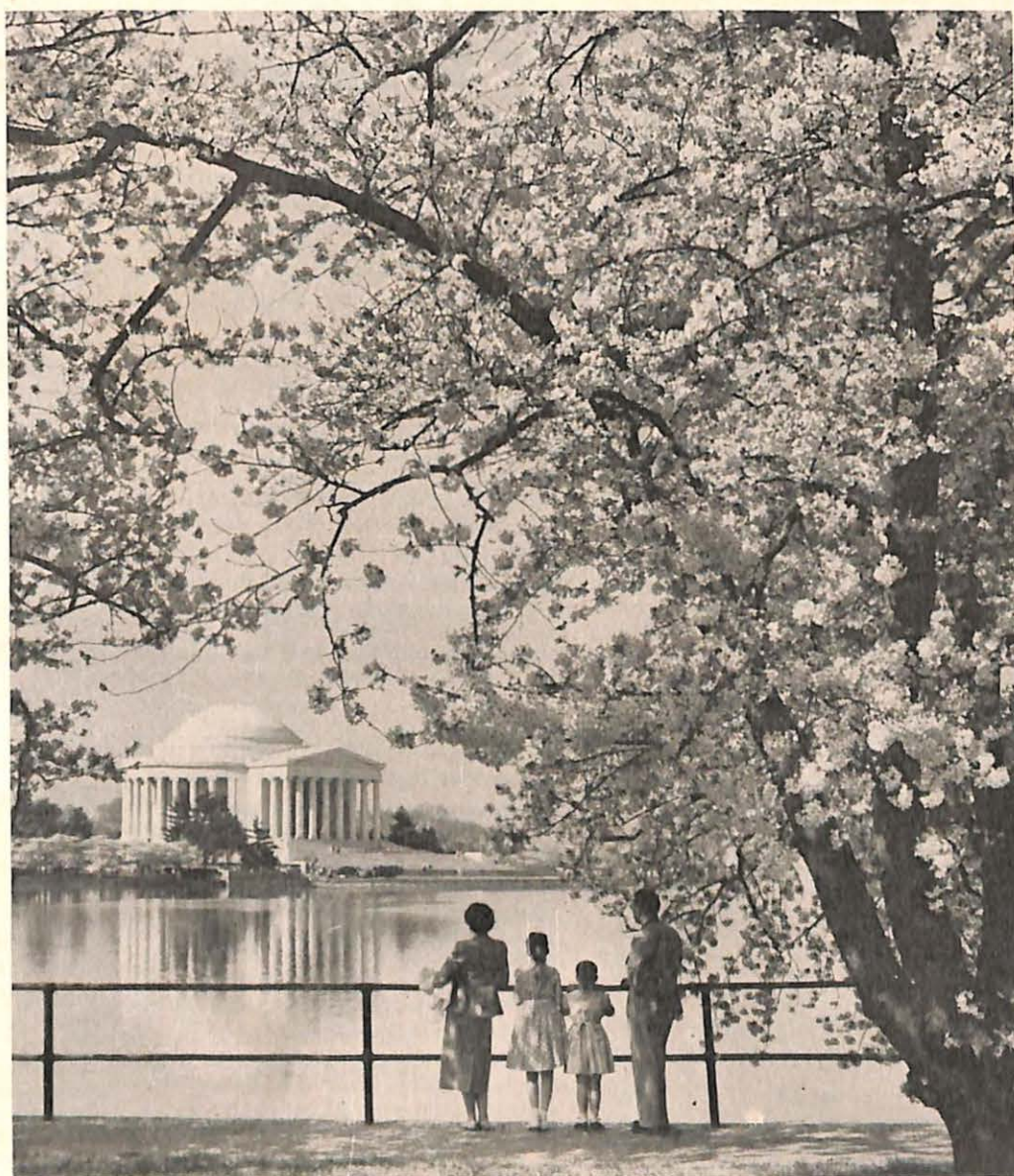


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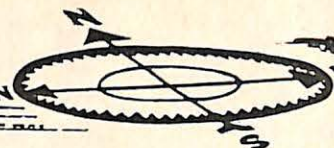
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• A British periodical, *The Economist*, recently published an article entitled, "How Many in the Pew?" containing some interesting statistics. "England is much less evangelized today," the article asserts, "than it was 60 years ago." The article reports that of 38 million adults in England, 8 million are actively religious; 12 million definitely non-religious and 18 million are nominal supporters of a church, that is, they get married in church and occasionally take part in some religious observance.—*Moody Monthly*.

• Wheaton College in Illinois, observing its 100th anniversary January 9, 1960, is making extensive plans for activities during the entire school year of 1959-60 beginning next September, according to Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president. Actual observance of the college's beginning will be held during Founder's Day, January 9 and 10, 1960, timed precisely 100 years from the day the school officially began operation as Wheaton College in 1860. Highlight of the year is scheduled for September 27 to October 4, 1959, when Evangelist Billy Graham is to conduct a campus Wheaton Crusade.

• Evangelist Billy Graham will ask the Federal Communications Commission for a license to build and operate a 5,000 watts radio station at Black Mountain, North Carolina, about two miles from his home. A spokesman for the evangelist said the station would air religious programs primarily, but also would include public service programs, music, news and sports. Any profits would go to missions and charities, he said, and although advertising would be accepted it will not be solicited.—*Watchman-Examiner*.

• Plans have been announced for the first Protestant chapel to be built at a commercial airport in the United States. Designed by Edgar Tafel, New York architect, the plans have been approved by the Protestant Council of the City of New York and a site allocated at Idlewild International Airport, New York City. Contemporary in style, the chapel will be in the form of a Latin Cross. The horizontal frame will house reception rooms, offices and counseling areas, while the vertical frame will provide worship facilities for more than 100 people. In addition to offices, the plans call for a library, conference rooms and small garden overlooking the airport. The \$250,000 chapel will be financed and maintained by a \$400,000 fund to be raised by the council's 1,700 member churches in the Greater New York Area.

• The medical missionary work of the African Inland Mission in the Sudan has been ordered closed by the Sudanese government. All doctors had to

abandon their work in January, 1959. Official reason for the action has not been revealed. The rising tide of nationalism around the world has affected missionary work in general, but this is the first action against medical missions. The gaining influence of Egypt's President Nasser has been cited as a possible clue to the reason for Sudan's close-out. The Sudan, formerly ruled by Britain and Egypt, was given its independence several years ago.—*Eternity*.

• One of the most popular books in Ethiopia is Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*.



## Baptist Briefs

• **Seminary Enrolls 14 in Yugoslavia.** Fourteen students have been enrolled for the current year at Novi Sad Theological School at Novi Sad, Yugoslavia. They include eight young men and six young women. Rev. A. LeHocki is president of the school.

• **Seminary Planned in Beirut.** A five-acre tract of land overlooking Beirut, Lebanon, will be the home of a theological seminary to serve the Arabic-speaking world. Temporary quarters in Beirut will be opened under the direction of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (U. S. A.) late in 1959.

• **Mbakwems Return to Nigeria.** Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mbakwem returned to Nigeria recently after spending eleven years in universities and colleges of the United States, Canada and England. Dr. Mbakwem has joined the staff of the Eku Baptist Hospital. He is the first Nigerian Baptist medical doctor in the country.

• **Greater Freedom in Italy.** Greater freedom for religious bodies in Italy is seen in a decision handed down by Italy's constitutional court at Rome of holding the right to public assembly. The decision of the court, the highest in constitutional matters, involved Article 17 of the Italian charter of 1948 which grants freedom of peaceful assembly in places open to the public.

• **Women Attend Classes in India.** Christian women of the Kond Hills are responding enthusiastically to experimental literacy classes conducted by missionaries during the hot dry season of April and May when the women cannot work in the fields. Sixty women came to one class when preparations had been made for only twenty. Some had walked five or six miles, with babies on their hips, to attend the session.

*gress*. Translated into Amharic many years ago by Swedish missionaries, *Pilgrim's Progress* has won for itself a place of genuine affection in Ethiopia. The Christian Council of Ethiopia is now proposing to publish a revised edition of the book with an edition of 10,000 copies. Another African language in which the *Pilgrim's Progress* is proving popular is Lunyaruanda, spoken in the Ruanda-Urundi area adjoining Belgian Congo. The total number of languages in which the Council has helped to produce the *Pilgrim's Progress* is now 150.

• **Baptist Church on the Roof.** In a crowded settlement outside the south wall of Old Delhi, India, is the Little Church on the Roof, so named because this small Baptist congregation of the Village of the Shoemakers meets on the uneven slab rooftops which are reached by steep stone steps. Numerous spectators are present at each service. Indian musical instruments furnish the accompaniment for hymns.

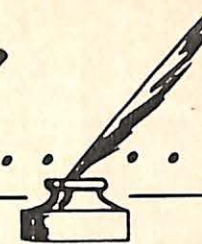
• **Church Membership in Peking, China.** Eighty churches in Peking have a total enrollment of 20,000 Christians—an average of 250 members per church. However, average church attendance comprises only one-fourth of this number. Few children attend Sunday School, because the Communist government sponsors a competing youth program on Sunday morning and all boys and girls under thirteen are encouraged to join the Pioneers, whose activities include elementary classes in Marxism.

• **Bi-lingual Services in Australia.** The Kew Church of Melbourne, Australia, is successfully experimenting with bi-lingual services in order to reach New Australians who hesitate to attend English language services they cannot understand. The services, which were widely advertised in the local and foreign-language newspapers circulating in Melbourne, brought 50 non-English-speaking New Australians on each occasion. Many had to travel long distances to attend. Addresses in German, Italian and Dutch, made by members of the church, have been co-ordinated with the English service.

• **Lushai Tribe in India.** Christianity came to the Lushai Hills of India with missionaries of the Baptist Mission Society, London, more than 70 years ago. It has made such progress that

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# Editorial



## Rediscovering South America

It is a fabulous adventure to discover the grandeur and the greatness of the continent to the south of us. Recently five of us Baptist editors, accompanied by Mr. Harold B. Johns of our Forest Park Baptist Church, made a thrilling tour of South America, flying into the warmth and glory of summertime and opening our eyes with amazement to the wonders of this continent. We experienced a preview of similar South American tours to be enjoyed with excitement by thousands of Baptists going to the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 1960. A series of colorfully illustrated articles about South America will begin in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

The grandeur of South America almost defies description. It's a continent of wonderful contrasts. It has rugged mountainous beauty and jungles with luscious, tropical vegetation. It confronts you with an ancient glory that goes back to 1000 and 1100 A.D. It presents you with views for the eye and camera that will leave you breathless with excitement. A trip to South America is a new discovery of a gorgeous part of God's world.

At Panama you can cross the Isthmus by car, catching glimpses of ocean vessels going through "the Big Ditch" or Canal and peering into the thick tropical jungles on both sides of the highway. Quito, Ecuador is a uniquely located city, 10,000 feet high in the midst of picturesque mountains with the Equator only 15 miles away. Quito's teeming marketplace with its thousands of primitive Indians imprints its picture indelibly on the mind of the traveler. Lima is the proud and picturesque capital of Peru. It is a veritable garden of colorful tropical and subtropical blossoms, although it hasn't rained there "for 3,000 years." This is the place to study historical churches, gilded altars and fascinating museums.

There's much to see in Chile from the bustling city of Santiago to the beautiful harbor of Valparaiso. The Pacific beaches of Vina del Mar in Chile are the most gorgeous to be found anywhere. The crossing of the Andes Mountains with the snow glaciers and rugged summits so "dangerously close" to the plane leaves one gasping with ecstasy. Buenos Aires, the capital city of Argentina, is magnificent with its tree lined streets and sidewalk cafes. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil can only be described as a Jewel City, sparkling like a diamond with its Sugar Loaf Mountain, blue harbor, amazing skyline of buildings and the 100 foot statue of Christ on the Corcovado, a hunchback mountain that rises 2400 feet above the city. Rio de Janeiro is where the Baptist World Congress in 1960 will proclaim the glory of Christ as the world's Savior and Redeemer.

We traveled with ease and luxurious comfort on Panagra and Pan American planes. Air transportation has been developed by these airlines almost to the point of perfection for an excellent safety record and for the enjoyment of travelers. The speed of modern plane travel and the punctuality of its schedules gives the traveler almost all of the time for sightseeing.

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The good news of the Gospel is that wonderful things can be done with human nature, and that redeemed human nature is capable of the finest deeds of love.

THE APOSTLE PAUL gives us our text in Colossians 3:10, "Ye have put on the new nature which is renewed in knowledge after the image of the Creator."

Standing with you who listen, on the very threshold of the New Year, I want to talk to you about good news. Is it good news from God, declared through Jesus Christ—the good news of new life for men. The five-year program of evangelism of the Baptist Jubilee Advance for North America, launched with thousands of Watch-night services on New Year's Eve, has this good news as its theme, and its stronger proclamation to our day as its supreme objective, an objective to which we hope the whole Christian world will give itself in these critical days, with renewed conviction, devotion and effectiveness.

#### VOLUMES OF BAD NEWS

As I speak to you of good news, we are all conscious enough of the increasing volume of bad news which every day seems to produce. There is bad news from the peace front. Such enemies of human brotherhood as hatred, fear, prejudice, intolerance, misunderstanding, fear and arrogance are in the field and defiantly aggressive. A godless dictatorship breathes fiery threats and warnings from Moscow to all and sundry. The Orient glares resentfully at the West, aware of the wealth it has so lavishly and so unwillingly contributed to its prosperity.

Nearer at home, democracy itself is threatened by greed, corruption and double-dealing in high places of government, industry, and labor. The ancient piracy of the high seas was child's play by comparison with the piratical opera-

tions of some labor leaders, stock promoters, and ward politicians of our time. The basic freedoms of men are menaced by their very neglect or abuse of them by those for whom they are intended, in both your country and mine.

The very foundations of home life are threatened by flood tides of selfishness, moral compromise, false standards, and repudiated responsibilities. Alcoholism and drug addiction tell their dreary tale of man's hopeless search for peace of mind and happiness in wrong places and in wrong ways. Juvenile delinquency reveals the tragic failures of much home life because of a weakening in the moral fibre and a corruption of standards by a multitude of fathers and mothers.

Behind the showy facade of our western civilization there is a frightening amount of sheer spiritual poverty, mental confusion and moral bankruptcy. In the midst of the astonishing plenty which our industrial age has produced, there is a deep sense of insecurity in

#### BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE GOALS FOR OUR CHURCHES

**GOAL IN SOUL WINNING** — A net gain in membership in North American Baptist churches of 10,000 from 1959 to 1964.

**"TEN THOUSAND MORE BY SIXTY-FOUR"**

**GOAL IN NEW CHURCHES** — Fifty new North American Baptist churches can be founded by 1964 if we are faithful in Christ's work.

**GOAL IN MISSIONS** — One hundred North American Baptist missionaries under appointment by 1964!

**FINANCIAL GOAL** — The raising of an annual denominational budget of \$1,000,000 by 1964.

# Good News for You!

A Baptist Jubilee Advance Message for a Nationwide Radio Broadcast

By Dr. T. B. McDormand, General Secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada and the 1959 President of the Baptist Jubilee Advance of North America

the hearts of many. Blessed by the highest per capita wealth in the world, multitudes of people are unhappy, frustrated, bewildered, afraid. Having an abundance of things, there is an essential poverty in terms of life itself. Our materialistic age expounds the truth declared by the Psalmist so long ago: "He gave them the desires of their hearts, but sent leanness into their souls." Physically overfed, spiritually hungry and undernourished is our generation.

#### THE GOSPEL'S GLORIOUS TIDINGS

I must not dwell too much on the undoubted volume of bad news that is being produced at this very moment in both our nations. RATHER, I want to shift to a more cheering note, and talk to you about the good news made known to men 2,000 years ago, and just as true today as it was then. It is the good news declared by God, the Creator, to men whom he has made in his own image. It is the good news which he clothed in the flesh and blood of his only begotten Son, the Babe of Bethlehem and the man of Calvary.

