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• Dr. H. H. Halley was presented with the one-millionth copy of his *Bible Handbook* by the president of Rand McNally & Co., May 20, at a luncheon held at the University Club, Chicago. This marked also the 61st wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Halley who are members of the North Shore church, Chicago.

• The number of missionaries serving overseas for The Methodist Church at the end of 1959 totaled 1,102, the Church's division of world missions reported to the denomination's quadrennial General Conference. This was an increase of more than 10 per cent over the number of missionaries, 972, 4 years ago.

• Christian Endeavorers from the United States, Canada, Guatemala, Japan, Korea, Australia, and all sections of Mexico will be going to Mexico City August 17-20 for the third Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. With the announcement of the theme, "Christ, the Light of the World," Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World Christian Endeavor movement, has issued the call for the conference to leaders from Area I, which includes the Americas, Asia (except India), and the Islands of the Pacific. Dr. Poling will give the keynote address at the opening session.—*The Watchman-Examiner*

• Mexican authorities are investigating the dynamiting of a missionary airplane operated by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) in Mexico. A charge of dynamite, which had been placed under the engine, exploded on Easter Sunday, severely damaging the airplane, "Wings of Truth," hurling parts of its engine cowling as much as 50 yards. "The sabotage was obviously done by amateurs," Rev. John B. Wood, flying missionary of the church, reports. Stationed in Ometepe, Mr. Wood and his co-workers use the plane to visit 15 villages. In two of these villages, he said, the Presbyterian mission has been opposed by religious "fanatics."

• A commemorative postage stamp carrying Francis Scott Key's words "And this be our Motto, in God is our Trust" will be issued by the Post Office Department September 14, with the first day of sale at the Fort McHenry National Monument, Baltimore, Md. The words are from the rarely-sung 4th stanza of the Star Spangled Banner, written by Mr. Key while watching the British bombard Fort McHenry on September 14, 1814, during the War of 1812 in a bid to capture and burn Baltimore.

• The pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City

has suggested that Protestants be given the opportunity of a private confession to their minister as a mark of "a spiritual advance in Protestantism." Confession, said Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, should not be regarded as necessarily habitual or compulsory, but the "thousands of our people who need and desire it" should be given a chance to confess their sins. "Our failure to follow the lead of the Reformers has compelled psychiatrists, psychologists and others to 'don the clerical collar' and do the work of listening to people's moral and spiritual problems, which properly belong to the clergy," Dr. Bonnell stated.

• Evangelist Billy Graham said in

Washington, D. C., recently that he and Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, noted Quaker author and professor at Earlham (Ind.) College, may try to combine their efforts to bring a spiritual re-awakening to American campuses. Dr. Graham presented the Clergyman of the Year Award to Dr. Trueblood at a banquet during the 10th annual Washington Pilgrimage of American churchmen sponsored by the Religious Heritage of America, Inc. Dr. Graham, a former winner of the clergyman award himself, deplored the spiritual vacuum which he said exists on American campuses and warmly praised Dr. Trueblood's efforts to carry a message of Christian discipleship to college students.

Baptist Briefs

• **Dr. F. D. Whitesell.** Dr. F. D. Whitesell, professor of Pastoral Theology and Evangelism at Northern Seminary, Chicago, Ill., has completed 35 years of service in the school. There are three outstanding professors at Northern who have served with distinction in continuous ministry for the same number of years. They are Dr. Whitesell, Dr. Mantey and Dr. Fouts. At present Dr. Whitesell is on sabbatical leave from Northern and is engaged in visiting many of the seminaries in this country, observing the work they are doing in the field of Homiletics. He will resume teaching this coming fall.

• **Bacone College for Indians.** Bacone College in Oklahoma is now in its 81st year. When this school was established it opened with 3 students in a tiny room of the Cherokee Mission in Tahlequah, Indian territory. From this humble beginning, Bacone College was born. Many changes have occurred since that day 80 years ago. The college which bears the name of

its founder can be proud of the heritage which he gave to it. The purpose is expressed in the words on a stone tablet at one corner of the chapel: "A Christian school planted in the midst of a people becomes one of the most powerful agencies in the work of civilization." The Bacone community has recently been annexed to the city of Muskogee. The city has long had an interest in Bacone.

—*The Watchman-Examiner*

• **First Baptist Church, Providence, R. I.** Since the restoration of the First Baptist church in America, Providence, Rhode Island, 7,100 persons have gone on the "guided tour" of the church. Mrs. Harold B. Tanner is chairman of the tour committee which includes 60 volunteers. Every state and 36 foreign countries have been represented by the visitors. The restoration was completed in April, 1958 through the generosity of a personal gift of \$500,000 from the late John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Dr. Homer L. Trickett is pastor.

• **Baptist Congress Film.** The religious program unit of the National Broadcasting Co. television network filmed the recent Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in cooperation with Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission. Highlights of the Congress were telecast on NBC's regular religious TV program, "Frontiers of Faith," Sunday, July 24. The 30-minute film of the Congress will be shown nationally again in Southern Baptists' television series, "The Answer," on Sunday, August 28. After this showing, it will be available to Baptists everywhere on a rental basis for church

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FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows Rev. Edwin Michelson (right), Church Extension pastor in Wichita, Kansas, receiving important papers from Mr. Jad A. Wolff, realtor, for the property for the new Memory Lane Baptist Church. A brief report about recent developments in Wichita appears in this issue as well as Church Extension articles about projects in the Bolsa Area, Southern California; Junction City, Kansas; and Holiday Park, Pa. Don't miss reading the editorial on page 3 of this issue to get the full benefit of this Church Extension number!

Editorial

The King's Business Requires Haste

An American, who had just returned to the United States after visiting countries around the world, described his globe encircling tour with these dramatic words: "Opportunity has exploded all around us!" He had seen the physical and spiritual hunger of the people, according to Dr. Merrill D. Moore, and had witnessed time after time what Christian missions is doing to help meet those grave needs.

In a similar way, but even more forcefully, Church Extension opportunities have exploded all around us. As North American Baptists we have come to the aid of fifty Church Extension fields and projects. But at least a score of other doors and fields are opening to us and demanding our immediate attention. They are the kind of opportunities that can be lost to us forever UNLESS we can do something at once. Seldom in human history could it be said as it is being stated NOW emphatically: "The King's business requires haste" (I Samuel 21:8).

Christian leaders must be sensitive to the needs and requirements of this day. Our age calls for firm and immediate decisions. Every type of agency and all organizations must learn how to act speedily if they are to succeed in this day. Our Church Extension program has been geared to this type of action. Local and regional committees have been organized to expedite new Church Extension projects. The telephones are used frequently to reach important decisions.

In the United States and Canada the building boom is an amazing mushrooming phenomenon of today. In Southern California our pastors have taken me into an area less than three or four miles from their churches and then have exclaimed to me: "This building subdivision wasn't even started a month ago." Now we were looking down rows and rows of houses under construction. New cities and subdivisions have sprung up overnight with churches lagging far behind the arrival of supermarkets, gasoline stations, and taverns.

It is the solemn responsibility of Christians everywhere to regard a new building subdivision with its thousands of people as the most wonderful mission field in the world to make Christ and his Gospel known. And this field may be right at your front door! It is everyone's task to make Church Extension the first item of business on our agenda of action.

Our denominational cooperative effort in Church Extension must be geared to speedy action. For that reason the Church Extension objective of \$50,000 was placed into the denominational budget. But the generous giving of our people and the earnest concern of our churches must continue to be focused on Church Extension. The selection of a new location and the decision to go ahead with the building program must be unencumbered with trivial difficulties so that steps to go forward can be taken at the right time.

Church Extension is an exciting, exacting ministry for Christ in this fast changing age in which we are living. The accounts of some of our fifty Church Extension projects in this issue will soon convince you of this overwhelming truth that "the King's business requires haste."

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God Had Met Their Need!

Three modern accounts of God's provision for men in our Bible Training Center, Southern Cameroons.

By Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, Missionary at Ndu, Africa

REQUIREMENTS for entrance into our Baptist Bible Training Center at Ndu, Southern Cameroons, includes a successful interview, a church and association recommendation and payment of fees which amounts to about \$11 per year. This amount does not cover a year's expenses by any means, but your gifts make up the balance to provide the Baptist churches with a trained and balanced leadership of knowledge with inherent African zeal. The faculty had agreed that all fees must be paid by a set date or the student would be sent out of the Center until he returned with his fees. This is a common practice which produces results.

GOD'S MIRACLES

The deadline arrived. Six students had not paid their fees. The rules must be obeyed and the regulations satisfied and, since the rest of the students had complied, these six would have a choice of the discipline. But it was not necessary that even one should have to miss a class session and go out for his fees because a friend volunteered to advance fees for them.

HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL PROGRAMS

The programs and recitation material in English and in German for the 1960 Harvest and Mission Festival have been mailed to all churches early in August. This observance by the Sunday Schools and churches is scheduled to be held on Sunday, Oct. 9, 1960 in the United States and Canada. However, another Sunday can be selected if it should be more convenient.

The offerings will go to the missionary enterprise of our denomination. An informative article on "The New Africa" appears in the program that can be inserted into the church bulletins for this Sunday. If further material is desired, please write to Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois with your requests.

flected in lower grades on the next examination for having missed class lectures and discussions.

Jonathan received permission to leave the compound in the morning and go to his village. Before he left,

a laborer's daily wage. With disgust he stood in the Ndu marketplace, deciding what to do. His village was eight trekking hours away. A stranger approached him and inquired into his apparent sorrow. Upon hearing his story, the stranger gave him \$7.00 and departed. David did not know this stranger, but he knew that God had met his need!

It was Sunday noon when the two Bible School tutors (teachers) came with this account. Upon reaching the Ndu Baptist Church that morning, the pastor found an envelope on the pulpit addressed to "Tutor John Musa." The envelope contained ten pounds and eleven shillings—nearly \$30—and a letter which carried this message: "I heard that some of the Bible School students are short of fees. God has spoken to my heart. Enclosed find some money. If there is any money left over, please put it in the church offering."

Upon checking, we discovered that the students had to repay 210 shillings to their friend. (One shilling equals about 14 cents). The envelope contained 211 shillings . . . and one shilling for the offering! The letter was written in very poor Pidgin English and signed: "Your African Brother." God had met their need!

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

The faculty's insistence that the fees be paid and on time thus proved a spiritual blessing not only to the six men but to the entire student body of thirty. God is meeting the physical, mental and spiritual needs of these Bible School students as they attend their five classes each day.

You have already had a big part in providing them with housing and food and sending your missionaries to teach them. They often thank God for their Christian brothers and sisters in North America. You will uphold them spiritually, too, with your prayers. About the time that you retire, they are beginning their classes for another day.

The new building, now under construction, will eliminate wet students, damp textbooks and correct the problem of insufficient light in a mud classroom with a grass roof.

SERVICE IN JAPAN

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good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Yes, though the future leads to new and different ways, it is a privilege to be called to serve Christ in Japan. "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

The Challenge of Japan

Testimony by Miss Joyce Batek of Saint Joseph, Michigan, Missionary to Japan

"BE STRONG and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee: he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service . . . of the Lord" (I Chronicles 28:20).

As Solomon faced the tremendous task of building the temple, David encouraged him with these words. Many



Miss Joyce Lynn Batek of St. Joseph, Michigan, missionary-appointee for Japan.

times this promise given to Solomon by David has not only encouraged my heart but challenged me as well and I have chosen this as my life verse.

The challenge to serve my Lord on the foreign field came soon after my conversion through the reading of God's Word and the influence of his servants on the field. Since accepting the challenge, I have experienced a fellowship with Christ which has deepened my conviction that God's blue print for my life contains many years, I trust, of dedicated service in his vineyard.

