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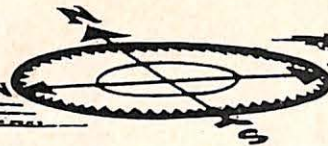
Seminary Family at Commencement!

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• Bob Jones University dedicated a new gymnasium with approximately 4,000 persons in attendance. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., founder and chairman of the board of trustees, led in the dedicatory prayer. The new gymnasium was open during the afternoon to students, faculty and visitors attending the Bible Conference.

• Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa of Tokyo, Japan, 70-year-old noted Japanese Christian leader and evangelist, has been ill with pleurisy at his home in Tokyo. In order to provide the veteran minister with the maximum of rest, doctors have forbidden visitors. A hard worker in many fields, including the Japanese labor movement and welfare and rehabilitation programs, Dr. Kagawa has been forced to curtail his activities in recent years because of poor health.

• Historic Calvin auditorium in Geneva, Switzerland, restored to its 16th century appearance, was dedicated as a world Presbyterian and Reformed memorial center on June 1. The dedication was one of a series of ceremonies being held during the 1959-60 "Reformed and Presbyterian Jubilee." The anniversaries include the 450th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin at Noyon, France; the 400th anniversary of the founding of Calvin's Academy in Geneva, now the University of Geneva; and the 400th anniversary of the first publication of Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Calvin Auditorium, erected in the 14th century, is a historic church where John Calvin, John Knox, and Theodore Beza, famous Protestant Reformers preached and taught during the Reformation.

—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

• London's newest woman preacher, Marjorie Inkster, has preached her first sermon as assistant minister to Leslie Weatherhead at the City Temple on Holborn Viaduct. Miss Inkster, described as a slim brunette of 30, was formerly a social worker, then became an assistant chaplain in the Royal Air Force. The large congregation which gathered to hear her first sermon was rewarded by a thoughtful, easily delivered address on the importance of the ordinary man in world affairs. Miss Inkster is to assist Dr. Weatherhead in the youth clubs and clinics for which the church is famous. There are now 25 ordained women in the British free churches.

—*The Christian Century.*

• About 150,000 persons of all ages participated on June 4 in the 130th Anniversary Day parades of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union. The marchers paraded in thirty divisions

over the borough, with the "main event" in Prospect Park, where about 15,000 persons had gathered. In Queens, for the first time, all public schools were closed by act of the Legislature. Nearly 25,000 persons in eleven communities took part in the Queens parade. Special floats colorfully centered on the theme: "Christ Lives—Trust Him." Many marchers wore armbands inscribed with the theme.

• "Berlin today is the focus and center of decisions that will determine the future of the whole of Western civilization," Bishop Otto Dibelius of the Evangelical Church in Germany told the annual meeting in London

of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Now in his 15th year as bishop of Berlin-Brandenburg, a diocese divided between East and West, Dr. Dibelius said that the rulers of eastern Germany are working hard to discredit the Christian faith, declaring that it has failed in the West and that its concepts are doomed to perish. "Bent upon gaining and conquering the world, the protagonists of a proletarian world revolution made an absolute claim on the process of mind-shaping aimed at adapting man's intellect to the physical requirements of rationalized animals and nothing more."

—*The Christian Century.*



## Baptist Briefs

• **Dr. C. Oscar Johnson Honored.** Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, instructor in homiletics and evangelism at the Berkeley Divinity School, Berkeley, Calif., was ordained to the gospel ministry February 28, 1909. In recognition of his long and very successful ministry a special service was held in the chapel of the school February 27. At this time he was presented with a plaque by Dr. Maurice Jackson, acting dean of the school on behalf of the trustees and faculty. Dr. Johnson has begun his second half century as a preacher.

• **Baptist Ads Prove Effective.** The Baptist Headquarters office in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has received more than 800 letters, almost all from non-believers, in response to Baptist ads placed in a Sunday magazine which is distributed all over Brazil. The ads, prepared by Gene H. Wise, presented brief evangelistic messages and offered a free copy of a Gospel to all persons writing in their request. This is the first time such a plan has been tried in Brazil. A large percentage of the letters were written on business sta-

tionery and sent by airmail—proof that they were not written by people too poor to buy a Gospel or Bible, Mr. Wise said. "This experiment shows that the Brazilian people want to read God's Word but don't know where they can obtain Bibles," he explained.

• **Seminary Observes Centennial.** Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky., held its 100th birthday observance when the Southern Baptist Convention met in Louisville May 18-22. Some 10,000 out-of-city Baptists attended. Messengers to the convention observed the seminary's commencement exercises at which 250 graduating seniors received degrees. Dr. Duke K. McCall, former executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, is the Seminary's president.

• **Boreham, Baptist Author, Dies.** Dr. F. W. Boreham of Melbourne, Australia, world renowned Christian author of many books, famous essayist, distinguished preacher, fascinating storyteller and beloved Baptist minister died on Monday, May 18. The funeral service was held on Thursday, May 21. Dr. Boreham, who was a graduate of Spurgeon's College, London, exercised almost his entire ministry in New Zealand and Australia. His notable ministries in Australia were given in the Hobart Tabernacle, Tasmania, and the Armadale Church, Victoria. After retirement from the pastoral ministry he maintained a successful Wednesday lunch hour service at Scots Church, Collins Street, Melbourne. To a still wider circle Dr. Boreham was known by his writings. His books were to be found on the shelves of ministers of all denominations throughout the world and were used and appreciated in countless Christian homes.

### FRONT COVER

The front cover shows one of the Seminary graduates, Mr. Allan Strohschein, on Commencement Day, May 17, 1959, with his family. A proud wife and mother is showing the Bachelor of Divinity hood to their daughter Sandy that Allan Strohschein has just received. He is the new pastor of the North American Baptist Church at New Leipzig, North Dakota. An article about the commencement festivities of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, appears on page 13 of this issue. **EDITOR.**

# Editorial

## A Baptist Handbook

For a long time we have needed a Baptist handbook. Every church member, whether he or she is an officer or a conscientious disciple of Christ, needs practical counsel in the responsibilities of church membership. The spiritual authority of the minister needs to be rightly understood. Every Baptist church should follow certain accepted rules of procedure and be properly organized in order to render its most effective ministry for Christ.

But virtually no books of this nature at a reasonable price have been available. Now this long felt need has been met with the publication of the 86 page volume, A BAPTIST HANDBOOK by Dr. George A Lang, the president of our North American Baptist Seminary. It is filled with practical counsel, inspiring guidance, informative material and spiritual helpfulness. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, in his foreword says: "This is a guide to the approved practices for our churches." Then he adds this word of wisdom: "May we make good use of the counsel provided by this book!"

That should not be difficult for every church officer and leader in our North American Baptist churches as well as our laity and "average members." This volume sells for only \$1.00 or is available for the price of 70 cents when secured in lots of ten copies. For this small investment, you will receive a volume that can do wonders for you to strengthen your effectiveness as a church member, to streamline your church's ministry and to enrich your experiences.

What is a Baptist church? How would you define it or describe it? Dr. Lang's book has an opening chapter on this important subject. He deals with the requirements of church membership and the qualifications and procedures that lead to active membership in a Baptist church. An entire chapter is devoted to the misunderstood subject of Scriptural discipline in our churches.

The duties of church officers are clearly outlined and defined. The work of church committees is considered to some extent. The chapter on church ordinances describes our Baptist views on them and our procedures for those who are eligible for them. The minister's sacred calling and duties and the relationships of pastor and church are reviewed. The procedure for ordination is followed by the General Council's statement on ordination into the Baptist ministry.

The five kinds of Baptist Councils and the parliamentary procedures to be followed in business meetings are chapters that are packed with helpful, practical suggestions. The tenth chapter of the book presents concisely the development of our General Conference and a description of its organization and tasks. Fifteen pages in the Appendix are devoted to a suggested Constitution and By-Laws of our churches and to Forms of Letters and Minutes as well as to a helpful bibliography.

Here is A BAPTIST HANDBOOK that is packed full with counsel, that will answer many of your questions, and that will make yours a better Baptist church. Each of our churches ought to order a minimum of ten copies and distribute them among the officers of the church and challenge all of its members to read this helpful book without fail!

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# Keep the Church Extension Fires Burning

The Challenge of a Task That Has Just Begun by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism

WITH FAITH, prayer and sacrifice, the work of Church Extension in our North American Baptist Conference is continuing to make progress. We praise the Lord for the growing interest of our people in reaching out into new areas for Christ. As North American Baptists, we are united in establishing new churches for Christ and for the future of our denomination. We are reaching new communities with the Gospel to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

God has a plan for Church Extension in our conference. Through the many years of our denominational history, the wonderful plan of God for the establishing and the growth of our churches has been dramatically unfolding. With faith, prayer and sacrifice, our Baptist forefathers went forward under God to establish new Sunday Schools, mission stations and churches all across the United States as well as Canada.

## FIRST CHURCH EXTENSION EFFORTS

Konrad Anton Fleischmann was the first Church Extension pastor mentioned in our denominational history. He did the work of Church Extension over a hundred years ago. As early as 1839, he made a survey of New York City with the view of possibly beginning a church there. According to the records, he failed to find an opportunity in New York City at the time. Subsequently, he extended his survey to Newark, New Jersey, and later to Philadelphia, Pa., and a number of settlements in Lycoming County, Pa.

In Newark, New Jersey, he was able to lead a few souls to the Lord and to baptize them. Several years later a church was organized there, which at the present time is our Clin-

ton Hill Baptist Church in Newark. In Philadelphia, Fleischmann found an open door and in 1843 organized "The Church of the Lord Meeting on Poplar Street," which today is our Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church in that city.

From the Eastern seaboard Church Extension in our denomination spread northward into Ontario, Canada, as well as westward into Illinois, Wisconsin, and other states. In 1850 Heinrich Schneider was baptized by August Rauschenbusch and became the Church Extension pastor in the Waterloo County area of Ontario with mission stations in Berlin (now Kitchener), Wilmot and Woolwich, Ontario. Sunday Schools and new churches were organized in Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri. In these Sunday Schools the boys and girls were taught to sing with great enthusiasm such songs as—

"Weit draussen auf der Prairie,  
Da steht so manches Haus,  
Da hoert man von der Bibel  
Kein Wort jahrein, jahraus."

Perhaps they did not have much of an idea about the "Prairie," but it was a wonderful Church Extension song. God's plan for Church Extension in our denomination went forward.

## GREATER THINGS TO DO

We believe that the hand of the Lord has been leading us as a denomination from the very beginning to the present day. We can trace his leadership in the extension of our churches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Peace River Country in Northern Canada. The Holy Spirit has led us to our present place with the bond of our unity unbroken and with our hearts ready to undertake still greater things

for Jesus Christ in days to come. Someone has wisely said: "Our strongest guarantee for a prosperous future is that God has been with us in the past."

The book of the acts of our North American Baptist Conference is by no means a completed book. If the Lord tarries, we still have work to do. We are "confident of this very thing, that he which has begun this good work will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

As a denomination, or as local churches or individual members, it is well for us to ask again: "Lord, what wilt thou have us to do?" The Holy Spirit prompts us to believe that God is leading us to take the next step forward in his great plan for Church Extension in our North American Baptist Conference.

We are living in a time when everywhere cities are rapidly expanding with tremendous housing developments going up in many new areas. So often these new population centers develop in areas considerably removed from the witness of a truly evangelical church. These areas constitute opportunities for North American Baptist Church Extension here in the United States as well as in Canada. This is especially true in view of the fact that many of our young people and young couples have been moving into these areas and will continue to do so.

## CONCERN FOR CHURCH EXTENSION

Our spirit-guided founding fathers had the faith and courage to carry the good news of Christ's salvation into many an enemy camp and to establish mission stations and churches as a witness to the grace and glory of God. So must we, under the sure leadership of the Holy Spirit, continue to move forward into new communities and claim them for Christ and for our beloved denomination. It is tremendously urgent that we do it now without delay. Jesus said: "For the night cometh when no man can work."

Because of the faith, prayers and sacrifices of our Baptist forefathers, God was able to raise up our denomination. It was only because the fires of passionate concern for Church Extension burned in the hearts of our people that we find our North American Baptist churches scattered throughout the American continent. If we are to have a future as a denomination, and be able to accomplish the world-wide Kingdom tasks, to which God by his grace has called us, we will need to be much in prayer that the Holy Spirit keep the fires of concern for Church Extension burning in our souls,

# Joys – Disappointments – in the Cameroons

The Challenge of Needy Mission Fields from the Everyday Experiences of Mrs. Ben Lawrence, Victoria, Africa

A MISSIONARY'S DAY—regular? routine? no troubles? no sorrows? only joy? Yes, just what is a normal missionary's day? Frankly, I don't know! I've never had a normal or regular day. There is no set schedule, except that we get up in the morning and go to bed at night.

This morning began like any other day here in the Southern Cameroons, Africa. There was office work to be done and a few errands to be taken care of in Victoria. Ben was in the office as usual trying to catch up on the abundance of correspondence that seems to be attached to the Office of Supervisor of Schools for your mission. The children and I went to Victoria in the Land Rover to take care of the errands, and when we returned it was time for lunch. After lunch, Kim, Karen and Kurt had a brief session of sleep while Ben and I continued in the office.

## QUILTS FOR MATERNITY CENTER

Just before Women's Meeting at 5:00 p. m., the president and one other member came up on the veranda carrying some cargo on their heads. "Whatty kine cargo dey fo yo head," I asked. The president replied, "Na work. Ma!" Upon opening the cloth-bound bundle, there appeared twenty handmade baby quilts. These quilts were sewn by the women either by hand or some sewn on their Singer Handcrank machines. Thread and backing cloth were purchased by the women. The patches or squares were furnished by you through the White Cross. They were proud of the work they had done.

As for me, I was overjoyed. Being the wife of the Supervisor of Schools doesn't always allow me as much time with the women as I would like to spend and consequently, the women have been completely on their own except for a suggestion now and then. The quilts have been sent to the Belo Maternity Center where they will be put to good use.

