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• The famous painting, "Christ Blessing The Children," long attributed to Rembrandt, recently has been discovered to be the work of Nicolas Maes, of the school of Rembrandt. This was learned by the editors of Harper & Brothers just as a new edition of *Christ and the Fine Arts* was going to press.

• At Youngstown, Ohio, a 22-foot cross was dedicated in Lake Park Cemetery in tribute to the late Rev. George Bennard, writer of the familiar hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross." Mr. Bennard, a Methodist minister, wrote more than 300 hymns and songs but none has lived in the hearts of prayerful people like the one with the haunting lines: "On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross . . ." Timbers of the cross erected are more than 130 years old. They were taken from the Veach Methodist church, a familiar landmark near Hubbard, Ohio.

• Protestant groups are observing the 125th anniversary of the declaration on freedom of worship in Venezuela. The national congress issued the declaration Feb. 18, 1834, under Pres. Jose Antonio Paez. On the anniversary date leading newspapers carried a "Declaration of the Christian Evangelicals of Venezuela" signed by officials of 14 Protestant groups. It affirms universal religious rights, separation of church and state and tolerance for all denominations, and asks legislators to "assume a more responsible attitude toward the inheritance left by the Father of the Country with respect to the nonconfessional character of the state and the right of religious liberty."

—*The Christian Century.*

• About one-third of all the Protestants in the world are Lutherans. The total number of Lutherans is estimated to be 71,135,068. These figures have just been released by the Lutheran World Federation headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland. Federation officials believe that the latter figure will reach the 50-million mark by the end of this year. A total of 37,252,486 Lutherans are found in Germany alone, constituting more than one-half of the world total. Roughly 80 per cent of all the followers of Martin Luther are found in Europe. There are approximately 8,000,000 Lutherans in North America, including the Caribbean Islands.

—*The Standard.*

• The latest report of the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada records that the work of welcoming new immigrants to Canada arriving at Halifax, Saint John, Quebec and Montreal with the gift of a Gospel (occasionally a Bible or New Testament) has continued. Of the

10,800 newcomers greeted in this way, 5,700 were Hungarian refugees. To this special group of new arrivals 241 Bibles, 146 New Testaments and 818 Gospels were also presented by auxiliaries across the country. In any account of presentations to immigrants landing in Canada, reference ought to be made to the work of Mrs. J. Arthur Long at the Port of Saint John, New Brunswick. Mrs. Long is over eighty years of age but never fails to greet every passenger ship that arrives. Gospels are offered in twenty-eight languages, and this welcome makes a deep impression upon those arriving to take up life in Canada.

—*Salvation Army War Cry.*

• A ceremony marking completion of



Baptist Briefs

• **Dr. T. B. McDormand** of Toronto, Ontario, general secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada and chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee as well as one of the guest speakers at the Laymen's Conference in Green Lake, Wis., has been appointed executive vice-president of Acadia University in the Maritimes Provinces. He is expected to assume his new position about October 1, 1959. He is widely known in North American Baptist churches and on behalf of the Baptist Federation of Canada sent greetings to the General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta, in 1958.

• **Texas Statesman Award.** Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, 80, a Baptist minister, editor, and denominational worker for more than half a century has been named the recipient of the first Texas Baptist Elder Statesman Award. This award was presented at the annual meeting of the Independence Home Coming Association Sunday, June 14, at the Old Independence Church, termed the "cradle of Baptist history in Texas." Dr. Dawson has rendered distinguished service as the author of valuable books, besides being the first general director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

• **Baptists in Mexico.** Another Baptist mission field, Mexico, is on the way to becoming a self-governing unit. The board of managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Society has agreed to the appointment of Rev. Roberto Borrás, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pueblo, Mexico as its first executive secretary. He will direct its program of mission work, especially among Indians who do not

the government's program to restore citizenship to 4,978 Japanese-Americans deprived of it during the hysteria which accompanied the onset of World War II was held May 20 in the office of Attorney General William P. Rogers. While the Supreme Court upheld the evacuation of all nisei and issei from their west coast homes, the nation's conscience has never been easy over the fact that a group of citizens which later produced the most-decorated units in the armed forces was deprived of liberty and property solely on the basis of race. In the reparation program \$34,974,240 has been paid to settle 26,558 claims for property losses, and 4,978 persons have been given back their rights as citizens.

—*The Christian Century.*

speak Spanish, edit its monthly paper, and guide the national organizations for women and young people. Cost of the new position is expected to be shared equally by the Mexican Convention and by the ABHMS, as well as the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

• **European Theologians Meet.** Forty instructors representing fifteen theological schools in fourteen different countries of Europe attended the second biennial conference of European Baptist teachers of theology at Ruschlikon, Switzerland. Principal L. G. Champion of Bristol College, England, which is the oldest Baptist theological school, was, as secretary of the European section of the Baptist World Alliance Committee on Theological Education, the one chiefly responsible for planning the conference.

• **To fill all its pulpits,** American Baptist Convention churches need 250 new ministers a year and 1,000 ministerial candidates, a conference on pastoral needs was told at Amherst, Mass. Dr. Paul Lee Sturges, executive secretary of the Massachusetts Convention, conferring with 50 ministers on the filling of empty Baptist pulpits in the state area, said ministers "have a responsibility and a glorious opportunity" to present the challenge of the ministry to young people. He warned, however, that "in our zeal to recruit new leadership, we must remember that no one has a right to be in the Christian ministry, or to serve in special ways within the church, unless he is convinced that he has been drafted into service by God himself, by the call of the Holy Spirit."

—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

Editorial

Two New Presidents!

A memorable milestone in the history of our educational institutions will be reached on September 1, 1959. On that date new presidents will take the reins of leadership at our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. These twin events are unique, not only because they occur on the same date but also because they mark the opening chapter of unfolding promise in each institution.

Rev. Frank Veninga assumes the presidency of the North American Baptist Seminary with high hopes and dedicated talents. Throughout the years of his ministry, since graduating from our seminary in 1941, he has cultivated mental and spiritual disciplines with the result that many doors of service have opened to him and merited honors have come to him. The General Council of our denomination recognized these traits of leadership last year and appointed him as Eastern District secretary. During his brief term of service in the Eastern District, he has served with distinction in administrative leadership, promotional fervor and spiritual challenge.

Mr. Veninga is succeeding Dr. George A. Lang, who was forced to relinquish the presidency because of health after fifteen years of faithful service. Dr. Lang will continue to serve on the seminary faculty. The monument of his presidency is to be seen in the new buildings, in the high academic standing of the school and in the influential lives of the seminary graduates. A tribute to Dr. Lang's ministry as president of our Seminary will be featured in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

Dr. Albert S. Felberg's ministry as the new president of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, will also begin on September 1st. The eyes of the denomination have been focused on the C.T.I. ever since the 1958 General Conference days. Epoch making decisions were made by the Conference affecting the objectives and ministry of the school. The new Bible College department with more than ten students this fall, the reorganized Bible School with its curriculum of two years and the accredited High School program will probably be attended by a capacity student body this year.

But the challenge of carrying out these objectives and overcoming many difficulties is now largely in the hands of the new president, Dr. Felberg. He is eminently qualified for such a challenge! He has tackled difficult tasks in his life and has carried on a many-sided ministry with much blessing. He has been the pastor of some of our largest churches, a member of the seminary faculty, our denominational evangelist, a capable administrator, a leader in laymen's activities, the builder of the magnificent edifice of the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C., and a successful promoter in Kingdom affairs.

Rev. Otto R. Schmidt has served as acting president of the school during the past year with distinction. He deserves the denomination's gratitude for this interim ministry. On September 1st and the days to come, remember these new presidents and our schools in your prayers and anticipate with eager faith the great days that God has in store for us!

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When We Need A Revival of Religion

We will never see the church revived until it again begins to look at holiness through the eyes of the Holy Spirit.

By Dr. John W. Bradbury, Editor of "The Watchman-Examiner"

heights than now prevail. "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psalm 85:6). "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy" (Habakkuk 3:2).

It was the habit of Israel to need revival. The history of the church likewise shows that periodically it needs the experience of a revival. Whenever there is a comparatively low state of religion in society, it is generally reflected in the church or vice versa. It is chiefly to be observed when individuals calling themselves Christian appear to have a limited knowledge of their faith and seem to have little experience of peace, hope or joy in their religion.

Under these conditions there is small devotion. Frequently, under the circumstances, formality controls. The people are known for their earthbound interests. Usually this is associated with selfish manifestations. There is little zeal and action for Christ and his glorious Gospel. Practicing the mind of Christ in life's affairs seems to become a forgotten art.

THE LOST COMPASSION

Dealing with the situation symptomatically, what may we regard as the evidences that churches need to be revived? We would put first, that it is needed when ministers manifest no compassion for sinners and fail to preach the Gospel for their salvation. While many ministers do definitely reveal a strong interest in the salvation of the people for Christ's sake, yet the dead weight on the churches comes from those who have lost this great compassion.

Of course, they may never have had it. When a man is publicly ordained to the ministry, it does not always imply that he has a heart ordained of God to seek and to save the lost. The ministry can become a profession, or a great responsibility, or an executive task, or a teacher's opportunity. These are by no means wrong in themselves but they can so absorb a man and employ his energies that his real heart occupation for the salvation of sinners is virtually set aside.

Then again, some churches do not make it easy for a minister to be evangelistic. Some pastors lose their heart compassion because they lead churches that do not appear to manifest any. If that is the situation, a revival in that church is essential.

A revival is needed when prayer has

become a dead formality and lacking in supplication. A great deal is written in these days about prayer, most of it subjectively. Prayer is not a philosophy, it is an act of faith. Not to want to pray is the sin behind all sin. Its deadly effect ends in not being able to pray. It leads to a spiritual dumbness, a sort of aphasia, an anemic spirituality which is the result of unreality in religion.

Consequently, this is the church's punishment when it will not pray. We will not take our spiritual food, so we falter, dwindle and die. Prayer brings to us, as food does, a new sense of power and health. It means the renewal of our moral strength. It makes good men out of weaklings. To feed the soul, then, we must toil at prayer. That is what the Apostle Paul meant when he used the word "supplication" (Ephesians 6:18).

Prayer is not merely wishing, it is asking. It is coming to the throne of grace with definite petitions, the answers to which we seek of God direct, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In this we exercise our priesthood. Unless we exercise this priesthood, we will not have it.

THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER

The practice of earnest prayer is the prelude to any revival of religion. We are not simply blessed because, when showers of blessings fall upon us, they make us feel uncomfortable. In his grace, God is constantly pouring out upon us the means of our spiritual enrichment and uplift, which earthbound creatures are inclined to ignore. It is here but they cannot see it. It is for them but they will not lay hold upon it.

If we prayed the prayer for revival, and really meant it, God would not withhold his saving grace and abundant blessings. These are assured us. It is not God's fault that we do not realize them. There will be no revival until the people who know how to pray begin to lift their hearts daily in persevering supplication to God in the Spirit for the outpouring of his grace upon the people, principally upon the church.

NEGLECT OF THE HOLY

We need a revival when church members become materialistic in their chief interests and fail to cultivate the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. There are many churches in which the work of the Holy Spirit is never taught, and

whose Person is almost unknown. The people have heard that there is such a being as the Spirit but they could not tell you what his functions are, not what it means for him to be the Spirit of the "holy."

The "holy" is the ideal good translated in our religious consciousness to a transcendental personal experience. It is the last great reality. It gives the soul a final footing in the universe. It is the holiness of God's love, a love elevated above anything we know in terms of human affection, a love that is the supreme revelation of the Crucified. It is a love that is life's mastering reality, the greatest good for all. It is holy.

A religious revival means the awakening of the holy. None but the holy can satisfy the Holy. It is the ethic of God to man and man's response to God. It is the dogma of a holy law integrated into the new humanity (Hebrews 8:10-11). To know Christ as the center of an economy of grace and guilt is to understand him as the center of the world and of history, if that history is made to rotate upon the conscience, which in its finality history does.

HOLINESS AT WORK

It is this lack of emphasis upon the Holy Spirit which cheapens our worship, denudes our fellowship of vital life, destroys our spiritual unity, with a tendency to turn us into arrogant individualists.

The first fruit of repentance always results in the holy coming into the human heart, convicting of sin, righteousness and judgment. The Spirit of God is holiness at work in human experience. Some may have to go through virtual moral torture before they know the blessing of his freedom. It is better to know the pain of sin, if by coming to know it we lose it. Conviction of sin is for the purpose of our conversion, not to plunge us into despair and hopeless death. It is indeed an encounter with God when we face the holy. We will never see the church revived until it again begins to look at holiness through the eyes of the Holy Spirit.

The churches need to be revived when men and human causes are made more important than the Gospel of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. We live in a liberal era where our rating is by the number of things we possess. Life is a scramble to get hold of things that other people rejoice in. The "haves" are the objects of jealousy from the "have-nots." Government in these times is very much on the side of this type of philosophy, making it extremely difficult for the prophets of God to handle the problem thus raised.

But the pain of liberal thought and action in our day is that it does not grasp the idea of the holy as the changeless moral purpose of God, the ruling principle of religion, which it has a tendency to ignore. It is this captivation of church members to

Knowledge Is Power

Sermon for Youth Sunday by Rev. Eldon Seibold, Pastor of the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

TODAY IS A day of education and increase of knowledge. But I believe we are very deficient in the fields of spiritual research and knowledge.

We know so much about botany and so little about the Rose of Sharon or the Lily of the Valley. We know so much about astronomy and so little about the Bright and Morning Star. We know so much about mathematics and so little about the book of Numbers. We know so much about literature and so little about the poetic beauty and inspiration of the Psalms. We know so much about history and so little about the Kingdom of God and the King of kings. We know so much about sociology and so little about loving our neighbors as ourselves. We know so much about medicine and so little about the Balm of Gilead or the Great Physician.

