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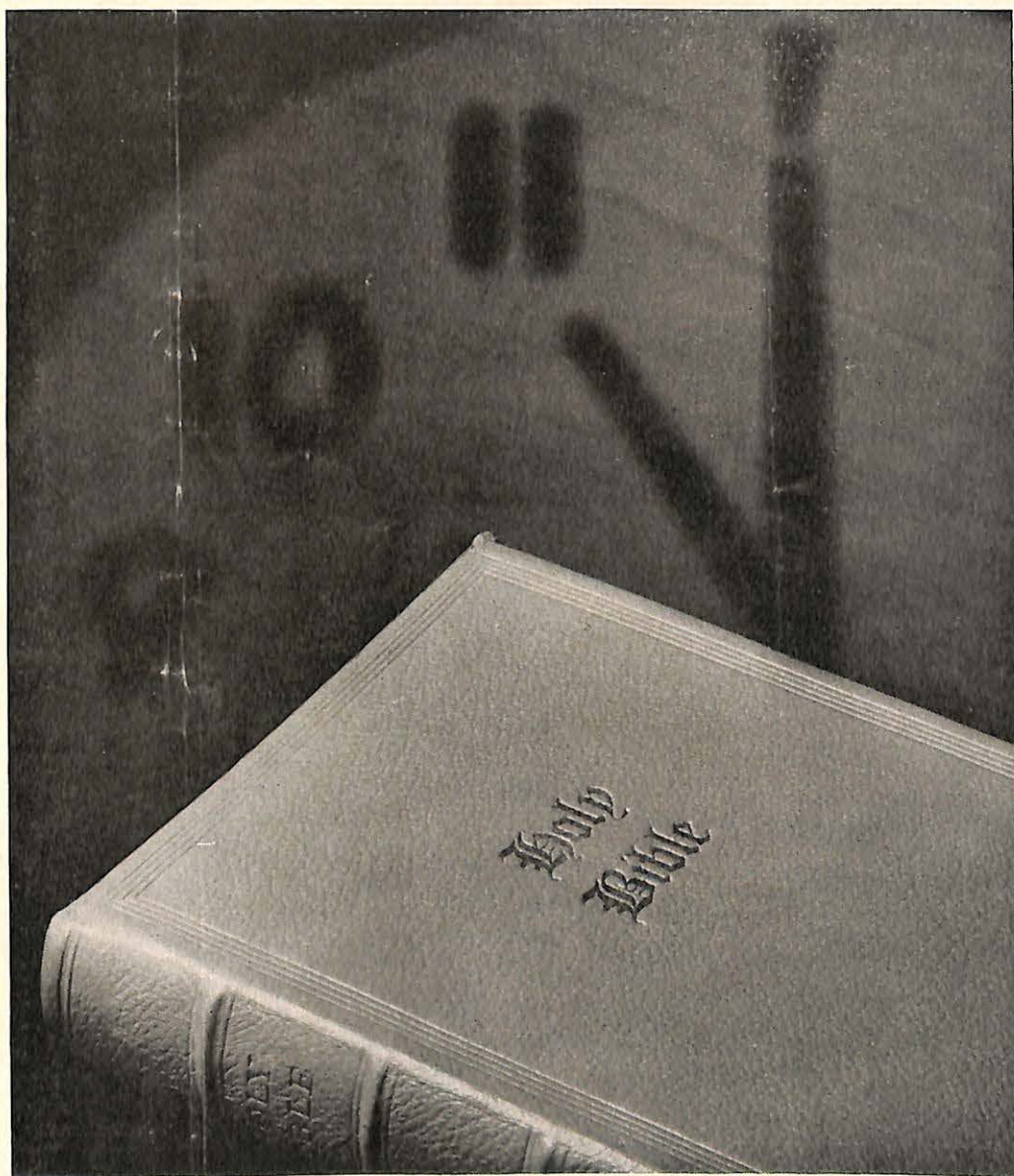
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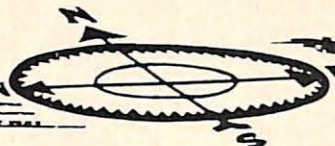
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# March



# of Events

• Export of Dead Sea Scrolls still in Jordan has been prohibited by government order. Discovered in the Qumran cave area on the west side of the Dead Sea during the last 15 years, the famed scrolls—many of them fragments of Old Testament texts—are in various hands undergoing scholarly research.

• Dr. Siegfried Asche, custodian of Wartburg Castle, fled to West Germany last month after complaining to Communist authorities that his life and work had been marked by "the atmosphere of a jail." Wartburg Castle, located in the Red zone of Germany, is famous as the retreat where Martin Luther found refuge after the Diet of Worms.—*Christianity Today*

• A new missionary boat began serving isolated Philippine islands this fall with a five-member crew which includes a Protestant evangelist. The "St. Luke" also carries a doctor, a nurse, and a handyman. Skipper is Dr. Ray Bennett, who for the past 10 years has been consultant on respiratory diseases at Los Angeles General Hospital.

• The entire townsite of Holden, Washington, was presented as an outright gift to the Seattle Lutheran Bible Institute last month by the Howe-Sound Mining Company. Buildings on the townsite, valued at \$1,750,000, are said to have been well maintained since the company ended 20 years of copper and gold mining there.

—*Christianity Today*

• "It becomes a rather bitter pill for an old missionary to have admitted that while the world is evidencing a phenomenal advance politically, economically, socially, and intellectually, we are losing ground in the sphere of Christian influence." Dr. Harold B. Street, executive secretary of Evangelical Literature Overseas, told the seminar on foreign missions at the N. A. E. Convention in Chicago. He said the world population is increasing by fifty-four million annually with not more than four million of these being added to the Christian community.

• When Mrs. Roger Babson, wife of the famous statistician, died two years ago she left \$100,000 in her will for children in Wellesley, Mass., who would memorize verses from the Bible. The first twenty verses don't count—but for every additional verse a child learns he receives a dollar, up to maximum of \$100. At the annual recitation last month 266 children collected: 154 Roman Catholics, 109 Protestants, and one Jew. They received a total of \$17,042. (Most popular verse learned was John 11:35—shortest verse in the Bible.) —*Gospel Banner*

• Thousands of visitors who have flocked to Formosa from abroad for the Oct. 10 celebrations which marked the 49th anniversary of the Republic of China were amazed at the progress religion has made in the island in the past decade. Protestant churches now have 136,250 members plus 116,517 prospective members or "inquirers." The number of baptized Roman Catholics is about 180,000. There are 40,000 Moslems on Formosa and approximately a million Buddhists.—*The Standard*

• A group of Protestant churches in St. Louis, Missouri has organized "Unlock Clubs" and is distributing a

unique pin-button showing a closed padlock and the word "Unlock" on the face of it. Rev. J. E. Hewlett, of the Southwest church states that "it is designed to stimulate curiosity; and when asked what it represents, the wearer explains that he will insist upon the Roman Catholic Church unlocking the Protestant church doors it has sealed, and cease religious persecution either directly or through the civil authorities under its Concordats with foreign countries, before parading its claims upon American freedoms."