Here are the President's own words, "We think they will like them and by the help of God we shall send more." After the women had gone, I thought what a wonderful climax for the end of the day.

Tiredness had left me. The weariness of the day was far behind me and I was ready for a good evening's work on the "books" (our bookkeeping).

## MODEKA ON THE MUNGO

But then, Ben walked onto the veranda with an African couple. Immediately I recognized them from a picture Ben had taken on the last tour—John, the tailor, and his wife, Rhoda,

from Modeka. They were both introduced to me and then immediately began asking when we were coming to visit their area. We heard over and over again how they had not been visited since 1954 and how they needed the missionary there to help them build their new church.

It was in August 1954 when Ben had last gone up the Mungo River in the "Margie Lou" to visit their church, and he was very much impressed how they had progressed without the aid of a missionary. Then we had planned that we would visit them together as they had wanted to see the "Mrs. and the pekin." Arrangements were made for a two week stay in that area. A hut was made ready. I was anxious to go, as it would be my first real trek in the Coastal Area.

However, things do not always happen as we plan them. Ben hurt his hand and was put in the Government Nursing Home. After it was healed, we went to our Annual Missionary Conference where it was decided that the Lawrences sail for England for study at London University.

Now we had returned after furlough and study and we had not visited Modeka. I can still hear John saying, "But you know our fashion, you must come salute we." "The women want to see your woman and your pekin (children). We want to make arrangements and celebration for you—for welcome you. We need you to help us build our permanent church."

We hear ourselves telling them with our mouths, "We are in Education; we must visit schools; we must answer letters; we must make out forms; we must sit in the office and do that work which has been given to us. We have no time!"

## SO LITTLE TIME!

They ask us to come on week ends, but we tell them it is not possible. No time—not possible—it sounds so feeble when you tell it to the African. He has lots of time; he is not rushed and does not allow himself to be rushed. But, tell me, what does one say when one looks at the calendar and sees week after week taken up?

## COMING HOME, AUGUST 1st

Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence, Cameroons missionaries, and their family will return to the United States about August 1st for their furlough. They will reside in Portland, Oregon, during the furlough year. Mr. Lawrence has been serving as the Supervisor of Schools in the Cameroons.

During the dry season, Ben must trek the schools in the grasslands. After two to four weeks away from the station and office, he will return to spend the next ten days or so in the office answering the mail and writing up inspection reports on the schools he has visited and inspected. During the rains, he will try to visit the schools near Victoria. There are a total of 50 Baptist Schools in the Cameroons which should be visited at least twice a year by the supervisor, but even that seems impossible.

During the rainy season, it is virtually impossible to go up the Mungo River to visit Modeka without a large motor launch. Yes, we hear ourselves saying, "No, we are sorry but we must get our other work done first," but our hearts are saying, "Yes, we want to come. We want to see your people. We want to meet with you, fellowship with you and tell you more about this wonderful Jesus. We want to tell you more about this wonderful Jesus who has given his life for you. We want to help you build your church."

## IS GOD LEADING YOU?

Did I say only joy? No disappointment? No sorrow? No tears? Joy, yes, of course! One feels very happy that a people are so anxious to have you come but one also feels guilty. Guilty that he cannot fulfill the wish of those he has come to help.

Back came the tiredness, the weariness of the day. The need for sleep is close at hand and yet there is still more office work to be done. God alone can help. "Where He leads me, I will follow." How often we sing this. Is God leading you to help in the tremendous task that lies before each missionary? Is God leading you to serve in the Cameroons?

## MY PRAYER

By Elaine Boettcher  
of Anaheim, California

Heavenly Father, up above,  
Thank you for the ones we love;  
Thank you for the flowers and trees,  
For the sunshine, rain and breeze;  
Thank you for our schools and teachers

And for our humble preachers,  
Help us, Lord, not to stray  
To the wide and crooked way,  
But straight and narrow let us be  
For we want only to follow thee.  
Bless us now as on we go;  
Help our lives to others show  
That we love and trust only One,  
Jesus Christ, God's only Son.  
Until we talk with thee again,  
In Jesus' Name we pray . . . . . Amen!

## Our Church Extension Program

- 38 Church Extension Projects are being supported.

Read the leaflet with this thrilling story. Write for additional copies for distribution.

- \$50,000 Goal for This Year.

Offering envelopes have been sent to every church for use in a Church Extension Offering.

- New Church Extension Fields call for your prayer support and gifts.

Church Extension workers are needed as well as additional funds for us to go forth with the Gospel into these needy areas.



GROUND IS BROKEN FOR NEW BUILDING IN FOREST PARK

Denominational leaders, office staff and friends gather at the site of the \$225,000 Headquarters Building in Forest Park, Ill., for the ground breaking exercises (left). At the right, members of the denominational staff help to turn over the ground for the new building.

## Denominational Advance Building Fund

This Fund calls for a new building at Forest Park, Ill., and a new Seminary Library with \$250,000 to be raised this fall. The first Gift to the Fund has been a diamond ring!

By Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

THE DENOMINATIONAL Advance Building program has gotten off to a flying start. Things are moving rapidly in the building project, approved by the 1958 General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, in connection with the reorganization of our denominational ministry.

The General Council took the first steps in this inspiring ADVANCE. Its members considered all the needs of such a new Headquarters building with the removal of the Publication Society offices, the Roger Williams Press facilities and our Book Store from Cleveland to Forest Park. They approved the construction of a \$225,000 building next to the present edifice in Forest Park, Illinois, with \$125,000 to be raised by our people, in addition to \$100,000 to be realized from the sale of the old building in Cleveland and other funds on hand.

### \$250,000 BUILDING FUND

But the Council opened its eyes to a larger vision of need in our denomination. Our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has felt the need greatly for a new library building. Present facilities are terribly overtaxed. New book stacks must be installed for the 35,000 volumes that the library should have. A good and adequate library is an imperative for our Seminary that seeks accreditation and that wants to equip its students mentally and spiritually for their task as ministers of Jesus Christ.

So the General Council took decisive action. They voted the raising of \$250,000 this fall in our North American Baptist churches to be known as the DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE BUILDING FUND. This will provide the necessary monies for the new

building at Forest Park, Illinois and for the new library at Sioux Falls. With God's blessing upon the project, we are already assured that our people will have a mind to work and a joy to give towards this worthy and challenging project.

Immediately the wheels were set in motion to carry out this decision. The Advance Building Fund Committee with Dr. Frank H. Woyke as chairman and Mr. Arthur Schwerin as campaign manager was appointed and went into action. This committee met with the District Secretaries and made detailed plans for the launching of the campaign, the solicitation of churches and individuals for their gifts for the fund, the setup of scores of projects in both buildings to be adopted by the donors, and the preparation of the necessary literature.

### ADVANCE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

An introductory leaflet has already been published and is being distributed this summer at conferences and in our churches. Be sure to secure a copy and read it carefully. The campaign will be launched on ADVANCE SUNDAY, October 25, 1959 in each of our churches. A colorful brochure about the buildings, the projects and the campaign will be widely distributed on that Sunday.

During the following two weeks about forty to fifty solicitors will endeavor to present the challenge and the needs of the DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE BUILDING FUND to each of our churches and to all individuals. Projects of \$200 to \$5,000 can be adopted with the assurance that the donor's name will appear on a bronze plaque in one of these buildings. You will be able to make your contribu-

tion to the ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CLUB. Memorial gifts for families amounting to \$200 will be received.

Special Mite Boxes to be used by our Woman's Missionary Societies are being prepared. Coin folders for our Sunday Schools will be distributed by the Sunday School Union. Even gifts of \$10.00 shares toward the new buildings will be honored with a small certificate showing the sketches of the two new buildings. Every North American Baptist ought to have a share in this inspiring ADVANCE. Everyone will be challenged to make that gift as generous as possible!

On Friday afternoon, May 29, a week after the General Council sessions, the ground was broken for the new headquarters building in Forest Park, Illinois. Building contracts had been reviewed. The architects had been working fast to finish their task. Not a day was to be wasted, for the Lord's business requires haste!

### GROUND BREAKING EXERCISES

More than fifty people gathered at 4:00 p. m. on this Friday afternoon to witness the memorable ground breaking exercises. They came from our several churches in the Chicago area. They represented the families of our general secretaries. The entire headquarters staff was thrilled to take part in the service. In the bright, golden sunshine of that afternoon, we took the first step of faith in preparing for the fine, two story denominational building in Forest Park.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, presided and called attention to the importance of the project. A brief Scripture passage was read by Mr. Ed. Meister of Chicago, Illinois, a

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## Stellar Program for Laymen's Conference

Announcement About the Laymen's Conference Program to Be Presented at Green Lake, Wis., from August 22 to 29 by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

THE LAYMEN'S Conference program to be presented at Green Lake, Wisconsin, from August 22 to 29, 1959 promises to be STELLAR in content and personalities. The officers of "Baptist Men" and the Program Committee have worked hard to make this "a conference long to be remembered" by the laymen and their families in attendance. The interest is mounting as registrations continue to arrive in increasing numbers. There's still an opening left for you and your family in the comfortable accommodations on the grounds if you will write immediately with your requests.

### NEW LIFE FOR YOU

This Conference will center its attention all week on the theme for the Baptist Jubilee Advance—"New Life For You." The areas of spiritual concern over a period of five years (1959 to 1964) for the 19 million Baptists on the North American continent will be considered throughout the week. In this way, our laymen and their families will be able to study the Five Year Jubilee Advance Program for all Baptists with its objectives and purposes.

The following provocative questions will be dealt with and answered by outstanding speakers and then reviewed by the laymen themselves during the week: How can we best bring the new life to others? What do we owe God for the new life he has given us? Are we doing our utmost in reaching America's unchurched areas with the new life? Is our training program really developing the new life? What is our part in sharing the new life with the whole wide world? The endeavor to answer these questions in the light of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program ought to make these conference days most inspiring for everyone who is there.

### BY AND FOR THE LAYMEN

The committee has striven to make this a program for the laymen and their families in which our men can feel that this is their program and their conference. Discussion periods will be held daily with lots of time set aside for your participation in asking questions or making your contribution. The laymen and their families are to think through these subjects and themes in the light of God's Word. The men of our churches are conducting the devotional periods, taking part in the sessions, and leading the activities of these conference days.

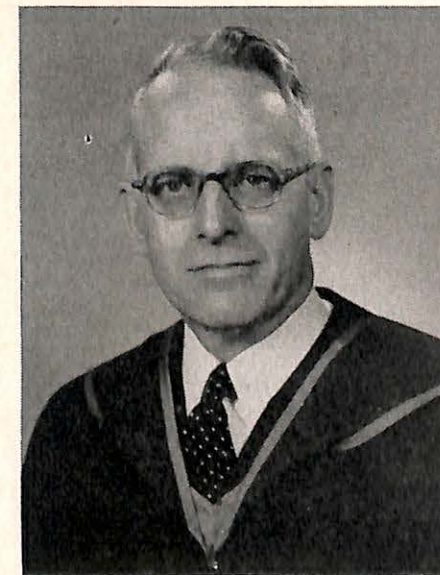
The guest speakers will also make this "an all star program." The Bible teacher for the week will be Dr. Walter W. Wessel of our Seminary in

Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Students in his Seminary classes on the Bible and our people who have heard him at conference sessions state emphatically that Dr. Wessel is superb at the presentation of Bible studies. His expositions on the letters of John will be thought provoking, spiritually enriching and memorable. At present Dr. Wessel is writing a number of articles for a new comprehensive dictionary of theology which will be published by the Baker Book House in 1959. He is also writing the commentary on the book of James for "the Wycliffe Bible Commentary" which the Moody Press will publish in 1960.

Let's also call the roll for the rest of the program. The guest speaker on Sunday, August 23, will be Dr. Thorwald W. Bender, professor of theology of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. He is always an exciting speaker who gives his readers "much food for thought." On Monday, August 24, Dr. T. B. McDormand of Toronto, Ontario, the chairman of the Joint Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance and the general secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada, will serve as guest speaker. As "the top brass" of the Jubilee Advance, he will contribute a great deal to our thinking as Baptists.

### THE HONORABLE HAROLD E. STASSEN

For Thursday, August 25, we have been fortunate to secure the Honor-



Dr. Thomas B. McDormand of Toronto, Ontario, the general secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada and chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, who will be one of the speakers on the Laymen's Conference program at Green Lake, Wis., August 22-29, 1959.

able Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, president of the University of Pennsylvania, a member of the cabinet of President Dwight D. Eisenhower and an outstanding Baptist statesman. He was scheduled to address the General Conference in Burlington, Iowa in 1940. This will be his first opportunity to appear on a North American Baptist program in an important capacity. Don't miss this unusual opportunity to hear him!

Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication, will be the featured speaker on Wednesday, August 26. Professor Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, South Dakota will present the story of the Seminary on one of these evenings. A new film in color of our Church Extension program will be brought by Dr. M. L. Leuschner that same night. Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, our Cameroons medical missionary, will be on the grounds throughout the week for purposes of fellowship and consultation and will address the conference on Thursday evening, August 27. That closer walk with God on the Cameroons mission trail with Dr. Chaffee as our missionary guide ought to be the highlight of the week.

### DR. LOUIS JOHNSON, CLOSING SPEAKER

We are also delighted to announce that the conference week will be brought to a climax on Friday, August 26, with Dr. Louis Johnson, the dynamic minister of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Illinois, speaking on "New Power for New Life." What a dedication service that ought to be! You will readily agree that this promises to be a five star program at this outstanding Laymen's Conference.

In addition to all of this, there will be musical treats, all kinds of recreational activities, festive times of fellowship, and stimulating discussions. "Baptist Men" are preparing "Program Packets" for the men's organizations to be exhibited for the first time at Green Lake. An interesting denominational exhibit is also being planned.