It is the good news that the true image of man is to be seen in the face of Jesus Christ. It is the good news that any man or woman may, through faith, partake of the divine nature, become sons and daughters of God; joint heirs with Jesus Christ of eternal life, here and hereafter. It is the good news which enables us to face the bad news of our day with poise and assurance. It is good news about God's ability and desire to so change the thinking and behavior of people as to make them over into new personalities, co-workers with himself in the fashioning of a new world.

Let us realize that our gravest problems today have not to do with nature, but with human nature. We have succeeded amazingly in understanding nature and in bringing its resources and energies under control for man's benefit. But we have not succeeded so well in understanding human nature, and in making available to it those resources which can purify, ennoble and redeem it.

The poet, Edwin Markham, asked an important and inescapable question in this short but potent poem:

"We all are blind until we see  
That in the human plan  
Nothing is worth the making if  
It does not make the man.

"Why build these cities glorious  
If man unbuilded goes?  
In vain we build the work, unless  
The builder also grows."

#### NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST

The good news of the Gospel is that wonderful things can be done with human nature, and that redeemed human nature can be relied on to reform and rebuild society. With searching honesty the Gospel admits that human nature is capable of the blackest deeds of cruelty, dishonesty, ruthless greed, blind injustice, brutal treatment of others. Under the skin of any man the Gospel sees a barbarian, a sinner. It recognizes the jungle instinct in materialistic modern man with his suicidal obsession that "a man's life consisteth in that which he possesses," however he got it and however he uses it.

But the Gospel also recognizes that human nature is capable of glorious deeds of unselfishness, generosity, idealism, kindness, heroism. Original sin is no more true of man than original goodness. Both capacities are native to those whom God has made with moral freedom. The story of the past twenty centuries is brightened by the influence and leadership of men and women who have become new creatures because they accepted Christ and his way of life, and made their hearts and minds the dwelling place of his Holy Spirit.

All of us have known some of these Spirit-filled, God-possessed men and women. There are many of them in the churches we attend. They are the salt of the earth. Their spiritual influence is so real and radiant that we give thanks for the church, in spite of its limitations and failures. These most blessed of all people have surrendered themselves, heart, mind and will, to the control of the Spirit of Christ, and, as a result, have received power to become the children of God, members of his household, ambassadors of his Kingdom to the kingdoms of this world.

#### OUR BLESSINGS THROUGH CHRIST

In the reality and transforming power of that Gospel these people have submitted to love as the law of life, discovering through it the secret of over-

coming hatred, greed, intolerance, pride, and selfishness. They have acquired the gift of seeing all people, through the eyes of Christ—of seeing them with understanding, compassion, yearning, and redemptive love. In that same Spirit, humility has banished pride and disdain; self-centredness has given way to a passion for service; indifference to human sin and need has yielded to a cross-bearing fellowship with all, in order that the victims of sin might be helped to become its masters; and men under the condemnation of death might be led to accept the life which pardoning love provides.

The good news of God to men is that, in Jesus Christ, our Lord, abundance of life is offered to those whose lives have been poverty-stricken and disillusioned; insignificant lives can be

church, too, because it is no longer fashionable. The "best people" are no longer found there. She treats Father Ferris with coolness and condescension.

#### A VICTORIOUS FAITH

Then one day she became quite ill. The rector called on her. He talked to her gently about God's love in Christ; about eternal life and the glory yet to be revealed to the people of God. She listened quietly, struggling with the haughty unbelief which had corroded her spirit for so long. But after Father Ferris had gone, she spoke to herself in this way:

"Suppose it were quite, quite true! Why then, every day could be lived without fear. Your whole living time, free of the fear of nothingness, could be lived in joy, and all you had failed



JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL

"Jesus said to her: Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

made significant; slaves can attain royal status—the status of Sons of God most high; aimless lives may find direction and destiny; the lost may find a highway for their feet; the guilty and self-condemned may find forgiveness and hope; the weak and defenseless may receive the very powers of the world to come.

Surely here is GOOD NEWS for our generation. Surely here is good news with which to enter 1959. Those who accept it in 1959 will remember this year as one of great good news for them.

In Thomas Savage's novel, "A Bargain with God," Father Ferris is the rector of a somewhat run-down Episcopal parish in the older part of Boston. One of his parishioners is a proud, elderly spinster named Lydia Brumall. She lives in a pretentious old gingerbread house, built by her adored father, and symbolizing to her the fancied superiority of the Brumall family to all others in the locality. Arrogantly proud of her family's past, she is haughtily contemptuous of the laboring people now living in the community. She has largely withdrawn from the parish

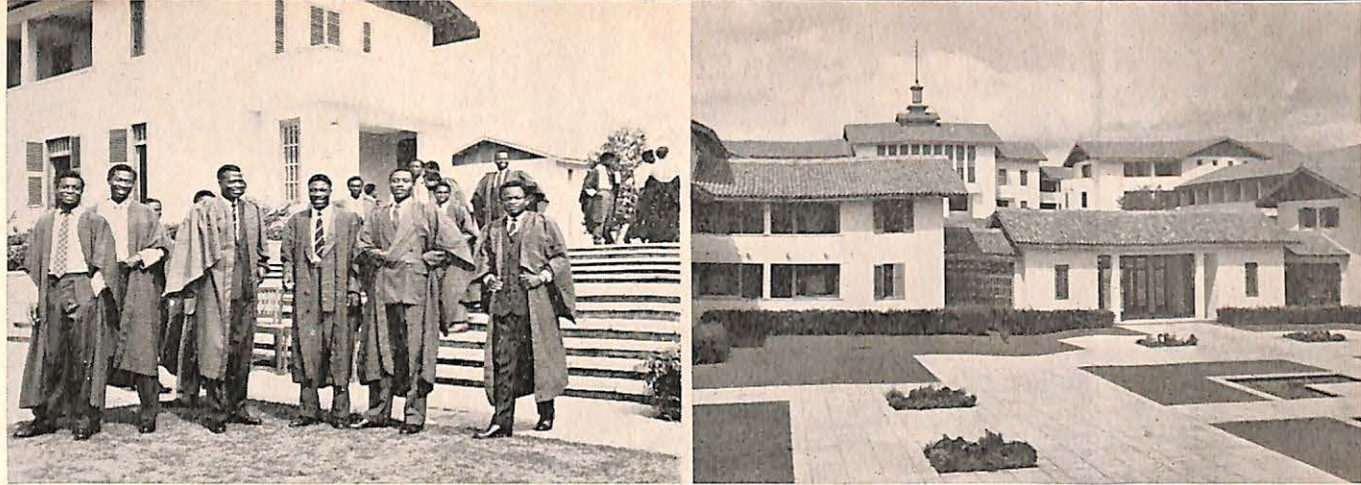
to do and say could yet be done and said."

She was right. The good news of the Gospel, with which I would have you enter this year, is that God in Christ can make you victorious over self, and sin, and circumstance. He can make you conquerors of the foes which would rob you of your true humanity. He can help you to possess the treasures which "moth and rust do not corrupt, and which thieves do not break through to steal"; the treasure of peace in the midst of conflict and turmoil; of confidence in the presence of difficult experiences; of joy in spite of anything that happens; of hope for life and death and the vast forever.

#### YOUR STEP OF SURRENDER

I invite you not only to hear this good news, but to believe it, accept it, act upon it, bet your life that it can be counted on completely. I urge you to take the adventurous step of surrender described by the blind poet, George Matheson, when he wrote: "I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be."





THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF GHANA

Students at the University College of Ghana (left) wear gowns for all official functions. Daily college lectures are among these. Some of Dr. Dunger's students are in this group. The Central Court Commonwealth Hall is shown in the picture at the right.

# Ghana on the March!

Ghana's Example to All of Africa and the Rest of the World Is Reviewed by Dr. George A. Dunger, Visiting Professor at the University College of Ghana

THE COMFORTABLE Douglas DC6C went into a wide banking manoeuvre and descended, heading for the International Airport of Accra, Ghana. Quite unexpectedly a surprising view came into the field of vision: a multitude of buildings and houses, large and small and a network of roads and streets appeared.

It looked like a beautifully planned city in miniature. Red-roofed houses. Pleasant lawns. Many trees. Cars passing each other speedily. Then the pleasant picture was gone, and the runways of the airport lay a short distance ahead. This was a familiar sight. I was glad to have returned.

## MY BELOVED AFRICA

Beloved Africa! Its many people yearning for freedom and advance. Its youth, hungry for recognition, thirsty for knowledge and know-how, searching for spiritual life and inward peace. Its vast plains and mountains, its forests and rivers. Its deep, nightly silence and the clatter and noise of the happy days in street, shop and market. The roar of engines disrupted musing thought. The Douglas was taking off. This was a piece of home. American made! It belonged to Air Liban, a Lebanese company. Now the ship was airborne. It was heading toward Lagos, Kano, Khartoum, Cairo, Beirut and Istanbul. In travelling that route it was describing a big semi-circle, almost like a half-moon, a crescent. It lay over Africa.

I looked at the Air Liban travel folder in my hand. English, French and Arabic. Arabic, the language of classical Mohammedanism. The Crescent of Islam was lying across Africa. What would Africa's response be? Would it favor Western culture or the culture of the Orient?

Leaving the airport, Dr. Stratmon, Cultural Affairs Officer of the Ameri-

can Embassy, pointed to the northeast, saying that over yonder on the hill was the University College of Ghana, my destination. True enough, for only after a few minutes driving we could see the buildings and towers of the University College, located on Legon Hill, about two miles from the airport.

This was the miniature city I had seen from the air. It looked like a city on the hill, commanding one's attention and admiration. Everybody must see it. It compelled the eye to return to it. Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "Ye are the light of the world. A City that is set on a hill cannot be hid." Then I prayed that this city of learning might be a true example and witness of Christ and that even I might contribute to that witness while teaching there.

In the far distance lay the blue and green Aburi Mountains. And beyond that lay Ashanti and the Northern Territories from which a century and a half ago the slave traders had driven the slaves to the coast to be shipped to the Western plantations and sold to work for their White Masters. What a great change had come since then! This change was continuing! The Gold Coast was the Gold Coast no longer. This was Ghana, and these people were citizens of an independent state! This was their national university. And in everyone's eyes shone the pride of achievement and the hope for a great future.

The first few days went by so fast

## DR. DUNGER'S PLANS

Dr. George Dunger, former missionary to the Cameroons and professor of missions at the North American Baptist Seminary, hopes to visit the Southern Cameroons of Africa in July before returning to the United States. Further articles for the "Baptist Herald" will be prepared by him.

that impressions and experiences of those hours appear almost like kaleidoscopic patterns which change so easily but always contain some new and beautiful details. Like any one of the incoming students there was much to learn for me. There were the three main residences for the students, set up in the Cambridge pattern with their respective Common Rooms, Dining Halls, Chapels, Libraries; here was Akuafu Hall, yonder Legon Hall and climbing to the hill top, Commonwealth Hall; to the southwest the faculty houses of Legon Hill, farther down, Little Legon and East Legon.

## UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS

The eastern area of the campus contains the lecture halls, administration buildings and laboratories. Conspicuous among this complex of buildings—many of which are still in the process of construction—is the imposing Main Library. The initial stack room capacity is to be half a million volumes. This, however, does not exhaust the library facilities for the faculty and students. Each Hall has its own library. And in addition to that, each department has its library! Thus when you look for your students you may have to go to every one of these libraries in case they are not to be found in their rooms, their Common Room, in the Chapel of their Hall or on the tennis court.

Fortunately each Hall has a "Porter's Lodge." The attendants of the Porter's Lodge are usually very efficient in locating either student or faculty member. The Porter's Lodges are the nerve centers of the respective Halls. The officer in charge is the Hall Bursar and the officer in charge of them is the Registrar. The chief administrative officer is the Principal. In his hands lies the academic administration of the University College.

The Department of Divinity com-

prises a faculty of six. Departmental organization is somewhat different from that found at home. The "Professor" is the head of the department and occupies the position of a dean. Then there are the Senior Lecturers and Lecturers, all of them called staff members. Each staff member has supervisory and tutorial duties.

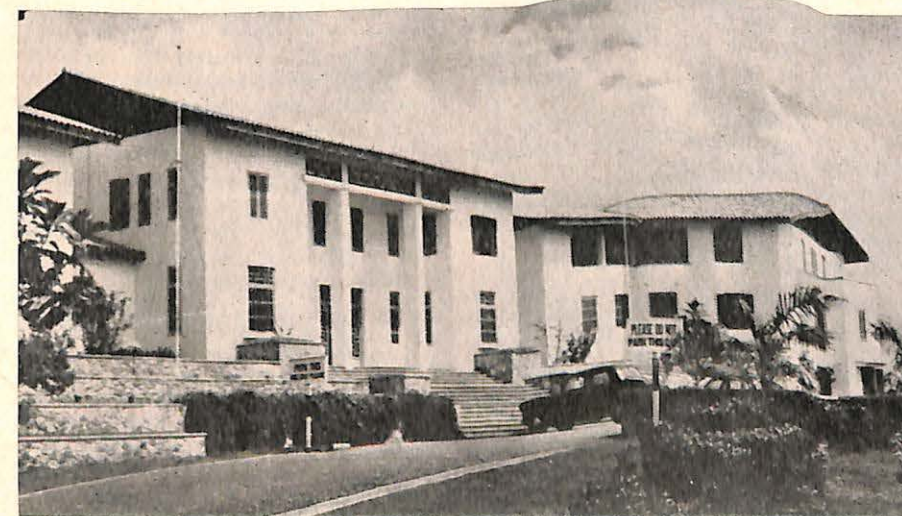
## DEPARTMENT OF DIVINITY

The students in the Department of Divinity number thirty-six. Each faculty member, therefore, has six students to tutor and supervise. The peculiar arrangement is that these students are not the students the lecturer has before him when he lectures and that the tutoring and supervision do not lie in the field of the lecturer's specialization. Logically this does not sound practical and wise. However, in terms of organization and student-professor and faculty relationships as well as a well-rounded approach, this arrangement is very effective. It prevents one-sidedness and emphasis and ensures cooperation and coordination, both in studies and in personal relationships.

In addition to these duties, the faculty member has "Hall" responsibilities. I was attached, by the Principal's action, to Commonwealth Hall. As a Senior Fellow I have the right to the facilities of the Senior Members Common Room. I am entitled and expected to dine at the High Table of the Hall, and I am expected to support the activities, social and religious, of the Hall. This means that I must assume responsibility for at least one Evening Prayer Meeting per week, make myself available to the Junior Members of my Hall at any time and under any circumstances.

## DEEPLY RELIGIOUS STUDENTS

Likewise, there are Sunday worship services to be conducted. Students and faculty members evidence an active religious life. Many of them are deeply spiritual people. Many of the students attend both Morning Prayers and Evening Prayers. Most of the students



This is "Porter's Lodge" of Commonwealth Hall at the University College of Ghana, Accra, Ghana. The Lodges are the nerve centers of the respective Halls, as described by Dr. Dunger.

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# Missionary News Flashes



Photo by Laura E. Reddig  
A medicine man in the Cameroons with all of his native medicines and healing "wares" tied to his side.

I know in the Department of Divinity are young men with the call to the Christian ministry and show their commitment in serious, progressive, eager and high quality work.

My first session with the students was not a lecture; it was a kind of a testimonial meeting. I suppose it was something quite new, but everyone participated. There was spontaneous prayer. Several told of their conversion experiences and how they had received their call. Of course, this is a university and everything is supposed to be purely academic. However, I know that if my students are to benefit from my teaching, I must let them know where I stand as a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Likewise, the professor should know where his students stand as to Christian belief and life.

Ever since that time, we have begun our lectures with prayer and in the sense of mutual Christian responsibility.

● **Laura E. Reddig** returned to New Hope Settlement February 19. By order of her doctor she will rest a while longer. She is recovering favorably from her recent illness.

● **Minnie Kuhn**, who watched over Laura Reddig during her illness, returned to Mbem February 29th to resume her medical and evangelistic duties on Mbem Field.

● **The Fehrs** are doing very fair work at the Bansa Baptist Hospital. They have adjusted quickly to the given situation. The hospital is full of patients. The fame of the young doctor is spreading.

● **PRAY** for all Cameroons missionaries, not only the new ones. All of us stand in need of heavenly mercies and heavenly strength to face the opportunities and uncertainties of the present.

