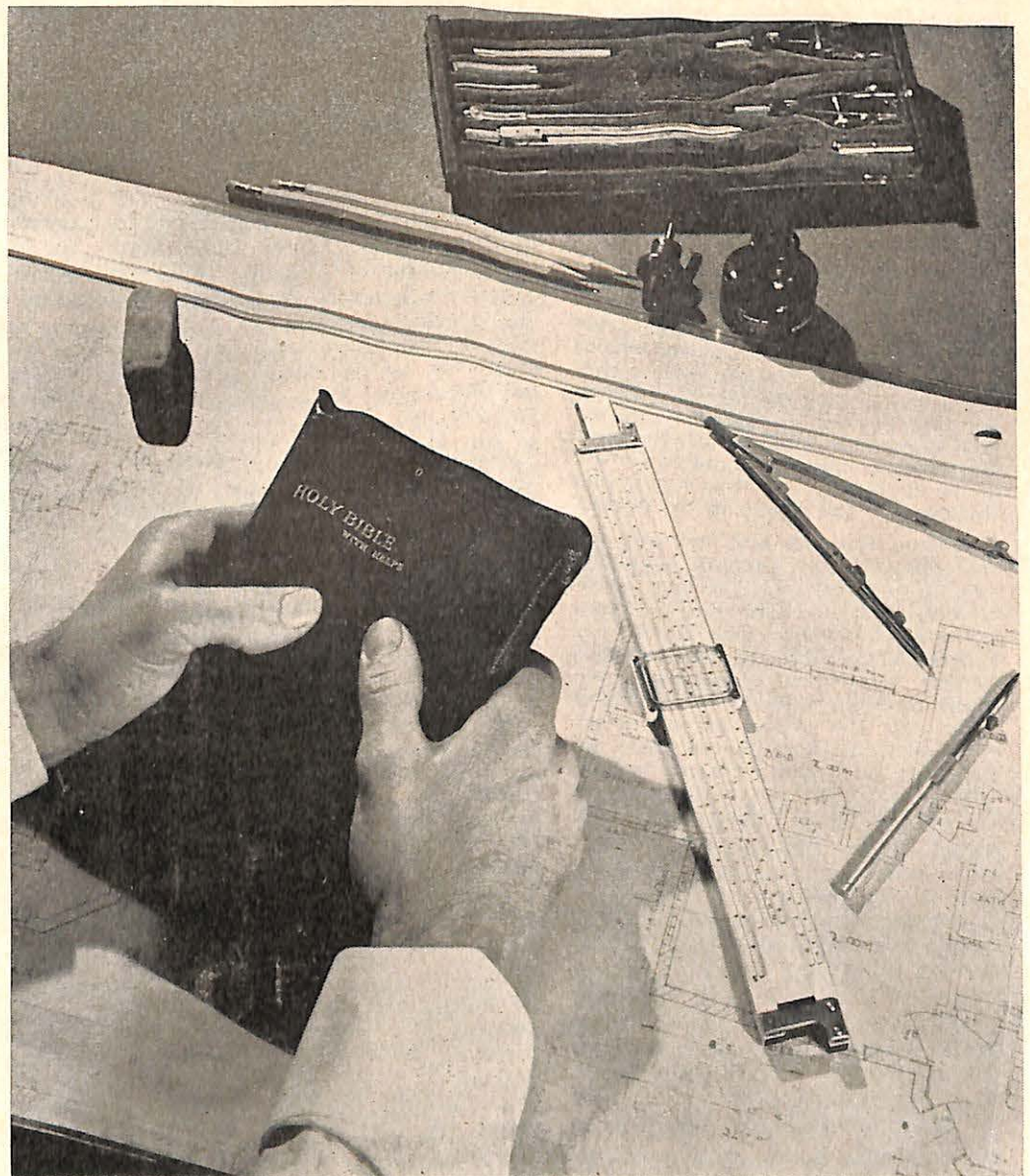


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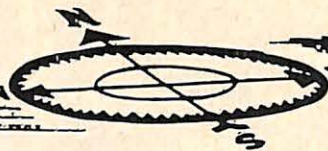
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● Dr. Friedrich Karle, president of the German Evangelical Church in Chile, has received the Grand Cross of Commander of the Order of Merit from the West German government. The award is in recognition of his work after World War II in resettling Germans in Chile and in founding a Chilean welfare and relief agency which cooperated with the German Hilfswerk in behalf of poor families in West Germany.

● When the school term opened this fall 84 American Indian, Spanish-speaking and Eskimo young people entered higher education institutions in the United States with the aid of scholarships totaling \$40,000 granted by the Congregational Christian Board of Home Missions. The young people come from 26 states and 30 Indian tribes. Now in the sixth year, the scholarship program is designed to develop trained leaders for minority groups. —*The Christian Century*.

● In a lecture at Chautauqua, New York, Frank C. Laubach issued a plea for retired Christian businessmen and professional people to serve as "technical missionaries" in Asia and Africa to help people there raise their standard of living. Said the famous missionary and pioneer in literacy training: "I believe there are a million healthy, old retired people who could and would go forth to help and who would find thrilling new life in serving the world."

● African churches and nationals are "receptive" to the 3-month preaching mission to be conducted on that continent by Billy Graham and his team starting in January. This is reported by Prof. V. Lavell Seats of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, upon returning from a six-week survey of Africa for the evangelist. A former missionary in Africa for 16 years, he said that he found Africans "wholly sympathetic with the work of Billy Graham." —*The Watchman-Examiner*.

● Five hundred Bibles and New Testaments were made available for placement in the cabins of all passengers and crew members of the Bremen, largest and fastest ship of the North German Lloyd Line, before its maiden voyage to New York. The Scriptures were donated by the Canstein Bible Society, which will celebrate its 250th anniversary next year. Founded at Halle, Germany, in 1710, it is the oldest Bible Society in the world.

● Seamen's centers in Germany, nearly all closed during the war, are now flourishing in more than 60 ports, according to a report at a German Lutheran Union of Seamen's Missions conference held recently in Hamburg. Twelve pastors and 25 missionaries are working full time with seamen,

and 23 pastors and eight missionaries are doing part-time work. At another conference in Soltau, near Hannover, 40 pastors met to discuss ministry to the 50,000 Germans who emigrate each year, most of whom are church members and need religious care at sea.

● The new state of Alaska has untold mineral wealth underground, but it also has vast, untapped spiritual resources. Many church groups are taking new looks at this new state, and have found that some denominations are not represented there at all, while others have only token activities. There are great numbers of Alaskan

Indians and Eskimos who have not been reached by Christianity; many white settlers also are without church connection. An American Lutheran comments that Alaska was often called "the land that God forgot;" and added that "men forgot, but God never did." Religious work in Alaska today is being done by missionaries, making their rounds in small airplanes or bob-sleds. The Presbyterians maintain a two-boat navy; American Baptists have a Gospel boat, the "Evangel," which plies between villages and canneries; while the Lutherans have an active radio ministry in addition to churches and mission centres.

—*The Evangelical Christian*



Baptist Briefs

● **NEW PRESIDENT, CALIFORNIA SEMINARY.** Dr. Charles Adrian Heaton, professor of Christian education at Eastern Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., was elected president of California Baptist Theological Seminary, Covina, California, at its Board of Trustees meeting August 3. He will assume office this fall.

● **DR. RUDEN'S SUCCESSOR SELECTED.** The Baptist Union of Sweden held at Gothenburg, has named Rev. Simon Oberg as its new general secretary. Mr. Oberg will succeed Dr. Erik Ruden, who becomes European Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance in October. The 40th anniversary year of Swedish Baptist mission work in the Belgian Congo was celebrated at the Union's annual Convention and a special effort launched to collect 40,000 crowns (U. S. \$8,000) extra for the Congo mission. On the field in the Congo there are now six churches with 15,200 members, about 50 missionaries and 283 native workers, not including the 150 school teachers and those working in the dispensaries.

● **CANADIAN BAPTIST LEADER SETS PRECEDENT.** Prime Minister John Diefenbaker of Canada, a devout Baptist layman, has set a new pattern for all official entertaining in the future—no liquor. Canadian newspapers report that as an experiment, a dinner without liquor was given by the Prime Minister in Montreal late in June for about 2,000 guests invited to the St. Lawrence Seaway opening. It was Mr. Diefenbaker who issued orders that no cocktails were to be served. The event turned out so successfully that the government decided to make it an official and regular practice.

● **CHRISTIAN CENTER DEDICATED.** Baptists in France laid the cor-

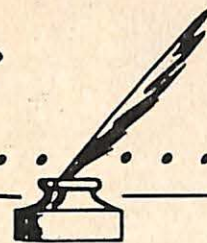
nerstone and dedicated a Christian center in Antony, outside of Paris, at a formal service in July. The center will serve students in Paris and surrounding areas. A project long planned for by the French Baptist Federation, the center is being built with considerable help from Baptists in America. Participants in the dedication included Rev. Henri Vincent, president of the French Baptist Federation; Rev. Robert Somerville, pastor and director of the Antony center; Rev. Dr. Edwin A. Bell, special representative in Europe of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies; and Rev. Dr. George W. Sadler, European secretary for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

● **SPANISH TRACTS AVAILABLE FOR RIO TRAVELERS.** Packets of religious tracts are being printed in Spanish by the Baptist Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, for distribution to Latin Americans by travelers en route to the Baptist World Congress in Rio next year. Dr. Frank W. Patterson of the Baptist Publishing House said that 4,000 packets of these tracts are being sent to Brownell Tours for distribution with the other material they give to Baptist travelers. Other batches of tracts will be available at Baptist mission stations throughout South America so the travelers can replenish their stock. It is suggested that the travelers make the tracts available to people in the various countries with whom they come in contact in the various countries on their mission tours.

● **ALL-AGE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROVES WORTH.** The All-Age Sunday School, serving young people and adults as well as children, is relatively

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Editorial



We Will Build!

We shall soon launch out as a denomination on an impressive building program in the Name of Christ. In some ways, it will be one of the most ambitious undertakings in which we have been engaged and, at the same time, one of the most difficult tasks which we have faced. Our objective is two-fold: to relocate our Publication Society to new quarters in a new building at Forest Park, Illinois, and thus to enlarge our headquarters' office; and to construct a Seminary library at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, which is sorely needed. For this purpose, we are launching the DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE BUILDING FUND campaign to raise \$250,000 during the next weeks.

We are confident that Christ is in this building program. We are builders and co-laborers with Christ in this undertaking. His seal of blessing and approval has been on our denominational enterprise from its inception. He has gone before us in our missionary outreach, in the work of our denominational societies and in the entire ministry of our North American Baptist General Conference. It is this overwhelming spiritual fact that has united and strengthened us.

It is very clear to us that as we continue to ADVANCE spiritually, Christ will lead the way. His words, "I will build my Church," apply to this task before us as well. The work of his Church is seen in the important ministry of our Publication Society and in the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature; in the many conferences and board meetings that are held to consider the Lord's business; and in the aggressive leadership for the denomination to which dedicated men and women have given themselves.

Even more apparent is the hand of the living Christ upon the lives of young men and women who are studying to prepare themselves for the Gospel ministry. Next to the chapel services, a good and resourceful library is a necessity where the students can study, use reference books, keep in touch with our denominational history, and discipline themselves for thorough mental work. Christ's Presence in such a Seminary library can be easily visualized.

This campaign will be far more than the raising of funds for the construction of buildings. We shall be working at the spiritual tasks of witnessing more effectively to Christ's Gospel through the printed page and the distribution of good literature, and through the lives of young people who are being trained to serve Christ and our churches as his ambassadors. These buildings will become the means of sending forth the printed Word of God, of witnessing through missionaries to the ends of the earth, and of preparing young men and women for the service of Christ.

This means that you can invest yourselves as living stones into these new buildings at Forest Park and Sioux Falls. Your gifts and pledges will help our denomination to advance and also to serve Christ more effectively through our churches. Consider your spiritual investment in the ADVANCE campaign prayerfully. As the God-given opportunity comes to you, make it a gift or pledge which will honor Christ and will give you the heartfelt joy of having done your best for your precious Lord!

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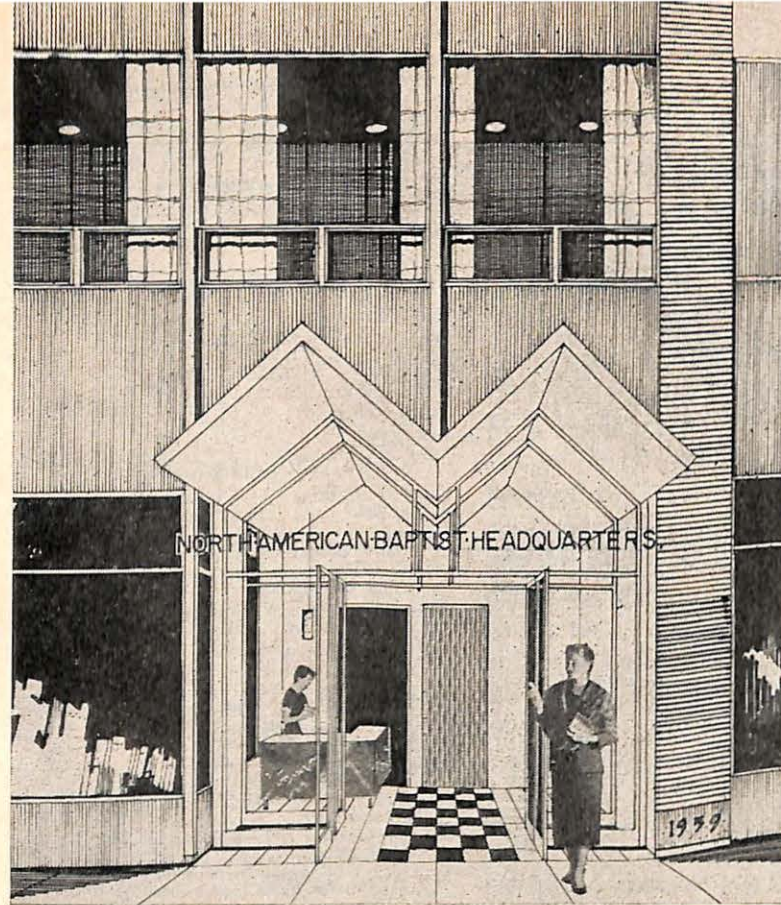
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Entrance to the new office building of the North American Baptist General Conference at Forest Park, Illinois.

