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North American Church Anniversaries

Reports from Philadelphia, Pa., and Gladwin, Mich.

Eightieth Anniversary Celebration of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

With grateful hearts we of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., paused to pay tribute to our forefathers for their blessed heritage and, above all, to praise our Lord for his guidance through the years as we celebrated the church's 80th anniversary on September 25 and 26.

Our banquet was held on Saturday evening, September 25th. It was a time of renewing acquaintances and enjoying Christian fellowship. Dr. Norman Paullin, professor of homiletics at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, brought the message. He emphasized the needs of a revealing Christian and its challenge today.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., moderator of the North American Baptist General Conference, brought a challenging message. Musical numbers were rendered by both our mixed and male choirs which were inspiring to all.

In the past year we have accomplished a great many things. Our major undertaking was the purchase of a new three-manual organ, which we hear played every Sunday by our able and competent organist. Through the generosity of the congregation, the final payment on the new organ was made for our 80th anniversary.

We also want to praise the Lord for the increase we have had in our Sunday School. On October 3rd, our attendance was 306, an increase of 99 over the previous year. We have been well aware for the past years of the urgent need of additional facilities to properly train those children whose spiritual training is entrusted to us. As a fitting climax to this year's accomplishments a love offering was taken on Anniversary Sunday for the start of a fund for a Christian Education the form of a challenge. He stressed

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Unit. This offering amounted to well over \$1500 in cash.

May our church ever be a beacon light pointing men and guiding them to the Savior. The future offers to us a great challenge. May we all pray, work and expect great things from God.

Audrey M. Miller, Church Worker

Round Lake Baptist Church, Near Gladwin, Michigan, Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

The members of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., met for three services on Sunday, Sept. 19, to observe the 50th anniversary of the church. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., was the guest speaker of the day.

The morning service was devoted to praise and worship, and the speaker emphasized the fact that the disciples went forth as laborers into God's harvest in order to bring gain and glory for their Lord. At the afternoon service, eight charter members: Messrs. Kranich, G. Wegner, R. Yerke, A. Yerke, and Mesdames J. Steinkraus, D. Pahl, K. Seipke, and J. Balzer, were given public recognition. Historical accounts of the church and greetings from previous pastors and their wives were read.

A feature of the evening service was a 30-minute organ recital presented by Mr. Roland Johansson of Bay City, Mich., who was guest organist for the day. Dr. Ihrie's closing message for the evening Jubilee Service was in the form of a challenge. He stressed

the importance of "Jubilee" as taught in the Scriptures—it was a time of "cleaning up," so to speak, a canceling of the old in order that the one set free might serve with a renewed zeal.

In preparation for the anniversary observance, the sanctuary was completely refurbished, and a new Hammond Church Model organ was purchased and installed. The parsonage was also partially redecorated.

The celebration was concluded on Monday night, Sept. 20, with a family fellowship dinner in the church's dining hall. During the course of the evening, Messrs G. Wegner and Kranich and Mrs. John Steinkraus gave interesting resumes of their pioneer experiences as Christian settlers in establishing the church.

The Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., was officially organized in 1904. The Rev. J. H. Moehlmann of the First German Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., now the Bethel Baptist Church), was the organizer. For about two years services were held in a schoolhouse. However, in 1906, at the present site, a sanctuary was built. In 1927 the first building was completely rebuilt and the present building was erected.

Charter members came from two vicinities, Riley and Round Lake. The members from the Riley vicinity were: Mr. and Mrs. Kranich, Mr. Gatz, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Balzer, and Mrs. John Steinkraus. The members from the Round Lake vicinity were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seipke, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seipke, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Krause, Mr. and Mrs. John Yerke, Mr. Rudolph Yerke, Mr. Albert Yerke, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knopf, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pahl, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wegner.

During these fifty years the following have served as pastors: Rev. William H. Raebel, Rev. Lindenau, Rev. A. G. Lang, Rev. F. L. Hahn, Rev. H. G. Braun, Rev. P. F. Schilling, Rev. F. Guenther, Rev. L. F. Gassner, Rev. Thomas Stoeri and Rev. Victor Prendinger. Rev. Albert Fadenrecht is the present pastor.

Albert Fadenrecht, Pastor.

Statistics of Our Churches, 1954—North American Baptist General Conference

Conferences	Churches	Baptisms	Church Members	Local Expenses	Gifts for Our Mission Fields	Gifts for Other Mission Societies	Total Gifts for All Mission Purposes	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Sunday Schools	S. S. Scholars	Teachers and Officers	Woman's Miss. Soc.		CBY Groups	
												Societies	Members	Societies	Members
Atlantic	23	107	3872	\$ 227,574.00	\$ 28,766.00	\$ 63,485.00	\$ 92,251.00	\$ 319,825.00	23	2976	378	34	1005	21	355
Central	30	367	7955	544,010.35	97,868.95	80,222.52	178,091.47	722,101.82	29	6468	623	47	1698	37	961
Dakota	57	320	7065	348,301.93	98,345.74	15,469.32	113,815.06	462,116.99	71	7116	822	73	1413	71	1611
Eastern	18	68	2547	91,906.53	24,024.29	7,599.42	31,623.71	123,530.24	13	1512	195	23	639	14	299
Northern	51	398	7402	309,913.49	68,033.26	18,058.26	86,091.52	396,005.01	52	5538	636	56	894	35	1455
Northwestern	37	205	6085	405,200.63	83,258.51	38,354.71	121,613.22	526,813.85	35	4875	579	59	1627	56	1070
Pacific	31	297	7244	373,953.73	78,487.03	27,275.61	105,762.64	479,716.37	35	6861	781	36	1235	52	1569
Southern	12	40	1184	59,543.93	14,654.96	6,354.44	21,009.40	80,553.33	12	1226	143	12	251	19	495
Southwestern	23	39	2566	136,990.20	53,944.81	6,537.60	60,482.41	197,482.61	63	2430	370	31	690	30	371
Totals	282	1841	45920	\$2,497,394.79	\$547,383.55	\$263,356.88	\$810,740.43	\$3,308,135.22	293	39002	4527	351	9452	335	8186
Last Year	274	1930	45121	2,247,752.50	529,430.99	263,991.02	793,422.01	3,041,174.51	290	37071	4310	307	8669	279	7478
Total Increase	8		799	\$ 249,642.29	\$ 17,952.56		\$ 17,318.42	\$ 266,960.71	3	1931	217	44	783	56	708
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Editorial

Publication Milestones!

WE HAVE COME to exciting milestones in our Publication Society's ministry! We are almost as thrilled as the officials and agents of an automobile company in unveiling its latest model. We, too, have something new to present which we hope will be a decided improvement on its predecessor and of which we as manager and editor are really proud.

The 1955 ANNUAL will be ready in about 10 or 15 days. This 10th volume is a grand anniversary issue. Its 68 pages will open to you a colorful panorama of inspiring articles, beautiful pictures, delightful stories and invaluable denominational data! It will soon be the talk of our churches, I can assure you. Let me tell you why!

The featured article is the "Billy Graham Story" with unusual new photographs of the world-famous evangelist. This account, which first appeared in "Coronet" magazine, is the most comprehensive and intimate story of Billy Graham's life that has appeared anywhere. It is simply TREMENDOUS!

The 1955 ANNUAL presents the first full-length article about "God's Cooperative Among the Lepers," the story of Missionary Schneider's venture of raising cattle and coffee bushes to the glory of God at the New Hope Settlement; the first short story by Missionary June Goodman from the grassland heights of Africa called "Ice Cubes to the Glory of God." Your heart will leap with joy to read how "The Indians Love to Go to Church."

We have gone to great effort to get the full story with many pictures of the thousands of gifts to our new Seminary buildings. You will probably find your name or see your "John Henry" on the picture of the memorial tablets in the article, "Engraved Into the Seminary Story." Five of our churches are celebrating their Centenary Jubilee during the next few months. This is quite a record as the centenary reviews depict!

We have brought to light the fascinating and heartwarming autobiography of the Rev. Gustav Schunke, who more than fifty years ago founded more churches along the Pacific Coast and did more Church Extension work in pioneer surroundings than any man known to us. Don't miss the unique pictures that go with this thrilling article! There are numerous articles with lots of pictures about the Baptist Congress in Waco, Texas, and the Baptist Congress in London, England. For the first time we are able to publish an informative and interesting article about the San Luis Valley of Colorado where our Spanish Mission is stationed.

The 1955 ANNUAL and its 10th milestone gives you these "ten star specials" and much more for the reasonable price of \$1.00 per copy postpaid. See the back page announcement about how you can be sure to get your copy promptly. We believe that this volume of 4000 copies will soon be sold out. You will prize this ANNUAL for the entire year 1955.

Then get set to welcome a new, improved BAPTIST HERALD with the Dec. 30, 1954 issue. We have made many changes in heading type, front cover, and editorial arrangements. New departments have been added to heighten the reader's interest. We are eager to unveil the new model of the BAPTIST HERALD, hoping that you will agree with us that it is another memorable milestone in its winged ministry.



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Preach the Word!

The pastor of the Holmes Street Church, Lansing, Michigan, tells the story of his unique sermon which consisted almost entirely of Scripture quotations for the purpose of indoctrinating the people with God's Word

By the REV. A. BUHLER, Lansing, Michigan

ONE DAY a young ministerial student was confronted by an able skeptic who had attended some of his services, "You don't mean to tell me you believe the Bible is the Word of God?" "Yes, I do," replied the young man. "The Bible says that it is appointed unto man once to die and after this the judgment." "That is no argument," replied the skeptic. "But men do die, for it is appointed unto man once to die but after this the judgment," said the student.

The skeptic got impatient. "I don't believe you know enough about the Bible to argue about it," he said.

"Possibly not," said the young preacher, "but it is appointed unto man once to die but after this the judgment."

That night on the way home, the skeptic couldn't rid himself of this one word, "Judgment." What if there is a judgment? As he crossed a little bridge, the frogs seemed to say, "Judgment, judgment, judgment." He crawled into bed but could not sleep for the word, "judgment," pierced his soul. He quickly made his way back to the home of the young minister who led him to Christ.

INDOCTRINATION IN THE WORD

As the Word of God conquered that rebellious soul, spoken to him individually, so it will do its work as the minister stands before his people on Sunday.

"For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a

discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

"My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." And again, "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"

Spurgeon once said, "Talk about defending the Word of God. Might as well talk about defending a lion. Let him out of his cage, and he'll defend himself." The Word of God is effective, but it must be released in all its power and fullness. It is still the "dynamite" of God unto salvation to everyone who believes.

Whether a sermon is textual, topical or expository, it will be more effective if it is replete with Scripture, bearing on the subject at hand. Anecdotes have been called "the windows of the sermon." Christ often spoke in parables. But people will not be indoctrinated in the Word by hearing a story merely for the sake of the story.

THUS SAITH THE LORD!

Honest and conscientious listeners want to hear, "Thus saith the Lord!" They want the minister to declare the whole counsel of God. They want him to be a prophet who will "cry aloud, spare not and tell God's people their transgressions . . ." (Isaiah 58:1). They want him to point them to "the Lamb of God that beareth away the sin of the world." The honest listener wants to know God's plan for his life, as revealed in holy writ. He wants to know about God's great missionary program in obedience to his great commission

of "Go ye . . ." He wants to hear about the blessed hope of the redeemed, the reunion of loved ones over on yonder shore and the eternal presence of Christ.

The minister can fulfill his responsibility more efficiently as he is literally saturated with the Word of God. The colored preacher explained his success in the ministry in this fashion, "First I think myself clear, then I reads myself full, then I prays myself hot, and then I lets go." If reading makes a FULL man, then reading and studying the Word of God makes a POWERFUL man.

Not only is it important to read and study the Word of God, but also to commit it to memory. Psalm 119:11 tells us, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." One of the most challenging undertakings for most preachers, it seems to me, is committing the Word of God to memory.

AN UNUSUAL SERMON

How can a pastor find time for that? There is the building program to supervise. There are sick calls and other visits to make. There are endless details to be cared for in the life of a church. We had a man preach in one of our churches some years ago. He quoted possibly 50 or more Bible verses in every sermon. He told us that he memorized Scripture as he travelled from place to place by train or car. The results which the Lord gave him in his preaching were impressive. It was a challenge to us to continue memorizing Scripture. Although some find it difficult to memorize, if they STICK with it, the Word will eventually STICK with them.

Last February we tried something different in our Sunday morning service in the Holmes Street Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich. By request, I give the readers of the "Baptist Herald" a brief summary of the sermon. We compiled about 200 verses of Scripture, which we had previously committed to memory in orderly fashion. These we delivered in place of a regular sermon, without comment.

We began with Psalm 19:14. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Then we proceeded to Romans 3:23. "For all have sinned . . . But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man that trusteth in him! I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved! Therefore being justified by faith we have peace (Continued on Page 16)

Where Are the Dead in Christ?

By the REV. ALEX SOOTZMANN
of Branch, Louisiana

Our faith, substantiated by God's Word, opens our eyes to behold heaven as a place where we shall be "at home" with Christ and at "our best" with God's endowments

AT THE MOMENT, when we read this topic, our mind recalls sorrowful experiences. We have stood silent, yet moved by grief, before the remains of some loved one. In such an hour when grief tears our soul apart, we desire with the craving of an anguished soul to hear the words of him who has all authority in heaven and on earth. Men's philosophies are interesting while everything is well, but in such an hour they must respectfully step aside to give pre-eminence to the Master.