POWER TO BUILD

We know so much about engineering and so little about Crossing the Red Sea on dry land or building the Temple that is within. We know so much about drama and so little about the Greatest Person who lived on earth or the Greatest Story ever told. We know so much about law and legislation and so little about obeying and keeping the Ten Commandments. We know so much about geology and so little about the Rock of Ages. We know so much about psychology and so little about the work of the Holy Spirit on the mind and heart. We know so much about anthropology and so little about man created in the image of God. We know so much about theology and so little about the Son of God and Son of Man as our Lord and Savior.

We know so much about architecture and so little about the Chief Corner Stone. We know so much about transportation and space travel and so little about the airborne fiery chariot or the wheel that Ezekiel saw in the middle of the air. We know so

things and earthly pleasures which the Lord Christ needs to lead captive, so that he can again give his gifts to men.

What Paul said of the church was not a promise that its members would be able always to relish the best of this world and to enjoy its pleasures. The church is responsible for the preaching of the theology of Christ's death and resurrection as the basis of a citizenship in an everlasting kingdom. Only God can tear his people loose from their idols. Only a redeeming Christ lifted up again before the church, in all his seething agony of

atonement, will convert a people grown fat on the fleshpots of Egypt. Can we have a revival? Yes, of course. Do we suppose that God wants any other church than the kind our Savior intended to produce through his cross and resurrection? Will he not be on the side of all those who seek the true church, guided by his authority, inspired by his Spirit, and enlightened by his wisdom? The prayers of the faithful will never be in vain. "Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Psalm 126:4, 5).

POWER TO LIVE

We know so much about economics and so little about feeding 5,000 with one boy's lunch. We know so much about electronics and so little about the Light of the World. We know so much about athletics and so little about the game of life. We know so much about nutrition and so little about the Bread of Life. We know so much about sex and so little about its purpose. We know so much about fashions and so little about putting on the whole armor of God. We know so much about finance and so little about treasures in Heaven. We know so much about criminology and so little about the detective of sin and the Evil Prince of this world.

We know so much about insurance and so little about the blessed assurance of Eternal Life. We know so much about music and so little about harmony with God and the melody of the redeemed soul. We know so much about philosophy and so little about the thoughts and ways of God that are higher and wiser than ours. We know so much about love and so little about the love of God in John 3:16.

Young people, I challenge you to be pioneers in this vast field of spiritual knowledge and research which I have opened before you. Knowledge is power—power to create, power to destroy, power to build, power to success, and power to live. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7a).



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ONE OF THE primary objectives of the Baptist Jubilee Advance is a genuine revival of religion in our churches. We must understand what this means. What follows in this article is by no means a complete answer. It is hoped that it will guide our thinking in the right direction. Because of the ground covered, the discussion is quite general in nature. It is assumed that our common conviction is that we need a revival. This effort is an attempt to look at what we face.

"O LORD, REVIVE THY WORK"

To revive is to restore, to increase, to bring back former blessings from God and by their repossession to enter into greater ones. A revival of religion assumes that religion exists. You cannot revive that which never was or has ceased to exist. When religion is revived, it simply means that spiritual faith and aspiration ascend to higher



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Zimbelman, North American Baptist Missionaries in the Southern Cameroons, Africa.

To Serve As Servants of Christ

The Story of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Zimbelman,
Missionaries to the Southern Cameroons, West
Africa.

By Rev. R. Schilke, General Missionary Society

MR. AND MRS. Ernest A. Zimbelman in their application for missionary service gave expression to their inner conviction with regards to service for Christ. Mr. Zimbelman stated: "Through all my life, I have been impressed with the need for individuals who are willing to give themselves to serve in the roll of obedient servants of Jesus Christ. I have been particularly impressed that the purpose of every individual is to do the will of God daily. I feel that at this time it is God's will that I make myself available for missionary service." Mrs. Zimbelman stated: "I always have felt that I wanted to serve Christ effectively wherever I was or wherever he would lead me."

EARLY YEARS OF LIFE

Ernest August Zimbelman was born on December 1st, 1926 at Anamoose, North Dakota. He was the seventh son in a family of nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zimbelman of McClusky, North Dakota. His parents were fervent Christians whose greatest desire was to raise their children in the Christian truths. They were farmers and Ernest recalls that from the financial standpoint those early years were difficult ones. Though there was not much of earthly possessions, there were other factors which outweighed all material gain. "Honesty, hard work, generosity and self-control were considered important virtues," he stated, and these became his inheritance.

His religious experiences as a youth were connected with the home and the church. The family attended at least two services weekly and usually three. The children were encouraged to par-

ticipate in the church program. At the age of twelve, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized in June 1940 by Rev. R. G. Kaiser. He became a member of the Baptist Church of McClusky, N. Dak., where he became active in the various branches of the work of the church.

Dorothy Lucille Wolitarsky Zimbelman was born on January 12, 1927 at Turtle Lake, North Dakota. She was the fourth in a family of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wolitarsky of Turtle Lake, North Dakota. Her parents, and later all the children, were members of the Baptist church in Turtle Lake and active in the work of the church.

At the age of thirteen, Dorothy accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized in July 1940 by Rev. August Rosner of the Turtle Lake church. The growth of her Christian life found expression in the service of her church and community, where over the years of her youth she served in various capacities in the Sunday School, C. B. Y. and choir. She also served as secretary of the Northern North Dakota Young People's Union for a year.

INTEREST IN TEACHING

Ernest A. Zimbelman received his elementary education in the rural schools near McClusky, North Dakota. In 1944 he graduated from the McClusky High School. The following year he taught grades 1-8 in a rural school near his home in North Dakota. For 19 months he served his country in the army infantry with one year of this time (1945-46) in Japan. Following his discharge from the army

in 1946, he again taught grades 1-8 in the elementary school at McClusky, 1946-47.

He enjoyed the work of teaching and realized that more preparation and training were necessary to make teaching his career. Consequently he re-entered school and enrolled at Jamestown College in Jamestown, North Dakota in 1947. The next year he transferred to Baylor University at Waco, Texas, where he received his B. A. degree in November of 1950.

Mrs. Zimbelman received her elementary and high school education in Turtle Lake, North Dakota. Following her high school graduation in 1944, she took one year at the Minot Business College, Minot, North Dakota and received her Junior Secretary Certificate. The following years she worked as secretary-stenographer in Minot, in San Francisco, and in Turtle Lake.

Ernest A. Zimbelman and Dorothy Lucille Wolitarsky were married on September 1, 1949. Mrs. Zimbelman's secretarial ability helped greatly to add to the family treasury while her husband continued his education for several years after marriage. The Lord gave them two children: Joel, born on April 1, 1954 and Kirk, born on July 12, 1955.

PREPARATION FOR TEACHING

At Baylor University, Mr. Zimbelman was greatly impressed by the consistent Christian testimony of the many students and teachers. The spirit at Baylor became to him a constant determination to prepare individuals to live as Christians. But his life goal was not yet fixed upon graduation from Baylor.

In November 1950, he enrolled at our seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Here under the stimulating teaching of his professors, the purpose of his existence as an individual began to be formulated. The writer met him for the first time at the seminary in the early spring of 1952 and learned of his interest and call to the mission field.

As a student he had various opportunities to preach in the churches surrounding Sioux Falls. Though he was well liked as a student preacher, he felt that his calling was not to the pastorate but to a teaching ministry. Consequently, he left the seminary in 1952 and enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley, California, to pursue his training for such a teaching ministry on the mission field.

In 1954 he received his M. A. degree from the University of California with a major in Educational Psychology. It was then that family responsibility in the birth of their children necessitated the interruption of further full time study. He took on a teaching position in the elementary school in the San Lorenzo School District near Berkeley and for the past five years gathered practical teaching experience. At the same time, he continued with summer courses. Preaching on week-ends wherever opportunity came and whenever he was called on afforded another avenue of service.

OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST

Throughout these years of preparation and teaching, Mr. Zimbelman did not lose sight of his calling to the mission field. He stated in his application: "My chosen life purpose is to do the will of God as he shall direct me." For this direction from God, he was waiting.

His first interest was in the land of Japan. This came as a result of his service in the armed forces in Japan. Concerning it he wrote: "I was greatly impressed with the friendliness of the people and always had a strong desire to return either to Japan or some other part of the Orient. I wondered how it was that so religious and industrious a people as the Japanese could appear so much to be without individual purpose."

Our mission in Japan had no such teaching position to offer him in line with his interest. The years in and near Berkeley also brought him in contact with other than our churches and with other mission boards. For some time it seemed as if he might be lost to our mission cause. However, the Lord did not direct him to Japan nor elsewhere through other mission boards. The door did not open.

In the fall of 1958, the writer again met Mr. Zimbelman at the occasion of the California Association at Lodi. The need for teachers in the Cameroons was laid upon his heart and this became God's direction for him. He applied for service. His wife joined



Missionary George W. Lang and Pastor David visit various Cameroons mission stations to interview new candidates for Bible School.

rendering service in this area. I do not know what effect I may have, but I shall live each day as I feel Christ would have me live it." And again, "Because of my varied teaching experiences and leadership roles which I assumed in the church during the last five years, I feel that I am much better equipped to be a missionary now than I was immediately after graduation." He further chose to remain a lay missionary and not to request ordination in order that his Christian service and testimony might become even more effective.

TRIP TO AFRICA

The Baptist Church at Turtle Lake, North Dakota, where Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Zimbelman will hold membership, undertook the responsibility of commissioning them in a commissioning service at the Dakota Conference at Avon, South Dakota. Their two home churches, McClusky and Turtle Lake in North Dakota and also the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California, have each pledged a thousand dollars and more annually for the support of their work on the mission field. The blessings of missions will most certainly come back to these churches.

On July 23, 1959 the family left New York for the Cameroons via England. Mrs. Zimbelman and the two children, accompanied by Miss Gertrude B. Schatz, sailed on the SS RYNDAM. Mr. Zimbelman flew by B. O. A. C. to London, leaving New York the same day. This gave him additional time in London to look further into matters pertaining to education. He will then join his family in England and proceed to the Cameroons. Our prayers shall follow them. May they render faithful service as servants to Christ!

Mr. Zimbelman stated in his application for service: "In choosing to be a teacher on the mission field I am seeking to fulfill an immediate need by



IT LOOKS LIKE MOTOR TROUBLE!

On the Cameroons Mission Field our missionaries have to contend with all kinds of difficulties. Missionary Gil Schneider with his two main helpers, Sam and Shadrach, are looking for the source of trouble in the Land Rover.



YOUTH FOR CHRIST RALLY AT VICTORIA, AFRICA

Pastor S. B. Nfomi addresses a "Youth for Christ" rally of 1300 persons at Victoria, Cameroons (left); and the Baptist Mission Land Rover (right) roams the streets of Victoria with its loud speakers broadcasting Gospel songs and evangelistic messages.

Boldly Declaring the Word of God

The Story of Mass Evangelistic Programs in Victoria, Cameroons, by Rev. G. Ben Lawrence, Missionary.

THE CROWD of approximately 1,300 persons at Victoria, Southern Cameroons, was becoming uneasy and beginning to disperse as the program of the first Victoria Youth for Christ rally continued. The well planned music and testimonies did not appeal to the people.

Then Pastor S. B. Nfomi stepped forward to give the message. His succinct clear voice pealed out over the loudspeakers and spread throughout Victoria Community Centre Football Field. "Whattée me I fit believe about d's God palava?" (What can I believe about God?)

The urgency of his voice, the question he asked, and undoubtedly the Spirit of God caught the people where they were. They turned and pressed closer to the platform to hear more. The elaborate program had failed, but the bold declaration of the Word of God attracted the people.

MASS EVANGELISM

This type of evangelism has not been used by your missionaries in Africa in the past for reasons of expediency. However, the general influence of Christianity has provided some Christian heritage and the impact of western culture has left its mark so that mass evangelism is not only a possibility, but almost an essential in the larger township areas of the Southern Cameroons.

Thousands of insecure people find temporary security only in the wealth and attractions of the big township areas. They are hungry for a sound and secure faith, but they are not easily attracted by the regular services in the churches.

Thus it was that in late 1958 a few evangelistic meetings were held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Victoria, with a measure of success. These meetings were not definitely planned

as evangelistic services, but were special church services on Sunday afternoons. Arising out of this came three successful rallies during the Victoria Centenary celebrations.

In January, your Victoria missionary met with Pastor S. B. Nfomi and Miss Lydia Luma (a school teacher and member of Ebenezer Baptist Church) to discuss the possibilities of a definite program of mass evangelism. It ended up in a prayer meeting. The following week others were invited to attend and soon a permanent committee was set up. The Presbyterian churches were invited to join, but only a few individuals showed cooperation.

Your mission's long silent loudspeaking system was repaired and Gospel music was played and the forthcoming meetings announced as the Mission Land Rover roved the streets of Victoria, Bota and Half-Mile. People listened to the announcements and at

intervals we would stop the Land Rover while Pastor Nfomi gave a short evangelistic message. A crowd would quickly gather. They were hungry for the Gospel message.

YOUR PRAYER SUPPORT

It is needless to explain the details of such a program to you at home because you have experienced it before. Souls have been won. Some spectacular conversions have taken place. Many have quietly and reverently accepted Christ as Savior. We write this article not to give a spectacular report, but to enlist your prayer support as we launch out on a new type of evangelism in the Southern Cameroons.

We believe the time is now! The fields are "ripe unto harvest." African nationalism may close the door to your missionaries in a few years. Pray that we may use the time efficiently and wisely for his glory and honor!