Yes, it's no exaggeration to call this a stellar conference that is being planned for the American Baptist Assembly grounds, Green Lake, Wisconsin, from August 22 to 29. Write to us at 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois if you want a conference leaflet or registration blank to be sent to you. Join the host of 300 other North American Baptists at Green Lake and experience the uplift of such a conference and the joy of fellowship with these lay leaders from our churches and stellar personalities on the program.



William Borden as he graduated from Yale University in 1909.

## Borden of Yale, 1909

Fifty years ago William Borden, heir of the Borden milk millions, was graduated from Yale University and went as a missionary to the Moslems of the Near East. Four months later he died at age 25. But he still speaks mightily today, and his life story is a timeless missionary classic!

By Rev. Herbert J. Freeman of the Central Baptist Church, Hamden, Connecticut

HE WAS A millionaire, yet he could not afford to own a car! The answer to this strange paradox is found in the life story of a young man who at 25 years of age left a total of one million dollars to Christian projects at home and abroad. Among the records of devotion to Christ and stewardship in his Name, there are few to equal, or to come near, that of William Whiting Borden.

Bill Borden was born to wealthy parents on November 1, 1887, in Chicago, Illinois. Though rich, his parents did not overindulge their three children, of which William was the youngest. The good things of life were readily available, but there was discipline, guidance and lessons of moderation in all things. Truly, for young Borden and for his brother and sister, everything was good, from an illustrious ancestry on both sides of the family to a most promising future of wealth and worldly influence.

### SPIRITUAL INTEREST

But though a good family heritage cannot be discounted as a most valuable treasure, it was the blessing of God's grace that surpassed by far the cultural and material benefits of the family. William was about seven years old when his mother became an earnest and devoted Christian. The joy and peace which his mother found in Christ and her new circle of friends played no small part in the early life of Borden.

In fact, it was soon after this that the boy himself began to show interest in spiritual things. Under the pastoral leadership and ministry of Dr. R. A. Torrey, pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago, Ill., to which Mrs. Borden had transferred her member-

ship, young Borden soon thereafter confessed his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and made a public dedication to him. Prayer and Bible study became an early habit in this life which was destined to do so much in so short a time.

### TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

Undoubtedly there was wisdom in the decision that Borden should first have the benefit of a trip around the world before entering college. The trip was begun in the summer of 1904 and continued to about the middle of the following summer. From Japan he wrote of his growing interest in missions, having been much impressed by young missionaries whom he met on the steamer.

This impression received during the early portion of his world trip served to open his eyes to a needy world wherever his journey took him: Hawaiian Islands, Japan, China, India, Egypt, Palestine, Asia Minor and Europe. His letters increasingly testified to a growing vision of the world's need for Christ and of Christ's call to service. Borden returned home convinced that the heathen were far from being

well off in his Christless religion and that God had called him to fill a place somewhere in the missionary witness of the Church.

In September, 1905, Borden came to New Haven, Conn., to begin four years of study at Yale University. Before coming to Yale, he had been a good student and had ranked high in his grades, and this he continued to be and do during his college experience. He found a number of Christian young men on the campus with whom he enjoyed Christian fellowship and service.

The record of his life shows that there were others who, though at first could not be counted in his circle of Christian friends, soon found themselves counted in as a result of Borden's witness to Christ. It was during the world tour that he had begun the practice of personal witness, and this he continued to do throughout his college and seminary days, always learning through disappointments and successes how better to serve his Lord.

### YALE UNIVERSITY, 1904-09

Two events stand out during his college days. The first was the Missionary Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement which was held in Nashville, Tenn. Bill Borden was among the large delegation from Yale. The speaker who most impressed him was Samuel Zwemer who, armed with a world map, a burning message on his lips and loaded with facts and bursting with enthusiasm, sent the young man back to New Haven burdened as he had never been up to that moment.

Although he was not too hasty about coming to any final decision, the seed was sown in his heart and the

burden for the Moslems of Kansu Province in northwest China was to become fixed in time. Borden had now taken another step in his response to a missionary call, for he now knew that his field of service would be in some unoccupied field among the Moslem peoples. He was nearing the completion of his freshman year when all this took place.

### YALE HOPE MISSION

The second outstanding event in this young student's life was the founding of the Yale Hope Mission. On the day of his 19th birthday, Borden was approached by the graduate secretary of the Y. M. C. A., John Magee, who had become greatly concerned for the transients who hung about the seaport town of New Haven. A mission for such persons would not only help to meet the spiritual needs of the down-and-outer, but it would serve to be a witness to the power of Christ among the college crowd.

The result of this interview, of course, was the Yale Hope Mission, where at least once each week during his remaining college days Borden conducted a service. More than that, it was he who purchased and maintained its first building. Even in his days of preparation, this young man was leading men to Christ and seeing to it that they would have a place to hear the Word of God.

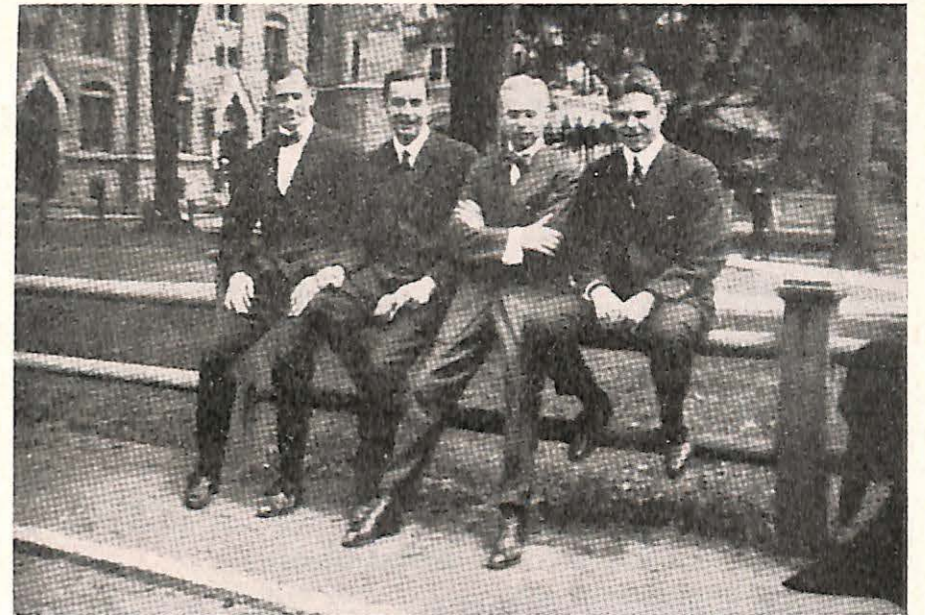
It should be noted that this mission is still in existence, carrying on the witness begun more than fifty years ago and challenging men to obey the word of Christ in Matthew 6:33. Its present major concern is for the alcoholic in conjunction with Alcoholics Anonymous and the Connecticut Commission on Alcoholism.

### PRINCETON SEMINARY

Soon after entering Princeton Seminary in 1909, Borden turned twenty-one. Now that he was of age, he had the burden of large financial interests. During his seminary days he was made a trustee of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, a director of the National Bible Institute of New York City, and a member of the North American Council of the China Inland Mission. Added to all this were many speaking engagements and personal activity in a large number of conferences.

During this period he never let down on his studies but, on the contrary, he made special effort to learn as much as possible of his field of service before entering it. When he finished at Princeton, Borden was well prepared for his life's work with a well-trained mind, a strong body and deep religious convictions.

The fall of 1912, following his graduation from the seminary, was a busy time for Borden. On September 12th he was ordained by the Moody Church. The remaining time of that year was spent in personal visits to about thirty colleges and seminaries in the interest of the Student Volunteer Movement, including the German Depart-



THE 1909 CLASS DEACONS AT YALE  
The 1909 class deacons relax on the famous "Yale fence." Right to left, they are: Borden, Howard, Campbell and Jefferson.

ment of the Rochester Theological Seminary!

During his seminary training, Bill Borden became increasingly drawn to the China Inland Mission in which association he could go out to reach the Moslem world for Christ. It was felt that some months spent in Cairo, Egypt, would be helpful toward learning the language and becoming better acquainted with the Moslem mind.

### MISSIONARY IN CAIRO, EGYPT

Accordingly, on December 17, 1912 he sailed for Egypt where for less than four months he was to labor before being called to his eternal home and reward. Here in Cairo, under the guidance of Dr. Zwemer, he began to prepare for his work in China. He planned



Borden's last resting-place in a cemetery in Cairo, Egypt.

and executed a campaign to reach every house and shop in Cairo with the Christian message!

It was Good Friday, March 20, 1913, when Borden first became ill, and the next day it was necessary to remove him to the hospital where his illness was diagnosed as cerebral meningitis. For nearly three weeks he lingered in pain, but strong in faith. The news of his death stunned his many friends, and the people of the world were amazed to learn of one so rich who had given all for the love of Jesus Christ.

As it sometimes happens, so it was that Borden's death brought before both the Christian community and the world at large the meaning of dedication and sacrifice for the Gospel. It brought into focus the meaning of God's love for the world and the response to that love of a consecrated saint.

How shall we interpret this life that had so much to give and so little to keep? How can we explain his "untimely" death? Love cannot be explained so much as it can be shown and the ways of God are not always easy to understand. In this dedicated life, we see the love of Christ that constrains. To one who criticized his missionary vision, Borden answered with these words, "You have not seen heathenism." He had seen the world through the eyes of God!

### A DEDICATED LIFE

Like Barnabas, Borden had laid down all his treasure at the feet of the Lord Jesus. During his seminary days he gave away about \$75,000 to Christian works. When his will was probated, it was learned this his entire fortune was bequeathed to home and foreign Christian enterprises. Of his death we might well say that, like Abel, "he being dead, yet speaketh."



The huge stone Cross and Bible at the entrance of the First Baptist Church, Santiago, Chile, in the downtown business district, have led many people to attend the church services and to consider the message of the Crucified Savior.

IN THE COUNTRY of Chile, you travel as far south as you can go in South America. It offers some spectacular sightseeing for the American tourists or for the Baptists going to the 1960 Congress sessions in Rio de Janeiro. In fact, Chile might be called "a spectacular country" if you are an observing traveller or a Baptist with an appreciation for history and love for people.

Geographically, Chile is a strange, peculiar country. It should have been a bowling alley. Someone has called it "the longest, thinnest sausage he had ever seen." It is 2,660 miles long and averages only about 110 miles wide. It is longer than the United States is wide. From Peru it stretches to the southernmost tip of South America. Its toes are tickled by the Pacific surf while its head is buried in the snowbanks of the Andes. It has been described as "a balcony on the Pacific, perched in the Andes."

#### MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS

Chile is proud of its spectacular mountains. Santiago, the capital of Chile and the fourth largest city on the continent, is virtually surrounded by peaks that seem to hang majestically in a veiled mist over the city. Arriving at or leaving Santiago by luxurious Panagra plane, you must cross the snow-capped Andes at 23,000 feet. Such a crossing, made in a few minutes, is a breathtaking spectacular adventure.

Let an American newspaper writer describe his trip over the mountains to Chile: "I've ridden over the Swiss Alps and the American Rockies on fine, clear days and marveled at the lavishness of nature spread below. But the majestic grandeur that flows beneath and beside you on a flight to this city leaves me awe-struck. Suddenly, the Andes come up to greet you. Wild, rugged mountains are all



High in the rugged mountains of Chile on the border of Argentina is "The Christ of the Andes," erected in 1904 and maintaining peaceful relations between those two countries since that date.

## The Spectacular South in South America

Adventures in Chile by five Baptist editors accompanied by Mr. Harold B. Johns.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor

about you at once. I could only think of a Tschaiowsky symphony. The restful, pastoral quiet was suddenly shattered by a crash of cymbals and brass, and the full orchestra enveloped you at once like huge waves crashing the shore. Range upon range of wild, jagged mountains are lying on every hand. The plane seems to be barely scraping some of the peaks. Then to your right, almost close enough to touch, looms Aconcagua, 22,835 feet, the highest mountain in the western hemisphere, glistening in the brilliantly clear, thin air." That is a spectacular sight, indeed!

Here in the rugged mountains of Chile on the border of Argentina is

"The Christ of the Andes." On March 13, 1904 this statue was unveiled, following the settlement of a boundary line dispute between the two countries. In more than fifty years, the relationships between these two countries have been peaceful, but the cause of world peace has also been symbolized by the statue of the Prince of Peace high in the Andes. The words at the base of the statue have a profound message for the entire world: "Sooner shall these mountains crumble into dust than the Argentines and the Chileans break the peace to which they have pledged themselves at the feet of Christ, the Redeemer."

In Chile you come upon spectacular events of history. Robinson Crusoe's island is a real island, one of the Juan Fernandez group, about 400 miles off the coast of Chile. Defoe's classic is based upon the true adventures of a British sailor, Alexander Selkirk, who in 1704 was left on the uninhabited island now known as Mas-a-Tierra. Easter Island, a little speck of land 2,000 miles from the coast of Chile, is one of the world's most fascinating mysteries. Gigantic statues with huge, half-cut figures stand like sentinels on this island that belongs to Chile. We saw one of the statues at Vina del Mar, looking out over the Pacific (see accompanying picture). In December 1832, the "H. M. S. Beagle" on its famous voyage with Charles Darwin, the scientist, dropped anchor off the wild, forbidding coast of Tierra del Fuego in southern Chile. Here Darwin made many of his studies and observations with revolutionary conclusions.

#### SANTIAGO, CHILE'S CAPITAL

Santiago, the capital of Chile, with its 1,800,000 population, has a different atmosphere from most of the South American cities. Somehow it is less Latin. Many of the people have Eng-

lish, Irish or German ancestry. The cobblestone streets, the high walls around the houses, the architecture of homes and the culture of the city remind one of Paris and Berlin. The main thoroughfare in Santiago is named Avenida Bernardo O'Higgins (what a name for Santiago's Main Street!), named after the great Chilean national hero and soldier.