THEY ARE AT HOME!

In such hours we wonder what life will be without the one who was so close to us during the years gone by. While it seems as if utter darkness settles on our horizon, a beautiful word comes to every Christian, gently touching soul and heart. That word is "Home." A moment ago, everything seemed utterly dark, but this word changed it all. Now we know where our loved ones are, and soon you and I will join them in glory.

This is faith, which is precious in time of sorrow and is substantiated by God's Word. No other than our Lord Jesus Christ confirmed this while dying on the cruel cross. With him two malefactors were crucified. One repenting and acknowledging his guilt turned to the Lord, and in beautiful humility, yet with a firm faith in Christ, said to him: "Remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Great was his faith, believing that the dying Jesus was the Lord God of Israel.

We shall consider the answer of our Lord. This criminal, who had ruined his earthly life, in his last hour experienced a change of heart and received forgiveness. This is an unusual case, but it is to the glory of God. He received the promise and assurance from the Savior whose lips were fast stiffening in death: "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Before the sun disappeared in the west, the man, whose life had been a disgrace, by the infinite mercy and matchless love of God saw the glory of the Lord of hosts.

Paul, to whom God revealed the mystery of the Church, faced a problem. The early Christians believed they would be alive when Christ returned, wondering what would happen to their loved ones who had died. Paul writes that the things he declares are not his opinion, but that which he received



them from his God. "For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal. 1:12). What a comfort for every new born Christian to have this assurance by the Holy Spirit.

Whenever we turn to the pages of this Book called the Bible we are not reading men's philosophies but God's revelation to men. Scripture removes the veil, not to please curiosity, but to comfort a soul stricken by grief, and to create in us the blessed assurance that heaven is ours. Consider the Lord in his earthly human life, as he lived it here: full of beauty of unselfishness, the grace of tender compassion. Think of him bidding the weary and heavy laden to come to him in the assurance that he would give them rest. Consider him as he says: "He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out" To be with him, what a privilege!

THE THESIS OF LIFE

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21). Beautiful and serious thoughts are in this utterance of the great apostle. This is our privilege and responsibility. There is no true discipleship without moral obligations. Easy going is not advocated in Scripture. Look at the Apostles and at the great servants of God. They pressed toward a high mark. They knew that they were writing a great thesis with their life.

In school the professor assigns to each student the writing of a thesis on a certain subject. Then he sets a certain date when the paper is due. During that time the student has to gather all possible information concerning the subject in order to write the paper. The information he presents will determine the grading of his paper. Let us suppose a student forgets important information in relation to his subject. Now, long after he has turned in his paper, can he go back to the professor and ask him to return his paper, saying: "I want to rewrite a considerable portion of it"? His paper will not be returned to him. His work will be graded according to its merits when he gave his thesis to the professor.

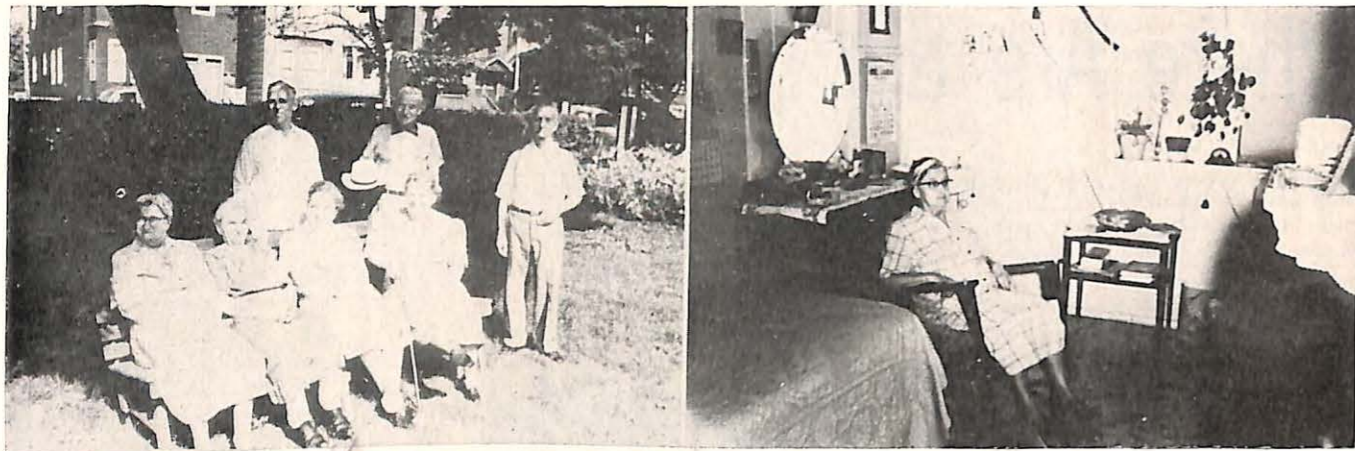
So all of us are writing an important thesis. God sets the time limit for each of us. In the moment we close our eyes, our life will then be graded to that very moment. Now is the time to correct matters. God will not permit us after our time has run out to return to this life and rewrite the thesis on our life. Therefore, we must be conscious of our responsibilities. The more we live for Christ, the greater will be our gain when we die.

GOD'S ENDOWMENTS

Paul again declares: "I have a desire to be with Christ which is far better." There the soul is at home, while on earth we are strangers and pilgrims. All endowments of God will develop in heaven to the highest. A story is told of an imbecile who was possessed by an indescribable craving for carving, and who went back to the barn after meals. What did he do there? Nobody at home cared. One day they found him dead in the barn. Next to him was a knife which he had used all these years to carve an image of the crucified Savior whom he worshipped.

Now his work lay beside his body. It was a crude piece of work, but what a mental picture this feeble minded man had when he thought of the Christ whom he honored so much. Now his soul was free from all earthly shackles and all human limitations to be with his Savior in paradise. Will he there accomplish that which was the burning desire of his heart?

The artist will be a better artist, and the musician a better musician in heaven. Does it not thrill our hearts when we think of the rudiments of (Continued on Page 22)



Some of the guests of the Home with the Rev. and Mrs. Otto Roth (standing behind bench at left and third from left, seated) on the beautiful grounds of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., and (right) one of the 85 guests of the Home in her cozy and comfortable room

A Monument to God's Grace

By the REV. JOHN E. GRYGO,
Chairman of the Public Relations
Committee

The Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Illinois, ministers to 85 guests and carries on a wonderful beneficent ministry as the oldest of our five Homes, besides projecting plans for a spacious, modern new Home in the future

"That we may rejoice and be glad all our days . . ."—Psalm 90:14.

EVERY CHICAGOAN will cheerfully agree that his city is not all Stock Yards, and not all Loop; that it is not all railroads, and not all trucks; that it is not all Sox, and not all Cubs; that all is not sugar, and all is not pie. Yet, all love to live here in Chicago, Illinois.

Our North American witness is a bright one. We are well known here. We praise the Lord for the very cordial relationship that exists among our

churches, pastors and Forest Park headquarters. We always like to get together somewhere.

One of the places where we like to meet is our Central Baptist Home for the Aged. Our church young people spend many a Sunday afternoon hour with the guests of the Home, entertaining them with songs, musical selections and testimonies. Our women, organized into a Women's Service Union, have their meetings there. They also hold bazaars, give dinners, and entertain visitors on Easter Monday Gift Day. Pastors and students hold devo-

tional services, usually on Wednesday afternoon, for an appreciative audience. The Board of Directors holds its monthly business sessions in the spacious dining room.

Lately, the annual meetings are also being held there. That is the special night for the Home folks. They still love to sing especially in their choir under the leadership of Mrs. O. Roth. Sometimes, a dear elderly little lady will play with Mr. Wm. J. Krogman a piano duet composition. Or a sweet belle in gray will recite with much feeling several of her favorite ballads. But no matter what is being presented, lusty comments can be heard from their ranks, leaving no one in doubt as to the impressions created.

THREE STORY BUILDING

The Home is an imposing three story and English basement brick building and two cottages, which stand adjoining the Humboldt Park Baptist Church on the southeast corner of North Spaulding Avenue and Cortland Street. There is room for 85 people and more.

The basement floor consists of dining room, kitchen, laundry and other operating rooms. The main floor has a reception room, office, apartment for the superintendent, and rooms for house guests. The other two floors contain rooms for single persons and for couples. The top floor has several rooms set aside for the ill.

The guests can furnish their rooms after their own fashion. Visiting physicians and day and night nurses look after the welfare of the infirm. A fine television set standing in the dining



The Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Illinois, an imposing three story and English basement building, with comfortable rooms for 85 guests

room provides good programs. The building is continually looked after, and the grounds are nicely kept. The guests can leisurely walk to the not-too-far-away North Avenue business section, or to the block away Armitage Avenue stores. As everywhere in Greater Chicago, the streets are well shaded and sufficiently illuminated.

In order to minister better to our friends of the Home, we are endeavoring to move to a new location. A new Home with the latest equipment, with more space, better opportunity for recreation and worship, more pleasant rooms, and a more cheerful environment are of imperative necessity. That, or course, costs a great deal.

PLANS FOR A NEW BUILDING

The Lord has enabled us over the past years to accrue enough money so that it will be possible to embark on this so noble venture. But we shall need more money, and for that we are looking to the Lord and his people to come to our assistance. Our brethren, who are responsible for the direction of the finances, are wise and prudent stewards.

Yes, we need to build! The Home is old and improvements are very costly. We believe that, as at the turn of this century God found willing hearts and hands, so now too it should be possible. Those were the days when our work was carried on in the German language only. Our churches were teeming with young people. They also had many people who had become old, and many of them remained poor. Old Age pensions were unheard of in those days.

Through the untiring efforts of the Rev. Jacob Meier, pastor of the then First German Baptist Church, and many good hearted people, the Home was first established in a modest frame building. Later, a brick building was erected, and still later two additions were made, the last one in 1907.

How is the Home being run today? you may rightly ask, dear reader. There is the Board of Directors, which is composed of members chosen by our churches of the Chicago area, pastors serving these churches, secretaries of



Members of the executive committee of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Illinois

Left to right: Mr. Fred A. Grosser, Mr. Robert J. Krogman, Mrs. Robert J. Krogman, Mr. Otto Horn, Mr. Roland E. Ross, Mr. Dan B. Granzow, Mr. Wm. J. Krogman and Rev. John E. Grygo

our headquarters, and the superintendent of the home. The president of the board, Mr. Roland E. Ross, conducts the meetings. In case of his absence, Mr. Otto Horn, our vice-president, serves. At such sessions, reports must be heard. Applications for admissions must be approved. Material and spiritual needs are discussed and decided. At times, Home family problems have to be solved. And some of them would baffle a Solomon.

Within this board the following committees are functioning: the Finance Committee, the Admissions Committee, the Public Relations Committee and the House Committee. The Executive Committee consists of the officers of the Board of Directors and the chairmen of the above mentioned committees. Most decisions of this committee have to be approved by the entire board.

The Rev. and Mrs. Otto Roth have served bravely since 1951. Their task as superintendent and matron is not an enviable one. Their so-called helpers in the Home are not always reliable. The house guests are not always in a saintly mood. Not all are born-again

Christians. Some have come into the Home with a determination to keep up their sulking way of life.

Others again are so different. They are ever blessing the place with their helpfulness and cheerfulness. Their Christian radiance and charity has made the Home a real home. Pliny wrote many years ago that crocodiles grow to their last days. Saints too grow rich in grace to the last.

GRATEFUL GUESTS

Outwardly our Home dwellers are not very much alike, as would be expected. There are seven Anna's there, four Emma's, and two Martha's. There is one Rosa and one Herman and one Dorothea. And, please, look at their family names. There dwells a Bass and a Frey, a Bach and a Butt, a Bialek and a Karlek, a Jensen and a Nielsen, a Koehler and a Mueller, a Miller and a Feller, a Schroeder and a Seeger, a Schmidt and a Wirth. There they are from near and far, yet inwardly perhaps quite far apart.

We are aware of the fact that all benevolent institutions reap a con-

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The kitchen of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged (left), spick and span, ready for use; and the dining hall of the Home (right) where groups of guests sit at the tables

Greeting the Baptist Brethren Overseas

By the REV. R. SCHILKE,
General Missionary Secretary

THE APOSTLE PAUL was very much concerned, both in his personal visits as well as in his writings, to greet the brethren in the various churches. To greet all the brethren, but especially those of the same household of faith, is always a joy and a privilege for a servant of God.

The privilege to greet the brethren abroad was recently extended to the writer by the members of his General Missionary Committee who in their last annual session offered him a trip to our mission fields in Austria and in the British Cameroons of West Africa. In accepting that offer and planning for such a trip, he could not sidestep a visit to Germany in order to greet some of our German brethren as well. This

Europe, the writer had to think back almost 34 years when as a little boy of 8 years of age he left that continent to sail for the shores of Canada. The words then spoken by him in an hour when the storm-tossed sea became too much to bear comfortably came again to his memory: "Kein Silber und Gold bringt mich je wieder auf das Schiff." (No silver or gold will bring me on board a ship again.) Even as adults we often speak with little meaning!