Cameroons Mission News

By Dr. Paul Gebauer, Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission, West Africa

Dr. G. A. Dunger arrived in the Cameroons July 8th by plane. He visited our coastal centers of evangelism and Christian education first. Then he proceeded inland to visit every grass-land station and all central schools. On July 29th he left by air for Nigeria and Ghana.

July Sunshine: Eleanor E. Schuler's rain gauge reported 6.3 inches on Sunday, July 5th. That's a lot of rain in 24 hours. Your Soppo missionaries will be content with an average rainfall of 4.6 inches per day during July. 6.3 inches has Eleanor complaining!

Pastor David Nyanganji and Nor-

man Haupt represented Cameroons' youth at the Baptist World Alliance Youth Congress at Ibadan, Nigeria, July 30 through August 3.

The Six Lawrences left Tiko port on July 4th to start their well deserved furlough. They have done more than was required of them. Love them for it!

Times That Test Men's Souls! Radio and press may have informed you about recent riots in Duala, Africa. They constitute the first attempt at "terrorizing the Europeans out of the French Cameroons." These symptoms are unpleasant and are the unavoidable

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"Story Hour" for Excited Children

Fifty children troop happily from their school rooms to the Elton Kirstein home in Wessington Springs, S. Dak., for the weekly "Story Hour."

EVERY MONDAY afternoon fifty or more children troop happily from their school rooms to the Elton Kirstein home in Wessington Springs, South Dakota, for the weekly "Story Hour." Television, play, and the outdoors are gladly forsaken by these youngsters for whom the Gospel story hour is a weekly highlight. Soon their voices are raised together in the beloved choruses now grown so familiar to them. "Jesus Loves Me," "If You're Glad that You're a Christian, Clap your Hands," and many others are chosen with enthusiasm and sung with warm feeling, as the "doorkeeper" admits latecomers, and the scene is set for the story of the afternoon.

THRILLING BIBLE STORIES

After roll call, possibly answered by a favorite Bible character, the afternoon prayer is given. Volunteers lift their hearts in sincere, unstudied requests to the heavenly Father, for these children come from every imaginable kind of home. They represent every denomination in the community, and also homes with no religious affiliation at all. They are children of the rich . . . and of the poor. And many have learned to pray for the very first time at the Gospel story hour.

Ruth Kirstein takes her place before the children to give the afternoon's Bible story. She tells it with loving appreciation for its meaning, and across the childish faces appears the response of understanding. Some stare in fascination; others respond with pleasure at hearing again a beloved story; still others respond with a mixture of wonderment and of conviction for personal need. For the story hour has been the means of salvation to a number of children.

It all began at a birthday party for seven-year-old Paul Kirstein, whose friends had gathered to help him celebrate. Paul's Daddy, Rev. Elton Kirstein, who is pastor of the Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Churches in Wessington Springs, told the children a story while Ruth Kirstein was preparing the birthday lunch. The story was received with such enthusiasm that Mr. Kirstein promised to tell another if the children wanted to come back the following week. They not only came back, but they brought friends with them, and the "story hour" was officially launched.

THE BUSY KIRSTEIN HOME

As the Gospel story hour grew, new ways and means to keep interest were brought into play. Gospel records, visual aids, attendance recognition, and occasional treats were used to encourage and to expand the project. Proud

youngsters carrying home construction-paper birdhouses full of colorful birds, one for each week's attendance at the story hour, were the means of bringing others. Bible verses mimeographed onto a colorful picture got the Word into homes and, as always, it bore fruit.

A COMMUNITY EVENT

The Kirstein's phone began to ring occasionally when a parent would call to ask the Scripture reference for a particular story, or to express appreciation for the story hour. One mother called to tell them, "My little girl is different since she has been coming to story hour. She is more loving and cooperative in her ways." All this did not surprise the Kirsteins, for in due time they were seeing children stay voluntarily after the hour almost every week to look further into God's Word and to pray and receive

datation for the story hour, no animosity was aroused.

Elijah and Elisha became living personalities in the children's lives, because of the series of lessons given from the Bible. New Testament characters took on new meaning to the children, as they were presented on the flannelgraph board. The children were made conscious that God always sees them and lovingly wants their devotion.

FIFTY CHILDREN

And the story hour continues! Summer vacation only serves to make the children more anxious and interested when the sessions are renewed in the fall. Come September, fifty or more children will again gather on Monday afternoons in the Kirstein home where they will sit on the floor, on cushions, or wherever they can fit themselves in to hear the wonderful Bible stories



The "Story Hour" group in the parsonage of Rev. and Mrs. Elton Kirstein of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., with Mrs. Kirstein and Mrs. Wayne McDaniel, leaders, standing at the rear.

Christ as their Savior. After one such incident, a mother told with joy of her boy running home to tell of his new found joy in Christ.

The Kirsteins were able to recruit help from the church and neighborhood mothers to assist in the project. Mrs. Ray Wahl, Mrs. Ivan Bender, Mrs. Arnt Weaver, Mrs. Wayne McDaniel, and Mrs. Bruce Kline assisted from time to time, and soon "The Story Hour" had grown from a neighborhood to a community event. Because the Word of God was the foun-

and take part in the weekly story hour.

The children have the privilege of participating either in selecting songs, in the prayers, or perhaps in performing in a piano solo or giving a reading. From pre-school toddlers to knowledgeable sixth graders, they come, they learn, they are inspired and taught the Word of God in this parsonage. Sharing of joys, sorrows, play and work have kept the door open to children's interests and have made this a project of joy and blessing.



—Luoma Photo

The Christian home needs and demands the very best we can give to it!

Parents Are Teachers, Too!

The home has always been man's first school. It is as Christian as we make it by the truth we believe and by the character we develop.

By Rev. Herbert J. Freeman of Hamden, Conn., Secretary of the Atlantic Conference Sunday School Committee.

will not do!

If we can, and we certainly do, find time to dress and groom the body, we must also take the time to fill the mind and thrill the soul with the truths of God. If we strive to meet the standards of competitive sports and intellectual development, we must also find the time to become more Christian and less pagan, more like the children of God and less like the children of this world.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

If we highly regard and admire the services of skilled and professional people in society, then we ought not to think less of that institution which has an influence for both time and eternity, namely, the Christian home. Here first impressions of Christian living and first understandings of Christian truth are received. It is not right that the home should depend upon the church and the Sunday School to do the work which only it can do best.

One example from Scripture will suffice to point out the long range impact of a godly home. The Apostle Paul is certain that young Timothy has the same real faith which was known to be true both of his mother and his grandmother. (2 Timothy 1:5). He is also sure of Timothy's knowledge and assurance of Scriptural truth, which had their beginnings in childhood. (2 Timothy 3:14, 15).

The price for beginning and maintaining this kind of home will be in terms of prayer for God's guidance and direction, preparation of the mind and will to do the work of God and practice in actual living what one professes in word. The cost of this quality of home life is the same for all. There are no "bargain prices" when it comes to God's best.

The Christian parent not only provides a godly environment for the family unit, but he takes his place alongside the teacher and preacher

in the duties and privileges of precept and example, especially during the formative years of the growing child. The Sunday School cannot do all the work of teaching, nor should it ever attempt to do that which only the home can provide. The church school and the home supplement each other in the program of Christian education. This calls for the highest development of Christian character on the part of both parents and Sunday School teachers.

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

It is interesting to note the emphasis in Scripture on the character of the Christian worker. For example, let us take 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and note that the bishop is required to have more than a dozen qualities of character as against the two requirements that he be able to teach and to rule. The Bible clearly implies that the office is made by the incumbent and not he by his position or title. It is true, also, with the home. The home is as Christian as we make it by the truth we believe and by the character we develop.

The oldest institution in society is marriage, and the second oldest is the home. From an historical point of view it antedates the church. The home has always been man's first school. Consider the home where our Lord Jesus was raised and note how he thrived there. (Luke 2:40, 52). Parents are teachers, too, though often unaware!

MISSION NEWS FROM THE CAMEROONS

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by-product of years between the colonial rule that goes out and the self-government that comes in. These in-between-years will not be pleasant ones. They will demand of your missionaries—more than ever before—conviction, courage, calmness and the unshakable certainty that God himself put them into this turbulent land. They will require an unusual degree of Christian courtesy in public and private relations. We are sailing into glorious years!

BAPTISTS IN THE SOUTHERN CAMEROONS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

There are eight Baptists in the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly. The Hon. Rev. David Y. Nyanganji has written the Editors of "The Christian Light" to give their names for publication:

J. M. Bokwe	-----	Kumba
W. S. Fonyonga	-----	Bamenda
M. Monono	-----	Victoria
P. N. Motomby-Woleta	-----	Victoria
M. Ndoke	-----	Victoria
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D. Y. Nyanganji	-----	Nkambe
S. N. Tamfu	-----	Nkambe

BAPTIST HERALD

Young Adult Fellowships

How to Meet the Needs of Young Adults in Our Churches by Miss Barbara J. Weisser, Executive Committee Member of the CBY Fellowship.

A LITTLE OVER a year ago the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship published the *Young Adult Handbook* by Betty Meister Goding. This booklet was prepared to help the churches meet the needs of their young adults.

It is felt that a young adult fellowship is almost a necessity in our churches today. There needs to be "that something" which will give the young adults the continued fellowship after they have "graduated" from CBY Fellowship. There is a need for a group through which young adults may channel their united efforts, express their goals and purposes in life, and attract and win those outside of Christ for him and into the Christian fellowship. At this period in the life of the person, there must be something which will hold the young adults and give them a vital interest in the church and the cause of Christ. This will give them, through the young adult fellowship, an opportunity for self-expression and leadership.

WHO IS A YOUNG ADULT?

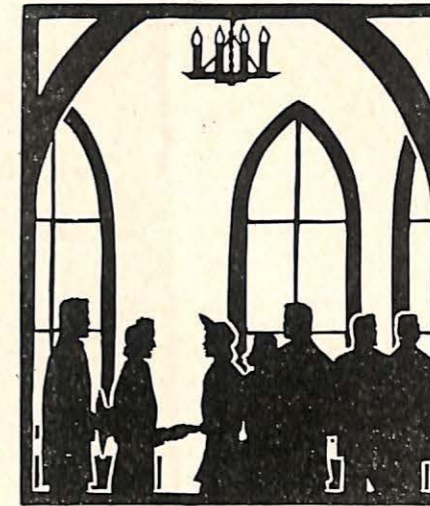
There comes a time in life when one leaves youth and cannot go back to it. He accepts adulthood with reservations, for to him the future is not well charted. It is at this time that the young adult needs the church. At this point it is the responsibility of the church to give the young adults guidance, sympathy and understanding.

Who is a young adult? Generally one is considered a young adult if he is between 25 and 35 years of age. Other characteristics which cause one to be placed in this classification before one is 25 are being self-supported or having left home or school permanently, marriage, and/or serving in the armed forces.

The three major experiences of young adult life usually are getting married, adjusting to married life, and raising a family. Other adjustments include selection of and preparation for a vocation, social responsibilities and financial responsibilities. Other adjustments must be made by those who marry late or who remain single.

There is constant pressure exerted by society upon the young adult for his time, money and abilities. During this time, the church may or may not reach him. If the young adult can be enlisted in the organized church life, there is a probability that he will receive the guidance necessary in making the adjustments in his life which center around Christian living.

In order to keep and tie in these young adults, it is necessary to have a



YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIPS

"In order to hold these young adults, it is necessary to have a church program which will meet the needs and interests of this age group."

church program which will meet the needs and interests of this age group. Robert K. Havighurst has written: "Of all the periods of life, early adulthood is the fullest of teachable moments and the emptiest of efforts to teach."

FORMING ADULT FELLOWSHIPS

Why form a Young Adult Fellowship? The purpose of this group is to aid in establishing a Christian philosophy of living and in determining Christian values and goals. This would be a place where the young adults may share their problems and experiences and their questions in relation to their life as a Christian. It affords an opportunity to study the Bible, to develop a Christian witness, to develop a proper apportionment of time, talent and finances for the furtherance of

God's Kingdom, and to find one's place in community life.

Many of the young adults' needs and interests will be met and satisfied through this group. Here they find opportunities for service in the church and the community. Here needs will be met through worship, witness, discussion, study and social activities.

There may be different types of organization depending upon the church situation and the number of young adults. The young adult group may be an outgrowth of the Sunday School class, or it may be a separate organization. The young adult fellowship may consist of only married couples or only of single young adults, or it may consist of both groups.

One finds steps for and types of organization and a suggested constitution for the group in the *Young Adult Handbook*. Various suggested methods which may be used to present the programs are found in this handbook. The bibliography on young adult interests and work is a helpful guide for materials. A sample adult interest finder aids in recording ideas, interests and skills of the young adults in your church.

ENLISTING YOUNG ADULTS

One should keep in mind the guiding principles for enlisting young adults in the church program. Earl F. Zeigler has listed the following: 1) plans and programs are made with them and not for them; 2) they know they have critical needs and will respect and welcome competent and mature counsel; and 3) a program must be flexible.

Eight areas in which older youth and young adults feel they have particular needs are 1) vocation, 2) use of leisure time, 3) setting life goals, 4) achieving emotional growth and security, 5) mating, 6) family responsibilities and conflicts, 7) facing pressures of a changing culture, and 8) religious and spiritual growth.

We are asking that the *Young Adult Handbook* be introduced in our churches, if it has not been already. Within a few months the first supplement to the Handbook will be published. This supplement will include a current bibliography of materials for young adult work, program ideas, and a section for exchange of program ideas of the Young Adult Fellowships in our denomination. The plan is to publish two supplements to the Handbook a year.

For enriched personal faith, a greater opportunity for Christian witness and a better understanding of our world today, we encourage you to organize and support a young adult fellowship now in your church.

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Our Future Looks Bright!

A Report of Activities and Plans by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary

“LOOKING unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith” (Heb. 12:2).

