challenges the camp to continue to look forward. The first camping season was in 1955 with three camps for youth and children, each running one week. During

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ing of greetings were followed with softball games, races, contests and fun for all.

Anniversary services were held on Sunday, when three sons of the church spoke: the Rev. Leon Bill, the Rev. Kenneth Howe and the Rev. Bernard Thole. Former pastors in attendance were the Rev. Alfred Weisser and the Rev. Fred Klein. The Rev. Elton O. Kirstein is the pastor of the church. (Ruth Hildebrand, reporter.)

BISMARCK, ND. Moderator Floyd Roehl called the sessions of the Central Dakota-Montana Association to order on July 9, 1979, at the Bismarck Baptist Church. The Association was hosted by the Century Baptist Church, our flourishing extension church in Bismarck. Our sessions were brief, because it was held just prior to the Triennial Conference; nevertheless we felt the Holy Spirit leading in the business matters and fellowship was a blessing.

The program theme was, "Building Relationships in the Body of Christ." The Rev. Lester Buening brought devotional thoughts from Phil. 2:1-10, challenging us to build relationships by investing our lives by loving one another. This theme was further developed in an inspiring message by guest speaker, Dr. J. Gordon Harris, professor of Old Testament, North America Baptist Seminary.

The Rev. Ron Mayforth, area secretary, welcomed four new pastors and their wives into the Association.

The budget approved for the coming year is \$21,200. The next Association meetings will be at Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, SD, June 19-22, 1980. The moderator for the coming year is Art Bender. (Mary Lou Brenner, reporter.)

MILWAUKEE, WI. The congregation of Temple Baptist Church, under the direction of Pastor Elwyn Zimmerman, produced a three-act play entitled, "The Sword and the Scroll." The play was presented to an enthusiastic audience at Temple and on another Sunday to Center Baptist Church, Milwaukee. After costs were covered, the rest of the offerings was sent to the N.A.B. Office for missions. Repeat performances in the fall are being considered.



The drama was set in Rome, in 67 AD, when Emperor Nero was martyring many Christians. The play featured Onesimus, the runaway slave mentioned in Paul's let-

ter to Philemon, and a young Roman centurion who came to faith in Christ. Viewing the play helped us to understand the price that was paid by our spiritual forefathers and encouraged a deeper faith today.

The picture is a scene in Act I, showing three Roman soldiers, who guarded the Christian prisoners. (Ingrid Kalister, reporter.)

ST. JOSEPH, MI. Sunday, June 24, 1979, was designated as "Reminiscent Sunday" at First Baptist Church. The activities and programs were innovated by church choir director, Mrs. Kenneth Behr and a special committee. Sunday school classes and many individuals joined to help make this day the success it was.

The special programming began at 4:00 p.m. with an "old fashioned picnic dinner" on the church parking lot. Neighbors surrounding the church property and friends were personally invited to attend the dinner and all other activities of the day. All were encouraged to wear clothing of an earlier era and awards were presented for the most authentic early costumes as well as for unique old-fashioned picnic foods. Our pastor, the Rev. Charles Littman, took an award. His attire included a "morning coat" worn for many years by a former pastor of the church, the Rev. L. H. Broeker, as he preached in the morning worship services.

At 6:00 p.m. the choir presented "the old fashioned meeting," using old and favorite songs and hymns. Slides and narration were also used to present hymn stories and show composers. Also, excerpts of early choir minutes of interest were shared with the worshiping congregation.

At 8:00 p.m. an ice cream social, featuring homemade ice cream was held in Fellowship Hall. The programming continued with Christian music in a lighter vein and group singing. Here also, a display of early pictures and items of church interest was set up and available for all to view.

The entire day was a tremendous success. Fellowship was wonderful as members worked together for the dinner, the program and the ice cream social. The Christian heritage our church has been blessed with for the past 119 years was the focal point of the day, and God genuinely blessed us on "Reminiscent Sunday." (Vera Zwar, church secretary.)

KELOWNA, BC. Last March Lakeview Heights Baptist Church had a great day of rejoicing when 19 new members were added, and now June 24, we had a similar occasion for praise when 12 were baptized, six received by testimony and two by transfer (pictured). Among the baptized were a young couple, visiting friends here from Australia and only saved a few weeks, now going back to bear their testimony in their homeland.

We are experiencing a problem that most churches would appreciate—rapid growing pains! Built to seat 350 and often filled and only dedicated December 1978, we are outgrowing our church. So, with the hard-working leadership of the Rev. Ed

Hohn and a willing crew, there is thought of annexing some neighboring property for expansion. A number have indicated a desire for baptism and membership since that time. After a time of instruction in the Word of God, we expect to have some great news to report in the near future.



