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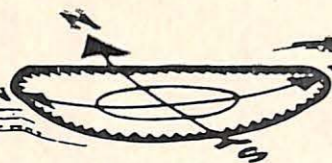
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• The University of Copenhagen in Denmark has awarded to Albert Schweitzer the Sonning Peace Prize for his "outstanding contributions to European culture." With the award, which was established by the university with funds bequeathed by the late C. J. Sonning, a Danish editor, went a gift of \$14,300 for Dr. Schweitzer's hospital in Africa. While in Copenhagen the famous physician and humanitarian received still another contribution for his work of mercy—a check for \$140,000, representing part of the receipts from a Danish film depicting the program at Lambarene.

—The Christian Century.

• Plans for Evangelist Billy Graham's 1960 crusades will include a 3-month African tour. It will start in January and include Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, the French Cameroons, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi, Ethiopia and possibly Cairo, Egypt. In September 1960, Mr. Graham plans a return trip to West Germany. He also is scheduled for two short crusades in the United States next year: one week in Washington in June, and one week conducting a crusade among the Spanish-speaking people of New York in November.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

• Dr. Eugene Nida is the American Bible Societies' Secretary for Translations. He says that one word that presents no difficulty for the translator is *hypocrite*, for such persons exist everywhere. Latin Americans have many terms for it: "people with two kinds of talk," "a two-headed man," "a forked tongue person." The Thai people of Vietnam call a hypocrite "a man with a straight mouth and a crooked heart;" while the Malagasy-speaking people of Madagascar call him "one who lays down a clean rafia mat" as the untidy housewife does when she sees guests coming and wants to cover up the dirt.

—The Evangelical Christian.

• The first Christian minister has been elected to the Japanese Diet. He is Rev. Sekikazu Nishimura and he states that many influential leaders of Japanese life are committed Christians, although only one-half of 1 percent of the nation's population is Christian. Mr. Nishimura is a minister of the United Church of Christ and believes that Christianity should be related to man's daily life. He has been a leading exponent of the Omni Brotherhood, a Christian group which sponsors profit-sharing cooperatives.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

• "The largest evangelistic campaign to date" on the island of Kyushu, Ja-

pan, was conducted September 17-October 4 in Fukuoka under auspices of The Navigators, that organization's headquarters has announced. Scene of the campaign was the 7,000-seat Downtown Sports Arena, securing of which is "an unprecedented act of faith," Navigators leaders assert, since the seating capacity is four times that ever attempted for a religious gathering on this island. Preparations for the campaign were under direction of Hugh Harris, Navigator representative in Tokyo. Dr. David Morken, an associate evangelist with Dr. Billy Graham with headquarters in Hong Kong, was unanimously invited by the pas-

tor of Fukuoka's thirty-eight Protestant churches to be the evangelist.

—United Evangelical Action.

• Though World War II has been over for 14 years, nearly one-fourth of the present population of West Germany are refugees. This assertion was made by Werner Middellmann, section chief of the Federal Republic's ministry for refugees, in an address to the International Committee for the World Refugee Year at the Palais des Nations Sept. 11, 1959. Mr. Middellmann, who is secretary of the German national committee for the World Refu-

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Baptist Briefs

• **1960 American Baptist Convention.** The theme of the 1960 American Baptist Convention at Rochester, N. Y., June 2-7, will be "The Things That Make for Peace." It was taken from Luke 19:42, which also was chosen as the Convention Scripture: "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace." (RSV). The Convention program committee has announced that several suggestions received for streamlining the proceedings, giving stated periods for business sessions and adequate time for discussion are to be followed at Rochester.

• **Royal Ambassadors in Rhodesia.** Two hundred boys, preachers and counselors from Baptist churches across Southern Rhodesia attended the first Royal Ambassador Congress of the Baptist Mission of Central Africa at Gwelo. Meeting on a camp ground, the program emphasized worship, study, entertainment and recreation. Forty boys responded when an invitation was given in an evangelistic service which closed the encampment.

• **Calcutta Youth Enjoy Camp.** Every October young people from the Baptist churches of Calcutta, India, and the surrounding vicinity get together for about ten days of fellowship and recreation. The purpose of these meetings is two-fold—to bring young people face to face with the challenge of Christ for the first time and to encourage those who are already Christian, but young in the faith, to continue and to help them to witness for their Lord. The camp session is held during one of the main Hindu festival holiday periods.

• **Dr. Stianson Honored.** Dr. Peder Stianson of Chicago, Ill., has been given a great tribute by Northern Seminary, in which he was so long

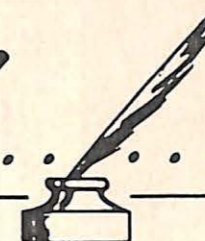
the dean and a professor. He served for 28 years at the Seminary, is the author of 15 books and numerous essays and articles. He was president of the Norwegian Conference of America and editor of its official paper. He was president of the Baptist Conference of Norway for 6 years. He was awarded the German Red Cross in 1924 with grateful recognition for service in the field of love for his neighbor.

• **Baptist Seminary, Rueschlikon.** The 11th session of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Rueschlikon (Zurich), Switzerland, opened with a service in the new chapel building on August 31. Fifty-four students, the largest number to date, are enrolled. Most of the students come from European countries: 10 from Spain; 9 from Germany; 7 from Sweden; 4 from Holland; 2 each from Denmark, France, Great Britain, Italy, Norway, Poland and Switzerland; one each from Finland, Hungary and Portugal. There are, in addition, 3 from Israel, two each from New Zealand and the USA.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

• **Southern Baptists in Nyassaland.** Nyassaland country of Central Africa which has been prominent in the news during recent months, is now Southern Baptists' newest mission field. This brings the total number of countries and territories in which Southern Baptist missionaries serve to 40. The Baptist Mission of Central Africa voted at a recent meeting to send two couples now serving in Southern Rhodesia to Nyassaland to prepare for the opening of Baptist work there. They are Rev. and Mrs. William S. Wester and Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Albright. The missionaries took up residence in Blantyre, chief commercial city of Nyassaland, August 1st.

Editorial



The Upward Look

True thanksgiving is the upward look that recognizes God as the Source of all blessings of life. In such an upward look, one cannot possibly focus attention selfishly upon oneself nor even stop to compare oneself with others. Gratitude is the lifting of one's soul heavenward, the acknowledgment of God's goodness and mercies, the looking unto Jesus as the Author and Finisher of our faith. Thanksgiving for the Christian is then the expression of all of life, the constant outlook and fervent prayer of a child of God. Lessing has written aptly: "A grateful thought toward heaven is of itself a prayer."

Thanksgiving is the Christian's way of saying that all glory belongs to God. As we count our many blessings, even as the familiar hymns call on us to do, we are led to "see what God hath done." Daily we become aware of the fact that our sufficiency is of God alone. The Christian's testimony, like that of the Apostle Paul, then becomes this assertion: "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me." This divine glory of God's truth and grace, revealed in us, gives meaning and joy to all of life's experiences. Our gratitude testifies to our complete dependence on God for all the gifts of life.

Thanksgiving is also the Christian's way of saying that it is God who controls, directs and judges us. This upward look of gratitude is our yielding to his spiritual control over us. It is the complete surrender of our hearts to his will. Someone expressed this truth in this way: "Gratitude is not only the memory but the homage of the heart—rendered to God for his goodness."

Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan of Chicago, Ill., in a recent sermon described the Christian as "the upper-directed man." He speaks of Paul as having been obedient to the heavenly vision and directed by it—the upper directed man. "The only self about which the apostle was willing to speak affirmatively was the new self which God had created by his deed in Christ Jesus. It is this new self which most clearly shows that being 'inner directed' is not enough. Beyond this is the 'upper directed' man who can say of himself as Paul did: 'It is the Lord who judges me.'" The profoundest gratitude is that of "the upper directed" man who is controlled and directed by his gracious God and Heavenly Father. That is the upward look of the Christian!

Thanksgiving also enables us to share in God's gifts and in the nature of his love and grace. By faith we have accepted the proffered gifts. For through his abundant mercy "God hath begotten us . . . to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled" (I Peter 1:3-4). With this new nature as children of God, we have the mind of Christ, loving others and forgiving "our debtors," even as our Savior loved and forgave and ministered to others. All this is bound up with our spirit of gratitude.

"Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices." In this upward look we see what wondrous things God has done for us. Directed from above by our heavenly Father, we are constrained to give sacrificially to those in need and to lay our generous gifts on God's altar, always "giving thanks to God and the Father by the Lord Jesus."

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Day by day, we are surrounded with God's great faithfulness and bountiful blessings.

Give Thanks for What?

The truest thanksgiving originates in divine grace. Because God's favor is poured out on unmeriting man, man's gratitude springs up in thankful devotion to God and in dedication to his service.

By Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Seminary Professor of Theology, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

NO HOLIDAY in all our calendar is quite comparable to Thanksgiving. We thank God humbly for the simple blessings of the soil which has so abundantly brought forth its fruits for our sustenance. Our gratitude rises to our heavenly Father who guided and inspired the first Pilgrim fathers, who came to our shores and labored against tremendous odds during those first bitter years of their habitation in this new land to which they ventured.

THANKS FOR NATIONAL BLESSINGS

"Despise not the day of small beginnings" is one inscription which should be written over our nation's door (Zechariah 4:10). What pitifully small beginnings were the foundation of America, but God was there. The Pilgrims came to a wilderness, but they came with cherished ideals. Hardships endured made men of rugged character; fierce struggles tested every fiber of manhood; dread perils made heroes of the fathers of our nation; crushing sorrows were voices of God to trusting souls. From apparent failures emerged disciplined spirits and historic advances. Behold what has come out of these perilous and small beginnings! We can give thanks to God for these strong, hardy roots of our nation's history.

Today's Thanksgiving ought to recognize this year's blessings with the perspective of all the Thanksgiving days of the past, particularly those of the earliest years observed by the Mayflower survivors. It is a milestone of remembrance, recalling God's good gifts and gracious guidance, not only of the year, but of the years. For Pilgrim faith, character and ideals we give our thanks. Like them and

like all who have continued in their Christian faith and action through the years, we must see the deep connection of all things with God's grace, adversity as well as prosperity.

This perspective, a viewpoint keenly maintained by the Reformers, will constrain us to live our lives out in a thankful regard for divine favor, especially for the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ. Far from taking things for granted, we will humbly accept the bountiful mercies of life as coming from above, and gratitude will flow with sincerity from our innermost being. Meaning is heightened as we appreciate the cumulative effect of the Father's beneficence through the hundreds of years since the historic landing at Plymouth Rock.

THANKS FOR INDIVIDUAL BLESSINGS

We all live out of the mercy of God in Christ. Day by day, we are surrounded with his great faithfulness and loving kindness. Morning by morning new mercies we see; all we have needed his hand has provided. "God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied."

Most of us never have had so much as we have today, or could get as much, even though in some parts of the country there have been poor crops or even entire crop failures. We ought to see our prosperity against the background of dire poverty in other lands. Millions will be destitute in some areas of the world as winter approaches. Reliable statistics show that there are countless thousands of unfortunate peoples who through all the years of their lives have never known what it means not to be hungry.

Children of the Pilgrims had a custom of putting five kernels of corn on each plate before the Thanksgiving

Day dinner to remind their children of the poverty and suffering of their grandparents who survived on a ration of five kernels of corn per day. It might be good if we continued such a custom in our day to impress upon ourselves the abundance of our tables decked with the fruits of prosperity and the luxury of our homes appointed with the comforts of a modern age. The American people as a nation are the richest people on the face of the globe. Each of us individually enjoys a standard of living higher than any people of our same social level in any other nation of the world.

THANKS FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

But we have greater blessings than material riches for which to be thankful. We should be far more grateful that we are children of God than that we are children of the Pilgrims; that we were born into the Kingdom of God than that we were born in America.

Would it not be better to be a true, zealous Christian believer in Russia under persecution for openly confessing the Lord Jesus than it would be to be an unconverted person or even a carnal Christian in America ensnared by the riches of earth and the pleasures of sin? It would even be a privilege to be numbered among some Christian congregations in the world where genuine spiritual revival is being experienced, even though they suffer for their faith—a greater privilege by far than sitting on a cushioned pew in a beautifully decorated American church where the congregation is merely going through the formalities of a stated meeting of the church, unmoved by the quickening power of the Holy Spirit, self-satisfied and self-sufficient. There are blessings worth far

more than food, clothing, shelter and money, even though these former blessings entail self-denial and taking up a cross to follow Christ (Mark 8:34-38).

The regenerate heart instinctively expresses gratitude to God for the forgiveness of sins and for the spiritual riches and resources that have been opened to him through the great salvation purchased for him by the shed blood of Calvary. Greater blessings than these no individual can have. The truest thanksgiving originates in divine grace, for precisely because God's favor is poured out on unmeriting man, man's gratitude springs up in thankful devotion to God and in dedication to his service.

GIVING THANKS CULTIVATES CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

Giving thanks to God matures the Christian's spiritual life. Christian character springs from genuine gratitude. The Heidelberg Catechism sums up all Christian ethics under the heading "Gratitude." The theme of grateful love is woven through the warp and woof of the Bible. Paul found one of the sources of the Christian life in a gratitude which is evoked by the grace of God. Luther called thankfulness the Christian's most excellent virtue and the highest form of serving God, a virtue that only a Christian can truly display.

The primary motive for Christian obedience is gratitude for the grace of God in Jesus Christ. Love rises out of thanksgiving, and thanksgiving in turn issues in love, and love is a fundamental motive for obedience.

Ingratitude springs from a forgetfulness or disobedience of God. When an ungrateful man thoughtlessly indulges in the temporal blessings that come from God's goodness, he increases his guilt. The Apostle Paul names thanklessness as one of the characteristics of the pagan world (Romans 1:21). How much worse is Christian ingratitude!

THANKSGIVING DAY PROVOKES SERIOUS REFLECTION

Not only should profound thanksgiving be kindled on this day, but serious reflection also. There is a very real danger that we have all the material fruits of scientific achievement, agricultural development and industrial success, but we do not have the vigorous faith and fortitude of character of the Pilgrim fathers. We may not have to endure hardships or often to experience the fierce struggles and perils of privation and physical dangers, but neither do we seem to develop rugged character or become exemplars of moral and spiritual maturity. One does not see many national heroes of true and tried character in our days of undisciplined and unprincipled behavior.