Increasingly the people, as well as your District Secretary, are convinced that the action taken by the delegates at the last General Conference to have District Secretaries was an action long needed in our General Conference. That the secretary of the Central District has been well received by churches, organizations and individuals is evidence that our constituency is fully in accord with this Conference action.

PASTORS' CONFERENCES

The endless and manifold activities, carried on by the secretary, are too numerous to give in a brief report. There are always those assignments which are classified as special events requiring special preparations as well as first attention. All activities, however, from the entire field are equally of great importance.

In recent months I attended two Pastors' Conferences. For a time of the study of God's Word, for inspiration, for prayer time, and for spiritual blessings in general, these conferences are unexcelled. It is gratifying to know that our churches give our pastors this valuable time away from their responsibilities. I am sure the churches will have better ministers for it. The time of Christian fellowship for the ministers is a necessity which should always be made possible by the church members.

An ordination service, where one of our young men is ordained to the Gospel ministry, is always an indication that “God is with his people.” We need to be more grateful to God for men who hear God's call and who are willing to make the necessary preparations for the preaching of the Gospel.

PRAYER MINISTRY OF PEOPLE

Church members ought to pray more diligently that God may call more young men and young women into Christian service. Our home and churches must produce more of the necessary spiritual atmosphere where young people become sensitive to God's call. Many of our churches need qualified pastors and Christian workers. A great need exists, indeed.

More recently I attended the sessions of an Association and of a local Conference where opportunity for services was given.

It is gratifying and a most encouraging experience to be present at such a gathering. Again the programs were well planned to provide instruction in the Word of God, much prayer, and fellowship, all for the edifying of the saints. The Conference business ses-

sions were very well attended which is always a wholesome sign that Christians are interested in goals accomplished and a program to strive for as well as in personal spiritual edification.

If God's people are to be triumphant in faith, such gatherings where united efforts and a keen interest are manifested, are vitally important as we further the cause of Christ.

Church Extension is a most worthy home missionary venture at the present time. Five Church Extension fields were surveyed in the Central District in recent months. Two projects have been organized and are off to a good start with pastors serving in the fields. One additional project will start in September. The other two projects may get under way soon. Our people

need to be much in prayer for this important home mission work.

Assistance has been given churches where they are planning a building program. There was opportunity to serve at dedication services as well as numerous other assignments. Considerable office work is also necessary for the District Secretary involving considerable correspondence, preparation for field service, and the keeping of records.

The people of our churches are prayerfully and most heartily supporting our ever expanding denominational program. We rejoice for the privilege of working so closely with them and are much encouraged by the bright future for great progress in the cause of Christ through our churches in the larger fellowship of the believers.

Northern District Gleams

By Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary

THE NORTHERN DISTRICT covers the same territory as the Northern Conference. It is made up of 52 churches with an approximate membership of 8,000 souls. It covers the area of 3 provinces, well known as the Canadian prairies. Fourteen of the 52 churches are located in 5 of the largest cities. The population of these cities makes up approximately half of the total population of the country. These 14 city churches also make up approximately half of our total membership.

MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLE

During our nine year ministry in the service of immigration, and now during the past six months as District Secretary, we have learned to love and honor our people and our pastors. Often they would like to escape the difficult living conditions in this northern climate, but they have stayed because there are people who have to be ministered to and who have to be loved, and the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ has to be proclaimed, even in the remote parts of our northern area.

To me it often seems that God has showered his special grace and blessings upon our Northern District. Numerically not the strongest, yet within our churches, within our youth groups, Sunday Schools and women's organizations, there is the pulse beat of God's love. God has called out of the ranks of the Northern District many young men and women who now serve in all parts of the U.S.A. and Canada and of the world as ministers and missionaries of the Gospel.

For many years our churches felt the particular call of God to minister

to the many German immigrants who came to Canada during the two post-war periods. We still have 8 churches whose ministry is almost exclusively in the German language. But in recent years some of our older churches have awakened to their responsibility for evangelizing all people. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are now working on Church Extension projects in Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg. Our churches and our pastors are deeply concerned and much in prayer for these new projects.

LOVE FOR THE C.T.I.

The wonderful sessions of the General Conference at Edmonton, not only have brought lovely echoes, but have created the feeling of security, the sense that “we belong” to many of our young and new-Canadian churches. Although the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton ministers to our entire denominational family, yet it is largely being fed by young people out of our Northern District. We, therefore, have a very special love and attachment to our C.T.I. We have prayed much for God's guidance in the calling of a president, and now we are indeed happy to welcome Dr. A. S. Felberg as a co-worker and leader of our school.

Problems?—Difficulties? Yes, indeed, we have them too! Where the Lord Jesus Christ is present, Satan will always create disturbance and difficulties. We, therefore, need to be watchful, not to become instruments of disturbance but rather to remain vessels of the Holy Spirit in the building of his Kingdom in our Northern District.

A Sharpshooting Indian!

Story of Paul Neumann of Costa Mesa, Calif., Captain of the Stanford University Basketball Team, by Larry Ward. (Reprinted from “My Counsellor.”)

SCENE ONE: Excitement fills the air! There are just 14 seconds left to play in a thrilling basketball game between Stanford University and Rice. . . . Stanford trails 65-63 . . . and a young sophomore guard stands at the foul line with two free throws—just enough, if he makes them both, to win the game for Stanford. His first shot is in the air—wobbles around the rim—drops in! But then tense silence settles over the court as he bends again, arches the ball in the air . . . and Stanford wins, 65-64!

Scene two: The men in the brotherhood meeting in Redwood City, California, listen intently to the young man who stands before them. He has been talking about his favorite sport—basketball—but now he has switched to another, more important, game: the game of life. He tells them about the “rulebook” for this all-important game: the Bible. And he tells them that to really succeed in this game of life, they need the help of his Friend—the One who helps him—the Lord Jesus Christ.

KEY MAN IN GAMES

The young man in both these scenes is the same energetic fellow: 6-foot, 1½-inch, Paul Neumann—captain of the Stanford University basketball team for the 1957-58 season, and already recognized as one of the all-time greats at a school that has turned out many great basketball players.

Last year, as a 20-year-old junior, Paul captained the team that turned in one of the country's greatest upsets, a 50-49 victory over the highly rated San Francisco Dons. Said Stanford Coach Howie Delmar later: “Paul Neumann was our key man. He held us together with his floor play in addition to doing a masterful job of guarding . . .”

Team player and “floor player” though he was, setting up plays for others to make points, Paul still scored enough to end the season with a 12.4 points-per-game average (almost exactly what he had registered during his spectacular sophomore season). He was named to the All-Pacific Coast Conference Second Team selected by P. C. C. coaches, and was also selected on the first string of an all-star squad by Northern California sportswriters and radio sportscasters.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

But sports honors were nothing new for good-looking Paul Neumann. In high school too, at Newport Harbor Union High (on the coast south of Los Angeles), he had captained his high-school five and was named “most valuable player” on his team.



PAUL NEUMANN

Outstanding athlete, captain of the Stanford University basketball team, and a dedicated Christian with a fervent witness for Christ.

Other high school honors: he had made the all-star team for the Huntington Beach Tournament . . . he had made the all-league team during both his junior and senior years . . . he had been named “Player of the Year” in the fast-paced coastal cities league in which his school competed.

One might think, looking at these honors or glancing at his sparkling trophies and “athletic achievement award” certificates that Paul Neumann is probably a pretty conceited, “cocky” sort of young fellow.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Soft-spoken, truly modest and humble, Paul Neumann is quick to praise the other players who have helped him . . . to thank coaches like Howard Delmar of Stanford, and Jules Gage who guided him during his high-school days . . . and above all, to thank God for his great goodness and help.

For just as Paul's basketball abili-

PAUL NEUMANN

Paul Neumann has spent this past summer in the Orient, serving on the VENTURE FOR VICTORY basketball team. By this unorthodox method of athletic evangelism, thousands have been enrolled in a Bible Study course in the Orient designed to lead them to a personal faith in Jesus Christ. Paul is a son of Rev. and Mrs. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa, California.

ties have carried him on to greater and greater heights, so in these same years (after what he terms a “slow start”) he has kept pace in his spiritual growth.

CHRISTIAN HOME

Paul is grateful to God for the advantages of a Christian home. His father pastors the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, California. His sister serves as a missionary with the Sudan Interior Mission in Kano, Nigeria. Paul also thanks the Lord for the help given him by his mother and his other sister and brother.

But, even though his was a Christian home, Paul had to make his own decision for Jesus Christ. This he did at the age of ten.

During his high-school days Paul kept busy and faithful in church and Sunday School attendance, took part in a Bible club conducted at school by the young people of his church, saw a few of his friends find Christ as their Savior with his encouragement during evangelistic meetings.

But somehow he lacked power and enthusiasm in his spiritual life. Then, about three years ago, there came the memorable day when he listened to a hard-hitting, straight-from-the-shoulder message by Don Hillis, dynamic young missionary leader. God had “called Paul's number”; and Paul knew what he needed: an all-out surrender of life, ambitions, and talent to the service of Christ. Just as he would have moved out onto the basketball court with drive and determination, so now Paul marched forward to completely dedicate his life to Christ.

ONE STEP AT A TIME

What's ahead? Paul Neumann leaves that with the Lord. “I'm just taking one step at a time,” he says. He is trusting God to call the signals, to direct the plays for the great game of life. Majoring in psychology, he is interested in the field of education—but he'll go wherever God leads.

In the meantime, in his quiet but sincere way, Paul Neumann is keeping busy for God. As a sponsor in a freshman dorm at Stanford University, he is able to counsel some of the younger fellows. By the positive testimony of his life both on the campus and on the basketball floor, he shows the reality of his faith in Christ. And whenever anyone asks him “the reason for the hope that is within him,” Paul is quick and unashamed to tell that Christ has saved his soul and made him a new creature.

It's only natural that his coaches

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 30, 1959

Theme: A NEW SPIRIT FOR A RE-NEWED PEOPLE (JOEL)

Scripture: Joel 1:15-20; 2:12-13, 21-23, 28-29

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: We often look for new circumstances and a new environment to bring us life and hope when what we need is a new spirit within.

INTRODUCTION: The ministry of Joel dates back to about 870 B. C. Although he is referred to as one of the minor prophets by Bible students, nevertheless he has a major message. It could be considered the most important message, for he is cited by Peter in his great sermon on the day of Pentecost as prophesying the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Joel is therefore, above all others, the prophet of the Holy Spirit. It seems strange that he should at the same time speak of the greatest desolation and the greatest hope. But it is only because Joel sees God in every event in history and in every experience in life. God is continually trying to break through to the heart of man, whether it be through judgment or through blessing.

I. THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN JUDGMENT. Joel 1:15-20.

This is often the result of our sin. Some become more rebellious and harden their hearts, while others open their hearts and are led to repentance.

It was not a pleasant experience for Judah. The land of milk and honey was turned into desert and famine. There was destruction and pestilence, crop failure and starvation. Even in the house of God, there was an absence of joy and gladness, for the famine had penetrated to the hearts of the worshippers. There were withered souls as well as withered corn. Fire and flame devoured the pastures and the trees of the field, but there was no fire of the Holy Spirit of God.

II. THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN REPENTANCE. Joel 2:12-13.

Sometimes God has to take everything before we are willing to give him something. We become so concerned about our material needs that we forget our spiritual needs. The most important need is not better crops but better hearts!

The people of Judah often went through the motions of repentance but never performed the act of repentance. Rending of the garments is a poor substitute for rending of the heart.

Above all, they had to change their attitude toward Jehovah. He was not an angry, unpardonable and unmerciful and hard-hearted God, but a loving

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Father who is willing to forgive the truly repentant sinner.

III. THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN BLESSING. Joel 2:21-23.

God cannot long withhold his blessings. He is aware of our needs, both physical and spiritual. As Jesus pointed out, "He sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45). The goodness of the Lord as well as the judgment of the Lord should lead us to repentance. (Romans 2:4).

IV. THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN HIS FULLNESS. Joel 2:28-29.

The blessings of Judah and Israel are only a foretaste of what God is able and willing to give. We often speak of the measure of the Holy Spirit. There is no measure that can be applied to the Holy Spirit because he is measureless. "I will pour out my spirit" was the promise, not "I will measure out my spirit." He makes no distinction between male and female, between youth and age, between servant and master. He came as Immanuel to be with us; he came as the Holy Spirit to be in us.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 6, 1959

Theme: WORKING AGAINST GOD (OBADIAH)

Scripture: Obadiah, verses 1-4, 10-15

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Working against God is the most difficult job on earth because you will always end up on the losing side. "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks" (Acts 9:5).

INTRODUCTION: We have no knowledge of the personal life of Obadiah. He has the distinction of writing the shortest book in the Old Testament. Some Bible scholars have attempted to identify the author with one or the other of the persons of the same name often mentioned in the Old Testament. (See I Kings 18:3).

S. S. LESSON EDITOR

The editor of this page, "Sunday School Lessons," is Rev. Bruno Schreiber, who lives at the address: 1026 S. Harvey, Oak Park, Illinois.

The book deals primarily with a prophetic interpretation of an overwhelming disaster which has already befallen Edom, and with God's imminent judgment on that nation, which may also be interpreted as having universal application.

For this lesson it would help to have a map of Palestine in order to become better acquainted with the position of the land of Edom in relation to Israel. It is a rocky ridge in the center of which is Mount Hor, where Aaron died and was buried. In this district Esau settled after his brother Jacob fled from him to Padan-aram. His descendants held the land and were called Edomites. At the time of the fall of Jerusalem (586 B. C.) they were a fairly strong people because of the natural protection of their stronghold.

It is almost impossible to understand that hatred can be perpetuated for so many centuries. The Edomites could not forget, neither would they forgive the fact that Jacob had secured the birthright from Esau their ancestor.