We can only say with King David, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his Holiness." Lakeview Heights is growing to the extent of a small city, and a mini-mountain is right back of our church building! (O. Zimmerman, reporter.)

GLADWIN, MI. The Round Lake Baptist Church celebrated its 75th anniversary June 30—July 4, 1979. The church officially organized in 1904. The Rev. Mr. Mehlman was the organizer. For two years, services were held in a schoolhouse. However, in 1906 at the present site, a sanctuary was erected. In 1927 the first building was rebuilt. On June 22, 1958, dedication of a new cement block section, kitchen and basement, was observed. After a fire destroyed our sanctuary, a beautiful new one was built and used for the first time on Dec. 20, 1970. Much remodeling work has also been done to the rest of the building.

We were happy to have had pastors who so richly brought forth the message of God's love and for the many who accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour. We were served during the 75 years by the following pastors: The Reverends Mehlman, Rabel, Lindenau, A. G. Lang, F. H. Hahn, H. G. Braun, P. F. Schilling, F. Guenther, Gassner, Thomas Stoeri, Victor Prendinger, Albert Fadenrecht, Ernest Lautt, Leon Franck, Norman Berkan and our present pastor, the Rev. Winston Decker.

Our celebration began on Saturday evening with a family potluck dinner and a message by our special guest speaker, Dr. David Draewell, president, N.A.B. Seminary. On Sunday, the Rev. Willis Potratz, N.A.B. Great Lakes Area secretary, spoke to the Adult Sunday school classes. Dr. Draewell again spoke in the morning and evening services. Special music was provided by the adult and youth choirs. The congregation recalled many blessings and humorous happenings of the past.

Monday brought an old fashioned ice cream social and a fitting message by the Rev. Robert Savage, plus the first 25 years reflections. Tuesday was German Night. Songs were sung in German by an older group of members, reflecting the heritage of our church. Mr. Bill Raese read the present roll in German to which the congrega-

tion responded, followed by the second 25 years reflections. The Rev. Savage spoke from God's Word.

Wednesday was Homecoming Day with games, contests and prizes in the afternoon, followed by a chicken barbecue dinner. After appetites were satisfied, we all gathered in the sanctuary for the closing praise service. Mrs. Elsa Ehlen gave the first 50 years of church history. A male chorus offered special music followed by the third 25 years reflections and testimonies. The festivities concluded with a challenging message, "Facets of the Future," by the Rev. Robert Savage. He challenged us to a commitment to the future. Our prayer is for greater things to come as we begin our next 75 years. (Mrs. Jean Kleiss, reporter.)

ASHLEY, ND. A community farewell was hosted by the Ashley Baptist Church for the Dr. Dennis Palmer family (pictured).



The Rev. Ron Mayforth, area secretary, Bismarck, ND, was the guest speaker. Musical selections were performed by the men's chorus, and lunch was served in the church parlors.

The Palmers left in September as short-term missionaries to Cameroon, Africa.



The Rev. Allan Gerber, on behalf of the Ashley Baptist Church, welcomed nine new members into our fellowship by baptism and testimony (pictured). The Lord is continuing to bless Rev. Gerber's ministry in our midst. (Suzan Luebeck, reporter.)

ANAHEIM, CA. The Sunkist Baptist Church is pleased to give a happy report on its retirees group activities, as we bring the plans to a close until the fall of 1979. The interest and response has been very good throughout the 1978-1979 season. Very often the bus was filled to overflowing. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jungkeit deserve

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much thanks for their hours and energies spent in preshopping the events and making the necessary reservations. Dorothy Ernst acts as treasurer. Our June trip included a boat trip around America's finest yacht harbor, at Newport, CA. As we cruised around the six islands in the sheltered water of Newport Harbor, we enjoyed hearing the points of interest about the beautiful waterfront homes. We gathered at the Villa Sweden Restaurant for lunch. In our private dining room, we could enjoy a devotional time offered by Pastor Norris Helms. The plans utilize the time and the mileage to take in stops at the Antique Guild and Hadley Fruit Orchards on the return trip. It is a real pleasure to enjoy the things and people around us with like-minded folk. (Mrs. Jo Kwast, reporter.)

VANCOUVER, BC. Seventeen delegates from six North American Baptist churches in the Greater Vancouver area met in Council at the Immanuel Baptist Church, on Friday, June 22, 1979, to consider the request by the host church to recognize the previous ordination to the Christian ministry of their new coworker, Mr. Volker Klaue.

The Rev. Erwin Strauss, Rose of Sharon Church, Richmond, BC, was elected moderator of the Council.

