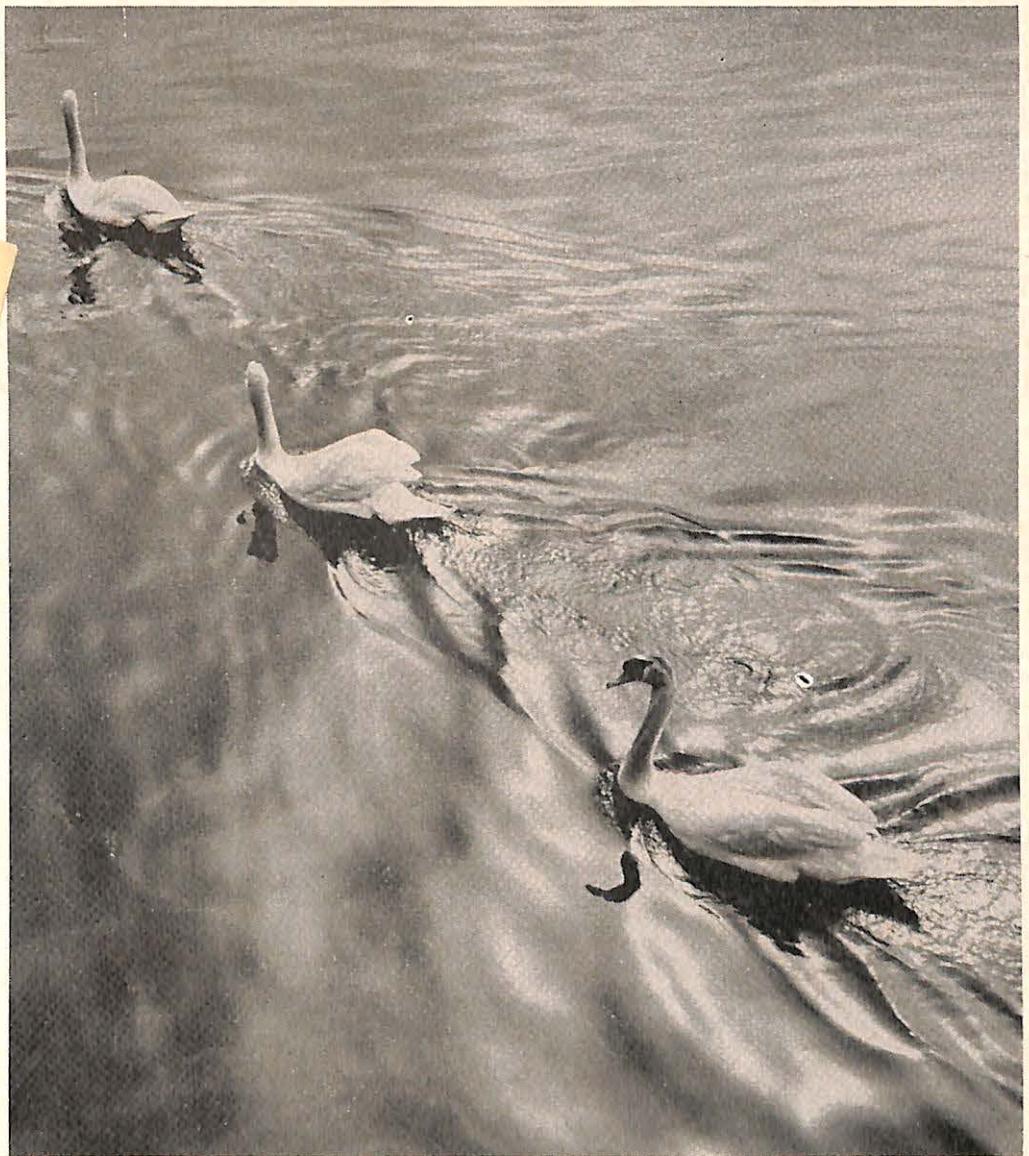


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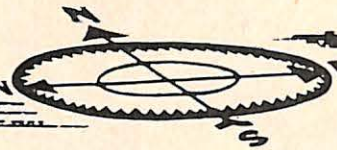
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• The Honorable Frank Carlson, Senator from Kansas, has been named General Chairman of the Capital Teen Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., December 28-30, 1959, under the sponsorship of Youth for Christ International. The Convention will be interdenominational in make up and is expected to draw from 10-15,000 teenagers from the United States, Canada, and several free capitals of the world.

• Preparation of a motion picture story treatment of *To The Golden Shore*, the Adoniram Judson biography by Courtney Anderson, published by Little, Brown and Company, was authorized by the General Council of the American Convention, which met in Chicago, March 3-5. A Baptist, Judson was the first missionary sent overseas from America. He founded Christian work in Burma, translated the Bible into the Burmese tongue and prepared the first English-Burmese dictionary.
—*Watchman-Examiner*

• The Honorable Richard M. Nixon, Vice-President of the United States, will receive International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation at the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., July 6-11, according to Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Mr. Nixon will be presented with the award at the closing session of the convention on Saturday, July 11, by Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. He is to be the eighth recipient of this honor. Those who have previously received it are Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Honorable Herbert C. Hoover, Honorable Harold E. Stassen, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, the late Mrs. Helen Lyon Jones, Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin, and Congressman Walter H. Judd.

• A printing plant which can turn out 30,000,000 pages of Christian literature annually was dedicated at Lagos, Nigeria, last month. The new building will house the printing and publishing facilities of the Niger-Challenge Press, operated by the Sudan Interior Mission. Three hundred guests representing Protestant churches throughout West Africa attended the dedication. The Niger-Challenge Press is a merger of the eight-year-old *African Challenge* organization and the 49-year-old Niger Press. Its new staff numbers 38 Africans. The *African Challenge* is an evangelical monthly with a popular appeal sold at hundreds of newstands over the Dark Continent.

• State house Bibles, to be used by officials taking oaths of office, were presented by the American Bible Society recently to representatives of the

Governors of Alaska and Hawaii. Alaska was also given Bibles in English, Barrow Eskimo, Kuskokwin Eskimo and Russian. Hawaii received Bibles in Hawaiian, English, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Chinese in Cantonese and Kuoyu dialects. The Society reported that its widest distribution of Bibles was reached in 1958. It said 9,188,978 were distributed within the United States and 16,629,486 worldwide.

• A handsome booklet is being distributed by Oxford University Press to mark the 50th anniversary of the widely-known Scofield Reference Bible.



Baptist Briefs

• **Baptist Union History Published.** Dr. Ernest A. Payne, secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, is author of a new book, "The Baptist Union. A Short History," published by Carey Kingsgate Press. The author carefully and interestingly follows the line of Baptist history in England from the brave struggle of Baptist forefathers for religious liberty through the organization of the Union for co-operative work of the churches to the present day of Baptist witness in Great Britain.

• **Baptist Anniversary in Mexico City.** First Baptist Church in Mexico City, Mexico, which has 1200 members, observed its Diamond Jubilee in March. The church was organized March 14, 1874, under the leadership of Rev. W. T. Green, a missionary for the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. Though supported by the Societies for many years, the church has been self-supporting in recent times. Its new building completed in 1955 is already becoming too small to house its growing program, especially in the Youth Department.

• **Dr. Abrahamsson Visits.** Rev. Zeth A. Abrahamsson, associate to the general secretary of the Swedish Baptist Union, is in the U.S.A. on a three-month study of evangelism in American Baptist churches. Mr. Abrahamsson, who directs the evangelism program of Swedish Baptist churches, is traveling under sponsorship of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. "We all know that big meetings and campaigns attract people," he commented, "but I am interested in learning about evangelism for between big meetings. I want to observe day-to-day methods of reaching young people, laborers, and people outside of the church."

Author of the booklet is Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein, headmaster of Stony Brook School, Long Island, whose father, Dr. Arno C. Gaebelein, was a consulting editor for the publication of the Scofield Bible in 1909. In 1930 the Scofield Bible became the first publication of Oxford University Press, New York, to pass the million mark and it has continued to be a best-selling Bible ever since. Since 1954, a committee of nine Bible scholars headed by Dr. E. Schuyler English has been at work on a new edition. Publication is scheduled for 1963.

—*Christianity Today*

• **"All-Age" Plan Spreads.** Sunday, March 1, registered the greatest advance to date in the introduction of "all-age Sunday schools" in Australian Baptist churches, according to the *Australian Baptist*. On that day three suburban churches of Sydney inaugurated nursery and adult sections in their Sunday schools. (The term "all-age Sunday school" is used to contrast the present system of classes for all ages with the former conception of Sunday school for children only.) Each church reported successful beginnings following months of preparation during which accommodations were secured, adapted and renovated; teachers were trained; and prospects visited.

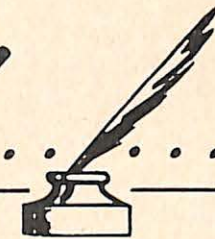
• **Southern Baptists in Japan.** This year, while Christians in Japan are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the beginning of Protestant mission work there, the Japan Baptist Convention is also celebrating the 70th anniversary of the arrival of Southern Baptist missionaries by giving special emphasis to evangelism. Plans call for city-wide evangelistic campaigns to be held in four of the larger cities of Japan in October, reports Missionary Loyce N. Nelson, chairman of the Japan Baptist Mission. Simultaneous revivals will also be held, with half of the 164 Baptist churches and chapels participating the latter part of September and the other half holding their meetings the middle of November.

• **New Church in Warsaw, Poland.** Polish Baptists have received news from city authorities of approval for the proposed new Baptist church in Warsaw. It will be built in the city center and, besides a building for worship, there will be a manse. Towards the estimated cost of \$80,000, the American Baptist Foreign Mission So-

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Editorial



Fellowship and Furtherance!

These are two great words associated with the Gospel of Christ—fellowship and furtherance of the Gospel! They are also two meaningful words that describe the annual session of the General Council in its deliberations on Friday, May 22, at the Forest Park Conference Room.

Our fellowship in Christ is stronger and more glorious than ever in our North American Baptist General Conference. Dr. John Wobig as the General Conference moderator emphasized this in his opening remarks during the General Council sessions. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, described it in this way: "As a denominational fellowship, we have experienced blessings in unusual abundance during the past fiscal year."

For the first time in our history, our total membership has passed the 50,000 mark. We have attained a record in missionary giving with \$685,349.17 contributed to our budget during the past year. This exceeds the contributions of the previous fiscal year by more than \$91,000 and our best previous year (1954-1955) by more than \$65,000.

But our people are also deeply concerned about "the furtherance of the Gospel." We are engaged in a spirited advance, in which the General Council is giving leadership and direction. Our denominational program calls for new and greater objectives in the work of every cooperating society. The appointment of new missionaries and the launching of greater missionary projects were endorsed by the General Council. We shall share more aggressively than ever in the tasks and joys of the Baptist Jubilee Advance during this coming year. We have clasped hands tightly in our own Conference and with Baptists everywhere to make Christ known for the furtherance of the Gospel. The General Council also adopted a record breaking budget of \$590,000 in addition to the Church Extension objective of \$50,000, the work of "God's Volunteers" which will cost about \$10,500, and other special projects amounting to \$10,080. This makes for a grand total of \$660,580.

But another challenging project looms up before us for our prayerful consideration in the months ahead. In order to further the Gospel and to do the most effective work possible for Christ, we need adequate facilities at our Forest Park Headquarters and Seminary. With the moving of Roger Williams Press from Cleveland, Ohio to Forest Park, Illinois, we shall have to construct a new building and enlarge our headquarters facilities. A new library building is greatly needed at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

To meet these needs, a Denominational Advance Building Fund of \$250,000 will be raised by our churches beginning with the fall of 1959. This represents an outlay of \$125,000 for the new building in Forest Park, Illinois, and \$125,000 for the new Seminary library. The campaign objectives and program will be announced at the summer conferences. Projects in connection with both buildings will be presented to our people. This inspiring program has now been launched by the General Council in the interest of our glorious fellowship and challenging furtherance of the Gospel of Christ through our churches!



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Advance Plans for "God's Volunteers"

By Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism and Church Extension

"GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" represent a joyous, positive, never ceasing program of soul winning within the fellowship of our North American Baptist General Conference. During each of the past three years, a team of six consecrated Christian young people have freely given eight months of their time to the ministry of personal visitation evangelism in our churches. They are "God's Volunteers" who in this twentieth century are putting into practice a method of evangelism which Jesus himself inaugurated—the two by two method of personal soul winning.

CHRIST'S METHOD

In the Gospel of Luke, chapter 10, we find the pattern for evangelism to which "God's Volunteers" are committed. Here is recorded the method that Jesus himself demonstrated as a means for extending his Kingdom. First of all, he personally "appointed" the seventy—he hand-picked them.

Next he carefully instructed them. He told them how to conduct themselves along the way, and what to say when they entered a house: "First say, Peace be to this house" (Luke 10:5). He informed them as to what to do when they were received favorably, and what to do when they were not welcome.

And lastly, he gave them specific assignments. He indicated to them just where they should visit. They were to visit in the homes of those cities assigned to them by the Lord. He "sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come."

Great and mighty things happened in that first visitation evangelism campaign as recorded in Luke 10. Jesus himself testified that while his disciples were faithfully following the instructions of the Lord, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." If Satan is to be cast down and the name of Jesus Christ is to be exalted, that is the kind of evangelism we need in our generation.

SPIRITUAL VICTORIES

The wonderful accomplishments of "God's Volunteers" in the past three years are positive evidence that we cannot improve on the method that Christ himself demonstrated as a means for extending his Kingdom. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, "God's Volunteers" have seen tremendous victories in many communities where they have witnessed. Thousands of homes have been contacted for Christ every year. Again and again Satan and his empire were attacked with marked success and deliverance

was brought to people held captive by the evil one. Hundreds of men, women and young people as well as boys and girls have been led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through the consecrated testimony of "God's Volunteers." Surely, here is a work in our denomination that is worthy of our fullest support in every possible way.

The 1958-59 Volunteers team, with Rev. Walter Hoffman as director, has brought its ministry to a close during the latter part of April, 1959. Their last campaign was with the Second Church of New York City. The members of the team have returned to their homes and will continue to serve the Lord even more effectively by putting into practice what they have learned in "God's Volunteers" service. It has been a wonderfully enriching experience for each one of these young people.

Rev. Walter Hoffman will continue his services as director of "God's Volunteers" for the 1959-60 season. For the summer months he is being employed by the Church Extension Committee. During the past year the Hoffmans followed the Volunteers team in a house trailer. Next year, however, their oldest boy will be of school age which will make it necessary for them to be settled at a more permanent location.

1959-1960 TEAM

A new team of six Volunteers for the 1959-60 season has been appointed by the "God's Volunteers" Committee. The new team consists of two young men and four girls. Quite a number



CHRIST'S PATTERN FOR EVANGELISM
Christ extended his Kingdom by hand-picking his disciples, carefully instructing them and giving them specific assignments.

of others had made application to enlist as "God's Volunteers." However, we are again limited to only one team for the next season, and consequently not all who applied could be appointed. At the present time, we are receiving applications for the 1960-61 season. Young people who feel led of the Lord to enlist in "God's Volunteers" service for 1960-61 may write to Rev. D. Fuchs, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

SIX "VOLUNTEERS"

The new "God's Volunteers" team that will begin its ministry in September 1959, the Lord willing, consists of the following members: **Miss Rose Cicansky** of our Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. (Rev. Richard Grabke is her pastor.); **Miss Gladys Hoogestraat** from the Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. (Rev. Henry Pfeifer was the pastor who recommended her.); **Miss Georgia Hunter**, who is a member of our Portland Avenue Church in Tacoma, Washington, of which Rev. Henry Smuland is the pastor; **Miss Jacqueline Young** from the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota. (Rev. William Jeschke is her pastor.) The two young men are **Donald Harrison** and **Glenn Neumann**. Donald is a member of the Riverview Baptist Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. His pastor is Rev. Donald Ganstrom. Glenn belongs to our Calvary Baptist Church in Tacoma, Washington, where Rev. Robert Hess is the pastor.