The fashionable Carrera Hotel affords you magnificent accommodations similar to any fine European or American hotel. A meal in the Copper Room easily becomes a thrilling eating adventure. All sixteen stories of the hotel



—Photo by L. M. Leuschner

One of the gigantic statues from Easter Island has been planted on the beach of Vina del Mar, looking out over the Pacific toward Easter Island, 2000 miles away.

look down on the plaza facing the palace of the Chilean President known as La Moneda. Here on the plaza, the presidential guard is changed three times each week with a spectacular display of colorful uniforms, military maneuvers and martial band music. Here on the plaza we as Baptist edi-



VALPARAISO, SEAPORT CITY OF CHILE

The semi-circular bay of Valparaiso, second city of the Republic of Chile, is crowned by tall hills, all covered with buildings which shine at night with their myriad of lights.



SANTIAGO, CHILE

From the Carrera Hotel, one can look upon the capital city of Santiago, Chile, with its 1,800,000 population. The President's House, La Moneda, is in the foreground. The snow-covered Andes, that almost surround the city, are in the distance.

tors heard a four hour concert by the United States Air Force band one evening with almost 30,000 people standing on the square and applauding the band. The love of good music in classical style by Chileans was a source of amazement to us.

There are many other things that are spectacular to the eye of a visitor in Chile. The ocean at Vina del Mar is more beautiful with a deep blue color than anywhere else in South America. You can travel for miles along farms with blossoming giant sunflowers raised for their oil fats. The Chilean cowboys known as *huasos* are the proudest and most colorfully dressed in the world. In Chile you can soon become a millionaire by exchanging your money for Chilean pesos, worth only 750 for a dollar. This also makes a dollar go a long way when applied to shopping for hand wrought copper trays and candlesticks and Chilean ceramics of all kinds.

#### SEAPORT OF VALPARAISO

At the heart of Santiago, this 410 year old capital, is the 1,000 foot Cerro San Cristobal rising about the city's

streets "like a bubble on a bar of soap." A funicular takes you to the top for a round trip fare of about three cents. The seaport city of Valparaiso is also a picturesque spot. Its semi-circular bay is crowned by tall hills covered with buildings and homes from which a myriad of lights shine at night. From here San Martin, the South American liberator, and his soldiers marched north into Peru to bring political freedom to the people of South America.

We as five Baptist editors accompanied by our lay friend, Mr. Harold B. Johns, had been welded together into a Baptist team by the time we arrived in Chile. Coming from American, Southern, Canadian, Negro and German Baptist Conventions, we found our fellowship in Christ to be both a strong tie and a stirring challenge. We began to be more aggressive and outspoken in our witness for Christ, and the response was amazing.

For hours we witnessed to Christ's saving power, to the experience of sins forgiven through Christ alone and to the enlightenment in God's Word as read and studied by us as we fellowshipped in a friendly but decidedly evangelistic manner with our tour guides, bell hops and acquaintances in the city. We became convinced that there is a spiritual hunger among these people to know the truth in Christ and to have this abiding peace of sins forgiven for themselves. We distributed a number of Spanish Bibles and New Testaments and learned with joy that they were eagerly accepted.

#### REV. OSCAR VON BARCHWITZ

But the most spectacular part of our story in Chile is still to be told. The Baptist work in all of South America had its beginning in 1882 through the faith and vision of a German Baptist pastor and his little flock. Most of the Baptist work and evangelical witness in South America since then has been built upon or inspired by the untiring work of Rev. Oscar von Barchwitz, originally of Berlin, Germany.

In 1881 this man of God heard a

voice calling him to the far-off land of Chile, South America. On arriving at Hamburg, Germany, on his way to South America, he and his family found that the boat had been delayed. While they were waiting, cholera struck the family and all three of their children died in one day. The young wife, also at death's door, was spared. The next boat took Mr. and Mrs. von Barchwitz to Valparaiso, Chile, where he began sowing the seeds of the Gospel. But evangelical services could be held only on private property behind closed doors. The atmosphere was charged with hostility and hatred towards such evangelical preaching.

About that time the government of Chile was eager to have European colonists settle in its northern provinces. The authorities requested Mr. von Barchwitz to serve as their agent in bringing in more families from Germany. By 1884 numerous Baptist families had settled in Pua, Victoria and Quilleon, Chile. Philip Meier became their spiritual leader and led a sweeping revival among these German pioneers which resulted in the conversion and baptism of a large number of colonists.

#### CONVERTING THE INDIANS

Several years later two young men from the German Baptist Church in Quilleon, Chile, German Lichtenberg and a friend became fired with an evangelistic witness to the Chilean and Indian neighbors. They went to an Indian "rain feast" nearby and carried a saddlebag of Bibles to give to the people.

In the presence of the curious crowd, these two young German Baptists knelt in prayer before beginning



Rev. Oscar von Barchwitz who began the work of evangelical missions among German immigrants in Chile in 1882. This unusual photograph was found in the album of the late Rev. J. F. Niebuhr by his widow and sent to the "Baptist Herald."

to preach. When they rose, they discovered that the Bibles had disappeared. It so happened that an Indian girl had taken the saddlebag, thinking that it contained bread. As a result, the Indian Chief found the Bibles, read them and returned them. The young lay evangelists took their text from the incident and preached on the true Bread of Life.



#### CHILEAN CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The changing of the Chilean guard on the plaza at the heart of Santiago, Chile, in front of the Presidential Palace, La Moneda.

Encouraged by this beginning, these young Germans arranged board seats under the sawmill shed and invited neighbors to come for Sunday afternoon services. So far as is known, this was the FIRST Baptist preaching in the Spanish language in Chile. The first baptised converts in this German Baptist church were to spearhead the Baptist beginnings in all of Chile. In 1897 Henry Weiss, a Mennonite of German parentage from Minnesota, arrived in Chile and organized the German Baptists into a unified group and at the same time gave direction to the Chilean Baptists.

We are indebted to Mrs. J. F. Niebuhr of Ocean Grove, N. J., for the picture of Rev. Oscar von Barchwitz and for some fascinating incidents from his life. After serving in Chile, Mr. von Barchwitz came to America and became the pastor of the Baldwin Street Baptist Mission in Newark, N. J. In response to his gospel invitation from the pulpit of this mission, a young lad named John Niebuhr arose and found "the joy of salvation." This lad who became the Rev. John F. Niebuhr, pastor of our churches, and "Daddy B," as von Barchwitz was intimately known, were good friends for years afterwards. In fact, Mr. von Barchwitz was Mr. Niebuhr's "best man" at the wedding ceremony when he and the present Mrs. Niebuhr were married in the Peddie Memorial Church, Newark, N. J.

#### BAPTIST WORK IN CHILE

There are now 69 Baptist churches in Chile and as many outstations with about 7,000 members. This strong Baptist witness is largely supported by Southern Baptists in personnel, financial aid for churches and missionary direction. But everywhere the early foundations laid by the German Baptist Oscar von Barchwitz are evident. We found a large bronze plaque in his honor prominently exhibited in the downtown Baptist Church of Valparaiso. His name is held in high regard by all who are acquainted with evangelical missions in Chile.

We as Baptist editors were also thrilled by the witness of the First Baptist Church at Santiago in the heart of the business district with its huge stone Bible and Cross at the entrance. (See picture). This religious front of the church has attracted a tremendous number of new people. We learned that the church has in its files more than a thousand cards of one type or another that have been signed during the past three years by interested friends.

The First Baptist Church of Valparaiso has a seating capacity for more than a thousand people. On the outskirts of Santiago we visited and took pictures of the Blanqueado Baptist Church, meeting in a quonset hut, and of several other small churches with a great outreach into their communities. We visited the buildings of

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# Another Historic Milestone for Our Seminary

Report of the Commencement Festivities of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., by Prof. Roy Seibel

THE IMPRESSIVE and solemn ceremonies of the commencement activities on May 16 and 17 proved a fitting climax for the first decade of our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Another historic milestone was marked in the ceremonies as recognition was given to Dr. George A. Lang for his 15 years of leadership as president of the seminary.

The colorful activities began with the seminary banquet on Saturday evening, May 16. A record attendance of 247 indicates the high spirit of our people and strong interest they are showing in the strides the seminary has been making this past decade.

#### SEMINARY BANQUET

The banquet room was commanded by a most striking scene as the motto of the senior class, "Stewards of the Mysteries of God," was symbolized across the platform. The symbolic message of the huge globe of the world that stood in the shadow of a cross became very significant as one read the words from the large white Bible, "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God" (I Cor. 4:1).

Symbols of Christ's suffering and death were placed on every table as a constant reminder that the mysteries of God entrusted to us are centered in the message of the Gospel.

Rev. Bernard Fritzsche, '51, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., served as toastmaster. His quick wit helped to create a pleasant air of fellowship.

In his memoirs of the tenth anniversary in Sioux Falls, Dr. George Lang shared many pleasant and meaningful memories that shroud the relocation of the seminary from its century-old home in Rochester, N. Y., to its present site. Seeing the present growth and expansion in the proper perspective of the struggles and sacrifices of the previous years brings a new light of values to our present situation.

Mr. John Binder, president of the graduating class, presented the seminary with a complete set of Calvin's Commentaries of the Bible containing 45 volumes.

#### DR. LANG'S 15 YEAR PRESIDENCY

Mr. Herman Bleeker, chairman of the board of trustees, spoke in appreciation of the 15 years of faithful ministry which Dr. Lang rendered as president of the seminary. He then unveiled a half-figure photograph of Dr. Lang which will be placed in the seminary in an appropriate location.

Dr. Ralph Powell, professor of the-

ology, spoke in behalf of the faculty and students and presented to Dr. Lang a pen and pencil set which had been inscribed with his name and the years of his presidency.

Rev. H. Wilcke, '42, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Stafford, Kansas, gave the impressive evening a fitting climax as he presented the stimulating message, "Growing with Divine Growth." He emphasized the need for growth in the spiritual dimension as well as expansion and progress in other planes of living.

On Sunday morning, May 17, the

Ministry." The minister of the Gospel, he stressed, must be a good person, preacher and pastor. No one point of the triangle stands predominant, for the three are interdependent.

#### COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

The commencement program in the afternoon began with the impressive academic procession. The air was tense with expectancy, for this was the crowning hour! As graduate after graduate paused upon the platform to receive the academic hood, one was made aware that God was still calling



#### 1959 SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT LEADERS

Left to right: Dr. Louis Johnson, baccalaureate speaker at the Seminary's commencement exercises on May 17, 1959; Dr. George A. Lang, Seminary President; Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, commencement speaker; and Mr. Herman Bleeker, chairman of the board of trustees. (Photo by Roy Seibel.)

faculty, seniors and friends assembled in the chapel of the seminary for the baccalaureate service. This was a sacred hour for the seniors, for it was the last opportunity they would have to meet as a group in the room where they had met so many times for prayer and meditation. Through the years the chapel has grown to represent the spiritual resources and place of strength God has made available in Christ to his servants of the Gospel.

Dr. Louis Johnson, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Kankakee, Illinois, brought the challenge of the present day ministry into sharp focus as he presented a stirring address on "Three Dimensions of the

his finest and most dedicated to the harvest fields.

Rev. Harold Gieseke, secretary of Education and Publication of the North American Baptist General Conference, spoke on the thought-provoking subject, "The King Has Sent Me." He declared that our credentials are of the highest order because the King has affixed his signature to our commission. "The King needs a man, and I am that man!" should be the conviction of every minister of Christ.

As Dr. Lang rose to address the graduates his words carried added significance, for this was the last time he was to address the graduating

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# Board of Education and Publication

Report of the Annual Session Held on May 1 and 2, 1959 by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Secretary

THE BOARD of the Education and Publication Society, newest member of our denominational family of cooperating organizations, held its first regular, annual meeting at the Forest Park headquarters on May 1-2, 1959. The Board had its organization meeting last October. By God's grace, every member of the Board was able to be present at both these meetings. Presiding ably over the sessions were Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, chairman, and Mr. Herbert Stabbert, vice-chairman.

With a sense of sobering responsibility and an earnest desire to do God's will, the Board faced the unusual challenges of this transition period in our denomination. Both of our schools were in process of appointing presidents. Our publication house in Cleveland, Ohio, is being closed, with some of its facilities soon to be transferred to Forest Park. The Board asked for definite guidance from God to give our denomination leadership and direction in just "such a time as this." Here were some of the decisions made in the three areas of the Board's responsibility.

## CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

The Board of Education and Publication approved plans for strengthening our school at Edmonton, following the direction of last year's General Conference. It approved the appointment of another full-time faculty member for the Bible College and another full-time instructor for the high school department. C. T. I. reported a successful year, and the acting president, Rev. O. R. Schmidt, estimated that up to 15 students may enroll in the Bible College department next fall. At the present time, the C. T. I. Board is still unable to announce the appointment of a new president. The prayers of God's people are asked for the filling of this important post.

## NORTH AMERICAN SEMINARY

After 15 years of devoted service, President George A. Lang resigned for reasons of health. While giving up his administrative duties, Dr. Lang will continue as a member of the faculty. Rev. Frank Veninga, Eastern District secretary, was approved as president of the Seminary. He has accepted and will begin his duties on September 1st of this year. The Board approved the Seminary Board's plans for library expansion and recommended that the cost of a new Seminary library be included in the Denominational Advance Building Fund. With these new advances, the future of our Seminary looks bright indeed.

The new Publications Committee, a sub-committee of the Board, held its first meeting recommending to the

Board far-reaching decisions in the field of publications. Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Ill., was elected chairman. It is hoped that our Cleveland, Ohio printing shop can be closed down by October 1. (The office staff at Cleveland will remain for an indefinite time. Please continue to send your orders for books and Sunday School literature, as well as subscriptions for papers to, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio, until further notice.) Some time in the spring of 1960 we hope to move the Roger Williams Press to a new building in Forest Park.

Plans were made for a new *Publication Sunday*, to be observed in all our churches on November 8, 1959. This Sunday will feature our publications and be the beginning of the 1960 subscription campaign for our periodicals. Your pastor and publication agent will give you more information.