It is possible for America to lose far more than it has gained since the days of the Mayflower's landing. It

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THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

NOV. 22 to 29

In the midst of the local church building and improvement projects and the denominational Advance Fund Campaign—

**LET US NOT FORGET
TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD!**

YOUR THANKSGIVING GIFTS

will go toward the support of mission fields and work of our denomination, proclaiming Christ's Gospel to All the World.

*Give Sacrificially to Your
Church's Thanksgiving Offering*

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is possible (nay, it is already actual) that many have forgotten that it is the Lord our God who brought us into a good land, a land wherein we eat bread without scarceness and in which we lack nothing.

We need to hear Moses' timely words found in Deuteronomy 8: "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God in not keeping his commandments and his judgments and his statutes which I command thee this day; lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up and thou forget the Lord thy God . . . and thou say in

thine heart, My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers . . . And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, . . . I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish."

GOD'S WONDERFUL PROMISE

God's people are the key to any nation's destiny, for "if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).



—David W. Corson from A. Devaney, N. Y.

Humbly we accept the bountiful mercies of life as coming from above, from God the heavenly Father.

In Christ's Name We Will Build

Story of the Cornerstone Laying Exercises of the Forest Park Building and First Announcement About the Building Fund Campaign by Dr. M. L. Leuschner

THE CORNERSTONE of the new Headquarters and Publication Building at Forest Park, Illinois, was laid on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 24. That spells out ADVANCE in our denominational projects of two new buildings and in the campaign to raise \$250,000 for their construction. But the more important emphasis of these festivities on that Saturday afternoon was the fact that this building is being constructed on the Chief Cornerstone, Christ Jesus, to proclaim his Gospel through the printed page and our denominational ministry to the ends of the earth. That ought to spell out BLESSING and SUCCESS in these worthy ventures.

CORNERSTONE LAYING EXERCISES

More than sixty people gathered on a cloudy, blustery afternoon in Forest Park for the cornerstone exercises. They faced the steel girders, cement foundations and basement construction of the new building, as Mr. Edwin H. Marklein led the service. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, brought a brief description of the new building to be envisioned by us. Mr. Arthur R. Schwerin, chairman of the Finance Committee, told of the plans for the Advance campaign. Dr. John Wobig, moderator of the General Conference, brought a brief, challenging message. Members of the Finance Committee together with Mr. Fred A. Grosser, chairman of the Building

Committee in charge, laid the cornerstone. Its contents were listed by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary.

So another milestone in this denominational ADVANCE has been reached. The construction work on the Forest Park building continues, as the picture on this page shows. By March or April of 1960 the building should be ready for occupancy by the Roger Williams Press (now located in Cleveland, Ohio) and by some of the headquarters personnel. Plans are being made to dedicate the new Forest Park building in May 1960 at the time of the General Council sessions.

Plans are also going forward for the new Seminary Library in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Seminary Board of Trustees, president and faculty, and especially the librarian, in consultation with the architect are working on the best possible plans for an adequate and up-to-date library.

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

In every North American Baptist church, our people have become acquainted with the challenge of the DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE BUILDING FUND and with its objective of \$250,000. Colorful posters showing the buildings are on the bulletin boards of our churches. Attractive and informative brochures, "We Will Build With Christ," were distributed on Advance Sunday, Oct. 25 (or will be distributed at a later date). Thousands of the

"Baptist Herald" reprint pages were placed in the hands of our people. German leaflets about the projects were made available to our German-speaking people.

From October 26 to November 14 a host of solicitors visited virtually all of our churches presenting the need, showing the vision of a greater work for Christ, and challenging every individual to adopt one of several score of projects or to do the best they could for Christ! These 75 solicitors in the Western, Central and Eastern Districts had been briefed by Dr. Woyke and Mr. Schwerin and by the District Secretaries. They are undergirded by a fervent faith in the worthwhileness of the cause and were armed with flip cards on a large easel to inform every individual in our churches of the task at hand.

In the Northern Conference in Canada Advance Sunday will be observed on November 22 and every pastor is being instructed by the District Secretary, Rev. William Sturhahn, to present the challenge in his own church.

Everyone is eager to make some outstanding sacrifice for this \$250,000 Fund. It started out with the diamond ring contributed by a Chicago woman of one of our churches at the ground breaking exercises. Mr. Walter Bennett of Winnipeg, Manitoba at his famous printing establishment, the Display Industries of Canada, has made a wonderful contribution in printing and providing the colored posters and the flip card easels (used by the solicitors) at less than cost price. He is a former member of the McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg who is married to one of the late Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Bloedow's daughters. Mr. Bennett's services in our behalf are deeply appreciated.

PROJECTS TO BE ADOPTED

The Building Projects are going fast! The Woman's Missionary Union and various regional women's groups have largely adopted the projects pertaining to the White Cross Room (No. 11) and the Kitchen and Dining Room (No. 3) in the Forest Park building. Young people's groups and Sunday Schools have requested various projects. The Hundred Dollar Club is growing rapidly in number. Coin folders and mite boxes have been distributed by the thousands and are now being filled by our Sunday School children and women. The Ten Dollar Shares are popular with our young people and with others who are giving "their best" in this way.

This is a wonderful way by which to INVEST some of the gifts and blessings that God has entrusted to

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Stop Those Cameroons Rumors!

Just now our missionaries in the Southern Cameroons are being overwhelmed by goodwill and offers of unparalleled opportunities. The doors for witness and service are wide open.

An Important Open Letter By Dr. Paul Gebauer, Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission.

IT IS AN ancient device of man to discredit or to disturb his fellowman or a nation, a good cause or a great idea. The early church was troubled by it. James had this to write about the instrument that did ancient rumor-mongering: "No one can tame the human tongue. It is an evil always liable to break out, and the poison it spreads is deadly."

Rumor-mongering is one of America's great sports, exercised indoors and out-of-doors. Our press feeds on the hunger of the masses for thrills and thrillers. Our radio engages in it. This age of super-emotionalism and of restlessness leaves us wide open to the ancient game—even within the fellowship of the church.

RUMORS ARE FLYING!

Rev. Ben Lawrence is among you now for rest and change. His first letter from America starts, "Rumors are flying . . ." and the question he meets among you everywhere is: "How soon will we be kicked out of the Cameroons?" Who started this?

It must be admitted that your missionaries—typical products of the present American way of life—may have something to do with it. In our comparative isolation in Africa, small things grow big and bigger until Texas boasting would blush in comparison. The African grapevine is a wonderful institution. It adds to our tendency to see things out of proportion. Drops of this do drip into missionary letters that go to you. It does show up in our conversations out here.

Your own limited knowledge of geography may account for it also. There are two Cameroons. One is under French rule and the other one under British trusteeship. The French Cameroons has experienced political unrest since 1955. And this year marks renewed attempts of communist-inspired elements to create unrest, insecurity, chaos.

NORMALCY IN THE CAMEROONS

Fifteen miles away from where this is penned, just across our border, life is cheap right now. Life is tense and unpleasant for many Africans and Europeans. Terrorism in one form or another is evident. The international press is eager to pick up every bit of this to tickle the fancies of sensation-hungry readers. Interest groups wish to feed events into one propaganda machine or another. We hear much, see little and say less in an endeavor to keep the output of thrillers at the minimum. We observe a watchful silence.

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Life in our British Cameroons, now called the "Southern Cameroons," is comparatively quiet, easy, secure and pleasant to date. During last January we had the upsets that go with any political election anywhere. We have had our share of slogans and their ill effects, of generalizations and local

In addition, we must report to you that all of your missionaries in the Southern Cameroons dwell in security and in enviable isolation: no telephones, no morning papers, no loud radio salesmanship, no street cars or buses to catch, no supermarkets and their hidden persuaders, no life in-



THE SAKER MEMORIAL AT VICTORIA

The Alfred Saker Memorial looking out over the Atlantic Ocean with the following inscription: "Missionary to Africa who landed, founded and named the Township of Victoria. This tablet is erected in memory of his devoted work to mark the CENTENARY OF VICTORIA, 1858-1958."

animosity. We have had to stand up for our rights to religious and civil liberty in two or three cases and have received the desired satisfaction.

Your African brethren are able to discern between truth and falsehood. They acted swiftly when interference with public and private worship became apparent. Your missionaries stood with them, side by side. But that happened during election times.

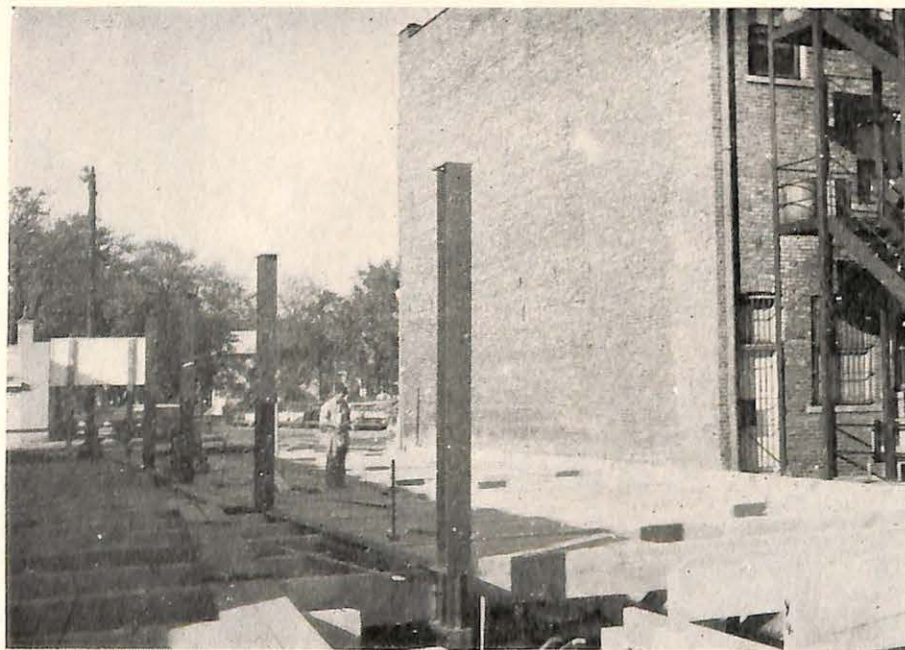
Life has returned to normal and may flow normally until the plebiscite comes around in April of 1960. Just now we are being overwhelmed by goodwill and offers of unparalleled opportunities. The doors for witness and service are wide open. All too soon shall we burden your Board of Missions with extraordinary requests. They will run counter to your decision to spend more on home than foreign missions, to build headquarters and large churches rather than support struggling Baptists in struggling Africa. These offers will be submitted, nevertheless, to leave with your Board members terrible responsibilities. We ourselves can only submit them but not shoulder them.

insurance salesmen to see us in our evening hours, few night calls for your doctors.

OUR ETERNAL VIGILANCE

This isolation is now being invaded, steadily and successfully, by western salesmanship and coca-colonialism. This comparative security is being challenged, gently of course, by western ideas. We have slumbering within our midst the seeds of discontent and chaos. So have you in America. A few, that fear neither God nor man, can upset the present balance. So it is also among you at home. What do we do about it? For us it is eternal vigilance.

That which I referred to so often while with you last year I would repeat in closing. It summarizes wisely our position and yours: "Our fight is not against any physical enemy: it is against organizations and powers that are spiritual. We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil" (Ephesians VI:12 (Phillips Translation)).



CONSTRUCTION WORK ON FOREST PARK BUILDING

Steel girders and cement beams for the floor above the basement have been placed as the construction work continues on the new headquarters building at Forest Park, Illinois.

A New Pastor Comes to Austria

Mr. Hansjoachim Kolbe is installed at Bad Ischl as the new minister and as one of our missionaries in Austria.

By Dr. W. J. Appel, North American Baptist Director of the Austrian Mission Field

IN A BEAUTIFUL valley surrounded by towering mountains lies the historic town of Bad Ischl. As a result of the springs of water containing healing properties, this town for many years has been known as a health resort. Not only from all parts of Austria, but from other countries of Europe and especially Germany, visitors flock to this lovely place.

The former emperor, Franz Josef, many years ago made this his summer residence, and his beautiful castle with its exquisite grounds is still maintained as a point of interest for visitors. In one of the rooms in this mansion stands the table at which Emperor Franz Josef sat when he signed the ultimatum which set the spark for the First World War.

BAD ISCHL CHAPEL

It is in this town that one of the four organized Baptist churches of Austria is located. The small chapel is situated at the rear of a large, old dwelling in a secluded spot off the road. Many years ago a convert from the Roman Catholic Church, who later became the first pastor of the church, Rev. August Hirnboeck, was led to meet with a small group for Bible study.

With growth in numbers, this group

was organized into a church, which later joined our Baptist Union of Austria. However, because of much opposition, growth has been very slow. In the group are a number of fine young people, one of whom has received the call to the ministry and is now preparing at the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany. Another of the young men is a second year student at the University of Vienna, looking forward to the teaching profession.

Pastor Hirnboeck recently resigned as minister to become the missionary of a pioneer work in Seekirchen near the city of Salzburg.

INSTALLATION OF MR. KOLBE

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 4, 1959, representatives of the Baptists in Austria gathered for a service of installation of the new pastor, Mr. Hansjoachim Kolbe, a German by birth, a graduate of the Class of 1958 of the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, and for the past year the exchange student in our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Brother Kolbe and his wife were presented to the congregation by Rev. Rupert Ostermann, President of our Austrian Baptist Union, who also brought the installation message. The prayer of consecration was offered by

our Director, Dr. W. J. Appel. Messages of greeting were brought by officers of the Union and pastors of the churches, interspersed with musical selections by the choir of the Salzburg Church and several soloists.

The service was further gladdened by the presence of the parents of Mr. Kolbe, who had come from Hagen, Germany, for the occasion. The senior

DR. AND MRS. W. J. APPEL

We are back in this lovely city of Vienna, Austria, and are living in the little apartment next door to the Koesters at the Mollardgasse Baptist Church. Our first weeks have been very busy, keeping appointments which were made previous to our coming. On last Sunday, Oct. 4, we were privileged to attend the installation service for Brother Hansjoachim Kolbe at Bad Ischl, who was the exchange student at Sioux Falls last year. We are sure the readers of the "Baptist Herald" will be interested in this news.