Likewise, the challenge to go to Japan came to me while a student in Bible College through the testimony and influence of two of our missionaries now serving in Japan. Again God spoke to my heart through his Word when he addressed Ezekiel concerning the need of someone to stand in the gap for the children of Israel. My heart was stirred with the realization that he was asking me to stand in the gap for the land of Japan. When I yielded to the voice of God's Spirit, my heart was instantly filled with a peace I have seldom experienced.

Since committing my life to Christ and allowing him to become Lord of my life, I have had the privilege of enjoying eight years of formal education in preparation for the tasks which await me in Japan. I praise the Lord for his provision for my every need during these years of rich experience and blessing. I am eagerly anticipating this ministry which shall be mine, and I trust it shall be a service of love.

In a sense, God stepped out of eternity, as it were, into time when he gave his Son—who gave of himself—

that I might become his redeemed child. I feel I owe it to the people of the land of the rising sun to introduce them to the Son, my Savior, Jesus Christ.

It is my earnest desire, as God permits, to spend the rest of my life seeking to win the lost of Japan to Christ, and to lead them into a life of fellowship and service in and for Christ. It is also my desire to identify myself as much as possible with the Japanese people that this service might be more adequately and effectively rendered. "To God be the glory, great things he hath done!" How I praise him that he holds my future in the hollow of his hand and has promised never to leave nor forsake me until this service be completed in triumph.

Missionary Service in Japan

Testimony by Miss Lucille Wipf of Madison, South Dakota, Missionary to Japan

"TRUST IN the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). Although I accepted Christ as my Savior as a child of eleven, it wasn't until High School that the truth of these verses became real to me. At that time I claimed these verses as my life's verses. It was then I first began to realize the real meaning and purpose which Christ could give to life. Truly, the joy and peace which he has given through these years are wonderful. The Lord has guided through these years and will do so also in the future. Of this I am confident.

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Having answered yes to this call which the Lord has given, it is with great joy that I anticipate missionary service in Japan. The past years of teaching in public school, as well as serving in various areas of church and camp work, have all been years of valuable preparation for the task before me. For the two years spent at our Seminary in Sioux Falls I shall ever be grateful. The privilege which was mine in the summer of 1959, to work in a Japanese church in Minneapolis, is one I highly treasure. It gave me a good opportunity to learn something about Japanese customs and foods.

Working in the land of Japan will indeed be new and different. There will be many lessons to learn, the most difficult of which will no doubt be the language. This, together with the power of the evil one, makes one realize that the task cannot be undertaken in human strength. How good to know that the Lord is ever there to help us! "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee."

Truly, the love of Christ constrains me to go forth and seek to win these for Christ whose "idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands." What a wonderful message we have to share with those in the land of Japan! It is a message which brings to them the hope and peace found only in Christ.

As I look forward to going to Japan, there is a verse which has been of great help to me, namely, Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a

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Miss Lucille Wipf of Madison, South Dakota, who will be leaving for the mission field in Japan in August with Miss Joyce Lynn Batek.



Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss, Cameroons missionaries now stationed at Ndu, Southern Cameroons, where Brother Strauss is in charge of the Baptist Bible Training Center.

Hence the demands of the rules and regulations would be met. Four accepted this gracious offer and promised repayment at a later date.

But two refused to subject themselves to the choice of discipline for being late, and so they decided to leave the Center and return as soon as they were able to locate fees elsewhere. Their discipline would probably be re-

however, a brother arrived from his village with the exact amount which he lacked. No one in his village knew of his exact shortage, neither had he sent word of his need! God had met his need!

David was vexed with the faculty. He signed the Exit Book and left the compound. Was it his fault he lacked \$7.00? He had worked hard and earned



BOLSA BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

The well attended Sunday School of the Bolsa Baptist Church, Midway City, Calif., which is a new Church Extension project of our denomination. Rev. Donald V. Buell is pastor of the church.

From White Fields to Fields White

The Story of the Bolsa Baptist Church in Southern California, a New Church Extension Project by Rev. Donald V. Buell, Pastor

THE BOLSA Baptist Church of Southern California is a reality today, not just a hope or a plan. The Gospel is being preached. Children are being taught. People are responding. Eight months ago this was not so. How this came to be, the personalities involved, the disappointments and high moments, and the insights gained make a story well worth telling . . . and worth hearing.

WHITE ALKALI FIELDS

The fields I knew in my youth were white, the fields of Bolsa, white with alkali. Now they are growing increasingly "white unto harvest." My earliest memories are of jack rabbits that roamed the field that is now our church building site, of the "Albatross" that was assembled and flown from the field next door, of the coming of the Japanese farmers who flooded the fields and washed the alkali down and away, of the strawberries. Oh! the strawberries!

This, too, is the story of Orange County, the fastest growing county in America: from barren waste to fertile fields to an ever increasing flood of people (God's field). One hundred new people a day, four new cities every year, and this is but the beginning in Orange County!

The 1930's saw depression and the death of grandfather McFadden. The Buells left Orange County to save what was left of the family estate in Santa Cruz, California. But that was all right for this boy and Orange County had a "heap a growin'" to do before we were to meet again, in God's own good time. Grammar School in Santa Cruz, High School in Watsonville, Junior College in Salinas, and a little courting in Monterey, Calif., went into the making of this man.

In 1941 war clouds hung low and young men were perplexed, much as they are today. Uncle Sam offered

a machinist course at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Calif. Being handy with my hands, and not wanting to be a foot soldier, I took it, receiving my journeyman's papers in 1943, a year after I was married and two months before enlisting in the Army Air Corps.

Little did I realize at the time that this skill would make it financially possible for me to continue my formal education and to offer my services in this desperately needy, but poorly organized, field of Church Extension.



Rev. Donald V. Buell of Tustin, Calif., Church Extension pastor of the Bolsa Baptist Church.

The Apostle Paul was a tent maker and I am a machinist, and there the similarity ends, or does it? Doesn't God call just as surely today as he did in the first century? And aren't the fields still white unto harvest?

"An officer and a gentleman," the government proclamation read. A "gentleman" with praying parents and a host of Sunday School teachers and sponsors through the years, and yet it was four years after the war before I was willing to say "yes" to God's call. Four years of building my own home, my own business, welcoming my first born, and forgetting the Lord's Great Commission and humanity's need.

But even this has proven to be preparation for the greatest single problem one faces in these new communities, i. e., thousands of people who are busy building their own homes, their own businesses, welcoming their first born and forgetting the Lord's Great Commission and humanity's need. How could one understand and deal with these, not having gone through these experiences himself?

EVANGELIZING A COMMUNITY

Almost every family in these new communities considers itself Christian. But only about one family in twenty is doing anything at all about it, and only about one family in one hundred is actually looking for a church home, and even that "one in a hundred" family is looking on the basis of personal comfort.

For example: the Baptist minister's daughter and son-in-law who are looking for an active young married people's class, the deacon of twenty years service who is looking for a cool auditorium free of drafts, the handsome young family from the midwest who is looking for a church that has Sunday School and morning worship service at the same hour. In one thousand calls in the Bolsa area, I have found but one family that was looking for a church

on the basis of service for Christ and the need of their own neighborhood.

Surely, we will have to acknowledge that the first responsibility for evangelizing a neighborhood rests on the Christians of that neighborhood. But in almost every case, we find that the tragically few active Christians who are in a new community abandon their own neighbors to the tender mercies of Satan and travel miles to huddle together with other Christians who have abandoned their neighbors and traveled miles. One of the things that attracted me to the North American Baptist Conference was the fact that the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim had sponsored a mission within five miles of itself encouraging its members in the area to transfer to the new work, and some members actually did.

May I summarize this first section by saying that the one indispensable ingredient in Church Extension is people, Christian people, dedicated people. Twenty families could build and staff a new church without additional help. Money, land, buildings all help, but the project won't even get started without at least one person who is really on fire for that particular project. One who is on fire will sooner or later kindle a fire in others.

CHURCH EXTENSION VISION

Now as to some specifics about the Bolsa work. This particular project was conceived in the heart and mind of the author in July and August of 1959. My mission pastor status in Tustin, Calif., (about six miles from the Bolsa area), was rapidly drawing to a close. Three and one-half years before, I had pioneered a work there under the Southern California Baptist Convention.

The first unit there, 7,500 square feet, of concrete and glass (a hyperbolic paraboloid structure) was completed and the church was soon to become a fully organized and self-supporting entity. The Lord's leading



The Junior Sunday School Class of the Bolsa Baptist Church (Calif.) with Mrs. Bernard Threet teaching the alert young people.

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The Adult Sunday School Class of the Bolsa Baptist Church, Midway City, Calif., which is meeting in the Quonset building in which the church's worship services are also held.

seemed clear. The need was even greater than it was in 1955. I was experienced and in good health. The family was willing.

Phone calls to Rev. Kenneth Fischer, Magnolia Baptist Church, and Rev. Bill Acton, Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, (college friends of mine), led to Rev. John Vanderbeck of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif. Mr. Vanderbeck, I have learned, is quite a thorough person. He asked for and received detailed information about me, and then together we looked long and hard at the Bolsa area. It looked good to us, and I was ready to go, but no money was available and no "machinery" existed to raise same quickly. This really is shocking, but not unexpected, as I had gone through the same thing in Tustin, Calif.

Now in rapid order: I went to work in the machine shop again, taking a job on the swing shift so that my days would be free to call, put up signs, etc. My wife and I borrowed \$450 on a personal note to get the project started. Temporary quarters were rented, signs erected, 1,000 doorknob-hangers

distributed. Organ, chairs, songbooks, offering plates and pulpit were ordered. The Orange County pastors were busy, too. And the day of our first meeting was drawing near.

BEGINNINGS AT BOLSA

October 11, 1959, dawned bright and clear and twenty people came to our first service. Representatives from each of the four Orange County Conference churches came. Friends came. But not one single person from the Bolsa Community came. October 18 arrived, and still no one from the community . . . October 25 and still no one. This sort of thing drives one to his knees.

November 1st was the day previously announced for our first Sunday School session. Sixteen children and adults came and five stayed for our worship service. On November 8, nineteen came, and again five stayed for the 11 o'clock service. On November 15 twenty-six came and eleven stayed . . . On November 22 thirty-six came and thirteen stayed. We were under way and have continued to grow to this day.

We have reached 93 twice in our Sunday School and averaged 71 for the month of May, 1960 and 80 thus far in June. Our worship services have averaged 22 adults and 16 children and youths for the past six weeks. We had our first baptismal service at the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim on Sunday evening, May 22, baptizing three adults and one youth. Forty-three persons from Bolsa attended that service. We opened our charter membership list the first Sunday of June with nine signatures. We plan on keeping it open until we reach fifty.

Time fails us to tell of Mrs. Von Allmen who often works until 3:00 a.m. Sunday mornings and yet who is always in her place at the organ; of Sunday School teachers who, in spite of cold and crowd and lack of teaching aids, continue faithful Sunday after Sunday; of a wife and family who continue smiling and happy in secondhand cars and made-over clothes, even though daddy, in almost

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CHURCH EXTENSION SERVICES, JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

One of the first worship services in Junction City, Kansas (center) held in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. At the left is a recent picture of the encouraging Vacation Bible School, and the Sunday School with 51 present held on May 1, 1960 is shown at the right.



The large "Welcome" sign of the Holiday Park Baptist Church near Pittsburgh, Pa., with Rev. Dale Chaddock, pastor (left) and Rev. E. Wolff, Eastern District secretary, on the grounds. At the right, construction work goes ahead in building Hialeah Drive in the Holiday Park area. The new Baptist church will be on this drive.

Church Extension in Junction City

By Rev. Edwin F. Walter, Pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas

ON SUNDAY, January 31, 1960 the Junction City Church Extension work had its beginning. Services are now held in the Seventh Day Adventist Church at Tenth and Jackson Streets, Junction City, Kansas. "God's Volunteers" were here helping in canvassing the area and inviting prospects for the services to be in charge of the Volunteers.