I. THE VISION OF OBADIAH—WORKING WITH GOD. Obadiah 1.

Only those who work with God have vision and receive visions. It was not without meaning that the prophets were called "seers." As they walked and talked with God they received more and more insight as to the will and purpose of the Lord. They were able to see the end from the beginning because they knew how God worked. It was the apostle Paul's vision of the Lord that changed his life completely and turned the tide of the Christian and missionary movement.

Obadiah saw the downfall and destruction of Edom to which they were completely blind.

II. THE PRIDE OF EDOM—WORKING AGAINST GOD. Obadiah 2-4.

Edom thought of themselves as being big; but God saw them as being very small. They thought they had something to be proud of, but their pride deceived them. They thought they were safe in the clefts of the rock, but their dwelling place was not on the Rock which cannot be moved. They thought they lived in high places, but spiritually they lived in dark valleys. Though they exalted themselves as the eagle, God brought them to the ground. In every place which they thought was their strength, God saw only weakness.

III. THE RESULT OF WORKING AGAINST GOD. Obadiah 10-15.

One of Edom's greatest sins was in rejoicing when Judah was taken captive. They gloated over the fact that Jacob, the brother of Esau, finally got what was coming to him. Ordinarily, when a brother is in trouble, we give him a helping hand. This, the children of Edom refused to do. Rather, they were more willing to give the enemy a helping hand.

Obadiah reminds them that "the day of the Lord is near." "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). "Thy reward shall return upon thine own head."

What's Happening

● Rev. Ernest Lutt has resigned as pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Michigan, effective July 31, 1959. He and his family are spending the month of August in North Dakota. They will reside in the city of Gladwin, Michigan, until a new field of service opens for him. Mr. Lutt has been the pastor of the Round Lake Church since 1957.

● Rev. Herman Lohr recently presented his resignation to the First Baptist Church of Corona, South Dakota, and announced his retirement from the active ministry. He and his wife have retired to Parkersburg, Iowa, where he served as pastor from 1937 to 1952, and where their son and family now reside. Mr. Lohr has been the pastor of the Corona Church since 1952.

● Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Orthner of Edmonton, Alberta, who served with the first team of "God's Volunteers" in 1957, have announced the death of a son who was born to them on July 5th. The child lived for only about six hours. A brief service was held at the graveside, conducted by Rev. A. Lamprecht, pastor of the McKernon Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta.

● Mr. Bennie Breikreuz of Onoway, Alta., is conducting meetings this summer in Telfordville, Alta., near Edmonton. This ministry is being rendered with considerable success under the Student Service Plan of the denomination. Services have been held in Telfordville from time to time, but no permanent work has been established. It is hoped that a mission church can be started there as a result of this summer's ministry by Mr. Breikreuz.

● On Thursday evening, July 9, the German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario, observed its 7th anniversary with a festive program led by its pastor, Rev. Philip Scherer. The highlight of the program was the burning of a mortgage of \$9539.30 on the church property. Most of the members of the church made a worthy sacrifice toward this project by contributing their wages or salaries for two weeks since September 1958.

● The First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., has extended a call to Rev. Aaron A. Buhler of Lansing, Mich., the pastor of the Colonial Village Baptist Church since 1952. He has accepted the call and presented his resignation to the Lansing church by letter on Sunday morning, July 12. Mr. Buhler will begin his pastorate in the First Baptist Church of Lodi in September 1959, succeeding Rev. G. G. Rauser, now the Church Extension pastor in the Lincoln Village area near Stockton, Calif.

● The Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., has called Rev. Gordon

C. Huisinga of Cleveland, Ohio, as its pastor. He has responded favorably and began his ministry in the church on July 12, succeeding Rev. Lenox G. Palin. Mr. Huisinga has served as the assistant pastor in the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland since 1958. The pulpit of the Walnut Street Church was supplied by Rev. Frank Friesen, denominational interim pastor, since June 7th.

● The Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller, Alberta, observed the 6th anniversary of its pastor, Rev. William Effa, on Sunday evening, June 28. Mr. Rudolph Bertsch, deacon, was in charge of the program in which various representatives expressed their appreciation for the fine devoted ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Effa in their church. During the first week in August the church held its Vacation Bible School with Rev. William Effa serving as director assisted by the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Emanuel Bertsch.

● On Sunday, July 5, a baptismal service was held by the Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River, Manitoba, in which seven persons were baptized on confession of their faith by Mr. Arthur Kliever, pastor. The service was held in the First Baptist Church of nearby Dauphin, Manitoba. Evangelistic meetings were held at the Grace Church of Ochre River from June 21 to 28 with Rev. H. Palfenier, denominational evangelist, bringing the messages. The meetings were greatly blessed of God and four persons confessed Christ as Savior.

● Rev. and Mrs. August F. Runtz of St. Joseph, Michigan, superintendent and matron of the former Children's Home in St. Joseph, have changed their residence to Seattle, Washington, where they are residing for the present with their daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. L. Petersen. Mr. Petersen is the secretary of the Seattle Council of Churches. Later Mr. and Mrs. Runtz hope to build or to buy a home for themselves. On Sunday, July 12, they visited with relatives in Yorkton, Sask., and attended the closing services of the Northern Conference in Yorkton.

● On Wednesday evening, June 17, the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio surprised Rev. and Mrs. Henry Pfeifer on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Representatives of the church organizations expressed their congratulations to the Pfeifers. Rev. W. J. Luebeck, editor of "Der Sendbote," and Rev. Frank Venninga, Eastern District secretary, also extended their congratulations and spoke briefly. The occasion was also the 25th anniversary of Rev. Henry Pfeifer's services in the Christian min-

istry, as reported by Miss Edeltraut Boehnke.

● The public school teachers on the Montana and Bull Indian Reserves of Alberta this fall will be Baptists who are associated with North American Baptist churches. These schools are adjoining to the Baptist chapels on the reserves. Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Wirth will serve as teachers on the Montana Reserve beginning September 1st. Mr. Wirth formerly served as pastor of our Davin and Edenwold churches near Regina, Sask. The teachers on the Montana Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alta., will be Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Neufeld who have had the finest recommendations for this ministry. Mrs. Neufeld is also a registered nurse.

● On Saturday evening, July 11, at the youth session of the Northern Conference held in the Brass Auditorium of Yorkton, Sask., the play, "Fortune Lost—Future Gained," was presented by members of the Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask. The cast of 16 people came from a church with a membership slightly larger than 60. This one hour missionary play was presented for the eighth time by the Edenwold people. It was directed by Mr. Ed Rumpel. This effective missionary play was written by Mrs. Fred W. Pahl of Edmonton, Alberta, and is available in mimeographed form at 25 cents per copy by writing to the author at 13145 - 101st Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

● The Board of Missions and the Northern Conference Mission Committee have announced the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. August Grymaloski as missionaries to the Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan beginning September 1st. They have been serving as Indian missionaries since 1957 in a settlement of northern Manitoba, 85 air miles from York Factory. Mr. Grymaloski studied at the Miller Memorial Bible Institute, Pambrum, Sask. They were presented to the closing session of the Northern Conference at Yorkton, Sask., by Rev. Herbert Hiller, mission secretary. On the Muscowpetung Reserve they will succeed Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, now of Edenwold, Sask.

● The Church Extension Committee and the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., have jointly called Rev. Richard Grabke of Regina, Sask., to serve as Church Extension pastor in Winnipeg where he will launch a new English-speaking North American Baptist church. This new church will be sponsored by the McDermot Avenue Church of which Rev. H. J. Walteit is the pastor. Mr. Grabke has accepted the call, effective September 1st, and has resigned as pastor of Regina's Faith Church which he has served since 1954. On September 26 Miss Lillian Ziolkowski of Regina, a sister of the Camerons missionary, Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, and Rev. Richard Grabke will be married in Yorkton, Sask.



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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

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SYNOPSIS

In the home of Mary Sue, Bible reading girl, Tom Larkin was reminded of his deeply religious mother and 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 brush to fix up the church, but the girl came and talked about God's having a purpose for him and his needing Christ. Everybody in the community came to the first service in the re-opened church. Tom Larkin's testimony how Christ had become a larger church. But Tom Larkin felt that he was being forced into this and broke with Mary Sue and the church. Finally Dr. Elliott was able to open the eyes and heart of Tom Larkin to see God's hand in his life. Tom grinned with deep joy in his soul.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

THERE MIGHT still be time, if he hurried, to catch Dixie at the restaurant. Besides, he was hungry. For the first time in two and a half weeks, he was really hungry.

But when he got there, it was Gladys, the part-time girl, who came to serve him.

"Dixie go home early?" he asked.

"Nope. Didn't come in today. What'll you have?"

"Uh—roast beef, I guess. Was she sick or anything?"

The girl shrugged. "Don't ask me, mister. All I know is when they need help they call me. From the time I get here I'm too busy answering the customer's questions to ask any o' my own. You want to order your dessert now and save me the trip back?"

He was free the next day and because of an over-anxiety to get started on that new leaf he had turned the night before, he did a thing completely out of character and not altogether sensible. He went up to Dixie's apartment first thing in the morning. He knew she did not go to work until

twelve, and it was important to him that he see her as soon as possible.

He was grinning when she answered the door—thinking that he would really deserve it if she refused to let him in and told him gently to arrange his conversations with her for a later hour and in a less secluded place. But when she looked up at him, there was anything but teasing humor in her eyes. Certainly there was no *surprise*, and that was strange . . .

She had been crying. He could tell. And it dampened his own lightheartedness.

She turned away from the door almost tiredly. "Come in, Tom."

Only then did he see the suitcases lined up neatly beneath the window. He frowned.

"You going somewhere, Dixie?"

"Home."

He hesitated. "Oh. That's right. You didn't go last Christmas, did you?"

She shook her head. "No, Tom. I didn't go."

She kept her face averted, kept her hands busy—picking up, rearranging, setting aside.

"I went down to the restaurant last night," he said finally. "You weren't sick or anything?"

"No."

"That Gladys is a character—"

She turned and looked at him then. "You didn't come here to talk about Gladys, Tom," she said softly. "Say it and get it over with."

He looked at the floor. "Okay, then, here it is. *Thanks.*"

"*Thanks, Tom?*"

He nodded. "Dr. Elliott was up to see me last night—"

"But I thought you hated letter-writers! I thought you said—"

He shook his head embarrassedly. "Not any more. I don't hate anybody. Maybe I never did. Except *myself.*"

She took a few steps closer, interest-

ed now—*concerned.*

"*You're going back, Tom?*"

"Yes, Dixie. Temporarily anyway. Until I pick up the high-school credits."

"And after that?"

He shrugged. "I don't *know.*"

She was very close now, looking up into his face, her eyes soft and her voice a whisper. "Oh, *yes, Tom!* You *know!* You had your mind all made up *before!* You *knew* what you had to do. Then Mary-Sue unwittingly offered you a way to get around it by blaming her for the whole suggestion. *You didn't fool anybody but yourself, Tom!*" Her hands came up and touched his jacket gently and she was smiling, but with tears in her eyes. "*That was your last stand!* All of us have to get stubborn at the last minute, it seems. But *you won't do it again, Tom.* You *know* you can't quit with just high school! Or even with a larger church! *You know you've got to go all the way!*"

He grinned and shook his head. "Maybe you're right."

"I *know* I'm right. I knew it last Sunday in church, Tom. That's why I came home and wrote the letter. I *had* to write it. I guess—I *never doubted the outcome.* I *knew* Dr. Elliott would come to you. I *knew* the decision you'd make—" She turned away, her face sad again. "*I knew how Mary-Sue must have felt when she wrote—*"

He nodded, stuck his hands into his pockets. "I guess her motives were lofty enough."

"*Tell her that, Tom.*"

"I will." He looked up then. "Maybe—if you aren't working today—you'd like to drive out with me?"

She looked at him for a long time before she answered. "No, Tom. Not this time. I have a train to catch."

He had forgotten. "Oh." Then,

"When will you be back?"

She made a big process of folding a sweater, smoothing and straightening it. After a while she said, "*I won't be.*"

It did not hit him immediately. When it did, the reaction was comparable to that of a blow to the solar plexus. He couldn't breathe; he felt stunned.

"You won't *be* back!" he hollered.

She shook her head slowly, without looking at him. "I'm going home to stay."

He grabbed her shoulders and whirled her around roughly. "What're you talking, *crazy or something?* You *kidding* me? If you are, it isn't funny!"

She looked at him tenderly. "No joke, Tom. I'm going home and I'm going to stay there."

He was outraged. "But *why? Why,* all of a sudden?"

She looked a little trapped. Her eyes cast about for an explanation; her mouth trembled. "Because—there comes a time when each of us has to stop *drifting*, I guess. We have to pick up our lives and do something with them. *You're* doing something with *your* life now, Tom. You've discovered your purpose for existing, and now your vocation is clear. It's—sort of like that with me, too. I've got to start *aiming* at something—stop this waiting around—"

She turned away, and he touched her shoulder again. "*I don't think I understand, Dixie.* I thought you were happy *here*—I thought—" Well, what *had* he thought? That she would wait around, *pal* around with him forever? Suddenly the thing Dr. Elliott had said came back to him. "I'd hate to see you hesitate until *both* were lost—" It was no longer funny. It was tragic. *He was losing her.* Somehow—*he was losing her.* . . .

The thought panicked him, and he reached for her quickly, drew her against his shoulder, and held her that way.

"*Don't go, Dixie. I need you!*"

She shook her head against his arm, and he knew she was crying. "No, you don't, Tom," she whispered. "I used to think maybe you did, but now I know you don't. You haven't got any family, that's all. I'm kind of a habit with you—"

He touched the back of her hair, pressed a frantic little kiss against her forehead. "That's not *true, Dixie!* You *know* that's not true! I—I *love* you—*don't I?*"

He set her back then and stared at her, shocked and a little scared. She looked up at him and laughed softly, shaking her head, tears brimming in her eyes.