Denominational Advance Building Fund

Fund Raising Campaign — October 25-
November 15, 1959. Objective of \$250,000.

By Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary and chairman of the Advance Building Fund Campaign

BUILDING programs are nothing new to us today, for we are participating in the most fantastic building boom the world has ever seen. On every continent of the world the watchword is the same: expand, build, advance!

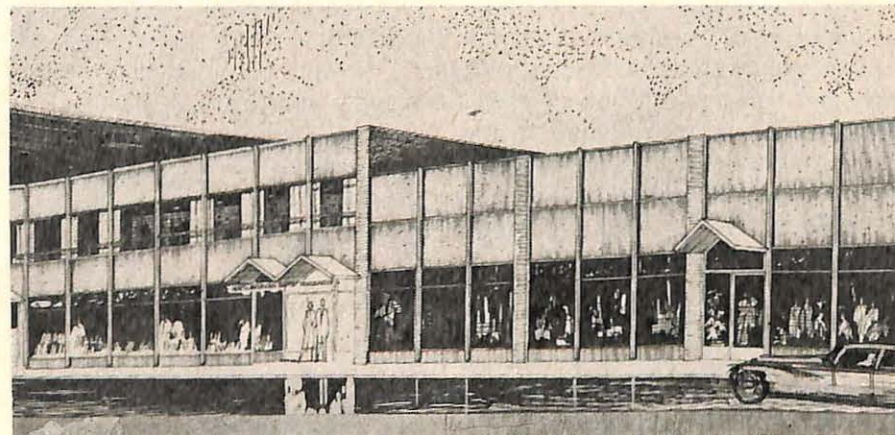
Some countries found it absolutely essential to their survival, following the destruction of the Second World War, to launch huge construction programs. Those of us who served in Germany immediately after the close of the war shall never be able to forget the picture of desolation that unrolled before our eyes. City after city presented the same view: ruins and rubble, ruins and rubble. The opinion generally prevailed at that time that it would take at least fifty years to rebuild the country. Yet when I visited Western Germany only twelve years later, I beheld a rebuilt country, with only an occasional scar from the war remaining—a great tribute to a vigorous people! In some cities the rubble was used to build knolls, so that the cities are now more attractive than before, a fine example of turning obstacles into stepping stones.

OUR CHURCHES ARE BUILDING

The United States and Canada were not devastated by war, yet here we have also witnessed unparalleled construction activity in every area: industrial plants, office buildings, motels, homes and churches. The motivating force here has undoubtedly been the drive for expansion, advance,

modernization and more adequate service.

Our interest quite naturally centers in the building activity among our churches. In analyzing the post war building programs of our churches, I find these results: A total of 115 churches have already built, or are in process of building, new houses of worship. This represents nearly 40 per cent of our churches! Twenty-seven other congregations have carried out building programs to add to their facilities or for extensive renovations. Sixty of our churches have either built or purchased new parsonages during the past decade.



Architect's sketch for the new, two story building in Forest Park, Ill., (left), with the Book Store of the Roger Williams Press on the first floor and conference and office rooms on the second floor. A new front is being placed on the present office building (right).

These are impressive figures that represent many millions of dollars invested by our people for the glory of God. We all agree, of course, that the most significant aspect of this activity is not the buildings themselves but the desire of God's people to carry out more effectively the great commission of our Lord: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

OUR DENOMINATION MUST BUILD

Our denominational program has kept pace with the advance of our churches. The total membership of

our churches has increased by approximately 33 1/2 per cent; the denominational budget has risen from \$230,000 to over \$600,000 per year; and the number of missionaries under appointment has risen from about 8 to 77!

Small wonder that we occasionally find it necessary, in the interests of more effective service, to add to our denominational facilities. At this time, it has become necessary to provide for a new building in Forest Park, Illinois and a library building at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The building in Forest Park became necessary when the General Conference delegates in 1958 approved the relocation of our Publishing House from Cleveland, Ohio to Forest Park, Illinois. This building will therefore provide for the book and literature department, an off-the-street religious book store and editorial offices. It will also contain a new conference room, missionary trophy room, multi-graph room, White Cross room, and additional offices.

Ever since the Seminary moved to Sioux Falls, it has been obvious that a library building would eventually become imperative. That time has now arrived, for additional space is urgently needed for books, student reading area and offices.

ADVANCE BUILDING FUND

In order to provide financing for these buildings, the General Council several months ago approved a campaign for the solicitation of a Building Fund of \$250,000, to be divided equally between the two projects. This appeal follows the original Seminary Building Fund solicitation by almost exactly ten years.

The Building Fund campaign, wherever possible, is to be publicized in our churches at the services on October 25. Where this is not possible, it is hoped that some other suitable Sunday will be used.

During the period from October 25 to November 15, special workers, mainly pastors, who have volunteered for this service and whose churches have released them, will carry out a program of solicitation in all of our churches. It is understood, of course, that a local church may present the appeal to its people without the aid of a solicitor, if that is preferable.

The pledge period will extend until March 31, 1962. This means that a donor may, for income tax deduction purposes, make his contribution in four installments during the years 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962.

WHAT IS MY SHARE?

Each one of us will have to answer the question: What is my share in this Building Fund?

The aged, the poor, and children will often be able to make only small contributions. Let us remember our Lord's comment concerning the widow's mite, recognizing that such gifts are precious in God's sight.



THE CONFERENCE ROOM

The Conference Room in the new Forest Park building will be on the second floor and will provide a beautiful worship center besides spacious conference facilities.

All of us will need to give prayerful consideration to the Biblical injunction to give "as God hath prospered." For those of modest ability there will be \$10 shares available. For others there will be the \$100 Club and projects of \$200, \$400, \$600, \$1,000 and more.

If each one contributes according to ability, there will be no doubt about the outcome of the campaign. Those who were present at the dedication of the Seminary buildings in 1950 will always remember the thrill we experienced when it was announced that the buildings were being dedicated free of debt! Will it be possible to dedicate these new buildings free of debt also? The answer to that question, at least in part, is up to you and me!

HIS STONE AM I

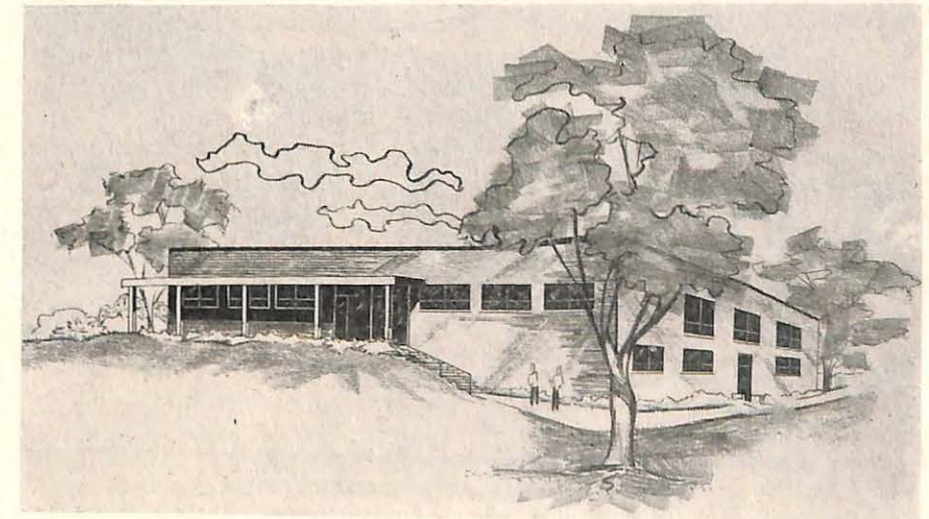
His stone am I, to set as he shall please,
In arch or vault or pediment,
In cornice or in frieze;
A pillar in his temple made,
Or in the lowly pavement laid,
The socket where a torch may rest
Or jewel flashing on his breast.

He needs them all; each does his will,
Each has its purpose to fulfill.
The stones on which the walls are built,
Deep hidden out of sight,
Have honor as the airy spire
That springs to meet the light.
It matters not where I may be,
So he doth set and polish me.

His lamp am I, to shine where he shall say,
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,
Nor for the light of day;
But for dark places of the earth,
Where shame and crime and wrong
have birth;
Or for the murky twilight gray
Where wandering sheep have gone astray;
Or where the light of faith grows dim,
And souls are groping after him.

And as sometimes a flame we find,
Clear shining through the night,
So bright we do not see the lamp,
But only see the light:
So may I shine—his light the flame,
That men may glorify his name.

—Annie Johnson Flint



Architect's sketch for the proposed new \$125,000 Library building of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Our Family Needs More Room!

Plans for the New Building in Forest Park, Illinois, and the Denominational Advance Building Fund Campaign Amounting to \$250,000.

By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication

THERE IS NO doubt about it: American homes are expanding. Go into any new suburban area of our great cities and you will find, not only new homes, but older homes being enlarged. Talk to these home-owners and they will tell you the reason for the unprecedented expansion: "Our family needs more room." Can you picture such an American or Canadian family growing and growing up? Now suppose that it was necessary for another entire family to move in and share the already overtaxed quarters. What a clamor there would be for a larger house!

NEW BUILDING NEEDED

Now something like that has happened to our denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois. In the last 13 years, our family has grown. God has blessed North American Baptists abundantly. Our membership has advanced from 40,000 to 50,000. We now have 77 consecrated missionaries. Our gifts to the Lord's work have increased three-fold. Our work has expanded beyond our dreams. Our Sunday School and youth work have blossomed out into two separate departments. We have a director of evangelism and Church Extension and a new Education and Publication Society.

Obviously, the building and facilities of 13 years ago are not adequate to meet our needs today. Our headquarters family, as it is now organized, needs much more room. And now a new branch of the family is moving in! By the action of our people at the General Conference in Edmonton, we are moving the Roger Williams Press from Cleveland, Ohio to Forest Park, Illinois.

Can you imagine the acute need for expansion? It is to provide room for all the family that our new headquarters building is now going up. The present building will be rearranged and a beautiful new, two-story addition will rise just east of our present location. When completed, the building will cost approximately \$250,000. Some money is available from the sale of other property, but our people will be asked to contribute \$125,000 for this new home for our denominational headquarters. (A similar amount will be raised for our Seminary Library at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, which also needs more room.)

Your sacrificial, prayerfully-considered gifts to this \$250,000 Denominational Advance Building Fund will enable our ever growing family to serve you and the Lord with increased efficiency and fervor.

Let me tell you the advantages of the new building in Forest Park, which your gifts will make possible.

NEW BUILDING ADVANTAGES

There will be room for the book department. For years, our Cleveland publishing house has been supplying Bibles and religious books to our people. Now we hope to expand this effort greatly. We will add a new Bible and Christian literature store, with a much larger stock of books and Bibles and gifts than we have ever had. Almost one-half of the floor space of the ground floor of the new addition will be devoted to our book store, fronting on busy Madison Street. With a new manager, an attractive catalog, an enlarged stock and better mailing facilities, we hope to double our volume of business and serve our people with a new efficiency.

Our 50,000 North American Baptists are spending huge sums for books each year. We want to attract a large part of this business by our excellent service. It is our hope that Chicago area members of our churches and Christian friends of the community will come in in person to do their shopping. All orders for Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible School supplies will be handled in our book store, as well.