Mr. Kolbe spoke words of advice and encouragement to his son and daughter-in-law. The Kolbes have another son serving as pastor of one of the Baptist churches in Bremen, Germany; and a daughter who is the wife of the pastor of our Huetteldorf Baptist Church in Austria.

THE GOSPEL OF LOVE

The Bad Ischl Church took this occasion also to bid farewell to its former pastor, Mr. Hirnboeck. Words of appreciation for a faithful ministry were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hirnboeck, and flowers were presented to them.

In concluding this memorable service, Mr. Kolbe brought a brief message based upon the "Love Chapter," I Corinthians 13, emphasizing verse 4: "Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." He urged that love should characterize the life and ministry of the pastor and people of the Bad Ischl Church as together they seek to present the blessed Gospel of Love.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

There's a holy, high vocation
Needing workers everywhere;
'Tis the highest form of service,
'Tis the ministry of prayer.

—Selected

BAPTIST HERALD

Turbulent Typhoon Vera Strikes Japan

An Eye-witness Account by Missionary Walter Sukut of Ise, Japan

SINCE LETTERS have started to come inquiring about the well being of the missionaries in Japan and the extent of the damage of the typhoon, and since we are very busy trying to help others as well as trying to get our own debris cleaned up, I shall only take time to get this open letter to our North American Baptist people written.

Typhoon Vera, which has been described as one of the very worst typhoons in the history of Japan, has left behind it a path of devastation and tragedy of almost unbelievable proportions. The four areas that were struck the hardest are Nagoya, Yokkaichi, Tsu, and Ise. You will recognize the last two areas as those which are of vital concern to us because two of our mission stations are located in these areas.

TRAGIC STATISTICS

The figures are not complete and differ in some of the various reports, but the following are some of the general figures as of now, 13 days after the typhoon struck. The immediate Ise area suffered the hardest from the severe wind, which at its peak was 160 miles an hour. The Shinto Shrines of Ise alone suffered \$2,800,000 damage. Hundreds of ancient trees in the Shrine park, which took five men at arms' length to surround, toppled in great number. It is almost unbelievable how it ruined this three hundred acre park.

In the little village of Kurose, where we have both children's and adult meetings, 30 houses were destroyed completely. In all 4,242 people are known to be dead, most of them in the Nagoya area. In Ise 17 people were killed. In all, there were 14,415 people injured; and 843 are still missing and feared dead. There were 32,271 houses



Four girls from the Ise Baptist Church at Camp Tomoshihi. The two girls in front made their decision to follow Christ while at camp.

completely destroyed, and 70,631 houses heavily damaged. Commercial industrial firms in Nagoya suffered \$190,000,000 worth of damage. In Nagoya 100 children lost both parents.

As far as our mission is concerned, we were struck the hardest here in Ise. The mission house in which we are living suffered rather heavy damage. The newly built garage and fence were completely destroyed. More than half the tile was torn off the roof, and in most of the rooms the plaster was soaked with rain to the point that most of the rooms will have to be replastered and refinished. By moving things from one room and spot to the next, we managed to keep most of our

personal belongings and furniture from being damaged.

However, since almost every roof in the area was damaged, roofing is hard to get. Every time it rains, which seems to be every other day, we carry water by the buckets from the rooms that leak the worst. We are living in three rooms that are fairly well protected, and the roofers are coming tomorrow to repair the roof. In comparison to what others are suffering, who were flooded out and who have no homes left at all, we have no complaints and must say that our damage was very light.

DAMAGE TO NEW CHURCH

Our new church suffered light damage. About 50 tiles were broken, mostly from flying wood and other objects, and as a result of this it rained in quite badly. About five of the houses of our Christians and five other houses of people, who have some relationship to the church, suffered heavy damage, three of these houses being completely destroyed. However, since we did not have flood conditions in Ise, the situation here is not nearly as serious as in Nagoya. With the grant given to us by our Mission for relief we will be able to give needed help to our Christians and to those who have a relationship to our church. We are grateful to the Mission for their quick action in giving us a grant for relief.

We are confident that God has a purpose in permitting this tragedy to happen, and we urge you to pray that his purpose will be fulfilled and his will be done. We have already seen some definite results, and the testimonies of our Christians have been thrilling. At a later time we shall share some of the results and testimonies with you.



TYPHOON VERA STRIKES ISE, JAPAN

Some of the terrible damage and havoc caused by the typhoon Vera in Ise, Japan, is shown at the left. Even the garage of Missionary Walter Sukut was completely blown over (right). Estimates of damage in Japan have skyrocketed into the millions of dollars.



Hansjoachim Kolbe (center), now pastor and missionary at Bad Ischl, Austria, with two other exchange students at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Harvey Mehlhaff (left) and John Binder (right).

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NAPIER PARKVIEW CHURCH, BENTON HARBOR

The worshipful sanctuary of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Celebration of 50th Anniversary

Report of Anniversary Festivities of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., by **Rev. R. Shepley**, Assistant Pastor.

THE Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., celebrated its 50th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10 and 11. Twenty-four of the 105 charter members of the church were present Sunday morning for the historic occasion. They recalled that their horses were afraid to pass street cars and that they walked long distances in Michigan's inclement weather in earlier years.

Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the church, delivered his anniversary sermon on "Fifty Years of Blessing." He said: "Four words present the underlying factors in the spiritual success of this church: *Vision!* In 1909 the 105 members built a church to accommodate 200 people. In 1917 the group of 238 planned for 500. And in 1957 the present membership of 707 constructed a modern, efficient church plant with a seating capacity for 1,000 people." "Vision," he further declared, "through prayer became positive action. This in turn produces cooperation and blessing."

HISTORICAL PAGEANT

Sunday night, when the historical pageant was presented which depicted the 50-year history of the church, the church was filled to capacity. This play was especially written for the occasion by the associate pastor, Rev.

R. Shepley, and Miss Vivian Hoover, the daughter of the pastor.

The church gathered Saturday night in the dining parlors of the church introducing their two-day celebration with a carry-in fellowship supper. The



Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

GRATEFUL THANKS

"Giving thanks always for all things."
(Eph. 5:20)

*For mercies rich beyond compare;
For daily blessings all may share;
For gifts divine and constant care
Give grateful thanks.*

*For Love's o'erruling providence,
And never failing recompense;
For Hope's inspiring confidence
Give grateful thanks.*

*For Life's compelling dominance,
And all that doth its worth enhance;
For strength and courage to advance
Give grateful thanks.*

*For lessons Wisdom doth impart,
Lest from the right we should depart;
For all that strengthens mind and heart,
Give grateful thanks.*

*For Faith to see, and Will to do,
And Grace life's journey to pursue,
Until at last Heaven's joys we view,
Give grateful thanks.*

—FRED SCOTT SHEPARD.

women of the Missionary Circles were responsible for preparing it and the young people of the church served it very efficiently. A total of 400 people sat down at the decorated tables.

An inspirational service in the church auditorium followed. Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, sent personal greetings and expressed regret at not being able to be present on account of illness. Rev. Frank Friesen, interim pastor, said three words summarized his words of personal greeting: *Retrospection, Inspection and Propection.*

Even as Mr. Friesen had spoken for the "daughter church," Rev. L. H. Broeker, representing the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, spoke for the "mother church." In a brief address which sparkled with wit and humor Mr. Broeker said: "The 50 years of history of this church speak eloquently of the faithfulness of God, the wonderfulness of Jesus Christ, the marvelousness of redemption and the glory of God, which awaits believers."

FLOWERS AND MUSIC

The church auditorium was beautifully decorated for the anniversary services by Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Sommerfeld who placed the 12 floral pieces very fittingly. The musical contributions offered for the occasion were a saxophone solo, "Face to Face," by Eunice Hoover; and two selections by the choir entitled, "The Old Faith and the Old Book" and "We're Marching to Zion."

A thousand Bible markers were distributed as souvenirs to the anniversary attendants. Former members of the church and guests were present from Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Niles, and Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Dedication Festivities, Portland's Immanuel Church

Report of Dedication of \$100,000 Educational Unit by Mr. Rod Rosentreter

SUNDAY, Oct. 4, was a memorable day for the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, as we dedicated our new Educational Unit to the service of God. Looking back to a rainy Sunday afternoon, February 9, 1958, at which time we broke ground, we can say with the Psalmist of old, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23).

PROJECT OF \$120,688

A set of plans—insufficient finances—much faith in God! We proceeded with the new building. Answer to our prayer request came in the form of a \$45,000 loan from Vancouver Federal Savings & Loan Assn., \$20,000 in private loans, and, together with our building fund, the total was \$90,000. The men of the church completed the interior of the classrooms and the kitchen as finances were received.

The financial outlay at present is \$120,688.90, which includes the following: parsonage on 100 by 100 foot lot, \$17,250; parsonage improvements, \$3,170.73; Educational Unit, \$97,567; grounds improvement, \$1,645.79; and furniture and fixtures, \$1,054.43. Our indebtedness at present is \$36,765.31. We truly praise the Lord for his leading.

Promotion Day was Sept. 27, preceding Sunday School Week. Sunday School visitation was carried out Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening was Prayer Service with Mr. Seth Marks, Sunday School superintendent, in charge.

Friday evening we gathered for a family dinner for all members of the church and our friends, held in the lower hall. There was no difficulty procuring cooks and dishwashers to "break in" our new kitchen. Mr. Maitland Sanford was responsible for all kitchen cabinet work, and it is truly the splendid evidence of a skilled artisan and a testimony to the Lord.

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for all North American Baptist churches.
See announcement on page 13.

At this time, a representative of the Central Baptist Church group read a letter advising us that they had canceled a previous loan to us of \$1,400, it now being a gift, and granted us \$4,000, interest free until 1961.

FAMILY DINNER PROGRAM

This latter amount was originally designated as support for a former Central Church member in the event he should go to the mission field under the North American Baptist Conference. Should he desire to go, we will be required to pay the sum of money to his support. Should he be unable to go by 1961, this sum becomes an additional gift to us. The offering received at this meeting was \$1,415.08.

The program included the following items: invocation by Rev. Charles Wagner, accordion and piano solos, numbers by a ladies' trio and sextet, and a time of chorus singing. Mr. Seth Marks spoke briefly regarding our building fund and Sunday School promotion, followed by devotions by our pastor, Rev. Henry Barnet. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary, pronounced the benediction.

Rally Day was Sunday, Oct. 4. A response was given by each department of the Sunday School. At our Worship Service the message was brought by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, followed by observance of communion and reception of 9 new members into the church.

The Dedication Service was held that afternoon with the following program: piano prelude by Miss Lois Barnett; song service led by Mr. J. A. Hoel-

zer, charter member and life deacon; Scripture reading by Rev. George Breitkreuz; prayer by Rev. Otto Roth, former pastor; and welcome by Rev. Henry Barnet. Greetings were given by pastors or representatives of sister churches in the Oregon Conference, including a letter from First Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho, also in our Conference. Letters were also read from Rev. E. P. Wahl and Rev. G. W. Rutsch, former pastors of the church. Rutsch, former pastor of the church.

DEDICATED TO GOD'S GLORY

The choir presented "The Lord's Prayer," with Miss Hildegard Wagner as director, and a ladies' trio sang. The dedication prayer was offered by Dr. John Wobig. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg gave the dedication message to an audience of some 250 persons, overflowing into the outer rooms.

The sum of \$847.81 was received in offerings. Rev. Robert Penner pronounced the benediction. Open House was then held in the Educational Unit and the remodeled house, to be the parsonage, on the adjacent property. Light refreshments were served in the lower hall of the church. Our lips were fluent with words of praise for our God and his gifts to us.

The Educational Unit consists of a main building of 44 by 70 feet with full basement, Sunday School auditorium seating approximately 180, and two 40 by 60 foot wings of classrooms, with an auditorium on each end. The exterior is brick and redwood. The entire plan is on a 100 by 300 foot lot with parsonage placed in front and parking lot in the rear. The building is designed to include a sanctuary on the site of the parsonage, which parsonage is to be moved in the future when the need arises. The present Sunday School auditorium will be the overflow of the sanctuary at that time.



The entrance to the \$100,000 new Educational Unit (left) of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, and the Church Choir (right) that sang on Dedication Sunday, Oct. 4, 1959.

Reviews of Outstanding Books

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of English Publications

CHRISTMAS, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, Volume 29. Edited by Randolph E. Haugan. Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minn. 68 pages, 10% x 13% inches. Gift edition, \$1.50. Library edition, \$3.50.

This is the most beautiful Christmas publication printed in America. From the richly-decorative cover to the end-page colophon, the 68-page CHRISTMAS is a masterpiece in variety of content, excellence of topography and elegance of art work and color printing. For \$1.50 it is a tremendous bargain!

I have read and treasured most of the previous 28 editions. This is THE BEST of the series. There is a thrilling article about Oberammergau, its preparation for the 1960 Passion Play and its woodcarving gift to the world. You will be enthralled by the account of "The Houses of George Frederick Handel" and the background of his Christmas oratorio, "The Messiah." Eight illustrated pages are devoted to the Christmas customs in other lands. Equally fascinating are the pages describing "Christmas Greens and Flowers."

The large volume begins with the Bible narrative of the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, brilliantly illustrated by artist Sada Jones. A winter scene of the Eisenhower farm at Gettysburg, done in bright water color, is one of two art inserts in the volume. In addition, the Annual features a story about "American Christmas Carols" and six full pages reproducing these carols, in addition to Christmas poems, pen and ink sketches of Christmases of bygone days and full-color photographs. For a blessed Christmas for yourself and for others, we can heartily recommend this volume to you!

THE CHURCH IN THY HOUSE. By Hollis S. and Elizabeth S. Pistole—The Warner Press—94 Pages—Paper Binding, \$1.25; Cloth Binding, \$3.00.

Religion is centered in the home. Faith is a family affair that finds its greatest response in the home. The authors point out how parents and teachers can cooperate to extend the ideas and truths considered in the classroom on Sunday morning into family conversation and home worship. The book has many practical, helpful suggestions along this line for the inspirational reading by parents and for use by adult classes interested in building better Christian homes. The fine purpose of this book is to show how the church and church school and the home can merge their forces for the cause of Christ.

THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST. By Paul A. Tanner—The



A CHRISTMAS SETTING in full color photography is used this year for the cover of CHRISTMAS, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art. The 68-page Annual is edited by Randolph E. Haugan and published by Augsburg Publishing House. (Gift Edition, \$1.50; Library Edition, \$3.50.)

Warner Press—111 Pages—Paper Binding, \$1.25.