"Oh, Tom—*Tom—you beautiful idiot!*" She touched his face with gentle fingertips. "When you *love* a girl, you don't tell her like *that.* You don't *ask* her, darling! It's—it's like what you said about Mary-Sue being a Christian, you remember? *You look at her and you just know!*"

He felt sick. Not only was he failing to convince *her*, but he was unconvinced himself. And she would go away . . .

"But—I *must* love you—" he stammered. "I mean, *sort of.*"

She smiled tenderly. "*That time you hit it on the head, Tom.* You love me *sort of.* And—I'm afraid that's *all.*"

She walked away from him, picked up a figurine from the mantel and toyed with it. He had that hollow, amputated feeling again.

"You see, Tom," she explained softly, "you had two whole years to fall in love with me, and you never fell. We were good friends—very good friends—but it was Mary-Sue who brought out the *real* Tom Larkin—"

He took a step toward her, held out his hands. "That's crazy, Dixie! She's a—*a baby!* A meddling, stubborn little—"

Dixie shook her head wisely and looked at him. "She's a beautiful, intelligent, courageous young *woman!*" she said softly. "*And she loves you.*"

He stared at her. "And—*you don't?*" he snapped impatiently.

She turned away quickly. After a minute she said, "*That wasn't fair, Tom.* You know that wasn't fair. You haven't any right to dissuade me—when you know it's best this way—"

He stepped closer, held out his hands again, and then let them drop limply at his sides. For a while both Dixie and Tom were silent, while the full impact settled down upon him.

"You want me to take you to the station, Dixie?" he asked finally.

"No, Tom. I hate good-bys to be dragged out."

"What—what'll you do there?"

"I don't know for sure. Stay with my family, for one thing. That's where I belong. Look for another church that needs a teacher, I guess. There're a lot of them down that way. I'll meet other young people, I suppose. Just—*start over,* I guess. Let the roots sink, find a niche of my own. Maybe I'll run into a handsome hill-billy preacher. Who knows?" She tried to laugh, but it didn't come off that way. Tom groaned and reached for her, but she moved away.

"I feel—*orphaned!*" he said helplessly.

"You'll get over it. Mary-Sue will help you get over it."

"Mary-Sue, Mary-Sue!" he mimicked angrily.

She grinned sadly. "Honestly, Tom. What you don't know about women wouldn't be mad at her, you know, if you weren't so fond of her. People you don't care about don't concern you one way or the other. It's only the people we love who have the power to anger and irritate and—also—*please* us—"

His mouth compressed. He was *losing* her—the best friend he ever had—and they had to spend the last few minutes talking about that ornery little Mary-Sue!

"Will you write to me, Dixie?"

"No, Tom. We know where we stand, and the past is past. Let's not torture each other."

"Then—this really is good-by?"

She nodded gently. "This really is. You've been wonderful, Tom. I wish you every blessing. I'll pray for your success with all my heart. Good-by—"

It seemed impossible. He couldn't *believe* it! All the time they'd wasted, loitered away, and now every second was precious!

"*Can I kiss you good-by?*"

She nodded. "I wish you would—"

He reached desperately and then she was against him as she had never been before. He kissed her as he had never kissed here before—*as a man kisses a woman.*

And then he knew. He lifted his head from hers and stared at her. *He was free.* She could go now, and he would be all right.

Dixie understood. Dixie *always* understood. She smiled.

"Go to her, Tom. *Tell* her you love her. Ask her to wait for you." She winked playfully. "She's not quite as patient as I am, Tom. I'm not sure she'd wait—even for *you*—for two years."

Tom swallowed and nodded, an exhilarating freedom and sense of purpose within him now. He wanted to thank her, but there were no words. He cupped her face in big hands.

"You're the sweetest, most wonderful habit any guy ever had, Dixie. If—if you find that preacher—invite me to the wedding?"

She cried openly now, but it was a wound that would heal and they both knew it. "I'll invite you *both.*"

He nodded, and they exchanged a tremulous smile. Then he left her—quickly.

He broke a couple of speed limits on his way out to the church. He could not seem to help it. That crazy warning Dr. Elliott had teasingly given him kept running round and round in his mind. He *had* lost one of them! If he lost *both* . . . But, surely, in just two and a half weeks . . . Not even *Mary-Sue* could do anything very rash in *that* length of time, could she? And, still, she was abounding with energy, that one. Eager and swift when a decision was made. Suppose, all this time, there *had* been some neighborhood lad . . . After all, *he* was there a comparatively small amount of time and invariably at work on the church, never really *alone* with her in *that* sense . . .

He had the urge to stop at the house first. But he could not. Not with Spencer there. Somehow, when he saw her this time, it was important for them to be alone—and in the church, *their* church.

But she might not *come.* They had both said some terrible things, and she might not come if she knew he was there. She had pride, too. She would not grovel—not even for him. *Especially* not for him!

He took the steps in one leap. Then

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Our Denomination in ACTION



Vacation Bible School children and teachers of the Ebenezer Baptist Church Lehr, North Dakota.

Central District

Vacation Bible School, Ebenezer Church, Lehr, N. Dak.

A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted from May 25-29 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., 32 children attending. A fine program was given Friday evening. Handwork was on display. Materials used were "Adventuring With Christ." Teachers were as follows: Mrs. John Stolz, beginners' class with Joann Schnable as helper; Mrs. John Kranzler, primary class with Karen Kessler as helper; and Mrs. E. S. Fenske, junior class with Linda Ketterling as helper. Rev. E. S. Fenske served as Bible teacher and morning devotional leader. Arlene Amman was our pianist.

Mrs. E. S. Fenske, Reporter

Wonderful Baptist Church Library at Lorraine, Kansas

The library of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, now contains a few more than 5000 books. These include children's books, Christian fiction, references and helps for all departments of church and church school, books of games, biographies, missionary volumes and books about nature. Periodicals are also received and many magazines are on file for reference.

A contest, "Rockets to Adventure," was started May 25 and will be ended August 5. Everyone reading 10 books reaches the moon. To return 10 more books need to be read. Thus far 556 books have been checked out. The library is supported by donations from societies or individuals. Almost every church family has donated a book or books as a memorial for a loved one. Our efficient librarian is Miss Bernice Steinberg. Helpers are Mrs. Roscoe Craig and Miss Alma Holzer.

Mrs. Theodore Wilkens, Reporter

Vacation Bible School at Turtle Lake, N. Dak.

When planning our Vacation Bible School at Turtle Lake, N. Dak., we had three main goals in mind: (1) to strengthen Christians in their faith; (2) to lead unsaved to acceptance of Christ for salvation; and (3) to prepare youth for Christian service. We used Gospel Light material with the theme, "Adventuring with Christ." Our school was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Grueneich of Underwood, N. Dak. We had 16 teachers and helpers from our own church, which included the recreational director and our pastor, Rev. H. Weiss.

Our total registration was 71 with 55 pupils and 16 teachers and helpers. We had almost perfect attendance. The sum of \$16.93, which was brought by the pupils, was given toward our Cameroons Mission in Africa. The crowning blessing of the school was when 15 boys and girls accepted Christ as their Savior. An exceptionally fine pro-



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reifschneider of Dighton, Kansas, at their 62nd wedding anniversary with other celebrants held in the City Park.

gram was given the following Sunday evening. We all sensed a wonderful spirit of cooperation and love during the school and we want to thank all the consecrated workers who labored sacrificially for our blessed Lord.

62nd Wedding Anniversary Celebrated at Dighton, Kansas

The First Baptist Church of Dighton, Kansas, was host to an anniversary roast in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reifschneider on their 62nd wedding anniversary. They were married in Russia, June 18, 1897. They came to the First Baptist Church at Dighton, Kansas in 1902; moved to Lane Bison, Kansas in 1905 and to their present home in Dighton in 1941. They were instrumental in establishing the First Baptist Church at Dighton in 1951 and were charter members of it.

They have five sons: Henry and

Edward in Dighton, Kansas; Seth in Leota, Kansas; Bill in San Mateo, California; and Art in Inglewood, California. There are also 8 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Several choruses were sung by the group and Pastor Bill Berger brought a few words of congratulations in behalf of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lacy and girls were also honored with a farewell gift as they have moved to Hugoton, Kansas. About 50 friends were present.

Mrs. Wm. R. Berger, Reporter

Great Events at Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa

The Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, was held June 8 to 12. The ten day course was studied in five days with all day sessions from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The teachers, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, Miss Betty Plum assisted by Miss Mary Potratz, Miss Betty Sage assisted by Miss Patricia Floden, and Shirley Schulte conducted this successful school with 40 pupils in attendance.

Our church has purchased an electric Hammond Organ to enhance our worship services. Mrs. Robert Sage is our organist and Mrs. John Floden is assistant organist. Our Woman's Missionary Society celebrated its tenth anniversary on Sunday evening, June 14. Mrs. M. B. Potratz, president, extended greetings to all. The song service was led by Mrs. W. O. Potratz. Greetings from the Elgin Society's president, Mrs. Leon Jacobs, were given. The program also included the memorial service for Mrs. Albert Potratz, special music by a Ladies' Trio and Ladies Chorus and the message brought by Mrs. Wm. Jeschke of St. Paul, Minn.

On July 5 our K.Y.B. (Know Your Bible) Club held graduation exercises. Eighteen Juniors enrolled in this course in October 1958, and all 18 members graduated, receiving their attendance pins.

Mrs. W. O. Potratz, Church Clerk



Vacation Bible School children and teachers of Sumner, Iowa, present their program in the Baptist Church at the close of the school week.

BAPTIST HERALD

Vacation School and Historical Anniversary, McLaughlin, S. D.

The First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School from May 25 to 29. We had 35 children enrolled with a perfect attendance record for the week. "We Learn About Jesus" was the course taught to the beginners. The teachers were Mrs. Art Pastian and Mrs. C. E. Aldinger. The Primary group had "The Shepherd's Psalm" as their course taught by Mrs. Alvin Grosch and Mrs. Andrew Bertsch. "The Christian's Birth and Growth" was the course taught the Juniors by Rev. Edwin Michelson and Mrs. Reuben Friez. The climax of our school came when we presented a program on Sunday evening, May 31. A display of the handwork and work books was inspected by interested friends and parents of the children.

Our fair city of McLaughlin celebrated its 50th anniversary with a celebration on June 13 and 14. The Sunday School participated in the parade entering a float depicting "The Little Brown Church In The Valley." In the accompanying picture Rev. Edwin Michelson is in back row, center. The other teachers are also in back row.

Mrs. C. E. Aldinger, Reporter

50th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. John Keller

Mr. and Mrs. John Keller of Conrad, Montana, were recently honored by their ten children on their 50th wedding anniversary. In commemoration of this family event, a banquet and program were scheduled in the fellowship hall of the Conrad Mission Church. A musical background was provided by Mr. Jack Buyer with some selected classical recordings. The program included a musical selection by John William Keller and Paul Alan Keller, a poem read by Mrs. John (Betty) E. Richert, piano selections by Miss Marilyn Gayle Richert, piano numbers by Ronald J. Richert, and a solo by Mrs. Bernard (Anita) Kirschmann. Mr. John Richert read the poem, "Our Joy and Sorrow" by Kahil Gibran.

A large album inscribed "Our Family" was given to Mr. and Mrs. John Keller by their children. The gift presentation was made by Rev. Edmund B. Keller, the oldest son. There was a public reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Keller on their golden anniversary on Sunday, June 21st. By special request Rev. and Mrs. Guy A. Fry sang a duet entitled, "Day by Day," and Mr. Joe Erickson sang a solo, "How Great Thou Art" during the Sunday afternoon reception hours.

Edmund B. Keller, Reporter

Rev. Reuben Grueneich's Ordination at Underwood, N. Dak.

On June 15, the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., had the privilege of ordaining Mr. Reuben Grueneich, a spiritual son of the church, into the Gospel ministry. A council was called consisting of 21 delegates from 7 neighboring churches. The host pastor, Rev. Richard Grenz, was elected as moderator. The afternoon session proved to be a time of real blessing to the council and friends as the candidate related his conversion, call to be



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, South Dakota.

a minister, and his doctrinal beliefs which were given in a positive and convincing manner.

The ordination program inspired the listener to pray more effectively for God's servants. Rev. E. Oster was the leader for the evening. Rev. A. Krombein read Scripture and Rev. Fred Knalson of Leduc, Alberta, brought a very stimulating ordination message. The Underwood male chorus and Rev. and Mrs. H. Weiss enriched the program with music. Rev. Richard Grenz led in the ordination prayer, after which Rev. and Mrs. Reuben Grueneich sang a consecration song. Rev. A. Friez welcomed the new pastor into the pastors' fellowship, and Mrs. R. Grenz welcomed Mrs. Grueneich into the ranks of the pastors' wives. Rev. H. Weiss gave the charge to the new pastor and Rev. O. Fiesel to the church. Rev. Reuben Grueneich gave the benediction. Rev. and Mrs. R. Grueneich are already on the field at Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan.

Rev. I. H. Schmuland, Clerk

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Keller of Conrad, Montana, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. All of their 10 children were present, including their oldest son, Rev. Edmund B. Keller.



Woman's Missionary Union Sessions of Dakota Conference

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Conference held its annual session on June 26 in the First Baptist Church of Avon, S. D. Our president, Mrs. Bernard Fritze, presided and Mrs. J. Van Gerpen of the local society gave us a hearty welcome. Mrs. John Kastelein of Harvey, N. D., led in devotions and our missionary, Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, gave a brief testimony. The secretary's report revealed a membership of 1456 with 93 new members and 15 deaths. Total money received was \$34,022.48. Two new societies were welcomed into our Union.