—*The Watchman-Examiner*

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## Baptist Briefs

• **Bethel Professor Writes Award-winning Book.** Selected as one of the three most significant religious books by a single author to be published in 1960 is *Backgrounds to Dispensationalism* (Eerdmans), by Clarence B. Bass, professor of theology at Bethel College and Seminary. The selection was made by a poll of 25 book reviewers of *Eternity* magazine from 78 books nominated for top awards. Dr. Bass' book shares this honor in a three-way tie with Bishop James A. Pike's *A Roman Catholic in the White House* (Doubleday) and *The Witness of the Spirit* (Eerdmans) by Bernard Ramm.—*The Standard*

• **Baptist University in Canada.** Acadia University, founded in 1828, at Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada, is the only Baptist-operated school of higher learning in Canada. Its current full-time enrolment is 927, with a full-time faculty of 71, and an annual budget of close to \$1,500,000. A building program involving 3 buildings has just been completed at a cost of \$1,600,000. The new chemistry building cost \$800,000, and the new men's residence, \$600,000. There are 41 students from the United States and 115 from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.—*The Watchman-Examiner*.

• **Baptist Medical Team in San Blas Islands.** A medical team of five doctors will visit the San Blas Islands off Panama early in 1961 where they will work under the direction of Southern Baptist missionaries. The denomination's Brotherhood Commission discussed the project as part of a co-operative program it is planning with the Home Mission Board, to use more laymen in missionary fields. The two agencies hope to use at least 400 men in the United States next year. They will travel at their own expense, principally

to pioneer areas, and serve under the direction of the Home Mission Board.

• **North Dakota Baptist Secretary.** Rev. John A. Barbour has accepted the invitation of the North Dakota Baptist State Convention to become executive secretary as of Dec. 1st. He succeeded Dr. Roy Hodges who held North Dakota's top post for the American Baptist Convention churches for 22 years. Mr. Barbour came to Minnesota in 1952 to the Ford Parkway Baptist Church of St. Paul. In 1959 he became Director of Church Development for the Minnesota Convention of American Baptist churches. Prior to coming to Minnesota, he served churches in Canada.

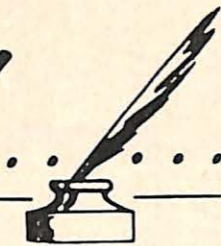
• **Sioux Falls College Adopts Largest Budget.** For the fifth straight year Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has ended the year with a balanced budget. This fact and the information that this year showed the largest total income, including other assets, in the history of the College, was brought out in the report to the Board of Trustees. A new budget of \$531,817.00, largest in the history of the College was adopted for the coming year 1961. Plans for a new women's dormitory to house 120 girls were recommended by the Building Committee and adopted by the Board.

• **Dr. Nordenhaug Takes Office.** Dr. Josef Nordenhaug (pronounced Norden-how) for the past ten years president of Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, became general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance November 1. He moved into the Alliance's office in Washington, D. C., occupied for the past 12 years by Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn. Dr. Ohrn, who has retired, moved to

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# Editorial



## The Hopes and Fears of All the Years

These are holy days. It is a year of crisis or destiny. We have come to the time when we take inventory of our spiritual assets and failures. We join hands with others in the warm, glad festivities of Christmas. All of this is focused on Bethlehem of Judea and on the birth of a Child in the manger many centuries ago. And we are reminded of Phillips Brooks' immortal words in his Christmas carol:

"The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight."

At this time of the year we are confronted by our shortcomings and failures of past days. We are haunted by the fears and frustrations that have followed us throughout this year. We are heavily burdened by our sins. No other time of the year brings all these things so clearly into focus until we see ourselves mirrored in the glass that is held up to us by these closing days of the old year. Into the darkness of these contemplations there comes the bright ray of hope. It floods our souls like the burst of sunshine at daybreak, as expressed in the prayer:

"No ear may hear his coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still,  
The dear Christ enters in."

This is our Lord Immanuel! He is the Light of the world. He alone can save the people from their sins. The story of his coming into the world is the Gospel—the tidings of good news! In him we have the fulness of joy, life abundant, a triumphant victory, the peace that passeth all understanding, life eternal. Christ comes as this great Hope into the hearts and homes and cities to impart his saving grace and divine love!

"Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light."

This is the message of Christian hope and joy that must be trumpeted aloud in our world that is so beset by fears and doubts. Some years ago Dr. Sandford Fleming penned these words that have a burning challenge for our day: "Nineteen centuries after the coming of the Prince of Peace, the world is becoming once more an armed camp, and strife and turmoil, want and fear and suffering are widespread. If ever Christmas challenged man to a new spirit of dedication and sacrifice, surely, it is now."

Surely, it is now! In the few days of the year 1960 remaining before us, let us dedicate ourselves to that heavenly task that Christ has entrusted to us—showing forth the glory of Christ in us, trusting him implicitly for his grace and power, making sacrifices to achieve the objectives before us as churches and a denomination, and witnessing to the joys and blessings of the Gospel! Then all fears will be swallowed up in VICTORY, and we shall know the peace of sins and failures forgiven. Then we shall know the abiding joy of Christmas that will never leave us but that will shine brighter than the stars throughout all time—Christ in you, the hope of glory!

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# クリスマスおめでとう

"Christmas Greetings" in Japanese by Miss Florence Miller, Missionary at Tsu, Japan

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from your missionaries and fellow-Christians in Japan! Here in Japan Christmas is still very much "an Xmas celebration." "X" of course stands for the unknown thing for which Christmas is being celebrated.

As a new missionary nine years ago, I was astonished to see the same Santa Claus and other decorations similar to those in America and to hear "Jingle Bells," "White Christmas," and "Silent Night" in the stores. And yet one could notice some differences about the celebration in Japan.

## CHRISTMAS TINSEL

Thousands of people in Japan talk about Christmas, and even celebrate in some way, without knowing what it is all about. Christmas ornaments have been copied from America rather than developed out of an understanding of the meaning of Christmas. So almost anything bright can go for decorations. There are stars, candles, bells, and wreaths but no one knows why. So why not add a few more shapes and styles.

Business men are the ones who most emphasize Christmas, for to them it is a grand opportunity to increase sales. Christmas parties are held at many places of employment but without any Christian significance whatsoever. Christmas cards with pictures of Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines are used because of their beauty. A new missionary's heart aches as he sees Christmas celebrated by many, while so few know its meaning.

Only when you go to the churches do you find Christ honored and the glorious message of salvation being proclaimed. In our churches we seek to make Christmas as meaningful as possible, but even there there is a tendency to make it like one of the pagan festivals, a time for fellowship and fun. A Christmas program is always held in the church and usually there is a time for fellowship, either in the young people's group, women's group, or for the church family as a whole. Special evangelistic efforts are also made by presenting Christmas programs in institutions such as the Juvenile Home, the Old People's Home, and giving small gifts to them.

## CHRISTMAS GLORY

It is our joy each year to have new people celebrate Christmas with us for the first time. Last year one of the

university students celebrated Christmas, doing part time work as a sandwich man. Dressed as Santa Claus he walked up and down the street advertising some store. This year, as a baptized Christian engaged in active evangelism at the university, he looks back on that experience sorrowfully, for he knows that Christ must have been grieved by it.