The candidate presented a concise, clear and thorough statement of his conversion, call to the ministry, and his doctrinal views, as well as his credentials of ordination into the ministry by a Missionary Church Fellowship in Ontario, Canada. The Council unanimously recommended that the previous ordination of Volker Klaue be recognized, and he be accepted into the ministry of Immanuel Baptist Church as a fellow-worker.

On Sunday afternoon, June 24, 1979, the Surrey Mission Station of Immanuel Baptist Church hosted a service of fellowship and worship, during which the installation of the Rev. Volker Klaue into his new place of ministry took place. Greetings in behalf of the BC Association as well as those of the Conference relayed through the area secretary, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, who could not attend, were expressed by Mr. Don Roller, Association vice moderator; greetings in behalf of the Council and the Pastors' Fellowship were presented by the Rev. E. Strauss, and the message for the occasion was presented by the Rev. Wally Kroguletz, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church.

After a response and the closing prayer, by the Rev. Klaue, a time of fellowship and refreshments was shared. (Don Roller, reporter.)

WEST FARGO, ND. On June 17, the hand of fellowship was extended to two ladies who, upon their testimonies, joined our church.

On June 24, the Rev. and Mrs. Gary Ostercamp spent the day with us for both services, sharing their life and works in Brazil with songs, slides and music. A potluck supper was served.

We welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Fritzke to our church on July 8, and his return to our pulpit. The Rev. Fritzke was our first full-time minister. Following the morning service we gathered at Lindenwood Park for a Sunday school picnic. The Rev. Lester Buening is the pastor of the church. (Frances Abrahamson, reporter.)

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HARVEY, ND. The Bethel Baptist Church hosted 160 registered guests during business sessions of the Northern Dakota Association on June 11. There was just a one-day meeting in celebration of the 75 years of cooperation in the ministry of Jesus Christ. There was a 75th anniversary cake in the shape of North Dakota with flags representing the Association churches. The cake is pictured with the Rev. Clemence Auch, administrator of the Baptist Home in Bismarck; the Rev. Ron Mayforth, North Central Area secretary; the Rev. Douglas Sathren, moderator of the Northern Dakota Association for the



past two years; Missionary Barbara Kieper, on furlough from Nigeria; and Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger on furlough from Cameroon. There were 93 voting delegates who heard reports, decided on resolutions, voted in new officers and gave new direction in budget responsibilities and cooperative ministry activities. Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger challenged the delegates to awareness of the past missionary efforts in Cameroon and a greater involvement in the future. The Rev. Ron Mayforth called for a committed responsibility to invest in the lives of people. We come from a revival past of those that recognize that Jesus Christ is the only way to forgiveness of sin and eternal life. We need to multiply this message in the lives of people trained to go and proclaim this message.

Sixty-nine youth met throughout the day at the Peaceful Valley Retreat Center for fellowship, singing, games, recreation and ending with a semi-formal banquet and meeting. The Rev. Perry Schnabel, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mercer, was the guest speaker.

One hundred fifty-seven women enjoyed a banquet and annual meeting at the

ZULUS GET CONCORDANCE

A comprehensive Bible concordance has been published in Zulu, a language used by more than five million blacks in South Africa. The book was compiled by Gertrude Kellog, a missionary with The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) since 1951. She spent nearly 20 years in selecting, sorting and typing the words to be included.

EFFECTIVE PRAYER

WASHINGTON—A prayer calendar distributed by the Baptist World Alliance designates Day 26 of each month as a day of prayer for "permanent peace in the Middle East."

The prayers must have been effective. On the afternoon of March 26, President Sadat of Egypt, Prime Minister Begin of Israel, and President Carter of the United States signed a peace treaty on the front lawn of the White House in Washington, DC.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN HONORED

A well-known evangelical, Miss Corrie ten Boom, was among six women selected as "living Christian heroes worthy of recognition" by the editors of *Interchurch Features*, an informal association of nine USA and Canadian church publications. Others were Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day, Barbara Ward, Lee Tai-Young, and Annie Jiagge. They were chosen from a list of more than 50 women who have made a marked difference in the world through their faith in God.

GRAHAM FAVORS ARMS LIMITATIONS

Billy Graham's voice has been added to the increasing number of Christians concerned about the \$400 billion global arms race. Graham believes he typifies a vast change of thinking now taking place among evangelicals. Graham declared that it was during a crusade to eastern Europe that he was shaken by the horror of Auschwitz. Comparing it to a nuclear holocaust, he began to take a new view of arms in the world. Some observers predict disarmament will become the most prominent social issue of the next decade.

CHURCHES MUST COMPLY WITH ENERGY RULES

WASHINGTON (BPA)—Both the sanctuary and educational buildings of churches are covered by the new administrative rules on heating and cooling in public buildings, according to the General Counsel's office of the Department.