The services were announced for 9:30 A. M. on Sunday morning and 7:30 P. M. for the evening services. Eagerly we waited to see how many would respond. For this first service, we had 11 persons in attendance. Rev. Walter Hoffman faithfully preached his sermon as though the church were filled to capacity.

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church, eight miles from the city, decided they would help by having Sunday School and morning worship services in Junction City. This gave us Sunday School teachers and officers. Because of adverse weather conditions, we did not make much progress in February and March.

But since April we have noticed a steady growth. For the last seven weeks our average attendance in Sunday School has been 45 and in our worship service 40. It is a real joy to see all these boys and girls and some adults who come to hear the Word of God.

Our evening worship services and midweek prayer meetings are held at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

From June 6 to 17 two weeks of Vacation Bible School were conducted. The Student Placement Committee assigned three workers to assist us: namely, Don Harrison, Jacqueline Young and Marcella Menke. Don Harrison, one of the members of "God's Volunteers" assisted us in visitation. During the five weeks, he made about 325 canvass calls. This survey at present does not indicate a rapid growth, but shows signs of steady progress.

We had an enrollment of 70 plus in our Vacation Bible School with an

average daily attendance of 58. The pastor served as director. Mrs. Helen Walter conducted the Nursery Class; Mrs. Noten Martinitz the Kindergarten Class; Jacqueline Young the Primary Class; and Marcella Menke the Junior Class. There were 14 decisions for Christ. These children come from non-Christian homes and need our prayers. At the demonstration program we had a very good response of over 100 persons in attendance.

We believe a stable work can be built here in time, but we need your

continual prayer support. If we could provide transportation, we could fill the church with children and some adults who have no means of travel.

Recently Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, was with us. He and the local Church Extension Committee looked at some church sites which are under consideration to be purchased.

The field is ripe unto harvest; the laborers are few. Pray with us that we might be enabled to reach these needy souls for Christ.

Beginnings in Wichita, Kansas

News from a Church Extension Project

by Rev. Edwin Michelson, Pastor

A PURPOSEFUL cloud was about to receive the Lord Jesus Christ from the presence of the disciples. As was his usual delight, the Lord spoke words of encouragement to his followers. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

In our day we might think of Jerusalem as being paralleled with our established "home churches": Judea as our Church Extension; Samaria as our Spanish American and Canadian Indian work; the uttermost parts as Austria, Japan and the Cameroons. We can not doubt that God would have us bear his witness to these specially appointed places.

TEN LOTS PURCHASED

As a family we have had the unique privilege of serving our Lord in Judea (McLaughlin, S. Dak); Samaria (Wichita, Kansas); and the uttermost part of the earth (Soppo, Cameroons). Often we are asked to compare these three fields of labor. Briefly we might say that each assignment has had its

own joys and discouragements. Satan gives no ground anywhere. The most important thing is to know we are in the Lord's will.

We have just come to the end of the most difficult year of our experience. Here in Wichita we have known unusually deep hours of loneliness and uncertainty. We have seen North American Baptists living in this city without a church home, and seemingly wanting none. We can only conclude that they have lost their spiritual interests and have grown cold. However, the Lord is faithful. We have had his unfailing assurance that he will establish his Church here.

FAITHFUL CO-WORKERS

We have also had the joy of beginning with a few faithful ones who have become real co-workers in the Lord. None of these have lost interest in the project here. Several families drive across the city to the services. The Lord will reward such faithfulness. The year ahead promises to be a busy year of growth and development.

In March of this year our Church

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This Is Holiday Park, Penn.!

By Rev. Dale Chaddock, Church Extension Pastor of the Holiday Park Baptist Church

THE PROPHET Isaiah declares, "Lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes" (Isa. 54:2). This is something that we must be continually doing as North American Baptists. If we are to continue to lengthen our cords in our missionary work, especially on the foreign field, we must strengthen our stakes here at home. The most effective method of strengthening our stakes here at home is through Church Extension, starting new churches which will result in an ever increasing missionary income to make it possible to reach out with more missionaries and to help fulfill the GO of the Gospel. And what a glorious mission field at home Church Extension is!

"EVERY CHURCH START ONE"

The most effective means of Church Extension should be for local churches to start daughter churches. The soul winner's goal, "Everyone win one," should also be the goal of churches, "Every one start one." This became the goal of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., as we became burdened about starting a new church in the early part of 1958. When a church starts asking God to show them, through the Holy Spirit's leading, where they should start a branch work, it usually isn't very long before God answers. In the spring of 1959 news broke out about a beautiful, newly planned community of several thousand homes that was going to be developed about 12 miles from Arnold on the edge of Pittsburgh. The Lord revealed that this was where we were to start our branch work.

The week before the first families moved into Holiday Park last October, we reopened the doors of a little country church near Holiday Park on a side road that had been closed for years. We started with afternoon services, and this spring we changed to morning services. This was made possible

by having the worship service at Holiday Park at 9:30 A. M. and so the pastor of the mother church could conduct services in both places.

CHURCH IS ORGANIZED

We purchased a Sunday School bus through the generosity of members of the mother church and started a Sunday School bus route. Teams of callers went out from Arnold, Pa., and made hundreds of calls in the area of the new community. A future building site was purchased through the Church Extension Committee before land prices started to skyrocket, and a new church was on its way.

The first baptismal service was held on Sunday, June 19, with 7 adults following the Lord in baptism. On Tuesday, June 21, the church was organized with a starting membership of 15. We have an attendance of about 40-50 persons for both the morning service and the Sunday School. A young people's group was started on Sunday, July 10. A two week Vacation Bible School was held in June with about 70 children enrolled. Plans are being completed for building a first unit this fall.

As we look over the past year and see how the Lord has led step-by-step, we would say with the song writer,

"To God be the glory; great things he hath done." Both the Union Baptist Church of Arnold and the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh have put the new branch work, Holiday Park Baptist Church, in their budgets. Another real help has come through the Student Placement Service and with the Union Baptist Church sharing the cost of two young ladies working full time this summer in Holiday Park.

THE SUMMER'S MINISTRY

Their ministry has been very effective. They have helped in the Vacation Bible School, and have done much visitation. A fine playground has been set up on the church property, and the young ladies are providing a supervised playground, handcraft, Bible story program every afternoon. The young ladies are Miss Jane Ferguson and Miss Lois Susek.

What is happening in the Pittsburgh area and in many other areas can also happen in your area. Especially is this true where there are two or more of our churches in an area that can work together in starting another church. Every one of our churches should start praying that the Lord will lead them in the possibility of beginning another new North American Baptist Church.

\$50,000 This Year's Goal For CHURCH EXTENSION

You, too, can help with God's work and with the proclaiming of the Gospel in more than 50 Church Extension projects. Many more churches need to be started and will be begun as soon as funds are available.

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The family and relatives of the deceased man following the first funeral service held in the Baptist Church of Ise, Japan in addition to the Japanese pastor and Missionary Walter Sukut (right) At the right, the widow and daughter of the departed stand beside the new grave. Both of them are faithful members of the Ise Baptist Church.

The Glory of the Gospel in Japan

By Rev. Walter Sukut, Missionary Stationed at Ise Shi, Japan

RECENT LETTERS in our mailbag indicate that news headlines in America about the recent communist led riots in Japan have caused some of you to be in fear about the well being of your missionaries in this country. We want to assure you that in no way have we been in danger of our lives. The riots have been primarily in Tokyo and some of the other larger industrial areas removed from our immediate work. But even in the riot torn areas, as far as I know, no American has been harmed by the rioters.

Remembering, however, what has happened to other free nations, we need to be diligent in praying for Japan during this time of national crises. But from all appearances, there needs to be no immediate fear that Japan will turn to Communism. We are praying that the anti-American sentiments whipped up by some of the rioters will in no way affect or hinder us in the preaching of the Gospel. So far we have felt no evidence of such sentiments in our area.

FLOWER DAY

"To God Be the Glory." In spite of recent events in Japan we have seen some progress and forward steps in our work here in the Ise area. It pleases me to be able to share some of these blessings with you.

Unique blessings were enjoyed both in our Sunday School and adult groups on Children's Day, June 12th. This day is also called "hana no hi" meaning Flower Day here in Japan. Although I do not know the origin of it, the Japanese Christians have started the custom of bringing flowers to church on this date and then visiting the sick in the hospitals and in their homes, presenting to them bouquets of flow-

ers. All the children and adults brought flowers from their own gardens.

In the afternoon the Sunday School children went to a children's hospital and the women went to the city hospital to pass out bouquets of flowers and Gospel tracts. The reaction on the part of the sick in the hospitals was most gratifying. A meeting was held at the city hospital after the flowers had been presented and a number of the sick who could attend the service. Afterwards they begged the women to come back monthly to tell them more about their faith.

FIRST FUNERAL SERVICE

We can also rejoice that even through sad experiences God pours out his blessings upon his people. On Saturday, June 18th, we had our first funeral in the new church building. This was a very important service; not only because it was the first such service in the new church but also because the man who died had lived directly across the street from our building. This brought many people into the church for the first time from the immediate church neighborhood.

The remarks after the service were thrilling, and we had our largest regular attendance in the church the Sunday following the funeral service. The man who died was a rose plucked from the fire. Although his wife and one of his daughters have been members of the church for some time, he never came to church due to ill health and partly because of lack of interest.

But he could see a definite change in his wife and daughter and began to show signs of being interested in the Gospel.

In March when we had special evangelistic meetings the evangelist, the

pastor and I called on him. Upon hearing the Gospel explained to him, he made a very clear profession of faith. Before we left him that day, he said, "Now I can die without fear." He attended church that same night, but soon after that his health began to fail, making it impossible for him to attend church. He passed on at the age of 74 years, a babe in Christ not even three months old.

Before he passed on, he said repeatedly to the little neighbor girl of whom he was very fond, "Grandpa is going to heaven. You must come to see me in heaven." To God be the glory for saving this man in his old age!

Another step forward was taken in our Ise Baptist Church on Sunday, June 19th, when we had our first men's get-together to form a Men's Brotherhood. Eight men attended our fellowship and all of them expressed an eager desire to form a men's fellowship—the first of its kind in our work in Japan. Again our hearts sing, "To God be the glory; great things he hath done."

GOSPEL FOR THE FARMERS

Numerous have been our blessings in recent weeks. This last one which I would like to share with you is certainly not the least. God opened up the way for a new preaching point for us in a little village out in the country. We have been having meetings in a farm home in a little village called Miyako every Tuesday evening for more than a year with a regular attendance of about 8-10 people. These meetings have been a real blessing and we greatly rejoiced when a group of young people in another village about four miles from Miyako, who had heard about the meetings in Miyako,

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Japan In These Troubled Days

By Rev. Fred G. Moore, Missionary Stationed in Kyoto, Japan

"I HAVE SET the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved" (Psalm 16:8).

This testimony of David has been ringing in my heart lately, for I am sure that you have heard much about the strife and turmoil that are raging here in Japan in these days. I know that you have been very much concerned, and very much in prayer. In order that you might be better informed, I would like to share with you some of my personal observations and concerns in this tumultuous situation.

I want to stress that word "personal," for my remarks are based not on some officially decided "position," but as the direct results of personal observation, inquiry, and study. I have been greatly disturbed by some of the remarks which have appeared editorially in the American press, because I cannot feel that the present situation in Japan is being presented fairly at home. We need your prayers—your intelligent prayers for these critical days.

THE SECURITY TREATY

There are basically two issues underlying the present political turmoil in Japan. One is the question of the revision of the Japanese-American Security Treaty, and the other is the problem of the political tactics and intentions of the governing Liberal-Democratic Party. Let me say, first, that the student demonstrations and rallies against the new Security Treaty are not anti-American, and neither are they communist-inspired.