The Board decided to observe December 13, as our denominational Bible Day, discontinuing the former March observance. This is to be an all-church observance, with an offering to be designated for our denominational Bible Day Fund.

Under the leadership of our new

## IN APPRECIATION

By Sara Lou Gunst  
of Minneapolis, Minnesota

Oh, God, You make such lovely things for us!

A smile, a sigh, a tree, a kitten's purr—

A white bird flying in a peaceful sky—  
Yet see the way we've always treated You!

We've scorned You, hated, crucified and plagued,

Ignored You, tried to do without Your love,

And yet, when one small plan of ours falls through,

We run for comfort, hoping that You'll have

A cure. And, as a mother with her child

Would find it hard to turn away from tears,

You calm our storms, reopen our blind eyes

With love. And we can see that what we have

Around us every day, unknown, unseen,

Is greater, better far than our small loss . . .

Oh, God, You make such lovely things for us!

Board, we can achieve new heights this year in the vital fields of education and publication. This will call for the cooperation of every one of our 50,000 church members. Can we count on your prayers and gifts?

## Royalty in the Cameroons

News from the Southern Cameroons, West Africa by Dr. Paul Gebauer, Field Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

HER MAJESTY, Queen Elizabeth of England, recently sent her uncle and aunt, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, to the Cameroons. These honors befell your missionary workers:

May 23—At the arrival of the Royal Visitors at Tiko Airport, the Field Superintendent, Dr. Paul Gebauer, was "presented" to the visitors.

May 25—During the morning hours of May 25, Miss Tina Schmidt, Cameroons missionary, was "presented" to the Duchess, amidst the splendor of the German Schloss of Buea. Miss Schmidt was appointed to represent our lady missionaries and our work among Africa's womanhood.

During the afternoon outdoor gath-

ering for the benefit of Cameroons' youth, our Supervisor of Schools, Rev. Ben Lawrence, was "presented" to the royal pair. Mr. Norman Haupt, Cameroons missionary, participated in the Boy Scout presentations at the same gathering. One of our tutors at Soppo's Teachers' Training Centre was first among the Cameroons' outstanding teachers to be presented to the Duke of Gloucester, our Mr. Haddison.

May 26—The Gebauers attended the "Garden Party."

Note: Baptist schools in the Victoria area of the Cameroons are now leading in enrollment and performance. For the first time we are in the lead in a race of greatest importance.

The Cameroons House of the Assembly, the elected African Government for the British Cameroons, consists of 26 elected members. Eight of them are Baptists. Four of these Baptist members belong to the majority party and the other four are aligned with the opposition party. One of the eight is an ordained minister; one was the headmaster of our largest day school; one is a graduate of our College.

## GERMAN RADIO BROADCASTS

The Mission Baptist (German) Church of Chicago, Ill., is conducting German radio broadcasts Sunday evenings from 6:45-7:00 P.M. over Station WCRW (1240 kilocycles), Chicago, Ill. The program is called "Botschaft der Freude." Rev. Elvin Schuelke, pastor of the church, is the radio minister.

# What's Happening

The new pastor of the Fellowship Church, Passaic, New Jersey, is Mr. Raymond Brower who has succeeded Rev. F. Dean Banta. Mr. Brower began his ministry in the Passaic church at the beginning of this year. His address is 32 Burgh Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rentz of Great Soppo, Africa, our Cameroons missionaries, have announced the birth of a son on May 8, weighing five pounds, twelve ounces. The name of the son is Lyndon Jerrold. This is the second child in their family. Mr. Rentz is serving as a teacher on the Soppo Mission Field.

The First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., has extended a call to Rev. Walter F. Berkan of Spokane, Wash., pastor of the Terrace Heights Baptist Church since 1951. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Elk Grove church on Sunday, Sept. 6, 1959, succeeding Rev. W. W. Knauf, now of Benton Harbor, Mich.

The Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, has extended a call to Rev. Clemence Auch of Salem, Oregon, to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. and Mrs. Auch formerly served as our missionaries in Japan for a full term. They began their ministry in the Dallas church on July 1st with Mr. Auch succeeding Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher, now of Lorraine, Kansas.

At its recent annual session, the General Council appointed Rev. Emanuel Wolff of Burlington, Iowa, as the Eastern District secretary to succeed Rev. Frank Veninga, who will become the president of our Seminary on September 1, 1959. Mr. Wolff has presented his resignation as pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington which he has served since 1954, and announced that he would begin his new ministry on September 1st.

Recently 90 members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, left the church and organized the Salem Baptist Church of the city. This new church has purchased a school building on Stony Plain Road which they want to convert into a church edifice. The church has called Rev. Albert Frank as its pastor who formerly served as the minister of the Immanuel church. He is already serving the congregation as its minister.

Members and friends of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., surprised their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Fred A. David, on Wednesday evening, May 20, at the close of a well attended prayer

meeting and Bible Study Hour. This was the 16th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. David. A brief program was held with congratulations extended to the honored couple and a substantial gift of money presented to them.

On May 12 the Dallas Theological Seminary of Dallas, Texas, conferred the Doctor of Theology (Th. D.) degree on the Rev. Douglas H. Gallagher, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. He wrote his thesis on "Prayer as Revealed in the Life and Teachings of Christ." On Sunday, May 17, Dr. Gallagher began his ministry at the Lorraine church. He is also continuing the radio ministry of the church with broadcasts every Sunday morning.

Miss Joyce Ringering, assistant librarian of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., spent the first two weeks of June at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, in helping to set up better library facilities. The program at the C. T. I. calls for an improved library with the \$10,000 gift toward the library by Mr. and Mrs. Yob of Milwaukee, Wis., and with the appreciated ministry of Miss Joyce Ringering. She is a daughter of Rev. Oliver K. Ringering of Bison, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rinas of Midland, Mich., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 5th. On Sunday, May 26, the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich., held a program in honor of their wedding anniversary. Rev. David Draewell, pastor, presented a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Rinas in behalf of the church. On the following Sunday afternoon, the German Bible Class also held a brief program in their honor. They have been members of the Auburn Church (formerly Beaver Baptist Church) for 27 years.

From Mother's Day to Father's Day Rev. Harold E. Weiss of Turtle Lake, North Dakota, brought a series of Sunday morning messages on "The Christian Home." To coincide with this effort the church carried out a program of "Family Week" with an all church family visitation night, a demonstration how to conduct a family altar, the entire family in God's House for the prayer meeting, the recognition of the Cradle Roll department and an evening called "the entire family stays at home night—TV turned off!" The response to this fine program was most encouraging.

On Monday, May 25, four North American Baptist students received degrees at the commencement exercises of the Northern Baptist Theo-

logical Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. They were Rev. Bernard Schalm of the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois (Th. D. degree); Rev. Lorimer Potratz of Martin, North Dakota (B. D. degree); Mr. Alfred Bernadt Jr., a son of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred R. Bernadt (B. D. degree); and Gerhard Schroeder, director of Christian education and youth activities in the Forest Park Church (M. R. E. degree).

Beginning with June 14 Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., is serving two churches in northern Washington and southern British Columbia as interim pastor. These are the Baptist Church of Oroville, Washington, an American Convention church, and the Baptist Church of Osoyoos, British Columbia, a mission group of German Baptists who have had a friendly relationship with the North American Baptist General Conference. Mr. Schroeder, who has carried on an effective Church Extension and interim ministry in other churches, serves both groups every Sunday across the international boundary.

Rev. Edgar B. Wesner, pastor of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois, received the Master of Arts degree in Clinical Psychology at the commencement exercises of Bradley University on Sunday evening, May 31. At the Sunday morning service Mr. George Axmann, Sr., chairman of the Board of Deacons, presented the pastor with a beautiful leather briefcase on behalf of the church. Mr. Calvin Stone, treasurer of the college age Sunday School class, presented a Sheaffer pen and pencil set to him in behalf of his class. Mr. Wesner wrote: "I hope to dedicate what I have gained in these university studies to the cause of Christ in terms of pastoral counselling."

The Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, held its Vacation Bible School from June 15 to 19 with daily lessons. On Sunday, June 21, the church observed Church Extension Sunday and received a special offering for this cause. While the pastor and his family and some of the church families were in Plevna, Montana, on Sunday, June 7, for the dedication of the Baptist Church there, the Billings church pulpit was supplied by Mr. Carl Orth of the Yellowstone Boys Ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Orth are still members of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, but they are taking a very active part in the services of the Calvary Church of Billings.

On Sunday evening, May 17, the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., held its installation service for the following officers: president, Mrs. Ed. Kammerer; vice-president, Mrs. Roy Dolliver; secretary, Mrs. Henry Rauser; treasurer, Mr. Ernest Adam; assistant secretary, Mrs. Vernon Rau,

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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

Tom Larkin drove his big semi truck into the darkness of a stormy night and hit an obstruction in the road. No farmhouse light was in sight. Then to his amazement at the top of a hill, he seemed to see a building with lights flickering at the windows. He walked to it through the hurdling rain and found it to be a weatherbeaten church. And in it he discovered a girl, deep in prayer, sitting near a candelabra. Mary Sue took him to her home nearby and introduced him to her father, Spencer Nichols, a man with no sign of friendly warmth. In this home with this 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 reopened church. Tom Larkin's testimony how Christ had become his salvation became a stirring sermon. He continued to preach in the little church. One Sunday Dr. Elliott, the district secretary, came to hear him preach. Later he told Tom Larkin that he wanted him to take over a larger church and possibly go to school for further training. "Your God-given sincerity coupled with education would be unbeatable," he said.

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

THE ROOM was silent. Tom stared into Dr. Elliott's eyes, and the words hung there between them, almost visible they were so alive with suggestion.

It was several minutes before Tom could say it. Then his throat was dry, his voice harsh.

"Go back to school? Me? High school? College—"

Dr. Elliott nodded, slowly, but firmly. "You're a born leader, Tom. Polish that ability—give God everything you've got—"

Tom shook his head numbly. "I'm twenty-three years old! I left school when I was sixteen! I'd be in a bunch of kids! Besides, there's these churches that need men now—"

The Doctor studied his face a minute

and then nodded. "That's right. We need men now. We'll also need them later. Sometimes we can fuse the two. If you went to school near here, for example, there is the possibility you might still be able to help out. If you decide not to go at all—and I wouldn't really blame you, Tom, because I know it would be a long, hard grind—we could just go ahead as we planned. Send you to a larger church if you would accept the responsibility."

Tom swallowed. The conversation was so unbelievable he was quite certain he would awake at any moment and discover he had dreamed it all. He felt compelled to ask again, "But you feel—I should go back to school?"

The answer was obvious. If Dr. Elliott had not thought so, he would not have suggested it, even in passing.

Tom ran a pair of trembling hands through his hair. "This is crazy!" he muttered. "We're not really talking this stuff—"

Dr. Elliott smiled, warmly and with understanding. "You don't have to make up your mind in a minute, Tom. Go home and think about it. Pray about it. Ask God's help. Tom, I know He'll give it to you as He always has."

He came close and put a hand on Tom's arm again. "There's just one thing I would ask you to remember: when a man can do nothing, Tom, God is willing to do all. But when a man can do anything, God requires by conscience that he do it to the utmost!"

For two days Tom kept the problem locked within himself, pondering it, praying about it. He did not go near Mary-Sue because this would be submitting himself to a thorough quizzing. Her enthusiastic curiosity was insatiable. He saw Dixie on both of the two days, but Dixie—even while she may have wondered—would never pry. He was entitled to privacy, and friendship was not a key with which to unlock

hidden chambers of the mind.

Perhaps this was why he chose to tell Dixie first. She would never overwhelm him with immature conclusions or decisions that were wholly her own. She had the good sense to realize that each person has his own obligations and must employ his own reasoning to fulfill these obligations.

Not that Mary-Sue's enthusiasm was a thing to be scorned. He liked and respected her for it, realizing full well that enthusiasm is the conqueror of many a battle that would otherwise have been lost through defeatism alone. Enthusiasm was admirable and a possession of the young in spirit, but its place was not immediately at his side. First, he wanted the calm consideration which was Dixie's. He wanted and needed her quiet, sensible deliberation.

On Thursday night he took her for a drive. It was a thing he seldom did for the obvious and unfoolish reasons of a young man intending to remain unentangled. Tonight he did it, and she did not question. Oh, with her eyes she may have sent forth a small query. But with her lips, no.

He drove out of town and parked high on a knoll overlooking the city. For several minutes they were silent, watching the lights blink beneath them like a stupendous swamp of multi-colored fireflies.

After a while he leaned forward, crossing his arms above the steering wheel, his eyes still glued dead-center, staring through the front windshield.

"Elliott asked me to take a larger church," he said finally.

She did not answer immediately. He could feel her eyes on his profile.

"That's—nice, Tom. If it's what you want—"

"I don't know what I want!" he exploded. "Right now I'm so muddled—"

They lapsed into silence again.

"He said," Tom started again. "He said I'm a born leader!" He was glad it was dark; she could not see him flush.

"You are, Tom." Not a whisper of a doubt.

"He said—somebody else could take over the other church for me."

"Yes. Somebody should."

"Dixie—" He turned now and looked at her. "Dixie, he said if I were educated—"

He could not see her face clearly, but he was certain the brows drew together.

"Educated, Tom?" He nodded. "High school, college—the works. He said sincerity coupled with education would be unbeatable."

Again she was slow to answer. And when her voice came, it was a mere whisper. "He's a wise man."

"Dixie, I'm twenty-three years old!" he yelled. "I'd have to pick up two years of high school, at least four years of college—it'd be six or seven years! I'd—I'd be in with kids younger than Mary-Sue!"

"Yes, I guess you would."

"Well—it's kind of outrageous, then, isn't it? I mean, even too outrageous to consider seriously!"