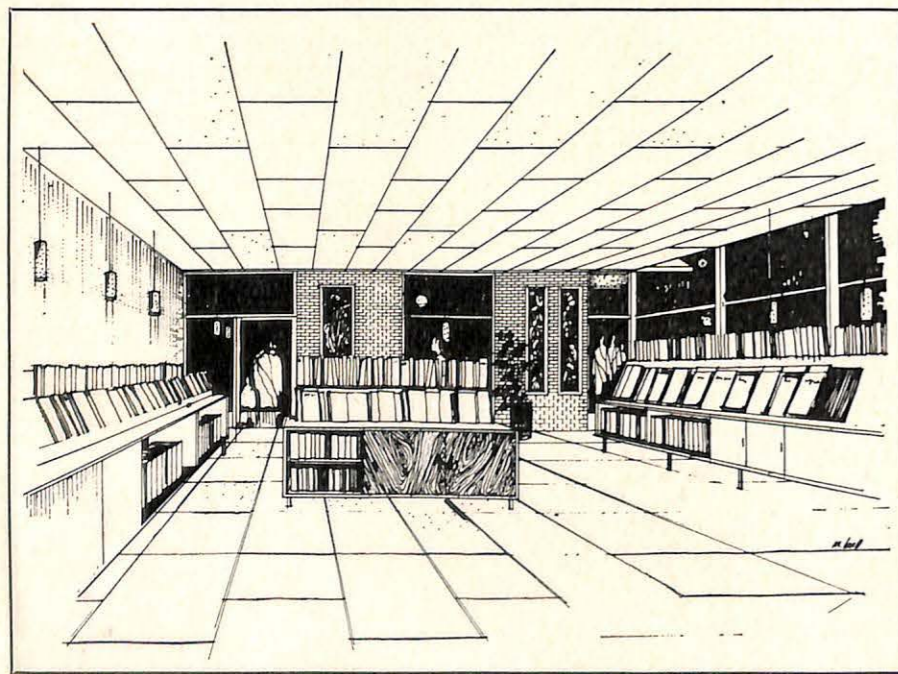
There will be room for our print shop. While it is true that our two papers, the BAPTIST HERALD and DER SENDBOTE, have been farmed out to commercial printers, there will be many of the smaller printing jobs that we can handle at Forest Park. A constant stream of leaflets, brochures, and bulletins in both English and German will have its source in our new building to keep you informed on the latest happenings and hopes for our far-flung gospel "battle-line."

ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS

There will be room for all the book-keeping and mailing needs of our Roger Williams Press. For, in time, all subscription lists will be kept here and all bills for books and papers processed here at Forest Park. (Please note that for the present, all subscriptions and orders are to be forwarded directly to the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio. When the new building is complete and our office is ready to handle your orders, we will inform you.)

At last, *there will be room for our White Cross work.* As our faithful women's societies prepare their ma-

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OUR NEW BOOK STORE IN FOREST PARK

Architect's sketch of the religious Book Store in the new denominational building, facing Madison Street in Forest Park, Illinois, and representing an improved ministry to our churches and people by the Roger Williams Press.

Devote Yourself to Reading!

It Is Our Sacred Obligation to Provide Our Future Pastors an Adequate Seminary Library at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

By Prof. Roy Seibel, Seminary Director of Public Relations

SEATED IN THE seminary library, one feels as if he is being pressed in with the stacks of books around him. Book racks tower above every reading table and almost fill the room. As the student seeks to concentrate upon the material before him, he cannot help but become aware of the activities of the person next to him. His books rest against those of his fellow-student across the table.

The librarian is helpless to correct the congestion, for there is no other space to place the tables and chairs. The periodicals and Christian education materials have been moved to another floor to be housed in dormitory rooms converted to library storage.

NEW LIBRARY NEEDED

In spite of these measures, the reading space for students is inadequate. Miss Joyce Ringering, the assistant librarian, reports that it would be necessary to remove every other reading table in order to provide the space needed by each student. Such a drastic measure can not be employed, for every table is required for the present student body.

When the seminary administration building was erected ten years ago, it was not possible for the designers to make adequate provision for the expansion of the library in the limitations of the present building. The library room served well until recent years. However, in the past decade the number of cataloged books has tripled. If the present rate of 1,200 book additions per year continues, we will very soon face a real crisis.

In response to this need, the seminary board of trustees voted to bring recommendation to the General Council for the erection of a new library building. Aware of the situation that existed, the General Council voted to designate \$125,000 of the Denominational Advance Building Fund for the erection of a library building. Spurred on by this encouragement, the trustees began a study regarding the type and size of building that would best suit our needs and that would make provision for the requirements of the future.

WHY SO MANY BOOKS?

One not acquainted with the program of seminary training may be confused with the necessity for library expansion and may sincerely ask the question, "But why so many books?"

A few moments spent in browsing through the card catalog of the library

will throw some valuable light upon this important question. Starting with the first letter of the alphabet, one can read hundreds of cards containing book titles with essential information on each book.

Soon the reader will become aware of the very wide field of information which the books cover. The main body of books is directly related to the study of the Bible. There are commentaries and studies on both the Old and the New Testaments. Some books deal with broad periods of the Bible, while others concentrate on one book or chapter.

sions seek out an entirely new field of books in the history of missions, modern missionary methods, and information on mission fields around the world.

As row upon row of cards slip past the reader's fingers, he sees new vistas of information beckoning him to pursue knowledge in an almost limitless expanse of God's great revelation of his plan of creation and eternity for redeemed man. We stand only on the shores of knowledge.

An efficient library must provide more than housing for books and study area for students. The new



OVERCROWDED ROOM WITH LIBRARY MATERIAL

Christian Education material at our Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has been placed in this converted dormitory room because there is insufficient space in the library.

Entire sections of the library are devoted to the study of Bible history, language, geography, customs and traditions. The essential truths revealed in the Bible are gathered together in books of Biblical and systematic theology. The best scholarship of the past as well as the present is made available to our students.

NEW VISTAS OF KNOWLEDGE

Faculty and students must have all the essential books in the fields of church history, Christian education, church administration, counseling, evangelism, and the many other related fields.

Students burdened for foreign mis-

building is designed to meet many of these needs. A room will be provided where students can type material from books which cannot be removed from the building. The room also can be used for conferences and study groups.

OUR SACRED OBLIGATION

The denominational room will make a valuable contribution, for it will house the essential information regarding our denominational history and present program. Students seeking better to orient themselves in our work will have all the necessary material in this collection.

The erection of the library building

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Many forces are contending for leadership in Africa—Moslems, pagan religions, and old tribal loyalties. But Baptists are growing, too!

"AFRICA IS in a ferment," said a young African on our recent tour around Africa when Mrs. Adams, Mr. Denny and I visited Baptist people in seven different countries. A missionary said, "Africa is in the lime-light in the world today." Another put it this way, "Africa is like a woman in travail with new nations struggling to be born."

Certainly, nationalism and independence are in the air. People who have lived long under colonialism, however beneficent, are restless and want to be free.

BAPTIST CONTRIBUTIONS CITED

Some countries are already free and independent or nearly so and others soon will be. Some have found that independence is no guarantee of democracy and others are eager to pay the cost of democracy if they can be free. Some countries are more ready than others for independence and self-government.

Impressions of Africa

Christianity is Hope in This Continent of ferment. A new day is dawning on this great continent that is four times larger than the U.S.A. Baptists have helped to bring this about!

By Dr. Theodore F. Adams, President of the Baptist World Alliance

Baptists have made a significant contribution to that readiness for self-government by their emphasis on Christian education. The establishment of churches, schools and seminaries has helped provide able leadership for today and tomorrow—men and women of culture and character, vision and integrity.

Ours was a long journey as we travelled from Cairo to the Cape and back to Lagos and Tripoli. Everywhere we felt at home with our Baptist people and received a warm welcome from missionaries and religious leaders.

In Egypt we have only a few Baptists in small churches at Cairo and Faiyum. They are largely the result of the faith and labor of one man who started several Baptist churches and struggled to keep them going until help came from the outside.

In Kenya we found a comparatively new, but promising, Baptist work sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention of the U. S. A. Southern Baptists have begun work also in Tanganyika and Southern Rhodesia, and are exploring possible fields in other lands. This is in addition to their long established work in Nigeria and Ghana.

COURAGE IN SOUTH AFRICA

In Southern Rhodesia we spent a busy Sunday with the Baptists in Salisbury. Work among the whites there is sponsored by the Baptist Union of South Africa, and among the blacks by the Southern Baptists. Next we went to Bulawayo where we had the happy privilege of laying the foundation stone of the new building of the First Baptist Church. We also went to Gwelo to visit the fine new seminary that is already training African pastors for service to our churches and future leadership in the Federation.

In South Africa we visited all the

DR. THEODORE ADAMS

Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, president of the Baptist World Alliance, Mrs. Adams, and Mr. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Alliance, visited Baptists in Africa this summer, traveling from Egypt down the East Coast to Capetown, then up the West Coast through the Congo and Nigeria. Here Dr. Adams gives his impressions of the vast continent.—Editor.

chief cities and found Baptist work strong and vigorous among "Europeans," "Asians," "Africans" and "Colored" people, as the present government divides population. The government under the "Apartheid" program is vigorously promoting an artificial division of the people that is causing much distress and unrest.

In the face of all this, our Baptist people in all groups are seeking ways in which they can work together. The Baptist Union of South Africa carries on a strong missionary program, both in South Africa and in Nyasaland. Baptists joined with other faiths and opposed the government successfully when a law was proposed that would prohibit the various groups from worshipping together. Contending that such legislation would violate freedom of worship, they stated openly that, if the law were passed, Baptists in all good conscience would "obey God rather than men."

In every worship service where we spoke there were representatives of both black and white races. Most of our Baptist people are conscientiously opposed to much of the present program of the Nationalist party which has maneuvered itself into a place of dominant power.

There are twice as many Baptists in the Belgian Congo as in any other African country, the result of long and sacrificial years of missionary work by the British Missionary Society of England, the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society of the U. S. A. and the foreign mission organizations of Swedish, Norwegian and Danish Baptists. Baptists share in a large and significant new hospital at Kimpese. Many schools and churches are preparing additional Christian leadership for the days of independence just ahead.

The European Baptist Missionary Society is now responsible for Baptist work in the French Cameroun that others have cared for in the past. Earnest and consecrated Baptist pastors are leading their people in the face of many difficulties.

BAPTISTS IN NIGERIA

Nigeria is more thickly populated than most African countries. As in other lands, Baptist medical work is deeply appreciated. A century of evangelism and Christian education has produced able pastors and leaders in government and in business. These things Baptists have done and are doing will be a great help to the new nation when independence comes in 1960. We

are confident such Christian influence will undoubtedly help to lead Africa to a new day and to a larger place in world affairs.

There are many tensions in Africa today, and they vary with the country and the culture. The shift from rural to urban life brings many problems, both for governments and for missions—as does the reverse in South Africa where the government is trying forcibly to move many Africans from the cities back to the country and where families are divided due to restrictions in residence. Racial tension is higher there than anywhere else.

The adjustments necessary in changing times in many lands call for the finest of Christian leadership, a Christian spirit of understanding and brotherhood, and a confident assurance that justice and brotherhood must win in the end.

Other forces are contending for leadership in Africa. The Moslems are spreading down from the North and growing in power. Pagan religions and customs and old tribal loyalties tend to grow with the spirit of nationalism. Roman Catholicism is growing rapidly. But Baptists are growing, too.

BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP GROWS

We are grateful for consecrated able Christian leaders in the lands we visited and in others we had to pass by for lack of time. We were sorry indeed that we missed seeing the work of a number of splendid missions, such as that of the National Baptist Convention (U. S. A.) in Liberia, Nigeria and elsewhere; the Canadian Baptists in Angola; the Lott Carey mission in Liberia; the Cameroons Baptist Mission of the North American Baptist General Conference; and a number of others.



PAN-AFRICAN BAPTIST YOUTH CONFERENCE

Delegates from the Belgian Congo and the British Cameroons get together during a recess. They were among some 75 delegates from all parts of Africa who met under the theme "All Africa for Christ." (Religious News Service Photo).



DR. ADAMS IN AFRICA

Dr. Robert S. Denny of Nashville, Tenn. (top left), associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, chats with Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., BWA president, and Mrs. Adams, during the Pan-African Baptist Youth Conference in Iwo, Nigeria. (Religious News Service Photo)

Africa has provided some of our ablest leaders in the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. J. T. Ayorinde of Nigeria is a vice-president and his wife is a member of the Women's Department. R. H. Philpott of Southern Rhodesia is on the Executive Committee, Glynn Tudor of South Africa and Joseph Adegbite of Nigeria are on the Youth Committee. Many others have shared in our work and attended Baptist World Congresses.

Someday, we trust, a World Con-

gress can be held in Africa. Meanwhile, a new day dawns on this great continent that is four times larger than the U. S. A. Baptists not only have helped to bring this about, but are helping to guide new nations toward realization of the vision voiced to us by the mayor of a great African city.

"We are grateful for those who brought to us the light of God's truth as we find it in the Bible," this mayor told us. "We look toward the day when animism and heathenism will be gone and the light and love of God in Christ will shine in every heart in Africa."

SEMINARY LIBRARY

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is not an end in itself. It is but a tool in our hands to reach our objective to train and equip men and women for their God-called task of Christian service. It is the responsibility of the youth to answer God's call and to give themselves in training. It is our sacred obligation to provide everything necessary for their training.

God has given us an excellent faculty at the seminary. A balanced and scholarly Biblical program of training has been designed. The challenge now is ours to erect this library building to meet the need of the hour.

The Apostle Paul counseled young preacher Timothy, "Devote yourself to (public and private) reading" (I Timothy 4:13 Amplified New Testament). In like manner, we can give the same admonition to our future pastors by providing for them an adequate seminary library. Before God, let us accept this challenge!

Why Observe Laymen's Sunday?

A Message to Help You in Your Preparations for Laymen's Sunday, Oct. 18, 1959, by Mr. Walter C. Pankratz of Chicago, Illinois.

THE DATE OF October 18 has been set aside for our annual observance of Laymen's Sunday. As plans go forward, and as literature will be arriving at the local churches to encourage participation in this observance, some of our men may wonder whether it is really worth the effort to engage in this united program. Others may feel that they are active enough each Sunday and that no further special effort is necessary.