Public opinion polls have indicated that the majority of the Japanese people are definitely against this new revision. Why? There are many reasons, and complicated ones. Under United States leadership, Japan's present Constitution was framed, which forever



Beautiful Mt. Ezo Fuji at Hokkaido, Japan.

renounces war as a course of action for the Japanese. The new Security Treaty would automatically drag Japan in as an active participant in any situation involving the United States in the Far East. The new pact would mean that 60% of Japan's already terrifically high personal income tax would have to go for military expense, while thousands of Japanese do not even have a decent shelter to call a home.

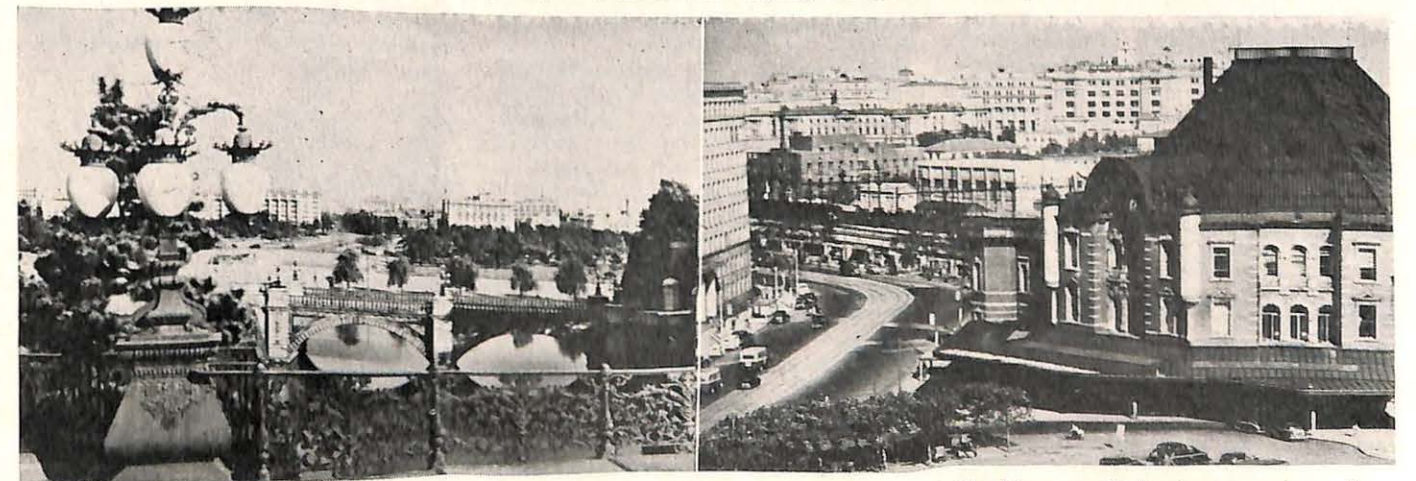
Other factors are involved, too, which are far too numerous to mention, but the fact remains that most of the Japanese do not want the revised treaty. Of course, the Communists have been actively exploiting this entire situation for their own purposes, and have been trying to drive

a real wedge between Japan and America. But the great majority of the students and of the people as a whole do not want anything to do with the Communists. In fact, last week a large group of students actually fought with the Communists because of the latter's taking advantage of this political crisis. Personally I cannot feel that the people of Japan are even remotely interested in Communism.

However, because of the very poor tactics used by the Liberal-Democratic party in simply forcing, by police intervention, the passage of the Security Treaty Revision Bill, this great crisis has arisen. I think one of the greatest problems in Japan is the appalling paucity of capable political leadership, and this should be a real matter of prayer concern for every Christian in America. Responsible men simply will not accept responsibility, and personal prestige and power are being sought at the expense of everything else. The present Japanese Constitution might be revised as a result of this political turmoil, and if that starts, we missionaries are very keenly aware that political and religious freedom now prevailing would be in grave danger.

DESIRE FOR FRIENDSHIP

My heart is heavily burdened this evening. I wish that I could share more of my thoughts with you, but I am a guest in this land, very grateful for this privilege, and therefore must be discreet. I'm afraid that our American leaders have made some grave mistakes as well, although I feel that this was largely due to a definite misunderstanding of true Japanese feeling. The Japanese people are not turning Communist, and they are not turning away from America. Desperately they still want American friendship and mutual economic ties. Pray much for Japan!



A spacious plaza stretches between the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Japan (left) and the Marunouchi business section where some of the recent "student riots" were held. The Central Railroad Station of Tokyo (right) is the hub of the transportation network in the capital.

The Relation of Equipment to Teaching

"MARK HOPKINS on one end of a log and a student on the other end makes interesting reading but a poor teaching situation" as far as equipment is concerned, said Dr. G. S. Dobbins in a Bible-teaching clinic.

Equipment often is not considered as a factor in the teaching-learning situation. In some instances, equipment is taken for granted, while in other instances, it is used without regard to practicability, suitability, or purpose. The equipment in some Sunday Schools amounts to a "collection of things" rather than a "selection of tools." Good teaching demands the proper use of the right tools. Good teachers believe that the right equipment enables them to do a better job of teaching.

GOOD TEACHING

Perhaps the expression "good teaching" should be clarified. Good teaching calls for the active participation of class members, capitalizes on the Adult desire for companionable learning, thrives best in a friendly, informal atmosphere, and results in satisfactory learning experiences.

1. *Equipment sets the stage.*—The equipment in an Adult classroom sets the stage for teaching. Prove this statement to yourself. Go into any Adult classroom, take the chairs out of their nice straight rows, and arrange them in a semicircle. Substitute a table and chair for the teacher's pulpit stand and stand back and look at the room. The room has taken on a completely different atmosphere. The formal "telling" setting has become an informal "sharing" setting.

2. *Equipment makes teaching more effective.*—Classrooms that are equipped with chalkboards and maps make it possible for teachers to teach through the eye gate as well as the ear gate. Maps and chalkboards become invaluable to the teacher who is aware that members retain only 10 per cent of what they hear but 80 per cent of what they see.

LEARNING SITUATIONS

3. *Equipment can make learning more enjoyable.*—Learning does not need to be painful to be effective. In fact, quite the contrary has been proved true. The best learning experiences arise out of happy, pleasurable situations.

Chairs with arm rests, or a table on which members may spread their Bibles, notebooks, pencils, and other

tools for learning, enable them to do a better job in the classroom. If an Adult must spend half of his classroom time picking up articles which he has dropped from his lap while searching for a Bible passage, he will likely lose interest in the search.

4. *Equipment makes possible a varied teaching procedure.*—Pews or stationary chairs in the classroom practically prohibit a variation in the seating arrangement for the class session. This situation is unfortunate because there are many lessons which lend themselves to various groupings of the pupils—for instance, the horseshoe arrangement, or the committee circle. The movable chair is by far the best choice for the classroom.

Adult workers are becoming more and more aware of the vital relation of equipment to teaching. Many are anxious to know just what kind of equipment is needed. The matter of buying equipment is an administrative task. The matter of using the equipment is a teaching task. If those who buy equipment and those who use equipment will counsel together, no equipment need be bought without a knowledge of the function it is to perform.

Equipment's first role is to be functional, to meet a need, to fill a purpose and not just space. How frustrating for a teacher to have to use a piece of equipment that hinders or defeats his purpose!

THE BEST EQUIPMENT

All equipment is expensive, but the right kind costs no more than the wrong kind. The wrong kind usually must be replaced later so that the job may be done properly.

The right kind of equipment will greatly enhance teaching and learning, if the equipment is properly used. It is sad to want the right kind of equipment to use and not have it. It is sadder to have it and not put it to its best use. Many chalkboards and maps go untouched Sunday after Sunday. Some teachers persist in using "preaching" methods with "teaching" equipment. If teachers fail to take advantage of the proper equipment when it has been provided, they may as well not have it.

Good Sunday School administrators will make it their business to see that their teachers have the kind of equipment that enhances their efforts rather than hampers them. Good teachers will consider the right kind of equipment a major ally in teaching.

CONFERENCES AND YOUTH CAMPS

and General Workers and Missionaries as Guest Speakers

August 17-21 SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE at Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. George W. Lang, Mrs. Delmar Wesseler and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

August 20-27 ATLANTIC CONFERENCE JUNIOR & SENIOR CAMP at Freehold, N. Y. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern.

August 20-27 OREGON JUNIOR CAMP at Camp Tapawingo, Oregon. Miss Eleanor Schuler.

August 26-28 BADLANDS YOUTH RALLY at Mott, N. Dak. Miss Geraldine Glasenapp and Dr. Walter W. Wessel.

August 26-28 KANSAS C. B. Y. CAMP at Kansas Bible Camp near Hutchinson, Kans. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer.

August 27-Sept. 3 OREGON SENIOR CAMP at Camp Tapawingo, Oregon. Dr. Bernard Schalm.

September 2-4 SASKATCHEWAN YOUTH RETREAT at Good Spirit Lake, Sask. Prof. Roy Seibel.

GOD MAKES MY WAY PERFECT

By Miss Ida Glewe of Saint Paul, Minn.

(This poem was written about one week prior to her death on May 3, 1960).

"It is God that girdeth me with strength and maketh my way perfect" (Psalm 18:32).

Out of the night comes the morning,
Out of the night comes the dawn,
Out of the night comes a new day,
With the rising of the sun.

Why do we fear the darkness,
Why do we so despair,
When we know there is a morrow
That will be wondrously fair?

Each day comes to us with a purpose,
A plan we are to fulfill;
So arise with the glow of the morning,
With faith and hope and goodwill.

The God over all is with us,
He will guide and direct our way,
If we put our trust in his power,
He will make perfect our day.

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KOREAN CHAPEL CHOIR, PUSAN, KOREA

The U. S. Army Chapel Choir of Pusan, Korea, composed largely of Koreans and directed by Mrs. V. A. Bills, a missionary's wife, is photographed in front of the chapel (left) and is shown in action in a worship service (right).

A Baptist Chaplain in Korea

By Chaplain Leslie P. Albus of Fort Dix, New Jersey

AFTER HAVING spent some eleven months in Korea I would like to give a brief report on our activities here. I am located at Pusan which is at the southeasterly tip of Korea. Pusan has become one of the centers of population in South Korea with a population of over one million.

Our work has been progressing over the period of time I have been here. We were especially gratified on Easter Sunday. We had four services during the day and our total attendance was over 550. Our regular Sunday morning attendance is usually around 200. This is in addition to our Sunday School which usually has about 80 in attendance.

MANY MEETINGS

Recently we organized the Protestant Men of the Chapel, which is the military equivalent of men's brotherhoods in the civilian church. This group has been growing steadily, and there is a fine group of young men supporting the venture. The group is in charge of the Thursday evening discussion group at the Chapel.

On Tuesday nights there is a fellowship meeting which brings together Korean students, missionaries in the area, and military personnel. This service generally consists of religious movies, Bible reading, Bible exposition, and hymn singing. The only problem encountered thus far is the problem of not having enough space in our chapel center to accommodate the group.

Every month on a Saturday, the Chapel sponsors a visit to a local mission enterprise. Since these missions engage in numerous activities, much interest has been generated by these visits. The visit presently scheduled is to the Baptist (South) Hospital.

Some missions have orphanages as a part of their enterprise. These and other orphanages have been on the

hearts of our soldiers and civilians. Much is done individually for them, and still more is done by unit sponsorship and aid through the Chapel. This continues on a year round basis. (Recently I went with a unit to present Bibles to all of the children in one orphanage. Just a few days prior to that I had been present at the opening of a building which another unit built for another orphanage).