Last year another young man, who had just begun to attend church, participated in a Christmas program, the first to be held in our new church in Tsu. He did not yet know Christ as

Savior. He came to church because he was dissatisfied with his own disposition and character. He wanted to develop a more pleasing personality and to make some notable contribution to society. If believing in God was a means to that end, then he would believe in God. Because Christians were so few and because he had a good voice, this young man was asked to sing, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." The meaning of the song was not yet comprehensible to him but, looking back, he says that the plaintive cry of the people of Israel in distress longing for God to save them was exactly the condition of himself. He was searching for salvation but was not certain by what means it was to come.

Three months later at an Inter Varsity Conference, he found Christ as his Savior. This year he greets Christmas as a baptized believer who has felt the call of God to preach the Gospel. I am certain that he will be joining with us in our efforts to make the unknown Savior known to more of the Japanese people so that Xmas may change to Christmas in Japan.

# ¡Felices Navidades!

"A Merry Christmas" in Spanish by Rev. David C. Keiry, Missionary at Monte Vista, Colorado

THREE GREETINGS may be used by our Spanish-American people in the San Luis Valley of Colorado to express their joy in and for the birth of the Savior. Most common, possibly, is "Merry Creemas," the phrase with a Spanish-English accent used by those who are least familiar with English. Perhaps the old ones, whose marked and care-worn faces have seen much of both the good and bad in their lives, shout, "¡Felices Navidades!" as they pass along the streets or say goodbye after a visit in their decorated homes. Because our people have seized educational opportunities unknown several decades ago, the simple words which each of us know so well in English are heard in increasing numbers.

## SPANISH CUSTOMS

Though they don't have the piñata, like Spanish and Mexican families have, the children have a special way of remembering Christmas. For the Roman Catholic this may begin shortly after the midnight mass, but for most, including our believers, they begin shortly after dawn to go from house to house asking for treats which have been carefully prepared beforehand for the little visitors. It almost sounds like our Halloween custom, but the children play no tricks at Christmas.

Christmas greetings are given and heard by all. Because our family lives in an "anglo" section, we've never heard their happy calls or been asked for the treats. Miss Helen's first home

on the field was in the midst of the Spanish section in Center, and they awoke her on that first Christmas morning with resounding voices, making it a Christmas she'll never forget.

The material part of Christmas has its place here in the Valley too! For weeks the stores have been gayly trimmed and vying for the business of our people. The chain stores give us a sampling of the gifts that are on sale across the nation.

Christmas Day many of the things from the stores will be in the arms of our boys and girls. The gifts chosen at Christmastime are often out of proportion to the families' means, but each family strives to give the very best, and the children's glistening eyes tell their own stories of happiness.

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Most important, of course, is the meaning of Christmas. To watch our believers, many of them undergoing persecution, accept the disregard of their families, not as a personal affront, but as an opportunity for continued witnessing is a thrilling challenge. The change in their lives can only be possible because of Christ's birth and his giving himself for us.

This year, as in years past, our Christians will cherish most dearly God's "UNSPEAKABLE GIFT," the Lord Jesus Christ. Through classes, training union and individual study of God's Word, they will seek to interpret his life to their families and

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# From Bethlehem's Inn to Victory

Jesus Christ went from a cradle in an inn to the world's greatest victory as he became the Savior of our souls.

By Rev. George E. Robinson of Jamestown, North Dakota

AT SIX O'CLOCK in the morning on the 20th of March 1812, all Paris was aroused by the booming of a cannon. Emperor Napoleon, who had put away one wife and taken another, was announcing the birth of his child. Joyfully the French people jumped out of bed, dressed, ran into the streets, and began counting the salutes. Twenty-one shots were to be fired if the baby was a girl, but one hundred if a boy. Nine times the cannon roared. Twenty! Twenty-one! The whole city waited with bated breath. Then twenty-two! A mighty shout arose when the fire continued. Soon the whole French nation rejoiced because Napoleon had a son. The dynasty of Bonaparte would live on to continue its conquest.

## SAVIOR OF OUR SOULS

How different the birth of Jesus, the world's Savior! His mother was not given the comfort of an Oriental inn, and her Son was born in a stable. Not a nation, not a city, not even a whole village heard the announcement of Christ's coming—only a few shepherds in the fields outside Bethlehem.

How different, too, the end of Napoleon's son and Mary's. Bonaparte's heir died before he was of age, deprived of his power; and within five years after the cannon roared its welcome, Napoleon himself had become a prisoner of war, stripped forever of royalty and rights. In contrast, Jesus Christ went from that cradle in an inn to the world's greatest victory as he became the Savior of our souls.

In Philippians 2, verses 6 to 9, the Holy Spirit describes in a few words the Nativity message—"Who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Verse 9 says: "But God hath highly exalted him, given him a name which is above every name."

In these few verses God reveals to us why the Lord Jesus Christ was exalted. In them we have a simple revelation, in language to be understood by all how God moved to the redemption of men.

The story begins in a great mystery of light, out of which light there appears One who descends until we see him in the awful and tragic agony of the Cross and the end of the story is that same One's return to the highest throne in the universe of God, leaving

behind him a highway along which multitudes will follow him to share his glory.

We fasten our thoughts on four phrases in this text:

The first one is in verse 6—"Who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God." How often I have quoted this passage, and even perhaps foolishly attempted to explain it. When I read it, I realize that there is something about Christ that transcends all human explanation.

The second phrase says in verse 7—"He emptied himself and took on the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men." I understand that here is a man. I can see him; I can handle him; I can listen to him. John says in I John 1:1—"That which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have beheld and our hands have handled." God the intangible, the imponderable mystery of life! I could not understand or comprehend him until he became a man in the Person of Jesus Christ. He is telling us that God clothed himself in the warm flesh of humanity. The babe in a manger!

The third phrase is in verse 8 and says he became obedient unto death—even the death of the cross. This Cross—this rough-rugged, bloody and brutal Cross, hateful Cross, is as great a mystery as his birth. You ask me to explain the atonement. I cannot do it. Think of the humility to live in Nazareth, which was held the lowest place socially and morally. It was enough to destroy a prophet's repu-

tation. And thus from this wonderful text we have at least seen this Person God within our measurement going to that Cross of pain, sorrow and suffering.

## CHRIST'S VINDICATION

The fourth phrase is in verse 9—God exalted him! What a breath-taking description! At this joyous Christmas season with an old year running out and on the threshold of a New Year—what glory! What victory is ahead! This man who died! Sitting on the right hand of God! He is the revelation of God. He is coming again to gather his people,—the Judge—to be King of kings and Lord of lords.

Today he is at the right hand of God—the place of rest, where weariness never comes, the place of power, where weakness is never known. This is the place of glory, where there is no shadow cast by turning and no darkness. This One exalted comes to meet our need. For the exaltation speaks to me of my security. God has set him there. No one can dethrone him. The work of the devil, the work of Christ's enemies, demons and all can never succeed. He is God. He will vindicate himself.

