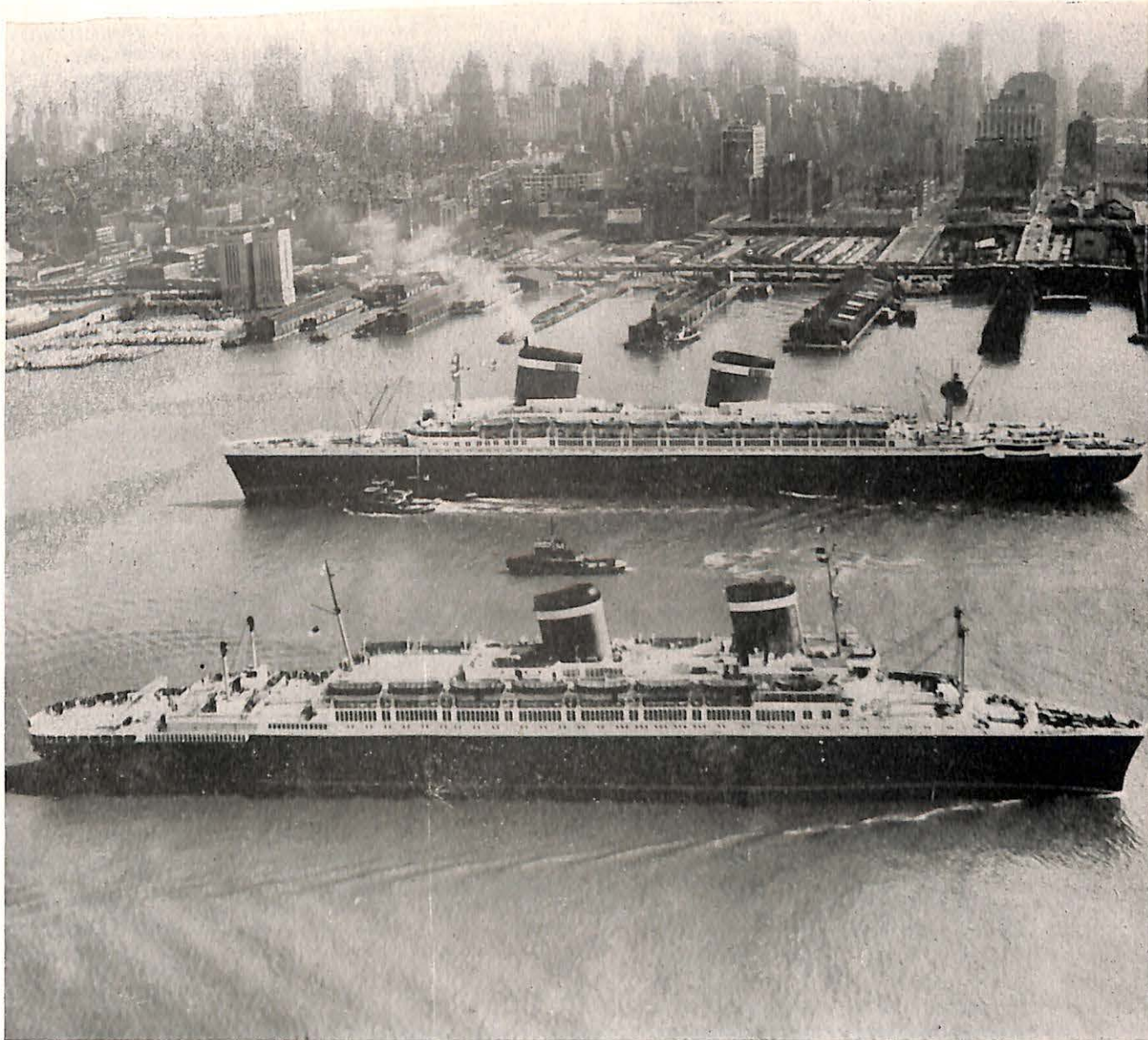


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The S. S. Lesson in **ACTION**

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A LESSON PLAN

Date: July 25, 1954

Theme: GROWING THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:1-13; Philip-
pians 4:6-7.

PURPOSE: To teach us how to pray
more effectively.

GETTING STARTED: "More things
are wrought by prayer than this world
dreams of." Of that there can be no
question! "A constant . . . miracle
takes place hourly in the hearts of men
and women who have discovered that
prayer supplies them with a steady
flow of sustaining power in their lives
. . . When we pray, we link ourselves
with the inexhaustible motive power
that spins the universe." So writes Dr.
Alexis Carrel, and countless is the
number of those who would endorse
his every word.

"Prayer is the Christian's vital
breath," says a well known hymn. And
it's true. Without prayer no Christian
can flourish spiritually. If he would
grow, he must pray. And if he would
have prayer supply him "with a steady
flow of sustaining power," he must
pray aright. Thus prayer that makes
for growth must have the following
elements in it.

Developing the Theme:

I. THE ASSURANCE THAT PRAYER IS POSSIBLE AND MEANINGFUL.

1. That God hears and answers
prayer and that men can, therefore,
pray—that is the assurance that under-
lies all that Jesus said about prayer
(vv. 9-10).

2. Likewise, we, too, must be as-
sured that prayer is not merely talk-
ing to ourselves, but that it goes places
and is heard and answered. Other-
wise it is useless to pray.

II. THE CONFIDENCE THAT GOD CAN BE TRUSTED TO GIVE US THAT WHICH IS GOOD (vv. 11-13; Matt. 7:11).

1. God always answers in love and
for our good.

2. Therefore we can pray with com-
plete confidence, certain that God will
be true to his nature and word.

III. THE HONESTY THAT SPRINGS FROM UNSELFISH MOTIVES (v. 2).

1. We are to seek first of all, and
most of all, the glory and honor of
God and the advancement of his King-
dom.

2. If, therefore, our prayer is self-
centered, God cannot hear it, nor will
it help us to grow spiritually.

IV. THE PERSISTENCE THAT IS

THE MARK OF SINCERITY AND DEEP DESIRE (vv. 5-8).

1. The "casual asking of a casual
mind" is not enough.

2. Real prayer is hard work and
demands application and persistence.

V. THE WILLINGNESS TO PUT FEET UNDER OUR PRAYERS AND TO DO AS WE PRAY (v. 4).

1. To pray for something that we
ourselves would be unwilling to do is
to nullify our prayers and to shackle
the hands of God.

2. Prayer must be backed up by a
consecrated and holy life.

Applying the Lesson:

1. It has sometimes been charged
that prayer is nothing more than
auto-suggestion, a mere talking to
ourselves. How would you refute
such a charge?

2. How important is prayer to the
spiritual life of a church? Why?

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A LESSON PLAN

Date: August 1, 1954

Theme: CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:46-47; Colos-
sians 3:12-17; Hebrews 10:23-25.

PURPOSE: To show that Christians
need to worship and fellowship to-
gether.

GETTING STARTED: Two young
people were converted in a great re-
vival campaign conducted by one of
America's foremost evangelists. Some
time later they looked up a minister
to make arrangements for their mar-
riage. Among other things, the pas-
tor asked them whether they were
Christians. Their response was that
they had been saved in this revival
campaign. Then the pastor asked
them what church they were now af-
filiated with and whether they at-
tended its services regularly. In sur-
prise they looked at the pastor and
said, "We don't want to belong to any
church and we don't have time to
attend church services. We accepted
Christ because we wanted to go to
heaven." Granted that we all want
to go to heaven; but the saved person
who doesn't go the next step and as-
sociate himself with the church and
frequent its services, such a Chris-
tian will not grow and almost certain-
ly will suffer shipwreck in his faith.
Corporate worship and fellowship are
essential to spiritual growth and
health.

Developing the Theme:

1. Christians must worship together
(Acts 2:46a; Heb. 10:25a).

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Lake, Alberta. Miss Ruth Bath-
auer.

July 18-25—Alberta Triunion Young
People's Camp (Senior) at Sylvan
Lake, Alberta. Rev. J. C. Gunst
and Rev. E. P. Wahl.

July 19-25—Manitoba Boys' Camp at
Lake Dauphin Camp, Manitoba,
Rev. Daniel Fuchs.

July 19-August 1—Saskatchewan Tri-
union Assemblies (Senior and
Junior Camps) at Echo Lake,
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and Mrs. Walter Grosser.

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Manitoba. Miss Bernice Stober,
Indian Teacher.

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ence at Seminary Buildings, Sioux
Falls, South Dakota.

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bly at Hume Lake, California.
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2. To be vital and enriching, their
worship must have these elements:

- (a) A place set aside for the wor-
ship of God (Acts 2:46a).
- (b) A spirit of praise and thanks-
giving (Acts 2:47a; Col. 3:17b).
- (c) Continual attention to the Word
of God (Col. 3:16).
- (d) Loyalty to the great truths of
the Gospel (Heb. 10:23).
- (e) Opportunity for wholehearted
participation (Col. 3:16c).
- (f) The services must speak to the
needs of the worshipers (Col.
3:16b).
- (g) The note of challenge for Chris-
tians to be and do their best
(Heb. 10:24-25).
- (h) A strong evangelistic emphasis
(Acts 2:47b).

II. FELLOWSHIP THAT LIFTS AND BUILDS.

1. Christians need the fellowship of
other Christians (Acts 2:46a; Heb. 10:
25a).

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Editorial

What Are You Thinking?

OUR THOUGHTS PLAY an important role in determining the
course of events for each day and in shaping our characters for
years to come. They assume a far greater importance than we
are often willing to admit.

Mrs. Luther M. Cole of Coral Gables, Fla., writes about a college
professor of hers who had this quotation on his desk: "You are not
what you think you are; but what you think, you are!" God's Word
has underscored this truth. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."
Emerson expressed this inescapable fact of life in this way: "A man
is what he thinks about all day." The realization of this sobering truth
must lead each one of us to pray with the Psalmist: "Search me, O
God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts."

Our times demand so much activity from each of us and such
constant hurrying about that any time for thinking and meditation
is almost completely crowded out. We shall not be able to turn back
the clocks of time or to slow down the pace of life, but we can and
must take more time for reflective thinking. Our souls need it, and
our peace of mind requires it.

Give more time to quiet thought. Think God's thoughts after him.
Reflect on the wonders of his guidance in your life. Marvel at his
matchless love and grace for you. Open the pages of his Word and let
them start a train of thought in your souls that will reveal his hand
every step of the way in your life!

Our thinking should be geared to lofty and uplifting truths so
that all petty, mean, ignoble thoughts are scattered like the darkness
before the light of a new day! That kind of disciplined thinking, that
is led of the Holy Spirit, will begin to open for us some of the great
mysteries of God's revelation to us. "O the depth of the riches both
of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his
judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the
mind of the Lord?" (Romans 11:33-34.) We need to be students of the
Word and saints in disciplined thinking before we can probe all the
wonders of the mind of the Lord.

The outcome of this will be that we shall open our minds to the
wisdom of God so that he can guide our thoughts and increase our
capacity to grasp his truths. By being still in meditative reception, as
the Psalmist suggests in Psalm 46:10, we shall know that he is God.
In our thinking as well as in our conduct of life, we then make God
a Partner. He leads us into his truth and leads us into green pastures
of thought.

The German philosopher Hegel was accustomed to tell his stu-
dents: "Meine Herren, das Denken ist auch Gottesdienst!" (Our
thinking is also worship before God.) May our thoughts ever be a
fragrant offering laid upon God's altar, whose sweetness will be re-
flected in the goodness of our lives and acceptable to God!

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God's Word for Me!

They alone can be called God's people who have integrated his Word into their characters so that it is their guiding principle in their daily living and a constant challenge to the ungodly

By the Rev. ISADOR FASZER of Minitonas, Manitoba

IN THIS MESSAGE to all of our "Baptist Herald" readers I would like to raise the question, "Why ought we to consider the Word of God? Why all this emphasis on reading God's Word, studying it, and obeying it?"

GOD'S WORD IS IMPORTANT

To begin with, let me say that God considered his Word very important. He gave it to Israel cautiously and punctiliously that they might realize that it was an important Word. If we want to know how God felt about his own Word, then let us turn to Exodus, chapter 19.

Here we find Israel, that chosen race, three months on their sojourn out of the land of captivity. They had just arrived at Mt. Sinai, the place where God was to deliver his Word. It was not with a little caution only that God gave his Word to them. He called Moses up into the mountain and there clearly and definitely told him that

the people could not receive his Word in an indifferent manner.

Orders, strict orders, were given as to how the people should prepare to receive the Word. A two day period of purification was commanded and a prescribed boundary was drawn about the mountain across which neither man nor beast might pass and live. Then on the third day, in the morning, came that terrible day of the Lord. There was thunder, lightning, a thick cloud and an exceedingly loud trumpet blast. Mount Sinai was, as it were, a burning molten mass shaken at its very foundation.

No wonder that all the people trembled in the camp. Even so it was to be! God had purposely provided this terrible event. Israel had to learn that God honors his Word. It is mighty important and precious to him. Israel had to be taught that they could not take a careless and indifferent attitude towards the Word of the Lord.

God has not changed, nor has his attitude towards his Word. Therefore, we like Israel must recognize the importance of God's Word and forbid any careless attitude towards it on our part.

GOD'S WORD MUST BE OBEYED

Next we want to note that God made it very plain to Israel that he must have his Word obeyed. "Hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live . . . Ye shall not add unto the word . . . neither shall ye diminish ought from it" (Deut. 4:1-2).

When God gave his Word, he aimed to write earnestly and indelibly into the hearts and minds of the people of Israel that his Word was like unto himself in essence. He was giving to Israel his eternal, holy Truth. "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35). "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (Romans 7:12).

God has not given his Word in a non-challenging attitude — accept or reject it as you please. On the contrary, he has spoken a beneficial and essential word which merits our immediate and entire obedience. He has given his Word for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, and as a preparation for good works (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Therefore, we ought the more to give heed unto it.