As Christians, we rejoice, or should rejoice, every day in the reality and the consequences of the incarnation and resurrection of Christ. But we feel a greater joy and experience the true meaning of these great events in a deeper way as we celebrate them unitedly on Christmas Day and on Easter Day, for they call to our remembrance in a special way the plan of God for our salvation. In like manner, the united observance of an annual Laymen's Sunday will call to the remembrance of our men, in a very special way, the privileges and duties that God has laid upon the men of the church.

DUTIES OF LAYMEN

Among these duties are the following:

1. Assuming God-given responsibility as the priest or spiritual leader of the home.
2. Assuming positions of leadership or teaching responsibilities, or otherwise using God-given talents in his service, as opportunities arise.
3. Supporting the prayer fellowship of the church by attending and participating in the mid-week prayer service.
4. Practicing stewardship of money and time, by supporting the financial program of the church and denomination, and by donating services of labor when needed.
5. Assisting the church's outreach in the community by enlisting in visitation programs and by being ready at all times to witness to the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

REASONS FOR LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

In too many churches, laymen are content simply to pay their way through, leaving the witnessing and visitation to the pastor, and the praying to the women. The Bible plainly teaches us, however, that we cannot delegate our Christian responsibilities to others, but that each of us is accountable personally to Christ. As men, we must also remember that where men lead, boys will follow. We must, therefore, at all times set a



—Luoma Photo

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY, OCT. 18

Laymen of our churches will take part in the worship services and bring their testimonies for Christ on Laymen's Sunday, Oct. 18, 1959.

good Christian example for our sons as well as for other boys and men who are still outside the fold of Christ.

Why, then, should we observe Laymen's Sunday? We should do so for the following reasons:

1. To call to remembrance the tasks and duties of laymen, many of which have been neglected or forgotten.
2. To rally men of all ages together for united planning and action.
3. To launch upon a new program of Christ-centered activity which will attract, inspire and win other men.
4. To encourage the pastor and to inspire the laymen to undergird the work of the church and denomination through a consistent program of the giving of time, talents and money, prayer support, and a readiness to witness.

It is suggested that on this particular Sunday, the laymen take complete charge of every phase of the

PROGRAM PACKET
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Baptist Laymen
Excellent suggestions for laymen's programs in your church.
Material for the observance of Laymen's Sunday.
Inspirational leaflets for laymen.
Exclusive article about Dr. Peter Fehr and the Banso Hospital.
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morning and evening services, with the possible exception of the messages, and that as many as possible participate. In some cases, there may be laymen who can bring the message, either individually or severally, while in other cases, it may be desirable to leave this detail to the pastor. Generally speaking, these services should be an indication as to what laymen are able to do within the church, and should also serve as a means of consecrating them anew to the tasks that lie ahead.

BAPTIST MEN ON THE MARCH

A letter has been sent to pastors and lay leaders, giving specific suggestions for planning your own Laymen's Sunday program. Baptist Men are on the march! We urge you, the laymen of your local church, to fall in line and join us in our efforts to carry high the banner of Christ!

HIS TOUCH . . . !

My hands were filled with many things
That I did precious hold,
As any treasure of a king's—
Silver, or gems, or gold.
The Master came and touched my hands
(The scars were in his own),
And at his feet my treasures sweet
Fell shattered one by one.
"I must have emptied hands," said he,
"Wherewith to work my works through thee."

My hands were stained with marks of toil,
Defiled with dust of earth;
And I my work did ofttime soil,
And render, little worth.
The Master came and touched my hands
(And crimson were his own),
But when amazed, on mine I gazed,
Lo! every stain was gone.
"I must have cleansed hands," said he,
"Wherewith to work my works through thee."

My hands were strong in fancied strength,
But not in power Divine,
And bold to take up tasks at length,
That were not his but mine.
The Master came and touched my hands
(And might was in his own!)
But mine since then have powerless been,
Save as his are laid thereon.
"And it is only thus," said he,
"That I can work my works through thee."

—The Evangelical Christian

BAPTIST HERALD

From the Professor's Desk

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

Why, since the real source of our faith as Christians is found in the New Testament, should we go on using the Old Testament?

This question was asked very early in the history of the Church. In the second century, Marcion and his followers took strenuous exception to the Old Testament. They finally ridded themselves completely of it on the grounds that it revealed a different God from that of the New Testament.

Today those who argue for the discontinuation of the use of the Old Testament point out its difficulty, obscurity, inapplicability, etc. Further, it is said that everything of permanent value in the Old is repeated in the New, so why continue its use?

While it is true that the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New, there are cogent reasons why we as Chris-

tians continue to use the Old Testament. One of the most important is that the Old Testament is absolutely essential to an understanding of the New Testament. God's revelation did not commence with the New Testament but was a long historical process which began millennia before Jesus Christ came into the world.

Much of what God promised in the Old Testament was fulfilled in the New. Much of the New Testament would be a closed book without a knowledge of the Old Testament. How little one would understand of the Epistle to the Hebrews without knowing something of the book of Leviticus! How would one understand the many references to such men as Moses and Abraham? Or what meaning would such terms as "covenant," "law," or "Messiah" have? We go on studying and using the Old Testament as Christians because without it the message of the New Testament would be largely unintelligible.

Marcion's claim that the Old Testament should be discarded because it reveals a different God than the New Testament is still appealed to today. However, Marcion himself showed the inadequacy of his own contention when, upon further study, he discovered that the same God to whom he objected in the Old Testament was also to be found in the New. This made it necessary for him not only to discard the Old Testament, but also to carve up the New.

One of the most important reasons we as Christians retain the Old Testament is because it reveals Jesus Christ. The Old Testament as well as the New Testament is about our Lord. Jesus, after his resurrection, appeared to his disciples and "beginning at Moses and all the prophets he expounded unto them in all the scriptures [O. T.] the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27). Philip found Jesus in the Old Testament (Acts 8:35) as did most of the writers of the New Testament. The Old Testament is about the Lord Jesus. This is why we find profit and joy in its study.

OUR OFFERINGS

It is not waste which we bestow
On him we love;
Faith's sacrifice is highly prized
In heaven above.

We lay our offerings at his feet;
He melts them down,
And with his skill he fashions them
Into a crown.

—Max I. Reich

HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY IN OCTOBER

The programs and the recitation material (in English and in German) for the Sunday School observance of the Harvest and Mission Festival have been sent to all churches some weeks ago. The program can be held on a Sunday in October, but preferably on Sunday, Oct. 11, 1959. The missionary story is entitled, "Preach and Baptize!" The offerings are to be designated for foreign missions.

FALL FESTIVAL AT HOME, CHICAGO

The Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., will hold its Fall Festival October 22, 1959, 1:00 to 8:00 P.M. Dinner will be served at 6 P.M. and an interesting program will be rendered at 8:00 P.M. We would be grateful to the churches to send their donations in cash or otherwise to the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, 7901 W. Lawrence Ave. Chicago 31, Illinois.
Mrs. H. Schieber, Correspondent

Cameroons Baptist Mission Churches

July 1, 1958—June 30, 1959—Church Activities Only.

Prepared by Dr. Paul Gebauer and Our Cameroons Missionaries

FIELDS	No. of Churches	No. of Baptisms	Local Membership	Migrant Membership	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	Reported Giving	TRAINING PROGRAM			
							No. of Inquirers	No. of S. S.	S. S. Pupils	Women's Groups
Victoria	14	99	837	2950	3787	£596	222	21	454	12
Soppo	21	88	1190	450	1640	210	197	21	120	
Kumba	21	123	924	1036	1960	348	121	14	792	8
Bamenda	25	298	1353	642	1995	373	687	25	1731	11
Mbingo	2	25	173	384	557	59	44	3	162	2
Belo	21	375	1941	1338	3179	593	502	20	1588	15
Banso	30	171	1399	718	2117	647	371	30	1381	22
Ndu	63	841	3241	2568	5809	1463	1473	63	3081	48
Mbem	63	678	3495	1770	5365	745	658	58	2686	47
Warwar	35	285	1832	586	2418	574	305	34	1449	26
TOTALS	295	2983	16,385	12,442	28,827	£5608	4580	289	13,444	191

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS ARE UNITEDLY BEHIND THEIR DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE BUILDING FUND

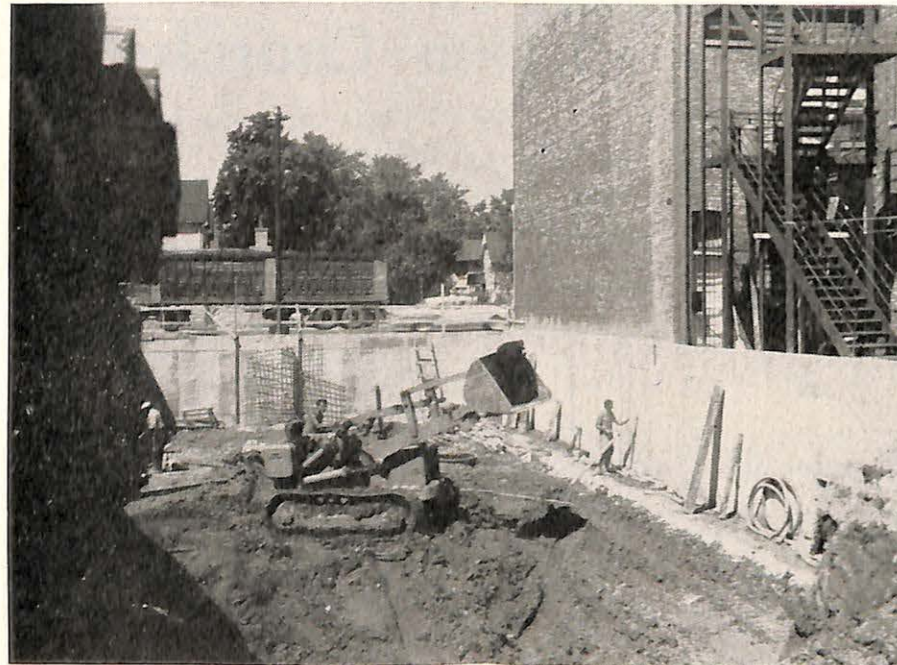


GROUND BREAKING EXERCISES

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the denomination, (left), and Mr. Edward Meister, member of the Building Committee and overseer of construction, turn over the first shovelfuls of ground at the ceremony for the new Forest Park building.

WE MUST BUILD!

If we as North American Baptists are to advance in the furtherance of the Gospel, we must make provision for new and adequate facilities in Christ's Name for such a time as this.



CONSTRUCTION WORK CONTINUES

The work on the basement of the new building at Forest Park, Illinois, is almost completed several weeks after the ground breaking exercises. This new building with full basement and two stories will provide marvelous facilities for our denominational ministry.

\$250,000.00 CAMPAIGN

New Building For Relocation of Publication Society and Larger Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois

\$125,000.00

What We Need!

FOREST PARK BUILDING

Facilities for Roger Williams Press
Book Store on Madison Street
Conference Room
Multigraph and Printing Room
White Cross Room
Missionary Trophy Exhibit Room
Additional Office Space
Two Guest Rooms for Missionaries and Visitors

SEMINARY LIBRARY

Reading Area
Typing and Conference Room
Stack Area for Books
Librarian's Office
Periodical Stock Room
Room for Denominational Materials and Rare Books
Microfilm Room
Carrels for Student work

CONFERENCE ACTION

Both the General Conference at Edmonton, Alberta, and the General Council were aware of our needs and took action to plan for this denominational advance, for the construction of these new buildings and for these new facilities to be used in Christ's ministry.

SPIRITUAL ADVANCE

WE MUST BUILD! That call has stirred many of our churches in recent building programs and has enlarged our horizons on our mission fields. It is now a call to all North American Baptist churches to join hands and hearts in our DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE BUILDING FUND.

New Library Building For North American Baptist Seminary, Located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

\$125,000.00

What We Plan to Do!

POSTERS

Colorful posters and extra reprints of this two page spread ready early in October.

ADVANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday, Oct. 25, all pastors will bring this Building Program to the attention of our people.

ADVANCE FUND CAMPAIGN

For two weeks from Oct. 26 to Nov. 15 fifty solicitors will visit all churches and present the objectives of the Advance Fund to you.

PROJECTS

You can make cash contributions toward or adopt one of scores of projects for the two buildings. Names of project donors will be announced on bronze plaques.

100 DOLLAR CLUB

By giving or pledging \$100, your name will be inscribed in an HONOR BOOK to be placed in both new buildings.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts for families amounting to \$200 or more will be received. Special Mite Boxes are being used by the Woman's Missionary Societies. Coin Folders have been distributed in the Sunday Schools. Gifts of \$10 Shares will be honored.



OVERCROWDED LIBRARY FACILITIES

At our North American Baptist Seminary, we have come to the place where the physical facilities have been overtaxed and even exhausted and where a new building is sorely needed.

WE MUST LAUNCH OUT!

The seminary library lies at the heart of our program of training ministers and missionaries. It is high time that we launch out by faith to construct these needed buildings.



NEW SEMINARY LIBRARY

Our maximum 8,000 book space in the present Seminary Library has been exhausted. The minimum required in the next few years is 15,000 volumes. The long range requirement is 35,000 volumes.

What Will Be Your Share?