● **Paul Gebauer** sent the above "News Flashes." More of them will appear in the "Baptist Herald" from time to time. A wonderful book about Alfred Saker will soon be announced.

ty. My students are Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists. How I wish that we had at least several Baptists in our Department of Divinity!

## MAGNIFICENT FREEDOM TOWER

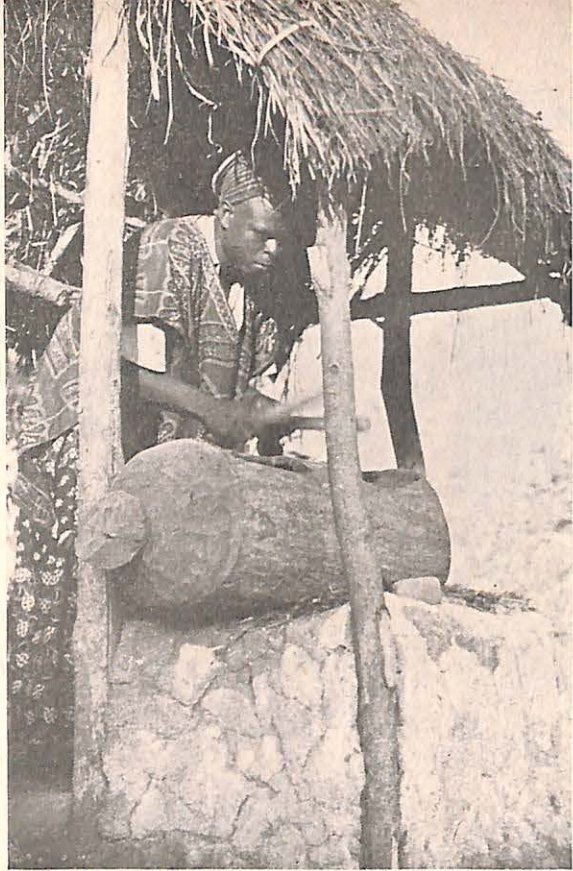
The very top of Legon Hill was a beehive of activity when I first arrived. I was told that the buildings being constructed were the heart of the University. It was said that there would be a Convocation Hall and several administrative units. Since then the Convocation Hall has almost been completed. Now the two departmental units are nearing completion. I was delighted when I was told that one was the Department of Divinity and the other the Department of Jurisprudence, both flanking the approach to the Convocation Hall.

During the last few months a third structure has been rising right close to Convocation Hall, the magnificent Freedom Tower. This massive tower stands like a gigantic exclamation mark at the top of Legon Hill. All of this is symbolical of Ghana on the march.

Let there be freedom! Let the people come together in great convocations and let the people and the nation be guarded by high Christian ideals on one side and by Christian justice on the other side. Thus Ghana will march on, an example to all of Africa and the world.

Meanwhile those of us—all of us—who are the witnesses of Christ are to lift hands of prayer in intercession for the young nations of the family of nations and for the Church of Christ, especially the younger Churches, that his Name, the matchless Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, be upheld, honored and glorified.





Robert Jam, one of our Cameroons evangelists, calling the people of a new Baptist church to the worship services.

## Beginning of Churches in the Cameroons

The new, indigenous churches of Africa will stand the turmoil of changing governments and materialism that are gripping the Cameroons.

By Miss Eleanor Weisenburger,  
Cameroons Missionary

IN THE BOOK of Acts we find a pattern for the early beginnings of the church. Jesus promised in Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ." In Acts 1:14 we read, "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." Through the power of the Holy Spirit and in answer to prayer we read in Acts 2:41, "The same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

Churches in the Cameroons of Africa have had their beginnings in various ways, but always there has been the same basic pattern: the working of God's Holy Spirit and prayer. Robert Jam, one of our oldest evangelists, tells of his experience in the early days of Mbem Area something like this:

### ROBERT JAM'S BIG TEST

In response to an urgent plea from Dr. Paul Gebauer, Robert and his young wife, Lydia, went to Mbem where the chief had granted a small plot of land for a mission station. Robert went there with many misgivings for he had heard that the people of Mbem were "very wild." He erected a temporary hut and spent a few months visiting the villages, trying to befriend the people and learn their language.

Soon he had a small group of seekers who met with him every day for prayer and for instruction about the way of salvation. When the "big men" of the village realized that their people were beginning to show an interest in a new religion, they came to Robert and asked him to leave. Robert gave them

his answer by working and praying more diligently than ever. The "big men" returned with a threat that something very serious would happen if he did not leave.

It was a time of real testing, and one night the threat was carried out. The small house in which Robert and Lydia were sleeping was set on fire. Robert was prepared for such a happening and had his possessions packed in two small wooden boxes. These boxes were thrown outside and saved as Robert and Lydia also escaped with their lives.

Robert Jam felt through this experience that God's power is indeed greater than the powers of darkness. He rebuilt his house with the help of his small group of inquirers and together they continued to witness and pray for those who were persecuting them. In answer to prayer and by the power of the Holy Spirit churches were soon organized. Today in Mbem Area there are sixty churches with over four thousand members.

### SUNJOH, MEDICINE MAN

Some of our more recent churches have had beginnings that were more peaceful and yet just as much a result of God's leading. One day an old medicine man was carried to Banso Hospital. Other patients were amazed to see him there, for his reputation was well known. However, his own powers of magic had failed him. His one leg was gangrenous and was causing him excruciating pain. After several months of agony, Sunjoh finally agreed to let Dr. Chaffee amputate his leg.

A few days after the operation when Sunjoh was having his dressing changed in the operating room, he burst forth with "Beri-wo, beri-wo" (thank you, thank you) and then went on to say, "Now I know there is a God because of what you people have done for me here." When Sunjoh began to regain his strength, he was carried to the church every Sunday morning on a stretcher, where he would listen eagerly to God's Word and even try to join in the singing.

When Sunjoh was discharged from the hospital after several months, he was anxious to have someone come to his village to bring the message of salvation to his people. In answer to this request, a group of faithful Christians from the Banso Church went to Marem on Sundays to bring their songs and testimonies and pray with the people. Soon there was at Marem a small nucleus of inquirers who met daily for prayer. A plea came from Marem, "Please send us a worker who will stay with us all the time to teach and baptize us and start a church here." But there was no one to send.

### NEW CHURCH AT MAREM

However, God answered the prayers of the people at Marem. One day Sam, my garden boy, came to me and said, "Please, ma, I want to go to Marem to be church teacher." I could hardly believe my ears, for Sam could read very poorly and had no Bible School training at all. But he did feel God was calling him to Marem, and so we gave

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## On the Warwar Path

In the grasslands of Africa, at Warwar, there are more first hand experiences of the living God than in many of our western churches.

By Dr. Dudley Reeves, Missionary and Teacher at  
the Cameroons Protestant College, Bali, Southern  
Cameroons.

"GOODBYE! Have a safe journey."

"Goodbye! Thanks for everything."

Having thanked George and Lenore Lang for their overnight hospitality, I was off with Ken and June Goodman in their half-ton Dodge pickup to spend Christmas in the wilds of Warwar.

Never had the glorified Warwar bush path or stony track been better. Never had it been drier, I thought, as the encircling mountains became dimly apparent through the dusty blue haze of the harmattan. Most important of all, never had the Warwar path been longer.

### ADVENTURES IN DRIVING

At last, after nearly two years, it was again possible to get within 20 miles of Warwar, the most northerly of the 11 Cameroons Baptist Mission stations, and it was this assurance that buoyed our hopes as we gingerly edged our way down steep and snaking gradients and forged our way steadily across the Mbaw plain for 20 miles over a road that in parts must surely be one of the straightest stretches in all the Southern Cameroons.

At one point two juju men, ominously clad in sackcloth, with peepholes for their eyes, stared at us as we passed. For all the mission work accomplished in the past century or more, it must ever be remembered that witchcraft and paganism are still rife in West Africa. Juju men often catch and beat Christian women who refuse to obey

their tribal customs and who look on juju men instead of avoiding their sight.

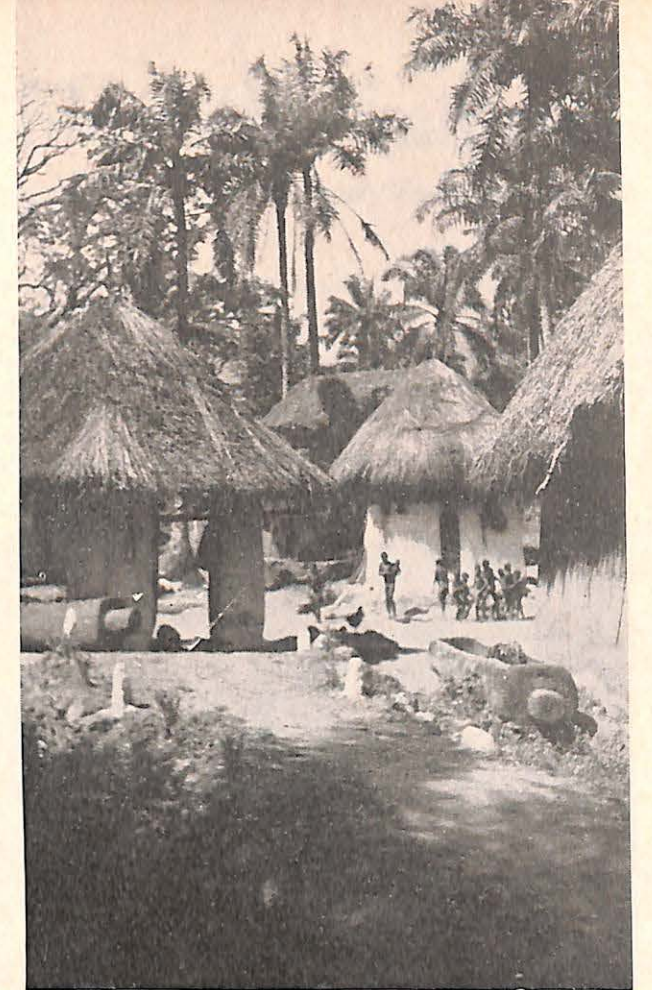
After Ngu, where a large market tree occupied the center of the road, the road became little more than a bush path flanked by yard-high grass. The formula for driving now became: watch the sides for ditches, follow in the tracks of the Land-Rover that had evidently pioneered in re-opening the road a few days before, and go very cautiously around large rocks and over re-built bridges of logs and sand.

Having dropped 4000 feet from Ndu and having crossed the Mbaw plain, we now had to rise 2000 feet. The road so recently cut by the Mambila people is one of the steeper roads in Africa, I would think. It rises 1,200 feet in two miles! At one point Ken Goodman had to reverse twice to negotiate an extra rough and steep bend—and nearly had to use his pilot's license when the pickup backed to within two yards of a cute little drop of 400 feet!

But eventually we came upon Bang, where the grass roof of the church was being renewed and where the Rest House close to the stone church and built by the Christians gave us a fairly warm night's rest.

We were now in Mambila country and in Moslem Adamawa province. Tall, willowy Fulanis came more and more into evidence.

The first hour's driving the next day brought us to Mbamga village, a center for juju and idol worship and a center



An African village in the grassland interior of the Southern Cameroons.

for Christian education through its Baptist primary school. (As a teacher in the only Protestant High School in the Southern Cameroons, I look forward to the year when Mambila boys will enter a High School!)

At Mbamga the former church teacher showed us the pitifully small pile of timber for building new classrooms that had been carried by the people. The Mambila chief gruntingly agreed to watch the car which would be parked outside his compound for several days. Porters, paid from 28 to 50 cents a day, were hired to carry on their heads our several boxes, one of which weighed as much as 90 pounds.

Exchanging 165 horse-power for one horse-power, we rode over the hills of burnt grass for eight miles. The Goodmans had hoped to "initiate" me into the eccentricities of the Warwar mission field by having me trek some 23 miles into the mission station, but they were largely thwarted in this pious hope by the re-opened road which brought their station within nine miles of a barely motorable road.

### SERVICES IN WARWAR

All the trekking I did, in fact, came over the last quarter of a mile, when I followed Ken in dismounting and led my horse down the steep path that led to the usual oasis of eucalyptus trees that marks a mission station. We had covered the 440 miles

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# Indians Behold the Shining Way

By Rev. Reinhard Neuman, Missionary to the Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve Near Edenwold, Saskatchewan

"BEHOLD, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them" (Isaiah 42:9). It had always been so. The prophets foretold, and in the fulness of time "former things came to pass."

With ten wonderful years now behind us, I have the privilege to declare to our faithful readers some of the

him, and he sensed his responsibility. Mrs. Grabke had the wrapt attention of all when telling the children's stories. Indians brought special numbers in song. The Holy Spirit was convicting the people and two precious souls responded to the "new" that God offered in Christ. "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth: shall ye not know it? I will even make a way

much time and effort had been put into a program. We knew it meant so much to the children.

The day before the program, the Chief and Council had the snow plow open all the roads again on the Reserve. On the 22nd of December, God made the sun to shine, the wind to cease and the snow to lay still! We thanked him for it, too. Our program was on the nicest day of the whole month and we praise our gracious God for his blessings.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

By 1:30 P.M. a number of cars, pick-up trucks, and teams began to park alongside the chapel. Groups and individuals began to saunter in. When time came to begin, a great, colorfully costumed throng of guests filled the chapel. Silence prevailed while Christmas music was played, the Christmas story read and prayer offered. The meeting was chaired by our capable native Christian, Peter Dubois. He warmly welcomed and cordially greeted the guests and then proceeded with the program.

A more beautiful, colorful throng, or a greater sea of fine, portrait-study faces could scarcely have been found in all the world. The children with their songs, recitations, acrostics and other presentations together with their smiles and enthusiasm captured the attention of the audience. The large colorful mural together with the Christmas tree and other decorations helped to beautify the chapel and added so much to the celebration. The play presented by the young people of the Reserve, "No Room In The Inn," held the guests in earnest attention. There was no need for a separate message by the missionary. Brief remarks were made and the benediction was pronounced.

After the program several Indian ladies were called upon, who readily entered into the spirit of caring for the guests. Sandwiches, cake, cookies, and pie were distributed until all were satisfied. The children had a drink prepared for them and the adults sipped hot coffee. The program staff joined the serving group for the joy of sharing in, and contributing to, the goodwill and happy fellowship of the day.

## GOD'S WONDERS OF LOVE

Everyone after the program received a bag of treats. The children all were presented with gifts. Calendars went to every family. These are the result of a year long preparation on the part of Missionary Societies and other church organizations at the sending end, and of missionary workers and their native co-workers at the receiving end.

By five o'clock all were on their

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Chief John Gambler (left) of the Muscowpetung Reserve and Chief Bull (right) of the Alberta Bull Reserve talk to Missionary Mildred Neuman about all the wonderful things they have seen and experienced at the General Conference in Edmonton.

"former things" that have "come to pass" in our midst on the Indian Reservation known as the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan.

## EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

The weather was cold. Little hope was held out for even a small attendance. The meetings were planned and advertised. Our evangelist, Rev. P. Grabke, and his family arrived. We went to prayer and left the rest with the Lord. All preparations had been made, and the meetings continued for a whole week from December 1-7.

In spite of the extreme cold and the high winds that almost daily closed our roads, the attendance increased nightly. The co-operation was most encouraging. The Chief and Council ordered their snow plow out to open all the roads leading to the church from the isolated homes. This made possible daily visitation to the homes and for the people to attend the services. We thank God for the "things that came to pass" and "declare them unto you."

The evangelist poured out his heart nightly. Souls weighed heavily upon

in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19). This very thing God has done before our eyes.

There wasn't too much time left between the evangelistic meetings and Christmas to prepare for the Christmas program. Several meetings were held to discuss the type of program best to pursue. The children's items of songs, recitations, acrostics were a "must." Reluctantly we decided on a play by our young people. Our native co-worker and Sunday School teacher gave us encouragement and said, "We can do it." And they did.