The rules, published in the *Federal Register* July 5, 1979, went into effect on July 16. They provide that a public

building may not be cooled below 78 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer and may not be heated above 65 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter.

The rules also provide that during the time that a building is to be unoccupied for a period of eight hours or more the heating system must not be operated unless the outside temperature falls below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The cooling system must not be operated at all.

Failure to comply could lead to civil penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation. Any person who willfully violates the rules may be subject to criminal penalties of up to \$10,000 for each violation.

NICARAGUAN REFUGEES: THE NEEDS ARE MANY

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (BP)—On first sight San Marcos de Colon is a quiet little town nestled on the mountainside along the Pan American Highway in southern Honduras.

Usually it is, but since last September, when intensive fighting broke out between the Sandinista National Liberation Front and National Guard troops of neighboring Nicaragua, San Marcos has become a refuge for Nicaraguans fleeing from the dangers and fears brought on by the civil war.

Normally a town of less than 7,000 inhabitants, San Marcos has nearly tripled in population during recent weeks—to almost 20,000. It's now the largest refugee center for Nicaraguans who have crossed the border just five miles away into southern Honduras.

More Nicaraguans than Hondurans stroll along the cobblestone streets, and more Nicaraguan license plates than Honduran are counted among the cars.

The needs are many. The situation is critical. The Honduras Baptist Convention and the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Honduras are looking for effective ways to minister. Nicaraguans are everywhere in Honduras.

Five families may live in one house. Schools sometimes become centers for refugees, or Nicaraguans may fill all the cabins of a motel.

Only those refugees better off financially have cars or can rent a house. The bulk of refugees are dependent on the hospitality of their Honduran neighbors to receive them into their homes and give them a corner of their scantily furnished houses to settle into, often sharing common facilities.

Every imaginable building or living space has been commandeered into service to provide for the refugees. These are most often dark and dank with nothing more than a dirt floor, adobe walls and a tile roof to offer protection for the fleeing.

book reviews

THE ART OF BECOMING A WHOLE PERSON.

By Cecil G. Osborn, Waco, TX. Word Books. \$6.95.
For those who want an instant cure for their emotional problems, who expect to be a whole person overnight, this book is not the answer. An unstable person usually has years of unfavorable circumstances and the development of bad habits behind him. Consciously or unconsciously he created a protective shield to ward off and deny the many hurts which became manifest in his neurotic behavior and thinking.

If fears, anxieties, guilts and resentments are deep-seated, Mr. Osborn suggests some guidelines for choosing someone to help you. Care in choosing a professional counselor is as important as selecting a medical specialist to treat a dangerous, painful physical condition in many cases, even more so.

Dr. Osborn is founder and director of Yokefellows, Inc., and director of the Burlingame Counseling Center in California. In many cases he believes there must be intensive therapy toward the healing of memories. As a former minister, he has a strong conviction that Christ would have us heal the sick and hurting by whatever means available—whether by the laying on of hands by a faith healer, or modern scientific means, by adapting a better diet, proper exercise, surgery, prayer, or whatever method seems most appropriate. He does not quarrel with the methods—he tests the fruits, for "You will know them by their fruits."

THE NEW SEASONING. By Graham Kerr, Old Tappan, NJ. Fleming H. Revel Co. \$7.95.

THE LOVE FEAST. By Graham Kerr, Old Tappan, NJ. Fleming H. Revel Co. \$8.95.

Many housewives know Mr. Kerr as *The Galloping Gourmet* on TV, who seemed to imbibe more cooking wine than he put into his recipes. This, however, was the old *Galloping Gourmet*. The new one is a bonafide, born again Christian.

In the first chapter of *THE NEW SEASONING*, he describes his search for help, which actually started with his wife, Treena, who found a new life in Christ when she attended a little church. The change was so complete that Graham longed desperately for the same kind of change in his own life. He found it, and with it a new way of sharing his religious

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■ *The Rev. Dieter P. Reda* was ordained by the Salem Baptist Church, Kitchener, ON, where he is pastor, on June 2, 1979.

■ *Mr. Dale Schlenker* resigned as pastor of Hilda Baptist Church, and Evangelical Fellowship Church, Hilda, AB, effective May 28, 1979. He served there since 1978.

■ *The Rev. Harold Kokot* resigned as minister of visitation and Christian education at Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, AB, effective Aug. 15, 1979. He plans to further his studies at the University of Calgary. He has served the Brentview church for the past five years.

■ *Mr. Roger Grose* was appointed to a full-time staff position at Brentview Baptist Church, Calgary, AB, as director of youth and music. He has served in a part-time capacity for the past year, while a student at the University of Calgary in the Faculty of Music.