JACKIE LEARNS A LESSON

Jackie was one of those boys who needed to be called several times before he would consider doing what he had been told. One day mother and father decided that one call would have to suffice in the future and Jackie was informed accordingly.

Several nights later mother called, "Jackie come to dinner," and he answered without interest, "Yes, mom, I'll be right there." However, Jackie did not come and so the mother and the father ate by themselves.

Half an hour later the lad sauntered into the kitchen. Then suddenly he pulled himself to a standstill and dropped his jaw.

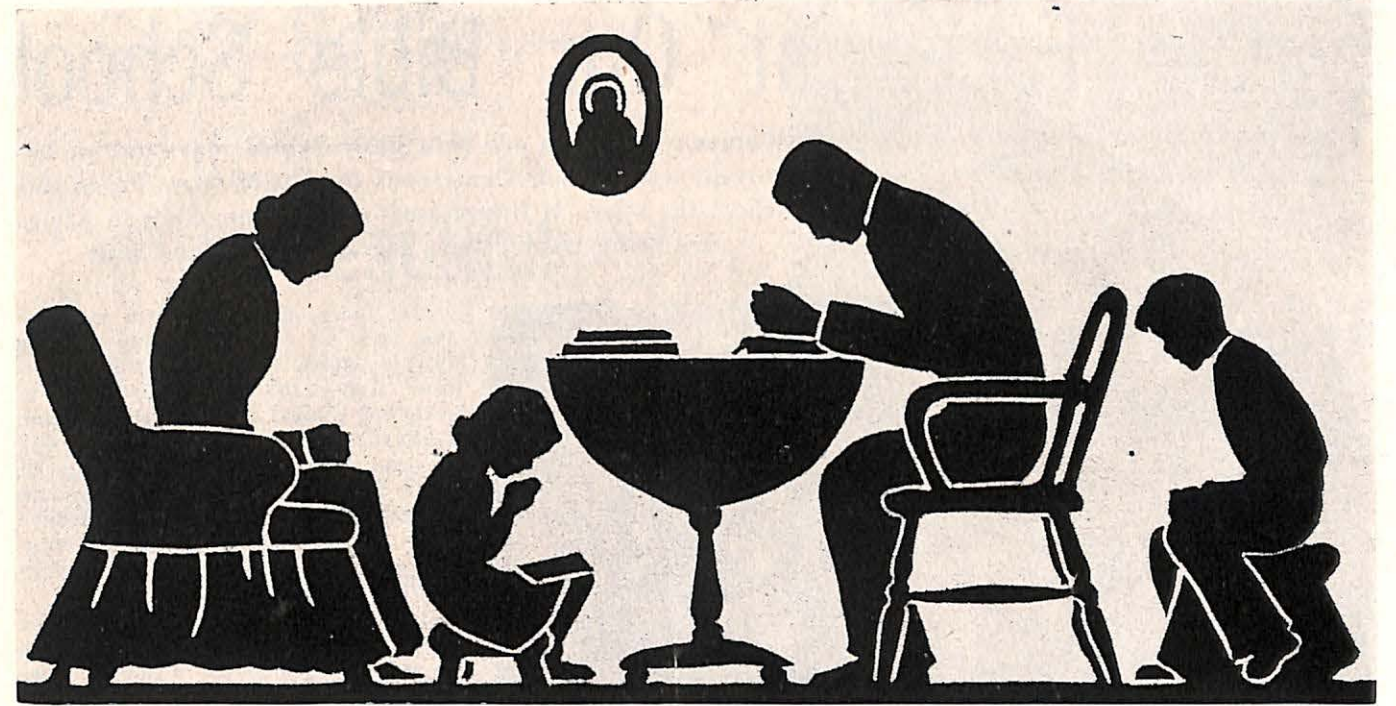
"What is this?" he demanded. "Some kind of a joke? I don't think it's very funny."

"We have just had our dinner," said father, "and since you chose not to come when mother called, you shall not have any."

Jackie cried, "But mom only . . ." "I know. I only called once," she finished the sentence. "But the point is that I did call you, son, and you didn't pay any attention."

With tear filled eyes Jackie said, "You mean . . ."

"I mean that when I call, it is time for you to come," his mother said gently yet firmly. That night a careless



—Sketch by Harmon

and indifferent boy learned that mother had no further intentions of speaking useless and idle words.

Let us not be deceived! God is not an emotionally unbalanced grandfather, or a child-controlled parent, who can easily be pacified or persuaded to change his attitude towards his Word. God has spoken only what he meant to say, and what he has spoken he will maintain. Israel learned that God meant what he said when he told them not to have any other gods before them or else he would scatter them throughout all the nations (Deut. 4:25-27). Likewise any other people or individual will learn that God means what he says and maintains it, regardless of what the injunction might be.

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man . . . Everyone that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man" (Matt. 7:24, 26).

AN EDIFYING INFLUENCE

God wanted to teach Israel also that he considered his Word important and that he demanded it to be obeyed so that through their lives the heathen nations should come to know and to revere HIM. "Keep therefore and do them (commandments); for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath a God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for" (Deut. 4:6-7).

Now it behooves us as North American Baptists to ask ourselves, "Have we been true to our mission?" Yes,

each individual must ask himself, "Have I been true and faithful in this mission?"

"May I sell you a Bible, madam?" asked a foreign mission candidate colporteur.

"My, bless you," she replied, "we have more Bibles now than we can use! We have the Old Testament Bible, the New Testament Bible, the Holy Bible and besides we have the Reversed Bible also." How true it is that there are countless thousand copies of this "reversed version" of the Bible in the world today.

What a heart rending tragedy! When God's Book says, "Go," the "reversed version" says, "Stay at home." Where God's Word says, "Give and send," the "reversed version" says, "Plenty to do at home." When God says, "Love, pray, and work" the "reversed Bible" says, "Hate, scold and tear down." What a picture the world gets of God by the "reversed version"! What a panorama of ignorance and stupidity!

Wisdom and understanding are manifested by us before God and in the eyes of the ungodly wherever God's Word is known, obeyed and practiced.

One night, just before the late Captain Bickel was retiring, he met at the deckhouse door a ruffian who had been wonderfully converted on one of his voyages. Although a rough, untutored man, he had gone at once to others telling the story of his conversion and of Christ as his Lord.

Mr. Bickel was very tired, but he had a little talk with the man. He asked him if we would take a Bible to a certain man on the morrow. He shook his head, "No, no, captain, he doesn't need that."

"But why not?" "Because it is too soon. That is your Bible, and thank

God, it is now my Bible; but it is not his Bible."

"What do you mean by that?" "Why, simply that he has another Bible; you are his Bible! He is watching you. As you fail, Christ fails. As you live, Christ lives and is revealed to him!"

Writing of this incident, Captain Bickel said, "Friends, I did not sleep that night. I knew it in a way, of course, but to say, as you live so Christ lives in that man's soul, in that man's house, in that village, in four hundred villages! God help me!"

Our attitude and our response to God's Word are no trivial matter! What place have you given it in your life? Where would you be today if you had studied your text books as you have studied your Bible? What would be the condition of your body had you fed it as you have fed your soul on the eternal Word?

TIME FOR GOD

Listen friend, God deems his Word too precious and exacts too great a task. We cannot say I have no time to read it or lamely say, I do not find it interesting. We must find time for God's Word, even if it means farming less land, cutting down our business, or working less hours at the office.

Take a regular period out of every day in which you read and meditate. Then communicate with God about the Word which you have read. God's Word cannot become a part of us by the (lick and a promise) method. We must spend time with it.

They alone can be called God's people and a wise people who have integrated his Word into their very characters and personalities so that it is their guiding principle in their daily living and a constant challenge to the ungodly!



God blesses those who love his Word, maintain the family altar daily and keep his commandments

Twelve Faces at Our Bible School

By MRS. LOIS AHRENS,
Missionary at Ndu, Cameroons

Women's classes in our Ndu Bible School represent an important work in our Cameroons Baptist Mission, for in this school the wives of future pastors and evangelists in Africa are being trained for a greater service for Christ

TWELVE FACES, of varying shades of brown and black, looked up as I entered the classroom in our Baptist Bible School at Ndu, Cameroons. One was sullen; a few were eager; most of them were passive. This was the first day's session of the women's classes in the Bible School this year.

Many were frankly apprehensive. Were they not grown women with children, and were they now to go to school? Most of them had been taught that it is not a woman's place to think—that is man's prerogative. Deep in the heart of each was the thought, "I am too old to learn new things," although all were young women.

Mingled with their apprehension was a strange sort of pride in the very privilege accorded them in being allowed to go to "school." Allowed to grow unchecked, this feeling could result in haughty demeanor toward the less favored women, spoiling their Christian testimony.

FACING THE CLASS

The few with eager faces were the ones who were second-timers—whose husbands had come back for the second or third year course. More than a hint of patronage was in the behavior of some of these. Two of these women had gone all the way to Nigeria with their husbands. This gave them quite a distinction, and I wondered whether they would capitalize on this experience. It would be human to do so. I was to be very pleasantly surprised.

As they were given opportunity one by one to give their names, village and tribe, besides any testimony or introductory comments they cared to make, it gave me opportunity to study their faces and whisper a prayer for each one. Could it be that from this group God would raise up one or two real leaders? How could I ever measure up to the responsibility placed in my hands, to be used of God in teaching these women daily the wonders of Christ, Christian growth, their individual responsibilities to husband, children, church and community? Could I make each course practical, integrating it with native life and customs? All these thoughts and more ran through my head on that opening day.

Never to be forgotten was the face of Amelia Itondi Bille on that first day. At that time she was the only coastal woman present. All the others had at least one "country sister" for



Mrs. Hedwig Williams (right), wife of David Williams who is one of our Cameroons visiting teacher-evangelists, and their daughter Irene (left). Mrs. Williams helps in the Bamenda women's meetings and Irene teaches in the Bamenda Baptist School

moral support, but not so Amelia. Accordingly, she drew round her for armor a cloak of aloofness. Being human, the thought snapped into my head, "Oh, oh! I have to cope with another of the proud and difficult coastal women."

How wrong I was, time was to tell. She has since gained the respect of all in the class and has the most consistently clean home. Only the other day she won first prize in the "Cleanest House Contest."

OFFERS OF FRIENDSHIP

As in other years, the first days found cliques composed of tribal groups talking in whispers. Amelia was always alone and aloof. The pain of her loneliness showed only in her eyes. For most of them this was their first close contact with women of other tribes. In some there was a willingness to mix with those of different background. They knew their Savior would have it so.

But for each one of them to make the first offer of friendship was a hurdle which called for "the know how" they didn't have. It was akin to watching a class of first-graders watch each other furtively on opening day in an American school. However, there was this difference, each woman in this class has been raised to believe that hers was THE superior tribe. True, they were Christians, but very much babes in Christ!

The greatest joy of these three months of teaching this group has been to see these feelings of mutual distrust and wariness melt away as the love of Christ has become more real to them through the study of the Word, praying together, and working together. Cliques have not been entirely eliminated, but there is now a feeling of oneness, very much lacking at the outset.

By now we have 15 women enrolled. Of this number three are newlyweds, very properly shy; two are mothers of three youngsters; six others are mothers of one or two children; and one is expecting her first child any day. One has had a child which died after several months; another has been childless these eight years of her marriage. All this is very important background for anyone working with African women.

CLASHES IN THE CLASS

As in former years, the inevitable clash between childless women and those with several children occurred. Most of these women came still clinging to the ancient belief that to be childless is a curse and to beget many children is to experience God's approval. Such conflicts require much prayer and counsel with an open Bible. Only repeated exposure to God's Word can bring about the "unity of love in the bond of peace." Watching this transformation has brought praise to my lips many times. Occasionally, however, there is a lapse into the old ways that is most disheartening.

Typical of such an experience was the day when Mary Mumvu and Elizabeth Nja came up to my house with faces as long as midnight. Before they spoke, I knew what their complaints would be. "The other women have been making fun of us because of our childlessness." Being overly sensitive anyway, they had taken offense at some remarks that were neither very

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God's Battle in Beautiful Japan

In the midst of Japan with its lovely mountains and beautiful flowers, there is much spiritual darkness. But let us thank God for the opportunity he has given us to reach these millions for Christ!

By MRS. WALTER SUKUT, Tokyo, Japan

Buddhist priests in Japan march to a religious celebration at the temple surrounded by the scenic beauty of the islands



GREETINGS from the land of bamboo trees, lovely mountains and the blue seashore! Japan is a land of people who enjoy art and beauty and express it in almost every phase of life. But as yet they do not know Christ, who is altogether lovely, and who has created the beauties of heaven and earth.

During this wonderful spring season, when all nature is awakening in newness of life, one can hardly begin to describe how beautiful these islands of Japan are. As one sees the many beautiful shades of green perfectly blended together in the picturesque setting of the famous Japanese cherry blossom trees, along with the many beautiful flowers of every color, one can easily sing forth with the enthusiasm of the Psalmist: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork" (Ps. 19:1). Truly, the Japanese countryside is a masterpiece of God.

POWER OF SATAN

However, along with the many beautiful things we are faced daily with much that is ugly and distasteful. The power of Satan in the lives of these people is almost unbelievable. One can easily feel the impact of the words of the Apostle Paul: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12).

Never before have I seen such an illustration of what this verse really means as here in Japan! With churches in all neighborhoods and few real hardships connected with being a Christian in the States, it is very easy

to belittle the power of Satan. That is, of course, a foolish mistake. The Devil is mighty and powerful, cunning and crafty. Because his forces are invisible, we underestimate his power.

Ujiyamada, where Florence Miller is now working, and where the Lord has called our denomination to begin a work from which we can branch out into the surrounding areas, is the center of one of Japan's greatest and grandest shrines. The Ise Shrine, as it is called, is the very center of Shintoism. Last year alone around two million, five hundred thousand people from all over the Islands visited this shrine, and its popularity is increasing. Think of the opportunity God has given us to reach these millions who stream to Ujiyamada for help but find none.