God's leading became very evident even in the roommate with whom a two-passenger cabin in the tourist section was shared. This fellow-passenger was an Irish Baptist from New Jersey who was returning to Ireland for an indefinite period of time. We enjoyed

By way of Paris, France, the first stop in Germany was Stuttgart. Here the Rev. R. Milbrandt, our director of immigration in Germany, met the writer at the depot. The greeting was warm and hearty. Not only were we classmates at our seminary and more than friends since then, but we both count Zdunska-Wola, Poland, as our birthplace, the East Ebenezer Baptist Church in Saskatchewan, Canada, as our home church, and now we were to travel together both in Germany and Austria in visiting and greeting our brethren. Except for the visit in Berlin, Brother Milbrandt accompanied the writer and was actually his chauffeur while on the continent.

STUTTGART AND KASSEL

At our church in Stuttgart a meeting was scheduled that evening. It was prayer night. The Rev. A. Kroeger gave both of us a hearty welcome and turned over the entire time to us. We had opportunity to bring greetings, to report on our work and also to fellowship around the Word of God and in prayer. The Stuttgart church has begun its long anticipated building program. Its previous church had been completely destroyed during the war years, and an army barrack chapel serves as the temporary place of meeting these past years.

At Bad Homburg, headquarters of the German Baptist Union, we fellowshipped with Director Paul Schmidt and Mr. Eberhard Schroeder and enjoyed the fine hospitality of Mrs. Schmidt around the dinner table. A visit to the Oncken Verlagshaus (Baptist Publishing House) gave us an insight into the renewed vigor and energy of our German brethren in serving their churches with the best available literature. A beautiful new publication house has been erected (the former one was completely destroyed during the war) and a service is being rendered which requires 25 employees. Mr. Schroeder as manager is ever alert to render the best of service for which his accomplishments give ample proof.

MEETINGS IN BERLIN

The week-end was spent in Berlin on invitation from Dr. Jacob Meister. The best way to Berlin is still by air to avoid the Russian-controlled corridor. Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Meister met the writer at Tempelhof Airport, and to give him official welcome they had



Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, is greeted warmly upon his arrival in Germany by Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany

unofficial visit to our German brethren was also in the interest of our work, for our connections with them in recent years, especially in matters of relief and chapel building, had the interest and support of many of our people at home.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

The voyage across the Atlantic began on September 15th on board the majestic 83,000-ton liner, the QUEEN ELIZABETH. As she gracefully sailed out of New York Harbor, past the Statue of Liberty and out into the wide open sea, headed for the continent of

each other's company in secular and spiritual things and realized from the very beginning that we were children of the same Spirit.

The five days' journey to Cherbourg, France, was enjoyed to the full. The enforced rest was much needed after a busy summer at home, and much of the time was given to the study of God's Word, especially Paul's letter to the Ephesians in preparation for a requested Bible study on this letter at the forthcoming Annual Missionary Conference in the Cameroons, Africa.

photographer Juergen Remmler with them. Every hour of the two-day stay at Berlin was filled to the minute. The guest room at the Bethel Deaconess Home and Hospital could only be enjoyed for rest and sleep; all other hours had some engagements.

Greetings were brought and a word of encouragement spoken at the Berlin-Steglitz Church, at the Bethel Deaconess' dinner table, at the tent meeting where Evangelist Luellau was carrying on the last tent meeting campaign of the season, and at the Girls' Home at the occasion of the birthday celebration of Deaconess Ulrike, the matron of the Home.

Of special interest was an informal meeting with several of the brethren from the East Sector of Berlin. Their hardships are great, but God gives sufficient grace to carry on and to proclaim the only way of salvation, the only hope of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ whose shall be "the kingdoms of this world."

An unexpected highlight in the Berlin visit was the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Evangelical "Saengerbund" that week-end which gave me the opportunity of hearing a 75-voice choir render Handel's "Messiah" in the Luther Memorial Church and to hear a choir of about 1500 singers sing praises to God to an audience of over 8,000 in Berlin's "Sport Palast." To Dr. and Mrs. Meister, the writer says "thank you" for their thoughtfulness and helpfulness in every way to make the stay in Berlin so meaningful.

FAREWELL FOR FUELLBRANDTS

These first days in Germany were also the last days on German soil for one who spent an entire life in the service of our Lord on the European continent and who for our own work meant much in years gone by. For some time the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt had thoughts of emigration and looked for a place where he might spend the years of his retirement in peace and without the constant fear of the past years. Those thoughts found realization on September 28 when he and his good wife boarded the "SS Seven Seas" to sail out of Bremerhaven and head for a new home in Canada. (See Mr. Fuellbrandt's article in the Nov. 18th issue of the BAPTIST HERALD.)

It was our privilege to bid him and his wife farewell and to wish them God's abundant blessings. For over 30 years Brother Fuellbrandt served our mission interests in Europe as Missionary Director. He has endeared himself to many, and his memory will be fondly cherished. That became evident at the mere mention of his name among our people in Austria. For his many labors for his Master and on our behalf we say "thank you" to him and God.

The last engagement in Germany was Hamburg, both at the seminary for the opening service of its fall semester on September 29, and at the



A model for the proposed new Baptist Church of Stuttgart, Germany, to which we as the North American Baptist General Conference have made a contribution through our Fellowship Fund

Eimsbuettel Church where the Rev. Herbert Wieske is the faithful pastor. The seminary received 17 fine and promising young men as freshmen, and it was a joy to hear their testimony as one after the other was presented. Here also greetings were brought and a challenge to give all to the call and service of the Master was presented in the light of mission opportunities and responsibilities.

It was very fitting to conclude the Germany engagements with a prayer meeting at the Hamburg - Eimsbuettel Church that same evening. In Christ we are one, whether we labor in one or another section of the world. Thus to have the mind and spirit of Christ ought always to be our concern. That was the thought of the evening and that should remain our thought as we think of and pray for one another.

A NEW GERMANY

What impressed the writer perhaps more than anything else as he travelled from place to place in Germany in that one week's time was the fact that out of the ruins of Germany there arises a new Germany. The tremendous building program must be seen to be believed. In many places it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to make a mental picture of the devastation which existed. On one or two occasions the

writer expressed his impression to which assent was given that the sufferings and heartaches will be forgotten and a new Germany will evolve.

These very days were also days of momentous decisions for Germany in the political realm when she again regained her sovereignty as a nation, though still divided between West and East. In this new Germany Baptists and what they stand for must also find a new place. Some of the very truths they have proclaimed are becoming the subject of re-examination in not a few religious circles on the continent. Therefore, through the larger Baptist fellowship of the world, we ought to give every impetus in every possible way to guard our Baptist principles and not to sell this birthright for a mess of pottage by letting others present our interests.

THE BAPTIST VOICE

Baptists have a right to speak for themselves in places where their voice can and should be heard as Baptists and not just as "an unheard-of-sect" which has no direct representation. It is the writer's opinion that a positive Baptist influence in these days in Germany will not stay within her borders but will go beyond them and make its impact for the Baptist cause in the world at large.

A MONUMENT TO GOD'S GRACE IN CHICAGO

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stant crop of ingratitude. Some people are never grateful, even in their closing days. They are always expecting, always demanding. They have remained poor, and poor in spirit. Of them it can be said: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still." But God still has his grateful creatures. They live on the sunny side of the street.

We praise the Lord for the many unselfish people who have made the Home what it is today. To them goes our heart and our esteem. Those who have managed and directed, those who have labored and contributed, and those who

have lived there have made that huge building a monument of the grace of God. Only good people can maintain a Home.

It is with much fortitude that we Chicagoans look into the future. We trust and pray, that some day we shall be able to tell you much about the new Home that we plan to erect and that with the help of the Lord. Think of our Home kindly in prayer and with gifts that the efforts of his servants in behalf of the dear old folks might wholly be to the glory of God.



Waco Hall with its spacious auditorium on the campus of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, where the main sessions of the 1955 General Conference will be held

The Spirit of Texas

This is the first "salute of guns" from Waco, Texas, to appear in the BAPTIST HERALD welcoming you to the General Conference to be held for the first time in the southland from June 6 to 12, 1955!

By the REV. L. R. JOHNSON,
Chairman of the General Conference Publicity Committee

WHEN THE decision was made at Philadelphia to come to Waco, Texas, for the 1955 General Conference, remarks such as this were heard from delegates: "We're coming to Texas to find out first hand what you people are always bragging about!" Yes, many will be coming to Texas for the first time to explore first-hand the wonders of this great state. Among the most important of their discoveries will be an intangible thing that we choose to call "The Spirit of Texas."

THE LONE STAR STATE

In the first place, Texas breathes a spirit of pride. This is the most obvious, and oftentimes the most reprehensible to one who is not a Texan. It becomes most pronounced when a Texan becomes displaced. In Texas, everything is bigger, larger, higher, wider, deeper and better than any other out-of-state thing, place or object.

It is hard for a foreigner to find the source of this pride, when it is a recognized fact that there are places in Texas where one can see farther and see less than practically anywhere else. Yet the vastness, versatility and venerable history of the state all combine to foster this inbred pride.

Texas was once a Republic. Its free-

dom from Mexico was won at great price and personal heroism. The Alamo at San Antonio and the San Jacinto monument near Houston are the state's most sacred shrines. Something of the spirit of this Republic still lives on. The Lone Star flag flies proudly alongside the American flag.

To many Texans their state is an empire in itself. Many have never been outside its borders, and have no desire to go. When they do leave, they have just one aim, and that is to get back. Such is the spirit of Texas.

In the second place, Texas breathes a spirit of optimism. It is hard to find a pessimist here. No problem, or hurdle, or barrier is too great to surmount. Even after five years of drouth, with this year's almost the worst in history, this spirit still prevails.

After travelling through a number of northern states this summer, where rainfall and crops were abundant, upon returning home, Texas was found to be scorched and withered. There had not been a substantial rain since May. Inquiring of a farmer member of the Waco church about his crops, this was the answer, "We thank God for what we did get. Next year it will be better!" Such is the spirit of optimism every-

where. It is part of the spirit of Texas.

Thirdly, there is in Texas a spirit of progress. Those who may have visions of coming to a vast untamed wilderness will have many surprises. Texas today is a modern, progressive state. It can be seen in its highways that compare favorably with modern toll turnpikes. It can be seen in the modern motels that skirt the highways and suburban areas of the cities. It can be seen in the rapidly expanding cities.

Pause, if you will, in Dallas and note the pulse of this growing metropolis and commercial center. Or spend a day in the port city of Houston, fastest growing city in the nation—Oiltown, U. S. A. Or observe the construction in the city of Waco, which has almost doubled in population in a decade.

Fourthly, there is also in Texas a spirit of friendliness. It is a friendliness that is genuine. It is a friendliness with no ulterior motive. Courtesy is extended as a way of life rather than a means of financial profit. Being a gentleman is still considered the highest evidence of culture. Children are still taught to use terms of respect in addressing their elders. Happily this general spirit of the southland is being preserved in Texas.

FIRES OF EVANGELISM

Fifthly, and probably of greater interest to us all, there is in Texas a spirit of evangelism. Somehow, the churches and the people in them have not lost the apostolic zeal for the winning of the lost. Revivals have not become outdated. In fact, one can hardly open a newspaper without seeing an advertisement of a revival somewhere. The preaching is the old-fashioned preaching of the Cross and the need of lost men to be born again. Laymen and youth revivals are not uncommon, where lay people do the preaching. For more than five years, Texas Baptists have baptized more than 1,000 souls weekly. If our own denomination could become fired with a holy zeal for soul winning, who could estimate what a mighty force we could be?

Lastly, there is in Texas a spirit of godliness. The great amount of Gospel preaching and the strength of the Baptist witness have left their mark on the general populace. There is a high regard for things sacred and spiritual. A high percentage of the people attend church. The prayer meeting and Sunday night service have not been discarded. It is difficult to find a church without a Sunday night service.

One almost never hears in public vulgar and profane language. Forces for civic righteousness are active and strong. The United Texas Drys, Inc., is a potent force in combatting the liquor evil. In 1954 they won every local option election.

Such is something of the spirit of Texas. We trust it will provide a wonderful atmosphere and setting for our General Conference from June 6 to 12, 1955.



Indian leaders and missionaries (left) at the Montana Baptist Chapel, showing (left to right) Missionary R. Neuman, Chief Francis Bull, Chief John Cattleman, Interpreter Little Poplar, and Missionary Jake Derman; and (right) all of the Indian young people who attended the Baptist Junior Camp at Sylvan Lake, Alberta

A Flying Report of the Indians

By MR. JAKE DERMAN,
Indian Missionary

The missionary of the Indian Montana Reserve has had the joy of giving two Indians their first plane trip and of seeing increased interest shown by the Indians in the services and activities of the reservation

WET WEATHER this summer caused the roads on the Montana Reserve near Ponoka, Alberta, to become impassable for a car, so that the missionary had to buy an old army Jeep. This vehicle made it possible to conduct a week of Vacation Bible School on the nearby Samson Reserve and also one week on the Montana Reserve as well as to help along for one week at the Junior Camp on the shores of Sylvan Lake.

We can say that the Lord was good to us this summer. We were able to take 11 Juniors along to the Sylvan Lake Camp and from this number three Indians were saved. On the Samson Reserve an average attendance of 26 attended the Vacation School. On the Montana Reserve an average of 17 attended.

Our hearts were thrilled to hear a father and mother come to us after the school on the Samson Reserve and say, "We are happy to know you people teach our children Bible truths which we never heard before. Thank you for everything."