"All depends on how you look at it, Tom. There are two ways to look at everything. It's outrageous, sure. On the other hand, it was outrageous for Christ to be crucified, too, wasn't it? Outrageous for God to give His only begotten Son to be tortured? It happened, though, Tom, and when you look at it that way, seven years isn't such a long time, considering you've got eternity in the offing."

He groaned and leaned his head on his arm against the steering wheel.

"High school," she went on, "that wouldn't be so tough. You could keep working and go to night school to pick up those credits—you know. Save money toward college at the same time. Probably to change to some other job to attend college—something with less hours and more night work. But it's been done before. You could do it."

He groaned again and looked at her. "What if I can't Dixie? What if I can't? What if I flunked or—or failed?"

She reached up and brushed soft fingertips against the side of his hair. "You wouldn't flunk or fail, Tom. If you do your part, I'm sure God would do His. Most of us—" she added sadly. "Most of us are like me, Tom. We know our limitations and we have to accept them. You? Well, you're kind of special. You've got something the rest of us haven't. Anyway—" And now she tugged playfully at the lobe of his ear. "Even if you flunked, you'd still have what you came in with, wouldn't you? And from that time on, you wouldn't have to wonder."

He stared at her a minute, frowning. "Dixie? Are you talking me into this?"

She shook her head, looked down at her hands clasped in her lap. "You know better than that, Tom." There were tears in her voice. "You know

how I'd feel about having you gone all that time—"

"Then—why are you saying these things?"

She reached in her coat pocket for a handkerchief. "Because—I have to, I guess. They're the truth. You asked me and I'm telling you."

"You think I really ought to tackle it?"

She shook her head. "What I think doesn't count. This is between you and God."

His fist hit the steering wheel. "Why do things have to change! I've got a good job, I make a good living, I'm happy out at the church! Why does a guy have to get all riled up and obligated!"

She cried audibly now. "Because—a guy has a talent, I guess, and—God wants him to use it—"

Tom looked up then. "Elliott said something like that, Dixie. Something like, 'If a man can do nothing, God does all, but when a man is capable of anything—anything, Dixie—then God requires him to do it to the utmost—'"

"I guess that's right, Tom."

"But I don't want to, Dixie! You know how I hate for things to get tangled up and involved!"

"I know."

"You've always been the one to say, 'Do what you want, Tom—'"

"That was before we were reckoning with God."

"You always said to do what made me happy!" He was leaning toward her now, accusing, inviting an argument.

"I'm still saying it."

"It'd make me happy to leave things just the way they are!" He was downright belligerent now.

"Temporarily," she countered softly.

"Only temporarily. After a while you'd hate yourself—and everybody else, too. And you'd be older, and the road would seem even rougher."

He slid a hand across the back of the seat and touched her hair. "Not you, Dixie. I'd never hate you."

Her shoulders slumped forward. She didn't answer.

"Dixie, it's miserable to grow up!"

"Miserable, Tom—"

"I thought I was all done with growing up years ago! I thought I was old and tough and smart—"

She shook her head. "You were putting it off, Tom. Just putting it off. You're not tough. You look tough, but you're not. Underneath, you've got all that love. You're a municipal reservoir of love, Tom. You just haven't dipped into it yet."

He felt like bawling. "How'd you get so wise?" he snapped.

"I'm not wise, Tom. I just grew up a few months before you did, that's all."

"You want me to take you home?"

"I wish you would. I'm going to cry something awful, any minute now."

He started the car. Then he turned to her again. "That love you were talking about, Dixie? That reservoir? Honey, some of it—"

She nodded quickly. "I know, Tom."

You don't have to tell me. I already know."

He was tired when he awoke the next morning. His feet lagged when he walked into the church. He tried hard to become interested in the work that needed to be done, started perhaps five different tasks, abandoned them one by one, and went, at last, to sit and stare into space.

Somehow, he had counted on Dixie for the opposite, less difficult decision. Left to herself alone—her own wishes—he knew she would have drawn that conclusion. This however, was not a mere human obligation. This was supernatural.

Until now, his duties as a Christian had been comparatively pleasant, entailing no great amount of personal hardship. They had been compensating, easily fulfilled, simple. This present problem was complex. So miserably complex he felt an abundant sympathy for the quarry slaves of old. The years ahead, when he allowed his mind to scan them even briefly, stretched out like so many dungeons, each to be inhabited for a specific period of chastisement. He felt oppressed nearly to suffocation. And, still, how could he be certain that interpreting this gross unhappiness as an indication toward utter disregard for the suggestions made to him was not entirely the wrong decision? He could not be certain. And thus his mind hung—like a gigantic pendulum swinging to and fro between the alternatives.

He had lost all interest in immediate time until Mary-Sue came to the church to remind him.

"I've brought you some lunch, Tom. Chicken sandwiches, a thermos of coffee."

She took one look at his face and stopped short. "Tom? Is something wrong?"

He glanced up at her almost hatefully. She, in a far-fetched sense, was the cornerstone of the whole tottering structure which threatened to crash down and pin him under, from youth well into the beginnings of middle age.

She, with her faith and her convictions and her power to arouse memories!

"Tom, what is it?" She set the lunch aside and took a place next to him, reaching for his hands.

He withdrew, crossed his arms, and slumped down in the pew. "Everything!" It was as close to a growl as he could come without actually gnashing his teeth.

"Well? Tell me!" She held her hands out impatiently, fingers spread wide.

He told her. Once again he related the entire, overwhelming turn of events. He had not completely finished when she started to laugh. Nervous, excited laughter.

He eyed her coldly, then got up and walked away. She would have no part of it. She went after him, graced him with one of those juvenile bear-hugs, and then laughingly admonished him.

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# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 19, 1959

Theme: **BLESSING FOR AN ALIEN (RUTH)**

Scripture: Ruth 1:19-2: 2; 4:13-17

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Often we are so anxious to keep undesirable strangers out of our fellowship that we forget to entertain the strangers who can be our best friends.

**INTRODUCTION:** Someone has said that we have learned how to fly through the air like birds and we have learned how to swim through the sea like fish. All we have to do now is learn how to walk on earth like men. Since the beginning of creation, our greatest problem has been how to live together, how to work together and how to worship together. Sin has kept us not only separated from God but from each other as well. We must learn to look at each other through the eyes of God. "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (I Sam. 16:7). This was said about 3,000 years ago and we still look on the color of a man's skin, on the country from which he comes and on his social position. In the eyes of God, we are all in one common category—we are all sinners. But thanks be to God, we are also included in his love which makes him offer his salvation to each and every one of us.

### I. THE BITTERNESS OF THE PAST. Ruth 1:19-22.

Poverty, sorrow and disappointment are not easily accepted. The bitterness of Naomi is readily understood. It is not something that disappears simply by having friends pat her on the back and saying, "Cheer up; don't take it so hard; keep a stiff upper lip." The hurt and the sorrow go deeper, so deep that friends do not know what to say or do. The bitterness becomes more intense when God is blamed for circumstances and conditions. Naomi went forth with a loving husband and two stalwart sons and returned with a widowed daughter-in-law. Spiritually and materially she felt as the poorest among the poor.

### II. THE HOPEFULNESS OF THE PRESENT. Ruth 2:1-2.

There is a lesson that Naomi as well as all of us must learn, that "before God giveth songs in the night, he must first make it night" (See Job 35:10). When we dwell too much on the apparent hopelessness of the past, we become blind to the hopefulness of the present. To indulge in self-pity is a luxury that no sincere child of God can afford. Boaz was a kinsman in whose sight she and particularly her

daughter-in-law expected to find grace. How much more should we expect to find grace in the sight of God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Our past, no matter how dark and bitter, will suddenly turn to light in the presence of Jesus Christ.

### III. THE BLESSED FUTURE. Ruth 4:13-14.

"We do not always know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future." If we could believe this at all times, how much sorrow and crying and bitterness and disappointment we could save ourselves. In seemingly hopeless circumstances, Naomi and Ruth found love and security and comfort in a new home. God blessed it to such an extent that the union of Boaz and Ruth was the means by which Israel blossomed into its fullest maturity as a nation through the ultimate birth of David.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 26, 1959

Theme: **COURAGE IN CRISIS (ESTHER)**

Scripture: Esther 4:1-3, 10-16; 9:20-22

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** When the evil forces of the world prepare for an attack on God's people, we often forget that God is already prepared for them.

**INTRODUCTION:** We seldom look upon danger as an opportunity. It is something we fear and evade, something from which we run in hasty retreat. There are some dangers, however, which are God-given. They are sent to test our strength and courage. To retreat in times of such dangers is a sign of weakness and cowardice. We are born for a purpose into a certain environment around particular circumstances in order to fulfill God's will for our lives. Hamlet in Shakespear's play says, "The time is out of joint; O cursed spite that ever I was born to set it right." He looked upon the dangers, the problems and difficulties all around him and had no courage to face them. The words and thought of Rupert Brooks are more in keeping with today's lesson, "Thanks be unto God who has matched us with this hour!" Paul makes it even clearer for us when he says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth

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me" (Phil. 4:13). He is able and ready for anything and everything! The power of Jesus Christ is greater than any crisis or danger that may arise. (Read the entire Book of Esther for the full background of the events in the lesson.)

### I. DANGER AND PANIC. Esther 4:1-3.

Many people are paralyzed in the face of danger. Fear takes possession of them to such an extent that their faculties render them helpless in their thinking and acting.

These first few verses give us a picture of the utter helplessness of Mordecai as well as the whole Jewish population. There was loud and bitter crying. There was mourning and fasting and weeping and wailing. Not one thought or prayer or action was given to the actual alleviation or solving of the problem. The spirit of hopelessness was added to the spirit of helplessness.

### II. PREPARATION AND DANGER. Esther 4:10-14.

Some are paralyzed in times of great danger while others are vitalized. They also have fear, but it is a fear that is coupled with great concern which moves them to action. Esther was not sure how her planning would turn out, but she went ahead with all her preparation just as though it would be the means of the salvation of her people. God must have some plan for her life as well as for the nation of Israel, and she decided to find that plan at all costs.

### III. COURAGE AND DANGER. Esther 4:15-16.

It is not always easy to know what to do in time of danger. A person must know whether to retreat or to go forward. Fools may enter where angels fear to tread. Cowards may be interested in saving only their own skin and run away. A foolish risk is meaningless and often fatal. The person who is concerned about the will of God takes a calculated risk. He sees the danger, but he also sees God in the danger, and although it may cost him his life he has the conviction that this is what God wants him to do.

Esther knew that this action was dangerous, but not to take action at all was even more dangerous.

### IV. VICTORY AND JOY. Esther 9:20-22.

Although God's name is not mentioned in the Book of Esther, it would be foolish to deny that God's spirit and power are not manifest throughout the entire book. We are reminded of the words of James Russell Lowell in "The Present Crisis":

"Truth forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne,—  
Yet that scaffold sways the future,  
And, behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadow,  
Keeping watch above his own."

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Western District

### Women's Birthday Program, Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, held its yearly birthday program on Sunday, May 17. Our president, Mrs. K. L. Gieser, was in charge. Mrs. Henry Barnet led the singing. Mrs. W. Long read Psalm 121 and spoke on the topic, "Marked Path," and led in prayer. A double trio sang several numbers composed of Mesdames F. Klingman, W. Long, E. Holland, H. Peterson, A. Hoelzer, P. Schulz.

Mrs. Vaughan gave a reading, "Is It Nothing to You?" Honor was given for many years of faithful service to Mrs. A. Hoelzer as president and Mrs. M. Harding as treasurer. Our guest speaker was Mrs. C. Auch, former missionary to Japan. Rev. H. Barnet led in the closing prayer. The offering of \$96.78 is being used for our foreign and home missions. Refreshments were served and Rev. C. Wagner offered a prayer of thanks. Our aim is to continue in faithful service, exalting our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Charles Wagner, Secretary

### 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Kroesch

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Kroesch of 380 Magnolia Street, Costa Mesa, Calif., was celebrated by the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., on Wednesday evening, May 6. They were married in the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, on May 6, 1909 by the late Rev. R. Stracke. In 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Kroesch moved to Was-



Mr. and Mrs. William Kroesch of Costa Mesa, Calif., whose golden wedding anniversary was celebrated on May 6, 1959 by the Upper Bay Baptist Church of Santa Ana Heights, Calif.

co, California and in 1945 they came to Anaheim, California. For the last three years they have lived in Costa Mesa. The Kroesches have a son, Everett Kroesch, who resides in Bakersfield, Calif., two grandchildren, Leroy and Beverly, and three great-grandchildren.

Many out of town guests were present as well as a host of friends who made up the guest list of 150. Women of the church had arranged a delightful party, including a varied program and refreshments with decorated cake inscribed with the dates of the marriage and the golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Kroesch is a son of the late Rev. William Kroesch. Mr. and Mrs. Kroesch are now active members in the Upper Bay Baptist Church.

Fred A. David, Pastor

### Farewell Service for Pastor, Elk Grove, Calif.

On Sunday morning, May 31, Rev. W. W. Knauf brought his farewell message to the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif. He spoke on the text, II Cor. 13:11. On the same Sunday evening there was a farewell program for Mr. and Mrs. Knauf. Mr. Frank Veninga served as Master of Ceremonies and also presented the gifts to the Knaufs from the church. The following organizations were represented: deacons, Ted Ehinsz; trustees, Ernest Adam; choir, Ed. Schuh; Sunday School, Senior Department, Henry Rausser; Junior Department, Mrs. John Wage-mann; Woman's Mission Society, Mrs. Ed. Kammerer; C. B. Y. F., Miss Geraldine Stabbert; Men's Brotherhood, Ed. Neher; and the Baptist Youth Club, Mrs. Leonard Fandrich.