Shintoism imposes practically no inhibitions on daily life and does not object to its members having affiliations with other religions. This does create a real problem for the missionaries. Even after many are ready to accept Christ, it is a real task trying to get them to destroy their idols and live all out for Christ. All phases of the Japanese life are filled with the work of the Devil. Thus because we face so great an enemy as this, we must constantly pray for the power of God lest our labors be in vain.

ANCESTOR WORSHIP

The basis for Japanese society is gratitude for favors received. In the family this thought is carried out into all phases of living. Partly as a result of this, there is still seen a strong ancestor loyalty. To worship the ancestors, because of what they have

done for them, and to hold the family traditions and honor high are of great importance to the Japanese. The necessity of keeping up the family line makes marriage a social obligation and, in times past, the parents did all the deciding in the choice of a life-partner for their children. But just as many other western customs are becoming a part of the daily life, the choosing of a life-partner is now being done also by the individuals.

However, in many cases a "go-between" is still used. The "go-between" finds a suitable prospect and then brings the two together at a tea or some other formal doings. The young couple then decides if they wish to marry each other. In some cases divorce is decided upon by the parents.

THE JAPANESE HOME

One of our former maids was divorced by her husband because of the wishes of his parents. Even though he loved his wife, his parents' wishes were more important to him. His parents approved the marriage at the beginning but would no longer tolerate it. They were afraid of losing their standing in the neighborhood because of her. There is much friction now between the Japanese and the Korean people, and since his wife is Korean, he divorced her to save the family standing.

The home is the primary place for the women, but because of the small income that the husband receives, the women are often forced to work outside the home. Often they work alongside their husbands in the shops and in the fields in the rural areas. Many

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New Edifice Dedicated, Kelowna, B. C.

By MISS ROSE LESCHERT
of Kelowna, British Columbia

Dedication of the \$32,000 building of the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia, with a seating capacity of 700, toward which members contributed 15,000 working hours

"THAT THINE EYES may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My Name shall be there." This was the united prayer of the large congregation in the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, British Columbia, on the happy occasion of the dedication of our new house of worship on Sunday, May 23rd.

The morning session began at 9:30 A.M. with an open session of the Sunday School at which Mr. Janz, supply minister of the Chilliwack Baptist Church spoke to the children and Mr. Hass from the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., spoke to the adults

Dr. A. Felberg of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., brought the dedicatory message, basing his thoughts on Solomon's prayer of dedication of the temple bringing us a heart stirring challenge as to the true purpose of a church. The Rev. P. Daum of Prince George, B. C., led the assembly in the dedicatory prayer, after the male choir had sung, "Gottes Volk darf nie ermüden."

At the afternoon session the neighboring evangelical churches brought their congratulations to the church and added their praises to God for what he has done in our midst. The church, which has a seating capacity

We felt that the glory of the Lord had been with us and had blessed the newly dedicated church and all present, crowning the many hours of labor, responsibility and sacrifice that had been put into the building of the church since last September. We owe much to our beloved pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski, who unsparingly put forth every effort toward the building cause. In four months the church was erected and the upstairs completed so that we could conduct the weekly services without any interruption. The members donated 15,000 hours of labor, an average of 15 men working a day. The ladies served lunches every afternoon.

SACRIFICES AND GIFTS

Worthy of notice are the special gifts, which were donated. The beautifully designed pulpit was presented by the Kelowna Saw Mill. The communion table was the gift of Mr. L. Link, and the five communion chairs by each of the other five deacons of the church. The pulpit chairs were given by Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski in memory of Mrs. Kornalewski's parents, Gottlieb and Natalie Schmuland. All the above items were finished in French polish by our pastor. The beautiful carpet on the platform was given by the young people's group. The church is equipped with a public address system. The Ladies' Aid furnished the kitchen with cupboard and an electric stove.

The church, situated in a perfect location on the main street of the city on the outskirts of the business section, stands as a glowing testimony of what God can do through his own people.

FERVENT CHURCH ACTIVITIES

In the midst of all these activities the church activities were carried on with equal fervor. The young people, a group of 45 active members, hold their weekly Tuesday night meetings as well as the monthly third Sunday night church service. Every second Sunday of the month they go to the Old Folks' Home with a message of the Gospel in word and song. The South Kelowna services are still being carried on every Sunday afternoon and are a great source of blessing to all who work there. It has been very encouraging to see the church services so well attended and the additions that are being made by testimony and baptism.

of 700, was crowded to the doors, with many not being able to enter. Mr. Knox, a member of the City Council, also spoke in behalf of the city of Kelowna, expressing its pride in the beautiful edifice which has been erected. "The Holy City" was played as a trumpet duet by Ertman Bredin and Wally Goertz with Walter Bresch at the piano. We were also very glad to have the Rev. E. Link, vocal instructor from the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton with us, who sang a revised version of "God Bless This House" for the occasion. Prof. H. Hiller of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought the concluding message.



The beautiful new edifice of the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia, which was built at a cost of \$32,000 and with 15,000 working hours contributed by church members

with a challenge to face the impossibilities of the future in the strength of the Lord.

Then the main dedication service began with our pastor, the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, in charge. The church's mass choir, serving for the occasion, sang a German number to open the impressive dedication service. The British Columbia Association had just completed its sessions here, and consequently the British Columbia churches were well represented. The six pastors of the province brought heartfelt congratulations and spiritual exhortations to the members for their zeal and vision in this new venture.



The architect's sketch of the sanctuary and educational unit of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, which has now been virtually completed with the dedication of the sanctuary (at the left). The steeple is still to be added to the tower

New Sanctuary for Portland's Trinity Church

By MRS. MELVIN BECKER
of Portland, Oregon

Dedication of the new sanctuary by the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, and the completion of its building project, including the educational unit, at a cost of \$400,000

ON SUNDAY, May 16, in three glorious services of praise to our Lord, the congregation of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., dedicated their new sanctuary at S.E. 67th and Clinton Streets to God, that he might receive it and use it to his own glory.

The educational unit was completed and relocation from the former site at S.W. Fourth and Mill Streets was effected in April, 1951. Church services were held in the Bible School auditorium for three years until Easter Sunday of this year, when the first services were held in the new church auditorium.

\$400,000 BUILDING

After three years at this new location, we realize that the Lord has blessed us far beyond our greatest expectations. Many new members have been added to the church roles through the ministry of our pastor, the Rev. John Wobig. The Bible School has almost doubled its enrollment under the capable leadership of the superintendent, Mr. James D. Billeter, and his staff of consecrated teachers. The true spirit of sacrifice was evident in both financial support and volunteer labor.

The educational unit consists of 37 rooms with an area of 16,000 square feet. The sanctuary unit with its 15 auxiliary rooms covers an area of 2,760 square feet. The entire building with the exception of a few rooms, is on ground floor level. A parking area of 30,000 square feet provides parking

facilities for 155 cars. The entire cost was \$400,000 including \$25,000 volunteer work. The rambling type structure occupies a substantial portion of the five-acre tract donated by the family of the former pastor, Dr. J. Kratt.

Formal dedication services were held at the afternoon service on Sunday, May 16, with our executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., as speaker. Keys to the building were presented to Mr. Aaron Pfaff, trustee board chairman, by Mr. Harry G. Johnson, supervisor of construction. Representatives of other churches extended felicitations.

On Monday evening, May 17, mem-

bers of the congregation who have been church members for many years reminisced about former days, after a sumptuous banquet that had been prepared and was served by the women of the church. Dr. Stuart C. Hackett of the Western Baptist Seminary of Portland spoke.

The dedication observance was concluded on Tuesday evening with a prayer service, at which time each organization of the church gave greetings and testimonies of the Lord's marvelous grace to it, and offered prayers for continued dedication to the true cause of Christ.

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The congregation of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, on Easter Sunday morning in the new sanctuary with the Rev. John Wobig, pastor, on the front row (left section), third from the aisle

A Baptist Chaplain in Germany

By **CHAPLAIN LESLIE P. ALBUS,**
Battalion Chaplain, United States Army

A North American Baptist chaplain at Vogelweh and Kaiserslautern, Germany, describes his spiritual activities and participation in civilian enterprises as well as their reception by the churches and people in Germany

A NUMBER of months ago I wrote about my primary impressions of Germany and its growth for the "Baptist Herald." Today I am rather "an old timer" here and thus will attempt to portray what we Americans are doing in Germany religiously and how we are being received by the people. I will mention first the part of Army and Air Force Chaplains. This, of course, will fall into a number of phases, and I hope to cover them all briefly.

HELPING THE GERMANS

A great many of our chaplains have found time to devote to civilian enterprises. Many go to preach for civilian congregations and to engage in various missionary efforts. One chaplain, whom I know very well, uses his out-dated Sunday School literature to advantage

now occupy them some clothing and other things. The evening program was concluded with coffee and cake.

I sat beside an elderly lady who was eating her cake literally crumb by crumb. I asked her if it was difficult for her to eat. She looked up and replied, "No—it's just that this is the first cake I've eaten for years." It was at this meeting that we first received a request for Bibles and Testaments and we have been giving them out ever since.

Then there is our own work. Chapels have sprung up and prospered in every area. When I came here there was one small pre-fab chapel. Since that time three large chapels and several smaller ones have been constructed and there are more yet to be built. The newest of these is the one

ministration, character guidance programs and many other minor details. Also in addition to these services here, we have covered three other cantonment areas providing services and time for consultation in each place.

There has been established in our area a fellowship of Protestant chaplains. This group meets once a month for a devotional period, a recreation period and a fellowship meal. All Army and Air Force chaplains are a part of this group. Civilian clergymen also are welcome. The wives of chaplains and clergymen also are invited. The meetings are rotated from chapel to chapel, much the same as a ministerial association at home.

Chaplains, as a rule, are well received by the German people. Religion is a bond between nations. Many earnest Christian soldiers go to civilian churches regularly and take part. The language is a barrier but not one that is insurmountable, since Christian love is not confined to a language area.

ATTITUDE OF GERMANS

I feel that the attitude of German churches and church going people has become better in recent months. Both laymen and chaplains are received into homes and churches. Special programs have been taken into German communities and have been well attended. German choirs volunteer often to come and sing for our chapel services. In every service we find German people in our pews. We try to make them welcome at our services.

Our Christmas and New Year's programs were attended by quite a number of these people. They say, "Es ist ein wenig anders als bei uns, aber der Geist ist da." (It's different from our churches, but the Spirit is the same.) This makes us happy.

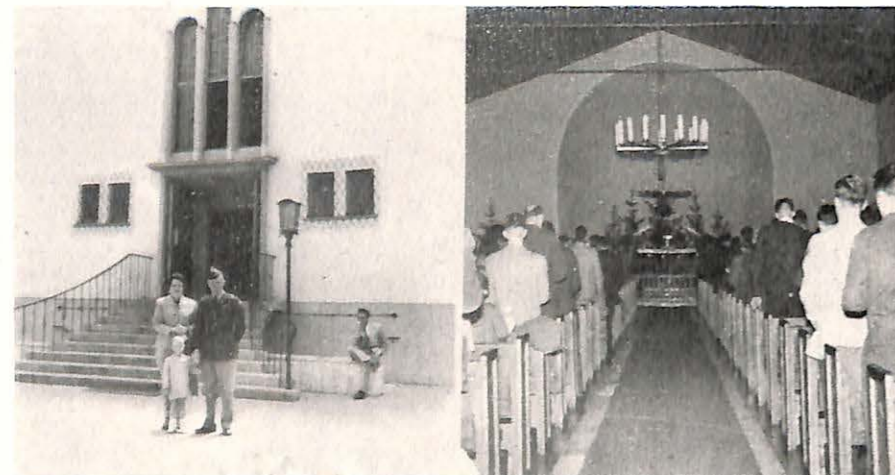
My daily contacts also include those with many Germans. Being able to speak the language is an asset and one soon becomes "Herr Pfarrer" to them. I have met the new Baptist pastor here in Kaiserslautern. The Baptists still meet in the Methodist Church, but they are looking forward to their own chapel when the funds are sufficient. Our chapel has managed to help them a bit with special offerings. The pastor is a young seminary graduate and he seems very energetic.

All in all, the indication is that chaplains are well received in Germany—by its people—by our troops—by our dependents. God has blessed
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We have not been in operation for a whole year as yet, but every Sunday the chapel is filled (it seats over 500) and our Sunday School, in spite of space difficulties, has increased to over 400. This, together with the pastoral work—both for troops and dependents, gives a chaplain a full-time job. Theoretically, a chaplain is to have a day a week off, but in my case there have been none while establishing this work.

A CHAPLAIN'S WORK

Programs of chaplains include, besides regular worship services, and Sunday School, the youth work (both secular and religious), welfare work, various social organizations, some ad-



Chaplain and Mrs. Leslie P. Albus and their son Jerry (left) in front of the Army Chapel at Kaiserslautern, Germany, and (right) United States soldiers and Army personnel at the New Year's Eve Communion service conducted by Chaplain Albus

among German children. In this case the pictures are more important than the printed text, since many of the children cannot read at all and those who can do not read English.

In my own case here at Vogelweh, there is a very energetic Chapel Guild which has been taking cast off clothing and other materials to orphanages, old peoples' homes and refugee camps. The newest venture in this connection is the distribution of German Bibles and Testaments to these people.

I went one night with this group to a camp through which most of the people who come to this area must go. I spoke to the group and we sang a few hymns and then our group gave

TWELVE FACES AT SCHOOL

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kind nor very bad. There followed lengthy counselling with the parties involved, urging them to see for themselves what the Lord Jesus, whom they professed to know as Savior, would have them do in such a situation.

Petty things to the American eye? Perhaps! Nevertheless, these are real, practical tests of Christian growth, and therefore not to be taken lightly. Thus you can see that Bible School days provide for them not only a time for instruction in the Word of God, but a time of proving and testing—a real challenge. Here is our greatest opportunity to develop qualities of leadership. Our greatest single need regarding Cameroon's womanhood is for outstanding Christian women who are at once humble, Christ-controlled, and willing to step to the fore with their convictions and practical examples.