Ephesians for many Christians, as well as for this author, is a favorite book for devotional reading, a source for preaching the great truths about the Body of Christ, and a study for more intensive knowledge of God's revelation. The purpose of the author has been to lift up some of the great themes that are presented in this most sublime of the great apostle's letters. This is not a commentary on Ephesians nor a theological treatise. But is a wonderful little book to stimulate you to delve more deeply into the great reservoirs of truth found in this epistle.

GOTTES BRUENNLEIN (Book of German Poems). By Rev. W. Laser—Paper Back, 184 pages—\$1.25.

Those who read and understand German will find this book of poems a great blessing to them. Rev. W. Laser, pastor of the German Baptist Mission Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, has published this book of 184 pages with many inspirational poems on a variety of subjects such as our Christian faith and life, the seasons of the year, the beauty of God's handiwork and personal reminiscences. They are poetic messages that will sing their way into your heart with joy. They are poems that can often be quoted at special programs. For our German friends, this paper bound book is a

bargain at \$1.25. In addition, the author is hoping to devote all profits beyond the expenses of the book to a benevolent cause. The book can be ordered from the publishers, the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

WILFRED GRENFELL. By J. Lennox Kerr—Dodd, Mead & Co.—1959—270 Pages—\$4.00.

This is a magnificent story, factual but inspired, of the life and works of Sir Wilfred Grenfell, the heroic missionary to Labrador. It is a definitive biography commissioned and sponsored by the Grenfell Association of Great Britain and Ireland. It was written by "a man of the sea," sharing Wilfred's love of adventure and admiration for fishermen, who worked on the book for years and travelled 10,000 miles for material and interviews.

The book reads with all of the thrilling quality of fine fiction, even though it is a factual biography. The story begins with Grenfell's boyhood on the Cheshire side of the River Dee in England and his decision to become a doctor. Included is the experience with Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, which sent Grenfell as doctor-chaplain into the fishermen's league and later to Labrador where "he literally created a heaven on earth for neglected and despairing men, women and children." His exciting adventures, his amazing triumphs, his sacrificial dedication to his God-given task, his impetuous nature and personal failings, his boundless faith in what God could do, and his ministry as medical missionary are glowingly described in the pages of this book. This volume deserves a big place in the annals of Christian biography, and it will endear this man of spiritual dedication more than ever to you!

WOMAN TO WOMAN. By Eugenia Price—Zondervan Publishing House—241 Pages—\$2.95.

A new book by Eugenia Price, writer-producer of the radio program, "Unshackled," and author of many books, is always a great publishing event. But this informal, heart-to-heart book for women is especially outstanding. After four years of gathering material and insights, and being brought face to face with literally hundreds of women's problems, Eugenia Price has written this provocative book with humor and directness and which is bound to mark creatively the lives of those who read its pages.

Miss Price states that "God has placed such breathtaking responsibility in our (women's) hands. He has placed human lives in our lives. And to God these are his dearest posses-

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From the Professor's Desk

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

Do we know for sure the year, month, and day our Lord was born?

This is a more difficult question than one might suppose. Because of the nature of the question, I will devote this *Professor's Desk* to the problem of the year of Christ's birth and a subsequent one to the question of the day and month.

Most of the factors which must be taken into consideration to arrive at the year of Christ's birth are found in the second chapter of Luke's Gospel. There we are told that Jesus was born in the reign of Caesar Augustus (27 B. C. - A. D. 14). He had ordered a census and "all went to be enrolled, each to his own city." *The Interpreter's Bible* states that "it is improbable that any Roman census would have required a man to return to the home of his ancestors. Such a procedure would have been almost as impracticable in Roman times as it would be in our own . . ."

However, the discovery in Egypt of an actual Roman governmental edict makes such skepticism unwarranted: "Gaius Maximus, Prefect of Egypt orders: 'Seeing that the time has come

for the house to house census, it is necessary to compel all those, who for any cause whatsoever are residing outside their districts to return to their own homes, that they may both carry out the regular order of the census, and may also diligently attend to the cultivation of the allotments.'"

Now at the time of the census of Luke 2, Quirinius (Authorized Version, "Cyrenius") was "governor" of Syria. This statement poses a problem. We know from other sources that Quirinius was governor of Syria from 6-8 A. D. but not before this. However, an inscription reveals that he held an official position of some kind from 10-7 B. C. In addition, the participle translated "was governor" may "express the office of any ruler, whether emperor, propraetor, procurator, etc." (Plummer, *The Gospel According to Luke*, p. 51). Quirinius probably held a position which made him responsible for taking the census.

The precise dating of the census cannot be stated with confidence. If the Roman practice in Egypt of taking a census every fourteen years was carried out in Palestine also, then the

census of Luke 2 took place in 8 B. C. This figure is determined by counting back fourteen years from the census referred to in Acts 5:37, which we know occurred in A. D. 6. By such reckoning, the birth of Christ is placed at about 8 B. C., but since there are many other factors which could not be included in an article of such limited scope, we cannot be dogmatic about this date. The really important thing is the *fact* of the Incarnation, not the precise date of it!

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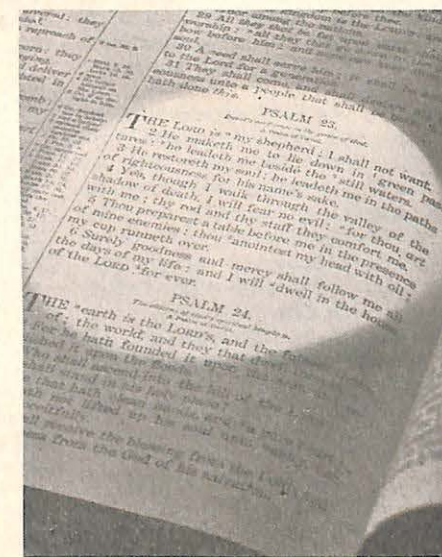
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- This new date for the Sunday School's and church's observance of BIBLE DAY has been designated by the denominational Education and Publication Society.
- The observance can be held on another date, such as the second Sunday of March (March 13, 1960) if this is more convenient.
- Bible Sunday Programs or Bulletin Inserts have been sent to all churches as well as program material in English and German.
- The Bible Day Offering will be used for the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature by our denomination. Send all Bible Day Offerings to

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Bible Sunday Observance, December 13, 1959



—Photo by Harold M. Lambert

The Changeless Word

O changeless Word of life and light,
A perfect rule to guide me;
I take thy counsels, trust thy truth,
And in my heart I hide thee.

Untouched by time or men's assaults,
This Word remains unshaken,
And those who build upon this rock,
Will never be forsaken.

We the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Laurence Prast, the newly-elected president of our Northwestern Conference Woman's Missionary Union, is one of our young pastors' wives whose leadership we appreciate. She received her B. A. degree in Religious Education from Sioux Falls College, and attended our Seminary part-time as well. Her past experiences as a youth counselor, teacher of religious education, and Sunday School teacher help qualify her for her present position of leadership. We are grateful to her for her Thanksgiving message. Her husband is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.

OUR CITY OF HABITATION

By Mrs. Laurence Prast of Watertown, Wisconsin

When the children of Israel journeyed through the Wilderness of the Sinai Peninsula, they became discouraged, hungry, and faint-hearted. They felt they were in trouble and, in their distress, they cried unto their God.

God heard their murmurs and delivered them. He led them that they might go to the city of habitation. In God's rescue plan, this city of habitation was to be their place of usefulness for him.

We, too, have been graciously redeemed by our God. At some time during this past year, have not we wandered in a seeming wilderness of sorrow, illness, or earthly trouble? Then in our distress we, also, cried unto the Lord. He heard—answered—and led us to our habitation and to our goodly inheritance.

In leading us to this point in our earthly pilgrimage, how have we responded? Have we been used or let ourselves be used during this past year? Have we rejoiced in our place of "usefulness" at all times?

During this Thanksgiving season, we have a feeling of contentment and satisfaction as we thoughtfully review the past year, for we have been richly blessed. Our trusting heart tells us that we have this feeling of gratitude because of Christ who has prepared the way and gone before us and even now intercedes in our behalf.

The Thanksgiving season generally calls for an inventory of blessings received during the current year. Could not our thankfulness for God's loving hand in our lives be shown in our daily living and, looking into the future, trusting in the One who has proven to be our God?

In this coming year, may we face each day determining to be more useful and ready to be used of God in our place of habitation. May our dwell-

WE WILL BUILD

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you in these new buildings at Forest Park and Sioux Falls with their facilities for a greater ministry for Christ. A great variety of projects has been outlined from which you can make your choice and know that your gifts will be invested in the Kingdom of God. The name of every person contributing \$200 or more toward a project in this campaign will be inscribed on a bronze plaque in that room or building. The names of those who contribute to the \$100 Club will be inscribed in Honor Books in the two buildings. Memorial gifts in honor of others can also be made.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR PLEDGE?

The interest in the DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE BUILDING FUND has been rapidly mounting. The information about the buildings and campaign has gone forth into every church of ours. The contributions and pledges of our people are pouring into our headquarters. With their gifts and prayers, our people are showing an amazing unanimity of purpose and enthusiasm in action that God will crown this undertaking with his blessing. Have you made your pledge? What about your gift? Are you having a part in this stirring ADVANCE of our denominational enterprise? In Christ's Name we will build, because we have a mind to work together at God's task!

MARCH OF EVENTS

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gee Year, said the refugee population of his country now totals 12,830,000. Of these, 9.3 million are ethnic German expellees from European areas now under non-German governments; another 3.3 million are escapees from East Germany or East Berlin; and 230,000 are foreign displaced persons or political refugees.

● Soviet Zone district councils were asked by East Germany's Education Ministry to prohibit all church-sponsored children's summer retreats or vacation camps on the grounds that such activities "endanger the state's socialist education efforts." The ministry also was reported to have launched an attack against churches for sending youth to West Germany and other "capitalist countries." School officials were warned by the ministry to keep a better check on where and how youngsters spend their holidays.

ing-place be enriched as we daily remember our "thank you's" for blessings received. God never omits "You're welcome." Then we, too, can say, "The world I face today is filled with joy," for "this is the day that the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalms 118:24).

REVIEWS OF BOOKS

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sions. Therefore it makes an altogether amazing difference whether or not a woman's life is Christ-controlled." The author shows this difference that Christ makes in a woman's life in her work, appearance, conscious and subconscious mind, disposition, married life and home, in the lives of children, in a woman's unmarried life, in her friendships and in all phases of spiritual life. This book can be heartily recommended to every Christian woman with the assurance that its blessing will be instantaneous and abiding to the reader.

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM. Edited by A. Gilmore—The Judson Press—343 Pages—\$4.50.

One of the notable features of the theological discussions of the past thirty years has been the increasing attention given to baptism. There is a growing feeling that Baptists should share in the present discussion in the light of the latest biblical and historical scholarship. This book then is an attempt on the part of a group of younger British Baptist ministers and scholars to go back to first principles and to re-think the doctrine of Christian baptism in terms of the Bible, history and theology, with a view to making a contribution to the ecumenical debate.

This is not a book that merely presents the Baptist point of view on Scriptural baptism. It is rather a scholarly study of the entire history of baptism in Christian churches in an effort to see whatever contributions Baptists with their views can make to the ecumenical movement. The ecumenical outlook of British Baptists is clearly evident in this book. The volume deserves a place in every scholar's library and the reading time of many Christian leaders. But there will be considerable disagreement with the conclusions of the book.

HE THANKS THEE BEST

He thanks thee best who serves thee best:

Who meets each glowing day
With grateful heart and lifted face,
To toil and rest and play.

He thanks thee best who loves thee best:

And loving, loves each one
Who passes down the old highroad
From sun to setting sun.

He thanks thee best who trusts thee best:

Whose faith shines through the dark
A helpful, happy, hopeful thing
For way-tired hearts to mark.

He thanks thee best who worships thee best:

Who prays where none may see;
Who humbly waits to hear thy voice—
Who has no God but thee.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

BAPTIST HERALD



What's Happening

● The Parma Heights Baptist Church of Parma Heights (Cleveland), Ohio, has extended a call to Rev. David J. Draewell of Auburn, Mich., to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his ministry in the Parma Heights Church on Jan. 1, 1960 succeeding Rev. Edwin Miller, now of Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Draewell has served the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich., since 1957.

● On Sunday, Sept. 27, the Baptist Church of McClusky, N. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival with Prof. Roy Seibel of the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker. Three services were held with a fellowship meal at noon. It was also Homecoming Sunday with former members and friends in attendance. The offerings of the day amounted to \$600, all of which was designated for foreign missions, as reported by Mrs. Herbert Engel. Rev. Edward Oster is pastor of the church.

● The Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. Ruben Herrmann of Tyndall, S. Dak. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Calgary church on Nov. 22. All of the services in the Bridgeland Church are now conducted in the English language. Mr. Herrmann has served as pastor of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of South Dakota since 1955. In the Calgary church he will succeed Rev. Ervin J. Faul, now of Hebron, N. Dak.

● A number of our Cameroons missionaries are now on their return trip to the United States for their furlough. They are Miss Eleanor Schuler of Detroit, Mich.; Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer and their three children of Detroit, Mich.; and Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang and their two children. They were scheduled to sail from Tiko, Africa, on the CHICANOVA on Nov. 17. After spending some time in England, they will sail for the United States and home. Dr. Paul Gebauer stated: "We wish them God's speed!"

● The city of Grand Forks, N. Dak., with its ever increasing Air Base personnel and students at the University of North Dakota presents a God-given challenge to the Grace Baptist Church of the city and its pastor. In this growing community Grace Church has laid foundations for expansion, as reported by Rev. Walter Stein. An entire city block of land at the heart of a new housing area has been purchased. The present parsonage will be used for Sunday School classes. Plans are also under way to build a new home for the pastor and his family.

● The Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., has announced the appointment of Mr. Robert Boyd as the Youth Activities Leader, succeeding Mr. Lloyd Kwast. He began his ministry with the church's young people on Sept. 1st. He is a senior student at Biola (Bible Institute of Los Angeles) with a major in Christian Education. He has had experience as Youth Activities Leader at the First Baptist Church of Torrance, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd and their daughter Linda were welcomed into the Bethel Church on Sunday, Sept. 6, by the pastor, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck.