The children were all fired up over their parts, and the young people accepted their part with some reservation. Practicing took place in the various homes where and whenever we met children. Once, when the roads were open long enough, we delivered the children by car to the chapel for practice. The response of the children was encouraging, and we were delighted. The weather was so cold, the snow so deep and already piled up so high! We longed and prayed for good weather and open roads, especially after so

# Glorious Days at Green Lake

Testimonies Concerning the Laymen's Conference to be Held at Green Lake, Wisconsin, from August 22 to 29, 1959

## THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

By Mr. Raymond E. Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas

THROUGH THE YEARS it has been my privilege to attend numerous Conferences and Retreats sponsored by our denomination. Undoubtedly the most outstanding of these gatherings have been the 1954 and 1956 Laymen's Conferences at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Through the fine facilities offered by the American Baptist Assembly, and the wonderful programs of these Conferences, I have been strengthened spiritually, physically and mentally, and I am eagerly anticipating even greater blessings as we make plans to attend our coming Laymen's Conference August 22 to 29, 1959.

This Laymen's Conference can and will be an experience of a lifetime for everyone who will be privileged to attend.

What does the Laymen's Conference have to offer you?

An opportunity to study methods and to exchange ideas and workable plans with leaders who are devoted to their aim of making the Conference the best in all ways.

Bible Studies with Dr. Walter Wesel, Professor of New Testament at our North American Baptist Seminary serving as leader.

The privilege of hearing and participating in soul stirring music and of feeding on messages from the best of our own pastors as well as other outstanding leaders.

Stimulating discussions following these messages as we further develop the theme, "A New Life For You."

Incomparable Christian fellowship with other Christians with similar interests, as we meet in the beautiful dining hall for meals, and about the grounds of the Assembly.

A week of rest, relaxation and recreation in the exhilarating climate of this lakeside spot. Afternoons are free for any type of recreation you desire, such as boat riding, fishing, golf, shuffleboard, etc.

It's an ideal spot for a restful vacation for the entire family. You will not soon forget the impressions that you will receive as you share your life with other Christians during these days. Such impressions will stay with you throughout life.

## GREEN LAKE!

By Mr. Herbert H. Stabbert of Anaheim, California

The above words spell enchantment. Men, please underline in red the dates reserved for our Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, located in beautiful

Wisconsin. The Baptist Men's Program Committee has held two sessions at Forest Park, and another inspirational and instructive program has been arranged for us. Now is the time to plan to be there.

For those who have attended the meetings at Green Lake, there is not much need to bring forth the virtues of the Conference at this time. You heard about it, you went, and you saw! No more need be said. However, the message in this article is primarily directed to those men who have never availed themselves of the opportunity to attend a Baptist Men's Laymen's Conference.

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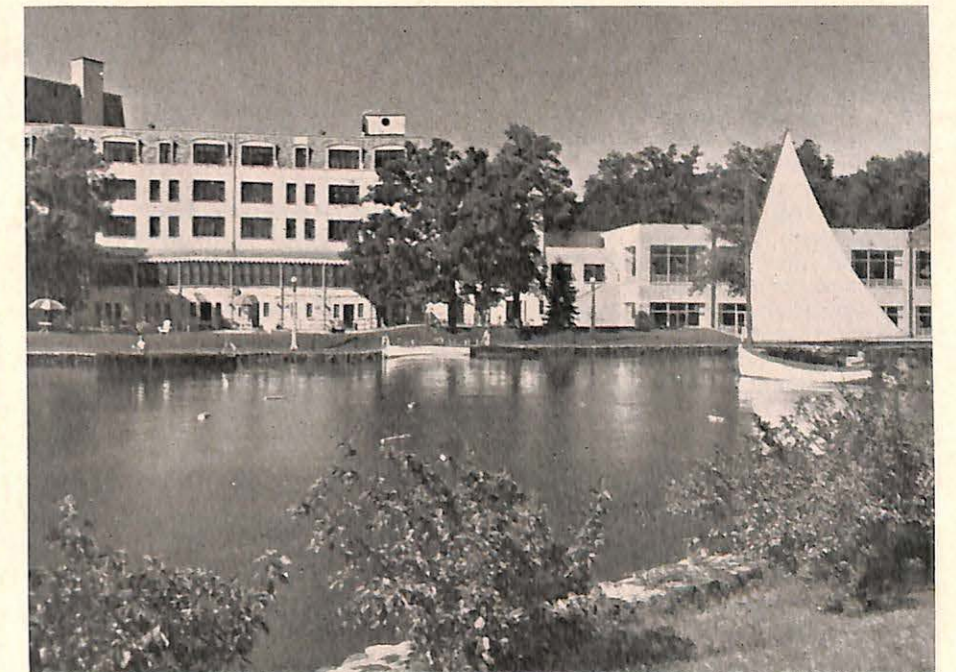
The writer of this article has been privileged to be present at two of the Conferences and would like to give you the impressions he experienced, and which you as a "first timer" will very likely also gather for yourself.

The Green Lake Assembly grounds are situated in a beautiful, lush countryside away from the turmoil and hustle of modern life. People gather here for a closer walk with God, and the fellowship of Christian folks around you is indeed an inspiration. For an entire week the outside cares of life are absent. One is placed into an atmosphere of worship, inspiration and wholesome fun.

It is a week during which one can take inventory of one's life in surroundings that are conducive for some honest thinking. It is a week that will motivate one to rededicate his life for his Master, and show him what a great privilege it is to be a child of God. During the seven day stay, one can learn what a great responsibility he has to his church and that there are thousands who are working with him in the thousands of churches to further the Gospel. On the last day when one leaves through the exit pillars after this week of enriching experiences, he will say, "It was good to have been here!"

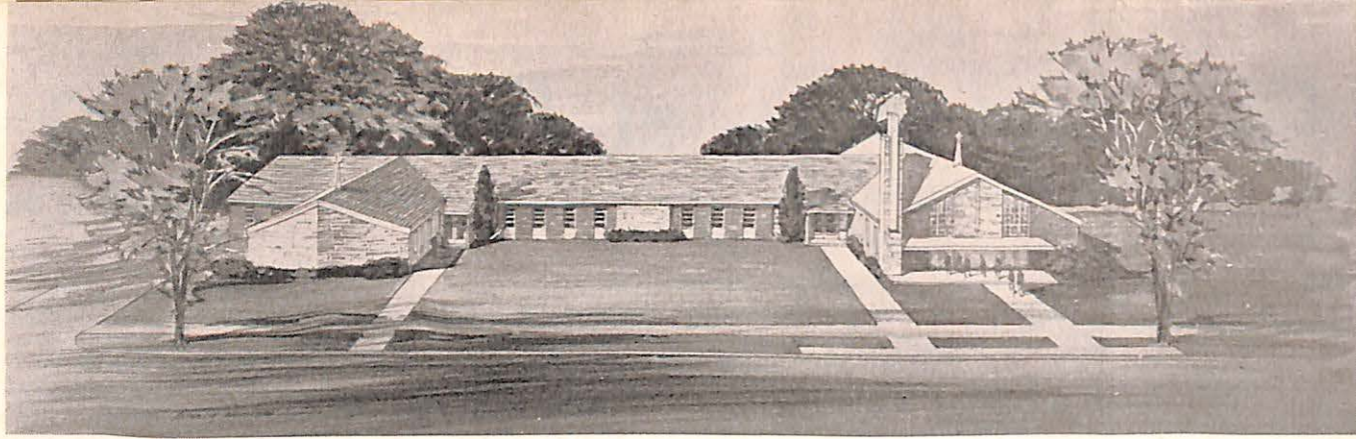
Men, avail yourselves of this opportunity to be present at your Laymen's Conference. You will never regret having been there.

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The still waters of the lagoon at Green Lake, Wis., in front of the Roger Williams Inn with the new Dining Room and Pillsbury Hall at the right (beyond the sailboat).





Architect's sketch for the new edifice and Sunday School unit of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois, to cost approximately \$260,000

## Building Plans for Kankakee Church

Plans for the \$260,000 Building of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois reported by Mrs. Alice M. Luhrs, Church Clerk.

CONSTRUCTION of a new church at Curtis Ave. and Hawkins St. is being planned by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Illinois. A kick-off dinner was staged Thursday night, Jan. 29th, at the present church basement, launching the campaign to finance the new structure. The architect's estimate of the cost of the new building is \$260,000.

The new church will be constructed on a plot measuring 411 by 162 feet, the equivalent of almost seven lots. The land is located to the north of the church parsonage at 1090 S. Curtis Ave. The new parsonage was constructed five years ago and the land for the new church was purchased two years ago.

### NEW CHURCH FACILITIES

The proposed church would face north and front on Hawkins Street. The sanctuary would be on the west wing of the building, the educational unit would be in the central part of the U-shaped structure, and the fellowship hall would form the east wing.

The preliminary plans call for a sanctuary to seat 391 persons with 40 additional spaces in the choir area. The sanctuary would be 108 by 52 feet. At the rear of the sanctuary would be the pastor's study, choir rooms, and church office.

The educational unit would measure 202 by 64 feet and would include rooms for the nursery, beginners, primary, junior and intermediate departments of the church school. Classes for adults and the young people will be in the fellowship hall. The latter, which would be a multi-purpose area, would provide facilities for seating about 200 at church dinners. The one-story structure would be of brick and stone exterior. The congregation is hopeful of starting construction this year.

The present church building and annex have been sold to a realty firm here and future plans for the property have not been disclosed.

At the kickoff dinner plans for the new church, which will be of contemporary architecture, were presented by Gilbert Luhrs, church moderator. Albert Salzman, chairman of the finance board, outlined the campaign and the use of the pledge cards. The kickoff meeting saw the securing of pledges for half of the amount needed to underwrite the budget annually to start building.

An inspirational talk was given by the church pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson. David Cox, chairman of the music committee, led group singing. Following the dinner a string trio consisting of Jonathan Pucek, Fred Milk and Sharon Salzman presented selections. Several numbers were given by the Immanuel Male Quartet and Mrs. Clarence McNeil presented a solo. Tables were decorated by Mrs. Luhrs

with spring flowers and tapers in pastel shades. The building theme was carried out through a miniature church and building tools.

Mrs. John Fox was in charge of the dinner committee. Miss Germaine Wasser, Mrs. Roy Williams, Mrs. Cecil A. Martin, Mrs. Albert Salzman, Mrs. Percy Hester and Mrs. Leo Burns assisted with the cooking.

Mr. Luhrs is chairman of the building-planning committee. Others are Roy Williams, Miss Wasser, Clifford Benedict, Albert Salzman, Clarence Salzman, George A. Salzman, Clarence McNeil and Roy Risley. Members of the financial committee other than the chairman, Albert Salzman, are Mr. and Mrs. Luhrs, Frank Zelhart, Mrs. John Fox, Clifford Benedict, Miss Wasser, Roy Williams and Clarence McNeil.

## 50th Anniversary in Kansas

Report of the Anniversary Festivities of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas, by Mrs. Walter Fritzeimer

"I AM THE LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go" (Isaiah 48:17). "As God Leads" was the program theme used by the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, February 8 and 9, in commemorating the 50th anniversary of its existence as an organized church.

### PEACE CREEK STATION

The work of North American Baptists in the Stafford community resulting in the present Calvary Baptist Church dates back to 1879 when a group of German-speaking people from Stafford and a group from Ellinwood, Kansas, twenty-one in all, organized a church known as the First German Baptist Church of Ellinwood. Seven of this number resided

in the neighborhood north of Stafford. The Stafford group was then called "The Peace Creek Station."

This work grew through winning other German-speaking people and through migration of other German Baptists to this community, so that in 1900 a small church was built on the site of the present church. It was not until 1909 that the local group of 48 charter members decided to organize as a church body and thus separate from the Ellinwood Church. By 1914 the original building was quite inadequate so a second building was constructed. This in turn was replaced in 1952 by the present structure.

Of the 48 charter members, 17 are still living. Eleven were present to receive a corsage or boutonniere as a token of love for their faithfulness to

God and future generations, in providing a House of Worship.

The Sunday morning service included words of testimony from former superintendents as they expressed how God has led through many difficult situations into times of great blessings.

### ANNIVERSARY SPEAKERS

Rev. Alfred Weisser of Herried, South Dakota, one of the three living former pastors, was present to participate in the two days activities. Rev. J. C. Gunst, District Secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, brought an inspirational message, "As God Leads." The offering of \$659.00 was equally divided between Missions and Church Extension.

Rev. Charles Thole, a son of the church, led the evening service at which time Rev. H. J. Wilcke gave a pictorial story of the church. Rev. Merle Brenner, pastor of the First Baptist of Ellinwood, spoke on "How God Leads in Our Fellowship Together." Mr. Gunst brought the message,



Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor, (left), and Rev. J. C. Gunst, guest speaker, at the 50th anniversary festivities of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas

"As God Leads in Denominational Fellowship."

Rev. Leon Bill, also a son of the church, was toastmaster at the banquet on Monday evening. At this time Gus Koch, representing the Mother Church, the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, recounted numerous instances and events of previous days and during the founding of the church.

Rev. J. C. Gunst concluded the anniversary activities with a message of dedication and a challenge to "Let God Lead in the Days to Come."

### THE BLESSINGS OF LIFE

There are three requisites to the proper enjoyment of earthly blessings: a thankful reflection, on the goodness of the giver; a deep sense of our own unworthiness; and a recollection of the uncertainty of our long possessing them.

—Hannah More.

## From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

What is the meaning of James 5:19, 20: "My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins"? How can one reconcile this passage with the doctrine of the security of the the believer?

Some have suggested that in these verses the man in question is not a converted Christian. He is a *professor* but not a *possessor*. The fact that he is referred to as a sinner in verse 20 is used to support this interpretation. If this is really the situation, then there is no special problem involved. The death from which his soul is saved is *spiritual* death.

However, the statement, "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth," and the two references to *bringing him back*, seem clearly to indicate that the man under discussion is a Christian and that the Authorized Version's "convert" is better rendered "bring him back" as in the Revised Standard Version. Initial conversion which takes place when a person first puts his trust in the Savior is not being considered here at all. The erring man has already been converted but has left the great doctrines of the Christian faith and the moral responsibilities which spring from these. Now if a fellow-Christian sees his brother in such a condition and is able to bring him back into fellowship with Christ and his Church, the consequences will be two-fold: (1) he shall save his soul from death, and (2) he shall cover a multitude of sins.

A number of problems arise out of the above statements. It is generally agreed that it is the soul of the erring brother which is saved, but whose sins are covered? Some have found in this statement the Jewish doctrine of good works off-setting bad ones. But the

Epistle of James is a Christian book, not a Jewish one, and such a doctrine is wholly inconsistent with the rest of New Testament teaching. Thus the sins covered must be those of the erring man. They are hidden from the sight of God, which is simply another way of saying that they are forgiven.

A far more difficult problem arises out of the statement, "shall save a soul from death." Assuming the man to be a Christian, is this a reference to spiritual death? In the history of the interpretation of the passage, it has often been taken to be that (e. g., A. T. Robertson held that this was a reference to "a living death in which such a soul already finds itself and . . . eternal death as well"), but one wonders whether such an interpretation is consistent with the rest of New Testament teaching concerning the security of the believer in Christ. Perhaps James is speaking about physical death since the early Church believed and taught that persistence in sin could cause premature physical death. A good example of this teaching is found in I Corinthians 11:30 where Paul states that many of the Corinthian Christians had died as the consequence of eating and drinking unworthily at the Lord's Table.

This interpretation too has its difficulties, but it appeals to me as being the best of several unsatisfactory alternatives. Dogmatism in interpreting such a passage as James 5:19, 20 is completely out of place.

### EDITORIAL—South America

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North Americans are rediscovering for themselves the fascinating history of South America. The names of San Martin, whose face appears on recent United States stamps, Bolivar, O'Higgins, Pizarro and Balboa renew our acquaintance with memorable chapters of history and with the struggle for freedom in South America. The sun-worshipping Incas, the gold-hunting Spanish Conquistadores and the heroes of freedom march colorfully before us.

Every Baptist traveling to South

### CHAPEL CHEER BROADCASTS

CHAPEL CHEER, the South Dakota Association Radio Program, is now being broadcast on Sundays at 12:45 P.M. over station KSOO (1140 kc on the dial), Sioux Falls, South Dakota.—Rev. Elmer Buenning, Radio Committee Publicity Chairman.