One of the foremost subjects in the curriculum is teaching "The Christian Home and Family Life." Out here we have a deep-rooted conviction that if Christ cannot be lived effectively in the home, no more can he be lifted up in the community, for it seems even more evident out here than at home that "no man liveth unto himself." Here we tread softly, for we have never had the ancient family pressures that these people know. We introduce Bible principles for Christian home living, family altar, the raising of children, etc., encouraging them not to mimic "the white man's" home life, but to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in developing a pattern for their own.

This class is always most fascinating to me, for they really "open up" in lively discussions concerning pagan family life versus what they believe the Lord would have them practice in their own Christian homes. Is it right for a Christian mother to run to her mother's village every time she is expecting a baby, and particularly for the first, there to remain until the child can sit up? How can one refuse to leave the husband for a time at the parent's insistence, and still have a good "testimony" before their eyes?

After coming back from their Easter vacation, the women were encouraged to tell the class any experiences they had had in witnessing during their days away from school. I was amazed at the number of those who had really made an effort to lead someone to the Lord Jesus Christ.

One woman said, "I had always been afraid to tell anyone about Jesus, but when I was farming with a friend of mine I asked God to help me speak, then I said, 'Do you know Jesus?' When she said she didn't, I told her how Jesus is God's Son who died for her sins. I was surprised that once I got started God helped me to know what to say." This simple testimony gave evidence of growth which is likewise evidenced in other phases of this woman's life.

PORTLAND'S TRINITY CHURCH

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We praise the Lord for a pastor of great faith and for his family of devoted Christian leaders. It was the foresight and determination of the Rev. John Wobig that inspired our people to seek a new field. He not only guided us spiritually, but led the way in volunteering many hours of hard work to build the Temple.

May the services in this House prepare us for the higher service in the House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. May our edifice serve many successive generations of worshippers as God's House and the very Gate of Heaven.

A BAPTIST CHAPLAIN

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us and we thank him for his help, since without him we could do nothing.

Since beginning this article, I have been assigned to a battalion not too far distant from the Vogelweh Chapel. I still have one service a month there. My main effort now, however, is with troops. I have been promised a new chapel in my new area. We have already started to prepare for it in establishing services here.

This is the third new chapel with which I have been affiliated. My hope is that this is an indication of effectiveness in being able to establish a new work. I feel that it is definitely an indication of the necessity of having places of worship in our American establishments here in Europe. It also indicates that we depend not only on military strength but in the power of an everlasting God to keep our nation great.

FRONT COVER

The striking picture on the front cover shows the "S.S. United States" and the "S.S. America" of the United States Lines passing each other in famous New York harbor.

In July 1955 (a year from now) both of these palatial ocean liners will be used by many Baptists to travel to the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in London, England, to be held from July 16 to 22, 1955.

Leaflets about transportation rates, hotel reservations and deluxe tour to European countries are now available. Ask your pastor for them or write to Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois

To encourage leadership ability, each women takes her turn with classroom devotions. All but two were completely illiterate upon entering the class. So they had their husbands help them prepare in advance. The first time, they were asked only to lead in the singing of two songs and prayer. Even then a few of them shook with fear. By now all of them are capable of at least reminding us of a Scripture verse with a native illustration to bring it home to us.

A recent report and prayer hour in the men's class brought the following unprecedented testimony, "I am so thankful that my wife is in Bible School. She has changed so much and has become a real Christian help to me." Pray with us that this might become true in other lives as well.

Church Extension Campaign

From Sept. 19 to Oct. 10 forty-four denominational representatives will visit every North American Baptist Church to present the challenge of our Church Extension program and to receive offerings and pledges toward this Fund. The schedules for these representatives have been sent to all churches. Make your plans SOON for the Church Extension Service in your church!

GOAL—\$250,000 (over two years)

Church Extension Leaflet now ready for distribution with a complete story about the program and announcements about the campaign.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Herbert Schauer of Elmo, Kansas. A favorable reply has been given and Mr. Schauer began his new pastorate in the Turtle Lake church on July 4th. He served as minister of the Dickinson County Baptist Church near Elmo, Kans., since 1950. The Rev. Norman Berkan has succeeded him as statistical secretary of the Southwestern Conference.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Stoeri of St. Joseph, Mich., observed their golden wedding anniversary on June 29th. Members of their family along with members of the First Baptist Church and the pastor, the Rev. L. H. Broeker, congratulated them on this occasion. Mr. Stoeri served numerous North American Baptist churches with devotion and distinction. At present he is pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan.

● It's time for the last call for the Pastors' Conference to be held at the Seminary buildings, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from July 28 to August 1 and for the Laymen's Conference at the Lake, Wis., from August 7 to 14. A good attendance is assured for both gatherings, and an inspirational program is in prospect for each group. Accommodations are still open for those who will write immediately for the boxed announcements about the conferences appear elsewhere in this issue.

● The Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., concluded two weeks of a successful Vacation Bible School with a peak attendance of 119. Twenty-nine teachers gave of their time for the school. An offering of \$363.20 was taken for the Bible School at Rapid City, South Dakota. Four pupils gave their hearts to Christ. Mr. Remus, a student at the Seminary, assisted in the work while the Rev. Roy Seibel was at Youth Camp one week. An offering was taken for Mr. Remus for his work and helping at Rapid City, building their Bible School.

● Mr. Van Nicola of New York, N. Y., president of the Atlantic Conference CBY and SS Union, recently graduated from the College of Pharmacy at Columbia University, N. Y., with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His wife, Norma, was graduated soon thereafter from Hunter College in New York City. Both are active in the

Second Church of New York City with Dan conducting the young people's choir, and Norma teaching a Sunday School class and serving as pianist for the young people's choir. The Rev. John Schmidt is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday, June 6th, the first baptismal service was held on our Japan mission field at Ujiyamada, Japan. Mr. Kikuchi of the Mino Mission baptized four converts on confession of their faith in Christ, according to the latest report received. An illustrated article about the baptismal service will appear later. On August 1st, the Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch will sail from Vancouver, British Columbia, on the "S.S. Boolongona" of the Pacific Orient Express bound for Japan where they will arrive on August 17. Mr. Auch has resigned as pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

● The ordination service for the Rev. Paul Appel was held at the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., on June 29. He had satisfactorily met the ordination council on June 14. He is

our new missionary on the Spanish-American mission field in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. He and his wife are now residing in the mission residence at Monte Vista, Colorado. His brother, Sam, was ordained in Philadelphia, Pa., on Friday evening, June 4th. Both the Rev. Paul Appel and the Rev. Sam Appel are sons of Dr. W. J. Appel, church extension worker, and studied for a while at the North American Baptist Seminary.

● The Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, Cameroons missionaries who spent several weeks in a hospital in London, England, recovering from illness, arrived in the United States early in June for a period of convalescence and for their furlough. They spent an afternoon at the Forest Park headquarters in a conference with the secretarial staff, and spoke at the services of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., on Sunday, June 6th. In keeping with the doctor's orders, neither Mr. nor Mrs. Henderson will be able to keep any of the proposed summer engagements for June and July. They have made good progress in their convalescence but they still require much rest.

● A sacred concert was presented in the Immanuel Church of New York, N. Y., on Sunday evening, June 6, by musical groups of the church. Twelve numbers were given by the mixed choir, the youth choir and male chorus of the church, directed by Clarence Hiebert and the Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor. In addition, there were numbers by a guitar chorus and a mixed quartet, and a vocal solo by Peter Wimmer and violin solos by Hannes Czarnetski. Other soloists were Marion Stahl, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hiebert and Willy Lehotzky. Elsie Stahl played selections from "The Holy City" as an offertory. Eugene Herzog and Eddie Kronengold also served as pianists. The offering was designated for the new church building fund.

● On April 5th the Rev. Hans Folk, Baptist pastor and missionary, died in Timisoara, Rumania, in his 54th year. He served for many years as a North American Baptist missionary in our former Danubian Mission in the Balkan countries. He was a Baptist minister in Rumania for 28 years. He had been quite ill in recent years. In May 1952 his mother passed away and in Dec. 1952 his oldest daughter died. In 1953 his father was called home.

NEWS FLASHES FROM OUR SEMINARY, SIOUX FALLS, South Dakota

The United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service has approved our North American Baptist Seminary as a school for attendance of non-immigrant students. Thus we have the same status for foreign students that any other recognized college, university or seminary has. Our Canadian students can now enter our Seminary on student visas and need not get a permanent visa.

Students who plan to enter the ministry or the mission service are asked to write to the North American Baptist Seminary, 1605 South Euclid Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Registration for the fall semester will be on Monday, September 13, 1954. Classes will open on Tuesday, September 14, 1954.

New Seminary catalogs are now available. Anyone wishing a copy is asked to write to the President, Dr. George A. Lang, North American Baptist Seminary, 1605 South Euclid Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The persecution of evangelical ministers in Rumania added to his sorrows. He leaves to mourn his homegoing his wife, Anny; and four children, Johannes, Marfred, Charlotte und Friedemann. His ministry in the Name of Christ will keep his memory bright for many years to come!

● On Monday evening, June 7, the Men's Club of the East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, held their annual dinner and program at the Treibel Restaurant in Dyer, Indiana. Forty-one members of the club and their wives were present. Mr. John Allfree, president, opened the program and introduced the Rev. H. R. Schroeder, pastor of the East Side Church, as master of ceremonies. Mr. William Harris led the group singing, and Mrs. Ralph Schauer gave an original poem, depicting the virtues and shortcomings of the club's members. The guest speaker was Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald." The Men's Club has made new tables recently for the church's dining room and repaired many of the folding chairs.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., worshiped in its beautiful new sanctuary, with its seating capacity of 550, for the first time on Sunday, June 13. Large crowds filled the church at both services, The Men's Chorus of 24 voices and the church choir of 42 voices rendered many selections under the able direction of the Rev. R. Kanwischer, pastor. The church band of 28 instruments played for 15 minutes before the evening service. The church was built for about \$46,000 with thousands of working hours contributed by men of the church. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker on this festive day. The dedication program was held on Sunday, July 4th, with many friends from the Winnipeg and Whitemouth churches and elsewhere in attendance.

● Among the European Baptist who will attend the sessions for the 2nd Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Ill., from August 15 to 29 is the Rev. Arnold Koester, Baptist pastor of Vienna, Austria, whose son is a student at Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago and whose daughter is a student at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago. He will speak in North American Baptist churches of New York City, Cleveland, Detroit, and Chicago prior to the Evanston convention in August. Another visitor from Germany will be Professor Hans Luckey of the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany, who will visit our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in September and speak in our churches in Forest Park, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., and New York, N. Y., before returning to Germany.

C.B.Y. and S.S.U.

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

July 18, 1954—"That Vacation" by Ervin Gerlitz, Sherwood, Oregon.

July 25, 1954—"Outdoor Adventures With God" by B. C. Schreiber, Forest Park, Ill.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE UNION

In the Berlin Church, Fredonia, N. Dak., the Sunday School workers have been rounding out a successful year of activities under the leadership of the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Christ Wolff. On Sunday, June 6th, 14 children were presented with awards for having successfully completed the required Scripture Memory Course. The Scripture Memorization sponsor, Mrs. Reich, pointed out that the parents in the home and teachers in the Sunday School gave excellent assistance to the children in the memorizing of these many Bible verses.

A very effective and inspiring program was presented on June 4th closing the Vacation Bible School period at the Berlin Church. Under the able leadership of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. V. P. Prendinger, special emphasis was given to dramatic Bible presentations. An offering for the Cameroons Crusade, the local Conference Union Mission Project, was received. On Sunday, June 6th, the Rev. J. C. Gunst presented the General Conference Union Sunday School Standard for the Sunday School. Both the Sunday School and the CBY had a vital part in the 30th anniversary program given in honor of the pastor and his wife who had completed 30 years in the Gospel ministry.

WISHEK, NORTH DAKOTA

On June 7th the leaders of the CBY Fellowship presented their program outline for the youth activities for the summer months and early fall months. The various Commission groups had

Young people and Sunday Schools will have a part in the denomination's

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Watch for the announcement and do your part for Christ!

already been selected. Each Commission group has its own advisor, thus giving experienced guidance to each group in the preparation for various programs and activities. We congratulate the CBY leaders of the Wishek Church for planning their program so thoroughly and so well in advance. Miss Judy Fandrich is the able president of the CBY.

Under the efficient leadership of the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Ernest W. Herr, the Sunday School officers and teachers have been meeting regularly once a month for a Workers' Conference. One of the fine teachers of the Sunday School reported, "The Workers' Conference has been the most educational inspirational activity for me in the church program." We strongly recommend a systematic and regular monthly Workers' Conference to all our Sunday Schools, large or small.

Now is the time to plan your Workers' Conference program for the winter months.

CONFERENCE MISSION PROJECTS

During the summer months the local Conference Unions will again adopt Conference mission projects. The regional unions will also adopt mission projects at the assemblies and summer camps. It is most important that a record of each mission project be sent to your general secretary at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Equally important are the names of your officers for your conference and regional unions. May we urge all officers who have served to furnish us with these facts as soon after the business sessions as possible.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

If you will read your "Baptist Herald" carefully, you will learn about the many conference and regional union activities which are scheduled for the summer. You will also note who the many guest speakers and instructors will be at these places. These are very important sessions for everyone. Let us call upon our readers to pray for these leaders and instructors. Let us also pray for the work of our CBY's and Sunday Schools everywhere. This can be your way of sharing in the great work of Christ in our CBY's and Sunday Schools.

"A human life, filled with the presence and power of God, is one of God's choicest gifts to his Church and to the world."—A. T. Pierson.



Fisherman's Wharf with its colorful boats, San Francisco, California

The House on Parnassus

By ELISE FRASER

"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (PROVERBS 4:18).