■ *Mr. Allan Fredlund* resigned as associate pastor from Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, effective August 31, 1979, to resume his studies toward his masters degree. He served that church since 1975.

■ *The Rev. Waldemar Laser* resigned from the pastorate of Bethel Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, where he has served as senior pastor since 1973, to retire.

■ *Dr. H. J. Waltreit* resigned as senior pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC, effective Oct. 1, 1979, because he has reached retirement age. He has served the church as senior pastor since 1971.

■ *Mr. Reid Galbraith* is on the church staff at Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC. He is a North American Baptist College graduate.

■ *Mr. Bruce Eldevik* is the new assistant librarian at North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD. For the last three years he had served in a similar position at Parkersburg Community College, Parkersburg, WV. His wife, Rosalie, is an elementary school teacher.



■ *The Rev. Harry Haas* is the pastor of the new Church Extension work in Gillette, WY, a project of the South Dakota Association. He assumed this pastorate Aug. 15, 1979. He previously was pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, OK, since 1974.

■ *The Rev. Joe Cook* accepted the pastorate of Central Baptist Church, Waco, TX, on July 1, 1979. He and his family previously served as missionaries in South America.

■ *The Rev. Dan Payne* accepted the pastorate of Central Baptist Church, George, IA, effective August 1979. He served as associate pastor at Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN, since 1977.

■ *The Rev. James Zurbruggen* was ordained by First Baptist Church, Elgin, IA, on June 1, 1979. He is pastor of Calvary Baptist and First Baptist Churches, Killaloe, ON, and a 1979 N.A.B. Seminary graduate.

■ *The Rev. Marvin Dewey*, a 1979 N.A.B. Seminary graduate, was ordained by First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, KS, on July 29, 1979. He is minister of youth, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, BC.

■ *The Rev. Dan Edzards* was ordained by First Baptist Church, Emery, SD, on May 20, 1979. He is a 1979 N.A.B. Seminary graduate.

■ *Mr. Steven Berg* is the new pastor of Westland Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB. He began his ministry there Aug. 1, 1979.

chuckle with bruno

A U.S. Senator in quest of a secretary was visited by an applicant who was beautiful, but not too bright. "How do you spell Mississippi?" asked the Senator. "Do you mean the river or the state?" she replied.

Pessimist: One who feels bad when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.

Procrastinator: One who suffers from the hardening of the "oughteries."

■ *The Rev. Constantino (Connie) Salios*, associate secretary for stewardship since 1976, has been appointed by the General Council to serve as secretary of stewardship and communications, filling the position which Dr. John Binder held until his election as executive secretary.

■ *Mr. James Church*, a 1979 graduate of N.A.B. Seminary, is now serving Esterhazy Baptist Church, Esterhazy, SK.

■ *Mr. Bob Cosand*, a 1979 graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, is the pastor of Garfield Baptist Church, Mt. Clemens, MI, since July 16, 1979.

■ *Mr. Loren Kopf* accepted a staff position at Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, AB. The Rev. Norman Dreger is the pastor of that church.

BOOK REVIEWS

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faith and joy in the simple pleasures of cooking good food and sharing it with family and friends. Cooking, he says, is always best when it is an act of love.

In *THE LOVE FEAST*, he continues to prove that eating can be a peaceful, joy-filled celebration at every meal. His recipes are superb and imaginative. Both volumes are filled with great ideas and delicious alternatives to the sweet, greasy and over-salted foods on today's table.

The cook—man or woman—will learn how to prepare foods that will bring better health to the body and spirit.

With about fourteen books already to his credit, *The Galloping Gourmet* is also fast becoming *The Galloping Author*.

The trouble with many dieters is that they are poor losers.

American education: The American Council on Education asked freshmen at 61 colleges to indicate the career each hoped to follow. Here are a few answers exactly as set down by the students: Denestry, Buseness, Physist, Technecation, Holesail Sailesman, Buiness, Airnotics, Engenering, Treacher, Sectaral, Undesided.

His car was so old, the license bureau issued him upper and lower plates instead of front and rear.

The honeymoon is over when the husband phones his wife to tell her he'll be late for dinner, and she's already left a note that it's in the oven.

ONE PEOPLE ONE MISSION

Guest editorial
by
John Binder
executive secretary

This summer North American Baptists from around the world met in Bismarck, ND, for the 1979 Triennial Conference. They demonstrated unequivocally that, as a Conference, we are "One People" with "One Mission."

The 4,200 people came from across Canada, the United States, Brazil, Cameroon, Japan and Nigeria. The Holy Spirit moved the different personalities and opinions to blend them all into beautiful harmony. The unity of spirit was thrilling to experience.