These six young people will meet next September for a period of concentrated training at our Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. From there they will follow an itinerary of service which will take them from the Dakotas as far south as Louisiana and as far east as Bethlehem, Penna., and Arnprior, Ontario, Canada.

YOUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS

Before the new season begins this fall, we will need a new station wagon for "God's Volunteers" service. Old "Shasta," the station wagon we have been using for three seasons, is becoming shaky and decrepit and needs replacement. Mr. Karl Hepperle of our Baptist Church in Plevna, Montana, is offering for "God's Volunteers" service a new 1959 Buick Station Wagon with a special price concession.

We need the prayers and gifts of God's people everywhere, so that the great soul winning ministry of God's Volunteers might be continued. Mark your gifts "For God's Volunteers" and mail them to North American Baptists, Inc., Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.



CHURCH EXTENSION BEGINNINGS AT BROOKLYN CENTER, MINN.

Several Sunday School classes in action at the Brookpark Baptist Church of Brooklyn Center, a suburb of Minneapolis, Minn. This Church Extension project held its first services in the Legion Hall building. Rev. A. Huber is the pastor.

Fishers of Men at Brookpark Church

The Story of the Church Extension Project at Brooklyn Center, a Suburb of Minneapolis, Minn., By Its Pastor, Rev. A. Huber

"AT THY WORD I will let down the net" (Luke 5:5).

The state of Minnesota is noted for its 10,000 lakes, which make it a great vacation land and a wonderful place for fishing. Everywhere you go, you can hear fishermen deploring the fact that "the big one" has again gotten away. But not only is the state known for its lakes and good fishing, but it is also famous for its vital interest in religious matters. Here we also "fish for men," and as evidence of that fact let me take you to Minneapolis where, only recently, we have cast out our net in a new area in which Baptists need to do some men catching.

LAUNCHING OUT

This new Church Extension project had its beginning in our mission-minded State Association. A number of years ago efforts were made to begin a new work in South Minneapolis, but without success. We could not find a nucleus of people. This time, we ventured north into Brooklyn center, a suburb of Minneapolis. Here was a group of people, members of the Faith Baptist Church, who could possibly become the nucleus of a new church.

Upon investigation, we discovered that the majority was willing under God's direction and guidance to launch out into a new work. A five acre tract of land was purchased in the area which will eventually become our building site, and efforts were made to begin the work. A pastor, Rev. A. Huber, was called by the Church Extension Committee in cooperation with the group of people in Brooklyn Cen-

ter, and plans were made to launch out at the beginning of April. The Lord led and we followed his directions, although we must confess that he has been ahead of us along the way.

FIRST SERVICES

Our first meeting was held April 5th, in a little Legion Hall in the area, which is being rented, with 46 people present. We have now been meeting for several months and the results are encouraging. We are constantly making new contacts as we move forward under God. For the month of June, we secured the local grade school for our services, and thus have been able to do more effective work.

Although we are not yet organized into a church, we have selected a name. We are to be known as the BROOKPARK BAPTIST CHURCH of Minneapolis. We trust that from this small beginning we may go forth as a great witness into the surrounding community of about 4,000 homes as well as into all the world.

We thank God for supplying us with good talent and with a group of cooperative people. We have six Sunday School teachers who are well qualified for the work in charge of our six classes. Our musical talent is also quite exceptional which lends a pleasant variety to our worship services. It is all beyond expectation and we rejoice for God's ample supply.

A REWARDING FAITH

Now, of course, we need to think of a construction program on our new site. We know that our little group cannot finance it, but already they have expressed their desire to venture out as God directs. He generally rewards the faith of them that unselfishly consecrate themselves to his service. Furthermore, God may have blessed YOU with material blessings and wants you to help us and other Church Extension projects.

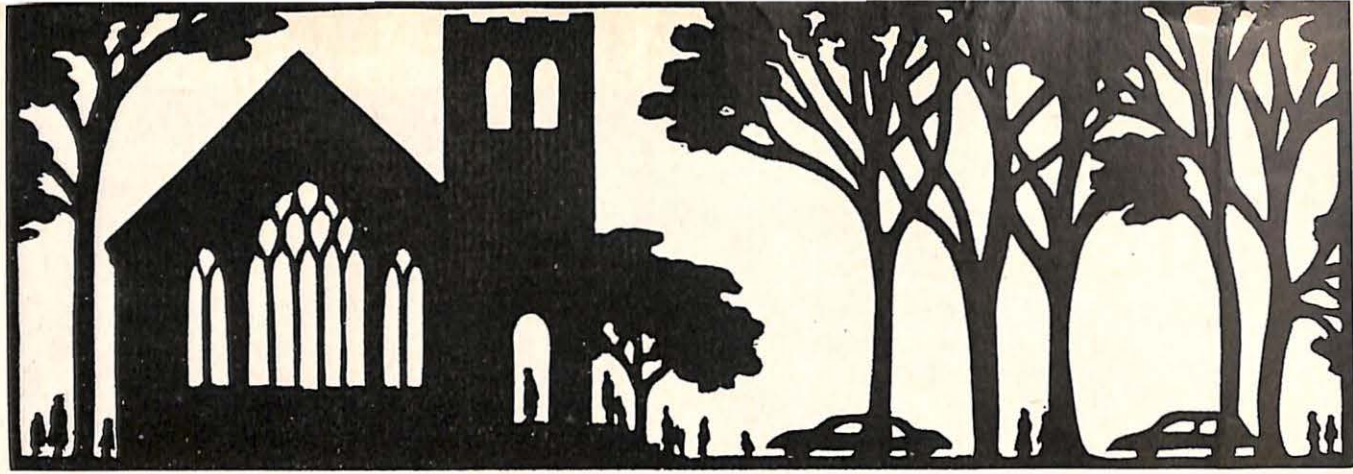
The fields are white unto harvest. Now is the opportune time. May God give us all a vision to see our opportunities and to enter into the open doors. Our Minnesota Association has pledged its support, and thus, seeing that God's people have had the vision, we launch out courageously and say with Peter, "AT THY WORD I WILL LET DOWN THE NET."

CHURCH EXTENSION

Goal for This Year

\$50,000

- Church Extension leaflets, posters and offering envelopes have been sent to all churches with latest information.
- What has been your SHARE in our Church Extension program?
- Read the article on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.



SOURCE OF BLESSINGS IN CHURCH EXTENSION

Many of our churches could only build and work because our Church Extension program assisted them with devoted missionaries and in the purchase or erection of houses of worship.

Church Extension's Blessing for New Canadians

The Story of God's Miraculous Leading in Church Extension by Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Northern District Secretary

EXTENSION of church work is actually a part of the regular church program. It is the very essence of the great Commission of Christ. Churches which do not reach out will ultimately perish. Our own Church Extension program is technically a united effort of all churches. It is in my estimation Spirit-conceived, and has produced marvelous results. As a denomination with German background, it became our responsibility to minister to the German-speaking people who came from Europe to the United States and Canada during the post-war years.

In the United States, we have two outstanding projects among German-speaking people: German Zion Church at Milwaukee, Wis., and the Mission Baptist Church (German) at Chicago, Ill. Both churches were begun with the aid of the mother churches, but in the purchase of a church home, Church Extension gave assistance. Rev. John Kroeker in Milwaukee and Rev. Elvon Schuelke in Chicago have the great task of evangelization among the many but widely scattered German immigrants in these giant cities.

CHALLENGE FOR CHURCH EXTENSION

Except for the work in Milwaukee and Chicago, our approach in Canada to Church Extension projects was a little different from that in the U.S.A. Our population increase came chiefly through immigration. Until the closing of the war, Canada's population stood for many years at about ten million. After the war, the gates opened for thousands of refugees and displaced persons. Among them were great numbers of German-speaking Baptists from Eastern Europe.

The first ones joined relatives in Canada, and were received with much joy by older established churches—

most of them in Western Canada. The numbers increased. The immigrants brought an increase of births. Eastern industrial cities attracted thousands of newcomers. English-speaking churches of all denominations made every effort to welcome the immigrants and to assimilate them into their own church program.

But the need for a German language ministry became more obvious. We felt a definite obligation to minister to these people, but the obstacles were tremendous. We had no churches at all in the eastern cities, and cost of property was very high. The people were scattered over wide areas of the cities, and many of them had established an attachment—although often very loose—with other churches.

Here is when our Church Extension program took hold. Missionaries were sent into the cities to gather as many people as possible. Rented meeting places were often primitive and crowded. Sometimes places changed frequently. As a whole, the development is a fascinating story of God's wonderful and miraculous leading and blessing.

In retrospect, we must say that it was the devotion and hard work of our missionaries, combined with the support of our denomination through the Church Extension funds under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which gave success and victory. The writer was privileged to observe and pray, and to a small degree to assist because of his connection as immigration leader. The following brief review is not in chronological order, and is probably subject to corrections.

TORONTO, ONTARIO is a progressive, busy city of over one million. Our first German Baptist immigrants were swallowed up by the large metropolitan city churches. What difficulties we face as we gathered together the few but increasing number

of German Baptists. Only a handful of them met at first upon the invitation of a German-Hungarian couple in the Hungarian Baptist Church. The first missionary was Rev. H. Stinner, who could minister in the Hungarian and German languages and who thus was pastor of two congregations. This dual ministry was extremely difficult, and soon our small band of people found another temporary home in a Russian Baptist Church.

When the late Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt came to Toronto, the small group received wonderful, experienced help. Then the Lord provided a place. An old Jewish synagogue with living accommodations, prayer room and main auditorium was offered for a reasonable price. Our Church Extension fund assisted in the purchase. The growing group called a pastor from South America, Rev. Philipp Scherer. God's blessing is visible. Today the church is well established, and is making a distinct impression on Toronto's German population.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO. The story of our Hamilton church is no less glorious. The city is beautifully situated on the shores of Lake Ontario. Surrounded by orchards and offering employment in its heavy steel industry, the city has attracted many German immigrants. The first group of German Baptists met in a small church in the old part of the city. Guenther Wahl, at that time a student at Mc Master University, did much pioneer work.

With an increasing number of German Baptists coming to the city, it was soon evident that we had a good opportunity for a new church in Hamilton. Rev. John Wahl at that time was called and supported by Church Extension. Under his tireless efforts the congregation grew, and a beautiful church building could be purchased with aid of Church Extension. This

building has long since become too small and a new church has been built. Indeed, the Lord has graciously blessed the prayers and efforts of his children.

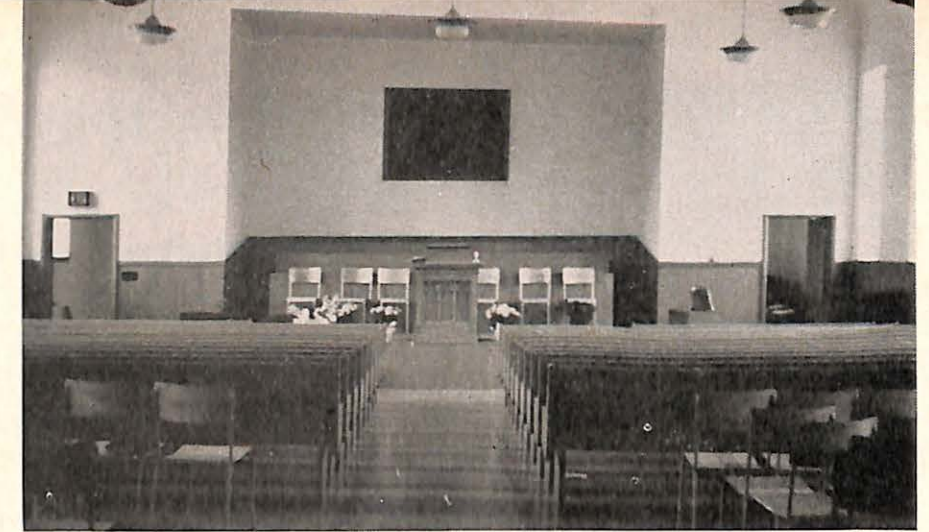
KITCHENER, ONTARIO. An old German settlement, this good sized industrial city attracted a large number of German Baptists. Again, the efforts of English-speaking churches were not sufficient to give the proper ministry to the increasing number of German immigrants. A small group, led by several German Baptists, immigrants of the thirties, rented a hall on the second floor of a downtown shop. There they met on Sundays.

It was a vigorous group with a strong missionary zeal. They called Rev. John Goetze from Germany to become their missionary and pastor. With the aid of Church Extension, the congregation purchased several well situated building lots, built a roomy basement, and has met in these basement quarters for several years. A new church edifice is now under construction. Again Church Extension came to the rescue. Kitchener is a monument of God's love and the prayer and devotion of church and pastor.

WINDSOR, ONTARIO. Opposite Detroit, Mich., this is Canada's automobile manufacturing city. The German Baptists who immigrated to this city were helped by Rev. Otto Patzia and his Conner Avenue congregation of Detroit. They met in the Walker St. Baptist Church until they could find a suitable building of their own. Rev. Alfred Lueck was called there and has served the congregation well for several years. The work is difficult because of the fluctuation in the automobile industry and labor possibilities, but the Lord will ultimately reward the faithful services and prayers of his people.

ST. CATHERINES, ONTARIO. This city, located on the Niagara peninsula, is known as Canada's garden city. But it is also quite an industrial center. German Baptists found their way here by resettling from western cities. For a number of years, the pastor of Hamilton gave assistance to the small group, which met in private homes. Then the newly organized church bought a house, which became their first permanent meetingplace. When the present pastor, Rev. A. Hart, came to lead the work, the house became the parsonage and the congregation met in various church buildings. Only recently, with the assistance of Church Extension could we purchase a church of our own, which is now home of this devoted congregation. Here, too, the Lord has rewarded the faith and missionary zeal of his children and servant.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C. This city, a deep seaport on Canada's Northwest Pacific coast, became an early place of settlement for German Baptist immigrants. Their first church home was in the fold and buildings of the First Baptist Church, but the fact that Prince Rupert has a large



CHURCH EXTENSION IN HAMILTON, ONT.

The newly dedicated and worshipful sanctuary of the German Baptist Mission Church in Hamilton, Ontario, of which Rev. John Wahl is the pastor.

German-speaking population and that the number of Baptist families increased made a separate church under N. A. B. guidance necessary. Rev. John Schweitzer became the first Church Extension worker in Prince Rupert. He organized the group, and led them in a strong missionary program. Rev. A. Hart was then the first permanent pastor. Under the diligent and masterful hands of the men and women of the church a former lodge hall was transformed into a beautiful, bright sanctuary, the present Bethel Baptist Church. Rev. John Kuehn is pastor at present.

KITIMAT, B. C. We had great hopes and plans for Kitimat, this booming, new aluminum city in the mountainous wilderness of central British Columbia. Possibilities of expansion for a German-speaking mission work seemed unlimited. But the difficulties were also tremendous—high cost of living, transient population and diversity of backgrounds among German Baptists. The small group met in the public school building under lay leadership, with Rev. A. Hart making an occasional visit from Prince Rupert. Rev. G. P. Schroeder was sent by the Church Extension Committee and rendered fruitful ministry for one year. The congregation grew, but the difficulties of a meetingplace also increased. Other churches erected big buildings.