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SYNOPSIS

When 15-year-old Judy Mitchell stepped off the boat at San Francisco, little did she realize the many exciting adventures in store for her. Her aunt Candace told her about the death of Lenea Thackwell in the house next door to hers on Parnassus Street. She had died seemingly without a will. A nephew, Osay Thackwell, was her only living relative. Judy soon met Sue, Candace's daughter, and also Mike, Sue's steady boy friend. Miranda Pyle, the servant at the Thackwell house, came the next day and told Miss Candace about prowlers and strange noises in the house. They went over and found a trunk in the attic that had been ransacked and three pages from the Thackwell family Bible torn out. A few days later Judy found several pages missing from the family album in the attic. All suspicion was levelled at Osay, the nephew, but Miranda said: "We don't want to consult Osay. His only concern is that no will be found." What was really happening in the Thackwell house?

CHAPTER FOUR

THE NEXT MORNING Sue and Mike came over to tell Judy that they would like to take her to see Fisherman's Wharf. Candace told Judy to go ahead and have a good time. Shortly after noon, the three of them set out.

It was a lovely clear June day, with blue sky overhead and the sun shining warm and friendly. Judy had often heard of Fisherman's Wharf and she was eager to see it and also to ride on a cable car.

At Powell and Market they changed from the bus to the cable car. Judy was amused to watch the people help the conductor and motorman turn the car on the turntable. The three found an outside seat. The car clanged its

bell and started on its way. Sitting in the front, Judy could see the hills ahead. She caught her breath as the car mounted the steep hill near California Street. But downhill was even more breathtaking, she thought. And going around corners, she clung to the seat. But the glimpses of blue water and majestic bridges was something she would always remember.

And then they were at Fisherman's Wharf. Judy was thrilled at the colorful fishing boats tied up at the wharf, at the tang of the salt sea air, the feeling of festivity. Along the sidewalk were tubs of live lobsters and crabs. In spite of the fish smells everywhere, the air was fresh and invigorating.

Sue explained that most of the fishermen were Italian and that Thursday afternoon was the most exciting of all as on this afternoon the boats came in laden with catch for the Friday markets.

Judy began to see why San Francisco was called cosmopolitan. There was a bit of every nation here. Chinatown, with the true Oriental shops and a population large enough to warrant its own telephone exchange; Fisherman's Wharf at the edge of the Latin quarter with its French, Mexican and Italian population; Russian Hill and Telegraph Hill in the distance; all of these had made their contribution to the color and charm of San Francisco.

And Sue informed Judy that there were Spaniards, Armenians, Greeks,

Bohemians, Germans, Swiss, Hungarians and people from many other nations, all of whom felt at home in San Francisco.

"Where is the monument honoring Robert Louis Stevenson?" Judy asked.

"In Portsmouth Square. I'll take you there to see it sometime, Judy. And you'll want to see the house on Russian Hill where Stevenson's widow lived."

"Did he write any books in San Francisco?" Judy asked.

"Silverado Squatters' was written here," Sue answered.

All of this was fascinating to Judy who was always interested to know little bits about her favorite authors.

On the way home, Judy watched the people in Union Square leisurely feeding the pigeons. She smiled to herself. San Francisco was a busy city but it was not too busy for its people to take time out to watch the fishing boats come in and to feed the pigeons in a downtown square.

When Judy reached home, Candace told her that Lyman Grimshaw was coming again that night and that he was bringing Osay Thackwell with him. Judy was excited as the thought of seeing Osay.

Osay wore a brown tweed suit flecked with yellow and a bright yellow tie. He wore brown and white saddle shoes. All in all he gave an air of being a leisurely man, unhurried by commerce. His hair was fair and thin on top, his skin ruddy. But his mouth was weak and there were pouches under his eyes. There was a flabbiness about him which made Lyman Grimshaw seem even more angular and rugged. Candace, Judy noticed, was cool and distant as she greeted Osay.

Miranda plunged at once into the details of their last find, the album with pages torn out. Lyman Grimshaw turned to Osay. "Do you have any explanation to offer, Osay? Why should anyone be interested in the Thackwell family history?"

Osay raised his eyebrows, shrugged carelessly. Probably the pages were torn out years ago. Or perhaps they had been spoiled. He had no other explanation. And as for the family Bible, he never remembered seeing it. Maybe the pages had been torn out by his Aunt Lenea or his father when they were babies. Babies were known to tear books if they got their hands on them.

Lyman Grimshaw was unconvinced. This didn't explain the prowler, he pointed out. The prowler must be someone who knew the Thackwell family. Hadn't he gone unerringly to the one trunk which contained the family Bible? Other trunks had not been molested. How could Osay explain this?

Osay couldn't and he said so. He looked bored and annoyed when Lyman Grimshaw said that a fingerprint expert would be there shortly to take their fingerprints. Fingerprints had

been found on the Bible but perhaps they were just those of Miranda, Judy or Candace who had handled it. But they would soon know.

The police officer came and the fingerprints were taken. Osay grumbled. But the officer performed his duties with dispatch and left. And shortly after, Osay and Lyman Grimshaw left, too.

Miranda stood, her arms akimbo, and surveyed Judy and Candace. "What did I tell you?" she demanded triumphantly. "You can't get anything out of that Osay. You can depend on that."

Candace looked weary but she made no attempt to deny Miranda's speech against Osay.

As they were going upstairs, Judy noticed a white slip of paper under the front door. She picked it up and read in a childish printed scrawl the words, "This house is doomed. Leave at once if you value your lives."

"Look!" Judy ran up the stairs and passed the note to Candace. Miranda stepped down and read the note over her shoulder in the dim light of the electric bulb. Lenea Thackwell would never have a large light in the hall because it burned so constantly she thought it too expensive.

"Oh my, oh my," Miranda wailed. "What next? You and Miss Judy had best go home, Miss Candace. This looks like big trouble."

But Candace shook her head. "No, Miranda. We're staying. Someone is just trying to intimidate us so that the house will be free for them to prowl around in. I'm convinced that someone is looking for Lenea's will." Then she turned to Judy. "You agree, don't you, Judy?"

"Yes," Judy answered but with more confidence than she felt. In her room, she looked carefully around, in the closet, under the bed. Then she read for a little while as an excuse to keep on her light. Last of all she read her missionary prayer book, then knelt beside her bed for her evening prayer. Praying helped make her feel more safe, more comfortable. At last she put out her light and fell asleep.

It seemed to her that she had been asleep but a short time when she was awakened by a loud crackling noise. She heard a roar and her room was lit up. Judy jumped up and saw outside her window a sheet of flames rising to the sky. The Thackwell house was on fire.

Without waiting even to grab a robe, Judy fled down the hall, knocking on Miranda's door as she passed, calling "Fire!" and then flying on to Candace's room. By the time Candace was awakened, Miranda was already out in the hall. Candace took a coat and flung it over Judy. "Get downstairs, quick!" she commanded.

They ran down the front stairs to the hall. "Go outside," Candace said, "I'll call the fire department." She was making her way to the phone

when they heard the screech of fire sirens. Someone had already reported the fire. Outside they saw that a crowd had already gathered in front of the house. Glancing at her watch Judy saw that it was three o'clock. Then there was a terrific clang and the fire engines arrived.

Judy stood on the sidewalk, shivering with cold and excitement. The coat around her was warm but her feet were bare.

Miranda and Candace had grabbed their slippers and wore bathrobes. Most of the crowd, too, were still in their night clothes with coats or robes over them. The firemen worked swiftly and their hose was taken to the back of the house. Then Judy saw them up on the roof, in the attic. Some of them had axes. She watched with breathless interest. Then someone whispered, "Judy!"

She turned around and saw Sue and Mike. "Mike would have slept through all this, fire sirens and all, if I hadn't awakened him," Sue said.

"That's cause I've got a good conscience," Mike retorted.

"The houses are too close together for comfort," Sue said nervously. "Suppose this whole block would go?"

A feeling of panic swept over Judy. She was thinking that if she was a heavy sleeper like Mike, they might not have escaped the house in time.

In a surprisingly short time, the flames died down and only thick smoke arose. Then this, too, vanished. The fire had been extinguished. The firemen came out and began winding their hose back on the truck. The chief stepped over to Miranda and called her aside. After a brief conversation he left and the crowd began to disperse.

"Why don't you stay with me the rest of the night, Judy?" Sue asked.

"Yes, go with Sue if you like, Judy," Candace said.

But Judy shook her head. She felt she should stay by Candace. When the three of them entered the house, Miranda said gloomily, "That fire was set."

"Did the chief tell you?" Candace asked.

Miranda nodded. "Yes, They found rolls of cotton and empty kerosene cans."

As they entered the house there was a smell of charred wood, although there was surprisingly little damage inside. The firemen had been as careful as possible in sparing the interior. The back porch was gutted and a piece of the roof at the back had been chopped out, the back exterior wall badly charred. The firemen had estimated the damage to be about \$2,000.

"Who would want to burn the house down?" Judy asked in puzzled amazement.

Candace and Miranda looked at each other. Then Miranda said, "No one but Osay."

"The house and furnishings are worth a lot of money," Judy objected. "If Osay is going to inherit the estate, why should he wish to destroy it?"

Miranda shook her head. "The house is only a drop in the bucket compared with the value of the estate. If Osay fears there's a will somewhere that cuts him out, then it is worth his while to burn that will even if the house is destroyed."

Judy shook her head. "That doesn't make sense."

"No," Candace agreed, "it doesn't. But nothing that has happened makes sense, either. It doesn't make sense that Lenea Thackwell should die without leaving a will."

"I think she made a will," Miranda said firmly.

"Did she ever say anything about it?" Candace asked.

"Only once," Miranda replied. "She said that folks would get a great shock when they read her will."

Candace sighed. "I wish she had gone about it in the regular way, through the bank or her lawyer."

"Miss Lenea had her own ideas," Miranda said.

Candace glanced at the clock on the mantel. "Four-thirty. I don't feel like going back to bed."

"I don't either," Judy said hastily.

"I'm going to make some coffee." Whenever Miranda was troubled, she always made coffee.

They went to the kitchen and Miranda put the coffee on.

Judy sat down, her chin cupped in her hands. "I'm going to unravel this mystery," she announced.

Candace smiled and Miranda said, "Now, you're talking, child. We need someone with gumption. That Lyman Grimshaw is too slow even to catch a cold."

"How are you going to go about it?" Candace asked.

"Could I tell Mike and Sue?"

"Why not? Guess Mrs. Whitney talked to him many a time about his soul's salvation. 'Just trust the Lord,' she'd say. 'Taste and see that the Lord is good.' But that Osay he can't taste or see anything but a glass of whiskey."

"Was he always this way?" Judy asked.

"My no, he used to be a fine young man. But he couldn't say 'No' when they passed him a drink. Couldn't stand on his own two feet like a man and say 'No.' He had to go with the crowd. Wanted everyone to think he was a good sport. Well, the crowd left him long ago. Osay's not much account with anybody now."

Candace sighed. "What do you think Mike and Sue can do to help solve the mystery, Judy?" Judy knew she didn't like this talk about Osay.

"I'd like to go through that stuff in the attic to see if we can find the will."

"Go ahead but you'll not find anything. Lyman Grimshaw went through

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that with a fine tooth comb," Miranda said.

Judy tried a new angle. "Did Lenea Thackwell have any friends her own age?"

"Not in her last years," Miranda said.

"Lenea was something of a recluse," Candace explained. "Too much so for her own good."

"Of course she wasn't well," Miranda excused her. "She knew she had a bad heart and she had a horror of dying suddenly on the street or away from home."

"She died of a heart attack?" Judy asked.

Miranda nodded. "Did she say anything at the end?" Judy asked.

Miranda opened the cupboard door and took out a coffee cake. She began to cut it into pieces. Then she said, "She called for Miss Candace. 'Candace,' she said, 'Go for Candace.' I didn't want to leave her alone but she seemed to want Miss Candace so much so I started. I had just reached the door when she made a strange sound. I turned around and she had slumped down in her chair. I went to her and I knew she was dead."

"Didn't she say anything else?" Judy asked.

"No," Miranda replied. Then she stopped and looked at Judy curiously. "Why, yes, she did say something else just before she called for Miss Candace."

"What was it?" Judy asked.

"She waved her hand and I thought she wanted to be moved. I started to move her from the chair to the couch but she shook her head. I leaned down close to her and she murmured something. But all I could get was the word 'love'."

Candace turned away. Her voice trembled a little when she said, "Lenea was affectionate, Miranda. She was probably trying to tell you that she loved you. You had been so good to her, you know."

Miranda brushed a tear from her eyes. "Miss Lenea wasn't one to use endearing terms. She liked me. I knew that. She loved you, Miss Candace. Her face lit up like there was a

candle behind it when you came into the room."

"Wasn't there anyone beside Candace she was friendly with?" Judy persisted. "Wasn't there anyone near her own age?"

Miranda puckered her forehead. "Why, yes, there was one who used to come. But several years ago her daughter put her in a rest home in Burlingame. Lenea didn't see her after that but they used to exchange Christmas gifts."

"What was her name?" Judy asked.

"Her name was Lily Kendricks," Miranda replied.

"Is she still alive?" Judy questioned. Miranda shrugged. "Now, that I couldn't say. Seems to me, though, that Miss Lenea heard from her last Christmas."

"What was her daughter's name?" Judy asked.

"That was Lily, too. She married a man named Robertson."

"Is Burlingame far from here?" Judy asked.

"No, it's just down the peninsula," Candace answered. "But what could you gain by seeing Lily Kendricks, Judy?"

"Maybe she knows something about the family, something that would give us a clue as to why someone would want to break into the house, steal pages from a family Bible and an old album and set fire to the house."

"Osay's at the bottom of this, mark my words," Miranda said, pouring a cup of steaming coffee for Candace.

"What about the little man in gray who followed us?" Judy asked Candace. "Who was he, and what was he after?"