AEROPLANE RIDE

On September 6, Mr. Derman took Marvin Buffalo, a 16-year-old Indian boy, and George Nepoose, an older man, to Edmonton to reward them with a prize for the best church attendance over a period of seven months. This prize was a half hour aeroplane ride for each of them.

As Mr. Derman piloted the plane over the large city of Edmonton and pointed out the different buildings below, the winding North Saskatchewan River, and the big bridges over the

river, George remarked, "I am thankful to God for everything he has done for me; first, for saving me and now for being able to see the city from the aeroplane."

Marvin Buffalo also enjoyed the ride very much, and also snapped a few pictures to prove to the people back home that he was up in the air. These are the first Indians from the Montana Reserve to have had an aeroplane ride. May God bless them as they continue to attend church faithfully, not for a prize, but because they want to worship God.

Mrs. Fay Ruggles is busy teaching and helping 27 children daily with their problems. We thank God once again that he has given us a Chris-



Marvin Buffalo, young Christian of the Montana Reserve, all dressed up for his first plane ride over Edmonton, Alberta

tian teacher on this Montana Reserve. What a difference there is when visiting the school! A Christian welcome always awaits one, and the friendly spirit is soon felt. Mrs. Ruggles, whose maiden name was Faye Strohschein, taught for three years at this school previous to last year, when Mrs. Derman taught. Mrs. Derman had to quit teaching because it was too large a burden to teach as well as to do the women's work and daily housekeeping.

May God bless Mrs. Ruggles, the children and the parents who send their children! May God give us more Christian teachers throughout the whole world!

We are happy to say that the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton has extended its welcome to three of our Indian girls to take their grade ten in high school. One of these girls, Evelyn Potts, is from the Montana Baptist Church, Lucy Stoney from Bull Reserve Baptist Church, and Alice Soosay from the Samson Reserve.

Evelyn and Lucy are saved, but Alice has not yet made a definite decision, but is very much under conviction. May God bless these girls in their studies and may this be the beginning of a great change in the Indians' educational field.

INDIAN CAMP SERVICES

A fine group of interested friends gather every second Sunday in a home on the Samson Reservation for a service. There they sing together the wonderful Gospel songs and listen to the Word of God. A children's story is given

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Ben Zimmerman, formerly pastor of the Memorial Church, New Britain, Conn., has begun a new pastorate in the First Baptist Church of Viborg and Irene, S. Dak., churches of the American Baptist Convention. He began his ministry there on Nov. 1st after serving the New Britain church for 3 years. His new address is listed elsewhere in this issue.

● The Rev. J. F. Conner has resigned as pastor of the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wisc., and preached his last sermons in the church on Sunday, Nov. 28. He has accepted the call from a church of another denomination in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada. With Nov. 1, 1954, he had served the Pioneer Church of Pound, Wisc., for four years. The church is earnestly seeking to find a successor for the pulpit.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., has called the Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Underwood, N. Dak., as its pastor. He has responded favorably and began his pastorate in Marion on Dec. 1st. He served the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., since 1948. Brother Knalson stated that the Marion Church "desires a strong evangelistic program." He is well qualified for this task!

● On Oct. 12 Miss Bertha M. Lang, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. August Lang and former missionary in China, and Dr. Herbert M. Griffin of Philadelphia, Pa., were married in Philadelphia. Dr. Griffin is director for North America of the China Inland Mission with headquarters in Philadelphia. He is also editor of "the Millions," a 16-page monthly magazine of the China Inland Mission.

● The Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia, has extended a call to the Rev. G. Beutler of Plevna, Montana, to which a favorable reply has been given. He resigned in Plevna on Oct. 10 and announced that he would begin his pastorate in Chilliwack on Dec. 1st, where he will succeed the Rev. F. W. Bartel, now of Santa Ana and Costa Mesa, Calif. Mr. Beutler served the Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., for 5½ years.

● The Arthur Street Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., has purchased a parsonage for its pastor, the Rev. Walter Berkan, and family in one of the newer sections of the city called the Lincoln Park Area. This \$11,000 home also has a good sized recreation

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room that can be used for socials and meetings by organizations of the church. The pastor's family moved into the parsonage late in October with the address listed elsewhere in this issue.

● The Rev. Gordon Huisinga began his ministry at the Spring Valley Baptist Church of Canistota, S. Dak., on Sunday, Oct. 10th. He was honored at a reception after the evening service. A brief program was given, and words of welcome and greeting were expressed by representatives of the various branches of the church. After this a period of fellowship and refreshments was enjoyed by all, as reported by Mrs. John G. Buseman, clerk.

● The Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., held a Vacation Bible School with 42 children present in the four classes. The teachers included Rev. and Mrs. F. Ohlmann, Mrs. W. Kramer, Mrs. E. Rempel and Mrs. E. Warkentine. The school girls made roses from nylon stockings and the Senior boys worked on the fence around the church property. An enthusiastic closing program was held with a large audience in attendance, as reported by Mrs. Frank Brucker.

● Open house was held by the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., and its new parsonage, located at 448 Griffith St., St. Paul, on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 17. The dedication service will be held at a later date, as reported by the Rev. William H. Jeschke, pastor. Special meetings were held at the Daytons Bluff Church from Oct. 24 to 31 with Dr. Ralph Mitchell, a graduate of Spurgeon's College of London, England, and the spiritual counsellor of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, as the evangelist.

● A Missionary Rally and Conference were held of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., on Oct. 30 and 31. Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, Cameroons missionary, and the Rev. Carl Zimmerman of La Crosse, Wis., served as guest speakers. From Oct. 31 to Nov. 15 evangelistic services were held at the church with Mr. Wesley Johnson, youth and choir director of Northwestern Schools and Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn., bring-

ing the messages. The Rev. D. S. Wipf is the pastor.

● The new edifice of the German Mission Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, was dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 17. The afternoon dedicatory service lasted for three hours with messages of the Reverends Wm. Sturhahn, A. Milner, Richard Zinzer, Dr. O. E. Krueger and Dr. John Leyboldt, representing the North American General Conference. The building report was given by Mr. William Glesmann and the treasurer's report by Mr. J. Tischer. Offerings of the day amounted to \$2710.04. The church is now being served by the Rev. Waldemar Laser, pastor.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Mission of Soppo, Africa, Cameroons missionaries, have announced the birth of a son on Oct. 10 who has been named Joel Charles. This is their fourth child. The Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads, our missionaries in Japan, have sent word that a daughter was born to them on Oct. 18. She has been named Deborah Deane. This is their fourth child. The Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kopf of Appleton, Minn., have announced the birth of a daughter on Oct. 21, to whom the name Lavaun Ilene has been given.

● Mr. R. G. Le Tourneau, prominent Christian businessman, was the guest speaker at the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., on Sunday morning, Nov. 28. He also addressed city-wide rallies in the Stafford High School Auditorium on Nov. 27 and 28. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor, of the Calvary Church, brought the message for Staff-Union Thanksgiving service for Stafford churches held at the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fritzsche of Stafford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 27, with about 200 relatives and friends joining in the celebration held at the church.

● On Sunday, Oct. 10, a sacred concert was given at the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Mich., by the choir of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich. The church was crowded for the concert of this 40-voice choir. A chicken dinner was also served for the choir members. On Sunday, Oct. 3rd, Miss Ruth Bathauer, Scripture Memorization Worker, spoke at the Harvest Festival program. The Church Extension work was ably presented to the church on Sept. 26 by the Rev. Norman Klann of Union City, N. J. On Oct. 17 the Woman's Missionary

Society held its annual birthday program, as reported by Mrs. Gust. Schmidt. The Rev. Henry Hirsch is pastor of the church.

● North American Baptist young people attending Baylor University of Waco, Texas, and the services of the Central Baptist Church of that city are Mr. Joe Fritzsche and Kenneth Howe of Stafford, Kans.; Mr. Jim Gabelman of the Bethany Church, Vesper, Kans.; and Miss Dallas Bowen of Anaheim, Calif. On Sept. 26 Mr. J. N. Kittlitz of the Central Church entertained the young people's Sunday School class at the Elite Cafe for a Sunday dinner. He is the teacher of the class which includes the Baylor University students. In the evening the group of 43 young people were entertained at the parsonage by the Rev. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson. The group of young people has also been enrolled in a Saturday night Bible class.

● The Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., and its station Zap held Vacation Bible Schools with an enrollment of 29 pupils at the Beulah church and 25 at Zap. The schools used the "Pioneering With Christ" material, and the missionary money of the pupils was designated for the Cameroons Mission Project. During the past summer the church was delighted with a visit from its former pastor, the Rev. Fred Trautner, and his family. Mr. Trautner brought the message at the morning service and Jim led in choruses and testimonies at an informal vesper service. A love offering was presented to them. The Rev. Ernest Lautt, pastor, stated that the church was blessed by the visit of this "contender for the faith."

A FLYING REPORT

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and choruses are sung. We pray that our Baptist family, Louis P. Crier, and all the Catholic friends who gather at the service will be strengthened by these services, and that all the families will learn the way of salvation.

Sunday church services have also been very well attended on the Montana Reserve. A keen interest is shown in the Sunday School class, with an average of 15 girls and boys working their lessons and listening to the Bible stories.

On October 7th the young people's meetings for a new year were opened with an inspirational service given to us by our friends from the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, and their pastor, the Rev. H. Schumacher. We thank our Baptist churches for their keen interest in the Indian work and for the great help given in their visits to the reserves. May God bless you for your prayers and for your visits, so that all may be better informed about the work of your mission fields.

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HERALD NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

ARE YOU looking for helpful ideas? May we share with you, for inspiration and information, Sunday School progress in one of our churches. For the sake of the Sunday School cause, we are delighted when an aggressive, thorough going Christian education program is carried on in our churches. Here is what one of our Sunday Schools has set out to do for this year.

First of all, they had a Sunday School Workers' Conference. This conference started with a potluck supper. That's a good way to have fellowship. The meeting was devoted to planning the fall and winter work of the Sunday School. (Half of the achievements for a good Sunday School program is early and wise planning.) Here are just a few of the goals which this alert group has adopted for the year.

1. All teachers shall visit each member of their Sunday School class in his home at least once during the Sunday School year of 1954-1955. (If all of our teachers would carry out this goal, some 40,000 visits would be made in the name of the Sunday School this year.) Whenever possible the associate teacher shall accompany the teacher on the visits. (Sounds like excellent team work.)

2. All teachers and officers shall regularly attend the Sunday services of the church and the prayer meetings on Wednesday evening. (To be sure, there will be fewer "Vacant Chairs" in that church.)

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND BOOKLETS

A moderate supply of "Church Extension Fund Booklets," to be used in connection with our Church Extension Program, has been mailed to every superintendent whose name we have on our mailing list. Additional booklets are available, free of charge, by writing for them to: Sunday School Union, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. If you did not receive your supply, please write to us.

May our Sunday Schools everywhere have a vital part in praying for and in sharing in the important denominational program of Church Extension, helping to build new Sunday Schools and churches for those who have no church home.

To really get into the program of the prayer meeting night, the workers decided to take over the prayer meeting for one night, with the Sunday School leaders in charge. At that meeting testimonies were given on the topic: "What the Sunday School Means to Me." To round out the evening satisfying the entire prayer meeting group, the pastor was asked to conclude the meeting with a Bible study.

Furthermore, it was reported that this group of active Sunday School workers set aside two evenings for "visitation nights." In two evenings the workers reported 135 calls made in the name of the Sunday School.

This staff of workers did not stop there. For one Sunday morning they had the pastor speak on the topic, "The Vacant Chair." In the Sunday evening service a report was given by each of the departmental superintendents informing the entire church membership of the activities in each specific department. A number of children also participated in the Sunday evening program. To finish out the Sunday with proper flavor, everyone was invited for refreshments and fellowship following the evening service. Here the parents were able to speak informally and in a friendly manner to the teachers about their children in relation to Sunday School.

Needless to say, this sounds like Sunday School and church, plus home, cooperating! Thanks to capable leaders in the Sunday School we are confident that this group of Sunday School workers will not stop here. The results of their efforts, serving their Lord, are too gratifying. A similar program can be carried out in all our Sunday Schools.

The above items of Sunday School activities have been made available to us by Martha Leyboldt, church worker, of our Bethel Church at Anaheim, California.

GREAT IDEAS

"Ideas go booming through the world louder than cannon. Thoughts are mightier than armies. Principles have achieved more victories than horsemen or chariots."

W. M. Paxton.

WITH GLADSOME MIND

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.
All things living he doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

—John Milton



Baptist immigrants and their children from Europe, traveling on the Canadian Pacific immigrant train from Quebec to Winnipeg, Canada, enjoy a brief stroll in the bright sunshine of their new Canadian homeland during a train stop. Rev. William Sturhahn is holding one of the immigrant children at the right.

Immigrants Across the Seven Seas

By DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER
of Forest Park, Illinois

The story of forty million refugees in the world today and of our ministry to some of them through our immigration program

THE CRY THAT pierces heaven today comes from the silent suffering of millions of people—known as refugees, D.P.'s, immigrants — crying in their need for food and a home, in their need for love, in their need for God. This century has been called "The Century of the Refugee" with 40 million refugees roaming in the world today.

"Doors open on hope,
Doors close on despair,
Refugees on the move
everywhere!"