ONE HUNDRED ORPHANAGES

"The Central Orphanage Committee" has representatives from all major units in the area. Its task is to handle donations and to equitably distribute them. The Chaplain's Section acts as a recommending agency denoting where distribution will go. There are around 100 orphanages in the city of Pusan and all orphanages here have been screened by this section for degree of need.

The director of one unit-supported orphanage, a Mrs. Kim (this name is as common in Korea as Smith or Jones in the U. S. A.) has taken on herself the task of furnishing, cost free, the flowers for the Sunday worship services in two chapels. She also supplies, on the same basis, an organist for one of the services.

There are other Koreans who have been outstanding in their contribution to the chapel work here. The secretary-receptionist in the office, Miss Im, has done an outstanding job in keeping the administrative end of the operation going. The chapel is indeed fortunate in having her. She is the daughter of the local Episcopalian pastor. She is acquainted, not only with clerical operations, but also with church operations.

Another of the very faithful is Miss Lee (Suzie). She has had a rather difficult life but, in spite of this, is a very cheerful Christian. No meeting is held without her presence. She also

teaches in the Sunday School. She has mastered the English language almost perfectly.

The choir at the chapel is almost totally Korean. These young people do a remarkable job with English hymns, even though some of the words are very difficult for them. On Laymen's Sunday, they conducted the entire program. They also furnished the musical background for the Christmas pageant. On Easter Sunday they presented numbers at the Sunrise Service and also at the morning worship service. They are all Korean Christians and are directed by a missionary's wife, Mrs. V. A. Bills.

CHAPEL OFFICE STAFF

Something should be said also of the Chapel office staff. There are three men assigned to the Protestant Section at present. The administrative assistant, Sgt. Raymond Owens, is an ordained Methodist minister, who will return to the civilian pastorate next year. The assistant in charge of records, Sp-4 Don Kastner, has done part of his seminary work towards becoming a Presbyterian minister. The assistant and driver, Pfc. Richard Fuller, is from the Reformed Church. All of these men, with a Baptist Chaplain, give a well rounded section.

The section has been very fortunate in having the support of the commanders of both the major units here. They are at Chapel every Sunday when they are on the compound. Other leading figures in the program are: The Provost Marshall, the head of the Investigation Section; the Civilian Personnel Director, as well as many other officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted personnel. There are also many of the dependent wives who aid us in many ways.

Together we feel that we are accomplishing great things for the Kingdom of God.

Bright Prospects of Tomorrow

Address given to the graduating class, Grade 8, at Emerson School, Oak Park, Illinois, upon her graduation.

By Dianne A. Schilke of Oak Park, Illinois

TODAY WE GRADUATE. Tomorrow we launch out into the future, and the prospect is indeed bright. Immediately ahead of us lies high school—the place that we have dreamed about since we were old enough to notice that there was anything bigger or better than our own small world of toys and dolls.

For the next four years this will be the most important thing in our lives. Our whole being will be greatly changed by our experiences there. We will become more mature, both in a physical sense and intellectually. It is natural then that our immediate goal should be concerned with this important part of our lives.

"Education is the development of all one's ordinary powers to an extraordinary degree of efficiency, and learning how to use them all in the service of God and mankind." That is the way Theodore Roosevelt expressed it. We should apply ourselves to our studies, not just to get passing or even good grades, but to do the best that we are capable of doing.

We must want to learn. A sincere desire for education is needed, for it will be impossible for our high school teachers to make us learn anything if the desire is not in us. We will be allowed to choose our elective courses under the guidance of our deans, in this way discovering our likes and dislikes and finding the career best suited to our abilities.

The world today is a world of uncertainties. This is very evident in the collapse of the recent summit conference. Our president went to Paris with the hope of settling, or at least discussing, pressing world problems, problems that threaten the peace of the world. But the defeat of the conference came in the form of the inconsistencies of Mr. Khrushchev.

In this world where nothing is cer-



Dianne A. Schilke of Oak Park, Illinois, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. Schilke.

tain we have a reliable promise. The promise is from God's Word that the Lord will always be with us to lead, guide, and direct our ways. We young people need religion, a religion not just for Sunday, but one that will help us during the week. It must motivate our conduct at school as we come in contact with students and teachers, and during times when we relax with our friends, so that we may always do the right and never have to be ashamed of our thoughts or our actions.

When we have successfully completed high school and college and are ready to take our places in the community, what kind of citizens will we be? We must and we will do our part to make this land of ours a better place in which to live and to work. We will take an active part in our government. We will go to church every week with our children and teach them to love and revere God. We'll make you proud of us—just wait and see!

BEGINNINGS IN WICHITA, KANSAS

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Extension Committee purchased ten choice lots in the northwestern part of Wichita for the future Memory Lane Baptist Church building. This purchase established the area of our activity in a section of the city where new homes are being built near new schools and several proposed shopping centers. There are countless numbers of younger couples with children purchasing these homes. The Sunday School is in a challenging position here. The work among young people has great promise. A day's door to door calling will almost never end without several good prospects having been contacted.

SERVICES IN SCHOOL

We have had the good fortune, by the Lord's grace, to be able to rent the Hadley Intermediate School for our Sunday School and morning worship services. It is a new plant affording us a beautiful and quiet meetingplace in its clean classrooms and hallways. The school is located only two blocks from the future church

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site on Memory Lane. We look forward to having our own church building since our activities are very limited. We have not the use of the school for Sunday evening services or for prayer meetings. For this reason, too, we were not able to hold a Vacation Bible School.

We have taken on the responsibilities of a new home by the middle of this calendar year. It is only five blocks from Hadley School. We have found that living in this area has helped us bring neighbors to the services. It has probably also proved our seriousness in getting established in the area.

One day a lady on our block asked our 4 year old Carol in what work her daddy is engaged. She replied, "He knocks on people's doors and asks them to come to church." That is a part of our responsibility to the people of Judea. We must send forth the light. We have had a small beginning in soul winning and trust it will increase. There is a great need for Christ's witness in the city.

The city of Wichita has seen somewhat of a business recession in past months, leading to some unemployment and general spending slump. This is not expected to continue long. The recent census shows an increase in the city's population of 51% in the past ten years to the present 254,000 souls. This does not include the suburbs. The population growth is expected to continue for many years to come.

BUILDING FUND STARTED

We have enjoyed the prayerful support and fellowship of the churches of the Southwestern Conference. Some have sent us bulletin papers, Sunday School materials, hymnals, tracts, gospels and have helped us in various other ways. They are a real encouragement to us. There will soon be a sister church for them here in Wichita, organized and joined with the fellowship of North American Baptist churches.

Several of our ladies have met to do White Cross work for the Banzo Hospital. We believe a Woman's Missionary Society will soon be formed. The Mary's and Martha's are again in the lead in establishing the Lord's work.

We have established a building fund for our group. Its beginnings are modest, but in time our Lord will call most of us to some sacrifices and we will know the thrill of erecting a house of worship and teaching.

We have also seen the Lord's hand in an amazing way during these usually slack summer months in the regular attendance of the faithful. Almost every Sunday brings us a new visitor or two. We are hopeful of greater things when fall comes and a full program gets under way. The full basement of our home will find the church working together in various projects and challenges. And so our fellowship grows in Wichita!

BAPTIST HERALD

What's Happening

● Mrs. O. E. Krueger, the widow of the late Dr. O. E. Krueger, former Seminary professor and General Conference moderator, has made her home with her daughter, Grace, and her son-in-law, Phil, at Ashtabula, Ohio. She had been residing in Rochester, N. Y., and attending the services of the Andrews Street Baptist Church. Her new address is Box 526, Ashtabula, Ohio.

● On Sunday evening, June 19, it was the joy of the congregation of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., to witness the baptism of eight new Christians. Four members of one family, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Stuns, and two of their children, Edward and Betty, were baptized by Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, pastor, as were two young cousins, Lois Ann Glewwe and Carol Glewwe, and Larry Callan and Marion Callan, brother and sister.

● Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Hamden, Conn., is conducting "Chapel Time" in a radio ministry every Sunday morning, beginning with July 17, 1960. It is held every Sunday morning at 8:05 A. M. on WDEE of Hamden, Conn. It is a program of inspiration in song and word and is sponsored by the Central Baptist Church. Friends who listen in are encouraged to write to the pastor with this information.

● The interim associate pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe, Mich., is Mr. Chester Dundas, of Warren, Mich. He will serve at least until Sept. 11. He is working with the young people, teaching in the Sunday School, leading in the mid-week Bible Study and conducting the church services during the pastor's vacation. He is a graduate of the Detroit Bible College. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie is the pastor of the church.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., held its Garden Tea in the church recently. Two members described the Spanish American and the Cameroons mission fields. The guest speaker was Mrs. Dick Pittman from the Wycliffe Institute of Linguistics. She spoke about Viet Nam where she and her husband have recently been serving as missionaries. Each table was decorated with a cake depicting a month of the year, as reported by Mrs. Chester Faul.

● The Bismarck Baptist Men's Quartet of Bismarck, N. Dak., has presented several musical programs recently in various North Dakota churches. The offerings were designated for the Crystal Springs Youth Camp to provide playground equipment and spotlights around the swimming area at the

camp. On Sunday, July 3, a check for \$258.71 was presented to the camp for this purpose. Members of the quartet are Arthur Mehrer, Ray Kiemele, Ted Hochhalter and Milton Hochhalter. Mrs. Milton Hochhalter is the accompanist for the group.

● "Crusader," publication of the American Baptist Convention, recently announced the death of Rev. Harvey R. Kester of Denver, Colorado, on April 10, 1960. He was a graduate of our Seminary and served as the pastor of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., from 1938-1939. In more recent years he was the field representative for the Department of Christian Ministry to Service Personnel in the American Baptist Convention. He was also a part-time hospital chaplain in recent years.

● The Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, British Columbia, held its Vacation Bible School from July 4 to 8. The school had an enrollment of 42 children in addition to four teachers and one helper. On Friday evening a program was presented to the parents by the children which proved to be a blessing to all present. On Sunday, July 10, the Sunday School and church held its annual outing at the Baptist Camp at West Bank, B. C. Mrs. Fred Ohlmann reported: "We held our services beside the beautiful Okanagan Lake, after which we fellowshipped around the dinner tables."

● The Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, has announced the appointment of Miss Carol Jean Murra of Buffalo Center, Iowa, as its director of Christian education effective July 31. Miss Murra is a 1960 graduate of the Northwestern Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Murra of Buffalo Center, Iowa, and a sister of Mrs. Loren Weber of Rapid City, S. Dak., of the South Canyon Baptist Church. The report of the Erin Ave. Church's 75th anniversary festivities, which were held recently, will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Alvin Harsch of Camrose, Alta., a Senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Plum Creek Church on August 1. Mr. Harsch has been serving the Harmony Presbyterian Church of Hurley, S. Dak., during the past school year. He will continue his studies at the Seminary in 1960-1961 while serving the Plum Creek

Church, where he has succeeded Rev. Willis Potratz, now of Grand Forks, N. Dak.

● On Sunday, July 10, the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., broke ground for the proposed new Sunday School Unit at the close of the morning service. A crowd of almost 600 persons witnessed the ceremony. Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor, turned the first shovel of ground, followed by Mr. Robert Krueger, chairman of the building committee, and Rev. Arthur Brust, assistant pastor. Construction on the new Sunday School building is to begin as soon as possible. The floor plan was still to be presented to the church for approval and the church was to vote on a loan. The Sunday School attendance of the church averages about 500 every Sunday.

● By August 31 the Gospel Jubilaires, North America Baptist Seminary Quartet, will have held concerts in about 100 churches of our denomination, bringing their tour to a close at the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, N. Dak. The quartet has been enthusiastically received at almost all of the many churches and camps which they have visited and they have been acclaimed as "one of the best quartets" in recent years. The members of the Gospel Jubilaires Quartet are Walter Kerber, LeRoy Kiemele, William Keple and Arthur Patzia.