God spoke with power through the messages, testimonies, music, offerings and the various business transactions. Tears of praise to the Lord flowed silently as we acknowledged God at work among us.

The theme for the week, "Building Relationships Through Christ," permeated all the events. The word of God, which was the basis for this theme, "Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thess. 5:11) was exemplified throughout the week.

To be "One People," we need to grow in our relationships. Good relationships are probably the greatest single human challenge. They are essential to a meaningful life. We all need at least one person to whom we can go to expose our intimate problems and needs.

Sometimes we are afraid to risk exposing ourselves to others. But we must take this risk in order to develop the possibilities of meaningful relationships. At least one out of four marriages end in divorce today. This often happens because they did not cultivate good relationships. A daughter said, "My mother married five men, and I still don't know what a father is." Rather than work at cultivating deep relationships, we say "Let's split." We rather choose loneliness than work at developing deeper relationships.

A successful businessman went to visit his sister whom he hadn't seen for many years. When he was about to leave, his sister cried and asked him to stay a little longer. The man went to the phone and gave a message to the pilot of his private plane, telling him that he would be delayed the rest of that day. Sometime

later, this man received an important award for his contributions to the oil industry for which he worked. A reporter asked him, "Is this your greatest accolade?" "No," he said, "My sister gave me my greatest accolade the day she cried because she didn't want me to leave her. That is the only time in my life anyone ever cried because they didn't want me to leave. It was then that I discovered that the most precious gift one human being can bestow on another is to let him know he is really needed." Let us not be afraid to say to someone "I need you."

There has never been a time when people needed people so much as today. How many lasting, meaningful relationships we have indicates our level of Christian maturity.

Paul emphasized the importance of this to the Thessalonian Christians because they were about to face severe trials, persecutions and doctrinal disturbances.

This is also important for us as North American Baptists. We are facing some rough roads ahead. Very serious budget cuts had to be made because we spent considerably more than we received each year for the past five years. We are presently in debt over one million dollars. Inflation and the devaluation of both the Canadian and U.S. dollars had a destructive effect upon our mission and ministry programs. We had to reduce the number of missionaries, start fewer new churches and reduce staff at the Conference Office.

But many are very hopeful, my self included, that we will go over the top of our mission budget commitments this year, as well as wipe out our debt very soon. This is necessary if we are going to be faithful to the mission God has entrusted to us.

Whether we send our missionaries, start new churches, appoint "God's Volunteers," conduct seminars, train students at the College in Edmonton and the Seminary in Sioux Falls, or provide various services to churches from the Conference Office, it is all "One Mission." These activities help bring persons around the world to a saving knowledge of Christ and to grow to maturity as his people.

People are lost and dying without Christ. We must reach them with the Good News of Jesus Christ. In the process, we must not forget to "encourage one another and build each other up." This is part of being "One People" with "One Mission." □

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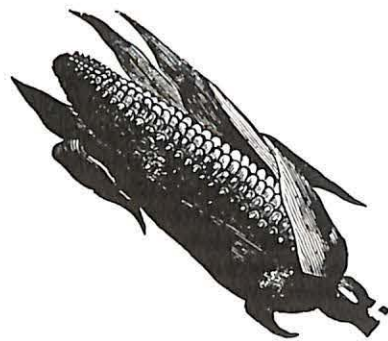
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mind me of my obligation to discipleship.

No, it must have been the first and last messages of the conference. Dr. Stephen Olford talking about the power of God's love, and Dr. Ken Fischer talking about the essentials of my love for others.

Wouldn't you know it? Building Relationships Through Christ is wrapped in love. That is what I liked best about the 39th Triennial Conference held in Bismarck. □

in memoriam

ERNEST E. BECHTOLD, 65, of Baker, MT, went to be with the Lord June 15, 1979. He was born April 17, 1914, on the family farm south of Baker. On Nov. 23, 1941, he was united in marriage to Irene Herr at Wishek, ND. He took over the family farm and ranch in 1934. In 1972 he moved to Baker. Ernest was a member of the Plevna Baptist Church and of its Men's Fellowship. He is survived by his wife, Irene; one son, Tom, and three daughters: Viola, Kathleen and Beryl; seven sisters: Pauline, Christine, Martha, Louise, Alma, Lilly and Esther; one brother, John, one aunt and seven grandchildren. Pastor R. Lawrenz officiated at the funeral service.