Sacrificial Giving of the Women

An Urgent Appeal to All North American Baptist Women by Mrs. Freda Reddig, President of the Woman's Missionary Union

THE CHRISTIAN grace of giving runs through the New Testament like a beautiful golden thread. Indeed, giving is the very heart of the Gospel. "God so loved . . . that he gave." Christ, in turn, gave his life for "the propitiation for our sins." The simple acceptance of this great gift of God through faith constitutes salvation for all who repent, and is finally crowned with life eternal.

Tithing has long been the accepted standard for the Christian's giving of his earthly means. If all Christians practiced this ancient law of giving, no missionary budget would ever have to be cut, or any denominational progress be retarded because of lack of

abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (RSV).

Our denomination has again launched out on a program of advance that will undoubtedly mark a tremendous forward step in our history. The changes in our organization that were instituted at the Edmonton Conference demand the building program, with which we are all familiar by now.

WHITE CROSS ROOM

We, the Women, have a special niche in the affairs of our denomination. The entire program of the Woman's Missionary Union centers around our giving for missions—for the fields

been needed. Since the department of cooking and entertaining is every woman's joy, *We, the Women*, will want to do all we can toward providing the funds needed to make these facilities possible.

MISSIONARY GUEST ROOMS

Perhaps, one of the most appealing aspects of our new building plans is the provision of guest rooms for missionaries and other visitors who come to our headquarters. When missionaries come home on furlough, or are passing through Chicago, they will find the convenience of guest rooms at headquarters a welcome oasis on their journey.

Other interesting and vital features of the remodeled headquarters building will be facilities for the Roger Williams Press, a Missionary Trophy Exhibit room, an adequate conference room, multigraph and printing room, and additional office space, including proper office facilities for the Woman's Missionary Union. For the first time in our history, we will also have a Book and Bible Store in one corner of the new Headquarters Building.

Half the amount of money to be raised in our Denominational Advance Building Fund will go for the building of a new library at the Seminary in Sioux Falls. A new library is not only a necessity, but will also add prestige and stature to our Seminary. The plans for this building include provisions for a reading room and periodicals area, stack rooms, typing room, librarian's office, room for rare books and denominational materials, two work rooms, and a microfilm room.

USE YOUR MITE BOXES!

To do our share in helping raise the funds for these two vital building projects, your executive committee voted to distribute MITE BOXES for this purpose. The president's letter to each society containing full information regarding the mite boxes has been received by each local president. Let us use these mite boxes as the means by which we make our sacrificial offerings.

We have set our goal for missionary giving for the triennium at \$60,000. Let us consider that amount our tithe. Over and above that amount, let us make a sacrificial offering of no less than \$12,000. It is a tremendous challenge to which we feel our women will respond, as they have in the past.

Our women have always responded with enthusiasm to any appeal for the advancement of God's Kingdom. We know that they will again do their utmost to give, and give, and give, because the love of God constrains them to do no less!



THE WIDOW'S MITE

The sacrificial giving of the poor widow was rewarded with Jesus' highest praise. Our women will respond to the appeal of the Denominational Advance Building Fund because Christ's love constrains them.

funds. Yet the tithe is the minimum standard. The tenth unquestionably belongs to the Lord. It is what we give over and above the tithe that constitutes sacrificial giving.

THE WIDOW'S MITE

The reward of sacrificial giving is best expressed in the most familiar of all passages on the matter of giving—in our Lord's own words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Such selfless giving reveals a transforming love in the heart of the giver. To deny himself for the sake of others is the epitome of Christian virtue, and borders on the divine.

It was this God-spark in the heart of the poor widow that prompted her to cast all that she had into the treasury, even though it was only a mite. Her sacrificial giving was rewarded with Jesus' highest praise. "This poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their

at home, and those in foreign lands. To strengthen and to expand our missionary enterprises, we must maintain a strong home base—one that is also effective and efficient. That is why we all desire to contribute our share toward the *Denominational Advance Building Fund*.

The plans now under construction call for a new and properly-equipped White Cross Room in our headquarters building at a cost of \$2,000. Since this ministry of providing our missionary hospitals and dispensaries with the necessary medical supplies is strictly our own, we feel that we also want to raise the funds to make this new room possible. The Dakota Conference women have adopted a project for half that sum, and we hope some other group of women will make it their project to adopt the responsibility for the remaining half.

The new addition to our headquarters building will also provide kitchen and dining facilities which have long

What's Happening

• The newly elected officers of the Senior Choir of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe, Mich., are as follows: president, Ruth Mack; vice-president, Bob Cherdron; secretary, Shirley Teichert; treasurer, Erma Mitchell; librarians, Janet Hittenberger & Arthur Brown; Social Committee, Trudy & Chuck Jex and Doris Dettloff; Promotion Committee, Juanita Ihrie, Eunice Trinkaus, Kurt Baehr & Bill Schultz. The Junior Choir of the church is directed by Roselyn Wolff with Esther Knopf as accompanist. During the fall and winter months "the Cube Sessions" have been inaugurated for the young people. This is a plan where 6 to 8 young people meet in a home after the evening service for a thorough discussion of a certain topic, Bible passage or doctrine. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie is pastor of the church.

• The 60th anniversary of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., was held on Sunday, Aug. 23, with four festive services. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, secretary of Education and Publication, spoke at the morning service on "Why Christians Sing" and also addressed the "Service of Recollection" in the afternoon. Rev. Fred Mashner of Sheboygan, Wis., a former pastor from 1943 to 1947, spoke at the evening service on "A Promise for the Future." Mrs. Mashner brought a talk to the Sunday School. Many special musical numbers were rendered at all of the services. Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn is pastor of the church. The Historical Committee of Leo Gross and Emily Mattrisch prepared a very interesting booklet of 16 pages for distribution at the anniversary services.

• On Sunday, August 9, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Schade of Spearfish, South Dakota, participated in the centennial observance of the birth of Thomas Jefferson Schaefer, a North American Baptist pioneer, at Hepburnville, Pa. The Schaefer family, along with Konrad A. Fleischmann and August Rauschenbusch, were instrumental in organizing several German Baptist churches in this area of Pennsylvania. From 1892 to 1895 Mr. Schaefer was the missionary in the frontier state of South Dakota where he served preaching stations at Yankton and Scotland. Mrs. Schade is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas J. Schaefer. Dr. Schade brought an important historical address at this anniversary celebration and family reunion.

• Sunday, June 28, will long be remembered by members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., on the occasion of the church's first anniversary with Rev. R. Schilke

of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. In the afternoon, members of the different branches of the church spoke warm words of welcome to Rev. and Mrs. R. Milbrandt and their daughter, Trudy, and son, Denis. Rev. W. E. Ertis of the German Church of Calgary also spoke about the great work that had been accomplished in the past year. Mr. Milbrandt is the founder of the new church and has served it from the beginning. Lunch was served by the women who also provided for an anniversary cake, as reported by Mrs. Merton Klippert.

• Dr. J. Lester Harnish of Los Angeles, Calif., has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., a church of the American Baptist Convention. His ministry in "the White Temple" of 2,500 members began September 1st. The Temple Baptist Church of Los Angeles and Dr. Harnish enjoyed a fruitful and happy ministry together since July 1, 1951. During these eight years, 1,121 members were added to the rolls. Dr. Harnish was formerly pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., in the North American Baptist General Conference. Dr. and Mrs. Harnish have 3 children: July, age 19, a college junior; Jim, 17, high school senior; and Jon, 12, eighth grade.

• Friends and members of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., were proud to celebrate two wonderful occasions in the lives of their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. E. Faul. It was a joy for the members to surprise them on their 14th wedding anniversary and to thank them for their eight years of faithful service in the Bridgeland Baptist Church, as reported by Rev. Harold Sailer. After a dinner prepared by the church, Rev. and Mrs. E. Faul were presented with a three piece luggage set which was expedient for their summer trip. Since then Mr. Faul has become the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hebron, North Dakota.

• A recent syndicated appearance of Ripley's "Believe It or Not," that is published in thousands of newspapers throughout the United States, showed a picture of Mrs. Elizabeth Vinz of Peoria, Ill., a member of the State Park Baptist Church for 75 years as she turned the first shovelful of ground for the church's fourth structure. This is the same picture that appeared on the front cover of the October 16, 1958 issue of the "Baptist Herald" with a report about the ground breaking ceremonies prepared by Mr. Walter Kohrs. The new church in Peoria has been named the North Sheridan Baptist Church, of which Rev. Edgar B. Wesner is the pastor.

• The Terrace Heights Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., has extended a call to Mr. Kenneth Howe of Stafford, Kansas, to become its pastor to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Howe is a spiritual son and member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas; a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas; and of the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, where he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree. He began his ministry in the Spokane church in September, succeeding Rev. Walter F. Berkan, now of Elk Grove, Calif.

• Word has been received that Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor of the First German Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., suffered a severe heart attack in August. He has been ordered by his doctor to rest completely with no participation in church services for at least three months or longer. We trust that many of our readers will remember Brother Knauf in their prayers and send him letters or cards to cheer him. In the meantime, Rev. Frank Friesen of Forest Park, Ill., is supplying the pulpit of the church during the time of Brother Knauf's convalescence.

• The Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. J. J. Renz of Evansville, Wis., pastor of the Evansville Baptist Church, to which he has responded favorably. He has announced that he will begin his pastorate in the Milwaukee church on October 4th, succeeding Rev. Harold W. Tietjen, as reported by Mr. C. Deblitz, secretary of the Pulpit Committee. Mr. Renz has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, George, Iowa, and of the First German Baptist Church, Ashley, North Dakota, in former years.

• The closing program on August 9 of this year's Vacation Bible School at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Man., successfully climaxed the week's activities. The school was held daily from 9 A. M. to 12 Noon with a morning break for refreshments. A total enrollment of 105 children enjoyed the course, "Adventuring With Christ." The Lord richly blessed the school and during the week 4 girls accepted Christ as their Savior. Rev. John Binder is pastor, and Miss Bernieta Paschke serves as the church reporter.

• The Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Saskatchewan, has extended a call to Rev. Lorimer D. Potratz of Martin, North Dakota, pastor of the Martin Baptist Church since 1955. He has accepted the call and presented his resignation to the Martin Church. Mr. Potratz began his pastorate in the Faith Baptist Church of Regina in September 1959, succeeding Rev. Richard Grabke, now Church Extension pastor in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

• The Ridgewood Baptist Church,

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SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

The famous Anhangabau Avenue in downtown Sao Paulo with its imposing skyscrapers and impressive palm trees.

Bound for Brazil!

The story of a trip to Sao Paulo, Brazil, and some observations of South America

By Rev. C. T. Remple, Missoula, Montana

UNTIL THE YEAR 1929, the Remple family resided in Europe, at which time my brother and I were privileged to emigrate to the continent of North America. Both of us were very young at the time.

Three years later our parents and sisters also emigrated from Europe and settled in Sao Paulo, Brazil. A few months ago the Lord provided the means and opened the way for me to go to South America and visit with my loved ones for the first time in 30 years.

In view of the fact that many North American people will attend the Baptist World Congress in Brazil next summer, I have been asked to compose a short article concerning that country and my visit there.

BEAUTIFUL BRAZIL

The trip of 14,000 miles from Missoula to Sao Paulo was very pleasant and enjoyable. There is nothing as in-

triguing as traveling by plane and viewing the great expanse of plains, mountains, jungles, and oceans from so high an altitude. The service on the plane was excellent, and the speed and safety were unexcelled. On the way over, we made three stops between Miami and Rio de Janeiro, and on the return trip we made a non-stop flight from Rio to New York City.

Brazil is a vast country with an approximate population of 50,000,000 people. It is an extremely beautiful country with many will always remain in my memory. Those people traveling in Rio de Janeiro next year will enjoy seeing the beautiful beaches and the statue of Christ high on a mountain called "Corcovado."

The people of Brazil are very friendly and congenial. They find it rather difficult to love the North American people due to the effect of Russian propaganda. They are also of the opinion that we do not care much for them

since little of our money has been spent in their country, that is, in comparison with the amount spent in Europe and Asia. They find it difficult to understand why such a small percentage of North Americans spend their vacations in beautiful South America.

POVERTY STRICKEN PEOPLE

The greater part of the South American people are poor. Some of them, however, are fabulously rich. In spite of their poverty, they are happy and content. The most of the people—living outside of the cities—do not have any modern conveniences. My parents, for example, live 75 miles from running water and electricity. However, their homes are clean and attractive. The people, with whom I visited, do not own cars as a means of transportation; they travel on horses.

Educationally there is much to be desired. On the whole, the people have had only a few years of schooling. South America has only a few universities and they are not filled. Many of their outstanding students study in the United States.



Brazilian women winnowing coffee near Sao Paulo.

Working conditions in Brazil are poor. I spent a number of days in Sao Paulo—which contains most of the factories of that country—and I was sick at heart when I learned the wages of the workers. Unemployment is the order of the day.

PRAYING FOR REVIVAL

I was informed that South America is predominantly Catholic, and that the most of the Protestants reside in Brazil. In Rio and Sao Paulo many Baptist churches are found, especially in the German areas. The Mennonites

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My Summer in Germany

Observations and experiences on a summer's trip to Europe.

By Rev. Alex Sootzmann of Branch, Louisiana

AT 1:00 p. m. our plane left New York City for England. Two and a half hours later, one motor failed and the two starboard motors were leaking fuel. With reduced speed we returned to International Airport at New York. Toward evening, we boarded another plane and proceeded without trouble.