● During the week of June 13, Rev. A. E. Van Kley, pastor of the Baptist Church, Baileyville, Ill., was heard over WFRL radio station as its morning devotional speaker. The Homebuilders Class of the Sunday School sponsored the Father-Son Banquet on June 17. "Alaska" was the theme of the program. Mr. Fred Vietmier of Forreston, Ill., showed pictures of a recent Alaskan trip. The Baptist Church participated in the Community Vacation Bible School with its closing program on June 19. The enrollment of the school was 94 with an average attendance of 84. The Gospel Jubilaires Quartet from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., presented a sacred concert in the Baileyville Church on July 15.

● On Sunday afternoon, June 5, "Operation Highways and Hedges" was held under the sponsorship of the Immanuel Baptist Sunday School, Kankakee, Ill. This was a census of the area in which the new church is located. Later it is hoped to conduct a census in other areas adjacent to the church. Workers met at the church for a potluck dinner and then went out "two by two" after instruction and prayer. Mr. Burton Wikgren and Mr. Richard Reeley were in charge. Mr. Allan Gerber, North American Baptist Seminary student, also has been an invaluable worker for the church. It is planned that each Thursday evening will be Visitation Night and various departments of the Sunday School will be made responsible for sending out workers. Dr. Louis R. Johnson is pastor of the church.



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The Long Search

By Sallie Lee Bell

A Prize-winning Christian Novel Laid in Texas.

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SYNOPSIS

James Thornton was an embittered young man. His father had been sent to prison by the false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin, and had died there. James went to New Orleans, where he hoped to have his revenge on Thomas Martin. On the way he met Faith, and their acquaintance blossomed into a lovely friendship. But she became ill and was taken to a tuberculosis hospital. There a visitor, Linda Martinez, led Faith to a saving knowledge of Christ and also directed James Thornton to his need of the Savior. But Faith's condition grew worse and finally she followed the heavenly summons. James Thornton railed against God to Linda Martinez. "I've got a job to do," he said, "and God has no place in it." But he was eager to see Linda again. He went to a little church, where he thought Linda sang in the choir, and listened to the pastor's message about God's forgiveness for sin. Linda invited him to join the choir and witnessed to the glorious message of the Gospel. She felt that James was under conviction, and she rejoiced in this hope. But the desire for revenge was still in James' heart.

CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

WHEN Sunday morning came James dreaded going to church. He was fighting a battle with himself. There was something deep within him which told him that he was at the crossroads of his life and he did not know which way he would be going. Not that he had yet given up the search for Martin, but there had entered into his very soul such unrest that at times he felt as if he would lose his reason.

He plunged into his work with such sudden zeal that his fellow workers were surprised. They had noticed his absentmindedness for some time and they were afraid that he was on his way out. But they observed this sudden change in him and wondered if the boss had had a talk with him and had warned him. He was fighting to keep from thinking.

He knew that if he went to church and heard that preacher give the same type of sermon that he had heard, his battle would be all the greater and he felt that it would be torture.

He wished that he could bare his soul to Linda, but he knew that he could not. If he did finally succeed in finding Martin, he would be leaving a plain trail behind him and he would have small chance of escaping the law. He had not even looked at his list lately. He did not want to think of that list just now. He had given up reading murder stories and had turned his attention to other books. He had to read in the evenings when he was alone, for that was the only way he could keep his mind occupied with other things beside his worries.

He marched into the service with the choir feeling nervous and apprehensive. It was his first appearance in the choir robe and he felt conspicuous. He got through the first part of the service better than he had expected and settled back, determined to close his ears to the sermon. He was sitting where he could see Linda and just to look at her seemed to quiet the storm within him. She caught his eye once or twice and gave him a faint smile. He did not know how earnestly she was praying for him that he would hear the whisper of the Spirit's pleading and would open his heart to the Word of God.

As he watched her, trying not to let her see him staring at her, he listened to the sermon in spite of himself. It was a prophetic message, a follow-up on what the preacher had been giving during the weeks at the prayer service. He was giving the congregation some of the signs of the times which gave the Lord's hope that the end of the age was at hand. He spoke of the upset among the nations, of the alliance which was bringing together the ten nations prophesied in Revelation. He showed them from the Word of God in Daniel how prophecy had been fulfilled, that knowledge would increase and

that men would run to and fro as they had never done before. How true it was in this age of the airplane and auto and in use of atomic power.

He emphasized the fulfilling of prophecy in the increase of sin and immorality, sin which had been so rampant in the days of Noah that God poured out His wrath upon all mankind and wiped out every living creature but those in the Ark. Jesus had said that as it was in the days of Noah, so would it be at the end of the age and surely the world was in that same condition today.

As James listened he was amazed to learn what the Bible contained. Surely it must be the Word of God if so many things had come to pass at the exact time and in the exact manner that had been prophesied, as the preacher explained during his message. He forgot himself in his absorbed interest, but suddenly he was made aware of himself and his own precarious condition when the minister began to impress upon his audience what a terrible thing it would be when God's wrath would again be poured out upon a godless and sinning world. He mentioned only a few highlights in passing, but it was enough to make one think, especially one who was not in the ark of safety which he described as Jesus Christ. Those in the ark would be carried safely over the waters of judgment to the presence of the Lord, while those who had rejected the gift of salvation would be left to the horrors and sufferings and hopelessness of the reign of the Antichrist.

James was not inclined to believe all that the preacher said, but he was forced to admit that if he believed one part which had been proved so unmistakably, he would have to believe all of it. Horror overwhelmed him at the prospect of being left to go through that Great Tribulation.

That was infinitely worse than fleeing from the law or possibly being executed for murder.

He glanced across at Linda to see how she was taking it. There was a glad light upon her face, no shadow of the horror that filled his being. She was thinking of the rapture and the blessed privilege of being in the presence of her Lord. He realized that and the longing to have what she had and to be like her in her faith and assurance grew stronger within him.

When the service was over he felt a wave of relief. He had never had such an experience, such a battle of emotions, and he felt weak and exhausted as the result. He met Linda as they came out of the choir rooms after removing their robes.

"Did you listen this morning or were you wandering?" she asked.

"I listened," he admitted.

"It was a compelling and thrilling message," she remarked. "One to make a person think and to be glad that he is safe in the Lord. I shall be looking for you tonight. You'll be here, won't you?"

"Yes, I'll be here," he assured her.

How could he stay away when she looked at him like that and when she said she would be looking for him?

Margery offered to take him home so he went with them. They were serious this morning. There were no jokes and no giggles. They discussed the sermon and he could see that it had made a deep impression upon them.

"That was a wonderful message," Margery remarked. "I'm learning more about the Bible under Dr. Sawyer than I ever knew before."

"Boy! Am I glad that I'm saved!" Phil exclaimed. "If I weren't, I think I'd have gotten down on my knees right there this morning and asked God to save me. What a fool I was to wait so long to accept the Lord. I feel guilty when I think of all the years I wasted when I could have been serving Him."

"If the Lord should come today, I'm afraid I'd have very little to show that I have done for Him," Margery sighed.

"You said it," one of the other boys replied. "We're all selfish with our time and our talents. We forget that someone might be just waiting for us and our talents. We forget that someone might be just waiting for us to witness to him and lead him to the Lord."

James was silent and he felt that surely they must know why. He hoped that they wouldn't guess that he did not have what they had, that sense of security and their faith in God. He didn't want them to begin on him. He didn't know that they knew exactly what he needed. Their spiritual perception had told them in the beginning that he was not a Christian. But they had tact enough not to say anything that would embarrass him or perhaps drive him away. They were leaving him to Linda as Margery had suggested.

He was so nervous when he had eaten and gone back to his room that he could not stay there, yet when he went outside there was no place he wanted to go. He wished that he could talk to Linda, yet he feared that she would only upset him more. She would make him want to accept the Lord and he knew that he could not do that.

He walked the streets for a while, then returned to his room and tried to read. His mind would not stay on what he was reading. The memory of that sermon and what those young people said kept revolving in a whirl through his thoughts. Suddenly he got up and went to his desk where the ominous list was. He took it out and tore it to shreds. When the last fragment had dropped into the wastebasket it was as if a great load had rolled from him. His old man of the sea had loosened his hold, or so he thought just then. He went back to his chair and picked up the paper which he had just bought.

The next morning he went to work with a lighter heart than he had had in years. The dread search for Martin was over. Then something happened in which James could have seen Satan's hand if he had been familiar with the way Satan worked in human lives. He was not willing to let his victim go so easily.

Someone came into the office for a conference with the manager about some goods that were to be shipped to South America. James was busy on the other side of the room when the man came in and he did not notice him until the man spoke.

"Tell Mr. Gunther that Thomas Martin is here to keep our appointment," the man told a girl in answer to her question.

James heard the name and raised his head. With startled, wide eyes he looked at the man. Then his heart began a mad pounding. This Thomas Martin was an almost exact duplicate of the picture he had carried with him for so long. The same heavy face, the same hair and the eyes, even at that distance had the same look. It must be the man he sought. And just when he had torn up the list and given up the search.

As he watched the man in the brief time he had, there raged through him all the hatred that he had carried for so long. This man, looking so prosperous, had lived in comfort and peace through the years.

All the memory of the two sermons James had heard was wiped out. All the longing to be like those others was gone. In its place hate reared its ugly head, and revenge turned his heart to bitterness once more.

He could scarcely wait until the man had left until he went into the manager's office to inquire about him. He gave as an excuse that this Martin was an old friend of the family and he wanted the opportunity to meet him and have a talk with him. He got the man's address and tried to con-

centrate on his work until closing time, but he found it difficult, almost impossible.

On the way home he tried to formulate some plan. He had thought of a hundred plans in the past but none of them satisfied him. He had thought that he would manage when the time came. But now the time was here and there was little time to think of any plan. This man was going to South America in a few days. He was stopping at a downtown hotel. It would be difficult to carry out any of the plans he had thought about, but he must do the deed before the man left and was lost to him forever.

He tried to eat his dinner but he had no appetite and he returned to his room and tried to think of some plan. He could not just go in and kill the man after telling him why he was going to die. That would be too easy.

He was relieved when he phoned and found Martin in his room. He asked if he might see him and went up immediately when he was told that he could.

The moment he saw this Martin he knew that he was not the man he sought. He had not thought of this before, for the likeness to that picture had been so perfect that it had given him a shock. Now he realized with an even greater shock that the man he sought would be much older. The years would be bound to make a difference. He would no longer be as young a man as this Thomas Martin was.

Though he was sure that he had made a mistake, he knew he would have to go through with his visit, since he had already come to the man's room. He gave the flimsy excuse that he thought he might be able to give him some further help with the shipment or with his baggage. He intimated that the manager had sent him there to see if he could be of assistance.

Martin thanked him but told him that he needed nothing. He invited James to sit down and have a little visit since he had gone to this trouble to help him. James accepted his invitation. He led the man to talk about his past and where he had lived, and before he left there was no doubt in his mind that this was not the Martin he sought. This man had lived in South America the greater part of his life. He had never been west. James knew that he was telling the truth.

When he finally left he felt that the load was again lifted from him. But he was down in the depths nevertheless. He knew, from the upsurge of that old hatred and the quick decision to take revenge upon this possible victim, that the root of it was still there like a poison that could not be removed. He felt that he was doomed. How could he ever hope to have the peace of God in his heart when that remained as a barrier? Surely there was no hope for him.

(To be Continued)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 23, 1960

Theme: THE DANGER OF MILITARY ALLIANCES

Scripture: Isaiah 30:1-3, 15-18

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: There is much more security and strength found in spiritual alliances than in military alliances.