America is amazed to discover the strength and vitality of the evangelical community on that continent, five million strong. "The Gospel has now become multitude" down the Andean way. All of this makes for unusual opportunities *now* in South America to witness for Christ. Such doors have been opened wide by God's providence. Baptists are certainly in the vanguard in South America in this inspirational "forward march" for Christ.

All of this heart warming account of South America's beauty and grandeur, its ancient history and unique quaintness, its unfolding possibilities for the future and its wide open doors for the Gospel witness in many places, along with the cruel persecution elsewhere, will be presented by the editor in forthcoming issues. This will be your open door to the enjoyment of the 1960 Baptist World Congress, whether on a personal adventure or through the pages of our publications. Even more, it will be an adventurous rediscovery of South America!



# We the Women

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG  
President of the Woman's Missionary  
Union

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

Recently at a "Better Seed Show," a Home Economist urged her large audience of women to use more flour in order to consume the fine wheat which is the chief crop of our state of North Dakota, and which is being produced in over-abundance. The best way to use up this surplus of hard spring wheat is to bake more bread, she asserted. Then she proceeded to demonstrate the baking of bread to the minutest detail.

Years ago every mother worthy of the name saw to it that her daughters learned the fine art of bread-making. I remember in our home, bread-making was a requirement for college entrance. My mother declared no daughter of hers would go to college until she had learned to bake a respectable loaf of bread! Today, as it seems, bread-making is fast becoming a lost art. It is so much more convenient just to buy bread at the Supermarket or bakery.

And yet one of the most satisfying of all foods is home-baked bread. To walk into a kitchen where bread is baking gives one an olfactory experience that is rare indeed. Such a good aroma has few equals. Small wonder that bread has been called the "staff of life."

## PROGRAM PACKETS

Remember, the new Program Packets are now available. Send your order to Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill. The price for the English packet is \$1.50; for the German it is \$1.00.

Yet the "staff of life" is fast losing its basic value. We are using more and more substitutes, and our wheat surpluses continue to pile up. Women, especially, shy away from breads because it is so important to be attractively slim. Bread may be fattening! They forget it isn't the bread, but what is spread on it that adds the extra calories.

Just as we are getting away from the basic "staff of life," it seems we are also getting along with a lot less of the "Bread of Life." Our lives are no longer built around the Bible and God. As we become more and more sophisticated, we have less and less time for God or the Bible. Our lives are so taken up with the demands of making a living, getting an education, or raising a family. There just isn't time for everything. Being constantly harried into trying to keep up with the pace of modern living, it be-

# The Brotherhood Works for Christ

By Mr. Heartsill Wilson of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

THE BROTHERHOOD is an enlistment and service organization. No Brotherhood justifies its existence unless it continually seeks to provide a practical outlet through which men can put into action the teachings of the Bible and the program of the church. To accomplish this purpose, the Brotherhood must constantly endeavor to discover, challenge and utilize men in the promotion of a program which is manly in its appeal and application and which is, to its very core, Christ and church-centered.

It should be noted that the term "promotion of a program" is used rather than "support of a program," and the word "promote" is of important significance. There is a vast difference in the meaning of the two words. A person can support a cause and not promote it, but it is impossible to promote a cause without supporting it. An individual can support something by giving his money and withholding himself, but when an individual promotes a cause, he invariably puts himself, his personality and his talents, as well as his money into the effort.

The writer is directly associated with a phase of the automobile industry where millions of dollars are spent annually to promote the sales of automobiles, but little value would be received from the expenditure unless the over 15,000 men involved in the effort did not give of their time, talent and self to accomplish the goal—and so it is in the Lord's work with men. It is the dedication of the men in promoting the Kingdom of God that will make a Brotherhood in your church a tower of power—or a social hour!

Edgar A. Guest, a Godly man and a faithful worker in his church, once wrote these words that emphasize the importance of active laymen:

"When you see a church that's empty,  
Though its doors are open wide;  
It's not the church that's dying,  
It's the laymen who have died.

comes an easy matter to omit the "Bread of Life" from our diet entirely.

Just as baker's bread is not as satisfying as home-baked bread, so in the spiritual realm people are not satisfied with the things they have substituted for the "Bread of Life." There is a seething restlessness in our American way of living—a constant struggle to acquire more things, to improve

## CENTRAL HOME, CHICAGO

The annual Donation Day at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, 7901 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago 31, Ill., will be held on Monday, April 6. Donations from the churches will be gratefully accepted at the home.

M. Vanderbeck, Superintendent

It's not alone by song or sermon  
That the church's work is done—  
It's the laymen in our country,  
Who for God must carry on!"

Little did Edward Kimball realize, when he laid his hand on the shoulder of a young shoe clerk in a Boston store and told him of the love of Christ for his soul, that the touch of his hand would be felt around the world through the dedicated service of the young shoe clerk, Dwight L. Moody.

I wonder how many Moodys are waiting today for a layman, perhaps a Brotherhood member, to lead the way of such a person into full time Christian service.

One of the principal objectives of the Brotherhood organization is "to place greater emphasis upon individual evangelism and the leading of other men to know Christ and his love for every man."

A healthy, vibrant Brotherhood is a soul-winning organization—an organization working in a powerful way in the claiming of lost men in Christ's Name for time and eternity.

Through the media of the Brotherhood in our Convention, the Lord can work miracles in the lives of men and the program of his Church. The primary need is leadership on the part of the men of our churches, the assistance and encouragement of the pastors, and the blessing of God in the effort—and I'm extremely confident that the latter will be abundantly available!

Wherever there is a church that has lost souls in its area of influence, wherever there is a church in which manpower is not utilized to its maximum in dedicated Christian service and stewardship, there exists a challenge and an opportunity to let the program of the Brotherhood become an active and forceful power in the fulfillment of the responsibilities that Christ has placed in our hands.

our standard of living, often at the expense of moral and spiritual values.

Yet the things of this fleeting world do not satisfy the deep hunger of the soul. It is God whom the soul of man needs, even if he does not recognize this need. Christ's words, "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger," are the answer to every want in life. It is he who satisfies the soul, and gives life itself purpose and meaning.

America today needs the "Bread of Life." All around us are those who are unsaved. Countless thousands in heathen lands also cry for the living bread. The command of Jesus, "Give ye them to eat," is no less a command to everyone today who bears the name of Christian. God needs you and me to give others the "Bread of Life."



# What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Walth of Sacramento, Calif., have announced the birth of a son on Feb. 23 who has been named Jesse Jay. Mr. Walth is the pastor of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento.

● On Sunday, Feb. 22, Rev. D. Raymond Parry resigned as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., and announced that he had accepted a call from the Harvey Park Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado. This is a church of the American Baptist Convention, founded four years ago for the New Frontiers movement. He will begin his new pastorate in the Denver church on April 15. Mr. Parry has served as minister in Racine, Wis., since 1951.

● The Mission (German) Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., held its first anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 22, with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, bringing the anniversary address at the morning service. In the afternoon service, which was well attended by friends from Chicago and vicinity, the guest speaker was Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational director of evangelism. The church also honored Mr. Erwin Radant of Lombard, Ill., who served as interim pastor for some time. Rev. Elvin Schuelke, pastor, was in charge of these festive services. The church's membership has grown from 53 to 84 during the course of the year. The Sunday School totals about 70. The choir of 28 voices is directed by Mr. S. Eichstadt.

● The Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. Oscar Fritzke of Nokomis, Saskatchewan, to become its pastor to which a favorable answer has been given. Mr. Fritzke began his ministry in Camrose on March 15, succeeding Prof. Arnold Rapske, now serving on the teaching staff of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. Mr. Fritzke has served the Baptist church of Nokomis for almost five years.

● On Sunday evening, Jan. 18, the congregations of the German Baptist and Walmer Road (Canadian) Baptist Churches of Toronto, Ontario, united in a Baptist Jubilee Advance service held at the German Church. Five hundred people attended the program which was conducted by Rev. Philip Scherer, pastor. Speakers were Dr. Frank H. Woyke, of Forest Park, Ill., Dr. T. B. McDormand, chairman of the B. J. A. Joint Committee; Dr. C. Howard Bentall and Dr. W. B. King. The Walmer Road choir combined with the German church choir to sing several numbers in English and German. Rendition of "Blest Be the Tie," with

hands joined, was a moving conclusion to this evening of inspiring fellowship.

● From Feb. 17 to 27 revival meetings were held in the Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alberta, with Rev. R. Kanwischer of Medicine Hat, Alberta, serving as evangelist. This was the 8th revival campaign for the church. The pastor, Rev. O. A. Ertis, has also been busy in an effective evangelistic ministry. Last November he served the Victoria Avenue Church of Regina, Sask. In January he rendered a similar ministry in the Third German Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., with 400 to 500 people in attendance. In February he preached in evangelistic meetings in the First German Baptist Church of Saskatoon, Sask.

● The February 1959 issue of "The Baptist World," the journal of the Baptist World Alliance, reprinted the article on "Alfred Saker" by Dudley Reeves, which appeared in the "Baptist Herald" (Nov. 27, 1958) along with a picture of missionary Saker and of an African drum calling people to worship at a Cameroons mission station. The story of the three pence stamp issued by Nigeria in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Victoria by the Baptist missionary, Saker, was also recalled by Mr. C. E. Bryant, editor, in this issue of "The Baptist World."

● The First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, has extended a call to Rev. Douglas H. Gallagher of Dallas, Texas, to which a favorable response has been given. He has announced that he will begin his ministry in the Lorraine Church on May 17, 1959. He has served the Carroll Avenue Church of Dallas, Texas since 1955. In Lorraine he will succeed the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, the general secretary of the Education and Publication Society. Rev. H. R. Schroeder will continue to serve as interim pastor at the Lorraine Church until the new minister arrives.

● On Sunday afternoon, March 8, the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., held a special musical program at which the new Steinway piano, costing \$2,358, was first used and featuring Mr. Ted Bergman of the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis as guest pianist. Special services were conducted in the church from March 15 to 20 with Rev. John E. Grygo of Bismarck, N. Dak., as evangelist. Dr. W. J. Appel, director of our mission fields and work in Austria, was a guest speaker on Easter Sunday, March 29. The "Visitor" of the church noted that on March 1, 1959 the 10th

milestone of the church's ministry in the new location and building was reached and also the 74th anniversary of the church's history.

● On Palm Sunday evening, March 22, the young people and the choir of the Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., presented a program in the Baptist Church of Eureka, S. Dak. The cantata pageant, "Thomas and the Risen Lord," was directed by Mrs. E. A. Bischke, Herreid choir director. This program was also given in the Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., on Friday evening, March 20 and in Herreid, S. Dak., on Easter Sunday evening. Rev. Alfred Weisser is pastor of the Herreid Church. The young people and choir of 36 voices of the Eureka Baptist Church will present a musical program and the dialogue, "The Magdalene," in Herreid, S. Dak., on Sunday evening, April 5. Rev. A. E. Reeh is the choir director. The program was given at Eureka, S. Dak., on Good Friday evening, March 27.

● Pre-Easter services were held by the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, on Tuesday evenings in March. The following pastors took part: Rev. A. Rapske of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta; Rev. Raymond Harsch of the Temple Church, Leduc, Alta.; Rev. H. Ginter of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, New Serepta, Alta.; and Rev. H. Hiller of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton. On Easter Sunday evening the church choir presented the cantata, "The Lord of the Eastertide." Rev. Fred J. Knalson is pastor of the church.

● Mr. Paul Neumann of Costa Mesa, Calif., a son of Rev. and Mrs. P. G. Neumann and the captain of the Stanford University basketball team, has been named to the "Venture for Victory" basketball squad which will go to the Orient next summer with Coach Don Odle of Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, in charge. Other members of the team include Bill Gerig, captain of the Wheaton College team, and Bob Whitehead, a Wheaton forward. An article on Paul Neumann's basketball career and his witness as a Christian appeared in "My Counselor" in the January 18, 1959 issue.

● Sgt. Edward Woodrich of Kankakee, Ill., was one of eight crewmen killed on March 6 when a Marine transport plane crashed near Cherry Point, North Carolina. The Flying Boxcar crashed and burned while trying to make an instrument landing during a violent rainstorm. Sgt. Woodrich entered the Marines in Jan. 1954. He was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee. He had just completed a two-months tour of duty in Europe prior to the accident. Surviving are the widow and one child; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Woodrich of Kankakee, Ill.; and three sisters: Evelyn, Ardis and Mrs. Arlene Wright.





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Tom soon learned that Mary Sue's beauty came deeply from her very soul which was completely at peace with her Savior.

# The Voice of My Beloved

A Christian Novel by  
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## SYNOPSIS

Tom Larkin drove his big semi truck into the darkness of a stormy night and hit an obstruction in the road. No farmhouse light was in sight. Then to his amazement at the top of a hill he seemed to see a building with lights flickering at the windows. He walked to it through the hurrying rain and found it to be a weather beaten church. And in it, he discovered a girl, deep in prayer, sitting near a candelabra. Mary Sue took him to her home nearby and introduced him to her father, Spencer Nichols, a man with no sign of friendly warmth who called his daughter "a scatterbrain." Since the death of his wife, Mr. Nichols and his daughter had had many disagreements. In this home with this Bible reading girl, Tom Larkin was reminded of his deeply religious mother and of his promises to her before she died. Back in the city the next day, Tom Larkin rejoined his "steady date," Dixie Gates, a waitress. But he could not forget Mary Sue and her dilapidated church. He went out again with paint and brush to fix up the church, but the girl came and talked about God having a purpose for him and his needing Christ. Then Spencer Nichols became interested in fixing up the church and sinking a new well. The rural mail carrier stopped in front of the church and wanted to see it. Tom talked to him about other improvements that could be made—someday!

## CHAPTER EIGHT

TOM felt Mary-Sue's eyes on him again, and he knew the expression even without meeting it. She smiled gently—observantly.

"That old bell," the mailman asked. "It still shake the rafters down?"

"I don't know. We haven't dared try it. Be nice if chimes could be installed—" Again he felt Mary-Sue's glance.

The mailman nodded. "Sure would be."

And when they were outside again, the mailman said, "It was about the pump I really stopped. Abe told me, you know, and I got to thinking on the way over here that I got this old outfit in my basement, see? City limits were extended a while back and we hooked onto city water. Never did anything with the old pump but let it set. Might be it could be toggled up to run yet. You'll still have to buy the pipe

and fixtures, but if you told Al Dunn at the hardware in town what you wanted the stuff for, he might give you a price. Might even have something second hand—you know."

And so, cable by cable, the network of improvements fanned miraculously wide, each new extension adding strength to the fiber that wove Tom closer to the church. Without contemplating such a result when he first undertook merely to scrub the place, he had somehow become the figurehead about whom others circulated, each a willing spoke, but none with the inclination to be the hub!

One woman walked a mile to bring flowers from her garden and arrange them in front of the platform.

"Most of us have to work through the day," she complained gently to Tom. "Hard for us to visit then. If it was so we could come by night—"

Electricity again. It all came back to that. The pump, lights, even chimes—they all needed electricity. Since the church possessed no board of its own, only one man could give consent to this expense. Tom shut his mind to that line of thought and tried to think of another way out.

He was still pondering the problem on the following Monday, the day when Abe had announced he would begin work. He slowed down as he drove into the church yard, waved across the hills to Mary-Sue standing out at the clothesline. Then he went around to the back to talk to Abe. He was still there when Mary-Sue came running breathlessly to meet him. Together they went into the church to decide what kind of plumbing they needed before he went into town to see about it.

They had come up from the basement and stood looking across the pews toward the front of the church when Mary-Sue pointed to a plain white

envelope propped against the front of the pulpit.

"What in the world—" she said, and Tom grinned at her fastidiousness.

His grin faded when he saw her open the envelope and pull out a crumpled bill.

"Five dollars!" she gasped, round eyed.

Tom was at her side in a few quick strides. "Well, what did they say? Who from?"

She looked at the envelope again, peered into it "Nothing! No one!"

"Well, who would do such a thing? A passer-by? Somebody in the neighborhood? Your father maybe?"