● Dr. William A. Mueller, a member of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, since 1948, where he taught philosophy of religion, Baptist history, Reformation history, church history and systematic theology, has been elected professor of church history at New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La. He will assume his duties in January 1960. Dr. Mueller served as pastor of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and of the Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y., for several years following his graduation from the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

● The First Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana, observed its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 11. On this occasion the new sanctuary furniture and aisle carpeting, which had not been installed at the dedication of the church, were dedicated. The morning offering for the Building Fund was \$9,582 which will considerably reduce the \$15,000 debt on the new church. The afternoon offering for missions was \$1,390. Rev. R. H. Zepik, pastor, stated: "God has challenged his people and his people have risen to the challenge. We are now prayerfully preparing for our evangelistic campaign with Rev. David Zimmerman."

● From November 15 to 20 the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., held a series of Bible Study meetings which were well attended and were a great blessing to the congregation. Dr. A. J. Harms, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Garden Grove, Calif., led the church in a series on "The Seven Greatest Chapters of the Bible." Dr. Harms at one time was pastor of our conference churches in Lorraine, Kansas and Grosse Pointe, Mich. (formerly Burns Ave. Church of Detroit). Roberta Rostomily is the new church secretary, as reported in the weekly "Temple Visitor." Sunday School attendance is approaching the 500 mark with 451 reported on a recent Sunday.

● Two new Baptist churches were welcomed into our NAB Conference by the Northern North Dakota Association convening at Goodrich, N. Dak., on Friday, Oct. 16. One of these is the First Baptist Church, Minot, N. Dak., of which Rev. John L. Benham is the pastor. The church is located at Western Ave. and Fourth St., S. W. The other is the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, N. Dak., with Rev. George Robinson as pastor. Representatives of both of these churches participated in the Association sessions at Goodrich, N. Dak. The churches will be formally welcomed into the North American Baptist Conference fellowship at the 1960 Dakota Conference sessions.

● Sunday, Oct. 4, was Promotion Day at the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas. The officers and teachers of the Sunday School and Training Unions were recognized and a brief dedication ceremony, led by the general Sunday School superintendent, Walter Kohrs, and pastor, Dr. Douglas Gallagher, was held during the morning service. Sunday, Oct. 11, was another blessed day with Prof. Roy Seibel of the North American Baptist Seminary faculty as speaker at both services. Mr. Seibel challenged the church to be looking for opportunities to serve the Risen Savior at home and abroad. Offerings on this day were over \$6,000 for missions, as reported by Mrs. Theodore Wilkens.

● The first Missionary Conference ever held by the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., convened from Oct. 29 to Nov. 1st. Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, Cameroons missionary doctor, was the guest speaker on Saturday night, Oct. 31, and on Sunday morning, Nov. 1. Rev. Emil Gruen of the American Board of Missions to the Jews and a former member of the church spoke on Friday evening about the Lord's work among the Jews. The speaker at the opening service on Thursday, Oct. 29, was Rev. John Byitte who described God's dealings with "The Good Shepherd Ministry" in the Philadelphia Baptist Association. Rev. Norman Klann is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday morning, Sept. 13, Florence Benning of St. Joseph, Mich., departed this life to be with the Lord. She was a beloved and faithful member of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph. She rendered an outstanding service in the community as a school teacher and as principal of Washington School. Her estate, valued at \$40,000, was left to the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph and its Mission Society, the North American Baptist General Missionary Society (both Home and Foreign), the Berrien County Society for Crippled Children, and a number of relatives and friends. Her pastor, Dr. L. H. Broeker, reported that Florence Benning rendered a monumental service for Christ in her church and in meeting the needs of the world.



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The Long Search

By Sallie Lee Bell

A Prize-winning Christian Novel Laid in Texas.

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SYNOPSIS

James Thornton was an embittered young man. His father had been sent to prison by the false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin. There in prison his father had died and some time later his mother passed away from a broken heart. Now James Thornton was in a bus riding across Texas and bound for New Orleans, where he hoped to have his revenge on Thomas Martin. A young woman boarded the bus and sat next to him. Her mother had died and she was on her way to New Orleans to live with an aunt. Thornton tried to comfort her. "In time you will get over the keenness of your grief and you will be happy again," he said to her. She wished him success in his business as they approached New Orleans. If she only knew what would be involved if her wish should come true!

CHAPTER THREE

JAMES waited impatiently for his baggage to be delivered and he forgot about the girl and the aunt who was supposed to meet her. He was impatient to get out and look for a place to stay. While he looked over the thinning line of passengers leaving the depot, he saw her standing there, bewildered and forlorn, looking anxiously about her.

He picked up his bags and started to leave when she called to him.

"Oh, please wait a minute!" she cried, hurrying to where he stood.

He put his bags down and waited impatiently for her.

"My aunt isn't here," she said in distress. "I wonder what happened. What shall I do?"

He could not fail to be touched by her distress. He saw that she was on the verge of tears. He sighed. He had that little lost kitten on his hands again and he couldn't refuse to offer his help.

"Does your aunt have a phone?" he asked.

"Yes, I didn't think of that. I have her address and phone number here in my purse."

"Let's go inside and call," he suggested.

He led the way inside, then he put his bags in a storage compartment and went to a telephone booth to call the aunt's number. He let the phone ring several times but there was no answer.

"She doesn't seem to be home," he told her. "We'll wait here a little while and see if she comes for you. She may have been delayed. If she doesn't come, we'll take a taxi and go out to her house."

"I hope she isn't sick," Faith murmured.

They sat silently for a while, and as James fumed inwardly Faith waited anxiously, too worried to try to talk.

When at last he was sure that the woman was not coming, he went outside and hailed a taxi. He put her bag inside and they rode to the address of the aunt. She lived far downtown and the drive was long.

"I hate to put you to this much trouble," Faith remarked. "I'm taking up too much of your time."

"Forget it," he said, none too graciously.

When they finally reached the house he told the driver to wait for him. He rang the bell and waited impatiently for someone to answer. After repeated ringing he knew no one was there. He was wondering what he should do next, when a woman living next door stuck her head outside and asked them what they wanted.

"We're looking for Mrs. Mary Hamilton," James told her.

"Oh, my!" the woman ejaculated. "Don't you know what happened to her?"

"No," James replied as a foreboding of disaster took possession of him. "We just came in on the bus this morning. She is this young lady's aunt."

"Dear me!" the woman said, coming out and joining them. "Mrs. Hamilton was buried yesterday."

"Oh!" It was a horrified cry from Faith. She swayed and turned so white James feared that she would faint. He put an arm around her to steady her and he could feel her small body trembling.

"Mrs. Hamilton had a heart attack and she was dead when we found her. I went in to take the paper since she always let me read it after she had finished, and there she was, out cold. The doctor said she had been dead for a couple of hours, perhaps. We didn't know she had any relatives, so she was buried the next day. I'm sorry, Miss, that I didn't know about you."

Faith's stricken face touched his heart even though he had been chagrined at the delay she had caused. She looked at him appealingly.

"What shall I do?" she asked as the tears ran down her cheeks. "I don't have anyone else in the world."

"You could stay here in your aunt's house," the woman suggested. "I have the key. The court was waiting to see what should be done about the furniture and everything."

"I couldn't stay here," Faith moaned. "I just couldn't. I don't know what to do."

"I'll find a place for you tonight and tomorrow we'll see what can be done," James said. He turned to the neighbor. "If anyone comes to do anything about the house, tell them that the niece is here and will look after everything."

They got into the taxi and drove back to the depot. Once inside the taxi Faith gave way to tears and sobbed quietly.

"Don't take it too hard, little one," he said soothingly as he laid a hand upon her arm. "Everything will turn out all right, I'm sure. Just buck up and try to be brave."

"How can I when I don't have anyone else in the world and I have so little money?"

"You have me and I'll do all I can to get you settled. I'll help you look after everything. It may take time to get your aunt's affairs straightened out, but perhaps you will have enough to tide you over until you can get adjusted and find something to do. You're still young and you have all of life before you. Don't despair. Everything will work out all right, I'm sure."

He felt that his long speech was empty of real comfort, for he couldn't feel that he was giving her any, but she turned to him with a slight smile.

"You're good to me when I've been such a nuisance. How I thank you for being so kind! What would I have done if I hadn't had you?"

He wondered just what she would have done and in spite of his impatience to be on his own he was glad that he had been there when she needed someone.

Back at the depot, he got a newspaper and looked over the want ads to find a room. Finally he found one that seemed to be what he was looking for and they set out to find it. It proved to be more attractive than he had hoped.

It was in the old Garden District in the upper part of the city. The house was old, but the rooms were clean and large and there were two available. The price was reasonable and he decided that he might as well take the other for himself until he could decide just what he would do. It would be easier for him to help the girl. He was hoping that it would not take too long to get her affairs straightened out.

The landlady, Mrs. Thomas, was sympathetic when James told her about Faith's tragedy, and seemed eager to help them.

"When you've unpacked your bag and rested for a while, we'll go out and get something to eat," he told Faith. Then he turned to go to his own room.

"Thanks for everything," Faith said as she closed the door and he followed Mrs. Thomas down the hall.

"Poor little thing," Mrs. Thomas remarked. "Have you known her long?"

"I only met her on the bus," James explained. Then he told her how they had met and how helpless she was when her aunt had not appeared at the depot to meet her.

He unpacked his bags, then lay down and tried to rest, but he could not. He got up and paced the floor as he tried to plan what he should do. First he would study the telephone book, then he would contact every Thomas Martin listed there. If he did not find the man this way, he would search the city directory. If he failed to find the man in either book, he would be at a loss to know what to do next. He set his lips firmly as he vowed again that if it took the rest of his life he would spend it looking for this man. If he had changed his name, that would prove a problem, but he would not face that fact until he had failed to find him under his real name.

It was almost dusk when he knocked at Faith's door. She opened it at once and he saw that she was ready to go with him. She looked rested and he was glad for that.

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"You look so fresh and rested that you must have had some sleep," he remarked as they went down the hall together.

"I did sleep some," she said. "I was glad, for when I was asleep I couldn't think and thinking frightens me."

"Don't let it frighten you," he advised. "I'm sure that everything will work out all right."

"You're a comfort," she sighed. "What would I do without you?"

A warm glow spread through him at her words. It was good to feel that he was being helpful. He forgot his impatience to be rid of her. They inquired of Mrs. Thomas and she directed them to a little restaurant not far away. The evening had cooled and it was pleasant on the street. They passed lovely old homes of another generation on Prytania Street, houses with wide porches and broad steps, houses that sat back from the street behind high iron fences, shaded by ancient oaks, with bricked walks winding through old-fashioned gardens where shrubs and flowers grew in profusion. An air of refinement pervaded the atmosphere of these old homes, though many of them had been converted into rooming houses and some of them bore the marks of neglect and decay.

"This city is different from any place I've ever seen before," she remarked as they walked along, interested in the scene. "Everything seems old yet attractive."

"This is an old city, one of the oldest in this part of the country," he replied. "It is quite different from the new towns which have sprung up suddenly in your State of Texas. This old city has a part of France in it along with the newer English section, yet the old-world atmosphere mellows it all and makes it different from any other city. That's why people flock here all through the year and enjoy the things that make it different."

"You talk as if you were a native," she remarked.

"I've read a lot about it," he replied. He did not tell her why he had read so much about it. It had long been the center of his thought.

"I must pay for my meal," she insisted as they gave their order. "You have already spent too much on me. I'm sure my money will hold out until I can get a job."

"If you insist," he said. He knew that she would feel better if he let her feel more independent. "I'm sure that you will be able to get something from

your aunt's furniture and whatever else she may have left, if there are no other relatives."

"There is no one but me," she told him. "I'm sure she didn't have much money."

"Whatever it is, it will help you until you can get adjusted and get some kind of a job."

"I want to begin work as soon as I can. I shall be better satisfied if I'm occupied. I'd die, just sitting in that room with no one to talk to."

"You'll soon make friends. Just try to believe that the best is yet ahead."

"You're a great comfort." She gave him a bright smile. "I feel better already."

He wished he could say the same for himself.

THE NEXT DAY James took Faith to attend to her aunt's affairs. They took the bus to Canal Street and then walked down Royal to the court building. She was interested in the quaint old French Quarter as they walked down the street where antique shops displayed numerous wares in the windows and for the present she forgot her grief and her worry over the future.

She stopped and scanned the displays of antiques with wide eyes and smothered exclamations of delight and she begged James to go inside with her in one or two of the shops so that she could see the furniture and ornaments crowded in them. The prices seemed enormously high. She loved beautiful things and she had never seen such an array of antiques before. She did not know, of course, that many of the pieces displayed as antiques were manufactured in the rear of some of the stores or upstairs above them.

"If I ever have a home, I hope that I can have some of these lovely things in it," she remarked as they came out on the street again. "We never had anything very beautiful in our home and everything in the stores back home was new and different."

"These lovely old things that are so high priced were no doubt bought for a song from old French families who lost their wealth," he said. "I'm sure that they were priceless in the eyes of those who once owned them."

"You must have done a lot of reading," she observed, "about New Orleans. Why were you so interested in the city if you've never been here?"

"I've always wanted to come here," he said guardedly, "but while my mother was living I never had the chance. It has held my interest ever since I was a little fellow. I see it holds yours now."

She smiled. "Yes, it does. I suppose everyone who comes here for the first time is struck by its difference from other cities. Some of the sections we have seen have been drab and others are modern and attractive."

(To Be Continued)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 6, 1959

Theme: **STANDING BY A NEW CONVERT**

Scripture: Acts 9:10-20, 26-29a

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A new convert, who begins a new life, needs an older convert to help him continue the new life.

INTRODUCTION: One reason why Paul was so concerned about his young spiritual son, Timothy, was probably due to the fact that he remembered how weak and helpless he felt immediately following his conversion on the road to Damascus. He was supported and sustained by Someone who stood by him in his time of need.

A new convert usually loses all his former friends and does not yet have time to make new ones. Many converts fall by the wayside because they do not receive the necessary help and courage which is so vital to Christian growth. A new convert is at the strongest point in his life. It takes strength to make such a great decision. But it is also true that a new convert is at his weakest point in his new life. It is easy to go backward as well as forward. If he is abandoned, he is sure to be lost. No newly born baby can long survive unless the parents stand by it, feed it, clothe it and love it. A Christian's strength or weakness is not only dependent on his own will and his own effort, but also upon the measure of help he receives from those who are already members of the family of God.