"Judy Mitchell, detective," Candace said teasingly.

"Well, we need a detective if you ask me," Miranda sniffed. "You go right ahead, Miss Judy."

"What's your first move, Miss Detective?" Candace asked.

"Tomorrow morning . . ."

"It's already tomorrow . . ." Candace reminded her.

"Well, then at eight o'clock I'm going to phone all the Robertsons and see if I can find the right family. Then Sue and I will go down there tomorrow . . ."

"Today, you mean . . ."
"That's right. Today."
"I'm afraid it will be a wild goose chase," Candace said. "After all, what can you tell them? What will you ask them?"

"I'll think of something," Judy said confidently.

Their coffee finished, they returned to their rooms but not to sleep. It was close to six o'clock now. Judy took a bath and dressed. Then she went outside to look at the ruin caused by the fire. She shivered as she looked at the ugly charred wood. When she returned to the house, she climbed the stairs to the attic. The attic window looking out over the porch roof had been smashed and the wood around it was charred. She looked up through a hole in the roof at the gray sky above. The attic now was open to any prowler but he would need to be brave to show himself after the fire.

When Judy came downstairs, Miranda and Candace had not yet appeared. She picked up the phone book listing the peninsula towns. At eight o'clock she began to call the Robertsons.

She met with no success until she called Malcolm Robertson. A man's voice answered.

"Is this the home of Lily Robertson?" Judy asked.

"Yes, it is."

"Could I speak to her?" "I'm sorry, but she's in Europe for the summer."

"Is Lily Kendricks her mother?" Judy asked.

"Yes, she is. Who is speaking, please?"

"I'm Judy Mitchell, the niece of Candace Mitchell of San Francisco. We are trying to find someone who knew the Thackwells of Parnassus Street."

"Thackwells . . ." the man's voice sounded puzzled. "Can't remember anything about them."

"Would it be possible for me to talk with Lily Kendricks?" Judy asked.

The man hesitated. "Why, yes, it would be possible. But I'm sorry to say that Mrs. Kendricks is not well. There are times when she is not rational."

"I wouldn't want to upset her in any way," Judy said, "but it would mean a lot if I could see her briefly."

"Well, I guess there's no harm. Call the rest home first, though, to see if she can have a visitor," Mr. Robertson advised. "The address is El Camino Real. Just a moment. I'll give you the number." Judy jotted the number down.

"Thank you," she said, "I'll phone before going."

As Judy hung up the receiver, Candace came down the stairs.

"I've found Mrs. Kendricks, Candace. Now, I'll run over to see if Sue will go to Burlingame with me."

(To Be Continued)



FROM THE FIELD

Pacific Conference

Building Expansion and Sunday School Program at the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., can look upon a year of continued growth and worth-while achievements. Thanks be to God who gives the increase and to the many willing workers in the church, chief among whom is the pastor, the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, who personifies "Action" and inspires action in those associated with him.

Our expansion program is definitely now on the way. The ground breaking ceremony for the Sunday School unit took place on April 25. The mayor of the city of Anaheim, the architect, contractor, heads of building committees and youth groups were present for this memorable occasion as well as many of our members.

An outstanding piece of work is being performed by our director of Christian Education, Miss Martha Leyboldt. Much of the growth of our young people's department and the Sunday School can be attributed to her guidance and effort. In addition she has been of invaluable assistance to the pastor in visitation and secretarial work.

The annual election of officers for the numerous offices and committees was completed recently and willing consecrated workers were found for all the numerous posts. During the year 58 new members were added by baptism, letter and testimony to the membership role of our church, making a total of 477 members. The Rev. Berthold Jacksteit is the pastor.

Olga Pieper, Reporter.

Building Plans and Recent Programs at Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington

We of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., are deeply grateful to our Lord in opening our eyes to a new location for our church home. We have purchased new building lots on "C" St. between South 65th and 66th Sts., as well as lots on South 65th and Pacific Ave. This latter property adjoins the "C" Street property which faces a very important State Highway and is a great advantage in the building of our new edifice. Do pray with us that God's will may be done in our planning, giving and working because we are living in challenging days, and there is much to be done for the Lord.

Our Wednesday evening prayer services are very well attended by our

youth and adults. We are studying the book of Luke. We are blessed and benefitted by this "Hour of Power" conducted by the Rev. Robert S. Hess, our pastor.

Early on Easter morning our CBY group sponsored the Easter Sunrise Service. The breakfast was served by the Homebuilders' Class. The South Tacoma Baptist Church was invited to be with us. Also on this day we had a special Easter offering which was to be "above" our weekly giving for our new church building. The offering was \$1,184. Then in the evening our Senior Choir rendered an inspiring Easter Cantata, "Redemption's Song." (Picture of choir in "Baptist Herald.") We, at Calvary Church, experienced a wonderful resurrection Sunday, and may our risen Lord be exalted in all things.

We were blessed on Memorial Day by hearing in the morning God's word expounded by our pastor's sermon, "The Tears of Jesus," and in the evening it was "Christian Soldiers" night. Recognition of all service personnel was had and they responded by taking part in this service. Chaplain Joseph Hodges from Fort Lewis was our guest speaker and his message centered around 1 Cor. 2:2. On Sunday evening, June 13, we held a Children's Day program. We also enjoyed a sacred concert by the Junior Choir and Harmonettes.

Our pastor, the Rev. Robert S. Hess, and family are a blessing to us. Mr.



The Senior Choir of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington, with Mrs. Henry Schmunk, choir director, at extreme right; Miss Ethel Kageler, organist, to the right of the pastor, Rev. R. S. Hess, in the foreground

Hess also takes active part in the community. He is an instructor in the Tacoma Bible Institute, and vice-president of the Pierce County Association of Evangelicals.

Elsie O. Blandau, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., can praise the Lord for the many blessings which we as a society have enjoyed. We have been privileged to meet each month and our programs have been varied and interesting.

Our annual birthday banquet was one of the highlights of the year in that we were privileged in having our missionary, Mrs. Lois Ahrens, with us. She spoke on "The Lives of Missionaries on the Field."

Thursday, May 13, was also a very important day for us. Our Society celebrated its 45th anniversary with a special program. Our first number was an organ and piano duet by Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Henry Schmunk. Our president, Mrs. Stabbert, then welcomed our friends and members after which different members took part in Scripture reading, prayer and musical numbers. Our offering of the evening was designated for the Leper Mission in the Cameroons.

We were privileged to have as guest speaker the Rev. H. S. Hiraibe from Japan. He is president of the Japanese Association of Evangelicals, and founder and president of the Japanese Evangelical Seminary. It was interesting to hear about his early life and conversion and to hear how God is using him now to help others prepare for his work in Japan. Our pastor, the Rev. Robert Hess, closed with prayer. An hour of fellowship followed with the ladies serving refreshments.

Mrs. Otto Stolz, Secretary.

Eighteen Converts are Baptized at Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

"The Lord builds Jerusalem." That is our experience at the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia. After our minister, the Rev. Gerhard Gebauer, had held evangelistic meetings last December, we then had the Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist, with us from Jan. 17 to 29 to conduct revival meetings. The clear messages of Brother Palfenier found their way into our hearts, and many people came forward to give their hearts to Christ. The Lord gave us new spiritual life and vigor among our young people, especially among our young men.

In the weeks that followed our minister held a number of special meetings for the new converts and separate

beautiful anthems. They were: "Cherubim Song" (No. 7), "Bless The Lord, O My Soul," "Jubilate Deo In C," "Beside Still Waters," "The Lord is Gracious," and "Send Out Thy Light and Truth." Mrs. Ruth Wetzler accompanied at the organ. Our soloist, Mrs. Alice Marangi, sang a lovely number entitled, "I Found a Friend" by Allen. The labor and untiring patience of our choir director are justified when a concert such as this is rendered. To hear afterward that the singing was a blessing to others is in turn a great blessing to the director and each singer, for this is the desire of our choir as Christ's praises are proclaimed in song.

The choir is very happy that the church recently purchased new stationary light-wood choir chairs. They not only add to the beauty of the choir loft but give more comfortable seating



Rev. Gerhard Gebauer (right), pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, and eighteen converts whom he baptized on their confession of faith in Christ

meetings for those who had rededicated their lives. A joyous baptismal service was held on March 28th. Eighteen persons were baptized, thirteen of them young men.

Shortly before Easter Sunday, we held two musical services. On April 4th the Bethel choir from Abbotsford, B. C., brought us the "Crucifixion" by John Stainer and on Good Friday our male and mixed choirs united to render a program. At least 500 people attended this service.

Our church membership, now numbering 320, is still on the increase through transfer and immigration. Our morning and evening services are well attended. The young people's membership has risen over 80. A special "Friedensbote" mission has been started to gain contact with more German-speaking people in the city.

One problem which we again face is need for more seating accommodations. Three years ago our church was enlarged and remodelled but now it is much too small for special services. A. Litke, Reporter.

Sacred Concert and Women's Program at Fifteenth St. Church, Los Angeles, California

A combined sacred concert and program celebrating the 64th anniversary of our Woman's Missionary Society took place on Sunday afternoon, May 23, at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California.

The choir, under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, sang six

during our two-hour rehearsal sessions every Thursday evening.

The Woman's Missionary Society, with Mrs. E. Mittelstedt still faithfully at the stern, had a fruitful year for their Lord and Master. Reports of their accomplishments were read by Mrs. Wm. Evanston, secretary; Mrs. H. Wetzler, treasurer; and Mrs. E. Miller, White Cross chairman.

A project sponsored by the Society, a beautiful new stainless steel stove, was realized recently. It was put to good use for the first time on Easter Sunday morning as we enjoyed our traditional fellowship breakfast. The generous love offerings of "Our Ladies" are also felt in the other organizations of our church. A well known and touching recitation, "The Touch of the Master's Hand," was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Wm. Evanston.

We were privileged to have Dr. Donald G. Davis, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, of Los Angeles, as our guest speaker for the program. He gave an appropriate missionary message speaking on the topic, "The Uttermost Parts of the Earth." It imprinted in our hearts the importance of keeping our missionaries on our prayer list. The Woman's Missionary Society designated the offering for the "Bamenda New Hope Settlement" in the Cameroons, the work that is so close to their hearts.

After the program, a time of fellowship and refreshments was enjoyed by all in the fellowship hall.

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Six Young People Are Baptized at the Second Church of New York, N. Y.

Revival times are times of joy and wonder. We of the Second German Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., were exceedingly glad to have our evangelist, Rev. Herman Palfenier, in our midst during the early part of April. A great deal of inspiring, creative influences have been derived from his well presented Bible messages. He has left with us a deeper appreciation for many biblical truths, and also responsibilities. His aim has been to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Mr. Palfenier possesses a wonderful technique to deal with young people. They just loved to listen to his marvelous way of illustrating the Gospel. His choruses, which he taught us, are still ringing in our hearts, some of them having been produced and composed by Mr. Palfenier.

As a result of these meetings our pastor, the Rev. John Schmidt, had the joy of baptizing six young people on the Sunday after Easter. One of them was our pastor's granddaughter, Stefanie Schmidt, from Plainfield, New Jersey. Another young lady was from Hamburg-Altona. A couple with three children from a German Baptist church in Belgium received the hand of fellowship that Sunday night.

Our German choir conducted by Mr. Martin Litty has been very active to serve with many songs. The inside of our church has received a new face, a complete renovation having taken place, the credit for which goes to the Woman's Missionary Society. We want to thank the Lord for all his benefits, for they are innumerable.

M. A. Frommelt, Church Clerk.

Sessions of the Delaware Association at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Delaware Association met at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., on May 21st. The Rev. Robert W. Cook of the Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa., who served as moderator, opened the session. The Rev. Henry Laube, pastor of the West Baltimore Church, Baltimore, Md., led the devotions, using John 4:31-38 as the basis for his message. The Rev. Christian Peters and the Rev. Walter C. Damrau were asked to translate the Constitution and By-Laws of the association into the English language.

The following officers were elected for a term of one year: Rev. Henry Laube, moderator; Rev. Roger Schmidt, vice-moderator, Mrs. Clara Ziegler, treasurer; and Mrs. Miriam Shoesmith, secretary. The program committee will be composed of Rev. Gustav Schmidt as chairman with Mrs. Christian Peters, Mrs. Reinhold Gewiss and the host pastor, Rev. Henry Laube, to assist him. The reports from all the churches showed a steady growth.

Delegates were present from the following churches: Calvary of Bethlehem; Fleischmann and Pilgrim of Philadelphia; Jamesburg, West Baltimore and Elsmere. In the afternoon the Woman's Missionary Society had a fine meeting with Mrs. Walter Damrau, president, presiding. Besides the other parts of the program, they rendered a special blessing by having a large group of the ladies of the Home for the Aged rendering a vocal selection.

Dr. Ralph E. Powell of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., gave a very inspiring address, based on Phil. 3:13, showing the necessity of having a definite goal in our Christian life. It was indeed a spiritual, uplifting message, one we shall long remember. Next year we hope to meet with the West Baltimore Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

Mrs. Albert Shoesmith, Reporter.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If you are not content with your lot in life, build a service station on it."

—Herman Balka, Dallas, Texas, vice-president of the CBY and SS Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Luedtke of Elsmere, Del., Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

A golden wedding anniversary was celebrated in the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Del., on May 28th. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Luedtke of Elsmere, Del., were married in Danzig, Germany, by the Rev. William Haupt. Miss Martha Luedtke, a sister of Mr. Luedtke, was the only attendant. Mrs. Luedtke's name, before her marriage, was Miss Bertha Stoep. After a brief farewell visit with friends and relatives in Germany, the couple came to this country on their honeymoon, and their joys have continued until this day.

On Friday, May 28th, their vows were renewed in the Elsmere Baptist Church in the presence of a host of relatives and friends with the Rev. Christian Peters, their pastor, conducting the service. Miss Margaret Peters played the wedding march and the two choirs rendered vocal selections. The Juniors sang, "It's Been a Wonderful Day" and the Seniors, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." The couple was presented with a "money tree" valued at \$50.00 by members and friends of the church.