She shook her head. "Not my father, surely! He'd have the courage to give it directly, I'm sure! I—don't know who, Tom—Just—somebody who wants a church—besides us—"

"Us!" Tom croaked. "I never wanted a church! All I wanted was—"

She gave him that knowing smile. "Want it or not, Tom, you've got one."

His mouth opened in dismay. "Don't be silly! We've gone all through this! You—the people around here—"

She overlooked his protest and sat down in the front pew, the crumpled bill and envelope still in her hands.

"Well," she said quietly. "I guess now you have to go to Dr. Elliott."

"Go to Dr. Elliott!" he roared. "Me?"

She shrugged and arched two beautiful black brows at him. "God's done everything short of prodding you with a pitchfork, Tom."

"I won't go! You think I'm crazy or something? Why should I go flying off to some man I've never even seen and—"

She stood, crossed her arms, and looked at him wisely. "Mrs. Bensen expressed the wish to visit the church at night," she pointed out with taxed patience. "Abe's outside digging a well.

My father's going over to pick up that pump from the mailman."

She paused to wave the crumpled bill. "This might be the first donation toward chimes—"

He sent her a cold look. "It's got nothing to do with me!"

"It's got everything to do with you, Tom Larkin! Who do you think you're kidding! These people come to you; they look to you! They need electricity, and they expect you to get it for them!"

"I'm not even a member of the church!"

She opened her mouth to contest that, debated a second, and let it go. She turned slightly away. "Well, then, do it for them," she said tartly.

Tom simmered down. "I can't, Mary-Sue! You know I can't. I don't even know the man—I speak worse English than a Banshee Indian—"

Her face turned up to his slowly and there was tenderness in her eyes. "These people don't care what kind of English you talk, Tom," she reminded gently, her eyes misting. "They love you the way you are. So does God."

"You don't stop at anything, do you?" he grunted. "When you can't argue me into something, you try shaming me into it!"

She borrowed his trick of smiling softly, saying nothing.

There was no time to give the problem further discussion that day, but at night while he ate supper he did mention it to Dixie.

"We've been friends quite a while," she said after a minute. "Naturally your happiness means something to me. If it would embarrass you and give you added responsibility, discomfort, then I wouldn't want you to go to Dr. Elliott. But there's the possibility, Tom, that it might make you equally miserable not to go. Each of us has to live in his own skin, Tom, and the only thing we've got to keep us on speaking terms with ourselves is our conscience. I guess that's why God gave us a conscience—so we'd have to listen to Him or we couldn't stand ourselves."

They were silent a while. Then Dixie grunted wryly, "Kind of ironic, isn't it, Tom? We don't get as far away from Him as we think—"

Tom felt a surge of tenderness for her. She was basically a fine girl. They had many, many things in common...

"You been going to church, Dixie?"

She nodded. "Every Sunday."

"Next week I'll go with you."

They exchanged smiles as they rose to go.

It was a fifty-mile drive to the office adjoining the low brick parsonage of Dr. James H. Elliott. The church directly next to the parsonage was one of height and grandeur, its stained-glass windows looking down in splendor upon meticulously kept green lawns and shrubbery. The two structures together occupied little short of an entire city block.

Tom was awed, and might even

have felt a twinge of envy as he thought of his own people with their simple, crying needs, until he met the man Dr. Elliott himself. Suddenly the grandeur was justified. The man was capable and deserving, with eyes so blue and compassionate as to remind one of those words pertaining to our Lord, "His eye is on the sparrow—"

It gave Tom the courage to blunder through the presentation of his problem. As he talked, Dr. Elliott sat quietly behind his big desk. On occasion the silver-haired pastor nodded his magnificently groomed head. Mostly he listened without expression. When Tom finished, he was not certain whether he had won approval or disapproval.

Dr. Elliott leaned forward, laced his fingers together on the shining glass-topped desk, and met Tom's eyes levelly.

"I am not a man," he said slowly, "totally without a communication system." And then, twinkling but with mock severity, "I have spies!"

He went on to say that he received several letters from people in the area informing him of the goings-on, and Tom was a trifle taken aback. It had occurred to him (and still he had never really been able to believe it) that there were people who would disapprove of his actions and frown on them.

His doubt was immediately alleviated when Dr. Elliott informed him that all the comments had been most favorable.

"One woman," he said, nodding his head thoughtfully, "even thanked me for appointing you."

Tom's mouth opened in surprise. Dr. Elliott arose and paced slowly about the room, pausing by the window to watch passers-by.

"I have a fairly good idea of your character, Mr. Larkin," he said finally, "and certainly it seems most admirable. I do, however—and if you don't mind—have some questions concerning your—" He turned and faced Tom, spreading his arms outward. "I don't want to say 'qualifications,' because surely any and all of us possess the qualifications for serving the Lord God, each in his own way and within the bounds of his own capacity. Perhaps I should better say your 'motivations.' For instance, I take it that you have not been ordained—"

Tom's hands gripped the wooden arms of the chair and he leaned forward. "Of course not, sir! I've never at any time attempted—"

Dr. Elliott nodded. "You are a lay worker, then?"

Tom hesitated. "No—No, I don't think I am—not really—"

Dr. Elliott sensed his embarrassment. "Let me ask you this," he said. "Do you have a personal interest in this church? Have you lived in the surrounding area, perhaps?"

Tom shook his head and settled back. There seemed no other way but to give the doctor a brief sketch of his reasons, evading any mention of his own beliefs, by all means!

"I see. You felt a little sorry, a little compelled, and now you have been elected a spokesman."

"Something like that—"

"Nothing else?"

"No—" But Tom did not meet his eyes.

"You feel the work should be continued?"

"Oh, by all means, sir! These people—if you could see them—understand their needs—"

Dr. Elliott smiled tolerantly. "I think I can understand most men's need for salvation, Mr. Larkin."

Tom flushed. "I didn't mean to sound disrespectful. I get—carried away, I guess."

"You have a good cause, Mr. Larkin, for being carried away. Tell me, are you willing to continue the work without being paid for it?"

Tom was shocked. "Of course! I never expected—it never entered my head—I mean, I've—"

Dr. Elliott nodded. "You've put in much more than you ever could take out." He finished neatly for Tom. "You did it for the people involved, for the small amount of personal satisfaction derived, and with no thought of recompense. You've taken from your own pocket to give to others."

Tom's face turned blistering hot and he bowed his head. Praise was far less easy to accept than scorn.

Dr. Elliott came around to the front of the desk now and leaned against the edge of it, crossing his arms above his chest.

"Mr. Larkin," he said quietly, "I've been curious to meet you ever since I received those letters. I've wondered if you would come to me of your own accord. I've also wondered when. Now that you're here, I must confess a sense of shame for ever doubting that sooner or later you would make yourself known. You see, I have a side to this story of your church, too."

He arose again then and began to speak slowly with vibrant, meaningful phrases. He explained, first of all, that the system of which he was the head, was not, by any means, a law system, but more a system which was overworked as a result of increased population since the war years, the insufficient number of young men entering the ministry, missionary and war-victim obligations steadily on the increase.

"Frankly," he said, pausing to look directly at Tom, "there have been discussions before the board concerning your little church. It was felt in many ways that it would be better to sell this property and put the money derived to some more immediately pressing use—such as missionary funds. The people in this area had dwindled, as you know, seemingly lost interest, and very definitely showed signs of not being able to support even a tiny church. There seemed no alternate.

"It may shock you—unless you are intimately familiar with the workings of our Lord—to know that we had

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# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 12, 1959

Theme: ISRAEL'S FIRST KING

Scripture: 1 Samuel 10:17-27

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** A great king is one who loves the people over whom he rules more than the office which he holds.

**INTRODUCTION:** There is something about the pageantry of royalty that is attractive and at the same time inspiring. To those people who have been brought up under its influence, the official functions of the democracies often seem very common and mundane. The danger becomes evident when the pomp and display of the office are accepted while the leadership and ability often found among the common people are rejected. Perhaps the best solution is to be found in a combination of both.

The strength of a nation often depends on the type of leadership which was able to guide it through its birth and infancy. After so many hundreds of years of struggling among themselves within as well as with their enemies without, they now had hopes of emerging as a kingdom comparable to those around them. Their zeal, their patriotism and their nationalism were inspiring them, and they were in danger of losing the inspiration which comes from God.

**I. GOD'S WORK IN THE PAST.**  
1 Samuel 10:17-18.

Often when we are discouraged and frustrated in the present, it is good to cultivate the backward look. It is so easy to forget how God led, how God prepared and how God helped in the past. Samuel reminded the children of Israel what the Lord did even though they had no king. They were delivered out of Egyptian bondage and out of the hand of all their enemies. In spite of all their spiritual weaknesses and lack of numerical strength, God had marvelously led them into the promised land. It is at such times that we ought to ask ourselves whether we ought to choose other ways when God's way has worked so well.

**II. GOD'S WORK IN THE PRESENT.** 1 Samuel 10:19-20.

It is questionable whether it was right for Samuel to put the blame for the desire for a king wholly on the people of Israel. In spite of Samuel's ability and integrity in political and religious affairs, he was unable to instill the same virtues into his own sons. He had already made the mistake of setting up his sons as judges in Israel and their bribery and perverted judgment were already well-known. (Read 1 Samuel 8:1-5).

Yet in spite of our own wills and our own requests and our own weak-

nesses, God does not forsake us. It is to the credit of God's eternal grace and mercy that he does the very best he can under the circumstances. Often he must let us discover the error of our own ways so that we might find the right way. God is continually at work, and it depends on our obedience as to how well his work and his will are fulfilled.

**III. GOD'S WORK THROUGH A MAN.** 1 Samuel 10:21-26.

There is no doubt that God through Samuel chose the best available man as king of Israel. Physically he had the appearance of strength and dignity. Spiritually he was humble and God-fearing. His character and personality attracted followers whose hearts were touched by God. If these qualities would have remained stable throughout his life, there is no doubt that God could have worked wonders through Saul.

**IV. GOD'S LOYAL OPPOSITION.**  
1 Samuel 10:27.

It is sometimes possible to oppose the government and still be good citizens; but you cannot oppose God and still be good Christians. Some people have only one consistency—they are consistent in opposing everything and everybody. They are never sure what they are for, but they are always certain what they are against.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 19, 1959

Theme: SAUL'S TRAGIC FAILURE (TEMPERANCE)

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:17-26

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** It is difficult to serve a king who is not a faithful servant of God.

**INTRODUCTION:** Many of us have had dreams of being a star in one form or another. It may have been in the field of sports or business or politics or even in religion. But for the aspiration of such high offices, we must also be realistically aware of the danger. None of us would wish to experience the humiliation and the disgrace of being a fallen star. A man must be stronger to endure defeat than to endure success.

As long as Saul travelled the road toward success, he was willing to abide by the will of God and be subject un-

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to him. He was also willing to accept the help and advice of fellowmen. It was when he reached a measure of triumph and conquest that he worked independently of friends and independently of God. He was more interested in keeping his position than in keeping the House of Israel. His life was all the more tragic because it began with such splendor and promise and ended in bad judgment, violence, deceit and suicide. What a great contrast we find in the life of Paul when he said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

**I. A LOST SENSE OF HUMILITY.**  
1 Samuel 15:17-19.

Again and again in history, we have seen men do great things for God and then end up by trying to be great themselves. When Fanny Crosby was complimented on her great faith she said, "I have only a little faith, but I have a great God." It is when men attempt to take the cloak of greatness from God and wrap themselves in it that they disappear into oblivion. Saul was no longer satisfied with being little. By trying to add a cubit to his stature he lost stature altogether.

**II. A LOST SENSE OF OBEDIENCE.** 1 Samuel 15:19-25.

"The Lord sent thee on a journey." Life is a pilgrimage. It has a definite path and a definite goal. If we walk in God's narrow way, then blessing and life will await us in the end. If we choose our own broad way of disobedience, there is nothing but death and destruction ahead of us.

Saul found it very convenient to rationalize his actions by trying to convince himself and others that his will was really God's will. He believed himself to be more merciful and compassionate than God. No matter how high and noble our purpose may be, there is no substitute for simple obedience to God.

**III. A LOST SENSE OF REPENTANCE.** 1 Samuel 15:24-25.

Saul's repentance was repentance expressed in word but not in deed. He was caught in the act and the only way to get out of it was to say hastily, "I'm sorry," and hope that the apology would be accepted. He did not even take the full responsibility for his sin. The people were to blame and he had to obey them in order to save his skin. His subsequent actions were proof enough to show that there was no real change of heart.

**IV. A LOST KING.** 1 Samuel 15:26.

A dethroned king is a woeful tragedy. One is reminded of Isaiah's lament: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations" (Isaiah 14:12)! Rejected by God and despised by his people, Saul became the loneliest of men. With this overpowering feeling of despair, he had nothing to live for and nothing to die for.

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Dakota Conference

### Women's Day of Prayer Program, Sidney, Montana

On Friday evening, Feb. 13, the Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana, met at the home of Mrs. Gus Strobel for our World Day of Prayer program. The service was opened by a solo number by Eva Pena. Scripture was read in three different languages by Mrs. Rardin, Mrs. Pena and Mrs. Strobel. A girls' quartet number was sung by Ardell Strobel, Elia Pena, Janice Fay and Shirley Pust, after which a reading was given by Mrs. Wolf.

Another special trio number was brought by Mary Lee Smith, Mary and Eva Pena. A poem was read by Mrs. Larry McRae. Other speakers were Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Davison and Miss Cooper. Our mission fields were remembered in special prayers and also other needs were remembered. The evening was closed with a brief White Cross meeting and a time of fellowship.

Mrs. Jacob Ehman, Reporter

### Golden Wedding Anniversary At Harvey, North Dakota

Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Martin of Harvey, N. Dak., were entertained Jan. 4 at the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. About 250 guests were present. The program included numbers by a trio of Mrs. Edwin Faul, Mrs. Alvin Schimke, and Mrs. Donald Schimke; a quartet of Mr. Alvin Schimke, Mr. Gordon Mayer, Mr. Albert Kurtzwick and Mr. Henry Fuhrman and a German quartet of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fuhrman and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kessler. These songs were followed by a reading from their daughter Frieda.

The life story of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Martin was read by Peter Michalanko of Butte, N. Dak. Candle lighters were Roger Martin and Curtis Martin. Lovely Miss Carol Martin was flower girl. Dan Martin and Rosie Suckert were married at the Rosenfeld Church in 1909. They resided near Manfred from 1920 on. They retired to Harvey in 1950.

John C. Kastelein, Pastor.

### Youth Week, Trinity Church Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

The young people of the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., experienced a very wonderful blessing from the activities of Youth Week held from Jan. 25 to Feb. 1. It was the privilege of the young people to participate in the Sunday services by assisting in song service, Scripture reading and special music. Monday evening was work night at the church at which time the church hymnals were repaired. A great blessing was received through visitation carried on

on Tuesday evening. This was followed by a gathering at the pastor's home, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Pfeifer, for a time of fellowship and discussion of the night's visitation.

On Wednesday night the young people took complete charge of the prayer service. A missionary film, "The Great Discovery," was shown on Thursday evening. One of the highlights of the week took place on Saturday night when about thirty young people gathered for a progressive supper. The supper was served at four different homes, ending with devotions led by Myrl Thiesies of the Seminary. On Sunday, February 1, Rev. H. W. Gieseke and Rev. D. Fuchs brought the messages of the day.

JoAnn Triebwasser, Reporter  
Gladys Hoogestraat, President

## Eastern Conference

### Men's Group, Arnprior, Ont., Presents Tape Recorder

The Sunday evening service in the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario on Feb. 8 was conducted by the Men's Organization. Emil Woermke led the song service, Reuben Jahn read the scripture, followed by prayer by Ken Holbein. Music was supplied by the Men's Chorus and a male quartet.

Les Kauffeldt, president of the Baptist Men, presented on behalf of that organization a tape recorder to the church. Bert Blackmore, chairman of the Board of Trustees, accepted this gift on behalf of the members. The tape recorder will be used to bring to the sick and shut-ins the Sunday services, and other special church activities. A prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. E. L. Janzen before the message.

Lorraine Scheel, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. Dan Martin of Harvey, North Dakota, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey.