MOLLIE SCHMIDT BORTON, 85, was born in Portland, OR, on Feb. 24, 1894, and died on June 19, 1979. Mollie was married to Mr. Charley Borton on Dec. 23, 1912, in Hutchinson, KS, and thereupon moved into the house in Durham that was to be her home for the remainder of her life. In the winter of 1908 Mollie acknowledged Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized and received into the membership of First Baptist Church in May of that year. Survivors include her daughter, Zella Wylie, of New York City, NY; her son, Ivan, and his wife, Joy, of Fort Collins, CO; one sister, Leah Pfening; four grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and a host of friends. Her husband, Charley, six brothers, one sister and one grandson preceded her in death.

REV. HERBERT MEYER was born Dec. 31, 1890, in Palisade, NE, and died May 18, 1979. He received salvation and was baptized in 1904 at Avon, SD. His family later moved to LaSalle, CO. He graduated from the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, NY, and served as minister at St. Louis, MO, Marion, KS, and Loyal, OK. He was married to Lena Haas in Ingersoll, OK, on May 19, 1921. Survivors include one daughter, Frances Nelson; two sons: Roger and Roland; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The Rev. Jere Mitchell and Rev. Bill Meyer (nephew) conducted the funeral services.

EMMA KANDT RAU, 74, Elk Grove, CA, was born in Sharon County, ND, on Jan. 14, 1905, and died June 11, 1979. She married Dan Rau Aug. 19, 1926, member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include three daughters: Annadora Fandrich of Elk

Grove, Lillian Burnsworth of Rio Linda and Joyce Strauch of Citrus Heights; one son, Vernon, Sacramento; a brother, Reuben; eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, four sisters and three brothers. Pastors Fred Klein and Merle Brenner officiated at the funeral service.

LENA RUST was born near Emery, SD, on Dec. 25, 1893, and died June 8, 1979, at the age of 85. On Dec. 18, 1913, she was united in marriage to Claus Rust of Emery, SD. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She taught Sunday school for many years, and enjoyed singing in duets and trios, praising her Lord. Survivors are her daughter, Gertrude Woyke of Minneapolis, MN; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Johannah Plucker, and a host of relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter, five sisters and five brothers. The Rev. Oliver Bender of Madison, SD, officiated at the funeral service.

EDMUND WOLF, 77, was born at Huschsche, Wolhynia, on April 22, 1902, and died at St. Joseph, MI, May 30, 1979. In 1918 he came with his parents to Koenigsberg, Germany. Here he accepted Christ and was baptized, joining the church. In 1927 he immigrated and came to St. Joseph, MI. Here he joined the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, and with the relocated Oakridge Baptist Church. He was active in the church, singing in the choirs, and served as director of the men's choir until shortly before his death. He is survived by his wife, Martha; four sons: Hardy of St. Joseph, Harold of Houston, TX, Edward and Herbert of Detroit, MI, and a daughter Vera Wolf of Milwaukee, WI. The Rev. Oscar Fritzke was the officiating minister at the funeral.

CARL ZIMBELMAN, 91, of Bismarck, ND, was born March 16, 1888, and died on July 30, 1979. He married Katie Kessler on April 6, 1913, and they lived in Sheridan County where they raised their family of seven sons and two daughters. After the death of his wife, he married Dora Schlafman, and they made their home in Beulah until entering a retirement home. In 1975 Mrs. Zimbelman died and then he went to live in the Bismarck Baptist Home where he remained until his death. He accepted Christ in his youth and was baptized. He held membership in the Berlin Baptist Church, south of Anamoose, McClusky Baptist Church and Beulah Baptist Church. He is survived by six sons: Orville, Belmont, CA; Hilmer, McClusky, ND; the Rev. Robert, Saratoga Springs, NY; Waldemar, St. Petersburg, FL; Carl, Little Rock, AR; and Dr. Ernest in Sioux Falls, SD; two daughters: Mrs. Edward Kopf, Herreid, SD, and Mrs. Alan Wahl, McClusky, ND; 21 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three sisters. The Rev. Myrl Thiesies and

the Rev. O. H. Meth officiated at the funeral service in the McClusky Baptist Church.

FLORENCE L. SENN, nee Bender, 85, La Crescent, MN, was born Aug. 14, 1894, in Watertown, WI, died April 22, 1979. She married Joseph H. Senn in 1920 to which three sons and three daughters were born. Her husband and one infant son preceded her in death. Most of their married life was spent in the rural LaCrescent, MN, area where they were active members of the Mound Prairie Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at the church April 25, with Rev. Wm. Heisler of La Crosse, WI, officiating.