For some reason our congregation could not get off the ground. Suddenly the crash came. The fabulous boom collapsed. Great numbers of transient people moved out. There is little or no building progress. Kitimat is a modest sized company city. God had mysteriously protected our group from launching a big, expensive building program. Instead, the church, known as Kitimat Baptist (German), purchased an unfinished, good sized dwelling house, and has now a modest but sufficient meetingplace. Rev. Arthur Pohl was called to the pastorate. Here, too, God has used human frailty to build for himself a congregation which witnesses to his salvation.

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA. This Bethany Church is the first of the newly established immigrant churches, which might be classified under Church Extension. Many large Baptist families came here as workers in sugar beet fields. They were widely scattered over a large area. They had no means of transportation. Rev. and Mrs. R. Milbrandt, at that time Northern Conference mission workers, gave untiringly of their time and effort to gather the people for Sunday meetings at first in the basement of the First Baptist Church, and then in a small chapel. Rev. O. A. Ertis was the first pastor. He is still the faithful shepherd of the flock. The congregation then put up its own church building, and our church has become a living testimony of God's gracious leading. It still reaches deeply into the German-speaking population of this thriving city in Southern Alberta.

FAITH CHURCH, REGINA. In this "Queen City" of the prairies, Regina, it soon became evident that due to immigration the English language was crowded out of our church here, much to the harm of a good number of Canadian young people. A small new congregation was formed. They met in an old hall. Rev. Richard Grabke was called to the pastorate. The congregation grew, and with assistance of Church Extension funds property was bought in a new building development area. In this location the Faith Church constructed a basement church, where it has worshipped and grown since then. Within five years, this church has grown from 19 charter members to the present number of 170 members. God has rewarded the faith of his people. The church is established as a faithful light in the community. The super-structure will be completed during this year.

OTHER CHURCH EXTENSION FIELDS

Plans are under way for two further fields, in which we must establish a solid church work. The first field is Saskatoon, Sask., seat of the Uni-

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Mission Preparation in the Kentucky Hills

By Miss Gertrude Schatz, Missionary-Nurse Who Will Soon Be Leaving for the Cameroons, Africa

THE FRONTIER Graduate School of Midwifery is located at Hyden, Kentucky, in the Kentucky mountains. The hospital and school are situated on a hill overlooking the town. The setting is beautiful, especially in fall, with the vivid red, yellow, orange and gold colors and then again in spring when the red-bud and other trees and shrubs are in blossom. From this location the 25 bed hospital with 12 bassinets serves a large territory.

Three days a week, a clinic is held in the out-patient unit of the hospital for general and obstetrical patients. Each of the eight district stations around Hyden also hold clinics one or two days a week. Most of the work, however, is done in the homes of the people. The Frontier Nursing Service provides "bedside care for the sick, for the woman in labor, and for the mother and baby."

MIDWIFERY COURSE

With these aims in mind, the six months' course in midwifery gives graduate nurses a thorough training in midwifery and frontier technique. Along with the doctor's and nurse's lectures, we receive practical experience in the hospital and in the homes. In order to carry out the district nursing efficiently and quickly, we made our home visits by jeep. When that was impossible or impractical, we made use of horses and sometimes even the sure-footed mule. One way or another, in any kind of weather, all patients were visited.

Besides using various modes of transportation, we learned the maintenance of each. I never knew, for instance, that "horse grooming" con-



Miss Gertrude Schatz, missionary-nurse for the Southern Cameroons, Africa, who recently completed her mid-wifery training at Hyden, Kentucky.

sisted of so many things such as brushing the horse, combing tail and mane, cleaning hoofs, and cleaning saddles and stalls.

Along with acquiring these frontier skills, we learned to live and to study together as eight Christian nurses. This was a wonderful experience and we had many happy times together. Two of the girls were returned missionaries from Vietnam and Brazil. Their experiences were enjoyable and helpful to the six of us going to various mission fields.

Even here the field is "white already to harvest." Several denomina-

tions are carrying on a splendid work. Hyden, itself, has two churches, one a Baptist. In the surrounding area, one finds many little churches and missions. Since many families live in the mountains, up the many creeks, they have no cars and thus the churches are located there and the people are within walking distance of them.

MISSIONS IN KENTUCKY HILLS

Though many of the people find it difficult to participate in church activities, they are gradually overcoming their fear and shyness and the work is progressing. We as Christian nurses enjoyed helping out in several of the churches by singing, playing the piano, and teaching Sunday School classes. The joy in serving Jesus, as always, "fills the heart with praises" and is a "joy that never shall depart."

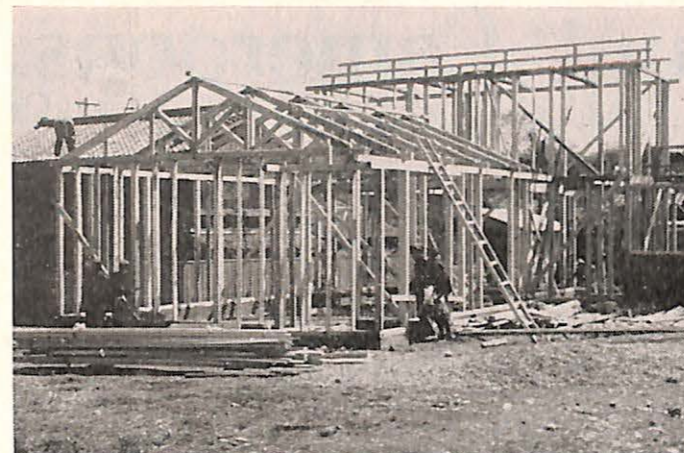
I thank God for the six months at Hyden. I know that the fellowship with my classmates, other Christians, along with the educational and practical experiences have been and will be a real asset to me as a missionary nurse. How wonderful it is to know that through this experience and in the future "the Lord does guide continually."

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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ties are making a grant of \$30,000. A further \$1,000 has been voted by the Continental Committee of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. The new church and headquarters are among the projects to mark the centenary, celebrated last year, of the beginning of Baptist work in Poland. Other projects included an historical booklet and a new hymn book. In 1957 the Polish Baptists sent financial help to the Baptists of Hungary whose work had suffered as a result of the street fighting in Budapest.

● **Baptists as Acting Chaplains.** Two Baptist ministers have served as acting chaplain in the House of Representatives recently in Washington, D. C. In the absence due to illness of House Chaplain Bernard Braskamp, the pastor of the Fountain Memorial Baptist church of Washington, Charles W. Holland, Jr., has served as acting chaplain the past three months. For a week recently, James P. Wesberry, pastor of the Morningside Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga., served as acting chaplain. In 1949 Wesberry was acting chaplain for six weeks. Prominent public officials in Georgia and in the Congress have been members of Wesberry's church. He has been chairman of the Georgia Commission on Literature the past several years.



EXCITING EVENTS IN ISE, JAPAN

The new Baptist Chapel (left) in Ise, Japan goes up rapidly for the dedication services on Sunday, June 7, 1959. At the right the Crown Prince of Japan with his new bride, the Princess arrive at the Grand Shrine of Ise to announce their marriage to the ancestral gods.

Exciting Events in Ise, Japan

By Rev. Walter Sukut, Missionary to Japan

THE PAST FEW months, since our return to Ise, Japan, from furlough, have been both exciting and important from an historical perspective. It thus behooves me to share with you, as the readers of the "Baptist Herald" and as faithful supporters of God's work, some of these blessings that have been brought about by your prayers and gifts.

MISSION SECRETARY'S VISIT

A little over a week after we returned to Japan, the eventful visit by our mission secretary, Rev. Richard Schilke, took place. This was a most blessed time for the missionaries and Japanese Christians. His meetings with us and the messages to the Japanese Christians were very much appreciated. They were also pleasingly amused with Mr. Schilke's efforts to speak a few words in Japanese to them.

The missionaries in turn had to admit by the time the meetings in Kyoto had ended that it is rather hard to keep up with "our boss." We were all tired when our final meeting ended with prayer well after midnight. But we were happy and confident that this visit by our secretary was a tremendous source of spiritual blessing to all of us. We were also certain that it would go down in the pages of the history of our mission work in Japan as a most profitable visit in helping us set up objectives and field organization which we desperately needed.

GROUND BREAKING EXERCISES

During Brother Schilke's visit in Japan, the Mission and the Ise Baptist Church came to an agreement for a 10 year loan from the Church Loan Fund for the building of a chapel in Ise. The church pledged itself and since

then has raised more than 20% of the cost of this chapel. The plans for the chapel had already been drawn. As soon as the loan was realized, we proceeded to take care of the final details in order to begin the construction of the chapel as soon as possible.

It was with great joy that our little flock of Christians gathered at the site of our tract of land after the morning worship service on a rainy Sunday on March 8th for the ground breaking exercises. This was the beginning of visible evidence of God's answer to the prayers of his children for a place of worship.

It was God's answer to the prayers of the faithful that, first of all, opened the hearts of his children in America to give the money for the purchase of this tract of land. It also encouraged the Christians and strengthened their faith to launch out on this great project with only a small number of people who are able to give. To watch their faith and enthusiasm in this venture grow has been a personal source of inspiration and blessing to the writer.

CORNERSTONE LAYING CEREMONY

On the Monday after the ground breaking exercises had taken place, the contractor moved his equipment to the church grounds and began to lay the foundation for the proposed chapel and temporary living quarters for the Japanese pastor. After the foundation had been laid, our church group met at 6:00 a. m. on Easter Sunday morning on top of Mt. Tokugawa for an inspirational Sunrise Worship Service.

Then at 11:00 a. m. the Christians gathered at the site of the new church for the cornerstone laying service. This was another historic and blessed ex-

perience for the church. After the singing of a hymn and prayer, Rev. Walter Sukut, missionary, brought a message on "The Building of a Church." After the message, a history of the fellowship was read. Then the historic documents along with a Bible and pictures of various groups of the church were placed into a concrete box prepared for the same behind the cornerstone. The cornerstone was placed and the meeting was closed with prayer.

At the time of this writing, the chapel is nearing completion and plans are being made for its dedication on June 7, 1959, followed by a week of special evangelistic meetings.

JAPAN'S ROYALTY

There was another rather exciting event in Ise which was quite different in nature that took place on April 17, 1959. It was the visit by the Crown Prince and his new bride who came to Ise on this date to announce the event of their marriage to the ancestral gods enshrined at the Grand Shrine of Ise. This brought together a crowd of approximately 200,000 people, all anxious to get a glimpse at their future Emperor and his bride.

The open plaza in front of the Yamada Train Station was a sea of faces. It was almost like a mob scene as the throng of people tried to get a better glimpse of the Prince and Princess. Several elderly people and children were injured in the shuffle. This event aside from its rather romantic fairytale like story of a common but beautiful maiden who caught the eye and heart of her prince has its sobering aspect in the move that is on at present to make the Grand Shrine of Ise a national shrine supported by the

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New President of Our Seminary

Letter of Acceptance by Rev. Frank Veninga of Parma, Ohio, to Mr. Herman Bleeker, Chairman of the Seminary Board of Trustees

After several weeks of sincere soul-searching and much prayer, I am here-with informing you and the Board of Trustees of my acceptance of the position as President of the North American Baptist Seminary. I have confidence to believe that the Lord, who has directed in every important decision, is directing me to serve him, the Seminary, and the denomination in this significant position of leadership.

This decision was prayerfully reached when, in the searching of God's Word, a marvelous promise was given. "And there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched" (I Samuel 10:26). I stand greatly humbled before my Lord and denomination as I think of the responsibilities

accompanying this position, but I have the assurance that a group of men whose hearts have been touched by the Spirit of the living God will prayerfully and helpfully accompany me.

Furthermore, I am of the opinion that, working in harmony and unity with the Board of Trustees, the Board of Education and Publication and its secretary, every effort will be put forth to strengthen the Seminary, "Our School of the Prophets," spiritually, academically, numerically and denominationally. As the new president I will seek to continue to strengthen and implement this four-fold program. May I assure you and the Board of my very best effort!

Eruption of Mount Cameroons

By Miss Eleanor E. Schulert, Missionary Stationed at Great Soppo, Southern Cameroons

HERE AT SOPPO we can sing with greater fervor than ever before, "How Great Thou Art." Since Feb. 6 when our giant mountain again awoke, shook himself and started to belch out fire, smoke and lava, we have been made more conscious of how mighty and powerful is our God who flung the world in space, caused the mountains to rise out of the waters, and controls their every movement today.

In June and July 1954 our volcanic Mt. Cameroon puffed out mushroom clouds of smoke, but there were no tremors. This time, however, we have been favored with a far more awesome spectacle.

INTENSE EARTHQUAKES

While I was in the process of teaching my first class, 8:20 a. m., on Friday, Feb. 6, a sudden wave of dizziness engulfed me. A surprised look on the faces of some students made me ask, "Did you feel that?" "Yes," answered one, "It went that way," (describing a sideways jerk with his hands). From that time on, we experienced many tremors of varying intensity.

The only real "rocker" occurred that evening at 6:05 p. m. I was standing outside, talking with one of our church women who had just come from choir practice. Suddenly it seemed the earth pranced and kicked up its heels. The corrugated iron roof of the church jumped up and down and rattled like tin, but the stone steeple didn't sway a bit. (Missionary Bender built well!)

For over a week, we were treated to dishes and doors rattling. The house plants waved their leaves. The cock squawked and the duck ruffled its feathers in surprise, and from the distance came the rumbling of escaping gases and falling rocks.

TO THE MOUNTAIN!

On Sunday Feb. 15, Mr. and Mrs. William Rentz and I visited our little church at Lysoka, about fifteen miles north of Soppo. We arrived in time to gather around the Lord's Table with the Christians there. The communion elements were tea and broken bits of a cookie. Some of the women offered us their little glasses into which the tea was poured from the common communion cup. Some people had brought their tablespoons from home into which their portion was poured. Though the details differed from what we were accustomed, the spirit was the same. So from the depths of our hearts we could say, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

After church it took us two hours to walk out to the lava flow. The last forty minutes was rather rough climbing up and down through the forest and over the rocks left by the 1909 eruption. When we finally arrived at the site, my first glimpse was a bit disappointing—nothing but a thirty-foot wall of crushed rock such as is often used for road-building—so it seemed.

But as we watched, wisps of blue smoke curled upward and now and then more rocks slid down into the valley below us. I had wondered why we were being trailed by a boy wearing rubber boots in dry season. Soon I found out why. Bravely he descended to the edge of the shifting lava and with a forked stick brought out a hot stone that looked like a furnace clinker. It crumbled when cool; now each of us has a souvenir.

On the night of Feb. 4, before we experienced our volcano's activity, I saw a huge forest fire high up the mountain and assumed it had been started by hunters in order to drive out the wild animals. Later I learned that it came from the first of the craters that had opened about 10,000 feet up the mountain.

THE BURNING LAVA

On Saturday night, Feb. 14, we drove twelve miles north to Ekona where we could get a better view of the "river" of burning lava. At about

5,000 feet elevation were two flaming openings that seemed to be doorways to the fires of hell. (We were told that a third vent, just 250 yards from the others, was hidden from our view). From them issued three lava streams like fiery serpents writhing down the mountain side. Farther down, they joined to form the large fan-shaped glowing mass, the edge of which we visited next day.