The Luedtke's have four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Luedtke is an honorary deacon of the Elsmere Church and Mrs. Luedtke is active in the ladies' work. For many years she visited all the sick and shut-ins, bringing them fruit and flowers, but most of all her cheerful smile brought comfort and blessing to those who needed it so much.

At the close of the service delightful refreshments were served. We all join in wishing these dear Christian people God's richest blessings and continued guidance.

Miriam Shoesmith, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Luedtke of Elsmere, Delaware, who recently observed their golden wedding anniversary

Missionary Conference at the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey

"Saved to Tell Others" was the theme of the first annual Missionary Conference of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., from May 7 to 9. With the fine leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Lenox G. Palin, and the full cooperation of the entire congregation, the meetings were very successful. We had outstanding speakers such as our own Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill.; Rev. Robert Kopf, agricultural missionary to the Belgian Congo; Rev. Edgar Drechsel, missionary in India; Rev. Ira V. "Dad" Smith of the Children's Temple, Newark, N. J.; and Miss Helen Odenwelder, national authority on Child Evangelism. Our choir under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Rauscher enriched our meetings with their fine selections.

Friday evening was North American General Conference Day and Dr. John Leyboldt spoke warmly of "Christ's Program in One Sentence." Following the message colored slides of the Cameroons were shown and Dr. Leyboldt injected items of interest.

Saturday beginning with 4:15 P.M. was "Family Day." A film, "African Adventure," was viewed at the beginning of our session. The Rev. Ira V. "Dad" Smith, gave an object talk. A delicious family supper was served by the Woman's Missionary Society and at 6:15 P.M. another sound film was shown entitled, "Our Children." Miss Helen Odenwelder spoke of the work of Child Evangelism in the seashore areas of New Jersey and the eastern part of Pennsylvania.

On Sunday morning Miss Odenwelder gave an interesting flannelgraph talk to a joint session of our Sunday School. At our morning worship hour, Dr. Leyboldt stirred us with a message on "The Unfinished Task." Rev. Edgar Drechsel spoke briefly of the mission field in India. The morning service ended with warm words by Pastor Palin to the mothers present.

Two sound films ushered in the final session of our conference on Sunday evening, "Congo Seminary" and "A People of the Congo." The Rev. Robert Kopf thrilled us with his personal testimony of his conversion and the call to the mission field. Although 30 per cent of our total budget of the past year went to missions, our aim is to increase the amount for the coming year. We are aware of the fact that a missionary minded church is a growing church. The Easter offering was increased by 400 per cent over previous years.

Joseph Balogh, Reporter.

You Know This Fellow

To get his Wealth, he spent his Health And then, with might and main. He turned around and spent his Wealth To get his Health again.



Speakers at the Missionary Conference held by the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey. Left to right: Rev. Robert Kopf, Rev. Lenox G. Palin, pastor; Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill.; Rev. Ira V. Smith

Ordination of the Rev. Raymond P. Yahn at the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In response to the invitation of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., 15 of the 24 churches of the Atlantic Conference sent 38 delegates to consider the ordination of Mr. Raymond P. Yahn to the Christian ministry on March 30. Of these 15 were active pastors. The Rev. Julius Kaaz, retired, was granted full privileges of a delegate.

The Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the candidate, was elected moderator of the council and the Rev. Christian Peters, secretary. Mr. Oscar Hiebner, chairman of the board of deacons and an uncle of the candidate, read the letter from the church recommending that Mr. R. P. Yahn be examined for the Gospel ministry. The candidate was then formally presented by his pastor to the council.

Given the opportunity, Brother Yahn presented (1) his conversion experience; (2) his call to the ministry, and (3) his doctrinal convictions.

He made a conversion experience during revival meetings conducted by the Rev. Wm. Hoover in 1939. He was baptized by the Rev. Assaf Husmann, at that time his pastor, and became a member of the Pilgrim Baptist Church. His call to full-time Christian service came to him during a Bible conference in 1946 at Bob Jones University. This ripened into a conviction that it was God's will for him to go to a mission field. He is still waiting for the Lord's specific directions, while he is now serving as pastor of the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

His doctrinal views were presented clearly and precisely, supported by Scripture references. His manner was forthright and humble. After a very thorough examination, the council voted unanimously and joyfully to accept his entire presentation as completely satisfactory, and to recommend to the Pilgrim Church to proceed with the ordination. This action also in-

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Announcement about the new and improved "Baptist Herald" now being planned for 1955.

cluded approval of the scholastic qualifications of the candidate who graduated from Bob Jones University in 1951 with the B.A. degree, and from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1954 with the B.D. degree. Mrs. Bettie Yahn, wife of the candidate, was introduced and gave a radiant testimony of her Christian experience and devotion to her Christian witness.

The ordination service was conducted the same evening. Congregation and visitors filled the beautiful sanctuary. The pastor presided. Dr. Carl M. Morgan, dean of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivered the ordination sermon. The Rev. John Schmidt led in the ordination prayer. The Rev. Walter C. Damrau gave the charge to the candidate, and the Rev. Paul Wengel addressed the charge to the congregation. The Rev. Assaf Husmann welcomed the newly ordained brother into the fellowship of the ministers of the Gospel. The Rev. Julius Kaaz presented the ordination certificate.

The mixed choir and the male chorus of the church rendered beautiful anthems, and Mrs. A. Yahn, the mother of the candidate, rendered very impressively an appropriate solo, "Grant Me, Dear Lord, Deep Peace of Mind." Representatives of the various branches of the church brought fitting words of congratulation to the candidate and Mrs. Raymond Yahn and presented them with a variety of gifts.

This wonderful service was closed with the benediction by the Rev. Ray-

mond P. Yahn. The evening ended informally in good fellowship around ample refreshments in the basement of the church.

Assaf Husmann, Reporter.

Central Conference

Junior Choir of 53 Members at the Burns Avenue Church, Detroit, Michigan

Due to our love for music at the Burns Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., it was decided that something should be done to teach and train the children for the choirs of the future. Thus, in October 1952, a Junior Choir was formed.

Every Wednesday evening the group meets at 7:30 P.M. and one hour is spent in musical instruction and singing under the capable leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thom. Dr. Kenneth Westerman's method is used in the teaching. Many of the children sang in monotonous, but after much practice they have learned to sing tunes. Tone quality and articulation are also stressed.

The age bracket of this group is from 5 to 12, and there are 53 members in regular attendance. Two and three part songs are sung, and everything is committed to memory. The choir has sung at various special occasions such as Easter, Christmas, and musical evenings.

Following the hour of musical instruction one half hour is devoted to prayer, Bible stories, and pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Al Bolden in charge of this portion. Because of the success and enthusiasm of this choir, two other groups have been formed for instruction: a Junior group (ages 13 through 16) with 25 members and a Senior group of 20 members.

In looking forward to our new church home, we are also anticipating the need for more music and finer music. With God's blessing we know this work will succeed.

Mrs. Marion Ernst, Reporter.



The fine Junior Choir of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, with Mr. Al Bolden and Mr. Arthur Thom at the right and Mrs. Thom and Mrs. Bolden at the left



The beautiful Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, host to the Central Conference sessions, and (right) Rev. William L. Schoeffel, new moderator of the Central Conference, congratulates the Rev. Alex Elsesser of Dayton, Ohio, for the church's wonderful reception extended to the conference

—Picture by M. L. Leuschner

Highlights of the Central Conference at the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio

Amidst intermittent showers and sunlight from heaven, the Central Conference met at the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, from May 27 to 30, to do the work of the Lord, to listen to Bible preaching, and to enjoy the fellowship of the saints. The Shroyer Road people proved to be excellent hosts, being led by their able pastor, Rev. Alex Elsesser.

From Oregon, from Chicago, from Canada, from all over the central states the people came. Enthusiastic, church praising pastors and devoted laymen swarmed to Dayton! And what fine attendance there was at the Saturday night Youth Banquet, where Dr. M. L. Leuschner delivered an inspiring sermon, urging the people to let the hand of God guide them. The Rev. John Grygo ("Brother John") laid them in the aisles with wit and humor.

On Sunday morning the church was filled at both services, 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. At 10:00 A.M. Miss Laverne Mehlhoff and Rev. Eric Kuhn spoke at the Sunday School to Adults which filled the basement. In fact, from Saturday at 6:30 P.M. until Sunday noon, if an attendee was tardy, it was "stand up!"

News from the churches: Twenty-four churches reported additions. There was an average of 7 1/6 members increase in each church. Ebenezer Church of Detroit, orchids to you, for your 106 new members taken in! Four churches received over 50 members, respectively. All in all, our Central Conference totaled a net gain of 172 members. We welcome Rev. George Lang to Humboldt Park Church; Rev. Albert H. Fadenrecht to Round Lake Church; and Rev. Olland Ford Cole to the Pin Oak Creek Church as new pastors.

The new moderator, Rev. Wm. Schoeffel, of Grace Church, Chicago, Ill., will lead next year. Rev. Roland Ross reports the first time organization of a Men's Brotherhood for the Central Conference. A step forward! Excelsior! The president is Edward Meister,

Foster Ave; vice-president, Kurt Richter, White Ave.; and secretary-treasurer, Lloyd Kontz of Burns Avenue.

Amidst much good feeling and mutually willing spirits, the Central Conference received a new church, the First Baptist Church of Utica, Mich., into the fellowship. Utica is located 20 miles north of Detroit. Rev. Dwight Fry came to the locality and started from nothing! Brother Fry gave an excellent creedal statement of faith as his testimony. It was a very thrilling moment for us! Our unanimous vote welcomed these new members.

Some may debate better, shout better, but none sings, preaches or prays better than a North American Baptist! Mrs. Lillian Graham was at the organ consistently. The CBY quartet of the Hepp brothers, Thomas Davis, and Bill Clingham, sang beautifully at the CBY banquet. Good Bible preaching was the main source of inspiration throughout. The conference theme was, "God hath committed unto us..." (2 Cor. 5:18-21).

We were fortunate to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner with us. Dr. Leuschner spoke twice, once at the CBY banquet, and again at the morning worship, at 11:00 A.M., speaking on "God's Expectations," setting forth high goals for us.

The Rev. Otto Patzia of Conner Church, Detroit, Mich., took as his topic, "Ambassadors at Jerusalem," and told us that Jesus assigns us a place of operation—Jerusalem first! Home Missions!

Dr. William Boutwell, medical missionary of the Cameroons, gave such a vivid description of the toil of the missionary that we all ached when he had finished. Building washed out bridges and encountering transportation difficulties made us all think that we should have a course on construction placed in the curriculum at the Seminary.

Outstanding illustration: What relative values are body and soul? To honor the body above that of the soul is likened to a lady to whom was given a beautiful diamond in an attractive box. The lady was grateful: "O, thank you, thank you, for the lovely box." This was in a sermon by Dr. Dale

Ihrle, Burns Avenue Church, Detroit, Mich., on Sunday morning. It was reiterated, "You get what you buy."

The Sunday evening worship gave an "amen" to a wonderful four days of fellowship. With the text of Phil. 1:21, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," the Rev. Henry Hirsch Beaver Church, told us it was a wonderful inspiration to remember the lives of the 54 persons who have gone on in the conference. The Rev. H. R. Schroeder of East Side Church, Chicago, Ill., interpreted the communion to the Bible-believing Christian. Thus we were drawn closer to Christ at the communion table, and closer to each other.

James B. Hutton, Reporter.

Mother-daughter Banquet at the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana

On Tuesday evening, May 4th, a Mother and Daughter Banquet was held at the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. Dorothy Unversaw, a teacher in the Weekday Religious Education Program of the city, was the principal speaker. The table decorations, consisting of mother and daughter dolls, and made by Mrs. Carl Hofmann, further carried out the mother-daughter theme. Seventy-eight mothers and daughters were in attendance and were efficiently served by several of the men of the church.

Though our group may be rather small, we have been busy throughout this year. Curtains were made for the church basement windows and a much needed guest register was presented to the church. We were able to finance the complete refinishing of the floors at the parsonage due to the volunteer labor of several of the men. These improvements at home were partially made possible by the selling of greeting cards under the direction of Mrs. Steward and the compiling of over one hundred cookbooks of 65 pages of our favorite recipes entitled, "May We Suggest—For Your Eating Pleasure."

Recently over 50 baby gowns and some White Cross bandages were sent to our denominational headquarters.

Mrs. Della Steward, Corresp. Sec.

Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., Observes 90th Anniversary and Welcomes Former Pastors

The Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., recently observed its 90th anniversary with a week of special celebration from June 6 to 13. Former pastors returned to share in this historic occasion. The Rev. Paul Wengel of Brooklyn, N. Y., who had served the church for approximately 14 years, spoke at the morning service on June 6th. The speaker at the evening service was the Rev. J. Lester Harnish of Los Angeles, California. The message at the great family dinner on Wednesday, June 9, was delivered by the Rev. Owen L. Miller of Hammond, Indiana.

Churches and sister and daughter churches. Dr. Dale Ihrie of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit was the speaker.

A most interesting and entertaining historical pageant, "Bethel's Family Album," presented on Friday, June 11, was one of the highlights of the week's activities. The concluding Sunday's program featured the anniversary message of the pastor, a Children's Day program and the participation of the youth in the evening service.

Bethel Church is pastored by the Rev. W. S. Sommerschild. Miss Theresa Cutler serves as assistant to the pastor and director of Christian Education.

Theresa Cutler, Reporter.



The twenty converts who were baptized on Easter Sunday afternoon at the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., by the Rev. George W. Neubert. Another person was baptized on Easter Sunday evening

Greetings were also extended from the Rev. Ted Place, former assistant pastor.