Beautiful, indeed, were the cloud formations, like high mountains, gigantic rocks, huge gorges and waterfalls, fantastic in their various shapes. The moonlight seemed to turn everything into floating silver. As the day dawned, everything turned into refined gold before the rising sun—continually changing its formations into another new and fascinating scenery.

DISPLAY OF GOD'S GLORY

What a display of God's glory in the world of our little planet! I thanked God for the beauty of his work, and my thoughts went higher and higher, thinking of Mrs. Sootzmann who had left this world to see heaven's glory and, above all, him who has redeemed us.

From Glasgow to London and then to Hamburg, our plane flew rather low. Clearly, we could see homes, churches, rivers, forests and the fertile fields. How peaceful! And yet not so long ago, hatred had its devastating way.

Due to the delay, I had to wait in Hamburg for plane connections. Therefore, I arrived late in Berlin, which is now an island in the Red Sea of Communism. This city is beautifully rebuilt, except a few sections which are grim reminders of the war. North of the Hallische-Tor toward the Russian Sector, the city is still in ruins, which gives you the sad sensation as if the war had just come to its close.

While the western world was in suspense concerning Berlin, credit should be given to the people of West Berlin, that they took the serious situation rather calm and exhibited much confidence. We dare not fail them!

SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN GERMANY

Statistics show church attendance is on the decline. The Sunday School does not occupy as much of an important place as in our country. After the war, leaving service, the adults go home, leaving only the smaller children for this purpose, and leaving you with the impression that Sunday School is just for little boys and girls. A few leaders have pointed out what the Sunday School is in America and the many blessings of which they deprive themselves. But thus far, these men have not been successful to change the present attitude.

Germany is visited by tourists from all over the world. Take a trip on a boat on the Rhine River. Watch the castles and ruins connected with its legends. On these boats you hear so many foreign tongues, and you wonder whether you are on a German boat?

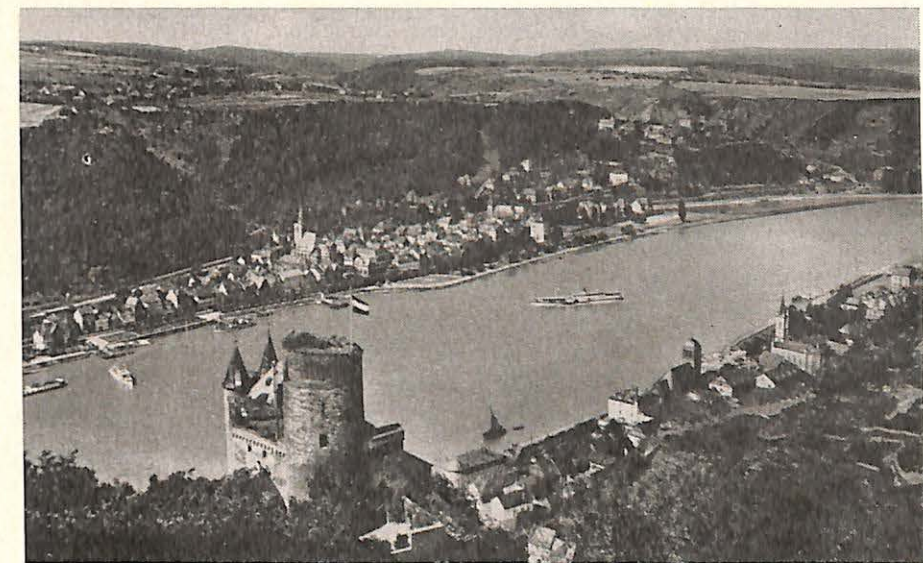
RETURN BY JET PLANE

A great building boom is in progress in Germany. Here and there you are still reminded of the war, but Germany has a new face and enjoys a prosperity as never before.

After short visits to the neighboring

countries, the time came to return home. I chose to travel by Jet plane. In the morning I had breakfast with my people in Duisburg. At 7:30 a. m. I left Duesseldorf and arrived in London at 10:05 a. m. About an hour later I boarded a Jet of the Pan American Lines. In no time, so to speak, the huge 707 burst through the layer of clouds whipping them apart like a demi-god, and we moved higher and higher, leaving the clouds far beneath.

Between the clouds, the sea looked like the blue sky. It appeared to the observer as if the world were upside down. With almost inconceivable speed we moved on. Our next stop was Gander, Newfoundland for refueling. Then we landed at International Airport, New York at 2:40 p. m. Rev. A. Husmann drove me to his home and we had an early supper. In this modern age of ours, the world has shrunk!



The author in visiting the land of his birth, Germany, was thrilled by a boat trip on the Rhine River with its legendary castles, like the Burg Katz (at the left) and the historical towns of St. Goar and St. Goarshausen.

MORE ROOM NEEDED

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terial and send them on their way, they will be processed and packed for shipment here at Forest Park. An entire room will be devoted to this important work.

There will be room for our denominational meetings. Even such a large group as the General Council will be accommodated easily in the new Conference Room on the second floor. There will be facilities making it possible for us to eat together—thus saving the denomination considerable expense—and there will be a few guest rooms to accommodate visitors like

our missionaries, who desire to stop by at our headquarters office.

YOUR GIFTS ARE NEEDED!

There will be room for a variety of other needs. A Missionary Trophy Room is planned, housing Camerons and Japanese curios and many historical items, depicting 116 years of God's providential guidance of our denomination. There will be adequate offices for our secretaries and their competent help and for organizations like our Baptist Men and the Woman's Missionary Union.

There will be room . . . wonderful room, and lots of it! For our denominational family, which God is blessing, is growing and growing up, and like so many others in North America, this family needs just this room. Will you, with your gifts, provide it, so that we can serve you and our Lord Jesus Christ more efficiently than ever? We are counting on you!

ADVANCE SUNDAY
OCT. 25, 1959
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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 11, 1959

Theme: SPIRIT-FILLED WITNESSES

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4, 22-24, 32-38

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Holy Spirit-less Christians are poor witnesses until they become Holy Spirit-filled.

INTRODUCTION: We left the followers of Jesus last week, still full of the warm glow of the ascension experience. It was similar to a mountain of transfiguration experience. They were reluctant to leave. Their eyes were glued to the heavens where Christ was last seen. Not until the angel disturbed their reverie did they realize that they must go down to the valley of reality. We can only imagine their thoughts and words as they returned slowly to Jerusalem. Probably their greatest concern was what to do while waiting for the promise. Patiently waiting is a most difficult task unless we are actively waiting. Everybody could have gone to their respective homes and waited until something turned up. Who knows how long they would have to wait? In the meantime, they had the responsibility of home and family to consider. No doubt, these were some of the normal duties to which they were faithful. Their primary concern, however, was to be found faithfully and prayerfully waiting for the promise. This they did with all their heart and soul and strength.

I. PREPARATION FOR THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE. Acts 2:1.

From the last words of Jesus before his ascension, the disciples had no way of knowing whether the promise would be fulfilled in ten days or one hundred days. To these close followers of Jesus it meant that they must fulfill the conditions laid down by Christ and make the necessary preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The first condition was to wait. The promise will be fulfilled in God's time and in God's way. The second condition was the place—in Jerusalem. They were not to be over-anxious to start witnessing to what they had seen and heard. Preparation was not yet complete. Graduation day had not yet arrived. They were not to leave the school room before the diplomas were presented to them.

The Day of Pentecost found them faithful. They were of one accord because they all waited for the same promise. They were all together in one place because no one wanted to be out of place and out of the will of God. Their preparation was intensive as well as extensive.

II. FULFILLMENT OF THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE. Acts 2:2-4.

In the Old Testament, Pentecost was also referred to as the day of first fruits because the first fruits of the harvest were offered to the Lord. In the New Testament, Pentecost seems appropriate for the coming of the Holy Ghost, because on this day the first spiritual fruits became the nucleus of the Church of Jesus Christ. Just as Christmas means the birth of Christ, so Pentecost is the birth of the church.

The disciples had no idea how the promise would be fulfilled, but it was fulfilled far beyond their hopes and dreams. Such power was never experienced in the life of any individual since the beginning of creation.

III. A SPIRIT-FILLED SERMON. Acts 2:22-36.

This might aptly be called the first sermon of the Holy Spirit. No words that Peter ever spoke were so filled with power as the words of that first Pentecost sermon. He spoke without effort and without fear. Peter was now a different man and he preached a different sermon.

IV. A HUNGER FOR THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE. Acts 2:37.

If Peter had spoken an hour earlier, people would have walked by and barely taken notice. But now with the power of the Holy Spirit within him, people stood still and anxiously enquired, "What shall we do?" Never had they felt such a need and such a hunger! Here was someone who had what they desperately wanted, and they were willing to fulfill the conditions of that spiritual hunger and thirst.

V. CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT. Acts 2:38.

There was no time for theological clarification. They had no philosophical questions about Peter's sermon. They were not moved by logic, but by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. Repentance was the unconditional prerequisite! It was the word with which John the Baptist began; it was the word on the day of Pentecost; it is the word for today. Repentance, baptism, remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Ghost—these are simple conditions with a powerful result.

S. S. LESSON EDITOR

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 18, 1959

Theme: SHARING THE LIVING CHRIST

Scripture: Acts 3:1-7, 11-16

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The greatest sharing is not a sharing of the material things of life. The greatest sharing is the sharing of the riches of God in Christ Jesus.

INTRODUCTION: God is not interested in the amount we have to share, but in our willingness to share whatever we have. Often we dream of what we would do if we had a million dollars, but God is wondering what you are doing with the single dollar you now have. Philanthropy is not something which is reserved for a wealthy person or for a charitable institution. It should be the profession of every Christian. Philanthropy is a combination of two words in Greek—loving plus man. A Christian has the greatest love toward man because he has the love of Christ in his heart. Therefore, the Christian has more to share than merely material gifts—he has the loving, living Christ to share.

Strange as it may seem, the words "share" or "sharing" are not found in the Bible. The word of God is more direct in that it uses "give" and "giving." Sharing often implies keeping a certain portion for yourself. Giving, on the other hand, often implies keeping nothing for yourself.

I. SHARING OUR TIME WITH CHRIST. Acts 3:1.

Even though the members of the first church had their own prayer meeting, they did not separate themselves from the regular worship and prayer in the temple. It was still the house of God and the hour of prayer was an hour which belonged to God.

Sharing our time in God's house with God's people in prayer is a time when God will share more with us than we are able to share with him. We share our time; God shares his power and his blessing.

II. SHARING OUR GIFTS WITH CHRIST. Acts 3:2-3.

We always have more than we think we have. Constantly adding up our liabilities makes us morbid. As Christians we ought to concentrate on adding up our assets. In this way we will be continually reminded of what we have rather than of what we have not.

Peter and John could honestly have said, "We do not have what you ask, therefore we cannot help you." But they had a great obligation because they had something better than what was requested.

Material gifts are easy to share. Often they are the easiest way to relieve us of greater responsibilities. People long, not only for a little silver or gold to help them in their distress, but they hunger far more for a little of our time, a little of our love, a little

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

Welcome to Rev. and Mrs. A. Brust, Lodi, Calif.

On Sunday evening, July 26th, the First Baptist Church, Lodi, California, officially welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Brust as the assistant pastor and youth worker. Mr. and Mrs. Brust come to us from the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After the evening service, at which time Brother Brust brought the message, the congregation was invited to the lower auditorium for refreshments and fellowship. At this time, also, the Brusts were presented with a large supply of groceries given by the members and friends of the church. We are thankful to God for directing the lives of these two fine young people to our church, and in the short time they have been with us, they have endeared themselves to the people.

Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Reporter

Vacation Bible School at Vernon, British Columbia

The Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, British Columbia, held its Vacation Bible School from July 27 to 31 with 50 children enrolled in three classes. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Ohlmann and Miss M. Mack, a former missionary in India, served as the teachers. We were delighted over the results of the school, especially when five of the children gave their hearts to the Lord as Saviors.

On July 31 the school heard Rev. Ben Strohshchein of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, a missionary to Africa, as he brought fascinating stories from the mission field. In the evening he addressed our church congregation and showed pictures of his mission field. On Sunday evening, August 2, the closing program of the Vacation Bible School was held at our church service. It was a joy for all of us to hear the songs, recitations, Bible verses and stories brought by the children.

Emil Merke, Reporter

Farewell For Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser, Lodi, Calif.

On Sunday evening, August 2nd, Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser brought their ministry at the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., to a close. It was with regret that we saw them leave our church, but we praise God for the eleven years that they were able to do such faithful work in our midst. Art Heinle, chairman of the Executive Board of the church, was in charge of the evening service.

Mrs. Dorothy Dehr represented the Sunday School; Allen Herr the Men's Fellowship; Mrs. Bertha Schopp, the Woman's Missionary Society; and Adolph Bertsch on behalf of the Board of Deacons and the church. The young people on a previous Sunday evening had presented the Rausers with a gift. Brother Bertsch presented the pastor

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and his wife with a check of \$2,000, representing the love offering from the church. Mr. and Mrs. Rauser responded with words of appreciation.

After the evening service, refreshments were served and another short program was presented with Adolph Bertsch as chairman. The choir sang two numbers, "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and "How Great Thou Art," both favorites of Mr. and Mrs. Rauser, and the male chorus also sang several numbers. A reading, "Your Eleven Years in Lodi," written by the Mrs. Ella Schmiedt, Ruby Altnow and Thelma Fischer, was given.

Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Reporter

Northern District

Vacation Bible School at Cloverlawn, Alberta

During July 6 to 11 the Cloverlawn Baptist Church, Cloverlawn, Alberta, a Mission Station operated under First Baptist Church of Leduc, held its annual Vacation Bible School. It was our privilege to enroll 44 students, the largest attendance recorded in the past 8 years. Our school consisted of Bible lessons, memory work, group singing, handcraft and recreation. Our goal was to reach and teach boys and girls how to live Christ-like through fun and fellowship with one another.

The school was divided into four departments under the leadership of: Beginners, Miss Grace Ebel, Schuler, Alta.; Primary, Mrs. John Becker, Wetaskiwin, Alta.; Juniors, Mr. C. I. Wiebe, Leduc, Alta.; and Intermediates, Mr. Harvey Senft, Millet, Alta. It was a joy on Sunday evening, July 12, to see the church packed with parents



Students and teachers of the Cloverlawn Vacation Bible School, Leduc, Alta., with the theme, "We're on the Winning Team—Christ Our Captain."

and friends who were interested in the children as they presented the closing program.

C. Wiebe, Student Pastor

Vacation School and Women's Program, Leduc, Alta.

Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., was held from July 6 to 10. We were fortunate in having an enrollment of 44, with the average attendance of 42. We only had three classes: Juniors, Primary and Beginners with the following teachers: Mrs. Lyle Fillenberg and Joan Roth, Beginners; Mrs. Orville Radis and Gloria Kern, Primary; Rev. Fred J. Knalson and Gordon Kern, Juniors. The director of the school was Mrs. Dennis Hammer. The closing program followed on the Friday night of the week, with each class demonstrating the various things which they had learned and made.

The women of the two missionary organizations of the church, along with their families, came together for a birthday social recently. The program consisted of a devotional period, special music and with our guest speaker, Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alta., showing us pictures of his recent tour of Europe. Afterwards at a time of fellowship around our birthday tables, several musical numbers were rendered and an offering was received at each table which will be used for missionary purposes. We trust that God will continue to bless these societies.

Mrs. Dennis Hammer, Reporter

Saskatchewan Baptist Association Sessions at Springside Church

The Saskatchewan Baptist Association held its annual meetings at the Springside Baptist Church at Springside, Sask., from June 12 to 14 in connection with the 25th anniversary of the Springside Baptist Church. It was our privilege to have Rev. R. Schilke, mission secretary of our denomination, as well as our District Secretary, Rev. W. Sturhahn, with us. Our lives were spiritually refreshed and enriched by the challenging messages of our beloved brethren. It was also our privilege to have Rev. W. Hoover of Benton Harbor, Michigan, with us for the 25th anniversary of the Springside church.

On Saturday evening a Youth Banquet was held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church at Ebenezer, Sask., with approximately 140 young people in attendance. Again our hearts were blessed with the ministry of Brother Hoover. Sunday was a special day as the members of the Springside Church along with their many Christian friends from our Association churches met for the special anniversary services.

The following were elected to serve for the various offices at the business meeting of the Association: Rev. B. Milner, moderator; Mr. Bill Bonney, vice moderator; Mr. Arthur Fritzsche, secretary; Mr. Reuben Ziolkowski, treasurer.

John Wollenberg, Reporter

Vacation School, German and Czech Churches, Minitonas

We of the German and Czech Baptist Churches of Minitonas, Man., rejoice over the blessings of our Vacation Bible School held July 13 to 18. Total enrollment was 110, and the average attendance 99. We enjoyed the Scripture Press material. We were privileged to have Rev. H. Palfenier speak to our children daily from 3:30 to 4:00 P. M., and on the closing days we were overjoyed to see 23 children come out for Christ with 14 rededications.

Our splendid teachers who so diligently gave of their time and talent usually gathered daily with their supervisor, Mrs. H. Schatz, for discussion and sincere prayer. The teaching staff was: Rev. H. Schatz (pastor), Mr. Archie Biech, Mrs. Eddie Klatt, Miss Lieba Muller, Miss Leona Holland, Miss Evelyn Redlick, Miss Evelyn Kelbert, Mrs. Nemitz, Miss Frieda Grieger, Miss Erica Katowski, Miss Gertrude Jacksteit and Miss Wensel. Mrs. H. Schatz, Reporter



The Vacation Bible School of the German and Czech Baptist Churches of Minitonas, Manitoba, with an enrollment of 110 children.

Reception for New Pastor, Golden Prairie, Sask.

Sunday, July 5, marked the beginning of the ministry of Rev. Ruben Grueneich as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Golden Prairie, Sask. Our hearts were filled with gratitude to God as he spoke to us through the message of his ambassador on that morning. For our evening service we had invited Rev. E. Strauss of Hilda, Alta., who brought the charge to the church.

Several special numbers in song were also presented and the various organizations spoke words of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Grueneich and Danny who responded with sincere thanks to the church. We then gathered in the church parlor for a delicious lunch. In preparation for the pastor's coming, the church purchased a new electric range, refrigerator and bath tub for the parsonage.

Mrs. Fred Kramer, Reporter

Special Events at Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan, has been engaged in a program of fruitful activity. A baptismal service was held in May at which time our pastor, Rev.

John Wollenberg, baptized 7 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The candidates were: Shirley Retz, Judith Reiman, Beryl MacDonald, Lois Dreger, Delores Retz, Gordon Falkowsky and Kenneth Priebe. The majority of those baptized gave their hearts to the Lord during the weeks of Camp last summer, with Rev. R. Neuman bringing the messages.

On Sunday, June 14, the Sunday School very ably presented the annual Children's Day program. From July 8 to 12 we were privileged to attend the Northern Conference sessions with Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Missionary Myrtle Weeldreyer as guest speakers. We look to the Lord for guidance in the work that is yet to be done, so that his will might be done and his Name glorified!

Mrs. Dennis Guse, Reporter

Welcome For Mr. John Binder, Morris, Man.

Friends from the neighboring churches of Winnipeg and Oakbank,

lowered their Lord in baptism and were received into the church. During the Northern Conference sessions our Vacation Bible School was held and again it was a joy to work with 52 children. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Falkenberg, former residents of Trochu and members of this church, directed the school. Recently the Woman's Missionary Society presented a colorful and inspiring program based on the theme, "Flowers." The church was decorated most beautifully and the entire program constantly pointed to the beautiful flowers and their message from God to us.

A beautiful picture, 5 by 7 feet, was prepared and donated by Ervin Henkel, one of our members. The picture is to be placed as a background in the baptistry. Mr. Henkel has made similar paintings for other churches and is to be commended for this ministry. The C. B. Y. has been active in seeking to provide inspirational activities for our youth.

R. R. Hoffman, Pastor

Ordination of Rev. Harold Sailer, Calgary, Alta.

On Sunday, July 5, members and friends of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., along with invited delegates from surrounding churches met to consider the testimony of Mr. Harold Sailer, a candidate for ordination to the Gospel ministry. The council elected Rev. E. Faul as moderator, and Rev. R. Hoffman as clerk. The candidate was then presented by the host pastor who gave his testimony of his conversion, call to the ministry, reason for desiring ordination, and doctrinal beliefs. After questions were asked concerning the various aspects of the candidate's statements, the council retired for private deliberation.

After further discussion in private deliberation, the council agreed to recommend that the Bridgeland Baptist Church proceed with the ordination of the candidate. The ordination service was held that same evening with most of the pastors of the churches invited participating. Rev. E. J. Faul brought the ordination message.

Robert Hoffman, Clerk

Vacation Bible School, Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask.

"Living for Jesus in the Space Age" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held Aug. 10 to 14 in the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., under the guidance of Rev. and Mrs. Edmond Hohn, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kreisier, and Misses Irene Netzer, Annette Weisner and Sharon Semke. The week of classroom session was climaxed on Friday evening when parents and members of the congregation gathered to view the program.

Twenty-three certificates were handed out, and the following program was presented: Beginners in action and singing; Primary class illustrating with flannelgraph the meaning of the 23rd Psalm; Junior class illustrating with words and flannelgraph "A Christian's Birth and Growth," and the Intermediate class outlining lives of Bible missionaries in a study entitled "Answering God's Call." The combined classes also joined in singing.

Emiline Ediger, Reporter

Reception for New Pastor At Nokomis, Sask.

Sunday, July 5, marked the beginning of the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Hohn at Nokomis, Sask. Since Rev. and Mrs. O. Fritzke and son left us on March 8 for Camrose, Alta., Rev. R. Neuman, Rev. R. Sturhahn, Rev. W. Reimche and Rev. B. Milner have ministered to us by supplying the pulpit. We are grateful to our Lord for answered prayer in sending Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hohn to us.

Our Church Moderator, Mr. E. Semke, introduced them to us on Sunday morning, and in the evening words of welcome were expressed by each department of our church, interspersed by numbers in song by the choir, a duet, a trio and a mixed quartet. Words of welcome were also given by Mr. Bill Bonney from the Emmanuel Baptist Church and Rev. S. Deering from the Evangelical Church at Jansen, Sask. Mr. and Mrs. Hohn replied effectively and Mr. Hohn brought us a short message from II Thess. 3:1. We had further fellowship in the church basement where lunch was served.

May the Lord bless Mr. and Mrs. Hohn in their ministry here and may we as a church stand behind them in faithful service!

Emiline Ediger, Reporter

Central District

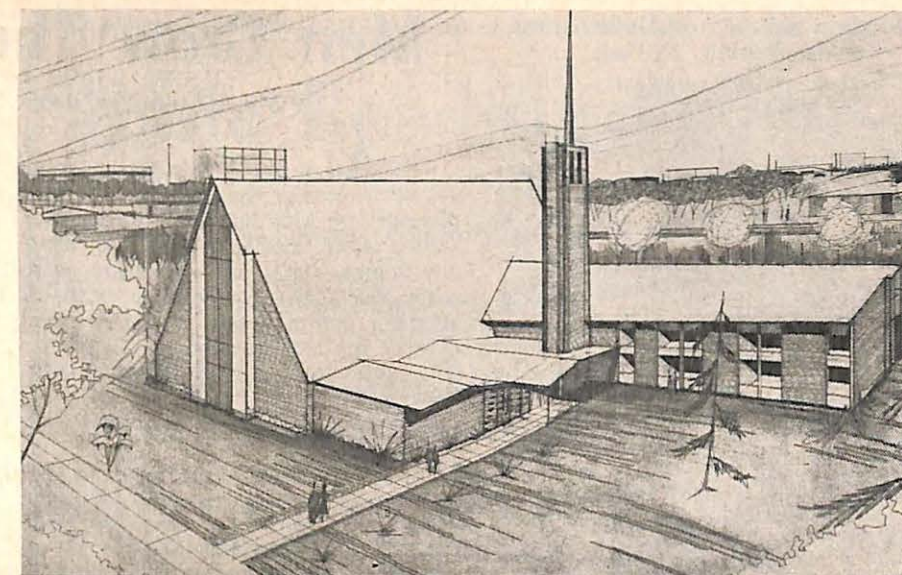
Three Women's Missionary Societies in Lorraine, Kansas

There are three women's missionary societies in the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas. The Ladies' Aid Society with 14 active members and 4 shut-ins meets each month for a program. Four White Cross meetings are held yearly. The Dorcas Society numbers 39 and meets twice monthly, alternating with a program and White Cross work. The membership of the King's Daughters Society is 27, meeting twice each month. They have 4 programs a year; the other meetings are for White Cross work.

The three societies combine to have an intensive Bible study one month each fall. White Cross supplies and clothing (new and used) go to Africa, Japan, Canada, San Luis Valley of Colorado and for local needs. Dues and offerings amount to approximately



Vacation Bible School of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., with 68 children enrolled and 16 teachers.



The architect's sketch for the beautiful, new edifice of the present Riverview Baptist Church, Saint Paul, Minn.

\$900 a year. This goes to help support our denominational budget, missionary projects and for postage.

Mrs. Theodore Wilkens, Reporter

Summer Activities, Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

We at the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., can look back on a summer full of activities and of great blessing. The Missionary Society held its annual picnic with one of the members of the Summer Institute of Linguists as a guest speaker. The Missionary Society bakes cakes every week for the Institute.

We had our Bible School in June. There were 68 enrolled, 16 teachers and one recreational director. The director of our Bible School was Mrs. Eilert Fehr. The offering taken was \$42.00 which was sent to the Spanish American Mission in Colorado.

The Sunday School held its annual picnic at one of our local parks. The Wycliffe Institute members were invited for supper and they were in charge of the vesper service. Three of the lady missionaries in our city spoke to us at our garden tea. They were dressed in authentic costumes from their countries: Peru, the Philippines and Indians of New Mexico.

Mrs. Norris Gulson, Reporter

New Building Plans, St. Paul's Riverview Church

On Thursday evening, August 20, the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., convened for the purpose of considering preliminary plans concerning its new building program. Rev. Don Ganstrom started the program and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Carl Glewwe, church moderator. Mr. Ed Glewwe, chairman of the Finance Committee, gave that committee's recommendations pertaining to finance and maximum indebtedness to be incurred. Mr. Arnold Erickson, chairman of the Building Committee and Mr. William A. Schaefer, architect, explained the preliminary plans, site development, proposed expansion, and financial appraisal. All resolutions were accepted without change almost unanimously by the 115 present.