On Feb. 22, the twentieth day since I first spied the fire on the mountainside, there is still a rosy glow in the northern sky—the reflection from the river of lava which at first moved down the steeper slopes at the rate of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile in 15 hours but now on the lower slopes proceeds at the rate of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile per week.

AWESOME WONDER!

Our mountain appears quiescent once more, but the words of the song still well up from my heart:

"O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!"

Death of Chief Manga Williams

Tribute to a Notable African Legislator by "The Baptist Times" of London, England

THE DEATH has been announced from the Southern Cameroons in Africa, of 85-year-old Chief John Manga Williams, O. B. E., former President of the Native and Appeal Courts and former member of the Nigerian Legislative Council. He was a leading Baptist in the Cameroons.

It was the father of Chief Manga Williams, who in 1858 sold the land to Alfred Saker on which he founded the colony at Victoria. The first court for the administration of justice in the Cameroons was set up by the Baptist Mission. When the work was handed over to the Germans, on the annexation of the Cameroons by Germany, they set up a mixed native court.

In 1908 Chief Manga Williams was appointed president and he was made District Head. In 1935 this system was changed and the administration came

under "Chief J. M. Williams and Council."

From 1942-46 he was a member of the Legislative Council of Nigeria. Chief Manga Williams is believed to have been the first Cameroonian to receive the Order of the British Empire. In 1950 he visited Great Britain as the guest of the British Government.

He was a trustee of the Baptist Church at Victoria and in 1951 he attended the Baptist Commonwealth and Empire Congress and spoke at a number of Baptist churches in England. His son, Mr. Jesco Manga Williams, is at present in England studying law.

The Rev. F. C. Morton, secretary of the Baptist Commonwealth and Colonial Society, described Chief Manga Williams as "an outstanding personality in the development of the Cameroons."

Babies Help Build Churches

The Cradle Roll is the most important part of the Sunday School from the standpoint of the church's future. Therefore, promote it!

By Rev. Douglas H. Gallagher of Lorraine, Kansas

"YES, WE HAVE a Cradle Roll. You'll find it hanging on one of the walls in the children's department. You just can't miss it."

Have you ever heard anything like this in your church? This is about the only conception many well-meaning leaders have of the Cradle Roll. To them it is just a listing of new babies in the church. On the other hand, one pastor has stated, "I build my churches through an effective Cradle Roll, Kindergarten Department, and Young Adult Department. If you get these going, you can build a great Sunday School."

Why not consider the use of a well organized Cradle Roll as a method of building your Sunday School? Here are some good pointers.

DEFINITION OF A CRADLE ROLL

The Cradle Roll is a department of the Sunday School just as definitely as are the other departments. The age limits are from birth to two years. When the child reaches the age of two, he is promoted to the Nursery Department. This Cradle Roll department is (1) a ministry principally in the home to the parents of the child; (2) the foundational department of the Sunday School, giving the baby an introduction to the church; and (3) a great potential ministry for reaching the unreached in the community.

Are you interested in an effective visitation, enrollment and follow-up program? Here is a vital phase of such a plan. This is the program which takes the church into the home so that the home may be brought into the church. Such a worthy program ought to demand our prompt attention.

PURPOSE OF A CRADLE ROLL

The purpose of the Cradle Roll is twofold. (1) It benefits the home. With the birth of a child, especially the firstborn, there is usually a sensitivity by parents to the spiritual re-

sponsibility involved. The most godless parent is willing that the church should take an interest in his little child. In many tactful ways, the Cradle Roll visitor is able to provide instruction to the parents. Many times a mother will welcome a prayer suggested by the church visitor, or any other instruction that may be helpful.

This is very important when we realize how much the child learns in the first two years before he enters the Nursery Department. By this means, the wise worker for God will use this as a means of getting the Gospel into the home. Thus, this program is evangelistic in design as it seeks to reach the unreached by a ministry through the baby to the other members of the family. For the Christian home, it encourages parents in their family worship responsibilities.

(2) The Cradle Roll also benefits the church. This is seen by the fact that it helps to establish a point of contact between the church and home. If the church does not have the home, it is in grave danger of losing the children. In addition, it cements the Christian home to the church at a very crucial time. In many instances, the parents are lost to the church for a period of time following the arrival of the little one. An effective Cradle Roll will tie them even closer to the church.

Then, this is a soul winning program. These visitors are learning to do by doing. Finally, it furnishes a testimony to the community that your church does have an interest in them and their children.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CRADLE ROLL

Two prerequisites are demanded in the setting up of a Cradle Roll. (1) There is the need for personnel. Appoint a superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday School. With this superintendent se-

lect one worker for every ten babies that are enrolled. Mothers make excellent workers in this department. These workers must have a genuine love for children. They must have time to visit each home once a month. Faithfulness is a "must" for a worker in this department because the program is constructed to follow each child through his first two years. One of the biggest problems is in the presentation of the Gospel to the unsaved parents. Don't cram the Gospel on them. Be sincerely interested in the child and its parents. Pray much and rely upon the Spirit of God to lead, and he will do just that very thing.

NEED FOR PROSPECTS

(2) There is the need for prospects. One asks, "But where do we get the babies?" This can be done by making a census of the community. Watch the newspapers for birth announcements. Some hospitals will provide you with the latest information. Diapers on the line are a good indication of a new arrival. Have you ever thought of having the Junior Department assist you in getting the names and addresses of new babies in the community? This could be a real outlet for their never-ending enthusiasm.

"But," you say, "we just can't do it. There are too many problems."

"How about room?" This program doesn't take room. It is a ministry in the home. You visit the homes every month with the helpful material.

COST OF MATERIAL

"But it will cost too much!" It will cost something to buy materials from publishing houses. However, the cost of Cradle Roll material is reasonable and within the reach of any church that has a mind to reach souls.

"But we'll need a nursery for the babies." Yes, you will. But is that so bad? This is just what we want. Now we are bringing the home into the

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—Luoma Photo

An effective Cradle Roll will tie the parents closer to the church. Babies will help build churches!

Watch Our Baptists in Vancouver!

A Report of "Population and Spiritual Booms" by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary

TODAY, as never before, interest and attention are devoted to the "population boom." It is taking place everywhere, but we do not notice the increase of "unfamiliar faces" in the cities and towns in which we live.

There are, however, certain sections of this vast and wonderful continent where the ever-increasing congestion and congregating of people cannot escape you. On the west coast this is true of the greater Los Angeles area, and in Canada on a somewhat smaller scale of the greater Vancouver area of British Columbia.

The work, in which I'm engaged, decreed that I be present for the British Columbia Association meeting this year in Vancouver. This was my first visit to Canada's fastest growing city and third largest city approaching rapidly the one million mark. It was an exciting experience!

When we studied geography in our Canadian schools a number of decades ago, Vancouver was little more than a known outpost on the west coast. Today it is the city to watch, with its growing pains having become acute! This city has its abundance of rain and sunshine and, due to the currents of good-will that come off the Pacific Ocean, it seldom knows the extremities of summer's heat and winter's cold.

THREE VANCOUVER CHURCHES

The interest of North American Baptists is our own work and witness in that city. Like the city, our work is growing and our three churches, numbering close to 1,400 members, know that an "open door" has been granted them. It should be said that each church is keyed to action in terms of program and enthusiasm to make sure that the opportunity is redeemed.

The facilities of the Bethany Baptist Church with Rev. Isador Faszer as pastor have been overtaxed and a new church plant is practically in the blue-print stages.

The Immanuel Church, with Rev. Gerhard Gebauer as pastor, will find expansion impossible. The building is new, but now already inadequate.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church with Dr. Albert S. Felberg giving it aggressive leadership has completed a church building, the envy of many Baptists in Vancouver. Each church is blessed with much talent. Each church has a male, mixed, and youth choir, and not one of them is small in number! Each church is blessed with a large number of young people who are devoted to the work of Christ.

It should be noted, at once, that these churches are not without their problems. The transition from the

German to the English language is perhaps the problem of greatest concern. It should be pointed out that some of the churches have met these problems in a constructive and helpful way, and are being blessed for their statesman-like vision and solution. As long as the churches will continue to maintain an ever-expanding external missionary witness and work, as they are doing now, they will have in their possession the best solution to internal difficulties, including language.

On Sunday afternoon, April 26, an auditorium seating 1,000 with standing room for many more was crowded out, and people were still coming. The

Abounding in the Lord's Work

A Report of Spiritual Advances by Rev. Frank Veninga, Eastern District Secretary

THE PROVOCATIVE text of the recent sessions of the Atlantic Conference keeps echoing to the churches of that Conference, and, in a sense to all of us, the challenging message, "Always abounding in the work of the Lord" (I Corinthians 15:58). In the brief span of time in which it has been my privilege to serve our eastern area, I have observed again and again that our pastors and people are desirous to "abound in the work of the Lord."

In these months of service, as we have sought to establish and develop a new position, I have had many joyous and delightful experiences, pleasant associations, and numerous doors of Christian service have opened to me. It is encouraging to note the evident signs of advance and unanimity in this geographical area.

A NEW SPIRITUAL THRUST

It is with a sense of gratitude that I report the enthusiastic reception of last summer's reorganization of the denomination. We are still experiencing the aftermath of a great spiritual conference. May this spirit of enthusiasm, harmony and unity continue. May our God continue to thrust us forward in a great evangelistic outreach, missionary passion, Christian education fervor and stewardship responsibility.

All of us, cooperating in the great Baptist Jubilee Advance with over eighteen million Baptists, must experience a baptism of the Holy Spirit so that we might surge forward as did the early church at Pentecost. We need desperately the freshness and spontaneity of early Christianity. Signs of a new spiritual thrust and deep Christian concern are evident in the

large audience was treated to a musical feast by an orchestra, a number of choirs, and a 170 voiced mass choir. The atmosphere was charged with joyous enthusiasm and optimism.

When it was all over, a well-known leader of one of our churches remarked: "We do want to forget our native tongue for the sake of God's work, but we do not wish to abandon this joyous spirit of fellowship and enthusiasm."

A Canadian Baptist, not of our North American Baptist fellowship remarked: "As soon as you are ready to abandon that spirit of enthusiasm, please give it to us!"

eastern area. Our pastors and people are aware of the urgency of the hour.

During the nearly six months of service, I have sought to keep the office schedule at a minimum and the field schedule at a maximum. The real value of the office, I believe, lies in the personal contact with our pastors and people and the ministry rendered to our churches. This newly established office serves to coordinate our entire denominational program and the lines of communication are constantly kept open between our churches and all denominational organizations. In pursuing an extremely busy schedule, visiting over 25 churches and attending retreats, local gatherings and conferences, I am impressed with the evangelical nature of our work, the work which is particularly and peculiarly ours. We are missionary minded, evangelistically inclined, and Bible centered. We have a rich heritage and a wonderful Christian fellowship.

AVENUES OF SERVICE

It is with a sense of regret that I have resigned the position so soon, but it is with joy and delight that I enter upon another avenue of service for my Lord and denomination. I will always be grateful for the opportunity which has been mine in serving the eastern area.

I will covet your prayers as I leave the office of district secretary and the eastern area, to serve our Seminary, "The School of the Prophets." May we never treat our heritage unworthily and our stewardship lightly. As we "abound in the work of the Lord," there will be a forward thrust, and signs of spiritual advance will be evident at home and abroad.

CHURCH EXTENSION'S BLESSINGS

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University of Saskatchewan, provincial medical center. We must offer a church home and field activity to the many young people who come to this city for study and employment. Our young Baptist congregation is fully prepared to widen its activities, so that the Canadian young people may be reached. Church Extension will come to the aid.

Another essential field is in Calgary—a thriving city at the foot of the Rockies. Our present churches carry on a vigorous program of work among the German-speaking people. Here, too, we must establish a new work in a new building project area. We have many young couples and single people from our surrounding churches in Calgary.

What a source of blessing our Church Extension program has become in Canada! Immigrants came in large numbers. Over two million of them during the past ten years. Of this, more than half a million were German-speaking people. It is difficult to estimate how many were actually Baptists, but there must have been close to 6,000. Twenty new churches were established with a total membership of 3,285. Many of these churches could only build and work because our Church Extension program assisted them with devoted missionaries and in the purchase or erection of houses of worship.

But the end is not yet. We continue to minister and to evangelize in both languages. New fields will open up. Our combined love and devotion for our Lord Jesus Christ and the continued guidance and grace of the Holy Spirit will give us new victories.

BABIES HELP BUILD CHURCHES

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church. Our goals are being achieved. We get and provide for baby. At the same time we have mother and dad and the whole family. Babies will help build churches.

CRADLE ROLL SUGGESTIONS

To spark your Cradle Roll, here are a few suggestions. (1) Form a Mothers' Club. With each one of these groups of mothers in a certain area form a club. Have the mothers meet periodically in one of the homes. Prepare a brief but significant program around the home and the children. Be sure to make it relevant and meaningful.

(2) Observe "Baby Day" in your church. Promote it well and make it significant. Have a specially prepared bulletin for that day. Have the pastor bring an appropriate message and give recognition to those with babies.

(3) Pastor, encourage your workers

From the Professor's Desk

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

What is the relationship between I Peter 3:18, 19 and 4:6? Are these verses talking about the same thing? Do they teach that there will be a "second chance" for the unbeliever to heed the Gospel?

There are few passages in the New Testament which have so resisted satisfactory interpretation as those cited above. No dogmatic conclusions can be arrived at, but suggestions towards a solution will be offered.

In the first passage (I Peter 3:18, 19), Christ is spoken of as "being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; in which (not "by which" as in the AV) he went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah . . ." Now some interpreters have thought that "the spirits in prison" are the unrighteous dead and that the passage teaches that Christ descended into Hades (cf. the *Apostles' Creed*, "He descended into Hell") and preached the Gospel to sinners there, thus affording them a second chance.

There are two basic difficulties with this interpretation. First, the phrase "spirits in prison" is better taken to be a reference to fallen angels (cf. II Peter 2:4, 5) than to departed human spirits. The researches of E. G. Selwyn (*First Epistle of St. Peter*) have shown that the word spirits (*pneumata*) is used of supernatural beings and that in the Jewish writings these beings were spoken of as disobeying God, transgressing their due order and being punished by imprisonment. Further, the period of this transgression was always reckoned as immediately prior to the Flood. These beliefs are undoubtedly alluded to in II Peter 2 and in Jude 6, 7.

Another difficulty with the view that

in the Cradle Roll Department. You can help each worker have a feeling of pride in being a Cradle Roll worker. More workers than we realize reach the decision to resign because they do not know how to do the work and lack an inner feeling of importance in the work. Remember that the Cradle Roll is the most important part of the Sunday School from the standpoint of the future of the church. Therefore, promote it!

I Peter 3:18, 19 teaches a "second chance" is the assumption that the word "preach" (*Kerusssein*) means "to preach the gospel." This is an unwarranted assumption since *kerusssein* simply means to proclaim while *euangelizesthai* properly denotes the preaching of the Gospel. The purpose of Christ's *Descensus ad Inferos* was not to proclaim the good news of salvation but to declare his victory over all evil powers by means of his death on the Cross. To the "spirits in prison" this was not good news but bad news!