We of America enjoy a prosperity that has paralyzed our sensitivity to human suffering about us. We need to be rudely shaken and awakened to the story of the world's human misery in its darkness and terrifying cruelty, in its totality. We need to shudder at the fact that two-thirds of the people of the world live in underdeveloped areas and on less than a dollar a week, and that they expect to live only 30 years! We need to open our eyes to this procession of suffering peoples on the move across the face of the globe!

FORTY MILLION REFUGEES

Come and go with me on such an eye-opening adventure. On a recent Sunday night I sat with thousands of others in the packed McGaw Memorial Hall of Evanston, Ill., watching the pageant, "By the Waters of Babylon." Pages of statistics on the

world-wide relief program for refugees were translated into a dramatic story telling of the 40 million refugees' plight around the world.

"By the waters of Babylon,
There we sat down and wept."

These waters of Babylon flow through every continent of the world. In the years immediately after the end of the last war, the churches, governments and international organizations together resettled over a million displaced persons other than their own in a gigantic movement of peoples. Since then hundreds of thousands of political refugees have fled to the west into Berlin, Austria, Trieste, Greece, Italy and Turkey. At least 900,000 sit out their existence in camps and in tattered tents in the Middle East. There are millions of refugees as the innocent victims of war and political settlements in India, Pakistan and Indonesia.

SUFFERING IN GERMANY

The deeply moving pageant focused its attention on Berlin, Germany, as a notorious storm center, politically and for refugees. It is a city on the front line of a cold war. It is a place where you can see Europe in its recovery and in its anguish. There never was a city so full of life, but yet showing from the past the marks of death and toward the future the face of uncertainty.

The pageant reached its climax as we saw through tear-dimmed eyes how Christian people everywhere had channeled the little tributaries of local church activity into a tremendous river of mercy, which in the grim, post-war world has brought life and hope to vast areas of almost unimaginable misery.

"Refugees move in slow procession
Across the highways of the world;
Members of the family still need
our aid,
We need their aid.
Do we hold them in prayer as we
say 'Our Father'?
Do we share each other's suffering?
Do we declare together,
'Jesus Christ is Lord!'"

SS. SEVEN SEAS

Less than 30 hours later, after viewing this panoramic story of Christian world-wide relief, I stood on the Canadian Pacific Railroad docks in Quebec, Canada, and waited breathlessly to board the "SS Seven Seas." Now I would see this story in face to face contacts with refugees, in listening to heart-rending accounts of anguish and suffering, in feeling the tensions and fears of these immigrants trying to find a new home of security for themselves.

Among the 1200 passengers who occupied every available bed and accommodation on the boat were about 60

Baptists who had been brought over from Europe by our North American Baptist General Conference through our immigration service and the ministry of our Fellowship Fund Committee. It was a heart-lifting thrill to welcome them to Canadian soil with a Christian greeting, to tell them about our churches and denomination, and to share experiences with them in Christian fellowship.

MORE THAN 6000 IMMIGRANTS

This immigration program, directed by the Rev. William Sturhahn and assisted in Canada by the Rev. Rudolph Rapske, is much bigger than most of us have imagined. From August 1950 when the immigration of these Baptists of Germany was officially sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance to December 31, 1953, a total of 3,341 persons or 503 family units came to Canada with our assistance. From January 1954 to July 1954 our immigration ministry under our direct administration brought 571 further immigrants or 114 family units to Canada. Several hundred have arrived since July 1954. It is also estimated that approximately 1600 persons immigrated through our fellowship and the assistance of Mr. Herman Streuber, secretary of the German Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society, from 1947 to 1950 when relatives helped to bring them over.

If you will total these figures, you will see that more than 6000 people have been brought over to Canada with our immigration assistance, directly or indirectly, since the end of the last war. Mr. Sturhahn estimates that the churches of the Northern Conference had almost a direct increase of about 3000 members through this stream of immigration, not counting the children and relatives. These are astounding statistics, which show how we have been used of God in this important ministry of helping the refugees and immigrants "across the seven seas."

THE IMMIGRANT'S STORY

The actual movement of an immigrant or refugee from one country to another has a backlog of complicated and intricate developments. Long years of suffering and disappointment precede the boat trip. A refugee in the Ruhr District may meet a representative of the World Council of Churches or the Rev. R. Milbrandt, our immigration director in Germany, or some friend who tells him about the far-off country of Canada. He and his family want to go!

From our Bremen immigration office, they secure the necessary application forms. These are filled out and endorsed by the pastor or by some other town official. They are then filed away, and months go by until springtime comes when birds and immigrants are on the wing!

Mr. Milbrandt gets in touch with this family and, if a favorable response is received, sends them the "08 FORM,"



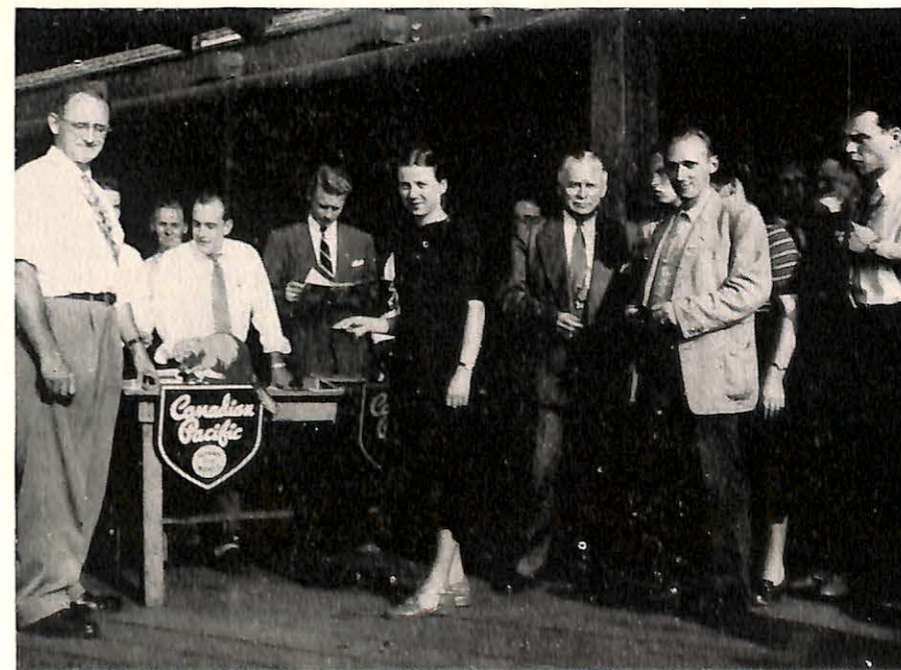
A Baptist immigrant family at Quebec, Canada, looking over their belongings after unloading from the "S.S. Seven Seas" and receiving final instructions as to their destination in Canada from the Rev. William Sturhahn (center), our immigration director

the official immigration form of the Canadian government. This in turn is submitted to the security officer of the CGIM (Canadian Government Immigration Mission). The prospective immigrant is investigated. The Berlin records are studied, which are the files that Hitler left for activity in the Nazi party, communist affiliation, political security, etc. All of this is carried out by the Justice Department of the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police). It requires six to eight weeks to complete.

Then the names come back with the report that they have or have not been cleared. The investigation is finished.

We invite the family to come to the Bremen camp or to our mission camp in Hannover or Karlsruhe. Actually the final clearance is still a matter of much uncertainty. In their visit with us, the family is given an important sheet with the following information to be supplied:

1. The report of the security official with a note that is unintelligible to the prospective immigrant (like a secret code).
2. A visit with the director of the camp, Mr. Berkenfeld.
3. An examination by a German doctor who investigates health, takes X-ray pictures, etc.



Baptist immigrants from Europe, after having left the "S.S. Seven Seas" and landed on Canadian soil, receive their railroad tickets, expense money and travel instructions from the Canadian Pacific Railroad officials

4. An examination by a Canadian doctor who gives certificate of health and passport. If a physical defect is detected, this person can be deferred or can be turned down.
5. A trip to the visa officer, usually a Canadian consul, who checks the transportation arrangements for the immigrant and issues final visa.

Then the immigrant goes back to Mr. Berkenfeld, leaves his passport and visa there and goes home again. In the meantime, Mr. Milbrandt attempts to secure travel booking for him and his family through the ICEM organization, an intergovernment committee for European immigration. ICEM makes all bookings on chartered ships such as the "SS Seven Seas" for the transportation of immigrants.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

The list of prospective immigrants to be shipped overseas is prepared by Mr. Milbrandt in the Bremen camp. It is called "The Nominal Role." This is rushed over to our Winnipeg office in Canada by air mail. In the Winnipeg office there are copies of files with information about the people who want to emigrate. It is necessary for Mr. Sturhahn and Mr. Rapske to find openings for these people as to living quarters, possible jobs, Baptist church nearby for fellowship, etc.

When this immigrant family comes to the Bremen camp, prior to their sailing, they are met by the Rev. Eugen Freigang, whom we are supporting as the camp pastor. He renders a spiritual ministry to them, distributes Bibles and Christian literature, prays with them and sees them off on their trip across the Atlantic!

A large staff of Canadian officials, representing many organizations, assure the immigrant of a royal welcome to their new home upon their arrival in Canada. The Canadian Pacific Railroad has prepared the list of destinations with tickets in advance. These are given to the immigrants by a friendly representative who can speak their language. They have already successfully passed through the hands of Canadian immigration officials, doctors and customs officers and have received the necessary stamps on their baggage. A colonization representative of the CPR sees to it that they board the right train and that everything is in order. (In fact, a colonization representative travels on the immigrant train to its final destination.)

The immigrants are now greeted by officials representing voluntary immigration agencies of the Lutheran Church, the Roman Catholic faith, the Mennonites, the Baptists and the Canadian Christian Council for the Resettlement of Refugees (CCRR). They are advanced Canadian money for their expenses and for getting settled in the new country. They travel on comfortable trains at a greatly reduced rate



"For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword . . . and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

to their destination. I was deeply impressed by the friendly and courteous reception by these scores of representatives, even by Canadian customs and immigration officials, who are eager to make the immigrants' first impressions of Canada as favorable as possible!

MORE TO COME!

Across the seven seas they are still coming! It is estimated that Canada has admitted 1,000,000 immigrants to its shores since the end of the last war. Housing shortages and some unemployment are bound to add to the immigrants' problems in their new homeland. Language difficulties heighten the tensions in our churches with the arrival of the new immigrants.

Our General Conference immigration leaders are hoping to start a co-operative settlement in Terrace, British Columbia, to establish a number of new immigrant families on an experimental basis. More immigrants will arrive in 1955, even though in smaller numbers. We thank God for them and for their contributions to our work in spirit and in numbers. Ours is now a great work and adventure of living together, and serving our Christ hand in hand as a grand fellowship in our North American Baptist General Conference.

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PREACH THE WORD

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with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

PSALM 27 QUOTED

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear. (The entire 27th Psalm was quoted.)

"Ye are the salt of the earth! Ye are the light of the world! Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me . . . in tithes and offerings. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. He who was rich for your sakes became poor that ye through his poverty might be rich."

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

ELECTRIFYING RESULTS

The results of this sermon were electrifying in that the people themselves were challenged to begin memorizing the Word. Some asked that these Scriptures be put in tract form for distribution.

If we as pastors could find time to memorize much Scripture, it would prove a great blessing to us and to our hearers to whom we minister.

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union
 By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

THE SCHOLARSHIP GIRL
 — 1954-'55 —

SECTION 4, ARTICLE II in the Woman's Missionary Union By-Laws of the Constitution states:

"The Scholarship Committee composed of the President, Treasurer and a representative of the Baptist Missionary Training School shall confer and decide upon the recipient of the Scholarship."

The Scholarship Committee is happy to present Miss Lydia Anderson, of our church in Washburn, North Dakota, where the Rev. Frederick Alf is pastor, as the Scholarship Girl of 1954-55.

Miss Kose's article, "Did You Ask About Our Scholarship?" in the "Baptist Herald" of April 22, 1954, concludes as follows:

"The 1954-55 Scholarship has not yet been awarded. God and our denomination need trained workers. If God is speaking to you, a consecrated young woman in one of our churches, you are invited to apply for this 'Appreciation Scholarship.' A catalog and literature may be had by writing to the Scholarship Chairman, 510 Wellington Ave., Chicago 14, Illinois."

That is history. The Scholarship has now been awarded, but it is not too early for June 1955 High School girl graduates to make application for the 1955-56 award. The training is four years on the college level. Any consecrated young woman, graduated from high school who has dedicated herself to Christian service and is recommended by her church, is eligible.

Lydia's Official Letter from the Woman's Union

Dear Lydia:

This is your official word from the Woman's Missionary Union of North American Baptists that the Scholarship award for 1954-55 has been granted to you. While we congratulate you, we also congratulate ourselves.

Your application and qualifications proved the sincere desire on your part to prepare well for Christian service to which you have dedicated yourself. May you never lose sight of your deep desire to serve your Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, wherever he may lead you in the days ahead.

Miss Kose has been a wise counselor to our North American Baptist girls who have studied at the Baptist Missionary Training School. I am sure she will have a special interest in your development.

We are proud of all of our Scholarship Girls whose preparation has qualified them so well for their many avenues of Christian service.

Let us know if we can be of help to you in your new school home. With best wishes for God's blessing upon the year ahead.

In Christian love,
 IRMA GROSSER.