The second Psalm says: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall have them in derision." He is exalted and given a name above every name—Messiah, Immanuel, Branch, Shiloh, Dayspring, Daysman, Daystar, King, Prophet, Priest. What name does he have on the throne? A name which is above every name! His name is the dearest of all.

The hymn writer expressed it when he said:

"There have been names that I have loved to hear,  
But never has there been a name so dear,  
To this heart of mine; as that name divine,  
The precious, precious name of Jesus."

This One loves you and me. I cannot finish this message. You will when you are tempted. When you are in sorrow! When you are in perplexity! At this season of the year facing the future, you will find no name like his. Yes, his grace will be sufficient. If you will trust him, you will find that there is no name like his.

In closing, the purpose is revealed, "that every knee should bow and every tongue should confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord." What he did for you and his exalted position today spell Victory and Security in 1961.



Rev. George E. Robinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. Dak.



Lucille Wipf (left) and Joyce Batek (right) are thrilled by the scenic beauty of the Heian Shrine Gardens in Kyoto (picture at left). In the picture at the right, they are photographed in front of the Baptist Church sign in Kyoto, announcing the church services held in the home of Missionary Frederick G. Moore.

## First Impressions of Japan

By Miss Lucille Wipf, Missionary in Japan

**H**AVE YOU ever experienced the frustration of finding yourself among a group of individuals and not able to understand them? Not only that, but to realize that in less than an hour or two you will be living in a land with a language entirely new to you and among people you can't understand? This feeling first struck me when we were still on the boat and nearing Yokohama, Japan, on Sept. 6th.

The officials from the Bank of Tokyo had come on board, via pilot boat, and had opened a bank for purposes of changing our American money into Japanese yen. As I went into their office and told them what I wanted, the strangest feeling came over me as they talked back and forth in Japanese. Then a friend of mine came over and asked if she could be of any help since she spoke Japanese. There I stood, while she talked to them in Japanese.

But now four months later, we can make ourselves understood to some extent. The little Japanese one can talk is encouraging. Yes, the language was one of the first things that really struck me as a newcomer to Japan. I knew it was going to be different and strange but, never before having been dependent upon a language other than English, I didn't know just what to expect.

### JAPANESE CLOTHES

Besides the language, what other things have impressed me? One could write many pages on just that subject, but today I want to share just some of these with you.

**Clothes:** When our ship docked in Yokohama harbor, I was a bit surprised to see so much western dress among the Japanese. There were some in kimonos but the western dress caught my eye. My thought was, "This is so much like home." During my short time here, I've seen various types of dress. The uniform of the elementary, high school and sometimes university student strikes one's eye.

Everywhere one looks one sees the black uniform of the boy and the navy blue uniform of the girl.

**Food:** This is one thing which is certainly different from America. As one walks down the street, one sees the shops with their various kinds of food—fish, rice and many, many others. One couldn't begin to know the names of all these things in this short time. But along with the unfamiliar one finds the familiar—tomatoes, potatoes, apples, cabbage, cucumbers and such like items.

**Education:** In contact with Japanese students, one finds them eager to learn about America. English is taught in the schools and the students are glad for opportunities of putting it to use. It is not uncommon to be walking down the street or out sightseeing and have a student approach and ask if he or she may talk English with you. They are as eager to put their English to use as we are to use our Japanese. In the daily newspaper, announcements are given regarding the time and place of English conversation classes.

**Shopping:** Anywhere one goes in Kyoto, one finds shops, shops and more shops! Within walking distance from our apartment can be found a barber shop, dress maker, shoe store, drug store, jeweler, meat market, vegetable market, stationery store, hardware store, to name but a few. In contrast to these smaller shops are the big department stores.

These stores have several English-speaking persons on each floor, ready to help the foreigner with his purchases. All purchases are put in either colorful paper or boxes. Packages are either sealed with special seals or else a rubber band is placed around them. In America I used to save the string from packages—here in Japan it's rubber bands.

**Music:** The Japanese are lovers of music. We went on a picnic with Fred Moore's English Bible class, and when they found out that Joyce and myself play musical instruments, they wanted

to know all about our favorite classical composers and many other answers to questions in regard to our musical interests. As one walks down the street, one hears classical music coming from many of the homes. It's either radio, a record player or someone playing the piano.

I was also surprised to find how many of our American folk songs are known to the Japanese young people. It gives you a strange sort of feeling to be walking somewhere and hear "Old Black Joe" and some of the other songs of this category being sung.

### WORSHIPPING IN JAPAN

**Worship Services:** Attending the Sunday worship services has proven a blessing, even though they can't be understood. To know that these persons are worshipping the true and living God is a real joy. As we have opportunity of using our musical talents, one is impressed anew with the fact that "music is a universal language."

**Religion:** As one sees the many shrines and temples and the people coming to them to worship, one longs to be able to tell them about the true and living God and his Son, Jesus Christ. But because of the language barrier, this is impossible. Therefore, we continue studying the language so as to be able to share our message of salvation with them.

**Our First Christmas in Japan:** What will Christmas be like away from home and loved ones? One doesn't know but the joy of knowing that, whether at home or here in Japan, the true meaning of Christmas is the same. Were it not for the birth of the Christ-child, we would have no message to share with the world.

Midst the activity and rush of the Christmas season may you find real joy in knowing Christ and the meaning of his life for you! To each of you I extend a very Merry Christmas and a prayer that the New Year may be one filled with joyous experiences of witnessing for our Lord!

# Spiritual Needs of Japan

By Miss Joyce Batek, Missionary in Japan

*"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."*

**T**HE WORDS of the Psalmist became the prayer of my heart as I stood on deck of the ocean liner before sunrise on Sept. 6, 1960 and caught my first glimpse of my adopted land, Japan. From my vantage point on the ship, the bleak shadowy mountains looked uninhabited. However, in a few hours the bright sun turned the shadow of land into a picture of beauty against the bright sparkling water of the harbor. Soon many fishing boats appeared and the harbor became alive with activity.

### ADVENTURES IN JAPAN

Once off the ship, the 15 days of solitude and isolation on the ocean became only a memory as the business of Yokohama enveloped me. As I rode down the left hand side of the narrow crowded streets of the city in a taxi, I thought surely we would kill some poor pedestrian or crash into another vehicle. In Japan the driver sits on the right hand side of the car and drives down the left hand side of the street. It was a hair-raising ride, to say the least.

The activity increased as we made our way to Tokyo. The famous Ginza street made me think of Chicago or Los Angeles with its large department stores, hotels and office buildings. The neon signs used for advertising are fascinating to watch as well as being very colorful. I was disappointed in our Japanese hotel in that they served only western food and coffee; no tea.

Leaving the crowded city behind and making our way to Kyoto by train, I was impressed with the beauty of the rice fields and farms, bordered by mountains in the background. Everywhere the houses appeared dark and

dinky against the background of natural beauty, making a strange picture. Often, however, this dingy exterior is complemented by the beautiful interior of the Japanese home. Eating rice dishes with chop sticks, drinking "ocha" with the Japanese people, wearing slippers and never shoes inside of homes and churches, and bowing instead of shaking hands have all become a part of our way of life. Shopping in the quaint and interesting neighborhood shops gives ample opportunity for practicing the difficult language.