Although the interpretation suggested above is not the only possible one or perhaps even the best one, it has the merit of taking into consideration the context of the passage and is consistent with the Pauline teaching that at the Cross every spirit power of evil was decisively defeated. In addition, a careful reading of such passages as Acts 2:24-32; Romans 10:6-8; Ephesians 4:8-10; Philippians 2:10 and Revelation 5:13 will reveal that the early Church generally believed in a real *Descensus ad Inferos* and that the Apostle Paul in particular conceived of it as bearing on the universality of Christ's redemptive mission and Lordship.

The second passage, I Peter 4:6, speaks of the Gospel being "preached even to the dead." If what has been suggested above is valid, this cannot be a reference to a "second chance" and has no direct connection with I Peter 3:18, 19. It is probably best taken to mean that those who are now dead had the Gospel preached unto them while they were alive.

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government.

Those who know the recent history of Japan will realize that this could well become the first step back to pre-war state religion and the re-instatement of the emperor to his former status of deity. We covet your sincere prayers that this move will be defeated.

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

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

By Mrs. Arthur Weisser of Rochester, N. Y., vice president of the Woman's Missionary Union

For several years I have packed my husband's suitcase to go to Forest Park, Ill., and on his return I have listened to his glowing accounts and his concern about the mission enterprise of our denomination. How I wished that I could go! At last I found myself packing two suitcases for I, too, was going along. It was indeed a privilege to represent you women and to listen to the discussions and decisions of our Board of Missions.

Flying high in the clouds on our way to Chicago, the world took on a new perspective. As we met around the Conference tables in Forest Park, the special mission of our denomination took on a new perspective for me.

Concern was evident on the part of each Board member as they reviewed each church on this continent requesting financial assistance. The question persisted: Do these churches realize the crying need of our mission fields? Is it a matter of being carried or of helping to carry the load to make Christ known to a world in darkness? We were pleased to note that several churches had become self-supporting.

Our Indian and Spanish-American missions call for our prayerful attention. These people plead the plea of the Psalmist, "O, send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me," and we lack capable leaders to bring that light!

How rapidly our work in Africa grows! It was a great privilege to have Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, our medical missionary, with us. His report pointed out the urgency of the work in the Cameroons, for the unrest of a troubled world also ferments in Africa. It is gratifying to have three new missionaries appointed—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Zimbelman and Miss Barbara Kieper.

Having read the articles on Japan in the "Baptist Herald," I found it more enlightening to hear a first-hand account from the general mission secretary, Rev. R. Schilke, about his recent visit there.

The reappointment of Dr. Wm. J. Appel and his charming helpmeet to another term in Austria showed the continued interest in the small, struggling churches there as they further our Baptist witness. "For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth" (Acts 13: 47).

Program Plans for Youth Rallies

By Mr. Jack Wobig of Portland, Oregon, Vice-president of the CBY Fellowship

AN OUTSTANDING program is a necessity at our rallies and associations in order to promote better Christian fellowship and to bring enthusiasm for Christian living to our young people. This requires thoughtful and attentive planning by the committee that is in charge of the program. Programs should provide for adequate fun and fellowship as well as time for constructive Christian learning and devotion. A good start in planning your program is to select a good theme. The theme should be related to the denominational theme set up by the CBYF officers.

The programs should have variety from rally to rally to build interest and stimulus. Besides varying the rallies from year to year, each rally in itself should have ample variety within it. One way by which this can be accomplished is by having several of the CBY's in your association provide different special numbers for the services. This gives each youth group a chance to participate and will increase interest. The program should include a banquet, business meeting, special attraction such as a speaker noting current events, anniversaries and special occasions. It should be completed with a good devotional period.

SKIT NIGHT

One suggestion for a program that has proved highly successful in some of our rallies is a banquet and skit night with a common theme. The theme may be "Days of Yore" or other related themes that look in retrospect to the young people's history. Each CBY in the association can prepare a short skit related to the theme. Several of the CBY's can be selected beforehand to have a good devotional skit with which to close the program. This gives a chance for active participation.

Another idea may be the use of good Christian films. The films should be previewed ahead of time to be sure that they will meet your needs. The Moody Institute of Science has outstanding scientific Christian films that always prove excellent for rallies. Films and slides from our own mission fields and denominational work are also good if not previously seen by many of the churches. On occasion, your association may have a member who has taken a trip to the Holy land or some

other place of interest who could speak and show you slides of the trip.

A good play produced by one of your CBY's can also be used for your rally program. The young people should make it known to their association president when they have a play that could be used for this purpose. If your CBY group of the association would like to stress an important phase of evangelism they might ask a youth group to put on a dramatic production of this type.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Panel discussions are good if they have been planned for properly. Each youth group should have a representative on this panel. A leader should preside who is an authority on the subject. The topic that is selected should be one that suggests lively discussion and also keeps the attention of the audience. It is a good idea to have several topics for the panel to discuss, limiting each to a specific time limit. These topics could include social problems, state problems and Biblical controversies as an example of variation.

The banquet part of the rallies should also be diversified. Suggestions may be made by the program committee as to the type of dinner. However, the final choice should come from the host church as they know their own accommodations. Banquets can be altered occasionally from the regular dinner to a smorgasbord dinner or some other type of meal. Decorations for the banquet should lead up to and center around the general theme.

A rally also provides an opportunity to stress the camps for the coming summer. Announcements should be made concerning the time, the place, facilities, and guest speakers. A report on your regional or conference project should be made so as to generate interest in completing the project. It is also good to make some plans for future CBY activities.

Each rally should set aside at least one part of its program for a speaker. The speaker may talk on the theme that you have set up for the rally or one associated with it. Denominational leaders and missionaries who are available in your area during the rally are excellent as speakers.

The serious part of the rally must always occupy the prime feature. It must tend to draw the attention of those in attendance to the real purpose and aims of our CBY Fellowship, as well as send them away with some spiritual thoughts to ponder upon. Every rally should be instrumental in leading young people to an increased dedication to the cause of Jesus Christ and his Kingdom's work.

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Henry Ramus of Neustadt, Ontario, have announced the birth of a daughter on May 8, who has been named Deborah Lynn. This is their first child. The Neustadt Baptist Church, of which Mr. Ramus is pastor, is making preparations for the observance of its 100th anniversary to be celebrated in August 1959.

● The Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Regina, Saskatchewan, has called Rev. H. Herrmann of Jansen, Sask., as its pastor to which he has responded favorably. He is beginning his pastorate in Regina on July 1st succeeding Rev. W. Wieschollek, now pastor of the Immanuel Church, Edmonton, Alberta. Mr. Herrmann has served the Jansen church since 1956.

● The Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., held a Leadership Training Course recently with 10 members of the Sunday School staff completing the course, "The Devotional Life of Christian Leaders" by Dr. Clarence W. Cranford. Rev. Fred Mashner, pastor, served as instructor. The Sheboygan County Ministerial Association elected Rev. Fred Mashner as president at its recent annual meeting.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. Wilhelm Wieschollek of Regina, Sask., to become its pastor. He has accepted the call and announced that he will begin his ministry in Edmonton's Immanuel Church on July 1st. He has served the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Regina since 1957. In Edmonton he will succeed Rev. Alfred Frank as pastor.

● The First Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich., has built a new parsonage on the east end of the present church property. It is of brick and redwood construction and matches the exterior of the church. A new attendance record was set in the Sunday School on May 10 with 206 scholars and teachers present. The Father and Son Banquet was held on May 29 with the program featuring two fine films. Rev. David J. Draewell is the pastor.

● Since May 24 the pulpit of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., is being supplied by Rev. Frank N. J., as interim pastor. Mr. Friesen is one of the de-pastor. Mr. Friesen is one of the denomination's supply and interim pastors. He completed a similar ministry of nine months on May 17 at the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich. The former pastor of the Walnut Street Church of Newark is Rev. Lenox Palin.

● The Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., dedicated its new communion table and pulpit at the

worship service on Sunday morning, May 3rd. The communion table was given to the church as a memorial by Rev. Emanuel Broeckel and family of Bismarck, N. Dak., in honor of Milton Broeckel. The pulpit is a gift to the church from Mr. Samuel Keller, as reported by Mrs. Viola Wright. Rev. Clarence H. Walth is pastor of the church.

● Gary Reddig of Cathay, N. Dak., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, had the honor of serving as the valedictorian of his local high school class. He is also the president of the CBYF of the Baptist Church of which Rev. David Zimmerman is the pastor. He was "the high score man" on the local basketball team and is a member of the high school band. His mother, Mrs. Freda Reddig, is the president of the denomination's Woman's Missionary Union.

● Mr. Ronald Helwig of Neustadt, Ontario, a student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., is serving on the Indian mission fields of Alberta from June 15 to October 15. He is assisting with the program of the Vacation Bible Schools to be held on the Montana and Bull Reserves of Alberta and is working with Mr. Joe Hufnagel as missionary among the Indian people. His summer ministry is deeply appreciated by the Board of Missions that is supporting him as well as by the Indians.

● On Sunday evening, May 10, Rev. A. J. Fischer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak., baptized four converts. This was the second baptismal service within four months in which the minister had the privilege of baptizing 18 persons. At the end of May, Rev. A. J. Fischer closed his seventh year of ministry in the Linton church during which he received more than 100 persons into the church by baptism and letter. Recently the CBYF presented the play, "Through the Valley of the Shadow," both at the Linton and Eureka, S. Dak., churches.

● Harry Hiller of Edmonton, Alberta, son of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Hiller of the Central Baptist Church, has been elected president of the Students' Union of Edmonton's largest high school, Victoria Composite. The election results were widely publicized in Edmonton's newspapers. Harry Hiller has also received a scholarship by the Banff School of Fine Arts, Banff, Alberta, to participate in a model United Nations from August 22 to 29 in which he will represent a country still to be assigned to him. Congratulations, Harry!

● Rev. R. Vassel of South Pasadena, California, was called to his heavenly

home on Thursday, May 7, after a brief illness. He served many of our churches in several conferences before retiring to California. But even there he was kept busy in his service for Christ. He had a part in preparing German broadcast messages for Station HCJB, "the Voice of the Andes" in Quito, Ecuador in its short wave ministry around the world. He leaves to mourn his widow and a daughter Lydia. The obituary will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The days of March 22 to 29 were days of special blessing for the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware. Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist, was at the church preaching the Gospel with power and conviction. On the last evening, Easter Sunday, a service of rededication was held in which almost every person came forward and a number of persons accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. On Sunday morning, April 26, eight persons honored the Lord by following him in baptism. Rev. Christian Peters, pastor, baptized the converts.

● The "Argus-Leader" newspaper of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in its Sunday edition of April 26 featured a full page, illustrated article about North American Baptist Seminary students who are serving churches "all in a day's work." The article is entitled "Text-book—Packin' Pastors Maintain Busy Schedules." Pictures were featured on the page showing the following students in action in their churches: Rev. Herman Effa, Mr. Clinton Grenz, Mr. John Regehr, Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. Zeeb and their family, and Rev. Vernon Olson.

● Rev. Bernard Schalm of Chicago, Ill., the acting pastor of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, has been appointed to the faculty of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, by its Board of Trustees and the denomination's Board of Education and Publication. He has accepted the appointment and will begin his teaching ministry in Edmonton on September 1st. Mr. Schalm was the recipient of the Doctor of Theology degree at the commencement exercises of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., on Monday evening, May 25.

● A series of evangelistic meetings were held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, from March 3 to 13 with Rev. George Breitkreuz of Portland, Oregon, minister of education at the Trinity Baptist Church, as evangelist. Mrs. Emil Opp reported: "The Lord richly blessed this ministry in our midst with a number of people accepting Christ as their Savior." During April Rev. Wesley Gerber, pastor, held a series of classes in preparation for baptism and church membership. On Sunday, April 26, three children and four adults entered the waters of baptism in obedience to Christ's command.

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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 re-opened 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 Dixie came forward in response to the invitation and Spencer Nichols accepted Christ at his home. Mary Sue's happiness was complete. Then she suddenly remembered something!

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

"I'm—very happy about Dixie, too, Tom. I realize what she tried to do and I appreciate it—"

Tom's face turned hot. He searched for words and finally croaked, "She's—a very dear friend—I've got to go down and look at the fuse box and then, see about running a wire up for that clock."

But long after he had departed from her company, an uncomfortable thought kept nagging at him: he had broken two of his own iron-clad rules—he had witlessly spoken to each girl about the other, and he had, voluntarily and of his own free will, kissed them both!

He fingered the fuse in his hand, tossed it into the air a couple of times and caught it, cogitating upon the dilemma. At length, he shrugged and went back upstairs. If he had kissed

only one, then he would have had a problem. As it was, there apparently was no cause for worry. No man could possibly fall in love with two girls at the same time.

It was on the very next Sunday—the first of the New Year—that Tom heard the church door open just as he had finished reading that passage from which he drew his message for the day, looked up and—much to his amazement—watched Dr. Elliott and his wife step quietly inside, nod recognition, and seat themselves unobtrusively in the back pew.

Tom was stunned to the point of becoming temporarily speechless. He could not understand *how—or why...* And in that same instant, when he groped for the words he had rehearsed so well (knowing that even at his best his expressions were ragweed in the garden of flowery phrases), he realized he could not possibly be so audacious as to attempt delivering any manner of "talk" in the presence of this learned and vividly expressive superior.

His eyes went out to Mary-Sue's, their mission to be the wordless beckoning for her to take over. She did not budge. She looked a trifle frightened. He came to his senses then and looked at Spencer, head bowed, at her side. *On this Sunday he was to make his public acceptance.* If Tom offered him no means, then he deliberately waylaid that all-important gesture. On the other hand, not even he could be so discourteous as to make the invitation without a word of preamble. No it had to be done gently and with tact, making the way as conceivably easy for Spencer as could be done.

He was torn by indecision. His pride was pitted against his duty. And when he came, step by mental step, to that conclusion, the decision was made. Pride meant little. Duty to God meant

everything. He blocked his mind and his eyes against that last pew and began, in the low-toned style which was peculiarly his own, to repeat the words scrawled before him.

As had happened before, he forgot after the first few sentences that he possessed any notes whatever, stepped forward and to the side of the pulpit, leaning an elbow against it. He forgot the occupants of the last pew, forgot that his words were mostly simple and direct, and became, instead, completely engrossed in their *purpose*, allowing his voice to rise and fall as it would with his own emotion.

Spencer Nichols came forward. They closed the meeting by singing *In the Sweet By and By*, which had been Mary-Sue's idea.

Tom spoke with Spencer several minutes after the meeting, prayed with him, made plans for baptism. Then he went back to greet Dr. Elliott and his lovely equally silver-haired wife. He was pleased to note that Mary-Sue had made herself known to them (he assumed she noticed them as strangers and wanted them to feel welcome), introduced Dixie and several other members as they filed past to return to their various homes, and now the two girls stood side by side and chatted gaily while Tom approached. It was a few minutes before Spencer joined them.

"I've asked Dr. and Mrs. Elliott to have dinner with us, Tom," Mary-Sue said easily, "and also Dixie. They've all very graciously consented, so I'm afraid you have no alternative but to do likewise."

Tom managed a stiff smile, still bothered by their reason for coming, and a little startled—even though she very frequently invited Dixie and himself to dinner—that Mary-Sue could cope so gracefully with *four* extra adults. Surely—from what little he

remembered of their food-stretching when he was a child, and also how his mother had fussed and fumed to have everything "fitting and proper" when the minister from the mission came to call—it was no small task to plan a meal that could include four additional portions and with all the extra flourish entailed when *two* of the additional were, in their small world, akin to royalty! He *supposed* she knew what she was doing. Certainly he *hoped* she did!