## Central Conference

### Junior Bible School, Grosse Pointe Church, Mich.

Among the many activities of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Michigan, is the Missionary Workers' Junior Bible School. The director and founder, Miss Helen Maxfield, is a member of our church. The second semester began on January 28 with 99 children and young people enrolled and with 15 instructors. This school is conducted on the regular prayer meeting night, making it convenient for children to attend while their parents attend the prayer service.

This school gives a systematic Bible study for young people, from five years through High School age, including memory work, simple synthetic Bible studies and a Christian service course. A story time is included for the younger ones. The children learn leadership by electing their officers who conduct the devotional part of the school under supervision. Certificates and diplomas are given for work completed.

The aim of this work is to win the students for the Lord and to instill in the young hearts God's precious Word.

Mrs. Wm. Faust, Reporter

### Pastor's Farewell at Forest Park Baptist Church

The Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., was busy February 22nd bidding goodbye to Rev. Ruben Kern and his family. In the morning, Mr. Kern preached his farewell message based on II Corinthians 13:11. The combined Senior and German Mixed Choirs rendered two selections.

At the evening service, Rev. Gideon Zimmerman gave the invocation and read the Scripture. Mr. Cecil T. Osborne, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, led in prayer. Participation by the young people included the Youth Choir, a vocal duet by Judy Schultz and Gary Schroeder, and the offertory played by Lucille Lorat. Mrs. H. Grote and Miss Lydia Mihm spoke on behalf of the women's societies, and Mr. Walter W. Grosser for the church. Best wishes were extended by Dr. Frank Woyke and representatives of four neighboring churches.

A check from the church was presented by Mr. Carl H. Jenkins, moderator, after which both Rev. and Mrs. Ruben Kern responded to the wishes which had been extended them. A communion service climaxed the evening. The hand of fellowship was extended to four new members. An informal social hour followed.

"Thy God doth undertake to guide the future as he hath the past." Sung during the morning service, these words seem appropriate both for the Kerns as they go to the Ridgewood Church in New York, and for our church as we wait the Lord's leading to another undershepherd.

Irma L. Grieger, Reporter



## Pacific Conference

### Golden Wedding Anniversary First Church, Lodi, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Godtfried Mueller of Lodi, California were pleasantly surprised by their children who planned a family reunion and the celebration of their parents' 50th wedding anniversary. Due to circumstances, this celebration took place some time before the actual date of the anniversary which was Feb. 19th. All but one of their eight children were present for the festive occasion. The Social Hall of the First Baptist Church of Lodi was appropriately decorated for the occasion and many friends, relatives and invited guests cheerfully assembled at the appointed hour.

The program consisted of musical numbers, such as duets, quartets and taped recordings of organ selections played by two grandchildren who live in Chicago. The historical sketch of their lives was told by Albert Renke, a life-long friend of the family. Mr. Allan Strohschein, student pastor, and Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor of the church, briefly spoke words of appreciation and encouragement as well as congratulation. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller were married on Feb. 19, 1909 in South Russia and came to this country in 1912. Since 1946 they have been in Lodi as faithful members of the First Baptist Church.

G. G. Rauser, Pastor



Mr. and Mrs. G. Mueller of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

very same scriptures, we learn more and more as we hear the messages over and over again. Only God knows the true results of these meetings in the lives of Christians and sinners alike, but we know that the Holy Spirit was moving in the hearts of those who listened.

The Sunday prior to the evangelistic meetings, our pastor was privileged to

to become their pastor. He has accepted the call and on Jan. 26, 1959, his services terminated as pastor of the Baileyville Baptist Church. On Thursday evening, Jan. 22, many of the friends of the Sanders family gathered at the church for a farewell. Because of the heavy snowfall and many of the roads being closed, some of the people could not attend.

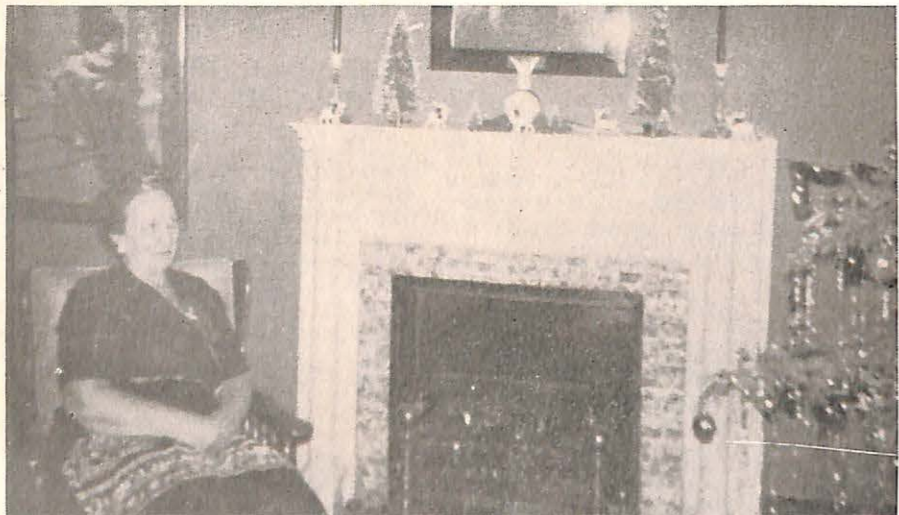
Mr. Bill Stees, one of the deacons, was in charge of the program. He had a very fitting talk for the occasion. Mr. Sanders responded very graciously with a few verses from I Thess. 1:3-6. He also thanked all those who had helped in any way in the work of the church during his ministry. A purse of money was presented to Mr. Sanders. We shall miss them very much. The whole family has been very faithful in attendance at every service. The younger children have never missed our weekly children's prayer meeting. They have all received awards for faithful attendance in Sunday School. Elizabeth Renkema, Church Clerk

## Atlantic Conference

### Girls Home Society of New York City

The accompanying picture was taken in the living room of our New York Girls Home at Christmastime. In the background is the portrait of the beloved founder, Miss Maria Rapp. We are located in the heart of New York City, close to Grand Central Station, the world-famous Fifth Avenue, with its "fairylane" shops, Radio City, and many other interesting sights which people come from all parts of the world to see. We usually number between 70 and 75 guests in the house. There is no age limit. Most of our ladies are working women, of all walks of life, and all types of professions.

We try to maintain a home-like, Christian atmosphere. On Friday evening the guests gather in our spacious living room for a sociable evening of games, recitations and musical numbers rendered by members of our "family." On Sunday mornings after breakfast we have a worship service. To you who live outside of the city, and especially to our missionaries (ladies only, of course) we extend a very cordial greeting. If you should be visiting New York, we know you would enjoy staying at our Home. Our fees are low, and they include a comfortable room and substantial breakfast. Elizabeth Baines, Director



The living room of the Girls Home Society in the heart of New York City with its pleasant home-like atmosphere.

### Evangelistic Meetings at First Church, Lodi, Calif.

We of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., must needs be ever thankful to our Lord for his love and grace to each one of us. During the early part of February we had the joy and privilege of having Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, as our evangelist for ten days, who gave of himself unstintingly, as does our own pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, to present the true Word of God to us.

Brother Miller chose his messages, directed largely to the Christians, from 1st Thessalonians, and although our own pastor has spoken to us from these

baptize six people and to extend the hand of fellowship to them and to five others.

Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Reporter

## Northwestern Conference

### Farewell Service for Pastor At Baileyville, Illinois

On Sunday, Jan. 11, at the Baileyville Baptist Church, Baileyville, Ill., Rev. Harold Sanders read a statement to the congregation that the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., which is of the Conservative Baptist denomination, had extended a call

## Northern Conference

### Mid-Winter Youth Rally At Wetaskiwin, Alberta

Warm fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended the Youth Rally at Wetaskiwin, Alta., in spite of the shivering 20° below weather. The Calvary Baptist Church was the host church for this successful weekend. Rev. A. Lamprecht of McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, opened the rally on Friday, Jan. 30, with a spirited song service. Workshops, embracing the three important phases of youth work in the church, had previously

been set up by the executive. In charge of supplying the material for each group were Mr. Smith, our Sunday School director; Mr. Elmer Breitzkreutz, our youth director; and Rev. Ed Link, our music director.

Sports activities were arranged by Mr. Leroy Dickau. Saturday evening was climaxed by a banquet prepared by the ladies of the Wiesenthal Baptist church. "Christ and You In Partnership," a challenging message, was brought by our guest speaker, Rev. Richard Grabke from Regina, Saskatchewan. Sunday morning was the time in which all Sunday Schools could participate. Junior choirs from the surrounding areas supplied the musical selections. Rev. A. Rapske, a teacher at our C. T. I., gave the morning message. The choirs contributed to the singing of Gospel Songs during the Sunday afternoon as 900 voices blended together in song.

Velma Martin, Reporter

### Evangelistic Meetings and New Basement, Swan River, Man.

The Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Manitoba, held evangelistic meetings from Feb. 8 to 15 with Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist, bringing the messages. Our pastor, Rev. Leslie Zilkie, began the services promptly. Following some special musical numbers, Brother Palfenier brought a story for the children with an earnest appeal to their hearts.

We are thankful to Brother Palfenier for his timely messages which were most practical and which revealed to us the rich experiences of the evangelist. All of his sermons had a strong challenge for us to serve our Lord more faithfully and fervently.

We are also happy to report that the basement of our church has been completed. We now have well arranged rooms for Sunday School classes and our young people. Many of our laymen worked hard at this project and contributed much of their time gladly for this worthy cause.

Mrs. John Kokot, Reporter.

### Church Plans for \$70,000 Superstructure, Regina, Sask.

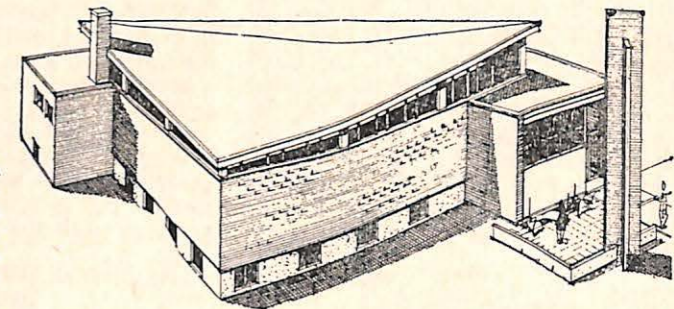
The highlight of a recent business meeting held at the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, for the purpose of adopting the 1959 budget, was a decision to proceed this year with the erection of the church superstructure. The cost of completing the building is estimated by the architect at from \$60,000 to \$70,000, making the total cost of the building approximately \$130,000.

The new facilities are to be constructed at ground level and will include a nave seating 300, a choir area seating 60, dressing rooms, mothers' room, minister's study and coat area. Exterior finishes will generally be face brick with the same material being repeated in the nave proper to a height of approximately twelve feet above floor level. Glazing will occur above this level to the roof line at the perimeter of the nave. Visually, the roof will become a free standing element within itself. Feature walls in the nave will be finished in mahogany, the balance of the interior finishes being plasterboard, acoustic tile and vinyl asbestos floor tile.

The church, which recently celebrated its fifth anniversary, has held its services in a basement auditorium since 1955. With the growth of the church and Sunday School, the need for additional facilities has been increasingly felt, and the decision to go

ahead with the building, made after much prayerful consideration, has been a real joy as well as a challenge to the congregation. Rev. Richard Grabke has been pastor of the church since its beginning.

Sarah Olmstead, Reporter



The architect's sketch of the \$70,000 superstructure for the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., of which Rev. Richard Grabke is the pastor.

## VOICE OF MY BELOVED

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taken a final vote when the first of these letters from your people began to arrive!"

Again Tom's mouth opened wordlessly and his heavy brows pulled together in a frown. He wanted to shove aside the doctor's implication, but could not.

"I waylaid the action of the vote," the doctor said very quietly after a while. "I deliberately postponed the sale. Those letters to me contained not one single complaint, only appreciation and approval. I felt that God was at the helm, Mr. Larkin. I still feel that He is. My job here is not to interfere with the work of God, but only to recognize and further it."

He smiled gently. "I take my signals from above, Mr. Larkin, and I can't help but feel that you are a man blessed by God's personal attention."

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## INDIANS ON THE WAY

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homeward way back to their near and distant isolated homes, where somebody, who had stayed at home to look after the fires, awaited news of the big day and a share in the treats.

The day was ended, and with joy in our hearts we were constrained to say, "Truly, the Lord has done a new thing in our midst," and we knew it. He did "make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." The stars that night shone down upon weary sleepers on the Muscowpetung Reserve, tired out, but happy, fervently trusting that the message of God's Love had found its way into many a heart. That night, too, in the scattered homes the children were clutching their cherished new toy or doll in their sleep, and older folks thought with a wistful memory about an angel's song and about the Great and Shining Savior, who came into a world of darkness and misery to bring Light and Hope.

Our Indians are thinking of you who befriended them. As one Indian said, "You good people told us the wonderful Christmas story of Jesus, the guid-

ing star, and the Wise Men. You taught us to sing, 'O Little Town of Bethlehem,' 'Silent Night, Holy Night,' and others. Now many of us are Christians too." They are, and they want all of their race to know this "Sweetest Story Ever Told."

## BEGINNING OF CHURCHES

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him our blessing and allowed him to go.

Sam returned to Banso every week to receive help from our church teacher in preparing inquirers' lessons and messages for Sunday. He was a very eager listener and participant in our Short Term Bible courses, for he recognized his need for more Bible knowledge. God blessed his labors, and today at Marem there is a Baptist church bringing a message of salvation and the power of God's Holy Spirit and prayer to the people.

This is the story of one of our many new, indigenous churches—self-supporting, self-propagating and self-governing. These are the churches that will stand the turmoil of changing governments and materialism that are gripping the Cameroons, for they are patterned after the promise of Christ that "ye shall receive power—" and also according to Matthew 16:18, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

## BAPTIST BRIEFS

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there now are 160 Baptist churches with 18,886 members. This membership represents more than 50 per cent of the total population of the tribe. Rev. E. G. T. Madge of Calcutta observed that "when families and dependants are added to this figure, it means that this tribe has a better claim to be called a Christian nation than the so-called Christian countries of the West." Lushai, really a group of hills, is in the Mizo district of Assam. The Lushai churches are now conducting missionary work among neighboring tribes in addition to their own vigorous activity. They have applied for affiliation with the Baptist World Alliance.



## ON THE WARWAR PATH IN AFRICA

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from Victoria in a record 76 hours—how different from the days when it took four weeks to trek to the coast!

Christmas at Warwar was an enlightening experience. To hear the strange but true story of the birth of God's Son, the Christians gathered in their neatly built, round church, 32 feet in diameter and close to the tiny site that every tenth day serves as a market place for some 50 Mambilas and Fulanis. Inside the church the plaster-covered brick pews were arranged in arcs around the small dais on which stood nothing more than a chair and table.

You would have noticed many differences between the church service at Warwar and the service in your own church, and might well have been disturbed by some of them. There were interruptions and exits galore. Before being summarized in the Mambila language, the Scripture passage was haltingly read in English by a youth whose school education was nil.

The church teacher, who has six children and a yearly salary of 130 dollars, preached God's Word in Pidgin English by the dim light of two lanterns. A drum accompanied the Mambila chants and the drum-beats sometimes bore no relation to the rhythm of the chant. Many in the congregation also beat time by clapping their hands, and the fat chubby hands of the wide-eyed picanninies made a brave show of clapping.

As latecomers spread out their handkerchiefs on the pew before sitting down in their best Sunday clothes, mothers suckled their babies and a Fulani herdsman on horseback greeted me through one of the five open archways in the church. After his Christmas Day sermon, the church teacher solemnly warned the Christians against over-eating and over-

drinking at that season of celebration.

You would have noticed many differences between the church service at Warwar and the service in your own church, and might well have been disturbed by some of them. But it is a shocking and a shaming possibility that here in an African church in what the government terms a "primitive area," there is more sincerity per church member than in many of our western churches. And more first hand experiences of the living God.