### JAPAN'S CULTURAL STRUGGLE

Perhaps the deepest impression has been the struggle to adopt a new culture and still maintain the old traditional way of life here in Japan. This struggle is seen in every phase of life here in Kyoto. Many people dress entirely in western clothing, while others continue to wear the Japanese kimono. Still others wear half western dress and half Japanese dress at the same time.

English words for many items of clothing have been adopted into the Japanese language with very little change. The people are eager to learn to speak English, and many times we are stopped on the streets by students who want to practice their English. They ask many questions about America and many express a desire to go to America to study. The sale of fresh meat in numerous meat shops all over

the city violates the laws of Buddhism, but these seem to have been cast aside for the present.

The shrines and temples are still crowded with people, but I have noticed that many of the younger generation do not engage in the ceremonial worship, and some even display a spirit of mockery as they pretend to worship at the shrine. The people are very friendly and seem to go out of their way to please us. Everything we buy is delivered directly to our door at no extra cost. The school children smile and wave from their school buses as they pass and everywhere students stop to talk with us.

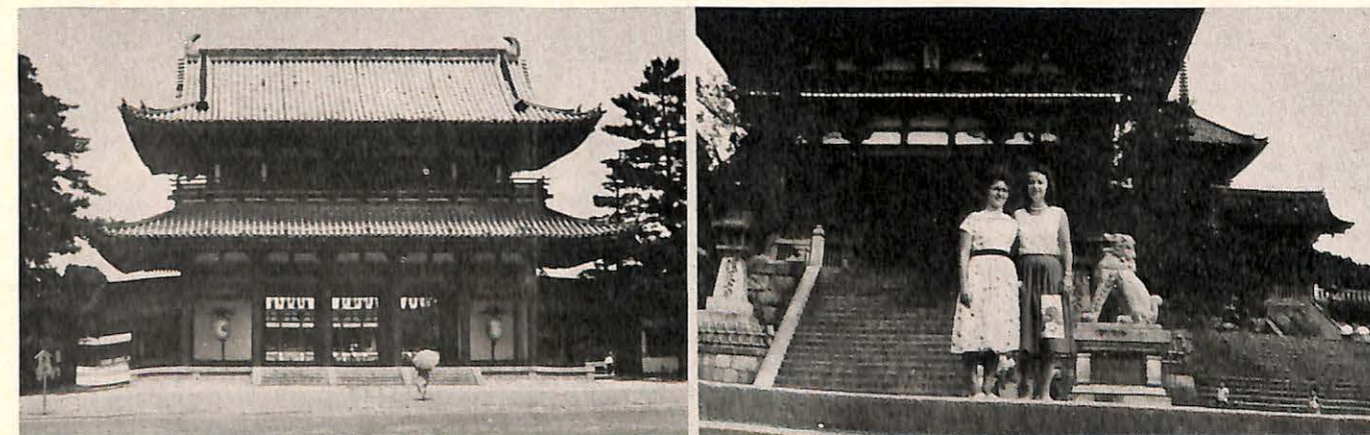
### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

After spending four months in Japan, I am increasingly impressed with the spiritual needs of these people. Many have lived their entire lives without the knowledge of the true and living God. As we approach this Christmas season and reflect upon the One who came that we might have abundant life, the people of Japan prepare for a festival of celebration to usher in the new year. It will be another year without Christ for many as they visit the shrines and temples to offer their petitions and offerings to the gods of the past.

This will be my first Christmas away from home. Anticipating Christmas from this side of the ocean seems to make the message of Christmas, the good news of Christ's coming more wonderful and real than ever before. Along with this is the urgency to get this message out quickly.

Will you pray with me that this might be effectively done in 1961 that those who bow before unknown gods might bow before our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a blessed Christmas and a fruitful New Year in service for our Lord!

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The famous Heian Shrine in Kyoto, Japan (left) is visited by our missionaries, Lucille Wipf and Joyce Batek. At the right they stand on the steps of the Kiyomizu Dera in Kyoto.

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BAPTIST HERALD

# "Lo, I Am With You Always!"

God proves his presence by sending help in seemingly impossible circumstances.

A Story from the Cameroons Mission Field by Mrs. George W. Lang, Missionary

IN JULY Ruth Strauss wrote from Ndu: "It is predicted that in a few months there will be an all-weather road to Mbem! Can you imagine?" And my answer to that was: "No, I can hardly imagine that! But it's certainly a wonderful prospect!"

The road to Mbem—we have quite a number of memories of it. April 1958 found us driving into Mbem over that road in the Ndu Land Rover. (A Land Rover has a four-wheel drive and is something like an American Jeep.) But because the road was not completed, we had to leave the Land Rover about six miles from our destination. Then we rode horseback for about two hours to reach the Mbem Mission Compound. We spent a very pleasant Easter season there with Minnie Kuhn, Gerry Glasenapp, and the Mbem Christians.

and hairpin curves. And the rains were beginning again, after the regular three or four dry months, making muddy and slippery driving something to be contended with. But we were game to try.

Shortly after two o'clock we left Ndu. The newly-green hills through which we drove, the absence of dust on the road, the sunshine and cool breeze helped give us a glad feeling of well-being and thankfulness to God.

About 3:30 we were nearing Rom Hill, out of which the new road had been carved. A stretch of rockface on the side of the high hill had stopped the progress of the old road. So this new one by-passed the old one by going over the top edge of the "hill" and down the other side.

"There's the road!" exclaimed George. He had been there several

"Isn't this beautiful scenery?" asked George.

"Um-hum," I murmured, staring straight ahead, painfully aware of the narrow road and the several thousand foot drop over the side of those beautiful hills.

Then it happened! We got stuck. The Land Rover did its four-wheel best, but the mud was determined to hold us back. Try as we might, with stones and straining and pushing, we seemed destined to spend the night on Rom Hill—or the next few hours in a long walk to Mbem.

The nights on that wind-swept hill are too cold, and the thought of walking in with children and baggage too impossible to make either of these prospects very inviting. Finally George said, "We'll just have to wait till someone comes along to help us push!" And with prayer in his heart he sat down on a large rock to wait.

## "A GOD-FORSAKEN PLACE"

"A God-forsaken place." The strange phrase popped into my mind, as I thought of our predicament. "Wait for help in a place like this?" I thought. The nearest village was several miles away. It was already 4:30. Darkness comes quickly and early during rainy season.

Who would be coming along to help us at that hour of the day? So as I walked up and down the road, trying to keep Danny and Gwen active and warm, I did not feel very optimistic or full of faith.

"Heavenly Father, help us; we cannot help ourselves!" . . . After about ten minutes, George called out, "There's someone coming on the road down there!" I hurried over to the edge of the road and looked down. Far below, on the narrow strip of tan, I saw two specks moving.

"Maybe they're women!" I remarked. At that moment, having demonstrated my own inefficiency as a car-pusher, I had little hope that women would be much help.