"I'd like you to show me around," Dr. Elliott said. It tended to bring Tom out of his daze.

"Of course. Of course, sir."
"Well, if you'll just excuse us—"
Mary-Sue intervened sweetly, taking her father's arm. "And if you'd like to help, Dixie—"

Tom could not keep from scowling. She never ceased to amaze him! The ease with which she *managed* people, got them *off* the hook and, likewise, *on*, was simply appalling! He could almost *feel* Dixie's relief at being rescued.

Mrs. Elliott expressed a wish to see the church herself and stayed behind with Tom and the Doctor. Tom started at that very back pew where they stood and showed them every nook and cranny. He tried hard to keep the jubilant pride out of his voice, to act like the mature twenty-three he was, but after explaining and demonstrating each new improvement, he could look up quickly and see that twinkling in Dr. Elliott's eyes.

"I guess I'm like that kid with a new toy," he apologized sheepishly. "Only I never seem to get tired of *this*—"
He swept a big hand about him.

Dr. Elliott smiled. "You have a right to be, Tom. You've done miraculously—simply miraculously. I had to see it to believe *all* of it myself."

Tom hesitated. "Is—that why you came, sir?"

Dr. Elliott smiled, but this time with evasion. "Yes—and no."

Tom's eyes questioned his. He wanted to probe, but he felt slightly reprimanded and decided to let it go. "If I had *known*—if you'd *told* me, sir so I could have made *some* preparation—"

Dr. Elliott chuckled and wagged a forefinger at Tom. "Ah, yes! And that is precisely why I did *not* tell you, my friend! I wanted to see you as you are—as *these people see you.*"

He laid a proud hand on Tom's shoulder and looked at him approvingly, nodding his head ever so gently. "And, Tom, I *saw*. I saw, and I heard, and—*frankly—I marvel!*"

Tom flushed. Praise invariably made him feel all hands and feet, totally unworthy, and clumsy as a blunderbuss.

"I guess Mary-Sue ought to have dinner on by now," he grunted. "She gets real mad if people don't come when everything's hot. I don't expect she'd get mad at *you!*" he added quickly, thinking what he'd said. "But she sure would at *me!*"

The Elliotts laughed delightedly, and

together they—went to the table.

The dinner, to Tom's further astonishment, was superb. Traditional New Year's ham, glazed with cherries and pineapple rings, candied yams, fruit salad, hot apple pie. Of course there were the frilly extras. These neither interested nor appealed to him. Apple pie and ham he could understand. However, he did note that celery curls, carrot sticks and the like (and he would not have paid much heed to the specific titles of these had not Mrs. Elliott remarked about the "colorful decor" on the table) added a noticeable finery. He was strictly a meat-potato-and-pie man himself, but he could appreciate that Mary-Sue possessed no small talent in the art of homemaking. Having arrived at that conclusion, he shrugged, accredited her with a sizable portion of feminine intuition adjoining that flare of homemaking, and thought on it no further. It was another of those mysteries shrouding womanhood.

The men, with Mrs. Elliott, retired to the living room after dinner. Dixie and Mary-Sue undertook the kitchen chores.

As Tom sat there listening to the quiet, comfortable conversation, he could not help recalling those first hours spent in this room. It would soon be a year. A scant *year*—and what unbelievable strides had been taken! He glanced now and again at Spencer, saw in the relaxation of facial muscles an erasure of bitterness. In its stead dwelt a peace sufficient to last throughout this life. *Anna Marie's prayers had been answered.* So had Mary-Sue's. And so—in part—had his mother's. They were strides worthy of his awe.

It was Dr. Elliott who rose finally and said they must be leaving.

"I've had a great desire to visit your little church, Tom," he confessed. "And now that I've visited it, I have an equal desire to have a long talk with you sometime soon. I wonder—next time you have a day free—if you would give a ring and perhaps we could get together again?"

Tom looked at him questioningly. "Why—yes, of course—"

They expressed appreciation once more for the dinner and the cordiality, said their good-bys, and departed, but the strange invitation preyed on Tom's mind long after they were out of sight.

Tom worried over it until Tuesday and then, when he discovered he was not scheduled for a haul on that day, he called the Doctor and made the drive in to his office.

The upbraiding he expected was not forthcoming. Indeed, Dr. Elliott chatted pleasantly about a number of things—Mary-Sue, Dixie, the enjoyable drive out to the church the congregation and their apparent affection for Tom, the delicious dinner. It was half an hour before he mentioned Spencer Nichols' name and when he did, Tom jumped.

"I want to explain about that, sir," he said quickly. "I know I'm not ordained—or even *educated*—and have

no *right*—but, you see—" And suddenly he was telling Dr. Elliott about Mary-Sue's plight.

Dr. Elliott smiled. "She sounds like quite a girl. In fact, *both* these young ladies we met were most charming. Mrs. Elliott was quite taken with them."

"She is. *They are,*" Tom blundered. "What I'm trying to get at is that I felt sort of—*compelled*. I mean, there was no one else—" Tom leaned forward in his chair and held his hands out helplessly.

Dr. Elliott nodded. "I know. That's one of the reasons I wanted to see you, Tom. When I heard you talk, saw that man accept Christ as his Saviour, I *knew I had to do something about it.*"

He turned away and walked to the window. Tom's heart sank, and he felt a deep sickness at the pit of his stomach. He bowed his head, tried to act like a man about it, not a sniveling child.

"*I know you'll hate to leave your little church, Tom,*" Dr. Elliott was saying from a long way off. "*I suppose I can't really force you away, but I do make the sincere recommendation to you that you follow my advice.*"

He turned back now, came to Tom's side, and placed a hand on his shoulder.

"I've told you we have shortages, Tom," he said quietly. "Good ministers are surprisingly hard to come by. That's why—" He hesitated and Tom closed his eyes for a second and imagined the rest: *That's why I must ask you to leave the church and let the work of God be handled by men who are authorized, not presumptuous idiots!*

Dr. Elliott's sentence, when he completed it, was not at all like what Tom anticipated. It was, in fact *shockingly opposite!*

"That's why," he repeated after a second, "*I feel it my duty to suggest that you take charge of a larger church.*"

It did not penetrate immediately. Tom had to shove aside his own thoughts to make room for the new ones. When he did, his head snapped up and his mouth opened in dismay.

"You *what?* You *what, sir?*" He was on his feet like a boxer at the count of nine.

Dr. Elliott held up a restraining hand. "I *knew* you wouldn't like the idea! But, Tom, look at *my* side of it. It's the simple arithmetic of supply and demand. Churches demand leaders; I have to do the supplying. When there aren't enough ministers or the church is too small to support a minister, I have to send in lay people with outside incomes of their own. Tom, even some of my *ministers* have to work part time to feed their families. It isn't an ideal setup, but this is a rural area, pretty much, small scattered churches and—nothing in this life is really ideal anyway, is it? If it were, we would have very little argument for inducing people to life ever-

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 5, 1959

Theme: A NATION UNDER GOD

Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 8:17-19; 11:1

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Simply to print, "In God We Trust," on our money, and "One Nation Under God" in our pledge to allegiance is not enough. It must be imprinted on our hearts and exemplified in our daily living.

INTRODUCTION: Today we begin to study some of the books in the Old Testament. Among them are those which are easily neglected in ordinary Bible study. Some are difficult to understand while others are occasionally looked upon as "dry" reading. By means of serious study, prayer and the help of God's Spirit we are enabled to see his truths in all of Scripture. Let us "study to show ourselves approved unto God" (2 Tim. 2:15).

The founding and establishing of a nation is not nearly so difficult as continuing steadfastly under God. The Israelites' first difficulty and enthusiasm in their freedom from Egyptian bondage was in back of them. It was during their period of inactivity that the spiritual dangers were most evident. To keep up their loyalty and devotion to God was Moses' greatest concern. During such a period the temptation is to get out from under God.

I. A HOLY NATION. Deuteronomy 7:6.

In order for a nation to be holy and to remain holy, it must of necessity remain under God. The most unholy people are those who do not want to be under God. No other nation had the distinction of being called a holy people. It was the peculiar position of Israel that although they were bound more rigidly to God and his laws than any other nation, nevertheless they enjoyed a greater freedom of spirit.

II. A CHOSEN PEOPLE. Deuteronomy 7:6, 7.

Israel was not chosen because of their size or quantity. They were not chosen to be the military leaders of the world but the spiritual leaders.

III. A REDEEMED NATION. Deuteronomy 7:8.

One of the most meaningful and most powerful words in the Christian vocabulary is the word "redeemed." We talk about it; we preach about it; we testify about it; we sing about it. When Israel talked about being redeemed from the Egyptian house of bondage, they were filled with a glorious sense of deliverance and freedom. In the same sense, the Christian feels the wonderful freedom as the redeemed of God through Jesus Christ.

IV. A LAW-ABIDING NATION. Deuteronomy 7:9-11.

Other nations had civil laws, but their religion and idols had nothing to do with moral law. In order to please God, Israel was concerned about right attitudes as well as right action.

V. A WEALTHY NATION. Deuteronomy 8:17-19.

Humility and wealth seldom go together. A person who is rich likes to think it the result of his own effort, his own intellect—God had nothing to do with it. This was a normal danger also in the lives of the Israelites. The danger was not so much in the accumulation of wealth as the pride that develops along with it. Therefore it was necessary for Moses to remind the people that God was the source of wealth. In back of the human effort, the talent and the intellect is the power of God.

VI. A LOVING NATION. Deuteronomy 11:1.

Herein lay the real power of the Jewish religion. The commandments began with a whole-hearted love and allegiance to God, only because they had experienced the fact that Jehovah was a God who loved them and had compassion on them. No other nation had a god who loved and demanded love of its worshippers. Love is not even mentioned in connection with Baal, Ashtareth or any other idol.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 12, 1959

Theme: DECISIONS DETERMINE DESTINY

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-16; 31:7-13

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: "To every man there openeth a high way and a low, and every man decideth the way his soul shall go." John Oxenham.

INTRODUCTION: We continue with another lesson from Deuteronomy. This is the concluding book of what is often referred to as the Pentateuch. It is the sum and substance of all the laws by which the nation of Israel lived. It was the Word of God!

There is still much in it from which we can learn, but from all indications we wonder whether we as a nation do not put more trust in the Pentagon

S. S. LESSON EDITOR

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than in the Pentateuch. National and international decisions are not always based on the godly wisdom found in the Pentateuch but on the military strategy found in the Pentagon.

I. THE WISDOM OF MAKING A CHOICE. Deuteronomy 30:15-16.

When we see the choice before us in such plain language and in such definite terms, it seems comparatively simple and easy to make a right choice. Who would be foolish enough to choose "death and evil" rather than "life and good"? But our life's choices do not always come to us in such contrasting intensity as black and white. Indeed, Paul clearly warns us that false apostles often transform themselves into apostles of Christ and even "Satan is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:13-15). The difficulty is to choose between what seems to be white and what actually is white.

Love to God is therefore very important in order to recognize the commandments of God, to seek his statutes and his judgments. Moses realized the importance and danger when he confronted Israel with the urgency and solemnity of this choice between life and death.

II. WISDOM IN SEEKING GUIDANCE. Deuteronomy 31:7-8.

When individuals who are in prominent places of leadership make choices, it is of great importance, for their choice may influence a whole nation. No doubt, Moses and Joshua realized the significance of the occasion and sought the guidance of God, the strength of God and the presence of God. The tremendous task of leading an entire nation into the Promised Land was no assignment for a man who trusted only in his own wisdom and power. It had to be done with faith in God.

III. WISDOM IN READING. Deuteronomy 31:9-11.

Moses learned the real value in leadership, not in dictating and executing all the laws himself, but in delegating responsibility to others. It was the responsibility of Moses to proclaim the law and to write the law, but he gave over the responsibility of reading the law to the priests and sons of Levi. The people, on the other hand, were responsible in that they were commanded to listen to the law. No one could excuse himself and say, "I didn't know."

We need to evaluate our reading and our listening habits. The eye and the ear are important for they feed the mind and spirit of man. Jesus often speaks of seeing and hearing, particularly in reference to his parables.

IV. WISDOM IN EDUCATION. Deuteronomy 31:12-13.

Notice the completeness of the educational program—"Gather the people together, men and women and children and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear and fear

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Eastern District

Ground Breaking Service, Second Church, Union City, N. J.

In March ground was broken for the new addition to Second Baptist Church, Union City, N. J. The building program is expected to cost \$20,000 and will considerably enlarge the present facilities of the church. The addition will be in the form of a two-story wing on the left wall of the present building. Included in the extension will be a pastor's study, nursery, two auditoriums and a large vestibule. The auditoriums will be equipped with folding doors, enabling them to be used as Sunday School classrooms.

Rev. Tunis Mouw, who conducted the evangelistic services held during the same week, was a guest at the dedication service. In the words of our pastor, Rev. R. Sparling, the building program is being undertaken "because the church recognizes its responsibility to God, its own people, especially their children, and its responsibility to those of our area yet unreached with the Gospel and unchurched."

Mrs. Anne Downs, Reporter

Activities at Napier Parkview Church, Benton Harbor

The Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., has a full schedule of church activities in constant operation. Two Teacher Training classes were held during a recent three month period. Twenty certificates have been issued to those who successfully completed the courses. A class for church membership was also completed by the pastor, Rev. William Hoover. Fifteen new members were baptized and given the right hand of fellowship at a recent communion service. The weekly calling program has been re-established and a current prospect list is being built up.

Mother's Day was designated as "Bring Your Mother Sunday." A total of 638 were in Sunday School—the highest attendance in the new church. A grandmothers' choir of 32 members furnished the special music for the evening evangelistic service. Gifts were given by the pastor to the oldest mother present, the mother with the largest family present, and the youngest mother in attendance. The first est Vacation Bible School in the new church was held June 15-20 under Mrs. Hoover's supervision and with a full complement of teachers and helpers.

R. Shepley, Associate Pastor

80th Birthday Celebration, Mrs. Rose Storz, Erie, Pa.

Mrs. Rose Storz of Erie, Pa., celebrated her 80th birthday on April 15. All of her children were in Erie, Pa., to help make this a wonderful celebration. She has 7 daughters and one son, 17 grandchildren and 14 great-



Ground breaking exercises for the \$20,000 addition to the Second Baptist Church, Union City, N. J., with church leaders and Rev. R. Sparling, pastor, taking part.

grandchildren. Mrs. Storz was house mother at the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., from 1932 to 1944. The people of the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester and of the Central Baptist Church in Erie, Pa., her home church, also remembered her on this occasion. A total of 150 cards and letters were received, extending heartiest congratulations to her.

On the Saturday before her birthday, a family dinner in her honor was held at the home of one of her children. On April 15 a luncheon was held for some of the older members of the church at which Mrs. Storz was honored. Her children are: Mrs. Henry Mauser, Erie Pa.; Mrs. Merle Gibbens, Erie, Pa.; Mrs. Henry Pfeil, Johnstown, N. Y.; Mrs. Wilbert Neuffer, Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Dale Middlestetter, Erie, Pa.; Mrs. Lincoln Love, Erie, Pa.; Mrs. Robert Portenier, Erie, Pa.; and Mr. Fred Storz, Flint, Mich. Mrs. Robert Eichler, Reporter.



Mrs. Rose Storz of Erie, Pa., the former house mother of the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., at her 80th birthday celebration.