RONALD LEE TUCKER, 27, was born to Harold and Shirley Tucker on Nov. 10, 1952, in Anthony, KS. He died on April 19, 1979. He was one of three children. Ron was preceded in death by his father, Harold, and a sister, Debbie. His mother, Shirley, now resides in Tampa, KS, and his sister, Janet, currently lives in Wichita, KS. Ron is also survived by two grandmothers: Jamima Gates of Kiowa, KS, and Edith Waggoner of Anthony, KS, and numerous relatives and friends. Ron attended school at Centre and Vo-Tech of Salina, KS, and had been employed by the Rickels Manufacturing Company of Salina for the past five years. Ron came to acknowledge Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in June of 1962. He was baptized at the age of nine by the Rev. Wesley Gerber. Ron then became a member of the First Baptist Church of Durham, KS. Presently Ron was serving as Sunday school superintendent of First Baptist. With gentleness and humility Ron faithfully gave testimony to his Lord Jesus Christ and committed himself to maturing spiritually.

LOUISE HILDEBRAND WITT, 84, was born Oct. 8, 1894, at Ellinwood, KS. She died on May 10, 1979. The family moved to Stafford, KS, where she was converted and baptized and became a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in her early teens. Louise Hildebrand and William Henry Witt, of Bison, KS, were married in Stafford on Dec. 16, 1914. They made their home near Bison where they farmed until retiring to Bison in 1946. Mr. Witt died in 1958. During her years in Bison she was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Ladies' Missionary Society. Survivors are: son: Arthur, Claflin, KS; daughters: Mrs. Helen Zimmerman, Creston, NE; Mrs. Ruth Stude, Copeland, KS; Mrs. Ethel Tombaugh, Salina, KS; brother: Ernest Hildebrand, and sister, Anna Lichte, both of Stafford, KS; 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren. The Rev. Robert Cornwell, Bison, and the Rev. Lawrence Hastings, Copeland, officiated at the funeral service at the First Baptist Church in Bison. Mrs. Witt lived at the Bethel Home in Montezuma, KS, for the last twenty months.



"The Triennial After-glow"



Missionary Laura Reddig, in Cameroonian dress, has inspired thousands of North American Baptists to greater missionary zeal. Here she is seen joined in song with fellow believers at the Triennial Conference.

by Laura Reddig

Some called it a "Praise and Thanks Service." Others named it the "Triennial After-Glow." Whatever its name, the Triennial guests, still left in Bismarck that Sunday evening, were eager for more get-togethers, more visiting and more expressions of joy and gratitude. Filling Bismarck Baptist Church to the rafters, these guests were joined by almost every N.A.B. member in Bismarck and many near-by towns.

Relaxed, smiling and warmly appreciative for these extra moments to visit with the out-of-town guests, these folks needed no urging to begin expressing their hearts' feelings. They gave God their warmest praise for journey mercies, (including the adequate gas supply); for lives enriched by old and new friendships; for the abundance of spiritual renewal and challenge; and for cherishing again the soul-reviving messages God had given us through his servants.

Generous praises came for the Bismarckers and all the Dakota folks, whose countless committees had provided care for children from nursery to college age. "I could spend my days in the conference sessions, confident that my children were in good hands."—"I am excited about what happened to my children while here this week."—"We were certainly well taken care of in Bismarck."—"I didn't know North Dakota could be so beautiful!"—"We have received a new vision and a new challenge to do greater things for our Lord, and we will do them."—"We have caught a new vision of missions, and will work harder and give more to increase our outreach for Christ throughout the world."

One Conference friend expressed this concern: "Many of us have heard the names of our missionaries, but we do not know to whom these names belong. Could we get to know those who are here tonight?" And Pastor Ron Norman, the host for the evening, suggested that all the missionaries come forward and fill the choir benches. If each of the five countries in which we have mission fields, could be given a color, can you just imagine that splash of color, that big bouquet? (Several missionaries had already left to fill assignments at camps.) Now that vast audience could fit names with faces, as missionaries introduced themselves and their fields. Equally exciting for the missionaries was to view this large portion of the N.A.B. family, whose prayers, work and giving make missions possible. Praise God that missions require everyone's participation.

If all the "jobs" carried out by these missionaries represented a page in an album, you'd have a book of unbelievable ingenuity, faith, courage, stubborn stick-to-itiveness, plenty of overtime hours, and all held together with a deep and growing devotion to the Lord of missions. God's love, and sharing his love, makes it possible.

If each missionary told of the special persons or families whom their lives have touched, and got you excited about the marvel of God's redeeming work in foreign lands, would you consider your former mission involvement adequate?

Over half of our N.A.B. missionaries were out on their mission fields and could attend neither the conference nor the "Triennial After-Glow." All of them are eagerly awaiting news about what will happen to missions. More cut-backs? No more replacements? Or will there be "all-out-advances" in missionary enterprises? Let's make missions our investment for eternity, thereby BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH CHRIST.

Missionary Laura E. Reddig, D.hum., has served as nurse in Cameroon for 41 years. During her furlough she is making her home in Bismarck.