But the specks kept moving, until they came close enough for us to make out the loads on the heads of two young men! How grateful we were! They willingly threw their strong shoulder to the task. In about 20 minutes we were on our way, with two extra passengers. The young men were glad for the ride that brought them to Mbem in about an hour, and we were glad for their help in making the ride possible.

Thinking of this incident later, I chided myself for the lack of faith that caused me to think of that hill as "God-forsaken." For Jesus once

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# John's Gospel, a Gem of Old Age

An introductory study to the Gospel According to John to be used in the International Sunday School Lessons (Jan.-March, 1961) by Rev. George G. Kimsey of Indianapolis, Indiana.

"Grow old along with me!  
The best is yet to be,  
The last of life, for which the first  
was made . . ."

THERE IS a tribute to old age, illustrating Browning's line, "The last of life for which the first was made," in "The Secret Place" (Summer 1960):

"I love old things, old violins with their mellow notes, old pictures hallowed by centuries, old men with broad brain, manly brows, and honored gray.

"I love to look into the face of old Moses as he stood on Mt. Pisgah, locks bleached in the snows of the ages, waiting to be kissed to sleep by the Almighty and to be buried by the angels.

"I love to think of old David, as leaning on his staff and with trembling lips he said, 'I have been young and now I am old yet have I never seen the righteous forsaken.'

"I love to close my eyes and dream of old Paul, manacled hands and feet, as he sits in the dark dungeon of Rome—great old Rome with her seven hills and old Tiber. I love to listen to the clanking of chains as he writes, 'The time of my departure is at hand, after this the crown.'

"I love old things—old Moses, old David, old Paul."

## THE AGED JOHN

And may we add, I love to think of the aged John, tall, sun crowned, passing on the torch of light, life and love, saying:

"'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.  
. . . for my purpose holds  
To sail beyond the sunset . . .  
It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles . . .  
. . . heroic hearts,  
Made weak by time and fate, but  
strong in will  
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to  
yield."  
(Tennyson's "Ulysses")

I love the young John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved," who leaned on Jesus' breast at the supper, and after three score and ten years leaned on the breast of the Eternal.

"Then, welcome each rebuff  
That turns earth's smoothness rough,  
Strive, and hold cheap the strain;  
. . . dare, never grudge the throe!"

"The test of time has given the palm to the fourth gospel over all the books of the world," says Dr. Robertson. "If Luke's gospel is the most beautiful, John's gospel is supreme in its height

and depth and reach of thought. The language has the clarity of a spring, but we are not able to sound the bottom of the depths." Every page of the gospel is graced with short simple words, yet each word is bathed with the tides that surge from "that distant seashore."

The gospel is apologetic because the heart has arguments which the mind can not understand. John does not write to prove anything. To him the humanity and deity of Jesus were settled long ago. But he does have a purpose, and there is a whole Bible in it. "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31).

## MANY OTHER SIGNS

In his purpose John points out three things: "signs," "selections," and "significance."

First, the word "signs." "Many other signs therefore did Jesus in the presence of the disciples." There are three words used in the New Testament in the realm that we commonly designate the supernatural: "powers," "wonders," "signs." Peter used them at Pentecost. "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God unto you by powers and wonders and signs" (Acts 2:22). Paul reverses them in II Corinthians, "Signs . . . wonders . . . powers" (II Cor. 12:12). And strange as it may seem in Thessalonians, he attributes them to Satan, "In every power and signs and wonders of falsehood" (II Thess. 2:9).

What do the words mean? Following Dr. Morgan's, "The Gospel According to John," "powers" refer to operations producing results. "Wonders" describe the effect produced by the power when it operates. "Signs" refer to the value of the thing done. Jesus wrought with powers, that is the

fact; with wonders, that is the effect; with signs, that is the value.

Again quoting from Dr. Morgan: "John—who certainly was an old man when he wrote the Gospel—was going back in memory over the three and a half marvellous years with Jesus, remembering the crowded days, and the incidents of all those wonderful days; and from them all he made a selection of signs, and grouped them in this marvellous piece of writing, and that with a very definite purpose."

## JOHN'S SELECTIONS

Now, we come to the term, "selection." John says, "Many other signs therefore did Jesus but these are written"—selected for a purpose—"that ye might believe." Notice John's selection. After selecting the wedding at Cana, the water blushing into wine, John concludes, "this the first of his signs . . . and his disciples believed in him" (John 2:11 RSV).

"Now when Jesus was in Jerusalem at the passover feast, many believed in his name when they saw his signs which he did (cleansing the temple)" (John 2:23).

Even the rulers had been impressed with his power. Nicodemus said, "No one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him" (John 3:2).

John labels the healing of the nobleman's son as the second sign that Jesus did . . . and the nobleman "himself believed and his whole household" (John 4:53).

Let us think now of the "significance" of the signs. John selected these signs (17 or more according to RSV) with their significance, "That ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and believing ye may have life in his name" (John 20:30). Dr. Morgan says, "We must have the facts, grasp them intellectually, and then yield to them."

But there is a greater significance here. It is marvellous to have the gospel according to John, but it is more significant to have the aged John according to the everlasting Gospel. This most profound book could have been written only by John's poetic mind after more than three score years of being "with him." It is significant that, sometimes in the discourse of John's gospel, we can not tell whether it is Jesus or John speaking. All down that first century a face was shining, a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun (Rev. 10:1). John fulfilled Paul's words, "Have this mind in you which was in Christ Jesus."

John lived between two worlds, his right foot upon the sea and his left upon the earth (Rev. 10:2). He reached

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These African Chiefs, dressed in their finest regalia, recently visited the New Hope Settlement at Mbingo in the Southern Cameroons and were given "a guided tour" around the grounds. They also heard lectures about the disease of leprosy and its cure. All were greatly impressed!

Recalling that pleasant time, we eagerly started the 30 mile trip to Mbem again in April 1959. Bible School classes were closed for the Easter week end. We looked forward to a few days' visit with Minnie and the Holzimmers. (Gerry Glasenapp had been transferred to Belo.)

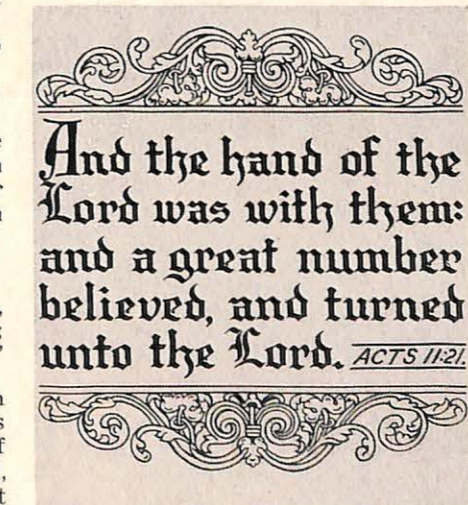
## THE 30-MILE TRIP

Several times Fred Holzimmer had come to Ndu with the news, "I drove in all the way to Mbem." Our Field Superintendent, Dr. Paul Gebauer, had driven to Mbem on the new road. To be sure, they reported that the road was narrow, with dizzying heights

times before, so he knew what to look for. I strained my eyes toward the hills ahead of us. At first, all I could see was a conglomeration of green and brown. Then I made out a faint brown line winding up and up in curves and turns. And we had to travel over that! I gulped a bit and looked down for a moment at Danny asleep on the seat between us, Gwen asleep on my lap. "I hope it's not muddy," I ventured.