Centerline Church, Mich., Observes Pastor's 5th Anniversary

May 1st marked the 5th anniversary of Rev. Adolph Braun's ministry with the First Baptist Church of Centerline, Mich. The event was celebrated with a surprise party sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society. The church family assembled in the basement of the church at 7:30 p.m. to await the arrival of the Braun family. Mrs. Braun was attending the regular meeting of her group of Pioneer Girls and had dressed the children for bed before leaving them with their father for the evening. The family was finally reunited at the church and were greeted by the congregational singing of "After All You Have Done for Us," which revealed the surprise.

The evening's entertainment was interspersed with special musical numbers, including those of the church choir, church quartet and trio. A gifted member had prepared a scrapbook covering the five-year period. Another, a poetess, had composed a lovely poem for the Brauns and these were presented to them. After the family opened the gifts, which included personal and household items and money, refreshments were served during which a period of fellowship was enjoyed. We are thankful to the Lord for our pastor and his family.

Ruby R. Smith, Periodical Sec'y.

Mother's-Daughter's Banquet, Fleischmann Memorial Church

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., held its annual Mother's and Daughter's Banquet on Tuesday evening, May 5. It was quite a gala affair with 100 mothers, "adopted" mothers, daughters, and "adopted" daughters present. The candlelit tables were beautifully and originally decorated with baskets of azalea blossoms and lilies-of-the-valley. Each mother present received a "corsage" made of plastic measuring spoons, dillies and ribbons. The younger daughters had a smaller "corsage" to wear. All of these decorations were made by the Wittmer sisters of the church. After a delicious dinner, prepared by the Homemaker's Class, we were led in a few choruses by Mrs. Marion Steinbronn. Then we were favored with a duet by Betty Jane Muller and Harriet Klann, and another by Susan and Linda Doar.

As our speaker, we were privileged to have Miss Lenore Kruse, daughter of a former pastor of the church. She spoke of the new ideas and programs being used to spread evangelism to all people. Mrs. Albertina Mercner, the oldest mother present, and a member of the Missionary Society for 67 years, led us in the benediction. The chairlady for the evening was Mrs. Dortha King, who deserves praise for planning this highly successful banquet.

Jeannette MacMeekin, Reporter

Annual Business Meeting, Union Church, Arnold, Pa.

"Then the people rejoiced for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord" (I Chron. 29:9). With these words the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., opened its annual business meeting on Wednesday evening, April 29. We completely rewrote our church constitution. A number of improvements were made in our building, such as complete repainting, storm glass for the large stained glass areas, etc. The church undertook the partial support of Miss Eleanor Wiesenburger and also gave \$250 for the church building work in Japan, besides the regular mission giving.

A special emphasis was presented each Sunday during December on tithing by the Finance Committee, and a number of people have been added to the large group of tithers in the church. The pastor, Rev. Dale Chadwick, who has served the church for almost 8 years was presented with a special surprise at the meeting. He was handed an envelope with a gift from the members of \$154 with the instruction that this be used to help purchase corneal contact lenses. He was deeply thankful for this gift.

Mrs. Florence Pressick, Reporter



Rev. Raymond Harsch, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., baptizes one of five candidates on Easter Sunday.

Baptism and Special Programs, Temple Church, Leduc

Great blessings were ours during evangelistic meetings held from Feb. 17 to March 1. Rev. J. C. Kastelein of Harvey, N. Dak., served as the evangelist. We praise God for nine persons who accepted the Lord Jesus as their Savior. On March 15, the boys and girls of our Sunday School presented their Bible Day program. The offering of the evening went to our headquarters to purchase Bibles for our mission fields.

The play, "Thou That Judgest," was very well presented by the McKernan Baptist young people of Edmonton on March 22. An eight week Sunday School Expansion Campaign was conducted from Feb. 8 to March 29. Our Sunday School benefitted greatly through this campaign as the different phases of our denomination were presented each Sunday.

On Easter Sunday evening it was the joy of our church to see five young people follow the Lord in baptism. At the observance of the Lord's Supper, the hand of fellowship was extended to the new converts and to six adults who were received into the church by letter. The C.B.Y.F. presented the play, "Who Is My Neighbor?," on Mother's Day. The message of this play challenged each of us as Christians.

Mrs. R. Harsch, Reporter

30 Years, East Olds Baptist Church, Alberta

This year the members of the East Olds Baptist Church of Olds, Alta. are looking back over a period of 30 years. In a simple but memorable service on May 3rd, Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, outlined the various steps by which God has been leading in the past. Special music was rendered and the prayer of thanksgiving offered by Mr. R. F. Unger and Mr. H. Weidman, deacons. The visiting choir and orchestra of the Immanuel Church of Edmonton presented a sacred concert in the afternoon. A mission offering was designated for the work of the Christian Training Institute and a festival dinner and supper prepared by the ladies of the church.

The church was organized on June 29, 1920; the church building erected in 1935; and the parsonage built in 1939. The following brethren ministered as pastors to the church: E. P. Wahl, G. Beutler, C. B. Thole, J. Wilcke, J. P. Schultz, G. J. Thiessen, F. W. Pahl, H. A. Pohl. Willing to show to others that God is the strength of our church life, we are looking forward with great confidence into another decade of service for our Lord and Master.

H. A. Pohl, Pastor

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE AUGUST 5-9, 1959

The sessions of the Northwestern Conference will be held at the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., from August 5 to 9. All reservations for lodging and announcements about delegations should be sent in advance to Rev. William H. Jeschke, 590 Mendota Street, St. Paul 6, Minn.

Central District

Spring Rally of Minnesota Women's Missionary Union

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Minnesota Association recently met at the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis for its Spring Rally. Under the capable leadership of our president, Mrs. Bert A. Itterman, a good program was presented. It was our privilege to have Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer of the Cameroons as our speaker. She showed some missionary pictures from Africa which gave us a new insight into the work of a missionary nurse. Miss Weeldreyer also made clear to us how the White Cross supplies are used of the Lord to the salvation of many. Several musical numbers were rendered, including a vocal duet by Karen Brachlow and Barbara Hirsch of Minneapolis and a vocal duet by Mrs. E. Tahrn and Mrs. W. Christensen of Hutchinson, Minn. Mrs. Alvin Quiring from Minneapolis prepared our hearts for an afternoon of spiritual blessing as she played the organ.

Our goal for this year was \$500 which was met. It was our privilege to give \$250 for Church Extension and \$250 for the Japan Mission field. We received an offering of \$110.82. Our

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officers are: president, Mrs. Bert Itterman, Randolph, Minn.; vice-president, Miss Ruth Schoenfeld of La Crosse, Wis.; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Flora H. Woyke, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Adam Huber, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. David Sauer of Portland, Oregon, members of the Immanuel Baptist Church, at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Western District

Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Sauer, Portland

On May 2nd Mr. and Mrs. David Sauer, members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Forty-four of the family gathered for a dinner in honor of the parents. An open house was held on Sunday afternoon at the home of the couple.

On Sunday night, May 11, a song fest was held in their behalf. The program was opened by singing choruses, led by their youngest son, Alvin Sauer. Rev. Henry Barnet, pastor, read Scripture and led in prayer. Rev. Charles Wagner rendered a short talk and read an appropriate poem for the occasion. Mr. Adam Hoelzer, honorary life deacon, gave a short talk and presented the couple with a money tree from the church. The tree was a potted miniature fir with fifty paper dollars rolled and tied with gold ribbon and fastened to the tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Sauer were married in McClusky, N. Dak., in 1909, and moved to Portland, Oregon on Dec. 31, 1923. The family consists of 11 children, Madga Lentz, Lydia Welke, Emma Jonas, Margaret Halter, Olga Sanford, Joehannah, June, Ed, Ted, Alvin Sauer of Portland and Ruth Reck of Eugene, Oregon; 17 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Rod Rosentreter, Reporter

Burning of Mortgage, First Church, Lodi, Calif.

On Sunday evening, April 26th, the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., had the privilege of burning the church mortgage. Our building program began in 1952 with an educational building. We began with a \$3,000 treasury,

and it was dedicated in November 1952, all paid for and with an additional \$10,000 in the treasury. Our main sanctuary was begun in May 1954, and was dedicated in February, 1955 to the glory of our Lord. The total cost of the church building, educational building, including an off-street parking lot, remodeling of the organ, architect's fee, landscaping, furniture, and a new air-conditioning and heating unit installed during the 1958 year, came to a total of \$199,328. The small sum of \$50,000 had to be borrowed to pay for the church, which was paid off in five years.

Participating in the burning of the mortgage was our beloved pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, who during all those years gave of himself so unstintingly to minister to his people; Adolph Bertsch, chairman of the Board of Deacons; Art Heinle, chairman of the Executive Board; and Edward Baum-bach, chairman of the Board of Trustees. For the service, our pastor chose to speak on "We Are Builders."

Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Reporter

Colorful Activities at Elk Grove, Calif., Church

On Sunday, May 3, Rev. W. W. Knauf brought the morning message, "CHRIST IS THE ANSWER," at the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif. The hand of fellowship was extended to 11 new members, who had been baptized. Their names are: Mrs. Alka Joan Eveleigh, Hans Stumpf, Kay Dinkins, Billy Dinkins, Bobby Forsch, Debby Dockter, Barbara Adam, Norman Wagemann, Terry Neher, Allen Mantz and Dan Fandrich.

On May 9, the church again entered a float in the Elk Grove Western Festival which won honorable mention. Chairman of this float was Ernest Adam. The theme was "Faith More Precious Than Gold."

On May 10, Rev. W. W. Knauf led the candle light installation service of the Commissioned Baptist Youth officers. They are as follows: president, Geraldine Stabbert; vice-president, Grace Rauser; secretary, Virginia Veninga; treasurer, Rano Stabbert; pianist, Delilah Litke; asst. pianist, Virginia Veninga; organist, Larry



Mortgage burning ceremony at the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., with Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor, at the right.

Mantz; librarian, Dianna Schuh; reporter, Roberta Veit; young people's sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adam; advisor on programs, Miss Theo Wuttke.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

Youth Publication of Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

The young people of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, may be justly proud of their 22 page attractively mimeographed "Youth Hand Book" compiled by Bob Ernst, vice president, assisted by other officers under the supervision of Lloyd Kwast, Youth Director.

A burning candle beside an open Bible centers the cover page design radiating "Let Your Light So Shine." The introductory page carries four sub-heads: Our Organization, Our Aim, Our Purpose and Our Text (Proverbs 3:5-6). Both C.B.Y. and B.Y.F. groups list officers, membership and calendar activity charts neatly prepared. A special page lists members away at college or in the armed forces. Dave Bressel is C.B.Y. president and Jim Small is president for B.Y.F.

Ruth Mellen, Reporter



Rev. R. Kanwischer (right), pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., and 14 candidates whom he baptized on April 19, 1959.



"PIONEERS OF FAITH"

The religious float entered by the Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., in the Elk Grove Western Festival. John Stumpf is holding the Bible and Dwight Dolliver is "panning the gold."

Baptism of 12 at Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

On Sunday evening, April 26, a large group of members and friends of Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., gathered to witness a baptismal service. Twelve persons joyfully gave expression to their Christian faith through baptism. Most of these were led to a saving experience in Christ through the regular services of the church and personal work in the homes. One of the women in the group is a widow who was led to Christ about a week after her husband's funeral service. We are also grateful to the Lord for the two couples who received Christ into their homes as well as their lives. In two other cases, the husbands of Christian wives took their stand for Christ. All of this has been possible only because of the gracious work of the Holy Spirit in applying the Word of God to listening hearts.

At a communion service on the following Sunday morning these and five others were received into the fellowship of the church. It is our prayer that we may continue to be faithful in the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ so that God may use us to bring others into a salvation experience.

Robert Schreiber, Pastor

Rev. G. G. Rauser's Resignation, First Church, Lodi, Calif.

On Sunday evening, April 26th, we of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., were given the news of the resignation of our wonderful pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser. For almost eleven years, with love and devotion to his Lord and as a shepherd of the flock, Brother Rauser ministered to us. In words, we cannot thank our God enough for such faithful servants, and for the many blessings we have received while they ministered to us, but we know that their reward is in heaven.

They were loved by the church, by the people of the community, and by all who came in contact with them. The church has grown from a membership of about 500 to well over 900 members. On Sunday evening May 10,

Jubilee Choristers on the Road

Story of the Choristers' Tour from the Christian Training Institute by Wayne Ohlhauser, C.T.I. Student

"SERVE the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2).

This was the theme of the Jubilee Choristers of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, under the direction of Professor Edward B. Link as they visited many of our denominational churches.

A group of twenty-four singers of the High School, Bible School, University, and Theological Departments, and their pianist, Miss Gorgene Kern, were privileged to make up this chorus. The Choristers visited various churches in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and Montana.

The principal purpose of this tour was to promote the work of the Christian Training Institute and its extended courses offered in the training of youth for more effective service in their churches and Sunday Schools. Another objective of the choir was to reach the youth of our churches to present the challenge of attending a Bible School such as C. T. I. Also the chorus found much joy in presenting the message of Christ through song and testimony.

The Choristers acquired much besides the joy of serving, for they were privileged to meet many of our denominational ministers and many oth-

ers from their congregations. They also viewed beautiful structures of various churches such as Ebenezer Church in Vancouver, B. C., and Trinity Church in Portland, Oregon, along with many others. There was also the opportunity to congregate with the youth of the churches and to fellowship with them.

The choir travelled by means of the Christian Training Institute bus and shared the joys of travelling with one another. God's handiwork in the creation of nature and its beauty was again revealed as we travelled the winding highways of the west coast amongst the mountains and viewed the scenery of various settings. The sight of the splashing waves of the Pacific Ocean was also of great interest to the group.

The tour was one of excitement and blessing which added much to its success.

with tears of regret we accepted his resignation, and then only because we felt that since the Lord has led our pastor to resign to take over the Lincoln Village Church Extension project, certainly it must be the Lord's will. Mr. Rauser is a man who preaches Christ and lives it in his daily walk.

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It is our prayer that God may bless Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser, and give them many more souls for their harvest.

Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Reporter

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law." No one is to be left outside of the realm of the knowledge of God. Not only were they to fulfill all their present needs for the present generation, but their method of education was to continue in such a way that future generations should not be without the teachings of God—"And that their children, which have not known anything, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God."

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Obituary

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

MR. CARL SCHEFFLER of Madison, Nebr.

Mr. Carl Scheffler of Madison, Neb., was born on August 4, 1876 in Germany and passed away on April 29, 1959 at the age of 82 years. At an early age he came with his parents to this country, settling near Humphrey, Nebr. As a young man he confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized and joined the Humphrey Baptist Church. When the Creston Baptist Church was organized, he became a charter member here. He remained a faithful member until his homegoing.

He was united in marriage to Anna Reitz at Humphrey, Nebr., on March 19, 1901. They farmed in this community until they retired in 1938 and resided in Madison since that time. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Anna; five sons: Clarence, Ervin, and Perle of Madison; Harold of Meadow Grove; Dale of Ord, Nebr., pastor of a Christian Church; 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

Creston, Nebraska
R. C. STADING, Pastor

MRS. ROSE MARY ELY of Bismarck, North Dakota

Mrs. Rose Mary Fode Ely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fode, of Hazelton, N. Dak., was born in Jamestown, N. Dak., on Sept. 14, 1933. She lived with her parents in Alfred until she was ten years of age, and for three years she resided in Tappen, N. Dak. In 1945 the family moved to Hazelton. There she finished high school and enrolled as a student in Northwestern College of Minneapolis, Minn., graduating in 1955. She taught school for three years, and was married to Erwin Ely in Bismarck in March 1958.