Lydia's Reply to the Woman's Missionary Union

Dear Friends in Christ:

I would like to express my thanks to you for granting to me the Scholarship Award for the 1954-55 school year at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago. I count this a blessed privilege and honor. It was a great challenge to me and I will do my best with God's help to prove worthy of this wonderful opportunity to prepare for fulltime Christian service.

It was five years ago during a Vacation Bible School that I accepted Christ as my Savior. Two years later I was baptized, thereby making a public confession of faith in Christ and becoming a member of the Washburn Baptist Church of Washburn, North Dakota.

I have enjoyed the fellowship of the church especially in the young people's group and choir. My church has been a great help to me in my Christian growth. The pastor and his wife



Lydia Anderson of Washburn, N. Dak., the Scholarship Girl for 1954-1955 at the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill.

have been a blessing through the interest they have shown in me and by faithfully supporting me in prayer.

There is a special family in this church. I am a foster daughter in their home. They have given me all the Christian love which parents give to their own children and have encouraged me to continue faithful in my service to God. It has been a great blessing to be a part of this family.

In the past years I have taught both in Sunday School and Vacation Bible Schools. It has been a joy to see young boys and girls give their hearts to Christ. This has helped me realize that as a Christian and teacher I must be a good example to them and not a stumblingblock.

This past winter I attended the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. I will always have precious memories of the Christian experiences that brought me closer to the Lord.

I have felt for some time that Christ wanted me for some definite Christian work. As yet he has not revealed his plan to me. I feel it is necessary to obtain the very best preparation in order to be ready when he calls.

I had been undecided where I should go for further preparation. During the summer months I heard about the Baptist Missionary Training School and my folks heard Miss Alethea Kose speak while she was in North Dakota during the past summer. They were deeply impressed with her devotion to the missionary cause and what she had to say about the Scholarship of the Woman's Missionary Union. My folks encouraged me to inquire further about the school and the Scholarship for this year.

I did so, praying that God would lead and that I would be willing to follow where he led. Again I experienced answered prayer. I sent my application and was happy to learn that I had not only been accepted by the school, but I had been awarded the Scholarship.

My Savior, Jesus Christ, truly has proved to be a Friend on whom I can depend at all times and I completely trust him for the future. He will provide in the time of need and I want to prove myself worthy of his love.

A wonderful Christian welcome awaited me at B.M.T.S. and I have already had many blessed experiences. Will you please as women join my church, my pastor, my folks and me in prayer that I might do justice to the tasks that he asks me to do? May the Lord richly bless you for your kindness and present interest in me.

Sincerely in His Service,
 LYDIA ANDERSON.

A CHALLENGE TO YOU

The part of your dues Lydia gets to make her training possible is one factor only. Please remember her in your prayers. Small tokens of love and let-
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FROM THE FIELD

Northern Conference

Thirty-Six Children at the Vacation Bible School in Nokomis, Saskatchewan

We of the Baptist Church at Nokomis, Sask., were happy to have 38 boys and girls enrolled in our Bible School from August 2 to 6. There were five teachers and assistants. The average attendance was 35.

We had 13 in the Beginners Department with Mrs. Oscar Fritzke as teacher. She was assisted by Miss Olga Miller and Miss Delorus Sailor. The Junior Department was taught by Mrs. J. Proseilo with 17 in attendance. There were 5 pupils enrolled in the Intermediate Department with Rev. Oscar Fritzke as teacher. Our pianist was Miss Gertude Semke, who also helped a few days with the Beginners Department.

In addition to studying the Word of God, the boys and girls did handcraft work, learned new choruses, as well as Bible verses. On Sunday evening, Aug. 8, a demonstration program was given by the children. Parents and friends had an opportunity to observe what their children had learned during the week. In the basement we had displayed what they had made. We praise God for the opportunity to minister to the children of the community.

Mrs. Oscar Fritzke, Reporter.

Council Meeting Is Held for Recognition of the Faith Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta

On September 21st, 25 representatives from seven neighboring churches of Camrose, Alberta, met to discuss the advisability of recognizing the Faith Baptist Mission as one of our churches. Mr. Bernard Schalm, student worker of the Faith Baptist Mission, opened the meeting in leading the singing, and reading a Psalm, after which Rev. Wm. Sturhahn led in prayer. Rev. K. Korrella served as chairman for the council and Rev. E. A. Hoffmann as secretary.

After the reading of the letter in which the Faith Baptist Mission had invited the various churches to send their representatives to this council meeting, the council proceeded to question the newly organized group as to their reasons for organizing. The answer given was, first of all, to minister to the German-speaking people in Camrose. The mission opportunities look very promising in this town. The work began with 32 persons present at the first service. Their average attendance now is about 46. Four immigrant fami-

lies have already joined the church, and two other families have professed being converted.

This mission was begun by our Bethany Baptist Church near Camrose. Leading officers are former members from the Bethany Church. As a result we find that their principles of faith are definitely Baptist. The New Testament is their guide as to their beliefs and church discipline.

After a brief discussion regarding their attitude toward their sister churches, the motion was made by Mr. Edwin Schmitke, and seconded by Mr. Art Gerber, both of Bethany Church, that we recognize this new mission group as a Baptist Church.

In closing Mr. A. Gerber and Rev. H. Pfeiffer led in prayer. Then we joined in singing, "Blest Be the Tie." E. A. Hoffmann, Secretary.

Moosehorn, Manitoba, Holds Harvest and Thanksgiving Services With Winnipeg Men's Chorus

It was a glorious autumn day on Oct. 10 at Moosehorn, Manitoba, after the many rainy and dreary days of the past summer and early fall. The men's choir of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., rose early that morning, and some even dispensed with the rising since they had only arrived home from the night shift in time to wash their faces and head for their destination, and the destination was Moosehorn on the day of the Thanksgiving and Harvest services, Sunday, October 10. At 10:30 A.M. the choir arrived.

As the people filed into the church, several unexpected sights greeted their eyes. The front of the platform was lined with evidences of the goodness of God. Even though the familiar sheaves of grain were missing, the vegetables were sufficient to make up

Calling All Reporters!

Hereafter all reports for the BAPTIST HERALD must be limited to 300 words as a maximum to be eligible for publication and MUST be sent within one month after the occurrence of the event. The changes and improvements in the 1955 streamlined BAPTIST HERALD make this ruling imperative.

No annual reports of churches or of church organizations will be accepted. Accounts of wedding anniversaries will be limited to those of the 50th anniversary or above. Pictures accompanying reports should be clear. The number of pictures to appear in an issue is limited and therefore our churches are urged to send only their best and most important pictures for publication.

EDITOR.

for any loss. But this was not all. The entire auditorium was filled with new church benches, finished in natural color of the light-grained wood. These were the result of the hard-working Woman's Missionary Society of the church. They bought the benches for our church.

In front of the pulpit was a new communion table to match the benches, and on the platform were three new pulpit chairs. Both the table and chairs were gifts to the church from an elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lohr.

After the children had ably presented their recitations and playlet of thanksgiving, four of them were given presents for their faithfulness in learning the assigned verses of the Scripture Memory Course. They were: Elmer Nickel, James Newman, Louise Newman and Deanne Fierbach.

The Men's Chorus of Winnipeg very beautifully sang a number of songs, unaccompanied, under the capable direction of Brother Wollenberg. Between numbers we had brief messages by several members of the choir. After experiencing a forenoon of fine spiritual food, the ladies of the church served lunch to all who stayed. At 2:30 P.M. we gathered in Johnson's Hall for the afternoon service. There were at least 125 in the morning service, and the afternoon service in the hall drew over 200 people. Everyone was inspired by the men's singing.

We thank our heavenly Father for a perfect Sunday. We thank him for the Christian fellowship with those from Winnipeg.

B. E. Milner, Pastor.

Northwestern Conference

Sessions of the Iowa Woman's Missionary Union at the Steamboat Rock Baptist Church

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, following a chicken dinner served by the women of our Baptist Church in Steamboat Rock, Iowa, the Iowa Woman's Missionary Union met for their annual program and business session. The music and devotions by representatives of our Iowa churches were an inspiration to all in attendance. We were thrilled and challenged anew to greater missionary service by two messages. Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kans., stressed the necessity of telling the Good News of salvation. Miss Marble Elthom of Fertile, Iowa, missionary to Nicaragua, Central America, spoke on "Lift Up Your Eyes."

Mrs. Harry Luiken of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, president, presided over the business session. The ministers' wives were given a special welcome into the association. Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa, presented the White Cross work for this year.

The results of the election were as follows: president, Mrs. Harry Luiken, Steamboat Rock, Iowa; vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Housmann of Parkersburg, Iowa; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Harry Bronlewee of Buffalo Center, Iowa. An offering of \$154 was received for missionary purposes.

Dorothy Mueller, Reporter.

Inspirational Sessions of the Iowa Association at the Steamboat Rock Baptist Church

The spacious new edifice of the Steamboat Rock Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, was the scene of the 118th meeting of the Iowa Association of the North American Baptist General Conference. The dates were October 4 to 6.

The sessions, ably presided over by the moderator, Rev. John Walkup of George, were unusually well attended. The theme, "Called To Be Saints" from I Corinthians 1:2, provided the topics for the various speakers. These were Dr. Stanley Anderson, head of the Correspondence Department at Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago; Pastor "Mac," radio counsellor, and pastor of the Powder Horn Park Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. Gerald Osbron, student at Bethel Baptist College in St. Paul, Minn., who was the youth night speaker; and Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, builder of the Banso Hospital in the Cameroons. Three of our association pastors, Rev. John Vanderbeck of Elgin, Rev. Emanuel Wolff of Burlington, and Rev. John Kroeker of Baileyville, Ill., also gave fine messages. Devotional speakers were two outstanding laymen: Mr. Harley Blau of Ellsworth, Minnesota, and Mr. Carl Orthner of Burlington.

Total registration of visitors and delegates was 217 in addition to the large group which attended in the evenings. An estimated 700 meals were served by the host church with an average of 150 at each serving. A total of 63 delegates and visitors was lodged in the homes of the entertaining church. Total offerings amounted to an all-time record of \$544.18.

On Tuesday afternoon the laymen filled the auditorium, presided over by Mr. R. H. Mulder of Parkersburg, and reports were given by representatives of the local brotherhoods. A resolution was passed by the association to encourage the work of laymen in the local churches. Officers elected were: president, Mr. R. H. Mulder; vice-president, Mr. Harry Luiken; and secretary-treasurer, Mr. Donald Lindaman. On Wednesday afternoon, the Women's Missionary Service was presided over by Mrs. Harry Luiken of Steamboat Rock. (See separate report.)

Representatives of the churches gave glowing reports of work accomplished for the Lord during the year. Frequently mentioned were: new construction, missions expansion, close Christian unity among the brethren, and the laboring together of pastors and people to present the Gospel in its saving and edifying power. The business sessions were efficiently guided by the moderator, Rev. R. C. MacCormack of Parkersburg was clerk. The revised Constitution and By-Laws were presented by a revision committee and adopted in their new form. It was voted that the invitation of the First Baptist Church of George be accepted, and that the next annual meeting be held there.

New Association officers were elected as follows: Rev. Fred Lower, moderator; Mr. Otto Krueger, vice-moderator;



Woman's Missionary Society of Beulah-Zap, North Dakota, at its 41st anniversary program

Rev. John Vanderbeck, secretary; and Mr. Louis Johnson, treasurer. A high point of the period was the 7:30 A.M. breakfast for ministers and their wives served on Wednesday morning by the local ladies.

At the close of the final session, Rev. John Walkup sang "There Is A Balm in Gilead." Then all stood with joined hands and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." The Holy Spirit reigned in power as the congregation filed quietly away, remembering in a new sense that they had been "Called to be Saints."

Mrs. Ronald C. MacCormack, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Woman's Missionary Society of Beulah-Zap, N. Dak., Observes Its 41st Anniversary

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah-Zap, N. Dak., observed its 41st anniversary by presenting a program on Sunday evening, October 10.

Mrs. Ernest Lutt presided as president. The program included a duet, "My Prayer," by Mrs. Ervin Schmid and Mrs. Ernest Lutt; a women's sextet singing "Speak to my Soul" and "Where He Leads, I'll Follow," a German number by the elderly ladies of the society, and a German reading and poem. Two charter members who were present, Mrs. Gottlieb Klautd and Mrs. Fred Schlafman, also spoke briefly.

We were also privileged to hear a message by Mrs. Daniel Klein of McClusky, N. Dak., who reminded us that God has work for us women to do. A report from the treasurer was given which showed that the year has been busily spent doing White Cross work for our hospital in the Cameroons. We have also remembered our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., and our Old People's Home at Bismarck, North Dakota.

The ladies of the society gave the dialogue entitled, "The Last Missionary Society Meeting." The Rev. Daniel Klein of McClusky, N. Dak., former pastor of the church, was our guest speaker.

The program came to a climax with a candlelight service remembering the

eight women who organized the first Ladies Aid of this church on Oct. 1, 1913, under the leadership of Mrs. Samuel Blumhagen. Corsages were presented to the two charter members who were present, Mrs. Klautd and Mrs. Schlafman. May God help us in the coming years that we may be more willing to go forward and to become greater witnesses for Christ in word and deed.

Mrs. Christine Geist, Secretary.