## STUCK ON THE HILL

Some stretches of the road were muddy, but we made good headway until we neared the last turn at the top.



# Ministering to Our Older Adults

By Rev. Ben Zimmerman of Rapid City, South Dakota

ALL OF US have gone through childhood and can look back and recount some of our fears, frustrations, longings and anxieties which we have had. We can also recount the joys and blessings that have come to us because the environment in which we moved was Christian and because specific Christian influences touched our lives variously. None of us, however, has gone through the whole experience of growing old and feeble and then come back to tell about the needs that were felt and how Christian churches, pastors, loved ones and friends did help us or might have helped us.

## OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

There are, of course, certain observations we can readily make. Our aged friends frequently give loud evidence of specific emotional and spiritual needs as well as of satisfactions experienced. Some of us, even in middle age, have gone through experiences of invalidism and prolonged helplessness and can look upon our senior citizens with some sense of understanding, for we have "sat where they sit" in a measure. But can we fully comprehend the needs of a human mind and soul where such life-enriching faculties as sight, hearing, taste, sense of smell, and memory of day to day occurrences are absent in various degrees, where the ability to move about and take care of our fundamental bodily needs slip from us and we become embarrassingly helpless, where our status in the community slips from us or is lost altogether, no matter how important a role we may have had?

Suppose you shut your eyes and ears and just sit, not only for a few hours (when it becomes unbearable you take a few glimpses) but suppose you do this for several days on end. You cannot stand it? In seeking to understand the needs of our senior friend to whom we would minister, let us remember then that not only have his many friends and loved ones departed from this world and left him lonely, but the various physical faculties and status likewise have departed or are departing in various degrees.

Obviously the riches of spirit, the personal knowledge of God through our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship with God through prayer and meditation, wherever learned throughout life, can go a long way in enabling one to live abundantly above the world, though the outward man perishes more swiftly and in finality in those full years. Indeed, it is the only way! We might then take the long range view of ministering successfully to the older adulthood our-

selves, no matter what our age, that we all aspire to enter older adulthood eventually.

Let us be warned lest we drift into it without that spiritual fortification without which those crowning years can become a living hell with a fixed gulf most difficult for anyone to bridge, either in seeking help or in giving help. Even as successful marriage requires preparation from childhood through adolescence, so preparation for victorious, spiritual abundance and transcendent peace and joy in senior adulthood must be made throughout life, and not when we land on that last island of life's voyage to ultimate Paradise.

## CONTINUED ENLISTMENT

Consider now several practical avenues of ministry to older adults. The need for filling the hours of loneliness as much as possible is of paramount importance. Visitation is a partial answer. Providing continued opportunity for participation in religious activities helps. Let us also remember the importance of enlisting our senior citizens in the partnership of prayer for the varied endeavors undertaken in the name of Christ.

No one wants to be on the shelf and be considered useless. Many of our elderly folk can and do pray and have the time to do so. Why not utilize these people in the greatest and most painstaking job on earth? Nothing will take the sting out of loneliness and a feeling of rejection and uselessness as will enlistment in a worthy job which one is capable and qualified to do! "More things are wrought by prayer . . ."

Another great and worthy task which we can assign to our senior citizens, especially where they live together in a Home for the Aged, be it large or small, is to challenge them to demonstrate the ability of people of varied backgrounds to live together in peace and goodwill. What is needed more in the world today than for human beings to be assured that they can live together under God as a family in the home, the household, the church, the community, the world?

Again older adults have the great function of giving us stability and perspective, of keeping us grounded in the reality of human need and frailty. Even the completely helpless person, who is a constant and major care, is not useless in the eyes of God, and we too must see with eyes of purpose. Suppose we consider such a one as having been placed among us by a wise God to train and to test the rest of us in such matters of Christian character as concern and helpfulness.

In ministering to our aged, we must not overlook their qualifications and capabilities of ministering to the rest of us. Giving them an opportunity to do so may be one of the most effective ways of ministering to them and giving them a sense of dignity and satisfaction which every human needs, be he young or old. The writer on many occasions has undertaken to comfort someone only to come away having received the greater spiritual blessing and comfort himself!

On such occasions we must not fail to thank the one through whom spiritual victory and peace and perspective radiated to our benefit. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Are we giving the emerging world of seniors the opportunity of experiencing that greater blessing as we humbly make ourselves available to them to bestow their warm, mature, powerful, patriarchal benedictions upon us? Opportunity is one of the marks of freedom—freedom of loneliness and frustration.

## SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

The older adults need spiritual nourishment through the means of grace for their continuing growth and service, even like the rest of us. Coming close to the end of their earthly journey, spiritual sustenance and guidance for the deepening of faith may be regarded as of greater importance than ever, despite the fact that avenues of communication become increasingly impaired. Blessed indeed is the man with whom the singing of a Christian hymn has become second nature, and where a mere cue brings to mind many a precious Bible verse. The use of new Bible versions as well as new hymns, especially where the very old and feeble are concerned, has, of course, no place for these may only confuse.

Because of unsteadiness of hand and poorer vision, which often characterizes older adults, we should have more reading material in large print and on firm enough paper for our increasing aged population. In one Home for the Aged brand new hymnals were provided but never used. They were too heavy to hold. Remember the small light booklets of primary school days with almost inch-sized letters and the shouting big words! Suppose we give grandma a cue, at least in regard to this week's key verse and opening hymn. Doubtless she could fill in the rest. No, I didn't mean hand her the big heavy magnifying glass either!

May God magnify our understanding of the needs of our older adults. May we use every modern skill and means of keeping life rich and sweet to the end for them!

# 50th Anniversary at Grand Forks

Report from the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota, by Mrs. C. R. Faul

THE Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., celebrated its 50th anniversary and dedicated its parsonage on Oct. 15 and 16. The Grace Church was organized as a small mission on Sept. 9, 1909 with 18 charter members. At the present time, there are 218 members with a Sunday School enrollment of 200. After meeting for 11 years in homes and vacant store buildings, a church was erected and dedicated on Sept. 19, 1920. The congregation grew and on Sept. 28, 1948 we moved into the former Plymouth Congregational Church building, which was purchased from that group.

## NEW CHURCH SITE

The church has now purchased a block of property in the south end of the city and is planning to construct a new edifice there. Sunday School classes are being held simultaneously at the church and at the Viking Public School which is near the new site.

Four former ministers shared in the festivities of this occasion, which began with a banquet on Saturday evening, Oct. 15. Harold Carlson, toastmaster, introduced the ministers, their wives, our one charter member, Mrs. Christina Schelski, and Mrs. Rosa Wolff, a member and former pastor's wife, both residing at Bismarck, N. Dak. A pictorial review of activities in past years was shown. Several former pastors spoke at the festive services. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, gave an inspiring mes-



The Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. Rev. Willis Potratz is the pastor.