She leaves to mourn her untimely passing her infant son, husband, her parents, and one brother, Howard. In 1942 she was converted in the Gackle Baptist Church, and two years later was baptized by Rev. J. J. Abel. She served her Lord faithfully and used her talents for the Lord. Funeral Services were held in the First Baptist Church of Bismarck on May 8. Rev. Clifford Nuss and Rev. A. J. Fischer, officiating. May the Lord comfort those who greatly mourn!

Linton, North Dakota
A. J. FISCHER, Pastor

MRS. MARTHA LANGE of Columbus, Nebraska

Mrs. Martha Lange, nee Albers, of Columbus, Nebraska, was born on Sept. 17, 1891 near Columbus. She received all of her formal education in the Platte County rural schools. Her parents were devoted Christians, and she was led to profess her faith in Christ in her early youth. She was baptized by the Rev. Henry Koch, on March 19, 1911 and joined the Shell Creek Baptist Church, of which she remained a faithful member until the time of her death. She was also a member of the Ladies Missionary Society.

On May 21, 1924 she was united in marriage to William Lange at Greeley, Colorado. They lived north of Columbus on a farm until 1944, when they moved to their present home in Columbus. On May 1, 1959 she passed away very suddenly because of a heart attack. Her passing is mourned by her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Gerrelts, Columbus, Neb.; 3 step-daughters; 2 step-sons; 2 grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; 3 step-great-grandchildren; her mother, a sister and a brother.

Shell Creek Baptist Church
Columbus, Nebraska
LYLE WACKER, Pastor

MR. HERMAN S. MARTIN of Lodi, California

Mr. Herman S. Martin of Lodi, Calif., son of the late Samuel Martin and Elizabeth Martin, was born on March 5, 1910 near Fessenden, N. Dak. In 1938 he came to Lodi with his family and remained here until his death. In 1933 he was united in marriage with Miss Ida Erman. This union was blessed with three children, one son Duane preceding his father in death in 1944. During his sickness our brother turned to the Lord for help and testified of the peace of God before he lost all consciousness of his present surroundings.

He passed away on Wednesday morning, April 29th, at the age of 49 years. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mrs. Ida Martin; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin of Lodi; and two children; Mrs. La Verne Smith and Grandin Martin, both of Lodi; and two grandchildren. He also leaves four brothers and one sister: Mrs. Lydia Meth, Albert and Emil Martin, all of Fessenden, N. Dak.; Harold Martin of St. Peter's, Minn.; and Walter of Napa, Calif.

First Baptist Church
Lodi, California
G. G. RAUSER, Pastor

MRS. ALEX SOOTZMAN of Branch, Louisiana

Mrs. Alex Sootzman, nee Anna Paul of Branch, Louisiana was born Nov. 28, 1899, in Berlin, Germany. She came to the United States in 1927 and lived in New York City. She was a member of the First German Baptist Church and the Immanuel Church. Anna Paul married Mr. Sootzman in 1944, and on April 17, 1959 she went to be with the Lord. Mrs. Sootzman has one living sister, Mrs. Helen Franklin, who lives in Utica, N. Y. and one living brother, John Paul, who lives in Detroit. The parents of Mrs. Sootzman died several years in the past. Mrs. Sootzman was brought up in a Christian home of Baptist parentage and she became a Christian at an early age and has since that time always been active in the work of the Lord.

In 1951, with her husband, she came to Branch, Louisiana from McLaughlin, S. D., where her husband had served the Lord for seven years. The loss of Mrs. Sootzman to the Mowata Baptist Church of Branch, Louisiana will be felt very keenly. Rev. W. F. Town, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eunice was in charge of the funeral services, assisted by Rev. S. G. Rogers and Rev. Emmitt Wren, both of Eunice, Louisiana.

Mowata Baptist Church
Branch, Louisiana
W. F. TOWN, JR., Officiating Minister

MR. FRANK J. ARNDT

Formerly of Forest Park Illinois

Mr. Frank J. Arndt of Lanark Village, Florida, formerly of Forest Park, Illinois, was born in Minnesota on June 4, 1889. In 1908 he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized and received into the Forest Park Baptist Church. He remained a faithful member until his retirement, one and one-half years ago, when he moved to Lanark Village, Florida. On August 17, 1910 he was united in marriage to Miss Lena Fliege. This union was blessed with two sons, William and Norman, and one daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Maxant. Mr. and Mrs. Arndt were recently planning to visit their loved ones. When they had almost reached their destination in Forest Park, Mr. Arndt suffered a fatal heart attack and passed away suddenly on May 8, 1959.

The funeral service was held on Monday, May 11, in Forest Park, Ill. The numerous floral tributes were a silent token of the love and esteem in which the departed was held. He is survived by his wife, Lena, 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 4 sisters, 5 brothers and a host of relatives and friends. His remains were buried in Irving Park Blvd. Cemetery. The undersigned conducted the service and preached on John 14:1-3.

Forest Park Baptist Church
JOHN LEYPOLDT, Officiating Minister

MRS. F. KATHRINA DIETZ of Kelowna, B. C.

Mrs. Kathrina Dietz of Kelowna, B. C., nee Dietelbach, was born June 29, 1897 in Jugoslavia. On May 3rd she quietly departed to be with the Lord in the Kelowna Hospital. She attained an age of 61 years and 10 months. In 1912 Mrs. Dietz came to Canada and settled down at Walsch, Alberta. On July 8, 1916 she was united in holy matrimony with Friedrich Dietz. To this union were born 5 sons and 7 daughters. She accepted Christ as her Savior in 1920 and on Sept. 2, 1921 she was baptized on confession of her faith in the Rosenfeld Baptist Church.

She leaves to mourn her beloved husband, Friedrich Dietz; 5 sons and 6 daughters: Henry of Ponoka, Alberta; Alfred of Didsbury, Alberta; Walter of Edmonton, Alberta; Herbert of Galahad, Alberta; Arnold of Mishiwaka, Indiana; Maria (Mrs. Kempf) Osyosow, B. C.; Magdalena (Mrs. Felzin) Galahad, Alberta; Lydia (Mrs. J. Schnellberg) Penticton, B. C.; Emilia of Edmonton, Alberta; Edna and Evelyn of Kelowna, B. C., 11 grandchildren, 4 sisters, and 5 brothers. Rev. J. B. Kornalewski and Pastor E. H. Nikkel spoke words of comfort.

Grace Baptist Church
Kelowna, B. C.

E. H. NIKKEL, Pastor

SUMMER CONFERENCES

(Denominational workers as guest speakers also shown).

June 27-28 — ONTARIO GERMAN FAITH CONFERENCE (GLAUB-ENSKONFERENZ) at Hamilton, Ontario (McMaster University). Rev. William Sturhahn and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

June 27-28 — BRADLEY BEACH YOUTH RETREAT at Bradley Beach, N. J. Rev. Daniel Fuchs.

June 29-July 3 — BRADLEY BEACH MINISTERS' RETREAT at Bradley Beach, N. J. Rev. Frank Veninga.

June 30-July 5 — ALBERTA YOUTH CAMP at Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Rev. Herman Palfenier and Rev. Ed. Link.

July 1-6 — MANITOBA HOME BUILDERS CAMP at Lake Nutimik, River Hills, Manitoba. Rev. William Sturhahn.

July 1-8 — DAKOTA SENIOR YOUTH CAMP at Crystal Springs, N. Dak. Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, Mr. Arthur Patzia and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke.

July 6-12 — PACIFIC NORTHWEST YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY at Ross Point Camp, Post Falls, Idaho. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee.

July 8-12 — NORTHERN CONFERENCE at Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Sask. Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, Rev. William Sturhahn and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

July 8-15 — DAKOTA JUNIOR HI CAMP at Crystal Springs, N. Dak. Miss Ruth Bathauer and Mr. Arthur Patzia.

Laymen's Conference
at Green Lake, Wisconsin
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MRS. CHRISTINA LITCKE of Lodi, California

Mrs. Christina Littke, nee Wagner, of Lodi, Calif., was born May 23, 1877 in Odessa, South Russia. In 1902 she came to the United States and for a short while lived near Anamoose, N. Dak., later home-steading near Mercer, N. Dak. In 1943 together with her husband, she came to Lodi. In 1898 she was united in marriage with Mr. Jacob Rieger. Seven children were born to them. In 1914 her husband Mr. Rieger was called to his eternal reward. Later she married Mr. Carl Littke. God blessing this union with four children. Including her step-children, she was mother to 17 children.

She accepted Christ as her personal Savior in her youth and united with the Tabor Baptist Church in North Dakota, where she invested her talent and strength in God's service. After coming to Lodi, she became a member of the First Baptist Church here. She passed away quite suddenly on May 11th, lacking only 12 days of having reached 82 years of age.

She is survived by seven children: Mrs. Mollie Rauser of Elk Grove; Mrs. Amelia Russ of Stockton; Walter Rieger of Fargo, N. Dak.; Mrs. Ernestine Olson of Spokane, Wash.; Ernest Littke of Mercer, N. Dak.; Edwin Littke of Wapeton, N. Dak.; and Carl Littke of Sacramento, Calif. She was the step-mother of Mrs. Anna Schenflech, William Littke, Ben Littke, all of Elk Grove, Calif.; Rev. David Littke of Selfridge, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Ben Bauer of Butte, N. D.

First Baptist Church
Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor



Rev. Robert Schreiber (center, back row), pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., and 12 persons whom he baptized on Sunday, April 26, 1959.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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● Rev. G. G. Rauser has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., effective July 31st, and announced that he had accepted an appointment by the Church Extension Committee of the denomination to become the Church Extension pastor at Lincoln Village near Stockton, Calif., beginning August 1st. He has served as pastor at the Lodi church for 11 full years, during which he received 590 members into the church's fellowship. This is the largest church in membership in the North American Baptist General Conference.

● Rev. Roger Schmidt, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., will sing a leading role as Rodolfo in "La Boheme" in Opera Under the Stars in the Highland Park Bowl, Rochester, N. Y., on August 5 and 8. Mr. Schmidt is a former student at the Eastman School of Music as well as a graduate of our Seminary. His studies were interrupted for a season as he toured with an opera company in the Menotti Opera, "The Consul." A prominent announcement about this operatic production was made in Rochester's "Democrat Chronicle" by Leonard Treash, director of the Highland Park operas.

● The Bible Baptist Church, La Crosse, Wis., has called Dr. C. H. Seecamp of Hebron, N. Dak., to which a favorable response has been given. He will begin his ministry in the La Crosse church on July 1st. He has served the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., since 1954. The interim pastor at the La Crosse church since May 3rd has been Dr. W. J. Appel. Both Dr. and Mrs. Appel have been appointed by the Board of Missions to return to Austria in order to continue their service of leadership and direction in behalf of our denomination on the Austrian Baptist mission field and in Germany. They will probably leave for Europe in August.

● Dr. and Mrs. George A. Dunger will leave Ghana, Africa early in July and will arrive at Tiko, Africa, for a visit to the Southern Cameroons and the Baptist mission fields in which they formerly served as missionaries. This trip is being made at the request of the Cameroons missionaries and with the endorsement of the denomination's Board of Missions. The Dungers will observe all of the mission schools in action and will speak at some of the church services. Dr. Dunger has spent the past year as professor at the University of Ghana on the basis of a Fulbright Scholarship. We hope to publish an article by Dr. Dunger on this Southern Cameroons visit in a later issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Bethel Baptist Church, formerly of Detroit, Mich., and now of St. Clair Shores, Mich., is holding its evening services at the Harmon School in St. Clair Shores. Attendance at the

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evening services held in the school has increased 90 per cent. On Sunday evening, May 3, the missionary play, "The Pill Bottle," was presented by young people with Natalie Potter directing the play. On May 24 the church held its Spring Choir Concert featuring the guest violinist, 11 year old Jamie Buswell, who has appeared as soloist with the Philharmonic Society in Detroit's Town Hall. At the Youth Graduation banquet held on June 6th the guest speaker was Rev. David Draewell of Auburn, Mich.

● Dr. Fred H. Willkens has brought a 15 year ministry at the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y., as professor of Christian Education to a close. His message to the graduating class at the 1959 commencement exercises was his last official ministry before retiring. However, he will serve this fall in the department of education, teaching adult education and German, at Alderson-Broadus College, Philippi, West Virginia, where his son is the dean of the school. On Sunday morning, June 14, Dr. Willkens preached in the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, which was his "home church" in student days. Later this summer he and Mrs. Willkens will visit European countries. He is a graduate of the German department of the Rochester Theological Seminary in the class of 1916 and served as pastor of our churches in New Britain, Conn., and the Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y.

● Prof. Hugo Lueck's sabbatical leave from the North American Baptist Seminary extends from June to December 1959. He and Mrs. Lueck are sailing from Montreal, Canada on June 18, bound for England. At Rawdon College, Leeds, England, he will participate in the commencement exercises of his alma mater. During the rest of the summer Prof. and Mrs. Lueck will travel in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. They also hope to visit some of his former students from the Lodz Baptist Seminary in Poland who are now serving Baptist churches in Germany. In the fall of 1959 Prof. Lueck will teach and lecture for the first half of the school semester on the Protestant Reformation at Rawdon College in England. For the second half of the semester Professor and Mrs. Lueck will live at the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany where he will engage in research work in the early Baptist history of Poland and will attend the University of Hamburg. They will be back in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. early in January 1960.

VOICE OF MY BELOVED

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lasting and to joy eternal."

Tom brushed a hand across his forehead. His fingertips were icy, palms clammy, forehead feverish. Somewhere under that deluge of explanatory words, he groped for a single fact.

"You mean—you want me to leave—to take over some place bigger?"

Dr. Elliott nodded. "I knew, when I saw that man converted, Tom, that you were capable of more—*much more*. We need people like you. Your little church would not be neglected and abandoned again; that's part of the guarantee. I'd see to it that you were replaced. In fact, I have a young man, newly married, in my own congregation who is thinking of moving out that way. He's headed young people's groups, organized choirs and children's classes, and I know he could do your job adequately. He's friendly and a wonderful Christian. Of course your people wouldn't take to him immediately, Tom, but when they realized the reason and got to know him, I know they'd be pleased. What do you say?"

"Say?" Tom repeated, stupefied. He walked around the room, shaking his shaggy head. Then he stopped in front of the Doctor and held up his arms futilely. "Why, I can't believe it!"

Dr. Elliott tipped his head back and laughed outright.

"I thought—" Tom said, pointing to the door, "I thought when I walked in here that you were going to fire me! I thought you were leading up to it nice and politelike, see?" As a result of utter and complete shock he realized he had reverted to that slum dialect he had tried so hard in the past months to overcome. And with this realization came another. He expressed it aloud in a booming voice.

"I haven't even got a high-school education! You don't want a dope like me—"

Dr. Elliott shook his head slowly now, very somberly.

"You have heart, Tom," he whispered.

"But—you hear how I talk—like—like a plough-jockey!"

Again Dr. Elliott shook his head. "You have sincerity, Tom, and you speak with *that*. Eloquence has never been surpassed by *true sincerity*, Tom. People listen to you and they know you speak what you yourself believe. Even the most hardened sinner will not scoff at a man with the courage to speak out what he believes and practices with all his heart and soul! No, Tom, you'll do well without the eloquence—even without the education, knowing your Bible as you do. *However—*" And this he added after taking a few steps away from Tom, pausing to look back sideways, one dark brow raised. "Your God-given sincerity coupled with education would be unbeatable!"

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