### AMAZING WITNESSES FOR CHRIST

Over there, for instance, towards the rear of the church, sits the woman who led her husband to Jesus. There, among the men on the right hand side of the church, sits the husband himself, a bearded figure. As juju man or chief priest of the village, he had had only enmity for the Christians until recently. On two occasions a death curse was placed on him by the two men who succeeded him as the village juju man, but both had died within a year of pronouncing their curses. That the most powerful magic of the village could not kill a juju man turned Christian stirred the imagination of all the villagers, and none dared to fill the vacant job of juju man.

Here also in the church is Jacob, the soul winner, who, complete with his hand-made zinc trumpet, fearlessly preaches Jesus from village to village.

The great God of Creation loves to call to himself those who appear small in this world, and many such people fill the churches of Africa. "Believe me," said Jesus, "unless you change your whole outlook and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

# Obituary

(Obituaries are to be limited to about 150 words. A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries.)

### LARRY ALFRED ROSOM of Davin Saskatchewan

Larry Alfred Rosom of Davin Sask., son of Ernest and Vera Rosom, was born on June 26, 1958 and went to be with the Lord on Jan. 27, 1959 at the age of seven months and one day. Soon after his arrival, it was discovered that he had a defective heart. Other complications set in and he left this tabernacle to be in a heavenly one.

At his early death, he leaves to mourn his parents, his sisters: Edith, Violet, Darlene and Margaret; his brother David; Mr. and twin brother Garry; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Mantay of Springside, Mrs. Minnie Rosom of Regina; and great grandmother, Mrs. Gus Edell of Kelowna, B. C. Funeral services were held at Spears Funeral Home in Regina on Jan. 30th. Victor Cicansky spoke on Mark 10:14. Interment was made in Regina Memorial Gardens.

Grace Baptist Church  
Davin, Saskatchewan  
VICTOR CICANSKY, Pastor

### MRS. PETER SCHNABEL of Venturia, North Dakota

Mrs. Peter Schnabel, nee Sattler, of Venturia, N. Dak., was born March 25, 1875 in Kassel, South Russia. Following an illness of 2½ months, she departed to be with the Lord on Feb. 13th at the Ashley Hospital at the age of 83 years, 10 months and 27 days. At the age of 3 she migrated with her parents to Menno, S. Dak., and later to a farm northwest of Venturia. She was united in marriage to Peter Schnabel on March 17, 1897. They made their home on a farm near Venturia until they moved to Venturia in 1929. In 1925 she was baptized and became a member of the Venturia Baptist Church.

She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters: Mrs. Ella Ernst, West Fargo, N. Dak.; Mrs. Theresa Schrenk, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Margaret Strobel, Venturia, N. Dak.; two sons, Jacob and Roy of Venturia, N. Dak.; and four sisters, 17 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren. Her husband and one son preceded her in death. Rev. O. H. Meth was assisted by Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer of Ashley, in the German language.

Venturia, North Dakota  
ORVILLE H. METH, Pastor

### MRS. CHRISTINA SICKENDICK of Stafford, Kansas

Mrs. Christina Sickendick, nee Hoener, of Stafford, Kansas, was born near Owensville, Mo., March 11, 1874. At the age of 20 she gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized by Rev. E. Umbach. In 1900 she was married to Henry Sickendick. They made their home in Mt. Sterling, Mo., and in 1923 relocated to Stafford, Kansas, where she resided until the time of her homegoing. Her husband preceded her in death in 1931. Mrs. Sickendick was always a faithful Christian.

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She passed away after a brief illness on Sunday, Jan. 25. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Joe B. Giedinghagen. It was in her daughter's and son-in-law's home that she spent her latter days. One sister, Mrs. Simon Fritze, also mourns her passing. Three grandchildren: Mrs. Keith Fairchild, St. John, Ks.; Mrs. Richard Newell, and Milton, of Stafford, and their families are also members of the larger family circle. The memorial service was held on Jan. 25, with the pastor, Rev. Hans J. Wilcke, officiating.

Stafford, Kansas  
HANS J. WILCKE, Pastor

### MRS. AMELIA KROMBEIN of Oak Bank, Manitoba

Mrs. Amelia Krombein, nee Redner, of Oak Bank, Man., was born at Lotz, Poland, on April 15, 1867 and died Feb. 21, 1959. She came to Canada in 1890 where she first settled at Winnipeg, Man. On March 25, 1891 she was married to John Krombein who preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 1938. Together they lived on a farm near Oak Bank. Their marriage was blessed with 8 sons. After the death of her husband she stayed with her son, Edward, until the time of her passing. She attained the age of 91 years, 9 months, and 17 days.

At the age of 15 years she accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized by Rev. Unrau in Poland. She was one of the first members of the Baptist Church at Oak Bank. Her passing is mourned by her seven sons: Robert, Portland, Ore.; Albert, Pastor of the Baptist Church in Anamoose, N. D.; William, Winnipeg, Man.; Henry, Toronto, Ont.; Fred, Edward and Louis of Oak Bank, Man.; 4 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Oak Bank, Manitoba  
A. KROMBEIN, Correspondent

### MR. JOSEPH J. FISCHER of Madison, South Dakota

Mr. Joseph John Fischer of Madison, S. Dak., was born June 1, 1861 in Watertown, Wis. His parents later moved to LeRoy, Wis. In his early youth he became a Christian by faith in Christ and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Kekoskee Baptist Church. On March 4, 1886 he married Anna Marie Sponholz in Knowles, Wis. The couple moved to Madison, S. Dak., in 1900. Mr. Fischer was a member of the West Center Street Baptist Church and for many years a member of the board of deacons.

On February 5, at the age of 97 years, he was ushered into his Eternal Home. Mrs. Fischer preceded him in death on Oct. 7, 1954. The survivors are Mrs. Henry Backus; Mrs. Arthur Backus, Mrs. Milton Schrepel; one sister, Mrs. Louise Puls, of Milwaukee, Wis.; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Madison, South Dakota  
JOTHAN G. BENKE, Pastor

### MRS. ARNO R. BRITZIUS of Madison, South Dakota

Mr. Arno Reuben Britzius of Madison S. Dak., was born in Aberdeen, S. Dak., on Feb. 10, 1889, the son of early Brown county pioneers. He was married to Lydia Sponholz June 30, 1914 in Madison. Mr. Britzius was baptized by Rev. McKee and joined the Baptist Church at Park Rapids, Minnesota, in 1914. He graduated from Aberdeen High School and Northern State Teachers in 1910 and from South Dakota State College in 1914. He taught in Madison High School and in schools in Park Rapids and Hayfield, Minn., and organized 4-H clubs in Dodge and Hubbard counties in Minn. He returned to Madison in 1917 and farmed northeast of the city until 1931.

Mr. Britzius passed away at the Madison Community Hospital on Feb. 2, after undergoing surgery a few days before. He had been in poor health since 1951. He is survived by his widow. The pastor brought words of comfort to the bereaved based on I Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

Madison, South Dakota  
JOTHAN G. BENKE, Pastor

### MRS. LYDIA ZIELKE of Madison, South Dakota

Mrs. Lydia Zielke of Madison, S. Dak., was born in Neidorf, Russia on June 27, 1876, and passed away February 2, 1959 at the Baptist Nursing Home, Madison, S. Dak. She was married to Ludwig Zielke on Oct. 28, 1894. Her husband came to the United States in 1913 and she came in 1921. In her childhood years she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. Brand. Mr. and Mrs. Zielke farmed near Madison and were both active members of the West Center Street Church.

Her service to her Lord was also carried out through the Missionary Society. Her husband preceded her in death on Sept. 19, 1950.

She is survived by three children: Otto Zielke, Mrs. Herman (Martha) Kirstein, and Mrs. Richard (Lydia) Krueger; Mrs. Fred Wernisch who came to the U. S. with Mrs. Zielke and was accepted into the family as a daughter; five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Since it was her desire to be with the Lord, the pastor spoke on the topic, "Why I Know I Am Going to Heaven."

Madison, South Dakota  
JOTHAN G. BENKE, Pastor

### MR. ENOCK BLOCK of Corona, South Dakota

Mr. Enock Block of Corona, S. Dak., was born Jan. 9, 1871 at Wemeer, East Friesland, Germany, and passed away Feb. 7, 1959. He came to America in 1884, living at various places in the state of Iowa. On Nov. 16, 1904 he was married to Alida B. Jordan, who preceded him in death in 1926. To this union 6 children were born: 5 daughters and one son. He was saved as a young man, and baptized by Rev. H. Dallman, joining the Central Baptist Church at George, Iowa, later transferring to Emery, S. Dak.

When the First Baptist Church was organized at Corona, S. Dak., he became one of the charter members, serving the church as deacon, Sunday School superintendent, teacher, and clerk of the church. As a missionary colporteur he served as supply pastor at Corona and at various other churches. Those who remain are 3 daughters one son, 7 grandchildren, 3 sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Corona, South Dakota  
H. LOHR, Pastor

### MR. HERMAN BURFEINDT of Chancellor, South Dakota

Mr. Herman D. Burfeindt of Chancellor, S. Dak., was born August 15, 1892 at Avon, S. D., and after a life's span of almost 66 and a half years was called home at the Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls on Jan. 30, 1959. He was converted and followed the Lord in baptism May 21, 1911 with Rev. G. E. Lohr officiating. He was married Dec. 16, 1914 to Maria Mathilde Bleeker in Chancellor, S. D. and by the grace of God walked life's pathway for more than 44 years. The Lord blessed the union with one son named Raymond. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak.

For the last four and a half years he had been a member of the Trinity Baptist Church at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He served his Lord faithfully, and until the days of his illness attended services faithfully. Rev. and Mrs. Herman Effa sang two beautiful selections and Rev. Pfeifer brought the message of comfort from Rev. 14:13 and Psalm 16:11 and 17:15. He is survived by his wife, one son and his wife and two boys, Dennis and Douglas; two brothers, and 5 sisters.

Trinity Baptist Church  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
REV. HENRY PFEIFER, Pastor

### MR. ERNST C. SMITH of Buffalo, New York

Mr. Ernst C. Smith of Buffalo, New York, was born July 13, 1874, and passed away on Jan. 4, 1959, at the age of 84 years. On June 20, 1900, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Emma Hemmerle. Those surviving are his wife; a son, Carlton E. Smith; two granddaughters: Nancy K. and Miriam Smith; and one sister, Miss Martha H. Smith.

Mr. Smith was a faithful member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York, for about 40 years. During most of these years he actively served as deacon, trustee, and, until recent years, taught a Sunday School class. His deeply spiritual and Christ-centered life has left a spiritual impact upon those in the church and with acquaintances through his long years as a real-estate broker. Funeral services were conducted from the Ullrich Funeral Home, with Rev. Albert Fadenrecht officiating. Interment was made at Ridgelaan Cemetery, Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York.

ALBERT FADENRECHT, Pastor

"For the great hereafter I trust in the infinite love of God as expressed in the life and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

—J. C. Holland

### MRS. CHRISTINA RENSCHLER of Linton, North Dakota

Mrs. Christina Renschler, nee Dufloth, of Linton, N. Dak., was born in South Russia on Nov. 17, 1880. As a young girl of 17 she came with her mother, sisters and brothers to the United States, locating near Eureka, South Dakota. In 1901 she was united in holy wedlock to Charles Renschler, and shortly thereafter they moved to the Linton community and entered upon an extensive farming enterprise. Seven children were born to this union, one dying in infancy.

Her husband preceded her in death about 2½ years ago. Six children survive her, three sons and three daughters, also 9 grandchildren, one brother, two half-sisters, and one half brother. In 1902 she was baptized by Rev. J. Reichert and joined First Baptist Church of Linton where she held membership until her death. She was held in high esteem in our circles, and was a loving mother and a sincere Christian. Funeral services were held at Linton on Feb. 6th.

Linton, North Dakota  
A. J. FISCHER, Pastor

### MRS. ROSENA WALKER of Ashley, North Dakota

Mrs. Rosena Walker, nee Klein, of Ashley, N. Dak., was born in Glueckstal, South Russia March 13, 1880. When but a small child, her parents migrated to America, stopping for the first winter in Yankton, S. Dak., later coming to McPherson County, South Dakota, near Eureka. On Nov. 13, 1897 she was united in marriage to Jacob Walker, settling on a farm near Eureka. Eleven children were born to this union. In June 1892 she was baptized on confession of her faith by Rev. Damke and united with the Eureka Baptist Church and later with the German Baptist Church of Ashley. Her friendly disposition and firm Christian faith were spiritual virtues of great strength.

She passed away at the Ashley Hospital Feb. 17 at the age of nearly 79 years. She leaves to mourn her passing eight children and their families: Samuel of Fargo; Mrs. Pauline Brnadner of Ashley; Mrs. Welentina Eszlinger of Ashley; Edwin of Eureka; Mrs. Edmund Bentz of Ashley; Adolph of Eureka; Oliver of Alaska; and Rev. Iver Walker of Hettinger, N. Dak.

Ashley, North Dakota  
A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Pastor

### MRS. JOHANNNA WALTHER of Killaloe, Ontario

Mrs. Johannna Walther of Killaloe, Ont., was born Jan. 31, 1872 in the township of Sebestapol, Ontario, and departed to her eternal reward Feb. 15, 1959 in Killaloe in her 87th year. She accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of 23 years and was baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior by Rev. Wm. Holbein. She later transferred her membership to the Sebestapol Baptist Church. She was united in marriage to John Walther of Sebestapol on August 23, 1898.

At the age of six, she moved with her parents to Hagarty Township. In her later teens she went to Arnprior to work. She moved back to Sebestapol after her marriage where she lived most of her life. Due to illness she came to Killaloe to live with her nephew and his wife. She is survived by her son, William, of the home; her daughter, Mrs. George Kranz of Killaloe, 3 sisters, 8 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

Killaloe, Ontario  
NORMAN BERKAN, Pastor

### MR. SOLOMON SCHUBER of Durham, Kansas

Mr. Solomon Schuber of Durham, Kansas, was born on March 5, 1899 at Okeene, Okla. He came from Okeene to the Marion, Kansas community in 1911. Later he made his home with the V. G. Beltons near Tampa, Kansas, until he married Ella Hamm on July 27, 1921. Solomon and Ella Schuber made their first home on a farm northwest of Durham, Kansas. Their next home was southeast of Tampa, Kansas. Mr. Schuber took Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. John Kepl, joining First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas where he served as treasurer in recent years. It is said of him, "He loved to go to church and always wanted to be there early."

Mr. Schuber suffered several strokes in recent years. He died in Salem Hospital, Hillsboro, Kansas, Feb. 9, 1959. Those who mourn his passing are: his wife, Ella; his daughter and son-in-law: Irene and Warren Brenner, Medford, Oregon; three brothers; three sisters; and two grandchildren.

Durham, Kansas  
NORMAN MILLER, Pastor

## JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Jan., 1959	Jan., 1958	Jan., 1957
Atlantic	\$ 5,286.30	\$ 3,699.10	\$ 3,940.81
Central	9,717.84	13,407.67	24,937.30
Dakota	7,364.58	8,270.52	7,568.71
Eastern	4,046.94	6,042.35	3,120.61
Northern	7,602.06	6,415.42	6,587.77
Northwestern	17,293.93	12,185.29	8,711.40
Pacific	13,921.84	14,754.06	12,823.35
Southern	2,477.22	888.73	578.13
Southwestern	3,338.82	4,095.71	4,129.84
Inter-Conference			453.11
Total Contributions	\$ 71,049.53	\$ 69,758.85	\$ 72,851.03

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of January, 1959	\$ 54,699.34	\$16,350.19	\$ 71,049.53
For the month of January, 1958	64,555.13	5,203.72	69,758.85
For the month of January, 1957	62,478.03	10,373.00	72,851.03

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

	Budget	Other	Total
April 1, 1958 to January 31, 1959	\$547,555.33	\$60,405.96	\$607,961.29
April 1, 1957 to January 31, 1958	489,197.75	43,351.35	532,549.10
April 1, 1956 to January 31, 1957	483,129.62	60,732.15	543,861.77



## DAYS AT GREEN LAKE

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### A WEEK YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS!

By Mrs. Walter C. Pankratz  
of Chicago, Illinois

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