Eastern Conference

Central Baptist Sunday School, Erie, Pa., Has Departmentalized Its Program and Activities

Many changes have occurred since the coming of the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer into the midst of Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. The Sunday School has become a departmentalized program with each group holding its own opening services. Mr. Merle Gibbens is superintendent of the adult department and Mr. Robert Eichler is superintendent of the Juniors. The Nursery department under Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer and the Nursery and Cradle Roll under Mrs. William Siegrist have become delightful places, with new furniture made to size for each group and various other renovations.

The pastor along with individuals and different groups of the church have spent many hours making this particular department a veritable fairland for the children where a regular program of Bible teaching, play and rest is combined with educational toys also provided. This department has been extended into the church service hour to provide programs and activity for children up to 3 years of age and to enable parents with small children to enjoy the service.

A similar Bible Club has been established on Wednesday evenings for the benefit of those parents who wish to attend prayer meeting. This club has been most successful with a large attendance each week. It is under the direction and teaching of Mrs. Harry Lombard, Mrs. George Hartikainen and Mrs. Robert Eichler.

The Central Church, located in an old residential section of the city which is fast becoming a section of factories, stores, etc. has voted to relocate in one of the fast growing outskirts of the city. To this end a committee has already been appointed, which is searching for a suitable parsonage without the city limits.

Now with the sunshine of the news, there comes also the rain of sad news in the passing of two of our very active members. Mrs. Harvey Meuser, vice-president and devotional chairman of the Ladies' Missionary Society, will be keenly missed in that group. Mr. Henry Schuldt, brother-in-law of the Rev. Elmer Baumgartner of Roger Williams Press, former deacon and trustee, whose strong tenor voice was so often heard in the choir and as soloist, has been called home! But our loss is surely a gain in a better land.

K. Louise Eichler, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Immanuel Church Near Loyal, Okla., holds Its Harvest and Mission Festival

Sunday, October 10, was a great day of blessing for the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Oklahoma, as our Harvest and Mission Festival was held. We were privileged to have Dr. Frank Woyke of our Forest Park office as our speaker in three inspirational services. The Zion Church of Okeene, with their pastor, the Rev. Leland Friesen, were also our guests and contributed much to the inspiration of the day.

The morning service began with the children of the Sunday School presenting their program during the Sunday School hour. After several hymns of praise and thanksgiving, the Immanuel choir continued the note of praise in the anthem, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem." Then Dr. Woyke brought his first message on "Conditions for a Thankful Heart," based on Philippians 4. God spoke to our hearts from his Word and made us more determined to meet his conditions for true thankfulness.

In the afternoon missionary rally, the Rev. Leland Friesen led the song service and also brought a message in song, "Even So, Send I You." Then Dr. Woyke brought a message, "Ambassadors for Christ," from 2 Cor. 5.

During the C.B.Y. Hour, the Senior C.B.Y. was in charge and presented a panel discussion on "Stewardship." A duet, "Have I Done My Best for Jesus?" was sung by Carolyn Dobrinski and Mary Vilhauer as a fitting close to this service.

The closing service began with a song service led by Mr. Friesen. Mrs. Kermit Geis sang, "Souls Across the Sea," preceding the presentation of two missionary films, depicting the work of Ruby Salzman and our mission schools and of the ministry of our Banzo Hospital in the Cameroons, Africa.

The final offering brought the total missionary giving for the day to about \$600. Our pastor, the Rev. G. W. Blackburn, then pronounced the benediction thus bringing to a close a day of rich blessing and challenge.

Mrs. G. W. Blackburn, Reporter

Atlantic Conference

Highlights from the Atlantic Conference at the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, New York

The 57th annual session of the Atlantic Conference met this year from September 16 to 19 at the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. We were grateful for the hospitality of this church and especially of their new pastor, the Rev. Paul Zoschke, who came from the Central Conference.

We were happy to have with us the Rev. J. C. Gunst, our denominational worker in charge of the CBY and SS Union, who spoke to us on Friday evening at the missionary service, on Sat-

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Paul Zabel, President.

urday night at the youth banquet and on Sunday afternoon at the CBY and SSU mass rally. It was also a great privilege to have with us Dr. and Mrs. K. Jones, who were soon to leave for the Cameroons. As we heard from both of them, our hearts rejoiced as we recalled how a group met at the preceding Atlantic Conference in 1953 and made this need for a medical doctor a special matter of prayer, and one year later we saw the evidence of those prayers as well as those of our denominational family. It was thrilling to hear how God had worked in the lives of this family to set them apart for this particular task.

There have been a number of pastoral changes during the past year and our moderator, Rev. Norman Klann, welcomed the new pastors: Rev. Paul Zoschke of Evergreen, Brooklyn; Rev. Lenox Palin, Walnut Street, Newark; Rev. Donald Mostrom, Grace and Pilgrim Churches of Union City and Jersey City; Rev. Sidney Larson, Clinton Hill, Newark; Rev. Raymond Yahn, Kings Highway, Bridgeport; Rev. Alfred Bernadt, Central, New Haven. May God bless these new men as they minister in their respective churches and fellowship in our denomination.

Our conference program had the very apt theme, "Hearing and Doing" with James 1:22 as the key verse, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." The devotional messages, addresses, and sermons all came from various portions of the book of James. This very practical book has a challenge to all Christians.

The women's meeting was well attended on Friday afternoon with Dr. and Mrs. K. Jones speaking once again. The mass rally proved to be an inspiration to all on Sunday afternoon.

We as a conference regretted the withdrawal of the Memorial Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn., from our conference since they have merged with another Baptist Church. Certain

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amendments were made to the constitution so as to conform with the recommendation of headquarters in relation to those serving on annual committees. We accepted the gracious invitation of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia to hold our 1955 meetings there. We all anticipate the new conference year and especially the thought that 1955 is the time for our General Conference in Waco, Texas.

Everett A. Barker, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Bethany Church Near Portland, Oregon, Gives its Pastor Salary Increase of \$1,000

It was with real joy that we of the Bethany Church near Portland, Ore., welcomed eight new members into our fellowship. This was done the Sunday before our pastor and his family left for a well earned vacation. Both the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur K. Schulz spent a time with their parents in the Dakotas. During our pastor's absence we were privileged to have Dr. Walter Wessell of the Western Baptist Seminary, Portland, Oregon, as our speaker for two Sundays.

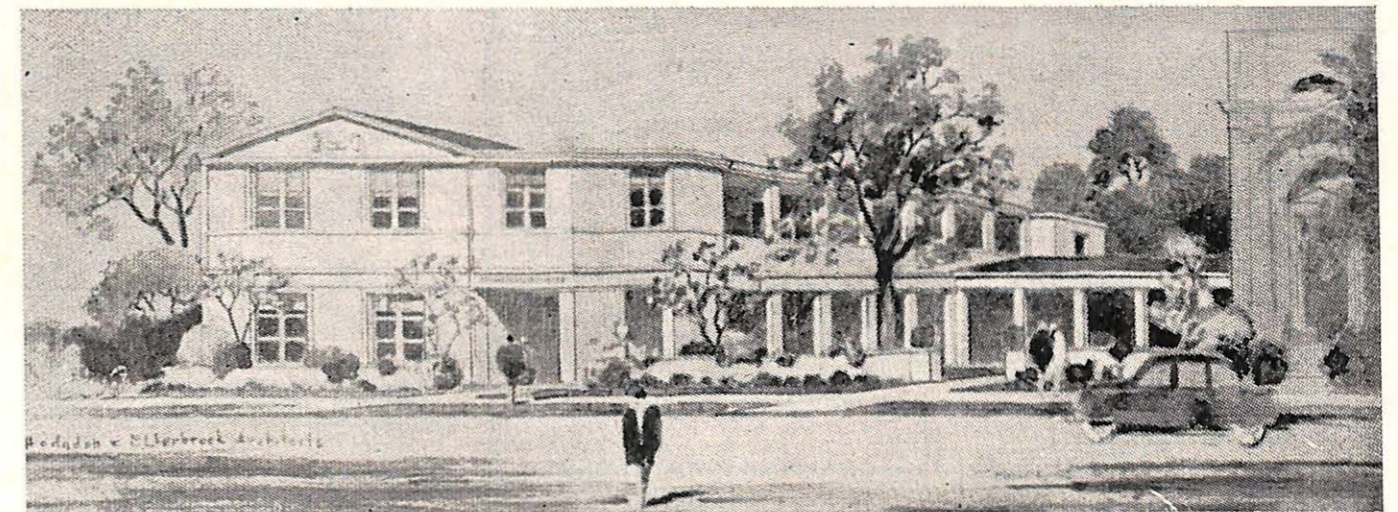
Dr. Mark Rich and his family were with us the last Sunday. He brought the message both morning and evening with his son Charles presiding very ably at the organ. Dr. Rich is a son of our church.

Our annual Guild picnic was again held at the church. A musical program was followed by games for the children. Later in the evening we gathered in the church auditorium and there enjoyed the colored slides shown by our Guild president, Mrs. Ben Croeni. The pictures were taken on her recent trip south.

Friday, August 13, was a momentous evening at Bethany Church. The Schulzes had safely returned home, for which we thank the Lord. A real hearty welcome awaited them. Since both their birthdays are near this time in August, a surprise Birthday and Welcome Home Party was given. Mr. Fred Mattson was master of ceremonies for the informal program. This included choruses led by Lois Findley, a vocal duet by Lorraine Rich and Grace Jenne, an accordion and vocal duet by Mrs. Frank Rowe and Mr. Arthur Gould, and a number by our male quartet, Carl and Carlton Eggman, Fred and Ernie Schaer. Mr. Dave Rich made a "welcome home" speech in behalf of the deacons, and then Mr. Ben Graf presented them with a real surprise, this being a \$1,000 a year raise in salary, and a \$20 a month increase for auto expenses. Mr. Mattson then asked for the screen to be removed from in front of a table heavily laden with groceries and pantry supplies.

On Sunday evening, August 15, we were privileged to have the Rev. Stanley Cornils bring us a long to be remembered message. He is a former member of our church, and is now serving the largest Baptist Church in Valley Jo, California.

Mrs. William Jenne, Reporter.



The architect's sketch of the new Church School building of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., with 10,000 square feet of floor space which was scheduled for dedication on Thanksgiving Day

New Church School Building for Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., Nearing Completion

Three years ago we of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., began to realize that this area was beginning to have a great influx of people and that our Sunday School facilities were beginning to be taxed for room. We then bought a lot contiguous to our sanctuary with the idea of expanding our facilities by building a supplementary building for our older youth. However before we had gotten under way on this program, we realized our vision was short-sighted and we needed far greater facilities than was at first anticipated. A complete new Sunday School building became the answer.

An architect was employed, and months were spent in going over plans. Happy was the day when on April 25, 1954, after the morning worship service, ground-breaking services were held, with our pastor, the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, officiating and the representatives of the various groups and organizations in our church participating.

The first unit will be two stories (approximately 10,000 square feet of floor space) and will have the latest in improvements to conduct a completely departmentalized Sunday School. It will accommodate upward of 400 children and young people from nursery through the high school department. At the present time, the Sunday School staff consists of 60 trained teachers and officers, with Mr. Paul Jungkeit as general superintendent.

To keep abreast of the continuing growth and to prepare for the additional facilities, a regular teachers' training program for the training of new workers is conducted by Miss Martha Leypoldt, our director of Christian education. Our constant prayer and work are that the children of this community should grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and to accept him as their personal Savior. "For of such as this is the Kingdom of heaven."

Walter Gooden, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School and Sunday School Contest at Villa Ridge Church, Portland, Ore.

The Villa Ridge Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., successfully completed another Vacation Bible School, with Mrs. Fred Moore in charge. The theme was "Pioneering With Christ," and the church, entrance and interior, were appropriately decorated for the pioneer theme. Everyone entering the church had to do so through the covered wagon (top only), and inside were saddles, with sawhorses for horses, spurs, lassos, the 20 mule team on the piano, the old range coffee pot and cook pot (over a make-believe fire), and then there was the added thrill of "dressing up" in cowboy, cowgirl, and pony express costumes.

Even the teachers dressed appropriately in keeping with the theme in bonnets and old-fashioned costumes. One of them, Mrs. Wayne Turney, even sang and accompanied herself on her guitar. It is certain that every child attending thrilled to the idea of "Pioneering With Christ." After the closing evening program on Friday, Aug. 13, parents and friends were invited to view a display of craft work done by the students during the two weeks of Bible school.

Many of our members tried to sandwich a vacation between activities, and, as a consequence, attendance records were somewhat erratic. In order to combat this, the Sunday School, carrying out the pioneer emphasis of the Vacation School engaged in a contest of "Pony Express riders," Indians who menace the trail, washed out roads, etc. The interest was great in whose horse was out in front carrying the precious sealed message to the fort in the distance. The Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Fred Moore, led the pack for a time. There were other horses and riders breathing down his neck. Our pastor, Rev. Frank Friesen, and his wife, had the wishes and prayers of our church during their vacation as to their welfare.

In our last report, we mentioned the proposed venture of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore as they prepared to make their journey to Philadelphia, Pa., as

candidates for the Japanese mission field. We expressed our regrets at the prospect of losing them but, at the same time, wished them Godspeed for the sake of those to whom they might minister. We are happy to report that both met all requirements of the Japan Gospel Fellowship Board and have received their appointments as missionaries to the Osaka area. However, Villa Ridge will continue to profit by their fellowship and service for another year, pending Mr. Moore's completion of seminary training, which is scheduled for the end of the spring term. Our church will feel a personal loss when these young folk go, but we glory in Christ that we have been permitted to have had a part in sending them forth to serve Christ.