At the women's program, Mrs. Herman Effa of Chancellor, S. D., led in singing. Special music consisted of two numbers by the Women's Chorus directed by Mrs. Willis Potratz of Emery, S. D.; a duet, "Others" by Danzig Society; and a solo, "My Wonderful Lord" by Mrs. J. Ruskins of Emery. Mrs. T. D. Lutz of Aberdeen, S. D. installed the following new officers: president, Mrs. Bernard Fritze, West Fargo, N. D.; vice-president, Mrs. Edwin Michelson, McLaughlin, S. D.; secretary, Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer, Linton, N. D.; treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Decker, Emery S. D.

Our "long doctor" of Africa, Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, commended the ladies on their fine program and White Cross Work, showed colorful slides and challenged us from John 15 that we be fruitbearing Christians.

Mrs. Orville H. Meth, Reporter

Western District

Ordination of Rev. Myrl Thiesies, Paul Idaho

The Salt Creek Baptist Church of Dallas, Oregon, called for an ordination council to examine Mr. Myrl Thiesies for the Gospel ministry. He was recently graduated from our North American Baptist Seminary. The council met on June 25 with 8 churches sending 22 delegates. Rev. Ervin Gerlitz was elected chairman and Rev. Everett Barker, clerk. Mr. Thiesies gave the account of his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal beliefs. His presentation was clear and he answered the questions well.

Since Mr. Thiesies became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho on July 1, the council recommended to the Salt Creek Baptist Church to

recommend to the church of Paul to proceed with the ordination. Six Oregon ministers went to Paul to assist in the service. The service was held on Wednesday, July 8, with Rev. Ervin Gerlitz presiding. The pastor of the candidate, Rev. Robert Penner, delivered the ordination sermon. Rev. Henry Barnet gave the welcome into the ministry, and Rev. Eldon Seibold gave the charge to the candidate. The charge to the church was given by Rev. Everett Barker. A special offering was received to help the pastor in purchasing books. It was a joyous occasion for all who took part and for all present.

Everett Barker, Reporter

Vacation School and Picnic, Elk Grove, Calif.

The Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., was held June 22 to July 2. A total of 155 children were enrolled. Daily mission offerings amounted to \$75. We had a very fine staff of 32 workers who rendered an outstanding service. Our school was divided into 5 departments with the following as superintendents: Pre-School and Kindergarten, Mrs. Ernest Adam; Primary, Mrs. Ernest Ehnisz; Juniors, Mrs. Roy Dolliver; and Junior High, Mrs. Ed Kammerer. Miss Marjorie Meyer was the director. Mrs. John Wagemann assisted. Five children accepted Christ as their Savior during these school days.

On June 28 we had our annual Sunday School picnic at the Elk Grove Park. The morning service was led by the assistant Sunday School superintendent, Mr. R. L. Adam. Taking part in the program were the Vacation Bible School children with special singing, and report on the staff members by the director, Miss Marjorie Meyer. Mr. Ed Schuh gave a short talk and we also heard a tape recording from members of the church who are serving the Lord in Pakistan, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Dalton. At 3:00 P.M. Ed Neher led the afternoon vesper service. Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

Vacation Bible School, Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore.

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, held its first Vacation Bible School in our new education unit from June 22 to July 3. A public program was held on Thursday night, July 2nd. There were 83 children enrolled in the Bible School, with 32 in perfect attendance each day. The theme of the school was "Living For Jesus in the Space Age." There was a 12 foot rocket displayed in front of the church advertising the school.

The school was divided into five departments with two separate opening worship services. Mrs. Florence Bauder was superintendent of the Nursery, Beginner and Primary Department, with Mrs. Ramona Borger and Mrs. Marie Mazetier as Nursery helpers. Mrs. Ruth Rosentreter served as teacher of the Beginner Department with Mrs. Erma Bunch as helper and Miss



VACATION SCHOOL, IMMANUEL CHURCH, PORTLAND

The Vacation Bible School of the Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon, displayed a 12 foot rocket in front of the church.



VACATION SCHOOL STAFF, ELK GROVE, CALIF.

A staff of 32 teachers and workers conducted a successful Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California.

Lois Barnet as pianist. Mrs. Lois Jean Leppert was teacher of the Primary Department with Mrs. Cora Marks and Mrs. Darlene Helzer as helpers. Mrs. Ann Mazetier was superintendent of the Junior and Intermediate Department and also teacher for the Juniors, with Mrs. Magdalene Miller and Mrs. Jewel Mazetier as helpers. Rev. Henry Barnet was teacher for the Intermediate Department and Mrs. Frieda Wagner was his helper. Mrs. Inez Jackson and Mrs. Ella Schmunk served as secretaries of the school and David Marks was a general helper. Rod Rosentreter, Reporter

Pacific Conference Sessions At Trinity Church, Portland

The days of June 17 to 21 were richly rewarding for those of us who attended the 65th sessions of the Pacific Conference held in the beautiful and worshipful sanctuary of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. The conference theme, "HOPE FOR A TIME LIKE THIS," was developed as the guest speakers and pastors brought their messages. Our denominational speakers were Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of our denomination; Dr. Leslie Chaffee, medical missionary to the Cameroons; and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary. One new church, the

Wichita Baptist Church of which Dallas Keck is the pastor, was given the right hand of fellowship and welcomed into the conference ranks.

The host church and its pastors, Dr. John Wobig and Rev. George Breitreuz, provided for the visitors and delegates in a most congenial manner. The ladies of the church prepared delicious meals and the church choir and men's chorus rendered inspiring musical selections. The conference voted to accept the gracious invitation to meet next year at the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C., June 22-27, 1960.

The newly elected conference officers are as follows: moderator, Rev. Isador Faszter; vice-moderator, Rev. Ervin Gerlitz; recording secretary, Rev. Clarence H. Walth; statistical secretary, Rev. Herbert Schauer. Arthur K. Schulz, Reporter

Pacific Conference Woman's Missionary Union Session, Portland

The business sessions of our Pacific Woman's Missionary Union were held June 19 at the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Wobig, hostess, welcomed the guests and presented the officers with a corsage of baby orchids. After a delicious luncheon our president, Mrs. John Broeder, presided at which a short devotional was led by Mrs. C. T. Remple of Missoula, Montana. The results of the elections were as follows: president, Mrs. A. Schultz, Portland, Oregon; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. A. Felberg, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. R. Hess, Tacoma, Washington; Mrs. Becker, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Davis, California; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. George Breitreuz, Portland, Oregon; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. T. Remple, Missoula, Montana; White Cross Chairman, Mrs. Edward Kopf, Odessa, Washington.

At the program Friday evening, words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. Bertuleit, local president. A memorial service was led by Mrs. Wallis Quixtet. Mrs. Breitreuz read the secretary's report, and after a trio from the Washington Association, the new officers were installed by Mrs. Henry Schmunk.

We were privileged and honored to have Dr. Chaffee, missionary from the Cameroons, in our midst to bring us the evening message.

Mrs. C. T. Remple, Reporter

BAPTIST HERALD

Eastern District

Vacation School and Baptism In Indianapolis, Ind.

A Vacation Bible School was held in the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, from June 8 to 19. There was an enrollment of 151 with an average daily attendance of 95. There were 15 teachers and helpers, with Mr. Earl Gabbard as director. The final program was presented on Sunday evening, June 21 when the parents witnessed some of the things their children had learned and a display of their handwork. An award was presented to 41



Vacation Bible School of the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.

children for a perfect attendance record. The offering taken during the ten day period was given to missions.

On June 14 the pastor, Rev. Lawrence George, had the privilege of baptizing four candidates on confession of their faith in Christ and received them into the fellowship of the church on July 5 prior to the communion service. Mrs. Mary Presley, Reporter

Cornerstone Laying Service, Redeemer Church, Warren, Mich.

June 21, 1959, was a day long to be remembered by the members and friends of the Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren, Michigan (formerly



The cornerstone laying exercises at the site for the new edifice of the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich. (formerly First Baptist Church of Center Line) with Rev. Adolph Braun, pastor, and members of the building committee laying the stone with the inscription of Romans 5:1 (right).

First Baptist Church of Centerline). On this day we laid the cornerstone of our new church home. Mrs. Floyd Cate, our church organist, accompanied the musical numbers. A selection by a musical ensemble from the church opened the program. Rev. H. G. Braun gave the invocation, reading Isa. 28:16. Mayor Miller of the City of Warren gave a cordial welcome. Dr. Dale Ihrie, pastor of our mother church, brought a brief message. The Bethel Baptist Choir brought a message in song, followed by a violin solo by Miss Anita Richards, missionary worker at Bethel Church. The main speaker was Rev. Harold Gieseke, secretary of Education and Publication of our North American General Conference. His message was timely, beautiful and inspirational.

Pastor Braun opened the box containing a Bible and many important documents of the church and after commenting on the contents handed it to the deacons to wrap and be placed in the cornerstone. Mr. Amos Rowe, our builder, and others assisting then sealed the stone which bears the inscription: "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1) as the church quartet sang "Wonderful Is He To Me."

Ruby R. Smith, Periodical Secretary

Church Recognition Council For Snowview Church, Ohio

A Council was convened in the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Ohio on June 25 to consider the request of the Snowview Baptist Church of Parma, Ohio, for recognition as a New Testament Baptist Church and affiliation with the Central Conference of North American Baptist churches. The council appointed Rev. W. W. Knauf as permanent chairman and Rev. L. W. George as clerk.

Rev. Harold Lang, pastor of the Snowview Church, gave a fine historical resume of the inception and growth of the church. The work began in the fall of 1957 with an average attendance of 35 people. Since that time the attendance has nearly doubled. On June 18, 1959, an organizational meeting was held and the church was organized with 24 charter members. Plans are being formulated for the



Vacation Bible School of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Mich., with 212 pupils and 36 teachers and workers.

purchase of property. Several laymen and Rev. Edwin Miller spoke in glowing terms of the fine Christian spirit and devotion manifested by the pastor and people of the Snowview Church.

A motion was made and unanimously carried to recommend to the Central Conference that the Snowview Baptist Church be recognized as a New Testament Baptist Church and be received into the Central Conference of North American Baptist churches.

Lawrence W. George, Clerk

Vacation Bible School at Grosse Pointe Church, Mich.

Two hundred and twelve youngsters and 36 teachers and workers met each day from June 29 through July 3rd for their daily double session of Vacation Bible School. There were five departments from Kindergarten through Jr-Hi plus a Nursery Department for the children of the teachers and workers. Assisting Rev. Manuel Wolff, superintendent, was Mr. Fred Penner, a recent graduate of Wayne State University, who will begin his theological studies at our seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this fall. An excellent corps of teachers and helpers made this full week of intensive training a very worthwhile project of our church. The seed has been sown; we pray the Lord for a bountiful harvest.

M. Wolff, Reporter



Installation of New Pastor, Jamesburg, New Jersey

Sunday, July 5, marked the beginning of the ministry of Rev. Arthur Boymook as the new pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J. His first sermon was entitled, "Mutual Dependence" taken from I Cor. 3:9.

An installation and reception was held on Wednesday, July 8, with the invocation given by Rev. Wm. Malcomson, interim pastor of Princeton. The charge to the church was by Rev. Ernest A. Hoffman of New York City; and the prayer of installation by Rev. Richard Sparling of Union City, N. J. Rev. Roger Schmidt, former pastor of Jamesburg, now pastor of the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., extended a welcome as moderator of the Atlantic Conference. The community was represented by Rev. Harold Brackbill of the Presbyterian Church and the Hon. Malcom Kirkpatrick, mayor. Miss Lillian Epp read an original poem dedicated to the pastor.

Mr. Boymook and his wife responded with sincere gratitude for the pantry shower and for all expressions of kindness accorded them in this their first



NEW PARSONAGE AT HILDA, ALTA.

The \$17,000 new Baptist parsonage across the street from the Baptist Church, Hilda, Alta., with Rev. E. Strauss, pastor, standing at the south entrance.

Tabernacle of Erie, Penna., rejoice in what was accomplished for Christ. Our theme was "Living for Jesus in the Space Age." Stories of our own missionaries were brought each morning to acquaint the boys and girls with them. The theme song, "Living for Jesus," was one that we couldn't possibly keep from singing because of its happy tune and message for all. We had an average attendance of 36 children and 9 teachers and co-workers.



The Men's Brotherhood of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., with Mr. Carl Lang, first president, at right (seated) and Rev. A. Lamprecht, pastor, 3rd from right (seated).

pastorate. He was graduated from our North American Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in May, with the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

Grace J. Epp, Reporter

Vacation School, Open Bible Tabernacle, Erie, Pa.

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This verse with all its wonderful truth was brought forth vividly to the children in our Bible School. We of the Open Bible

The crowning point of the whole school was the moment when several boys and girls answered the call to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. The school was closed with an indoor picnic. What fun the children had! As they left with the planters and other articles that they had made in the handcraft periods, many children were heard to remark that they wished Vacation Bible School could go on all summer!

Mrs. Arthur Harrison, Reporter

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Northern District

Men's Brotherhood Programs McKernan Church, Edmonton

The Men's Brotherhood of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., was organized by Carl Lang in October, 1957. Brother Lang became its first president. The officers met and planned the following topics and events for programs which proved to be very successful: film on tithing; The Basic Doctrine of the Baptist Church by Rev. Ed Link; conversion, Rev. A. Lamprecht; "Our Duty to Church and Home," a panel discussion; "The Education of Our Denomination," Rev. K. Korella; understanding more about our denominations; "Functions," Rev. R. Schilke; "Entertainment and Sports on Sunday," Brother Grabia; men's luncheon; tour of C.T.I. and talk on Evangelism, Rev. E. P. Wahl; "Mixed Marriages," Rev. H. Hiller.

The membership now stands at 26, and we hope to increase this in 1959.