A number of musical numbers were rendered. The church choir sang "the Hallelujah Chorus" at the request of the pastor. About 250 people attended the farewell program. Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Knauf with their daughter, Evangeline, began their ministry at the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan on June 14. They have two other children: James Knauf who is in Berkeley, Calif., and Mrs. Harvey Sapp who with her husband and son lives in San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

### Ordination of Rev. B. W. Tutschek of Chilliwack, B. C.

The Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia, invited an ordination council to meet in connection with the annual sessions of the British Columbia Association on April 23rd, at the Immanuel Church of Vancouver, B. C. This council was called to examine Mr. B. W. Tutschek for ordination to the Christian ministry. Seven churches responded by sending 17 delegates for this purpose. Upon organization, Dr. A. S. Felberg was appointed chairman and Rev. G. P. Gebauer clerk. Mr. Tutschek's testimony of conversion, call to the Gospel ministry, and doctrinal views were clearly and inspiringly presented.

Sunday, May 17th, was the festive



Rev. B. W. Tutschek of Chilliwack, B. C., pastor of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, who was ordained into the Christian ministry on April 23, 1959.

day for both the pastor and the church when Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary; Rev. Isador Faszler, pastor of the Bethany Church of Vancouver, B. C., and Dr. Albert S. Felberg of the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C., followed the invitation to assist the home church in the ordination service. Rev. I. Faszler presided over the evening program. The church choir under the leadership of Miss Agnes Rinas contributed two anthems, and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tutschek beautified the service. The ordination sermon was brought by Dr. A. S. Felberg. The consecration prayer was offered by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg. Rev. I. Faszler gave the charge to the church and Mr. Sonnenberg gave the charge to the candidate. A special offering was taken by the church to assist the pastor in buying books for his library. Rev. B. W. Tutschek closed the meeting with prayer and benediction.

Albert Felberg, Reporter

### Farewell to Young People, Portland's Immanuel Church

On Sunday evening, May 24, the speaker for the worship service at the Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore., was Rev. Ralph Nelson. We have witnessed Ralph's preparation for the mission field during his growing years in our fellowship. Together with his wife Martha, and baby, he expects to leave shortly for the Unevangelized Fields Mission among the Indians in the interior of Brazil. Ralph attended Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, Biola School of Missionary Medicine in Los Angeles, where he met his wife, and together attended Wycliffe Bible Translator's Summer Institute of Linguistics in North Dakota.

Miss Gloris Werner has also been a true example of Christian service in a home away from home. Being a teacher in the Parkrose schools just out-

side Portland for the past three years, she has placed herself at our disposal in a musical and teaching capacity. She leaves soon to return to her home in Odessa, Washington, where she is a member of our sister church there. She will marry Lewis Kaiser, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Kaiser, of Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., and they will live in Anchorage, Alaska, where Lewis is stationed in the U. S. Service. After the evening services, we had an informal farewell Singspiration for these dedicated Christian young people.

Florence S. Bauder, Church Clerk

## Northern District

### Dedication of Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta.

Organization of the Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, took place on June 2, 1958, with 163 members, formerly of the Bridgeland Baptist Church. For a time the services were held in the Ebenezer United Church



The choir of the Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., sings at the dedication service for the new building. Rev. R. Milbrandt, pastor, is seated at the right on the platform.

with Rev. R. Milbrandt as the minister. Official recognition of the newly organized church was held Sept. 20, 1958 with the ministers from the following churches taking part: Bridgeland and Central of Calgary, Grace Baptist of Medicine Hat, Bethany Baptist of Lethbridge, and the churches of Carbon, Trochu and Olds, Alberta.

Ground breaking services for the new church building were held on Oct. 12, 1958. On Nov. 30, 1958 a special service for the laying of the cornerstone took place. Rev. S. Harris of the Crescent Heights Baptist Church brought the message in English and Rev. R. Milbrandt spoke in German. The new church auditorium was used for the first time on Sunday evening, December 18, with great rejoicing.

Finally, on Sunday, March 22nd, the great day of dedication arrived. Friends from far and near gathered for the services. Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., and Rev. P. Daum of Vancouver, B. C., were the special speakers. We give thanks unto our God for his goodness in providing

this beautiful place of worship.

The church auditorium has a seating capacity for 450 people. There are 8 Sunday School rooms to accommodate the growing Sunday School. Membership in the church now exceeds the 200 mark. The building was completed at a cost of \$75,000 with much of the labor contributed by the congregation. Size of the structure is 46x86 feet. Rev. R. Milbrandt is our pastor.

Mrs. Merton Klippert, Reporter

## Eastern District

### Aipena, Mich., Church Honors Pastor and Wife

The Rev. and Mrs. Eric Kuhn were honored Tuesday night, May 12, for their seven years of service at the Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church, at Alpena, Michigan. During the program of the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Men's Brotherhood, a gift of a three-dimensional plaque of "The Good Shepherd" was presented on behalf

### Reception for Pastor, Cleveland's Erin Ave. Church

Sunday, May 3rd, will long be remembered by members and friends of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, in Cleveland, Ohio. This Sunday marked the beginning of the ministry of Rev. Henry Pfeifer with us. Since Rev. Ervin B. Strauss left us, Rev. Gordon C. Huisinga and Rev. W. J. Luebeck ministered faithfully by supplying the pulpit.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifer arrived here May 1st and both the German and English worship services on Sunday morning, May 3rd, were well attended. For the evening a church reception had been planned and the church was filled to capacity with members and friends. Representatives of the church and all its organizations expressed in tones of thanksgiving the thoughts of the church. Selections from both the German and English Mixed Choirs, the German Male Chorus, groups of select singers, and several instrumental numbers rang forth to the praise of God. The Ladies' Mission Society assisted by the Dorcas Circle and other girls served delicious refreshments to more than 200 guests.

Six women presented a fitting dialogue for the reception of a new minister. Several poems brightened the reception and gave food for thought to all. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifer indicated that gratitude and thanksgiving were foremost that night.

Edeltraut Boehnke, Reporter

## Central District

### Reception and Farewell Services at Lorraine, Kansas

On May 17, Dr. D. H. Gallagher, who had received a doctor of theology degree from the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas earlier in May, began his ministry at the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas. A reception was given for Dr. and Mrs. Gallagher and their three children in the fellowship hall of the church on Friday evening, May 22.

On May 10, a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Schroeder was given. Mr. Schroeder had been our interim pastor since Dec. 1958. We have been especially blessed to have had both Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder with us. We feel God has surely led Dr. Gallagher to us and we are looking forward to a more consecrated effort for the Lord's business.

Mrs. Theodore Wilkens, Church Reporter

### Ordination of Rev. Jack Davis At Gotebo, Okla.

On Thursday, May 14, the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Oklahoma, ordained its pastor, Mr. Jack Davis, into the Gospel ministry. A Council was called to advise the Gotebo Church in regard to the matter of ordination. Delegates from the Corn, Okeene, Loyal, Cherokee and Shattuck churches met in session during the afternoon dealing with the candidate in regard to his conversion experience, his call to the ministry and his statement of doctrinal beliefs. Rev. Eleon Sandau of the Loyal Church served as Council Moderator.

For the evening ordination service Rev. Jack Block of Corn, Okla., brought the message on the fitting topic of being "diligent" in the carrying out of responsibilities as an undershepherd of Jesus Christ. Rev. Leon Bill of Okeene led in the ordination prayer. Rev. LeRoy Schauer of Shattuck gave the charge to the church; Rev. Kenneth Unruh of Cherokee the charge to the candidate and Rev. Sandau extended the hand of fellowship into the ministry. The service was closed with the Rev. Jack Davis leading in closing prayer.

LeRoy Schauer, Council Secretary

### Furniture Dedication at Calvary Church, Corn, Okla.

On Sunday evening, April 12, the members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Oklahoma held special dedication services for the new church furniture. Rev. Jack Block, pastor, brought the dedication message.

A year ago last April, "Queen for a Day," the national Television program, presented to one of our church members enough pews to seat ninety people. We were privileged to select the kind we wished and so we went ahead and ordered enough to fill the sanctuary with pews plus pulpit furniture and choir chairs. We are very thankful to the Lord for what he has done for us.

Mrs. A. W. Leppke, Reporter

### Southwestern Conference Ministerial Retreat at Bison, Kan.

"Evangelism, Its Needs and Problems" and "The Christian College and Its Crisis" were twin topics presented to the 8th annual meeting of the Southwestern Conference Ministerial Fellowship March 31-April 2 at Bison, Kansas. The host pastor, Rev. Oliver Ringering, led his people in extending a warm welcome to 21 pastors and speakers attending the sessions. The beauty of the new church building combined with the gracious hospitality of the Bison people to make this a memorable meeting.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of evangelism and Church Extension for our



The sanctuary of the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Okla., at the service of dedication for the new pews and furniture with Rev. Jack Block, Pastor, behind the pulpit.

denomination, developed the theme, "Evangelism," as being our primary task as New Testament churches. Dr. Kenneth Smith, dean of Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, discussed the problems and challenges facing the Christian college. His provocative lectures gave insight to the overall scope of higher Christian education.

Counseling with pastors and bringing the final address was Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary for our denomination. Officers elected are: Rev. Jack Block, Corn, Okla., president; Rev. Edwin Voigt, Vesper, Kansas, vice-president; and Rev. Merle E. Brenner, Ellinwood, Kansas, secretary-treasurer. New pastors welcomed were Rev. Lyle Wacker, Columbus, Neb., and Rev. Jack Davis, Gotebo, Okla.

Merle E. Brenner, Secretary

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### Mother's Day and Easter Services, Cherokee, Okla.

Mother's Day was observed in the Bethel Baptist Church, Cherokee, Okla., by having some of the mothers read the Scriptures, lead in prayer and take part in other ways. Each mother was presented with a carnation and corsages were given to the oldest and the youngest mother and to the mother having the most children present. At the evening service the fund for the relocation of the parsonage from Ingersoll to Cherokee was launched. This amounted to \$1,130. Some of this offering was in cash and the rest was a title deed to the lot, located in the same block as the new church building.

On the Monday following Mother's Day, the Men's Brotherhood gave a banquet for their wives, mothers, sweethearts and friends at a local cafe. An enjoyable program was arranged with Mr. Harry Geis of Okeene, Okla., as guest speaker. Easter was observed with a unique program entitled, "Silver for Christ." The silver offering amounted to about \$500. Progress is being made in the building.

Mrs. Herbert A. Meyer, Reporter

### Special "Family Week" Services, Rio Grande City, Texas

From May 3 to 10 special "Family Week" services were held at the Garcias Ranch Baptist Chapel of Rio Grande City, Texas. Rev. David C. Keiry, Spanish American missionary from the San Luis Valley, Colorado, was the speaker. God blessed his Word and the contacts which were made in various homes during these days of the meetings. A number of people came forward for reassurance of salvation and rededication of their lives to live for Jesus Christ.

On the closing evening, a baptismal service was held. Rev. Raymond Castro, missionary, had the joy of baptizing Grandpa Lara and Roberto and Olga Mendoza. This mission now has 35 baptized members on its roll. To God we give the honor and praise! The people will long remember Brother Keiry for his testimony of love for Christ. We covet your prayers for these members and converts in our mission and pray also for those who still need to know him as Savior.

Raymond Castro, Missionary



Southwestern Conference pastors at their annual Ministerial Retreat held at the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas.



Final mortgage papers on the Baptist parsonage at Randolph, Minn., are burned by Milton Eckstrom (left), chairman of the board of deacons, and Wesley Engler, chairman of the board of trustees, with the blessing of Christ upon this service.

### Mortgage Burning Ceremony, Randolph Baptist Church, Minn.

On May 17, members and friends of the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minnesota, enjoyed a pot-luck dinner after the morning worship service and a short program in the afternoon, this being the date set to reminisce and rejoice that payments for the parsonage had been completed on April 15.

Some of the special numbers on the program were a historical review by Paul Miller, an accordion solo by one of the younger members, Judy Scott,

special music by the male quartet, a choir anthem, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice," and the burning of the payment contract by the deacon chairman, Milton Eckstrom and the trustee chairman, Wesley Engler.

When the church ventured out in this matter in April 1952, they did so with some reluctance, but due to the need for a parsonage, they undertook the work in faith. Since then, God has proved more than faithful, and the congregation has grown through this experience. We praise him for his goodness!

Edna Miller, Reporter

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Dr. Frederick J. Berger of Van Nuys, Calif., conductor of a Brownell Tour to Latin America and the Baptist Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1960.

in a ministry among Jews in Los Angeles, Calif., under the auspices of the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society. He has traveled extensively in the Far East, Central America, and three times to Europe and the Near East. He has had much tour conducting experience.

Mrs. Berger is the former Lois Schroeder, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Otto Robert Schroeder, and the sister of Mrs. Irma Grosser of La Grange Park, Ill., and Mrs. Adele Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif.

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### SUMMER CONFERENCES

(Denominational workers as guest speakers also shown).

July 13-19 NORTHERN MANITOBA TRI UNION YOUTH CAMP at Wellman Lake, Minitonas, Manitoba. Rev. Herman Palfenier.

July 13-19 SASKATCHEWAN YOUTH CAMP at Good Spirit Lake, Spring-side, Sask. Rev. Lawrence Bienert.

July 15-19 OKLAHOMA CBYF CAMP at Roman Nose State Park. Mrs. George Henderson.

July 15-21 DAKOTA INTERMEDIATE YOUTH CAMP at Crystal Springs, N. Dak. Prof. Roy Seibel and Rev. Reinhard Neuman.

July 15-22 ALBERTA INTERMEDIATE CAMP at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer and Rev. Arnold Rapske.

July 16-19 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE at Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. Richard Schilke.

July 18-25 MANITOBA JUNIOR CAMP at Lake Nutimik, River Hills, Man. Miss Gorgene Kern and Mr. Arthur Patzia.

July 19-22 OKLAHOMA SCRIPTURE MEMORY CAMP at Roman Nose State Park. Mrs. George Henderson.

July 19-26 CENTRAL ALBERTA & SASKATCHEWAN TRI-UNION JUNIOR CAMP at Pinecrest Bible Camp, Maple Creek, Sask. Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke.