I. HELP FOR NEW CONVERTS. Acts 9:10-16.

We are often under the impression that the greatest victory is won when a man repents and makes his decision to follow Christ. Yet untold hundreds are lost even after the best planned evangelistic services because there are not enough Christians like Ananias, who are needed to help and strengthen the convert and to pray with him until he receives power from the Holy Spirit. "No man cared for my soul," (Ps. 142:4), cried the Psalmist. Was it because there was no Ananias available to pray with him?

II. THE NEED OF NEW CONVERTS. Acts 9:17-20.

Many congregations have lost the old-fashioned way of addressing fellow-Christians as "Brother." A new convert needs the sense of acceptance, of belonging to the family of God. Nothing warmed the heart of the apostle more at this time than the hand of Ananias on his head and the sound of his voice saying, "Brother Saul."

No matter how much light from

heaven Saul received, and no matter how clear the voice of Jesus, he still needed the help of fellow-Christians. But most of all he needed the gift of the Holy Spirit.

III. FEARING NEW CONVERTS. Acts 9:26.

This was a natural reaction on the part of the disciples, for it was certainly not easy to believe that a man like Saul could change so drastically. Vacillating Peter became steadfast; James and John, the sons of thunder, became sons of love; doubting Thomas became strong in faith. But to believe that a man like Saul could change was a little too much to expect. They had not yet experienced the grace and power of God to such an extent.

IV. FAITH IN NEW CONVERTS. Acts 9:27-29.

When writing to the Romans (1:14), Paul speaks of himself as a debtor, both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians. There is no doubt that he would also admit that he is a debtor, both to Ananias and to Barnabas. It strengthened him to know there were those who had faith in him, who believed him and who were not ashamed of him. It was after Barnabas' expression of faith in him that Paul found strength to speak out boldly in the Name of Jesus.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 13, 1959

Theme: **PETER'S BROADENING MINISTRY**

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: After thanking the Lord for saving our souls, let us also ask him to help our souls to grow.

INTRODUCTION: Luke was a Gentile. He was probably the only non-Jewish author in the entire Bible. It seemed quite clear that this Gentile Christian wanted to make plain to the early believers that Jesus Christ came to be the Savior of the world and not merely of the Jewish nation. Probably for this reason, he went into great detail describing the experience of Peter in the conversion of Cornelius, the centurion. The acceptance of Gentiles into the Christian fellowship was a source of contention in the early years of the church's history and became one of the first issues on which the church was divided.

When the gift of the Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples of Jesus

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in the upper room, he brought so much light and power that it seemed he left no area of their lives untouched. But we must remember that the Holy Spirit comes, not only as a Savior but also as a Teacher. The gift of the Spirit is the beginning of spiritual growth. We can limit the Holy Spirit by our ignorance, by our pride and by our prejudice. Peter thought he could keep a little Jewish corner for himself. Everything else in his life was saved by grace, but this little compartment Peter thought he was able to keep clean by his own efforts. This little sanctuary was reserved for the old Jewish law, for Hebrew culture and tradition. There is no doubt that Peter was a new man in Christ Jesus, but one little room had to be set aside for a few antiques that came down to him from his fathers and forefathers and which had a very high sentimental value.

Jesus Christ through his Holy Spirit had to help Peter make a complete break with the past so that he could deal more effectively with the present and the future.

I. A NARROW MINISTRY. Acts 11:1-3.

All through the Old Testament, the Hebrews were exhorted to keep themselves separate from other nations in order to prevent religious corruption. They went to great lengths to keep the negative aspect of the law. In keeping themselves from the gods of other nations, they also kept other nations from the one true God. Now as Christians, they again attempted to keep Christ for themselves. In the words of a well-known book, "their God was too small."

II. A BROAD MINISTRY. Acts 11:4-17.

The early Christians had to learn the same lesson Peter learned, that Jesus Christ came to bring salvation not only to a Jewish nation "but in every nation, he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:35). The Holy Spirit had to bring to their minds the words of John 3:16—"For God so loved the world" Very slowly and reluctantly, and sometimes a little grudgingly, the fourth phase of Jesus' Great Commission was being fulfilled—Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost part of the world.

III. A JOYFUL MINISTRY. Acts 11:18.

Salvation can never fully be enjoyed unless shared by all. It is too good to keep to oneself. Once these first Christians saw the evidence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Gentiles, it must be said to their credit that they glorified God. They came to the meeting with preconceived ideas as for what and for whom Christ died. They came with their old laws and traditions and Jewish prejudice. But as the wonderful story unfolded, everything was changed. They came with narrow minds and left with enlarged hearts!

BAPTIST HERALD

Our Denomination in ACTION

Central District

Memorable Events at Central Church, Waco, Texas

Six persons were baptized at the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, during the first six months of 1959. Ira Loosier was baptized Feb. 1. Mrs. Mildred Gabelmann and James Gabelmann were baptized April 5. Baptismal services were held July 12, in which Miss Connie Aeri, Miss Peggy Aeri and Ernest I. Aigner were baptized. Mr. Aigner is 66 years old.

A Labor Day picnic was held on the church grounds Sept. 7. About 150 persons were present. A Buffet style supper was served, followed by fellowship and a volleyball game. On Sept. 21 the Brotherhood of the Central Baptist Church entertained members of the Crawford Baptist Church Brotherhood. A supper of barbecue chicken, potato salad and baked beans was served. About 60 men were present. Rev. L. B. Hinz, the pastor of the Central Church spoke briefly to the group.

Chris Hansen, Reporter

\$53,000 Addition to Baptist Church, Aplington, Ia.

Construction has begun on a new \$53,000 addition to the Aplington Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa. The addition, 42 by 70 feet will adjoin the present building on the west side. Bids for the construction, approved at the business meeting of the church held Thursday evening, Sept. 10, were as follows: general construction, Cervetti Construction Co., Steamboat Rock, Ia., \$42,145; electrical work, Franke Electric Co., Marshalltown, Ia., \$4,060; and plumbing and heating, Brockway Plumbing & Heating, Grundy Center, Ia., \$6,798.

The new church addition will consist of a basement and main floor and will include 12 classrooms, library, two storage rooms, a pastor's study and an overflow room to the main auditorium of the building seating 90. A 25 by 30 foot Fellowship Hall will be located in the basement. An entrance will be in the front or north side of the addition. The front will be constructed of glass and brick while the side and rear will be of hollow tile.

Mrs. Paul R. Voggd, Reporter

Annual Meeting, Home for the Aged, Madison, S. D.

The president, Rev. Alfred Weisser, presided at the annual meeting of the North American Baptist Home of Madison, S. Dak., on Tuesday, Sept. 22, in the West Center Street Baptist Church. Routine business was conducted and reports were given. Superintendent D. S. Wipf stated that at present the Home was filled with 16 ladies and 10 men receiving care. The annual meeting place was changed by resolution to the Monday of the first full week of October so as to corres-

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ed at a festival table, attractively decorated with fall garden flowers.

Mrs. Robert Backus, chairman of the Music Committee, presided as toast-mistress. Impromptu talks on "Why I like to sing in the choir," and "Why I like to hear the choir," were given by several members. Our pastor, Rev. J. G. Benke, spoke on "Appreciation of the Choir." Rev. Robert Krueger, pastor of the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, guest speaker delivered an inspiring and stimulating message on the value, significance, and moral and personal merits of the choir. He also rendered a solo "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings." Five new members were introduced and a special note of thanks was conveyed to the organist, Mrs. Arthur Gutzman, and the choir director, Mrs. Jothan Benke.

Mrs. Elmer Moose, Reporter

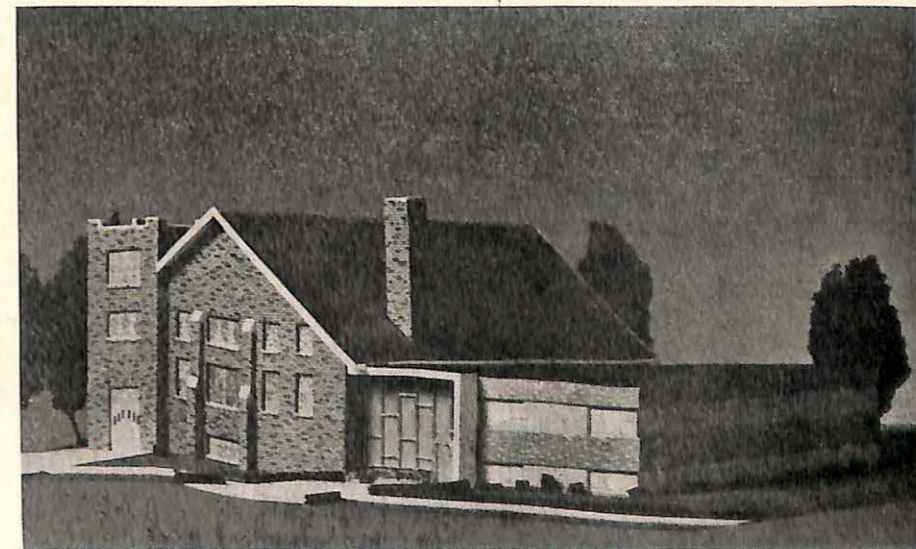
New Pastor of Corona Church Welcomed at Reception

Pastors and friends from neighboring churches joined with the members of the Corona Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak., on Oct. 1 to welcome Rev. Wilbert Dachtler as their new pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Dachtler and two sons have come to the Corona church from Grand Rapids, Mich. This is Mr. Dachtler's first church. Representatives from the various church organizations were given an opportunity to express themselves in welcoming the pastor and his family. Special readings, musical numbers, and songs were presented.

Rev. Donald Rahn from the Corona Methodist Church challenged the members to work with their pastor. Vic Joachim, the moderator, introduced the visiting pastors to the Dachtlers and read letters of congratulations from former pastors.

Prior to the Dachtlers' arrival, members had filled the cupboards and deep freeze in the parsonage with a large supply of groceries.

Harold Loof, Clerk



Architect's sketch of the \$53,000 new addition to the Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, now under construction.

Junior and Senior South Dakota Youth Camps

The South Dakota CBYF Camp was held August 10-21 at Camp Lakodia, Madison, South Dakota. Guest speakers during Junior Camp, August 10-14, were Rev. Lawrence Bienert and Miss Helen Lohse. Rev. Elton Kirstein of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, and Rev. Herman Effa of Chancellor taught classes based on the camp theme, "Outdoors with Christ."

The total attendance at camp was about 280, with 125 of these being in attendance at Senior Camp. This was the largest camp attendance on record thus far. Challenging the young people with his messages about our mission fields was Rev. Richard Schilke, general mission secretary. Teaching classes on Christian living were Rev. Willis Potratz of the Plum Creek Church, and Rev. Jothan Benke of Madison, with Rev. R. Herrmann as camp director. This year it was a joy to have the Shell Creek Baptist and George, Iowa, young people join us at camp. The new Madison swimming pool proved to be a great attraction for the campers.

Fern Jacobs and
Elneer Huether, Reporters



Camp Councilors, pastors and guest teacher, Rev. R. Schilke, at the South Dakota CBYF Camp at Camp Lakodia.

South Dakota Association Sessions at Danzig Church

The South Dakota Association convened October 4-6 at the Danzig Baptist Church. The Lord granted us excellent weather conditions which probably accounts for the fine attendance. All our churches were represented by their pastors and a total of 58 delegates and many visitors. Our Association began Sunday afternoon with a Sunday School Rally in the Avon school auditorium, with Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, bringing the message. The Youth Rally in the evening was led by the Association C.B.Y.F. president, James DeBoer, and "God's Volunteers" brought the program and consecration challenge. Our hearts were lifted to higher spiritual planes as Rev. H. Gieseke, Education and Publication secretary, brought four wonderful messages from the Word of God during these blessed days.

The theme, "Worship In Our Churches," centered on John 4:24, was developed through messages and a panel

DEDICATION, WEST FARGO

The beautiful new building of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., (see pictures on page 4 and 5 of next issue), will be dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 13, 1959. An invitation is extended to all friends to attend by the pastor, Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke.

discussion. During our business sessions, the Association voted to continue our "Chapel Cheer" broadcast on the ground that it had proved to be a blessing to many of our people. Our officers for the new year are: moderator, Rev. W. Potratz; vice moderator, Rev. J. G. Benke; secretary, Rev. H. Effa; and treasurer, Mr. John Kludt.

H. L. Effa, Reporter

Youth Rally for St. Paul and Minneapolis Churches

The young people of our churches in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn. held a retreat on Sept. 4 and 5 in order to plan our 1959-60 program. We had a Rally on Friday night at the Union Gospel Mission Camp north of St. Paul.

Sessions of the Iowa Woman's Missionary Union

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Iowa Association held its annual meeting at the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, on Oct. 7, 1959 under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Schmidt. A large number of women attended the men's and women's breakfast on Wednesday morning. Both the men and women enjoyed the special missionary speaker, Rev. Keith Austin. Devotions at our business meeting were led by Mrs. Bruno Bronsema of Parkersburg. One new minister's wife who was welcomed to our Association was Mrs. Ralph Cooke, Sheffield, Iowa. Special music at these meetings was a solo by Mrs. Schaffer of Sheffield and a Ladies' Choir by the First Church of George.

It was decided that the offering taken during the program be divided and designated for our Denominational Building Advance Fund and our women's mission goal. The offering amounted to \$84.70. The guest speaker at the afternoon meeting was Dr. Walter Wessel, Sioux Falls, Seminary, who also offered the installation prayer at the close of our meeting. The newly elected officers are: president, Mrs. James Brygger, George, Iowa; vice-president, Mrs. Donald Rich, Burlington, Iowa; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. William Salzbrenner, Victor, Iowa.

Mrs. William T. Huisman, Reporter

Baptism and S. S. Week at Chancellor, S. Dak.

Numerous have been the blessings experienced by the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak., during the past weeks. From Sept. 20 to 27 we observed Deeper Life Week. On Sunday evening, Sept. 20, Rev. Herman Effa had the privilege of baptizing a mother and her daughter. These two candidates together with the father were welcomed into the fellowship of the church at the following communion service. As special speakers for our Deeper Life Week, we were privileged to have the following pastors on successive evenings: Rev. J. Benke of Madison, Rev. P. Wiens of Avon, Rev. W. Potratz of Plum Creek Church, Rev. Elton Kirstein of Wessington Springs, and Rev. Rubin Herrmann of Tyndall. The week was very fittingly climaxed on Sunday, Sept. 27, when we had Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., with us for the entire day.