Leonard C. Semrau, Reporter

\$17,000 Parsonage Is Dedicated At Hilda, Alberta

There was an overflow crowd at the Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alta., on Sunday afternoon, June 14, as friends and neighbors came to celebrate with us the dedication of our new parsonage. After a piano prelude and the invocation by Rev. E. Strauss, the choir sang, "Jesus Must Reign." Greetings were given by neighboring pastors; by the building contractor, Mr. J. Ehman; and by Don Kanwisher, representing the Building Committee. Caroline Zeitner rendered the solo, "Bless This House," after which Rev. H. Schumacher of Medicine Hat brought the dedication sermon.

All guests were given an opportunity to tour the new home which is a lovely modern house with three bedrooms, a study, kitchen, bathroom, and large living room. Special thanks is due the Building Committee composed of the following: Mr. Don Kanwisher, Mrs. Jack Boettcher, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Croissant, and Mr. Albert Anderst. The estimated value of the new parsonage is \$17,000.

Rev. Ervin Strauss began his ministry at the Hilda Baptist Church on Jan. 1st. We are glad to report that his ministry thus far has proven to be a source of rich blessing and inspiration to us. He and his family have taken up residence in the new house.

Ruth Friesen, Reporter

Graduation and Women's Fellowship, Temple Church, Leduc

It was with great joy on May 31 that we of the Temple Church, Leduc, Alta., honored graduates from high school and university. Our service began with the processional march of the graduates. The girls were dressed in their semi-formal graduation dresses. Each girl wore a corsage of carnations and the boys boutonnières which were given to them by the Woman's Missionary Society. Several departments of the church expressed wishes and God's blessing: Eugene Kern from the C.B.Y., Mr. H. Bohlman from the Sunday School and church, and Mr. A. Kern on behalf of the parents. Miss Gertrude Fitz responded. Rev. Ed. Link as the guest speaker challenged the graduates to "Go Forward In Faith." As a gift from the church, Rev. R. Harsch presented each graduate with a New Testament.

On June 10, a social Fellowship was enjoyed when the Woman's Missionary Society invited as their guests the ladies from Wiesenthal, First Leduc, and Rabbit Hill Baptist churches. President Mrs. V. Halsmith brought words of welcome. Mrs. Harsch led in devotions after which a missionary quiz and Bible base ball game was played. A delicious lunch was served.

Mrs. R. Harsch, Reporter

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SUMMER CONFERENCES

(Denominational workers as guest speakers also shown).

August 22-29, OREGON BAPTIST LEAGUE SENIOR CAMP at Camp Tapawingo, Falls City, Oregon, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg and Rev. Ben Lawrence.

August 22-29, LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE at American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, Professor Roy Seibel and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

August 24-30, BRITISH COLUMBIA YOUTH CAMP at Westbank, B. C., Green Bay Camp, Rev. Arnold Rapske.

August 28-30, BADLANDS RALLY OF MONTANA - DAKOTA ASSOCIATION at Billings, Montana, Rev. Lawrence Bienert and Miss Helen Lohse.

August 31-Sept. 6, BRITISH COLUMBIA YOUNG ADULTS at Westbank, B. C., Green Bay Camp, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg and Rev. Arnold Rapske.

September 1-7, ATLANTIC CONFERENCE YOUTH CAMP at Camp Greenkill, Huguenot, N.Y. Dr. Ralph E. Powell.

September 3-6, EASTERN CONFERENCE at Calvary Church, Killaloe, Ontario, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke and Rev. E. Arthur McAsh.

Obituary

MR. CHRISTIAN HEER of Linton, North Dakota

Mr. Christian Heer of Linton, N. Dak., at the age of 87 years, passed away on July 3, and his funeral service was held in Linton on July 6 with the undersigned and Rev. B. W. Krentz, superintendent of the Home for the Aged in Bismarck, officiating. Mr. Heer was born in South Russia on Oct. 16, 1871. In 1891 he was united to Barbara Reidlinger, and in 1901 the young couple came to North Dakota where they established an extensive farming enterprise. His wife preceded him in death in 1950. For the last several years he lived at the Home for the Aged in Bismarck. He was baptized by Rev. Albert Hild in 1910. He is survived by 9 children: 7 sons and 2 daughters; also one brother at the Home, Linton, North Dakota.

A. J. FISCHER, Pastor

MR. ADAM REIDLINGER of Linton, North Dakota

Mr. Adam Reidlinger of Linton, N. Dak., was born in Neu Freudental, South Russia, on Sept. 7, 1875, and died on Sunday morning, July 5. Funeral services were held in Hazelton on July 9 with Rev. B. W. Krentz and the local pastor officiating. In 1901 he was united to Wilhelmina Redinger, and shortly thereafter the couple came to North Dakota, where they resided until 1943, when he had lost his wife through death. He moved to California, and then shortly thereafter he came to live in Hebron, N. Dak., until a few years ago. Then he moved to the Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak. He is survived by three sons and four daughters, also one sister, three stepchildren, 17 grandchildren. He was baptized by Rev. Luchs in 1920, and held his membership there.

A. J. FISCHER, Pastor

MR. HARRY LEONARD MARTIN of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan

Mr. Harry Leonard Martin of Golden Prairie, Sask., died suddenly on July 6 as the result of an accident. He reached the age the result of an accident. He reached the age born in the Golden Prairie district on March 5, 1919. He was raised on the farm and received his education in this area. He served with the R.C.A.F. for four years and then took up farming.

He was married to Anne Arndt on December 31, 1944. God blessed this marriage with two daughters: Eunice aged 13 and Shiela aged 4. Other survivors besides his wife and two children are a brother, Burce of Golden Prairie, Sask.; two sisters: Mrs. Harry Langhoffer of Lethbridge, Alta., and Mrs. Bob Meitz of Golden Prairie, Sask.; and a grandmother who is residing in the Home for the Aged at Coldale, Alta.

RUEBEN GRUENEICH, Pastor

MRS. GRACE RUECKHEIM of Cleveland, Ohio

Mrs. Grace Rueckheim of Cleveland, Ohio, was born Jan. 15, 1873 in Kentucky and passed away in Cleveland, Ohio, June 29, 1959. She had been an almost helpless invalid for the past three years and was cared for in a nursing home. In 1899 she was united in marriage with John Churchill. Three children were born to this union. Mr. Churchill passed away in 1920. She was a widow until 1934, when she was united in marriage with Rev. Walter Rueckheim, who passed away in 1950, having been the victim of an auto accident.

She leaves to mourn her passing her two children: John Churchill of Kirtland, Ohio, and her daughter, Ermina Engel of Cleveland, Ohio; and 5 step-children as well as several grandchildren and great grandchildren. For many years she and her husband were members of the White Avenue Baptist Church where they served their Lord and Master according to the strength that the Lord gave them.

White Avenue Baptist Church
Cleveland, Ohio

EDWARD KARY, Pastor

MR. ANDREW B. HAAS of Venturia, North Dakota

Mr. Andrew B. Haas of Venturia, N. Dak., was born Feb. 20, 1894 near Venturia, N. Dak. He passed on to his heavenly reward on July 6, 1959 at the age of 65 years fol-

lowing a period of illness, in which he was bed-ridden the last six weeks. Mr. Haas came to know the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior and was baptized in 1915 and became a member of the Venturia Baptist Church. He was very active in the work of the church, serving as Sunday School teacher, trustee and was a deacon at his death.

On March 27, 1917 he was united in marriage to Magdalena Dockter. They made their home on a farm northwest of Venturia. He leaves to mourn his wife and seven children: Mrs. Leo (Faye) Bertsch of Salem, Oregon; Mrs. Aaron (Edna) Bertsch; Aaron; Mrs. Milbert (LaVilla) Dollinger; LeMar and Arly Mae, all of the Ashley-Venturia area, 12 grandchildren, 7 brothers and sisters and a host of friends.

Venturia Baptist Church
Venturia, North Dakota

ORVILLE H. METH, Pastor

MR. HARRY W. FRIESEN of Corn, Oklahoma

Mr. Harry W. Friesen of Corn, Okla., was born near Inman, Kansas on Jan. 29, 1909. He came to the Corn community at a very early age and had resided here the rest of his life. On Sept. 25, 1931 he was united in holy wedlock to Esther Schlichting in Bessie, Oklahoma, and to this union the Lord sent the blessing of one daughter, Glenna. During a revival service in 1946, the Lord found Harry willing to receive him as his personal Saviour, following in the step of obedient baptism on Sept. 25, 1949. He became a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn when it was first organized and was a faithful worker there, serving as church clerk, trustee, head usher and youth worker.

His homegoing was rather sudden to many of his friends. He leaves to remember his every kindness and ready helping hand his wife, Esther; daughter Glenna, (Mrs. Williams); son-in-law, N. L. Williams of Corpus Christi, Texas; his mother, Mrs. Nellie Friesen of Hillsboro, Kansas; and 3 sisters.

Calvary Baptist Church
Corn, Oklahoma

JACK BLOCK, Pastor

MRS. LENA SMIT of Madison, South Dakota

Mrs. Lena Smit of Madison, S. Dak., passed away at the Madison Community Hospital after a brief illness on June 12 at the age of 88. She was born August 14, 1870 in Grundy county, Iowa. She was married to Menne A. Smit on Sept. 12, 1889 in Lennox, S. Dak., and came to Madison with her husband and family in 1924. Her husband passed away on April 15, 1947. At the age of 17, she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and was baptized in the little Baptist church 8 miles southwest of Parkersburg, Iowa. After coming to Madison, Mr. and Mrs. Smit united with the West Center Street Baptist Church.

She is survived by five sons: Henry, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Ben, George and John of Madison, S. Dak.; and William of Minneapolis, Minn.; two sisters: Mrs. Kate Kattwig, Cedar Falls, Iowa and Mrs. Breka Begeman, of Marvin; 13 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. Words of comfort were based on the text in Phil. 3:20 at the funeral service on June 15.

Madison, South Dakota

JOTHAN G. BENKE, Pastor

MR. WALTER DRAEWELL of Redwood City, Calif.

"I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also." On Thursday, April 9, at the age of 60 years Walter Draewell left this earthly vale to claim that heavenly place. Born in Concordia, Missouri, Feb. 21, 1899, he accepted Christ as Savior as a youth and was baptized by his father, the late Rev. J. G. Draewell in Elgin, Iowa.

Mr. Draewell, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, was outstanding in his chosen field of accountancy. He was associated with Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery and was sent to foreign countries as an expert in his field. Due to ill health he retired a year ago and was living in Redwood City, Calif., where he was a member of the First Congregational Church.

He leaves to mourn him, his wife, Catherine W. Draewell; his mother, Mrs. Lydia Draewell of Philadelphia; four sisters: Mrs. Eugene Koppin of Ypsilanti, Mich.; Mrs. Royal Dressel of Jackson, Calif.; Mrs. Henry Simonds of Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Otto Draeger of Philadelphia, Pa.; two brothers: Irwin Draewell of Detroit, Mich.; and Otto Draewell of Atlanta, Georgia.

Pilgrim Baptist Church
Philadelphia, Penn.

ROGER W. SCHMIDT, Pastor

VOICE OF MY BELOVED

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he was inside. He stood there a minute, in the vestibule. It was silent. Part of his elation ebbed away. He went more slowly through that second door and stood in the deserted church. He tried to think what he should do—how to approach her, what to say. Then he heard the unmistakable footsteps on the basement stairway. His eyes went to that side door. His heart started to pound. Shame, embarrassment, a kind of half-fear—all of them knotted together inside him and he felt weak.

The footsteps stopped and she was there, filling his vision with warmth and reality. He watched the invisible, protective guard settle around her, shutting him out. They had a million words to say to each other—explanations, apologies, avowals. None of them mattered now. Nothing he could say was so important as what he *did*. He crossed the church swiftly and he kissed her. Then he kissed her again. Suddenly everything was all right. They were laughing, both of them—softly, tenderly, with shy awareness.

"You'll wait for me?" he asked after a long time.

"Yes."

"You'll—marry me—someday?"

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"Oh, yes—"

"We're going to fight something awful, Mary-Sue."

"Not *all* the time—"

"It isn't going to be easy."

"It'll be *worth while*. That's more important."

"We'll have lots of hard times, Mary-Sue. All ministers do."

"We'll have lots of happy times, too, Tom. They'll make up for it."

He looked at her then, and he understood. "It isn't important, is it, what kind of life God gives us? It doesn't matter whether we're rich or poor, whether we have good years or bad years. What *matters—is that we have them together, the three of us.*"

"Yes, Tom. The three of us. You and I and, most of all, *God*. As long as we spend the years doing His will, the rest will be all right. *He'll see to that.*"

Suddenly Tom was grinning. "This may come as a shock to you," he said playfully, looping a big arm across her shoulders, "but, for once, *I agree with you*. How's the furnace been behaving?"

And though the burdens of the years

to come were not by any means *removed*, they were at least alleviated by a God-given certainty: Tom and Mary-Sue would be granted, each day and with each new challenge, the strength necessary to laugh and love and live their way through. This, until eternity, was more than enough.

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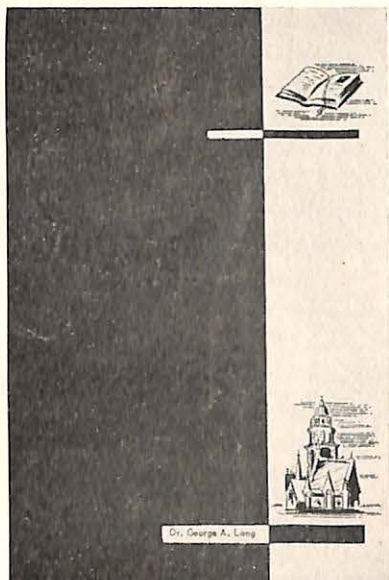
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