INTRODUCTION: In order to understand the danger of Israel's alliances, we must remember that Israel was a religious state, and the only state whose God was Jehovah. They were a theocracy, a government by the immediate direction of God. What made the alliances even more dangerous was the fact that these other nations were also religious states in that they worshipped pagan gods. Any alliance, therefore, meant the recognition of the power of another god as well as the military power of the country and the need for its help. To receive such help, Israel had to surrender their belief that Jehovah was above all other gods. It was a religious and spiritual defeat because by such an alliance they admitted the superior strength of the gods of the pagan nations.

God will have no other gods before him; neither will he tolerate any on the same level.

I. THE DANGER OF SPIRITUAL REBELLION. Isaiah 30:1-2.

Rebellions are good and necessary when they are aimed at the evils of oppression, of unrighteousness and of all manner of sin. It is when a people or nation center their rebellion against God and righteousness that it becomes a formidable danger.

The people of Israel needed counsel and help. They were living in desperate and dangerous times. But to go to Egypt for counsel instead of to God was to choose the poorest of substitutes.

II. THE RESULT OF SPIRITUAL REBELLION. Isaiah 30:3.

To choose Pharaoh rather than the Lord God of Israel is to invite a foregone defeat. A child would certainly not seek help of an evil and weak man when it has a strong, loving father.

The severest punishment God inflicted upon Israel was to leave them to their own devices. They reaped what they sowed—shame and confusion in the shadow of Egypt.

III. THE POWER OF QUIETNESS AND CONFIDENCE. Isaiah 30:18.

The verse reminds us of an oasis in the desert, a "rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm." Complete rest is found only in the salva-

tion of God. Israel is pictured trying to carry the weight of the world's troubles as well as the weight of their own sin on their shoulders. Instead of hurrying restlessly here and there seeking help, they were to return to God in repentance and faith.

IV. THE PATIENCE OF GOD. Isaiah 30:18.

It is often said that patience is its own reward. If that is so, then God's reward is terribly slow in revealing itself. But God says that the purpose of his patient waiting is to bestow the reward of his graciousness on us. Patience, therefore, has a double reward. While we are waiting patiently for God, he is waiting patiently for us.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 4, 1960

Theme: GOD'S HAND IN HISTORY

Scripture: Isaiah 10:5-7, 12-15; 14:24-27

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God has his hand on the helm even though Satan seems to have control of the ship.

INTRODUCTION: Does God know what is going on in the world? If he does, why doesn't he do something about it? These thoughts are examples of questions and arguments which are expressed daily all over the world. Unrest, confusion, turmoil and revolution are rampant everywhere and keep the world in a constant state of insecurity and tension. "Where is God in all this?" is a cry heard from thousands of voices. Those with little or no faith come to an atheistic conclusion and claim that there can be no God since so much evil has befallen our world.

This is an opportunity for Christians to look back into history and to take a look at Isaiah who lived in an era of almost constant war. Tyrants, dictators and oppressors were everywhere, and invading armies marched in all directions across the then known world. The smaller nations, like Israel and Judah, went down like grain before a reaper's scythe as Assyria determined to dominate the world. But to Isaiah all the events seemed to be the result of something born in the mind of a just, a righteous and a loving God.

I. ASSYRIA—AS GOD SEES IT AND AS IT SEES ITSELF. Isaiah 10:5-7.

The poet, Robert Burns, expressed

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"WHAT THE WORD OF GOD, THE BIBLE, MEANS TO ME"

By Olga Walter of Edmonton, Alberta
I love my Bible. I have read many books, but the most wonderful book I have ever read is the Bible. It has plainly shown me my state and then the way of salvation.

Since then, I have had much happiness as a believer and many wonderful blessings. The Bible has light to direct me, food to support me daily, and comfort to cheer me in dark moments. Its doctrines are holy and, because it is God speaking, I accept the Word as authority and as final.

I love to claim the promises of his Word for my very own. They are a remarkable source for guidance and strength. I want to try to live by his Word daily. Thus I claim the Bible as the textbook of my life. I love my Bible! (Joshua 1:8).

the desire for God to give us some gift to see ourselves as others see us. God's view and estimate of Assyria were far removed from Assyria's view and estimate of herself. To God Assyria was the rod of his anger and the staff of his fury. The nation was used as God's sword of judgment against Israel. It was God who sent them against Judah and charged them to take Judah captive. The Psalmist said: "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath will he restrain" (Ps. 76:9). God was saying: So far and no farther.

Assyria, however, was unaware of God's program. They set up their own battle strategy to wipe out the other nations and rule the world.

II. ASSYRIA'S PRIDE AND GOD'S PUNISHMENT. Isaiah 10:12-15; 14:24-25.

God in his wisdom often makes the sinful passions and projects of men to serve his great and holy purposes. Assyria's sin lay in her boastful manner. Like the rich fool in the New Testament, Assyria described everything in terms of the possessive pronouns: my strength, my wisdom, my hand. "I" and "my" were their favorite words. These words are most meaningful when God uses them. In this instance, they are most dangerous when he says "I will break the Assyrians in my land." When the Assyrians were finally broken, no pride suffered a harder fall, whereas Israel, because of God's grace and mercy, still has a place among the nations of the world.

III. GOD'S PURPOSE WITH THE WORLD. Isaiah 14:26-27.

What God did here in relation to the people of Judah is true of his dealings with his children in every age. All who are called according to God's purpose will be under the love and mercy of his purposes. And the breaking of the Assyrian power is but an example of what God does with all nations who are engaged against him and his church, whether it be Fascism, Naziism or Communism.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Eastern District

Vacation Bible School, Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill.

A successful Vacation Bible School was held from June 13 to 24 at the new Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois. Children from ages two through 16 (Junior High) were accepted. Mrs. George A. Salzman was the director. There were 40 teachers, officers and helpers. There were 236 pupils enrolled, making a total of 276. From the preceding Saturday, June 11, when a parade was held, the theme, "Pioneering With Christ," was carried out. A "real" Covered Wagon pulled by a truck and with decorated autos were featured in the parade that was held in the vicinity of the new church. The pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson, spoke to the Junior and Junior High Departments during the last half hour of the school each day. There were 24 conversions during these days.

On Friday evening the closing program was held which was very well attended and held in the Fellowship Hall. Many of the pupils and most of the teachers were dressed in Pioneer Costumes and the songs and memory work all lent appropriately to the theme. The offering taken during the two weeks' period was for the Home Missions Project—the Building Fund of the North American Baptist Seminary at which \$138.08 was collected. A total of \$104.87 was collected at the closing program to go toward the expenses of the Bible School. Mr. Allan Gerber, a student at the Seminary, has been and is a fine helper in all ways this summer.

Alice Luhrs, Reporter

Vacation School Enrollment of 490, Lansing, Mich.

The Vacation Bible School of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing Mich., got off to a good start with an enrollment of 325 the first day on June 13th, and a Bible School staff of 75 workers. An added attractive feature was a coffee break for the staff and a recreational period for the children. The Vacation Bible School was a complete success. We praise God for his wonderful answers to prayer. The average attendance was 398 with a final enrollment of 490. Out of this group, 99 accepted Christ as their personal Savior. From this group, many for the first time will be attending Sunday School.

A new department this year, "Young Teens," taught by Mr. Bill Thomas proved a blessing to young people who participated. In this class their problems could be discussed and also the Word of God brought to them. Our prayer is that their lives will be surrendered to Christ. We are grateful for all the long hours put into this school by Miss Bonnie Morgan, director, and Rev. Robert F. Penner, pastor, who served as her assistant.

Ruth Pletz, Reporter

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"What is learned young is learned for life."

—Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Northern District

Saskatchewan Association at Baptist Church, Edenwold

June 17-19 were challenging and blessed days as the Saskatchewan Association meetings were held at our church in Edenwold, Sask. The theme was "Jesus Christ is Lord" (Acts 2:36) with Rev. William Sturhahn, our Northern District secretary; Dr. Bernard Schalm, instructor at the Christian Training Institute; and Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, our missionaries to Japan, as guest speakers. The sessions began as the pastors gathered for a period of meditation and prayer on Friday afternoon. Dr. Schalm presented an informative talk on "Worship" and Mr. Sturhahn challenged us with the work yet undone in our Association and the Northern District.

Saturday was spent in devotional periods, business sessions and the election of officers, and in the evening the Youth Banquet, with 96 in attendance. We viewed colored slides of Japan under the direction of Mrs. Kern and were challenged by Dr. Schalm's message on "Building Bridges." Sunday was a beautiful day. An overflowing crowd gathered for the morning service at which Rev. John Wollenberg spoke. The sessions closed with an afternoon Missionary Rally, and Mr. Kern brought the message.

The officers for the new Association are as follows: moderator, Rev. John Wollenberg; vice-moderator, Rev. John Wollenberg; secretary, Mr. C. Hollerbaum; treasurer, Mr. R. Kurtz; Sunday School Director, Mr. Martin Arndt; music director, Rev. R. Neuman; Youth Director, Rev. E. Hohn; Camp President, Rev. L. Potratz; Camp Vice-president, Rev. J. Neudorf; Camp Secretary, Mr. A. Browatzke.

Edmond Hohn, Reporter.

Spiritual Advance at Baptist Church, Moosehorn, Man.

In October 1959 the First Baptist Church, Moosehorn, Man., by a majority vote, decided to conduct all services in the English language. It was a daring step to take, and it aroused some violent opposition. However, since that day we have come to the realization that it was a step taken in the right direction. Our Sunday School attendance has increased considerably, and the attendance has almost doubled in the worship services. In the early part of this year we were able to accept 6 new members by letter into our fellowship.

In March we were able to organize as a C. B. Y. We have a fine group of young people, including 7 school teachers. Our C. B. Y. has been quite active in church activities. They also presented an Easter program, entitled, "Sacred Scenes with our Savior." We are also happy to report that our minister has begun a Sunday School work in Hilbre, 15 miles north of Moosehorn. These meetings are held in a home, with an attendance of from 15-20 persons.

From June 12-19, we were privileged to have Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of "God's Volunteers," with us for a week of special meetings. It was a time of spiritual refreshing. No visible conversions were evidenced, but we know that God's Word will not return void.

Mrs. B. Voss, Reporter



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT LANSING, MICH.
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Western District

70th Anniversary of Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon

The 70th anniversary of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon was observed on Sunday, June 5. During the Sunday School hour, oldest members in age and length of membership were honored as well as former Sunday School superintendents. A dedication Communion Service was held during the 11 A. M. Worship Hour. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, our western district secretary, brought a challenging message at our evening service followed by a fellowship hour. An historical table displayed old minutes and pictures which were interesting to read and view.

The Bethel Baptist Church is sponsoring a branch Sunday School in the West Salem area which is under the direction of Mr. William Wuorinen, a student at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary in Portland, Ore. He also conducts a morning worship service and assists with the youth work at Bethel. A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted with an enrollment of 52 and average attendance of 32 with nine workers.

Irma Reischke, Reporter



Officers of the Woman's Missionary Society, Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, California. (Their names are given in the accompanying report).

Women's Installation of Officers, Magnolia Church, Anaheim

On Monday, June 13, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, held its first general meeting of the 1960 fiscal year. Pastor Ken Fischer officiated in a dedication ceremony of the new officers, after which each member present came to the foot of the Cross and gave her personal testimony, being mindful of our theme of the year, "When His Love Shines In." After the business meeting, there was a personal shower for Mrs. Barbara Lindsay and Mrs. Joyce Fischer, wives of the two newly ordained ministers of our church, who will be leaving shortly for their ministry elsewhere.

The Society's officers, shown in the picture, as follows: seated (left to right): Marge Clear, treasurer; Freddie Ream, pianist; Harriet Schlegal, vice-president; Lillian Pinkel, president; June Sloan, Ass't. treasurer; Mary Lou Coleman, News Reporter; standing, 2nd row: Lydia Bohnet, Membership Chairman; Tinker Lane, Sunshine Chairman; P. Robey, Flower & Decoration Chairman; Joan Turnquist, Missionary and Reading Chairman; Ina Carter, Baptist Herald Reporter; Thelma Bayliss, Recording Secretary; Eleanor Oder, Librarian; standing, rear: Janet Livingston, Auditor; Ruth Justus, White Cross Chairman; Virginia Erwin, Program Chairman; and Betty Hartman, Song Leader.