Sunday, Sept. 27, also marked the beginning of Sunday School Week as Promotion Day was observed. Observance of Rally Day on Oct. 4 ended our Sunday School Week activities. As a Sunday School, we partially support Miss Helen Lohse, missionary to the Spanish Americans in Colorado. We were privileged to have her in our midst to talk to the Sunday School and show slides of her work on Sunday morning, Sept. 13.

The Ladies' Mission Circle held its annual business meeting and elections on Sept. 15. The new officers are as follows: president, Mrs. Kenneth Hoogstraat; vice president, Mrs. Wesley Johnson; secretary, Mrs. Herman Bartels; treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Erickson; pianist, Mrs. Luverne Plucker; and asst. pianist, Mrs. Albert Weeldreyer.

Mrs. Herman Effa, Reporter

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Nebraska-Colorado Association Sessions at Creston Church

The Nebraska-Colorado Association convened at the Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska, during Oct. 16 to 18 with the theme, "Develop Faith through Teaching." The Sunday School Worker's Conference was combined with the Association meetings, and so several workshops were conducted throughout the days. Miss Martha Leyboldt from Sioux Falls and the Rev. Lawrence Bienert from Forest Park were the guest speakers. Delegates were in attendance from Creston, Shell Creek and Beatrice, Nebraska; and La Salle, Colorado. During the business session on Saturday morning, elections were held, with the following officers elected: moderator, Rev. L. Wacker; vice-moderator, Rev. F. Fuchs; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. F. Fuchs.

On Sunday the Creston Church was filled with members, friends and delegates. Sunday School was under the leadership of the superintendent, Mr. Kenneth Prang, and separate classes were held for all ages. Rev. R. Stading conducted the morning worship service and Rev. L. Bienert brought the message. The moderator of the Association, Rev. L. Wacker, presided over the afternoon meeting, and Miss M. Leyboldt brought the message. We trust that the suggestions, ideas and material presented during the Association days will be used to the betterment of our service rendered to Jesus Christ our Savior.

Mrs. Fred Fuchs, Secretary

Western District

Dedication of New Parsonage at Anaheim, Calif.

Over 200 members and friends of Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., attended the open house fellowship on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13, for the formal dedication of their new church parsonage home. Met at the door by Rev. and Mrs. John Vanderbeck, guests



NEW PARSONAGE, BETHEL CHURCH, ANAHEIM

Following personally conducted group tours through their new parsonage, members of Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held a solemn service of thanksgiving and dedication, September 13, 1959, seeking God's continued blessing on their new church parsonage home.

November 26, 1959



PARSONAGE OF FAITH CHURCH, REGINA, SASK.

Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Potratz and their family, Daniel, Beth, Philip and Robert, in front of the recently purchased parsonage.

were conducted by groups through the rooms by the Misses Susan Martin, Elaine Boettcher, Nancy Mabs, Charleen Wilson, Bonnie Sue Smith, Shirley and Sharon Mims. At 3:45 p.m. the inspirational outdoor service of dedication began. The recognition of the Parsonage Building Committee was given with Mr. Vanderbeck expressing thanks for the splendid work done by this committee: Mr. William Ballman, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. David Eggert, Mr. August Litz, Mrs. Hulda Smith, Mr. Robert Ulrich and Mr. James Monk.

The solemn service of home dedication was read by Pastor Vanderbeck with the people responding. A dedicatory prayer followed. The Girls' Trio of the Misses Carole Arant, Phyllis Boettcher and Dorothy Burzlaff sang most appropriately "Bless This House" by Brahe, accompanied by Miss Janice Lamb.

This beautiful parsonage home of frame and stucco construction with a shake roof contains 2800 square feet. It has a living room, dining room, den,

three bedrooms, study, kitchen, breakfast nook, utility room and two and one-quarter baths arranged in a circulating plan around a central hall. The living room has a large fireplace and large picture window. The mahogany paneled den has a large sliding glass door leading to the roofed patio and rear garden, facilitating indoor and outdoor entertaining. The pastor's study directly off the front entry hall allows for counseling without intrusion into the family's living area.

Ruth M. Mellen, Reporter

Northern District

Reception for Pastor and Family, Regina, Sask.

A spirit of gratitude and praise to God was very evident at the welcoming service held by the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, for Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Potratz and their family, for as a church we felt that we had witnessed a miracle of God's guidance. A few weeks earlier, when we learned that God was calling our former pastor to another field of service, it had seemed probable that the church would be without a pastor for some time. Then in August, Mr. Potratz, who was unknown to the congregation here, accepted an invitation to minister at the morning and evening services on Sunday, Aug. 16. From that day on, it was the conviction of all concerned that this was the man who was to be our future pastor; and a week later, when opportunity was given, the church voted unanimously to extend a call to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Potratz arrived in Regina to begin their ministry here on Sept. 1. At the induction service, which was held Sept. 13, representatives of the church organizations brought brief messages of welcome to the pastor and his family. Mr. Potratz based his message on the words of Paul, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified." Special music by the choir included the closing hymn of dedication, "Oh, Jesus, I Have Promised."

Sarah Olmstead, Reporter

Sunday School Programs, Grace Church, Medicine Hat

As the Sunday School of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, we look back over another successful milestone in our work. On September 20, we held our annual promotion in which fifteen children were promoted. We note that in general our Sunday School has improved over last year. We now find it necessary to have two promotions a year in March and in September to give all the children a fair opportunity to improve. On October 11, the Sunday School held a special Thanksgiving Program. Truly, there are many things we can be grateful for, and especially do we thank God for our new minister, Rev. P. Hunsicker. Lilly Oster, Reporter

Program of Edenwold and Davin, Sask, Women's Society

On Sept. 20 the Ladies' Missionary Society of Edenwold and Davin, Sask., held its annual program in the Grace Baptist Church of Davin. The ladies of the neighboring Bethany Church and Faith Baptist Church of Regina were our guests. Our capable president, Mrs. Herman Lindenbach, extended a hearty welcome. Mrs. H. Herman of the Bethany Church responded with words of encouragement to the Society to keep on serving the Lord. The program featured a play, "The Desert Shall Bloom." The offering of \$150 was designated for North American Baptist foreign missions.

Our present membership is 28. Some of our yearly projects are: Partial support of one of our Cameroons missionaries; White Cross work for Africa; funds for the Briercrest Bible School, Caronport, Sask.; and the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. We also remember the Indian children of the Muscowpetung Reservation with treats at Christmas.

Mrs. R. Kurtz, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. E. Hohn at Nokomis, Sask.

On Sept. 25, the First Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., had the privilege of ordaining Mr. Edmond Hohn, their pastor, into the Christian ministry. The council consisted of 18 delegates from 5 of the neighboring churches. Rev. Bert Milner was elected moderator. Brother Hohn related to us very clearly and convincingly his conversion experience, his call into the ministry as well as his doctrinal beliefs.

The ordination service was held that same evening with the church filled to capacity. Rev. P. Galambos was the leader for the service. Mr. Martin Arndt read scripture and the Rev. E. P. Wahl brought a very challenging message. Rev. Bert Milner led in the ordination prayer. The Northern District Secretary, Rev. W. Sturhahn, gave the charge to the church and Rev. E. L. Thiessen gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. Bert Milner, moderator of the Saskatchewan Baptist Association, welcomed Rev. and Mrs. E. Hohn into the association as well as into the pastors' fellowship. The ordination certificate was presented to the new pastor by Rev. E. P. Wahl.

Rev. Edmond Hohn has been serving the First Baptist Church at Nokomis since July 1, 1959. He has also been elected to serve as Youth Director of

the Saskatchewan Baptist Association. A very impressive and enriching day was closed as the newly ordained minister, Rev. Edmond Hohn, pronounced the benediction.

John Wollenberg, Clerk

Summer Activities of Temple Church, Leduc, Alberta

August 4 to 8 were exciting Vacation Bible School days for the boys and girls at Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta. The record attendance of our school was brought about by the hard work and efforts the children did in inviting and bringing their friends. They made signs for a parade through town and decorated their bicycles and a float which carried the small children. The morning after our parade, we gained 16 new pupils. On August 30 we had our annual Flower Sunday when the church was beautifully decorated with flowers. The evening service was sponsored by the Woman's Mission Circle. It was our joy as Sunday School to participate in the denominational Sunday School week, Sept. 27 to Oct. 4. This week was closed with Promotion and Rally Day.

A Girls' Missionary Guild has been organized with girls from ages 7 to 11 years old. On Sept. 29 the girls and their mothers gathered for fellowship of games, devotions and lunch. The girls are meeting regularly every Tuesday after school, taking part in Bible study, singing, missionary lessons and handcraft. On Oct. 11 our Thanksgiving and Mission Festival was a great blessing. It was our privilege to have Rev. Wm. Sturhahn as our guest speaker for the morning service. In the evening the boys and girls of the Sunday School held their annual Thanksgiving program.

Mrs. Raymond Harsch, Reporter

Eastern District

Baptist Church's Ninetieth Anniversary at Arnprior, Ontario

"Ninety Years in the Ministry of Our Lord" was the theme of the anniversary services of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario, on Sept. 26 and 27. Approximately 200 persons attended the church fellowship supper on Saturday night. Mr. Irvin Woermke was master of ceremonies for the banquet. Rev. A. E. Jaster, former pastor recounted some of the church's early history. A male quartet composed of Rev. Eldon Janzen and Messrs. Gerald Kuehl, Elmer and Leslie Kauffeldt preceded the banquet address given by Rev. Emanuel Wolff, the newly appointed denominational Eastern District Secretary.

A special anniversary service was held on Sunday afternoon. Music during the Sunday School hour included a solo by Miss Valerie Woermke and a duet by Misses Linda Langford and Karen Hein. The church choir rendered an anthem and a duet was sung by Mrs. Leslie Albus and Miss Lorraine Scheel at the morning worship service.

At the anniversary service Rev. V. N. Cornmiller extended greetings in behalf of the Arnprior and District Ministerial Association. Letters of greeting were read from former pas-

tors. The men's chorus, the male quartet, and a duet by Mrs. T. Phillips and Mr. L. Kauffeldt provided the special music for the afternoon service. Rev. E. Wolff brought the anniversary message in addition to preaching in the morning and evening services. During the closing service, two special numbers were rendered by a double duet by Mrs. R. Milni, Mrs. T. Lapierre, Mrs. H. Desarmia, and Mrs. G. Tourangeau, and a duet by Rev. E. Janzen and Miss Lorraine Scheel.

Lorraine Scheel, Reporter

Arnold, Pa., Church Begins Mission at Holliday Park

We at the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., observed National Sunday School Week Sept. 27 through Oct. 4. Rev. Dale Chaddock spoke on "The Sunday School, An Opportunity" Sept. 27. Wednesday evening the Sunday School took charge of the prayer meeting. Friday evening a visitation of delinquent and prospective Sunday School members was made by teachers and officers.

Tuesday was Family Night. After supper the film "Centerville Awakening" was shown. A few slides of Holliday Park, a new housing development where 2500 new homes are to be built in the next 5 years, were shown. This area has been under prayerful consideration by the church for a new Church Extension church. Over \$200 were given during the evening to help purchase a used bus for transportation. The church then voted to proceed immediately with this project, believing that God would be pleased to have a North American Baptist work started there.

A Reformed Church, which has been closed for several years, has been offered to us, rental free for this Church Extension Project. Our first service was held in this church that God has given to us on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18. The bus which has been purchased seats sixty. It is being used at Holliday Park on Sunday afternoons and also at our Union Church on Sunday mornings. Mrs. Fred Pressick, Clerk

Round Lake Church, Gladwin, Mich., Welcomes Pastor

On Sunday, Sept. 21, the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., had the great joy of welcoming its new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Leon Franck and children, Dennis, Steve, David and Karen. Mr. Harold Friesen, one of our deacons, presided and spoke words of welcome to the large congregation. A welcome was also given by representatives of various organizations of the church. Rev. Leon Franck spoke on "God's Message to Pastor and People." He comes to us from the Parma Church of Ohio where he was Pastor of Visitation through the summer months. Prior to their coming to us, the parsonage had been redecorated and a pantry shower given for them.

At our yearly business meeting, Sept. 30, we as a church decided to raise our mission giving another \$350.00. This was a new venture of faith which the Lord will surely honor and bless. We visualize a great need for our church, but we know that, together with our pastor and wife, and through prayer and faith in Christ, we will accomplish many things.

Mrs. Frieda Will, Reporter

Obituary

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

MRS. MARTHA RADOMSKA of Forestburg, Alberta

Mrs. Martha Radomska, nee Brickman, of Forestburg, Alberta, was born Dec. 27 1889 in Pittsburgh, Pa., and went to her eternal reward on June 30, 1959 as a result of a heart attack. In 1893 she came to Wetaskiwin, Alberta. She was converted under the ministry of Evangelist H. Schwendener and baptized on Sept. 20, 1908.

She was married to August Rodamska on April 7, 1910. Six children were born into their family. Her husband died in 1922, and in 1938 she and Michael Rodamska were married. (He died 8 days after her homegoing.) Left to mourn are one son, Clarence of Vancouver, B. C.; 4 daughters: Laura Moore of Edmonton, Alta.; Florence Will of Vancouver, B. C.; Mimmie Ezzard of Summerland, B. C.; and Ruth Baker of Wetaskiwin, Alta.; besides 23 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. The 23rd Psalm (her favorite Psalm) was the text for the memorial service at which Mr. and Mrs. Graham sang "There's No Disappointment in Heaven." Forestburg, Alberta
JULIUS C. BRICKMAN, Correspondent

MRS: ELISABETH ZIMMERMAN of Lehr, North Dakota

Mrs. Elisabeth Zimmerman, nee Schlecht, of Lehr, N. Dak., was born Jan. 4, 1909 in Logan County, N. Dak., and died Oct. 9, 1959 in the Ashley Hospital. On Nov. 2, 1930, she was married to Edwin Zimmerman. This union was a very happy one and was blessed with one daughter and two sons. She was converted to God in 1932 and was baptized in 1936 by Rev. J. J. Abel and received into the fellowship of our Ebenezer Baptist Church in which she remained a loyal member until her death. She was also a member of our Ladies' Aid. Together with her family, she resided on a farm 7½ miles south of Lehr. Besides her husband and three children, she leaves the following to mourn her untimely departure: two grandchildren, two sisters, six brothers, her mother and a host of relatives and friends. At the large funeral service, the undersigned spoke on: "There is but one step between me and death," based on I Samuel 20:3b. The Ladies' Aid members sang two songs. Ebenezer Baptist Church
Lehr, North Dakota
E. S. FENSKE, Pastor

MR. FRED LUBBERS of Tyndall, South Dakota

Mr. Fred Lubbers of Tyndall, S. Dak., was born on Dec. 9, 1883 in Freeport, Illinois. In 1906 he was united in holy matrimony to Jennie Johnson. She preceded him in death in August 1943, and he was joined in marriage to Grace King on May 14, 1944. Suddenly at 10:45 a. m. Friday, Oct. 2, the Lord called him to his eternal reward at the age of 75 years, 9 months and 23 days. Surviving are two sons, Walter and John; and wife, Grace of Tyndall; three daughters, Helen Meyers, Evelyn Stanicek of Freeport, Illinois, and Ethyl DeWal of Baileyville, Illinois; Paul Lubbers, a step-son of Sheldon, Wisc.; and Mary Johnson son of Lawrence, Kansas; also 15 grandchildren.