At the Denominational Night on June 8th greetings were brought from Mr. Walter Grosser, moderator of the North American Baptist General Conference; the Rev. Wilbur Bloom, executive secretary of the Detroit Baptist Missionary Society; the Rev. G. Merrill Lenox of the Detroit Council of

Southwestern Conference

Twenty-one Converts Baptized at the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska

On Easter Sunday afternoon the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., witnessed the baptism of 20 con-

verts. Another person was baptized at the evening service. Two members were also received by letter and one by reinstatement.

Forty persons were in attendance at a sunrise breakfast service during which Mr. Glen Porraath brought a meditation from God's Word. On Sunday evening the three choirs rendered a sermon in song. We praise God for these new converts and members who were brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. On the following Sunday they were given the hand of fellowship by our pastor, the Rev. George W. Neubert.

Beverly Whitehead, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Baptist Junior Woman's Mission Circle of Plevna, Presents Mother's Day Program

On Sunday, May 9th, the Junior Woman's Mission Circle of the Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont., under the able leadership of our president, Mrs. Edward Burkle, presented its annual Mother's Day program to a large audience.

The program was opened by an impressive candlelight devotional service, followed by a variety of solos, duets, and quartet numbers, as well as recitations and a reading honoring Christian mothers. An inspiring play was presented entitled, "God Remakes Janey." The theme of it was how a Christian mother, who shows her love for poor outcast girls by sending them to a Christian training school, is rewarded by the deep consecration of Christ and his work in her own daughter.

At the close of our program a red carnation was pinned on each mother present. Our offering, amounting to \$98.96, was dedicated to our special mission project for medical supplies for the Cameroons, Africa.

Because our oldest church mother is an invalid, we as a group went to her home to present her with a carnation. We also sang our program group songs for her. Although our group is small in number, we find great joy working together and preparing White Cross supplies.

Mrs. Ernest Lang, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Gala Parade Opens Vacation Bible School, Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

Saturday, May 29th, was Preparation Day for the Vacation Bible School of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. Upon completion of registration, the Rev. Louis Johnson and Mr. Milton Lippert led the parade with Mr. Lippert at the public address system announcing and inviting the children in the vicinity of our church to Bible School, May 31 to June 4, inclusive. Children, parents and other interested adults followed in decorated cars with large signs announcing the school.

Obituary

(A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries, except for those of our pastors and their wives. If possible, limit the obituary notices to 250 words. Send them to the Editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.)

MR. WILLIAM W. MOLLHAGEN of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mr. William W. Mollhagen of Lorraine, Kans., the third son of William and Elizabeth Army Mollhagen, was born near Lorraine, Kans., on Nov. 1, 1895 and passed away suddenly on May 1, 1954. He reached the age of 58 years and 6 months.

As a young man he made his profession of faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior, was baptized on April 7, 1912 by the Rev. Samuel Blum, and added to the membership of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. He remained a faithful and loyal member until his death.

On June 17, 1924, he was united in marriage to Miss Irene Wagner. Their only son, William Wayne, now a sophomore in McPherson College, was born on June 20, 1934. Besides his bereaved wife and son, Mr. Mollhagen is survived by two brothers: Harry W. Mollhagen and Ben W. Mollhagen of Lorraine; three sisters: Mrs. Minnie E. Schroeder, Mrs. Lydia E. Melchert, both of Lorraine, and Mrs. Alice E. Sager of Moran, Kans.; and a host of other relatives, neighbors, and friends.

His pastor, assisted by Dr. D. W. Bittenger, president of McPherson College, led the funeral services at the church on May 4, 1954, and brought words of comfort from the text: "The Master is come, and calleth for thee" (John 11:28). May the Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, comfort the hearts of those who mourn!

First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Pastor.

MR. EDWARD M. BUCHHOLZ of Avon, South Dakota.

Mr. Edward M. Buchholz of Avon, S. Dak., son of Michael and Dorothea Buchholz, was born in Bon Homme County on April 14, 1893 and died in the Tyndall Hospital on June 2, 1954 at the age of 61 years and one month.

Ed. Buchholz was converted on May 1907, baptized by the Rev. John Jaeger and became a member of the Tyndall Baptist Church. During the first World War, Mr. Buchholz served in the Armed Forces Overseas and it was during that time that his health was impaired by poison gas. On Dec. 12, 1931 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Florence Miller. Until 1941 he farmed in the Avon District, then he moved to Avon and became a member of the Avon Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak., of which he was a member until his departure.

Our brother had been in ill health since 1940. He spent considerable time in the Veterans Hospital of the state of South Dakota. We know by his last testimony in the hospital that he was ready to meet his Savior whom he loved with all his heart.

He leaves to mourn: his wife; step-son, Lorence Miller; two brothers: David of Wessington Springs, S. Dak.; Albert of Wadena, Minn.; two sisters: Mrs. E. Radack, Avon, S. Dak., and Mrs. Jasper Burma, Wessington Springs, South Dakota. His parents, three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

The undersigned led the funeral service and spoke on Matt. 11:28 before a large audience.

Avon, South Dakota
WALTER STEIN, Officiating Pastor.

MR. HERBERT RADEL of Parkston, South Dakota.

Mr. Herbert Radel, son of Fred and Augusta Radel, of Parkston, S. Dak., was born at Emery, S. Dak., March 12, 1905. At the age of fifteen he accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized by the Rev. C. Dippel and joined the Plum Creek Baptist Church. In 1950 he transferred his membership to the Parkston Baptist Church where he was a faithful member until his passing.

On September 3, 1939 he was united in holy matrimony to Helen Janssen. Three daughters were born to them. Those remaining are his beloved wife, who cared for him in his illness with great devotion; and his three daughters: Judith, Joan and Constance; also four brothers: William, Emil, Gustav and Albert; and two sisters: Mrs. Emil (Emma) Lang and Mrs. George (Lydia) Walker of Huron, South Dakota. His parents; one brother, Fred; and one sister, Anna, preceded him in death.

He farmed in the Emery area for some years and was also engaged in business in Parkston after moving here in 1942. He was very active in civic affairs, having been a member of the school board for six years, and recently president of the Lions Club.

After a lingering illness, with much suffering, he went to be with his Lord on Saturday morning, June 5. "Where God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any pain: for the former things are passed away."

Parkston, South Dakota

ALFRED WEISSER, Pastor.

MR. LUDWIG ROTH of Leduc, Alberta.

Mr. Ludwig Roth of Leduc, Alta., was born in Volhynia, Russia, on Feb. 17, 1864. On Oct. 10, 1886 he was united in holy matrimony to Julia Falkenberg. The Lord blessed this marriage with twelve children, two of whom preceded him in death. In the year 1889 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized by the Rev. F. A. Mueller and received into the Baptist Church at Lucinow, Volhynia, Russia. In 1891 he and his family migrated to Portland, Ore., and two years later they moved to Leduc, Alta., Canada, where they home-stayed for many years and where they reared their family. Here they also joined the First Baptist Church near Leduc. Brother Roth served as a member of the Board of Trustees and in other capacities of the church for many years.

On July 20, 1934 his wife, with whom he had shared joy and sorrow for almost 48 years, preceded him in death. On March 10, 1936 he married Mrs. Amelia Wierzbka when he retired from the farm life and made his home in the town of Leduc. There he joined the Temple Baptist Church, where he remained a faithful member until his death.

For the past few months his health began to fail and at intervals he spent some time in the hospitals but his health always improved to the extent that he enjoyed himself with his loved ones. In his strong faith in God he resigned himself to the complete will of God. On May 22 he died in an Edmonton Hospital at the ripe age of 90 years, 3 months and 5 days.

He leaves to mourn his loss: his wife; five sons: Gustave, Arthur, Walter, Fred and Elmer of Leduc; five daughters: Mrs. Gus. Bienert, Mrs. Julius Hammer of Leduc; Mrs. Sam Wuersch, Mrs. Frieda Frederick and Mrs. Louis Riehl of Millet; one brother, Mr. Adolph Roth of Leduc, 27 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren, as well as a host of relatives and friends.

May the God of all comfort fill the hearts of the bereaved with a blessed hope of a glorious reunion. Since the Rev. H. Schatz was not home, the undersigned with the assistance of the Rev. E. Hoffman of Wiesen-thal brought messages of comfort both in the German and English language. Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church.

Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

J. C. KRAENZLER, Officiating Minister.

MAY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	May, 1954	May, 1953	May, 1954
Atlantic	\$ 2,807.96	\$ 1,500.83	\$ 3,440.24
Central	6,160.76	6,346.71	7,166.07
Dakota	7,538.72	2,590.75	5,834.77
Eastern	3,031.02	1,454.84	553.89
Northern	2,374.43	1,311.79	3,328.06
Northwestern	7,361.83	7,900.40	7,851.30
Pacific	3,562.53	3,736.17	8,638.86
Southern	3,837.01	1,006.36	222.24
Southwestern	3,301.07	3,009.56	2,201.27
Total Contributions	\$39,975.33	\$28,857.41	\$39,236.70

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of May, 1954	\$39,006.37	\$ 968.96	\$39,975.33
For the month of May, 1953	32,757.20	3,899.79*	28,857.41
For the month of May, 1952	30,594.40	8,642.30	39,236.70

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1954 to May 31, 1954	\$100,837.36	\$ 2,157.78	\$102,995.15
April 1, 1953 to May 31, 1953	101,718.92	3,618.12	105,337.04
April 1, 1952 to May 31, 1952	77,561.54	14,982.05	92,543.89

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

April 1, 1952 to May 31, 1954	\$1,110,618.10	\$112,842.05	\$1,223,460.15
April 1, 1951 to May 31, 1953	1,009,228.50	187,964.58	1,197,193.08
April 1, 1950 to May 31, 1952	879,938.94	220,373.45	1,100,312.39

* Adjustment of prior month's distribution.

Our school was divided into two departments: Elementary and Beginner, with an enrollment of 111 and an average attendance of 96. Mrs. Charles Marstaller, Jr., our general superintendent, also served as principal of the Elementary Department. Mrs. Douglas Boyd was principal of the Beginner Department.

Mrs. Marstaller led us in our opening exercises. Our theme song for the week was "Everybody ought to know who Jesus is." The children listened intently to the object lessons brought by the Rev. Walter G. Gummelt each morning. Mrs. Louis Johnson served as our general pianist. Mrs. Herbert Schneider, Mrs. Louis Johnson, Mrs. Vernon Ekurt were teachers in the Primary Department and Mrs. Herbert Stobbe, Mrs. Harry Lampert and Betty Thomson served as group leaders.

Mrs. J. J. Lippert and Milton Lippert taught the Juniors assisted by the Rev. Louis Johnson. The Rev. Walter G. Gummelt was in charge of the Intermediates. In the Beginner Department Mrs. Douglas Boyd was ably assisted by Mrs. John Massirer, Mrs. T. L. Lampert, Nancy Kittlitz, Lois Gummelt, Adeline Thomson and Mrs. Randall Wilhite.

Mrs. Gus A. Koch was general secretary. Mrs. Fred Hoeffner and Mrs. Albert Niederer composed the refreshment committee. The Publicity committee consisted of Captain Kenneth Jones, Glenwood Arnold and E. Arnold. Mrs. Kenneth Jones was in charge of handcraft with Mrs. Earl Vale, Mrs. Philip Kinsey and Mrs. Louis Gossen assisting.

On Sunday evening, June 6th, commencement exercises were held with each department participating, thus concluding another Bible School year. A fine spirit of co-operation existed throughout the school.

Mrs. Gus A. Koch, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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2. Such fellowship, to be at its best and to lift and build, must have these elements in it:

- (a) Genuine hospitality (Acts 2: 46b).
- (b) A warm, friendly and harmonious spirit (Acts 2:46c).
- (c) Consideration for one another, a gentle and forgiving spirit, and a desire to maintain the unity of the fellowship (Col. 3: 12-15).
- (d) Willing co-operation and working together for the glory of God (Col. 3:17)
- (e) A level of life so high and challenging that it will inspire its members to greater love and service (Heb. 10:24).

Applying the Lesson:

1. Upon the basis of the standards set forth in today's lesson, how do the services of your church measure up in vitality and strength?

2. How does the fellowship in your church measure up to the above standards?

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GOD'S BATTLE IN JAPAN

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women earn extra money by raising silkworms in the home. Still others are skilled in artistic crafts such as weaving, making artificial flowers, woodblock printing and many other crafts of this nature. It is also not at all strange to see women do such unusual tasks as to help the men build roads and clean streets. It seems to us that there are more women street cleaners than men.

The Japanese homes are small and rather bare of furniture. The floors

are covered with soft straw mats called "tatami." It is against all etiquette to wear shoes in a Japanese home. Not wearing our shoes in the house really saves on the cleaning, so I heartily welcome this custom! The "tatami" is made of straw and covered with a fine matting woven of rush. It has a real pleasant smell when new. There is a Japanese saying that "Tatami and wife are best when new."

The manner in which the people of Japan sit on the "tatami" is unique. They squat squarely on toes and heels. Many people sit with crossed legs in front, but no other people squat down as the Japanese do.

They have sliding doors and windows in most of their homes. These can easily be removed in the heat of the summer which makes the home light and cool but at the same time very unsafe. It is not at all rare for the excuse, "I couldn't leave the house alone," to be used when they are asked to attend church instead of the one so often used in the states, "I couldn't leave the baby." For if the Japanese women (and quite often the men and older children) go out, they take the baby along strapped to their back. In the country one can even see the women working in the fields with the baby sleeping on their backs.

LOVE FOR THE JAPANESE

Our daily prayer is that we might better understand and love the Japanese people. They are not quick to confide in others, so we must first win them through love to ourselves, and then we can tell them of the Christ who loves them and will save them from their sins. These people are confronted with many problems that do not face the American Christians. Thus we must learn to understand their problems before we can help them.

Even though their problems are different, the grace of God is sufficient for all their needs as well as for all ours. In God's Word they too can find help for all their needs. Thus we constantly feel that we must lean heavily upon the Word of God in dealing with them.

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