Ina Carter, Reporter

Memorable Pacific Conference Sessions at Vancouver, B. C.

One hundred and seventy-five delegates registered for the Pacific Conference sessions, held at the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, Canada, June 22-26. This new high in registrations, plus the large number of people who attended from our churches, made it a memorable conference. All sessions were well attended with the closing service on Sunday night numbering 760.

was an abundance of good will and sunshine in evidence in the hearts and homes of God's people who hosted the conference. Next year's conference will be held at Tacoma, Washington. Rev. Otto Patzia is the new conference moderator.

Aaron Buhler, Reporter

Central District

New Organ and Baptism at Hutchinson, Minn.

The Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., started a fund for a new organ in January of this year. A Hammond Organ was purchased with payment in full, which was a sacrificial response. The dedication service was held June 19. Special selections were played by Mrs. Mortenson and Mrs. Itterman.

A baptismal service was conducted in our church on June 12. Six people were baptized, with one lady being 75 years of age. The hand of fellowship was extended to three persons July 3 and, due to the absence of the others, fellowship will be extended shortly to the others. From June 13 to 24 we held our Vacation Bible School with the final program on June 26. We had an enrollment of 60 students, with a daily average of about 50 children. A special mission project for Martin Sunday Bapin (leprous child at New Hope Settlement) was adopted, for which the children contributed over \$47.00 through daily offerings. A picnic with lunch, races and prizes was held the last Friday.

Mrs. John Super, Reporter

Activities at Calvary Baptist Church, Hoisington, Kansas

Early this year the Calvary Baptist Church of Hoisington, Kansas extended a call to me to serve as pastor. After prayerful consideration, I accepted. I arrived here on March 12, but had to leave my wife and daughter in Missouri. On June 18 they arrived here also. Four men from the church helped us unload our furniture. The next day (Sunday) three families from the church brought dinner into the house which we occupy. On Monday night, June 27, a reception for us as a family took place in the church. On Tuesday night, June 28, the Ministerial Association of Hoisington had a reception for us at the park.

The church building as well as the membership are small, but thus far we have been greatly encouraged by several factors. Unity and co-operation prevail among the members such as I have rarely seen. Furthermore, for a small church there are a number of talented leaders and Sunday School teachers. When we have our prayer meetings, practically all the adults take part in prayer. One night a week the church has visitation. A choir which is needed in the church has just been organized. The church has no parsonage, but the members rented a house for us to live in which is two houses south of the church. The North American Baptist churches of Bison and Ellinwood along with the pastors have stood by us splendidly and have welcomed us in a wonderful way.

Frank Armbruster, Pastor

Vacation Bible School at Hettinger, North Dakota

"Signaling for Christ" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School conducted at the Grace Baptist Church in Hettinger, N. Dak., May 30-June 3. The pre-enrollment of the regular Sunday School pupils totaled only 12. But by the end of the week the enrollment had grown to 51. The original 12 pupils were divided into four teams of three each. The winning team grew from three to 21. Quite a number of Lutherans and some Catholics attended the school. But best of all, several children accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

The children were treated to a picnic Friday noon, and on Friday evening they presented their closing program. Prizes were awarded to the winning team and a grand prize was awarded to Luella Mattis for bringing the greatest number of visitors to Bible School. The teachers and helpers were: Mrs. Emanuel Fuchs, Mrs. Max Hokstad, Miss Cleo Schneider, Mrs. Iver Walker, Rev. Iver Walker, Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, Miss Arliss Zimmerman and Mrs. Martin Zimmerman.

Iver Walker, Pastor

Community Vacation Bible School at Randolph, Minn.

The Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., participated in a community Vacation Bible School June 6-10 with Rev. Eleon L. Sandau directing. Classes were conducted both morning and afternoon during the five-day period with an enrollment of 53 pupils and 14 teachers. The fine spirit of the school was reflected in the mission offerings brought each day which totaled \$52.92. A program was held at the Baptist Church on Sunday night, June 12, with a full house attending. We rejoice in that three boys made a profession of faith in Christ during the week.

It was also our privilege to have Missionary Eleanor Schuler with us on Sunday, June 19. Her message at the morning service proved to be a real challenge as she told of her work in the Cameroons and the problems of modern Africa. In the evening the young people took charge of the service and Miss Schuler showed colored slides of the Cameroons and displayed many curios. The young people, most of whom are of Junior age, are very diligent in sponsoring one service each month.

On Sunday night, June 26, all the churches of the Randolph community participated in the showing of the Billy Graham film, "Mr. Texas," at the High School Auditorium.

Eleon L. Sandau, Pastor

Vacation School Enrollment of 77, Hebron, N. Dak.

The Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., was a busy but blessed week for teachers as well as pupils. We had a record attendance of 77 pupils. Our regular Sunday School teachers, with the addition of three extra helpers, served on the teaching staff, having assigned Scripture exercises and memory work for their classes. On Friday evening after an interesting program of songs and recitations, the parents



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School at Hettinger, N. Dak., with Rev. Iver Walker, pastor, at the right.

and friends were invited to view the handwork in the basement of the church. Our pastor, Rev. Ervin J. Faul, very ably assisted us, also teaching one of the classes. Mrs. Faul had charge of all the music and singing, with their daughter Sylvia serving as pianist.

During the celebration of our city's Diamond Jubilee, our church took part in the parade in the form of a very beautiful float in connection with two other churches. On July 4 our Sunday School held its annual picnic at a grove near our city, with a short devotional service.

Mrs. John Stading, Reporter

Vacation Bible School At Steamboat Rock, Iowa

A Vacation Bible School was held at the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, the first two weeks of June. The enrollment was 82 plus a staff of 18. The school was under the direction of our pastor, Rev. Kurt Marquardt. The theme for our school was "Signaling for Christ."

Those working in each department were as follows: Beginners: Mrs. Jurrena Luiken, Mrs. Eleanor Frerichs and Mrs. Evelyn Heldt; Primary: Miss Hattie Tholen, Miss Verna Luiken, Mrs. Evelyn Luiken, Mrs. Pauline Sikes and Eloise Gast; Junior: Mrs. Deane

Luiken, Mrs. IvaMae Crosser, Mrs. Mary Wubben and Sarah Daleske; Senior: Mrs. Harriet Luiken and Mrs. Clara Buthman.

Refreshments were under the supervision of Mrs. Bertha Tholen and Mrs. Marie Rose, assisted by several ladies of the church. A missionary flannel-graph story was given each day at the close by our pastor. Our Mission Offering which was taken was designated to the Rev. Dale Goldings', missionaries of the FEBC, Manila, Philippines.

Verna Luiken, Reporter

Southern Conference Youth Camp at Latham Springs

During the days of June 14-19 the Southern Conference young people enjoyed rich spiritual blessings at Latham Springs Baptist Encampment. We were privileged to have as our guests Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of "God's Volunteers"; Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, missionary to the Cameroons; and Mr. Allan Kranz, student worker from our North American Baptist Seminary. A class period, based on "Christian Living" and a "Missionary Time," were held each morning. During the Missionary Time, Miss Glasenapp showed African curios.

Our hearts were richly blessed each night as Mr. Hoffman brought messages in song and sermon. On Saturday evening a banquet was held with the president, Ray Niederer, as toastmaster. Mr. Hoffman once again delivered a very challenging message. The final message on Sunday morning was brought by Miss Glasenapp.

The officers for the coming year are Arthur David Lengefeld, President; Morris Schmeltekopf, Vice-President; Linda Hill, Secretary; Ellan Loewer, Treasurer; Mrs. Clemence Auch and Esther Benton, News Editors; Mary Frances Schmeltekopf, Mary Lou Lanfried, and Lavonda Hinz, Members-at-Large; Rev. Alex Sootzmann, Dean of Men; Mrs. Vernon Ekрут, Dean of Women; Rev. Clemence Auch, Camp Pastor, and Rev. Walter Weber, Camp Director. The young people also adopted a project of \$2500. Besides the various local expenses, this project includes the Rio Grande Valley, the Cameroons, Japanese Mission Fields and God's Volunteers. Mary Frances Schmeltekopf, Secretary



Vacation Bible School group of the First Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak. Rev. and Mrs. Ervin J. Faul (pastor is dressed for the Diamond Jubilee of Hebron) are in the back row, center.

GOSPEL IN JAPAN

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asked us to start similar services in their village.

Thirteen people attended the first meeting, and that during the busiest season for the farmers. So we are looking forward to greater blessings in the future. These farm meetings during the busy season sometimes start as late as 9:00 o'clock at night. But the people come after a long day in the fields and they listen most attentively. Again we praise God for this wonderful opportunity to plant his precious Word into the hearts of these who sow the fields of Japan.

We are most grateful to all of you who gave so generously to the car purchasing fund, because without a car we would find it impossible to carry on this country evangelism along with our other responsibilities here in Ise. Pray for these farm people who are showing a genuine interest in the Gospel!

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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showings. Filming the tenth Baptist World Congress was a "first" in the history of the organization, and makes it possible to share this great meeting visually with Baptists who could not attend.

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DAKOTA CONFERENCE WOMEN

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Reddig, our missionary, was guest speaker.

Laura also informed us at our business meeting of the great need for the new church at the New Hope Settlement at Bamenda in the Cameroons.

Mrs. Emanuel Helm, Reporter

Bible School and Baptismal Service, Madison, S. Dak.

Sixty-four pupils completed two weeks of Vacation Bible School from May 31 to June 10 at the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak. Classes were held from 9:00 to 11:45 a. m. daily. During the morning worship service on Sunday, May 29, dedication of 11 teachers and workers was conducted by Rev. D. S. Wipf. Rev. Jothan Benke was director of the school. On Friday evening, June 10, a program of Bible verses and stories of work completed was presented by the children. The handcraft of each department was displayed in the class room. Refreshments were served by the Men's Brotherhood.

On Sunday morning, July 3rd, a baptismal service was held in connection with communion observance. Two young boys, Dennis DeBoer and

William Dirksen, followed their Lord in baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Flint joined the church by transfer of their membership. We are happy to add these members to our church, and may God bless them and us as we work together for our Lord.

Mrs. Harm Frerichs, Reporter

June Blessings at Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

June was an especially busy and blessed month at the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis. On Sunday morning, June 5, our pastor, Rev. Wilmer Quiring, conducted a service of dedication for the newly elected church and Sunday School officers. That evening nine converts were baptized, two of whom were men whose wives had long been members. The other seven were Sunday School scholars.

The next Sunday our superintendent, Miss Marie Baudisch, presided at the Children's Day program. On this occasion Mrs. Wilmer Quiring, who is in charge of Scripture memory work, presented awards to 52 pupils, who had completed this year's course. The Sunday School picnic was held on Saturday, June 25. During the last two weeks of the month, a fine Vacation Bible School was conducted.

Last but not least, during June we were privileged to have our own Geraldine Glasenapp, who is on her first furlough from the Cameroons, Africa, address the Filea Regis Society, the Mary and Martha Class, the Sunday School and the church as a whole.

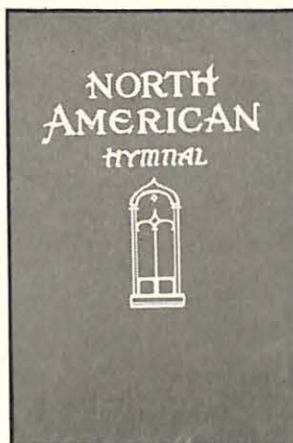
Laura Weihe, Reporter

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