July 20-Aug. 2 SASKATCHEWAN CHILDREN'S CAMP at Good Spirit Lake, Springside, Sask. Mr. Joe Hufnagel and Rev. Reinhard Neuman.

July 20-27 SASKATCHEWAN JUNIOR CAMP at Echo Lake, Sask. Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer and Rev. William Sturhahn.

July 21-25 DAKOTA JUNIOR CAMP at Crystal Springs, N. Dak. Miss Ruth Bathauer and Rev. David Keiry.

July 22-29 ALBERTA JUNIOR CAMP at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Rev. Walter Hoffman.

### SOUTH AMERICA

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the Baptist Seminary in Santiago and heard of their plans for larger and more adequate facilities.

We learned from missionaries that Chile offers a tremendous challenge to Baptists. It is probably the most liberal of the Latin-American Republics in its dealings with missionary groups. Religious liberty was written into the Constitution in 1925. This has been a bulwark of strength for the evangelicals and has made their growth possible.

In years to come, this southernmost country of Chile may show the way to the spectacular opening of other missionary doors for evangelicals with the Gospel witness even as its mountains and scenery speak of the spectacular grandeur of the land.

## Obituary

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

### MISS MINNIE SWYTER of George, Iowa

Miss Minnie Swyter of George, Iowa, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Swyter, was born May 6, 1872 in Weener, Eastfriesland, Germany. She passed away at the Rock Rapids Hospital on May 4, 1959, at the age of 86 years, 11 months and 28 days. She received Christ as her Savior at the age of 16, and was baptized by her father. In her quiet and faithful manner she witnessed to salvation in Christ. In 1892, the Swyter family came to George, Iowa. She later returned to Aplington, Iowa, but in 1929 she again came to George, Iowa to make this her home.

Left to mourn her passing are a brother, Peter, and a sister, Lena (Mrs. Martin Vust), both of George, Iowa. Funeral services were held in the Central Baptist Church in George, Iowa, with Rev. J. A. Brygger officiating. She will be missed by her loved ones and friends.

Central Baptist Church  
George, Iowa  
MRS. J. R. CASSENS, Reporter

### MR. FRED KETTERLING of Lehr, North Dakota

Mr. Fred Ketterling of Lehr, N. Dak., was called to his heavenly home on May 12, 1959, at the age of 66 years. In 1914 he married Christine Ruff which union was blessed with five children, of whom two died at birth. The surviving children are: Harold of St. Paul, Minn.; Walter of Lehr, N. Dak.; and Violet (Mrs. Victor Remington) of The Dells, Oregon. Brother Ketterling had lived in Lehr since 1919, where he operated a cream station for 34 years.

He was converted and baptized under the ministry of the late Rev. Stephen Groza and was received into the membership of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of which he was a loyal member until his death. He served the church faithfully as deacon for three years and as treasurer for 20 years. Besides his widow and three children, he leaves to mourn his departure one brother, three sisters, two grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. The undersigned conducted the funeral service and spoke on Ecclesiastes 12:5.

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Lehr, North Dakota  
E. S. FENSKE, Pastor

### MR. GOTTLIEB TAXIS of Linton, North Dakota

Mr. Gottlieb Taxis of Linton, N. Dak., was born in South Russia Nov. 20, 1872, and died in Bismarck, N. Dak., on May 26 having reached the age of 86 years. He was united in marriage to Rosina Phillippi, and came to the United States, located in Oklahoma, and later came to North Dakota in 1903. For the past ten years he resided in the Home for the Aged in Bismarck. His wife preceded him in 1946.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Philip Schlittenhart of Bismarck, N. Dak.; two sons: August and Jake of Linton, N. Dak.; also a brother, 13 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren. He was baptized by Rev. August Kludt, and was active in the Sunday School, both at Hazelton and at Linton. Funeral services were held at Linton with the undersigned officiating assisted by Rev. B. W. Krentz, superintendent of the Bismarck Home.

Linton, North Dakota  
A. J. FISCHER, Pastor

### MRS. KATIE BERTSCH of Ashley, North Dakota

Mrs. Katie Bertsch of Ashley, N. Dak., was born in McPherson County, S. Dak., Feb. 8, 1900, daughter of Peter and Karolina Ackerman. At age 13, she accepted Christ as her Savior whom she faithfully served with unwavering faith. On Nov. 9, 1923 she was united in marriage to John A. Bertsch. They established their home on a farm

"Under the protecting shadow of  
God's wing, the little shadows of  
life lose their terror."

south of Venturia, N. Dak. Through industry and thrift the family developed a fine, Christian home. Since 1946 they have been living in Ashley. In 1947 Mrs. Bertsch was baptized upon confession of her faith by Rev. Walter Stein and united with the German Baptist Church of Ashley where she remained an honored fellow-Christian. Her quiet disposition won her many friends and encouraged every Christian to live a better life. After a brief time in the hospital, she spent the last few days of her life surrounded by her family in whose presence she passed away on May 3 at the age of 59 years. Mourning her passing are her husband and two daughters: Violet, Mrs. Albert Heupel; Sadie, Mrs. Clarence Bender, both of Venturia, N. Dak.; 2 sons-in-law and 2 grandchildren. Rev. O. Meth, pastor of the children, assisted in the memorial services.

Ashley, North Dakota  
A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Pastor

### MRS. B. J. Lindaman of Aplington Iowa

Mrs. Tillie Lindaman, nee Van Gerpen, of Aplington, Ia., was born June 2, 1880 in Jennel, Germany. She with her parents came to this country in 1882 and settled in Florence, Illinois. At the age of 16 she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. On June 17, 1897 she was baptized by Rev. George Heide and received into the fellowship of the Aplington Baptist Church. On March 20, 1900 she was united in marriage to Ben Lindaman. To this union were born 11 children. Preceding her in death were six children who died in infancy, her husband, and a son, John.

She passed from this life after a brief illness on May 30, having attained the age of 79 years, 11 months, and 28 days. Had she call home tarried, she would have observed her 80th birthday on the day of her funeral. She is survived by four children: Dan, of Shell Rock, Iowa; Fannie, Mrs. Carl Allen; Tjadie; and Bert, all of Allison, Iowa; 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; also two sisters and one brother.

Aplington, Iowa  
DONALD PATET, Pastor

### MRS. MARTHA BLACK of North Freedom, Wisconsin

Mrs. Martha Black, nee Lange, of North Freedom, Wis., was born in West Liberty, Ohio, Nov. 23, 1865, and passed away to be with Lord on May 22, 1959, after failing health at the age of 93. The funeral service was on May 26th. She is survived by three sons: Evan of Rock Springs, Wis.; Reuben of Loganville, Wis.; and Willis of Beloit, Wis.; besides a daughter, Nellie, of Cleveland, Ohio. Her passing is also deeply felt by four daughters-in-law, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Mrs. Black was united in marriage to William Black on March 20, 1890. He and three sons preceded her in death.

Mrs. Black recently completed her 75th year as a member of the North Freedom Baptist Church. She followed the Lord in baptism on April 13, 1884. Following her conversion, she taught a Sunday School class for many years as well as holding the president's office in the Ladies Aid in Rock Springs for 25 years. She was an eager reader of the "Baptist Herald" and truly was "faithful unto death" (Rev. 2:10). Her deep devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ, whom she loved and served, will be greatly missed.

North Freedom, Wis.  
R. LAWRENZ, Pastor

### MRS. WILMA STANGL of Oak Park, Illinois

Mrs. Wilma Stangl, nee Klein, formerly of Bethlehem, Pa., went to be with her Lord, Feb. 10, 1959. She was born in Czechoslovakia on June 9, 1890. After settling in this country, she was converted and baptized in 1909, and became a charter member of the First German Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., which later became the Calvary Church. In this fellowship she served faithfully for years as a Sunday School teacher and as president of the Ladies' Aid Society. She was recently a member of the First Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois.

Her husband, Frank, and one son, Walter, preceded her in death. She is survived by her children: two sons, William and David of Bethlehem, Pa.; two daughters, Helen (Mrs. Bruno Schreiber) of Oak Park, Illinois, with whom she was residing; and Elsie (Mrs. Theodore Mayberry) of Kelo, Washington; and 6 grandchildren. Her body was removed to Bethlehem for the funeral service, conducted by the Rev. Robert W. Cook, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, and for interment in Nisky Hill Cemetery, Calvary Baptist Church Bethlehem, Penn.

ROBERT W. COOK, Reporter

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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pianist, Mrs. Ed. Neher; and assistant pianist, Mrs. Leonard Fandrich. The Bible verse for the coming year is Psalm 119:105. On May 28 the Junior CBY Club held its closing meeting until next September in Elk Grove Park for recreation and devotions. The membership during the year was 18. The adult sponsor is Mrs. Leonard Fandrich.

● Dr. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, has the unique honor of having been photographed for the cover picture of a leaflet about "The Senior Citizens' Center" of Dayton. This is a fascinating center for men and women who are 60 years of age or older who enjoy stimulating games, work on projects, develop talents and hobbies or relax with a favorite book or record. Dr. von Berge maintains an active participation in this Center as well as in the "Borrowed Time Club" and in the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton so far as health and strength will permit. He is 87 years of age. He still has time for correspondence and welcomes letters from our church people. His address is 1426 Grand Avenue, Dayton 7, Ohio.

● Mr. Cornie Weibe, a 1959 graduate of the Bible School Department of the Christian Training Institute, has been serving the Clover Lawn Baptist Church near Leduc, Alberta since April 15. Heretofore he was assisted in this work by Gene Hochhalter, also a 1959 graduate of C. T. I. Mr. Weibe has transferred his membership from the First Baptist Church of Grande Prairie, Alberta, to the First Baptist Church of Leduc which has also licensed him to preach the Gospel. Mr. Weibe will be a student next fall in the Bible College Department of C. T. I. He is serving this summer under the denominational Student Service Plan. Rev. Fred J. Knalson is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leduc and the Clover Lawn Baptist Church.

● On Wednesday, May 27, an ordination council was held by the First Baptist Church, Strasbourg, Sask., for examining Mr. Philip Grabke of Strasbourg, Sask., for ordination. He brought his testimony, account of his call to the ministry and doctrinal views with conviction. At the evening ordination service, Rev. Richard Grabke of the Faith Church, a brother of his, brought the ordination sermon. Rev. R. Neuman of Edenwold, Saskatchewan, and Mrs. Arthur J. Browatzke of Raymore, Sask., also took part. A good sized assemblage of Christian Indians from the Muscowpetung Reserve was present and Chief and Mrs. John Gambler extended congratulations. Rev. Philip R. Grabke is the pastor of the Strasbourg Baptist Church of Saskatchewan. He pronounced the benediction at the close.

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## SEMINARY MILESTONE

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class as the president of the seminary.

Nine graduates stepped forward at the roll call of the registrar to receive their degrees. Rev. Herman Efa, Chancellor, South Dakota, received the Bachelor of Theology degree.

Those receiving the Bachelor of Divinity degree were: John Binder, Swan River, Manitoba, Canada; Arthur Brust, Swan River, Manitoba, Canada; Leon Franck, Cleveland, Ohio; Edmond Hohn, Swan River, Manitoba, Canada; Allan Strohschein, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada; Myrl Thiesies, Dallas, Oregon; and Adolph Welk, Forest Park, Illinois.

We are deeply grateful for the splendid quality of men and women who have been coming forth from our seminary in the past years. Their life and ministry stand in tribute to the seminary's training program as well as to the faithful work of the churches.

Our task is not complete, however, as long as we have churches without pastors. We must press the challenge to all youth to answer the call of Christ for service. The waving fields of harvest are beckoning for more workers. Our youth must rise to meet that call!

## ADVANCE BUILDING FUND

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member of the Building Committee. Mr. Fred A. Grosser, chairman of the headquarters building committee, spoke briefly about the developments that have taken place in our various headquarters offices over the years and the need for new and larger facilities. Mr. Robert S. Swanson, architect, described some of the plans for the new edifice. The group sang the

### THE LAST WORD

"A smile is a light in the window of the face that shows that a happy heart is at home."

Doxology of praise and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, secretary of Education and Publication, offered a prayer of thanks to God for his guidance and blessing.

Then the spirited digging began. Pictures were taken of the secretaries, stenographers and guests as they drove the shovels into the earth and turned over the sod for the launching of this building project. It became a gala and festive occasion with bright faces mirroring the sunshine of the afternoon. It was a good beginning, a happy start, for a tremendous ADVANCE by our denomination in the months to come.

## A DIAMOND RING FOR CHRIST

Then something GRAND occurred which was entirely unexpected. One of the women, who attended the ground breaking exercises with her husband, was so deeply moved by the service that she felt that she had to do something immediately. She took off her diamond ring from her finger and said: "My husband and I have been married for many years. We have our treasured wedding ring. But the diamond ring can mean much more in the Lord's work. I am giving this to the BUILDING FUND!" This diamond ring with its large, expensive stone becomes the first gift towards this Fund!

The donor's name cannot be divulged at her request. But she and her husband are loyally devoted to Christ and are ardent supporters of our denominational enterprise. She has set an example for all North American Baptists that only "the best" is worthy of our love to Christ, the Lord. It's a thrilling beginning, indeed, to this Building Fund campaign.

By the publication date of this issue, construction of the new building in Forest Park will have been started. It is planned to have the cornerstone laying exercises on a Sunday afternoon early in September. The building should be completed by March 1960. The dedication will probably be held in connection with the 1960 General Council sessions. In the meantime, the architect's plans for the Seminary Library are nearing completion. This will also be a two story edifice. By the end of the summer, "Der Sendbote" will also be farmed out to new printers. All of the publications will be printed elsewhere, and the relocation of our publishing house in Cleveland, Ohio, will be carried out as soon as practical.

## HISTORY IN THE MAKING

It is wonderful to see God's people in action, making decisive decisions, going forward, serving the Lord. History is in the making in our midst as new buildings arise and as our people respond with great joy to the DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE BUILDING FUND. The job must still be done. But with God's help and blessing, it WILL be done!