Generally, the preliminary plans call for a nave, educational unit, and fellowship hall constructed to constitute a multi-purpose building. The nave will have a seating capacity of 300 with an overflow area of about 75 and a choir containing 35 members. Approximately 235 people will be served in the fellowship hall which also will be divided into 10 classrooms. The educational unit will include 25 classrooms, counting those in the fellowship area. This program will cost approximately \$200,000 including furnishings, grading and landscaping, street improvement, and architect's fees. The proposed expansion program will include a balcony for the nave and an additional wing for educational and other purposes for a later date.

The present church is located at George and Stryker Avenue in St. Paul; whereas, the new property and site of the new building program is at Moreland and Gorman Avenues in the Signal Hills district of West St. Paul, 1½ miles south of the present site. Other members of the Building Committee include Lytle H. Blankenship, vice-chairman; Milton Hildebrandt, secretary; Marvin Bruce, Rollin Crawford, Emil Glewwe, Wilmer Miller, and Rev. Don Ganstrom.

Lytle H. Blankenship, Publicity Chairman

Vacation School and Dedication Service, Beulah, N. Dak.

The Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School from June 1 to 5, with an enrollment of 48 children. Our theme was "Adventuring with Christ." Classes started at 9:00 A. M. with group singing, flag salutes and an offering. The pianist was Mrs. Clinton Weaver; Beginner teacher, Mrs. Victor Bettger; Primary, Mrs. Ervin Schmid; Juniors, Mrs. Fred Helm; Intermediates, Miss Wilma Binder; and helpers, Mrs. Roy Fischer, Judy Strom, Janet Helm, Mrs. Fred Reich and Caroline Karlin. The closing demonstration program was held on Friday evening, June 5.

On July 26 we had a special event in our church when the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. John Wood, dedicated their little baby girl, Carol, to the Lord, by singing the hymn, "Have Thy Way, Lord."

Mrs. Gilbert Ost, Reporter



Vacation Bible School group of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, North Dakota.

BOUND FOR BRAZIL

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have constructed large churches, and it was my privilege to conduct eight meetings in one of them. It was extremely easy to preach to those people, since they were eager to hear Bible preaching. The Christians of South America are praying for a sweeping revival in their country.

I should like to encourage as many people as possible to travel to Brazil next summer. I am confident you will enjoy the trip, the country, and the people. For one I wish that I could experience that adventure once again.

Men Grow Through Service

By Mr. Heartsill Wilson, Grosse Pointe, Michigan

AS A YOUTH in East Texas, I'll never forget the endless hours of pleasure we kids had in "walking the rails" of a short-line railroad near our homes. Daily we challenged each other for distance records without stepping off the rails to the ground. One of my friends seemed always to win—and win by a great distance each time.

SPECIFIC GOALS

I'll never forget his answer to my question concerning his ability to outdistance us all. "It's easy," he said. "I pick a point some distance down the track and keep my eyes on the goal, while you fellows keep your eyes on your feet."

Isn't it often true that even in our Christian work today we often have the tendency to lose sight of our goals of Christian service by making the daily activities of the commercial "work-a-day" world the focus of our lives?

One of the primary objectives of an active, vigorous Men's Brotherhood program is to define, in a very specific way, the limitless opportunities for Christian service for the men of our churches. It must be a goal expressly designed to create an incentive for each man, through fellowship with other men, to contribute his talent or talents in a productive way to the program of the church and the will of Christ for his life.

Look, briefly, at the functions of the primary committees of the Brotherhood, and the vision of greater Christian service can be readily seen.

BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEES

One of the most important of the Brotherhood activities is found in the EVANGELISM COMMITTEE. The primary purpose of this group is to lead men in an active quest for lost souls. Under the leadership and direction of this committee, the men of the organization are instructed in soul-winning, and then go on to lead in a definite effort to win lost men, women, boys and girls to Christ.

The WORSHIP COMMITTEE, likewise important, has but one objective:

that of doing all it can in reaching, inviting and urging people, lost and saved, to attend the worship and prayer services of the church. Working in complete harmony with the established committees and programs in the church, the Brotherhood Worship Committees add power to the existing programs by supporting all efforts with greater dedicated MANPOWER.

Any aggressive church program welcomes and needs the Brotherhood STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE. The purpose of the Stewardship Committee, as the name implies, is to hold continually before the men of the church the great Christian doctrine of stewardship. We have too often limited the application of stewardship to money and money alone. To be sure, stewardship involves an individual's money, but it encompasses a great deal more. It includes all that a man has and is, as well as all he will ever have or hope to become. Men will respond to a challenge under the dedicated leadership of other Christian men.

"SUNSHINE SPREADERS"

A major purpose of the Brotherhood is to extend the arms of the church to the homes of the sick, needy, troubled and bereaved of the community. Although not a welfare activity of the church, the BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE does all within its power to follow Christ's leadership in expressing his love for our fellowmen. "To love thy neighbor as thyself" is more than quoted Scripture to the consecrated Brotherhood member.

These activities and many others are the goals of Brotherhood—well defined targets to aim at for the glory of God.

As J. M. Barrie writes, "Those who bring sunshine on others cannot keep it from themselves." This has been proved true by many an earnest Brotherhood member. Perhaps the greatest joy, however, comes to that person who is brought into an active relationship with his church by a Brotherhood member and who responds himself by becoming a "sunshine spreader" for the Lord—proving that through dedicated Brotherhood membership, Brotherhoods do grow through service!

CAMEROONS BAPTIST MISSION CHURCHES

See Statistical Table on page 11. Further information to explain these important statistics.

MIGRANT MEMBERSHIP: The greatest problem facing our Cameroons churches deals with their highly fluctuating membership. The coast with its plantations and the French borderland with mines and a highly developed economy draw constantly on the latent man-power in the British Cameroons. For the first time we have made a survey of our "floating Baptists" to explain to ourselves and to you the apparent difference between our reports of ever mounting numbers of baptisms and a diminishing total membership. The above estimate of a total Baptist population of 28,827 in the British Cameroons presents our present strength.—Paul Gebauer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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of our friendship, a little of our concern and compassion. Many would rather have a little of us rather than a little of our money.

III. SHARING THE POWER OF CHRIST. Acts 3:4-7.

The gate at which this poor crippled man was laid every day was called "Beautiful." Here we have a picture of many a church in our own day—a gorgeous building, a beautiful entrance, but no power to help a man in need. Often we have so little of the power of Christ to share because we lack the power of Christ in our own lives. Along our pilgrim way, we have lost the power and the authority to say, "Rise up and walk." The best we can do is to say, "Come in and sit down."

IV. SHARING THE WORD OF GOD. Acts 3:11-16.

The most important opportunity of sharing the power of Jesus Christ was not in restoring the physical handicap of this man—wonderful and marvelous though it be. The greatest opportunity lay in the fact that Peter and John found occasion to share the Word of God which has not only power to restore broken bodies, but power to restore broken hearts and lives. In this instance, sharing the Word of God was instrumental in adding five thousand more believers.

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Obituaries

MRS. LOUISE KOERBER
of Ridgewood, L. I., New York

Mrs. Louise Koerber of Ridgewood, N. Y., was born in Happens, Germany in 1906. Shortly after arriving in the United States, she was united in marriage to Gustav Koerber. She was a faithful member of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, serving in the choir and the Willing Workers Society. After nearly one year's suffering of a heart ailment, she was called to her eternal rest on August 10th. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband; two daughters: Helga and Margaret; one son, Herbert; and his wife and baby daughter; one sister, Mrs. Gundel. The large and beautiful floral tribute, and the well attended service were indications of the high esteem in which she was held by her many friends. A radiant Christian and church member will be missed but not forgotten.

Ridgewood Baptist Church
Ridgewood, L. I., New York
RUBIN KERN, Pastor

MR. GEORGE HUBER
of Plevna, Montana

Mr. George Huber of Plevna, Montana, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Huber, was born Feb. 16, 1887 in South Russia died of a heart attack at his home in Plevna on Aug. 16. At the age of two, he came to the United States with his parents who settled in the Herried, S. Dak., area. In 1909 he homesteaded south of Plevna, Mont., where he continued farming till 1953 when he retired to Plevna. In 1913 he married Emma Leischnor. He was converted in 1933 and the following year was baptized and received into the Plevna Baptist Church. He loved his church and served it as treasurer for several years.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, six sons, nineteen grandchildren, also five sisters and four brothers. The large attendance at the service conducted at the Plevna church, with Rev. R. H. Zepik in charge, bore testimony to the fact that he will be missed by many.

First Baptist Church
Plevna, Montana
R. H. ZEPPIK, Pastor

MR. MICHAEL MIKSHUS
of Tacoma, Washington

Mr. Michael Mikshus of Tacoma, Wash., was born in East Prussia, Sept. 13, 1862,

and passed away August 12, 1959 just a month short of his 97th birthday. He had the honor of being the oldest living member of our church. The year 1894 brought him to Leduc, Alberta, Canada, where upon profession of his faith in Christ he was baptized into the Baptist fellowship. He moved to the United States in 1919 and had lived in the Tacoma, Washington area since that time. Mrs. Mikshus passed away in 1931. There were 7 children: 4 sons and 3 daughters.

During the past 28 years, he lived with a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Helmrich, who faithfully cared for him. He was a retired engineer and farmer. His faithfulness to his Lord and church was a good testimony to others. The worn and well-marked family Bible attests to regular meditation. At the funeral service the pastor's text was Proverbs 16:31. He is survived by 3 daughters: Mrs. Ruth Helmrich, Mrs. Elizabeth Franzkeit, and Mrs. Anna Klappstein, all of Tacoma; 1 son; Mrs. Michael Mikshus Jr., Tacoma; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren.

Calvary Baptist Church
Tacoma, Washington
ROBERT S. HESS, Pastor

MRS. WEA GROENEVELD
of Aplington, Iowa

Mrs. Wea Groeneveld of Aplington, Iowa, was born the daughter of Rev. Jans and Rennie Van Loh Oct. 20, 1860 in Ostfriesland, Germany. At the age of 7, she came to America with her parents, and the family settled at Florence Station, Illinois. In 1892 she moved to Aplington, Iowa. In March, 1893, she was united in marriage to Henricus Groeneveld. Upon confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, she was baptized in 1913 by the Rev. D. Koester, and became a member of the Aplington Baptist Church. Though in later years she was unable to attend services, she remained a faithful and interested member of her church.

She passed from this life, due to the complications of advanced years, on August 18, having attained the age of 98 years, 9 months, and 29 days. She was preceded in death by her husband, five sisters, and one brother. She is survived by her two sons, John and Jans, both of Aplington; 6 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends. The memorial service was conducted Friday afternoon, August 21, in the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa.

Aplington, Iowa
DONALD PATET, Pastor

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

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new in Australia. The *Australian Baptist* recently gave front page headlines to celebration of the first anniversary of the All-Age School at Rockhampton, Queensland. Rev. John Green, pastor, reports growth in all phases of the church life due to investment of adults in Bible study. "The Rockhampton Tabernacle is about to celebrate its 97th church anniversary. It would be quite safe to say that through the All-Age Sunday School there are probably more people working now than in the long history of the church. "Conversions, baptisms, and additions to church membership in recent weeks have all been members of the All-Age Sunday School," Mr. Green states.

● **Doctor Answers Mission Call.** A medical specialist touring the Orient in the spring of 1958 found the people of Indonesia so appealing and their need for Christ so great that he is now going back to that country to spend the rest of his active life—this time as a Southern Baptist missionary. Dr. Ralph C. Betha, one of the top obstetricians of Memphis, Tenn., and his wife, the former Lizette McCall, were among the 20 missionaries recently appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Born and

WATCH FOR NEXT EXCITING SERIAL STORY!

reared in devout Baptist homes, both Dr. and Mrs. Betha have been interested in missions from childhood, but their resolve to apply for foreign mission appointment was crystallized during Dr. Betha's trip to the Orient. "The urgent need for Christ in Southeast Asia became the center of my thinking," he said.

● **Spanish Persecution Eases.** Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, regional secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board reports that there have been no new instances of outright persecution in recent months in Spain. Rather, he said, several Baptist couples who had been seeking marriage licenses for many months have recently been granted permission to marry. And there has been an intangible, yet noticeable, change of attitude on the part of many Catholics toward evangelicals in Spain. "This change seemed to coincide closely with the Pope's announcement of an ecumenical council to be held next year for the purpose of seeking the reunion of Christendom," Dr. Goerner explains. "This call for an ecumenical council seems to have been interpreted by

some Catholics in Spain as in indication on the part of the pope that he desires more friendly relations between Catholics and Protestants. It remains to be seen how long this improved state of affairs will last and whether or not it will result in the opening of any closed church buildings."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Ridgewood, Long Island, N. Y., held its Vacation Bible School for two weeks, closing on August 28. The enrollment was 33 pupils with 9 teachers. The average attendance was 29 and all the children expressed a great joy over the school. The mission offerings of \$28.46 for Japan have been sent to the denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Ill. Rev. Rubin Kern is pastor of the church.

● Rev. Herbert Mitchell presented his resignation to the congregation of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, on Sunday, August 23rd. His resignation was to take effect some time in September. He has served the church since 1958. He is awaiting God's guidance as to the opening of a church field for him in the near future.

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