Mrs. George Smith, Reporter.

WE, THE WOMEN

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prayer. Small tokens of love and letters to her are as always in order. She is your Scholarship Girl. Her address is: 510 Wellington Avenue, Chicago 14, Illinois.

WHITE CROSS

Mrs. Walter Stein, Chairman

Many reports have come in telling of the success of the White Cross Clinics at the conferences held this summer. The White Cross representatives and their local societies are to be congratulated on the great amount of work and money they put into this project. At these Clinics, patterns for baby jackets and hospital gowns were handed out. If for some reason your society missed receiving this packet, please contact your White Cross Conference representative. May God bless each one of you as you continue in this special labor of love!

NOTE: In the November-December, 1954, issue of "Broadcast" and in the 1955 "Annual" you will find the nine White Cross Conference representatives listed.

Mrs. Walter Stein's new address is: 213 N. Fifth Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. J. C. Gunst
Dec. 12 (Sunday A.M.)—Central Church, Waco, Texas.
Dec. 12 (Sunday P.M.)—Cottonwood Church, Lorena, Texas.
Rev. M. L. Leuschner
Dec. 6 (Monday)—100th Anniversary Banquet, Grace Church, Racine, Wisconsin.
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EDITOR.

THE DEAD IN CHRIST

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astronomy, when our mind attempts in vain to follow the movements of the heavenly bodies through the abyss of space? How limited is our comprehension when it comes to God's handiwork. "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him: And he is before all things and by him all things consist" (Col 1:16-17). Think of it, to be with him, the omnipotent God!

AT OUR BEST IN HEAVEN

However, God's purpose is not completed with us by just going into heaven. Lazarus had died and the process of disintegration had taken place, so that it was not safe to touch his body from which a stench proceeded. Christ restored him to life and health. All traces of disintegration and the sickness which caused his death were removed.

But this is not the resurrection in its final state to which the redeemed look forward. That was reanimation, a restoration to earthly conditions. When Christ rose from the dead, that was far more. No more was his body subjected to the laws of nature. A transformation had occurred which cannot be explained in the realm of the natural. As the German theologian Boehme expresses it: "God's final way is the visible glorification of matter and spirit in his highest form."

There will be a similarity between the resurrected body of Christ and ours. Then we have arrived at "the best." His redeemed Church, which then constitutes the aristocratic group in eternity, is destined to rule with him, not only in the millennium, but in the world to come.

What a glorious future to be with him where sin is no more. Then under his command new revelations and new worlds will be called into existence. There will be no idleness either. We will be active. Responsibilities will be ours corresponding with our position which we shall then occupy to the glory of God. Salvation is by grace alone, but our reward will be according to the thesis we write in this life (1 Cor 3:12-15).

"And every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

A LAST THOUGHT

Sometimes when I consider what tremendous consequences come from little things—a chance word, a tap on the shoulder, or a penny dropped on a newsstand—I am tempted to think... there are no little things.

—Bruce Barton.

Obituary

MR. JOHN JAMES MILLER of Randolph, Minnesota

Mr. John James Miller of Randolph, Minn., was born March 25, 1867, at Wayne, Wisc. He was united in marriage to Martha Otte of Randolph, Minnesota.

To this union were born seven children: two daughters, Alice (Mrs. Herbert G. Miller) of Northfield, Minn.; Caroline (Mrs. George Sharp) of Faribault, Minn.; and five sons: Elmer of Randolph, Wilmer and Theodore of St. Paul, Edgar of Kennewick, Wash., and Lyle of Sunnyvale, Calif. His wife preceded him in death in November 1927.

In December, 1940, he was united in marriage to Alice Roy. In addition to his wife, children, and a brother, Emil of Northfield, Minn., he is survived by 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He passed away October 15, 1954, in the Northfield Hospital at the age of 87 years, 7 months. Memorial services were held on Monday afternoon, October 18, at the Baptist Church of Randolph, Minnesota, with the Rev. Donald Patet officiating.

May the Lord Jesus Christ comfort the hearts of those who mourn!

Randolph, Minnesota

Donald P. Patet, Pastor.

MRS. CAROLYN DESLER of St. Paul, Minnesota

Mrs. Carolyn Lueben Desler of St. Paul, Minn., was born in Watertown, Wisc., on March 1, 1863. She left this life on October 12, 1954, at the age of 91 years, 7 months, and 11 days.

Coming to St. Paul in 1881, she attended services in the old Canada Street German Baptist Church where she experienced the blessedness of the "new birth," becoming a member of God's eternal family through her faith in Christ, and was baptized in 1883.

Her husband and two children preceded her in death, one in infancy, mourning the absence of a beloved mother and grandmother are the devoted children, Grace and Arthur, 6 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, other close relatives, and countless friends.

A member of the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul for 71 years, Grandmother Desler lived her full life stayed by a steadfast faith in the Savior—in whose presence she now delights!

Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

William Jeschke, Pastor.

MRS. ANNA MARIE FISCHER of Madison, South Dakota

Mrs. Anna Marie Fischer, nee Sponholtz, of Madison, S. Dak., was born in Klaus-hagern, Germany, on November 1, 1861. At the age of two years she came with her family to the United States and settled near Knowles, Wisc. There she was married to Joseph Fischer in 1886. In 1900 they moved to Madison, South Dakota.

Mrs. Fischer had been failing in health during the past years. However, she remained fairly active until she died of a heart condition on October 7, 1954. She had attained the age of over 92 years. She is survived by her husband; three daughters: Edna Backus, Lillian Backus and Pearl Schrepel; one son-in-law, Milton Schrepel; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

As a girl Mrs. Fischer became a Christian through faith and was received into the Kiekowski Baptist Church in Wisconsin. She later united with the Baptist Church here in Madison, S. Dak. During the past years she often longed for peaceful rest in a better land. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9).

West Center St. Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota

Fred Schmidt, Pastor.

MRS. MINNIE HISSUNG of McClusky, North Dakota

Mrs. Minnie Hissung, nee Schell, of McClusky, N. Dak., was born December 25, 1885, in Alt Freudenthal, South Russia. She emigrated to this country in 1900. In 1903 she was married to Carl Hissung. Together

they took up a homestead seven miles southeast of McClusky, where they lived until they moved to McClusky in 1939. In March of 1953 she moved to Bismarck, N. Dak., and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Schuh. The last seven months of her earthly life were spent in the St. Alexius Hospital at Bismarck, N. Dak.

Mrs. Hissung was a faithful member of the McClusky Baptist Church for many years. Whenever her pastor visited her in the hospital, she would send greetings to her beloved church, and it was her great desire to come and worship once more in her church. But the Lord took her to her heavenly church and resting place.

Mrs. Hissung passed away at the age of 69 years, 8 months and 13 days on September 7, 1954, in Bismarck, N. Dak. She leaves to mourn her passing two sons: Rudolph of Bismarck, N. Dak.; and Alfred of McClusky, N. Dak.; one daughter, Mrs. Ed Schuh of Bismarck, N. Dak.; 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord!

McClusky, North Dakota

D. Klein, Minister.

MRS. MARIA REINHOLD of Brooklyn, New York

Mrs. Maria Reinhold, nee Hartmann, of Brooklyn, New York, was born in Oberhaugstett, County Calw, Württemberg, Germany, on February 9, 1880, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus on July 22, 1954, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage on July 17.

Mrs. Reinhold came to this country in 1902 and in the same year was married to Paul Reinhold. They lived in New York City where she, immediately upon arriving in this country, attended the Emanuel Baptist Church. Here she was baptized by the Rev. John Pastoret. Later she joined the First German Baptist Church on 14th Street in that city. From there she transferred her membership to the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, where she was a member until her death.

Mrs. Reinhold is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Wesley F. Elfers and Mrs. William J. Appel; one granddaughter, Marilyn, the wife of Michael Kerr; and two sons-in-law, Wesley F. Elfers and Rev. William J. Appel, who is now serving the denomination in church extension work. Also surviving are three sisters in Germany.

The funeral services were conducted by the undersigned in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Paul Zoschke, who was away on vacation.

Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York

Paul Wengel, Officiating Pastor.

MR. JAKE BENTZ, SR. of Jamestown, North Dakota

Mr. John Bentz, Sr., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bentz, was born April 13, 1881, in Neudorf, South Russia. The last five months of his earthly life were spent in a Bismarck hospital and also in a Jamestown hospital. He passed away September 18, 1954, at the age of 73 years, 6 months and 4 days.

In 1900 he married Christina Krein and in 1902 they emigrated to this country and took up a homestead north of McClusky where they lived until 1944 when they moved to McClusky and retired. On Feb. 15, 1951, Mrs. Bentz was taken from his side by death. In May 1952 he married his now bereaved widow, Mrs. Caroline Ebel, and moved to Jamestown, N. Dak., where they lived until his passing away.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife; 4 sons and 3 daughters: John, Fred, Theobald and Reuben, all of McClusky; Mrs. Christina Lohmann, of New Town; Katie (Mrs. Jacob Gross) and Pauline (Mrs. Jacob Hoffer), both of McClusky; 2 grandchildren; and 20 great grandchildren; 2 stepsons: Harry and Albert Ebel, both of Millerton; 3 stepdaughters, Christina (Mrs. Joe Schwab), Emma (Mrs. Leonard Crouse), and Katie (Mrs. Albert Baglau), all of Jamestown; one sister, Mrs. Gottlieb Christmann of Choteau, Mont.; 2 brothers: Peter Bentz of Dallas, S. Dak., and Jake Bentz of Burbank, Calif.

Our brother accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior by conversion in 1914 and was baptized in 1951 by Rev. A. Fischer and joined the McClusky Baptist Church. McClusky, North Dakota.

D. KLEIN, Minister.

MRS. MARIE MAGDELINA SEIBOLD of Cathay, North Dakota

Mrs. Marie Magdalena Pepple Seibold of Cathay, N. Dak., was born May 18, 1884, near Carrington, N. Dak., and passed away September 30, 1954, after several months' illness, attaining the age of 70 years, 4 months and 12 days.

She was married to William Seibold on July 28, 1904. Surviving are her husband, William Seibold; and six children: four daughters and two sons, namely: Marie (Mrs. Emanuel Piedt); Laura (Mrs. John Martin); Agnes (Mrs. Alfred F. Bittner); and Miss Frieda Seibold; John and Albert Seibold, all of Cathay. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, as well as by two sisters and two brothers, namely: Mrs. Frank Zink and Mrs. Lyman Robertson of Carrington, N. Dak.; and Chris Pepple and Thomas Pepple of Portland, Ore.; and a host of relatives, friends and neighbors.

She was converted in July 1904 and baptized by the Rev. William Wahl and received into the fellowship of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church near Carrington, N. Dak. After her marriage she transferred her membership to the Germantown Baptist Church and later to the Cathay Baptist Church and in spite of her severe suffering, she remained a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus Christ to the end.

The service was held in the Cathay Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 2. The large number of people present and the flowers and memorial gifts were a definite indication that the departed was highly respected and beloved in the church and community. II Tim. 4:6-8 served as the basis for her pastor's message. Burial took place at the local Lakeview Cemetery.

Cathay, North Dakota

David Zimmerman, Pastor.

MR. MARVIN LLOYD JASTER of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Mr. Marvin Lloyd Jaster of Moose Jaw, Sask., son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Jaster, was born on April 23, 1932, at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan.

During evangelistic meetings in 1941, under the proclamation of the Word by Rev. R. Milbrandt, Marvin came to the living faith in Jesus Christ. In 1942 he was baptized upon confession of his faith by Rev. A. Kraemer, and added to the Elm St. Baptist Church at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

In 1947 he moved with his parents to Valleyview, Alberta. In 1950 the Rev. R. Jaster, his father, accepted the charge of the Nokomis Baptist Church and Marvin also came and stayed a few weeks until he started to work for Western Groceries Limited at Moose Jaw, Sask., where he was employed until his death.

On September 15, he was travelling as commercial salesman about 50 miles west of Moose Jaw, where he collided with a three-ton truck and was seriously injured internally. He was rushed to the Moose Jaw Union Hospital and operated on. Every thing seemed very favorable until September 20, when he took convulsions and remained in an unconscious condition until his death Saturday morning, September 25. He reached the age of 22 years, 5 months and 2 days.

On September 4, 1954, he was united in marriage to Ruby Prosielo of Nokomis, Sask. Only too short was this happy union of married life. Those who mourn are his wife; his father and mother; three brothers: Raymond of Summerland, B. C.; Harvey and Eugene of Regina, Sask.; three sisters: Ione, Carrol and Sharon of Regina; his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Prosielo of Nokomis; five sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lehmen of Medicine Hat, Alberta; and a great host of relatives and friends.

A funeral service was conducted from the Wm. Jones Funeral Chapel, Moose Jaw, on Monday, Sept. 27, for fellow employees and friends. Rev. A. H. Orthner of Moose Jaw spoke words of comfort from the 23rd Psalm. A solo, "The Old Rugged Cross," was sung by Mr. L. Diel.

Funeral services were then held at the Nokomis Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon, September 28. Rev. O. Fritzke officiated using Psalm 39:4, and 1 Corinthians 15:29 as texts for words of comfort. The church choir sang, "But This We Know," Nokomis, Saskatchewan.

Oscar Fritzke, Officiating Pastor.

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