At the age of 17 years Fred accepted the Lord as his personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. J. Jaeger. He loved his Lord and proved to be faithful in the work of his church. For a goodly number of years he served as deacon of the Tyndall Baptist Church. In the past he held the position of director of the Farm Mutual Insurance Co., of Springfield, S. Dak.; president of the Farm Loan Association, Yankton, S. Dak.; and was a member of the local school board for many years.

Tyndall Baptist Church
Tyndall, South Dakota
RUBIN HERRMANN, Pastor

MR. EDWARD DREGER of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

Mr. Edward John Dreger of Ebenezer, Sask., was born on Sept. 18, 1917 at Ebenezer, Sask., and passed away on Sept. 29 very suddenly at his farm home in the Ebenezer district, having reached the age

of 42 years and 11 days. It was during the ministry of Rev. G. P. Schroeder that he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized and united with the Ebenezer Baptist Church in 1932. He served his Lord in a quiet and effective way for more than 27 years, using his talents for the Lord. His greatest avenue of service was towards his fellowman for whom he always had a willing and helpful hand. He leaves to mourn two sisters: Olga Yurkschat and her husband, and Annie Falkowsky and her husband, all of Vancouver, B. C.; five brothers: William, Paul, Fred, Andy, and Benny, all of Ebenezer, Sask. Death for our departed brother was but the door into an eternal life of fellowship with his Savior. His life here on earth may have come to an end but his influence will still go on through the many Gideon Memorial Bibles that were given in memory of this beloved servant of God. Ebenezer Baptist Church
Ebenezer, Saskatchewan
JOHN WOLLENBERG, Pastor

MR. HENRY BROWN of Camrose, Alberta

Mr. Henry Brown of Camrose, Alta., was born at Tutschin, Russia, on May 6, 1878 and died from a heart attack on Sept. 30 at the age of 81 years, 4 months, 24 days. On Feb. 21, 1899 he and Juliana Schalin were united in marriage. The Lord blessed this union with 12 children; three of whom preceded their father in death during infancy. In 1905 he came to Edmonton, Alta., and was baptized by Rev. A. Hagar upon his confession of faith in Christ, joining the Central Church. In 1908 they moved to Fredrickshelm District east of Leduc and joined the church there. They retired to Leduc in 1940, and five years later his wife Juliana Brown was called to be with the Lord. In 1946 Rosa Weisser of Camrose became his life's partner and they took up residence in Camrose. Brother Brown loved his Savior dearly and served him faithfully in the various offices of the church. He leaves to mourn his passing: Rosa Brown, his wife; 7 daughters: Mrs. R. Goltz and Mrs. A. Snesrud of Edmonton; Mrs. F. Lockstead and Mrs. E. Kirsch of Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. P. Weisser, Camrose; Mrs. H. Lee of White Horse, Yukon; Mrs. J. Drediger, Nigeria, Africa; 2 sons: John and Milton Brown of Leduc; 23 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Fellowship Baptist Church
Camrose, Alberta
OSCAR FRITZKE, Pastor

MRS. ELLA MARIE WEISS of Medicine Hat, Alberta

The funeral service for Mrs. Ella Marie Weiss, nee Zeitner, was held at the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, on Saturday, Oct. 10, 1959. She was born at Hilda, Alberta, on Sept. 11, 1931 and was brought to Medicine Hat when still a child. She was converted and baptized under the ministry of Rev. R. Milbrandt and became a member of the Grace Baptist Church. Later when the Temple Church was organized, she became a member here. She worked a great deal in the C. B. Y. and the Ladies' Mission Circle and for years was our reporter and agent for the "Baptist Herald."

On Sunday morning, Oct. 4, she was taken to the Medicine Hat Municipal Hospital, where on Tuesday she gave birth to a son. She went to be with the Lord late on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 7. She lived to the age of 28 years, 1 month and 25 days. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Roy; 3 children: Brenda Marie (3½ years); Kent Roy (2½ years); and the little

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Medicine Hat, Alberta
HENRY SCHUMACHER, Pastor

MR. CARL SCHAUER of Aberdeen, South Dakota

Mr. Carl Schauer of Aberdeen, S. Dak., was born in McIntosh County, North Dakota, on Feb. 25, 1899. His death came suddenly, due to a heart attack on Oct. 7, 1959 at the age of 60 years, 7 months and 12 days. He farmed near Ashley, N. Dak., until 1947 when the family moved into Aberdeen, S. Dak. Here he was occupied as a carpenter. He was married to Christine Jenner at Ashley in 1923. She preceded him in death in 1957.

Brother Schauer was a sincere Christian. He was a member of the Ashley Baptist Church until he came to Aberdeen where he was instrumental in organizing the Calvary Baptist Church of which he was a charter member. Here he served as Sunday School teacher, church treasurer, deacon and in other capacities. Recently in undertaking our new church building project, he encouraged us constantly with the remark, "We can do it." He is survived by his two children: Mrs. Robert Rowe of De Ruyter, N. Y.; Rev. LeRoy Schauer, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma; two grandsons and two granddaughters; 5 sisters; and 3 brothers.

Calvary Baptist Church
Aberdeen, South Dakota
THOMAS D. LUTZ, Pastor

MR. EDWIN ALBERT KRUEGER of Elgin, Iowa

Mr. Edwin Albert Krueger of Elgin, Iowa, was born near Sumner, Iowa, July 14, 1889. He departed this life in the victory of Christian faith Sept. 24, 1959, passing away suddenly of a heart attack in his home at the age of 70 years. In 1903, he was baptized in the Turkey River by Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann and united with the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Ia. He had served as a member of the board of trustees since 1931.

He was united in marriage to Metta Miller on Oct. 6, 1909. This union was blessed with 5 children: Edward, Esther (Mrs. Selmer Erickson), Lillian (Mrs. Abe Habeger), Lyle, and Kenton, all of this community. He leaves to cherish his memory his widow, 5 children, 14 grandchildren, 4 sisters and 1 brother.

Being a great lover of vocal and instrumental music, he found much enjoyment in spending an evening with his entire family in this way. He was held in high esteem as a kind husband, a loving father, an affectionate grandfather and a sincere Christian. After a brief service in the home on Sunday, Sept. 27, Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, pastor, conducted the funeral service at the First Baptist Church of Elgin. Mrs. Leroy Thomas sang "The Old Rugged Cross," and "Beyond the Sunset." Organist for the service was Mrs. Paul Schutte. First Baptist Church
Elgin, Iowa
ELDON G. SCHROEDER, Pastor

MR. JULIUS BLUMHAGEN of Anamoose, North Dakota

Mr. Julius Blumhagen of Anamoose, N. Dak., was born in Ciucurova, Rumania on Jan. 18, 1875 and departed to be with the Lord on Oct. 2, at the age of 84 years, 9 months and 14 days. About 1900 he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized the following year by Rev. Ludwig Liebig.

On Nov. 1, 1896, Mr. Blumhagen was united in marriage to Maria Buchholtz. In April 1902 the Blumhagens came to this country and homesteaded 5 miles south of Drake, N. Dak., in Spring Grove Township. Six years later he moved a mile south into Sheridean County and farmed until 1942 when he retired. Mrs. Blumhagen died in January 1951, and later that year he married Amalia Kantt of Drake, N. Dak. Mr. Blumhagen was active in church affairs. He served 13 years as a Sunday School teacher, 5 years as trustee and also as deacon at the time of his death. Mr. Blumhagen was a charter member of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church and at his death a member of the Anamoose Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, and a stepson, Wilbur Kantt; 5 daughters: (Anna), Mrs. E. V. Siebold of Cathay, N. Dak.; (Martha), Mrs. William Krause of Drake, N. Dak.; Mrs. Lydia Peterson of San Jose, Calif.; (Emma), Mrs. Frank Engel of Velva, N. Dak.; and (Laura), Mrs. Ira Smith of Yakima, Washington; and 2 sons: F. J. Blumhagen of Drake, N. Dak., and Emanuel of Watonga, Okla.

Anamoose, North Dakota
MILTON H. VIETZ, Pastor

Conference	Churches	Baptisms	Church Members	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Officers & Teachers	W. M. U. Societies	W. M. U. Members	CBY Societies	CBY Members
Atlantic	22	163	4140	23	3167	438	37	1153	29	513
Central	32	422	9050	34	8288	918	48	1925	51	1188
Dakota	59	324	7439	69	7666	1209	75	1535	85	1536
Eastern	19	102	2832	17	1951	244	26	672	21	450
Northern	52	235	7908	56	6616	851	45	1234	57	1669
Northwestern	36	289	6645	35	5306	685	62	1649	69	1222
Pacific	38	387	8988	38	8096	1095	49	1838	67	1522
Southern	10	22	939	10	818	130	9	169	14	271
Southwestern	24	94	2514	22	2296	403	30	675	29	478
Total	292	2038	50,455	304	44,204	5973	381	10,850	422	8849
Last Year	290	1962	50,010	305	44,960	5818	385	10,873	394	8854
Total Increase	2	76	445			155			28	
Total Decrease				1	756		4	23		5

1959 Denominational Statistics . . .

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Promotional Secretary

THE 1959 STATISTICS of our North American Baptist churches have recently been released. They indicate some interesting trends. Our growth is continuing steadily with a total net increase of 445 members, making our present denominational membership 50,455. This is somewhat behind the objective which we had set for ourselves, but a number of circumstances and large erasures of members in several churches will explain partly why the net increase was not larger. You will note that the baptisms recorded for the year passed the 2,000 mark, a most encouraging fact.

Even though the statistics show a decrease in Sunday School scholars, we must point out that this may be largely due to inaccurate reporting by Sunday School secretaries and church clerks. We must urge all church leaders to make their reports to their conferences as complete and as accurate as possible. Considerable time should be expended by the pastor and his

leaders to see to it that the statistics for their church are complete.

In the contributions of our churches, (lower table), you will note that the local contributions of our churches for the past year for all purposes decreased by \$244,329.84. This was due to the fact that the tremendous local building program of last year was not repeated at the same tempo. We were overjoyed to see that contributions by our churches for NAB Missions and Benevolent Purposes increased by \$74,788.47. We trust that this trend will continue. The missionary picture in our churches is quite bright as is evident in the financial statistics with a total increase for our missionary giving of \$106,851.96. The per capita giving of our people for the

past year was \$93.23, a slight decrease from that of the previous year.

Study these statistical tables carefully and prayerfully. They are a spiritual challenge to every North American Baptist to go forward in 1960. There are new heights and objectives to be attained, especially in a cooperative effort with other Baptists in the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Every Baptist should be a missionary, winning others to Christ and witnessing to the unsearchable riches of the Gospel.

We believe confidently that the statistics for next year ought to be particularly encouraging. Several new churches have joined our fellowship in North Dakota and others are considering taking such action. Quite a number of new Church Extension projects have been started recently, the effects of which will be noticeable in the statistics for next year. So expect great things from God and go forth and do your part in attempting great things by faith for God!

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CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR CHURCHES, 1959 — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

Conferences	For Local Church Operating Expenses	For Local Building Fund Expenses	Total for Local Field	For N.A.B. Missions & Benevolent	For Local Conference Missions	Total for All N.A.B. Missions	For Other than N.A.B. Missions	Total for All Mission Purposes	Total for All Purposes
Atlantic	\$ 237,508.00	\$ 72,988.00	\$ 310,506.00	\$ 41,966.00	\$ 3,277.00	\$ 45,243.00	\$ 84,477.00	\$ 129,720.00	\$ 440,226.00
Central	559,010.21	384,238.37	943,248.58	113,719.63	14,135.86	127,855.49	78,670.41	206,525.90	1,149,774.48
Dakota	356,755.02	115,251.06	472,006.08	109,027.80	18,910.26	127,938.06	6,735.26	134,673.32	606,679.40
Eastern	115,407.37	101,542.74	216,950.11	28,162.25	3,334.05	31,496.30	7,231.32	38,727.62	255,677.73
Northern	313,845.11	129,294.88	443,139.99	82,243.36	21,883.02	104,126.38	10,464.88	114,591.26	557,731.25
Northwestern	327,838.92	92,327.46	420,166.38	88,813.36	10,431.21	99,244.57	55,337.98	154,482.55	574,748.93
Pacific	393,805.17	260,268.95	654,074.12	115,665.02	13,677.28	129,342.30	24,775.76	154,118.06	808,192.18
Southern	51,880.44	3,348.07	55,228.51	8,733.44	1,607.92	10,341.36	2,472.99	12,814.35	68,042.86
Southwestern	128,320.90	52,104.78	180,425.68	53,243.46	3,606.81	56,850.27	5,606.61	62,456.88	242,882.56
Total	\$2,484,371.14	\$1,211,374.31	\$3,695,745.45	\$641,574.32	\$90,863.41	\$732,437.73	\$275,772.21	\$1,008,209.94	\$4,703,995.39
Last Year	\$2,224,488.30	\$1,715,586.99	\$3,940,075.29	\$566,785.85	\$81,674.53	\$648,460.38	\$252,897.60	\$901,357.98	\$4,841,433.27
Total Increase	\$ 259,882.84			\$ 74,788.47	\$ 9,188.88	\$ 83,977.35	\$ 22,874.61	\$ 106,851.96	
Total Decrease		\$ 504,212.68	\$ 244,329.84						\$ 137,477.88