# Dedication of Capilano Church, Edmonton

Report of memorable days for the Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, by Mrs. Delrene Tobert



DEDICATION SPEAKERS, CAPILANO CHURCH, EDMONTON, ALTA.

(Left to right) Rev. H. Hiller, Pastor of Central Baptist Church and Secretary of Northern Conference; Rev. H. Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication, Forest Park, Ill.; Hon. R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare, Province of Alberta; Rev. E. P. Wahl, Pastor of Capilano Baptist Church; His Worship Mayor Elmer E. Roper, City of Edmonton; Mr. J. J. Ohlmann, Building Contractor of the Capilano Church.

Zimmerman, denominational Sunday School secretary, and Rev. H. J. Walteireit of Winnipeg, Man., also spoke.

## PARSONAGE DEDICATION

The dedication of the parsonage took place on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16, with wives of three former pastors speaking. They are: Mrs. J. Rempel, Mrs. Rosa Wolff, and Mrs. H. J. Walteireit.

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OCTOBER 28, 29 and 30 were memorable days in the history of Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, for these were days of dedication of our new Education Unit.

On Friday night, six church choirs presented a musical concert. Participating choirs were the Central Mixed Choir, McKernan Mixed Choir, Christian Training Institute Choir, Capilano Mixed Choir, Male Chorus and Sunday School Choir. Rev. E. E. Hahn, pastor of the Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, spoke on "Pioneers of Faith."

Many interested friends and visitors viewed the building at the Open House on Saturday afternoon. Refreshments were served by the Missionary Society of Capilano. In the evening, greetings and words of encouragement were presented from representatives of various organizations, including the Pastor's Gospel Fellowship of Edmonton, Baptist Union of Western Canada, Northern Conference, Alberta Association, Alberta Tri-Union, and Christian Training Institute. Fellowship and refreshments followed the meeting served by the ladies of the church.

Climaxing the eventful week end, the

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# The Twin Cities Will Enthrall You

By Miss Alma Zimmerman of Minneapolis, Minnesota

YOU CAN make the days of the General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., from July 31 to Aug. 6, 1961, a combination vacation and a time of inspiration and fellowship. I am confident that the conference sessions will be a time of rich blessings for you. I would like to acquaint you with points of interest and facilities in the Twin City area so that you will be able to enjoy the days spent here to the fullest extent.

Minneapolis is a beautiful city with its gleaming skyscrapers, its modern industries, its magnificent residences, its spacious parks, placid lakes and wooded areas. The mighty Mississippi River, famed the world over as the "Father of Waters," flows sedately

## 33rd GENERAL CONFERENCE

The 1961 General Conference in the Twin Cities will give you great inspiration in messages and Christian fellowship. In addition to this you will find many treasures in the scenic places of interest in the Twin Cities area. I have been asked to tell you about some of these interesting treasures.

—Miss Alma Zimmerman

will it be? Swimming, boating, water sports, hiking, picnics, shopping or just looking at God's great creation and man's ability to develop it? It's all a matter of choice in Minneapolis. Many of the lakes will afford you

the bays and inlets of Minnetonka.

Minneapolis has many magnificently landscaped parks. The Lake Harriet rose gardens are among the many floral exhibits to be seen in the Minneapolis extensive park system. Many will enjoy relaxing in beautiful Loring Park just a few minutes from our meeting place. Enjoy Como Park Conservatory which houses many interesting and beautiful plants. Behind the conservatory is the Como Park Zoo, a real thrill for youngsters and older people.

Deeply wooded Minnehaha Parkway winds along picturesque Minnehaha Creek and links many of the lakes in the area with Minnehaha Park, the home of Minnehaha Falls commemorated in Longfellow's poem, "Song of Hiawatha." Of all the poetry this poem is unique.

"Heard the falls of Minnehaha  
Calling to them from the distance,  
Crying to them from afar off.  
Fare thee well, O Minnehaha."

Minnehaha is familiar nationally as the name of the Indian maiden who married Hiawatha in Longfellow's immortal poem. But to the people of the Twin City area, Minnehaha means first the famous and beautiful falls that inspired the poem. Minnehaha Falls has retained its natural rugged beauty.

## THE FOSHAY TOWER

For an excellent picture of the city, take the elevator to the top of the Foshay Tower. A small fee takes you to the observatory balcony where you can look down on most of the city. See its many tree-lined streets and lovely buildings. You will note the beautiful, modern architecture used in many of the buildings. See Nicollet Avenue, so called in honor of a distinguished pioneer. It is justly referred to as the "Fifth Avenue of the upper Midwest."

Many fine shops and retail stores on Nicollet Avenue offer as fine a selection of merchandise as can be found in any other metropolitan center in the United States. You too may want to enjoy a tourist's privilege—window shopping up Nicollet Avenue as far as Twelfth Street or down as far as Fourth. It's free, so take it slowly. The business district is impressively beautiful and conveniently laid out.

If you are interested in industries, there are many opportunities to see these also. The Twin City Area is the headquarters for the largest wheat flour milling companies in the world. General Mills is just one of them. You may want to include some tours that

would be most interesting and beneficial to Minneapolis-Honeywell, manufacturers of automatic controls and other electronic equipment, Northern Pump, Minneapolis Star and Tribune, TV and radio stations. See the assembling of Ford cars at the Ford Plant in St. Paul.

## CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

Culture in this area is not the aftermath of growth and development of prosperous cities but it is a deep-rooted culture that goes back to pioneer days. Culturally, the Twin City area offers unparalleled advantages. The development of the University of Minnesota has placed it among the leading educational institutions in the nation, not only in size, but also in educational standing and national prestige.

Perhaps the cultural aspect is exemplified by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. This organization has brought more fame to Minneapolis than any other institution. Other cultural facilities offered visitors to this area include Walker Art Center and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts built in 1915. Behind its classic Greek facade are 55 galleries containing internationally famous art treasures. The University of Minnesota galleries are centers of regularly exhibited paintings, sculpture, prints and photography.

The Museum of Natural History with many outstanding displays of vertebrate animal and plant life of the state provide thrilling experiences for the visitors and make a lasting impression in their study and observation of natural history. There are many

# From the Professor's Desk

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

I was somewhat amazed at your interpretation and answer to the question on II Thessalonians 2:3, 4 and 6, 7 in the October 27th issue of the Baptist Herald. You seemed to infer that we did not, nor could not know [who the man of sin is and who or what is restraining him now], quoting Leon Morris. Now who is Leon Morris and by

what authority does he speak? This is not in agreement with many Bible teachers today who speak with reputation and authority on these matters.

Leon Morris is a world-renowned evangelical theologian and biblical scholar who is Vice-Principal of Ridley College, Melbourne, Australia. He is the author of several well-known and significant books, among them: *The Apostolic Preaching of the Cross*; *The Lord from Heaven*; and *The Epistles to the Thessalonians in both the Tynedale Bible Commentary and The New International Commentary on the New Testament* series. The last mentioned volume is to my mind the best exposition of the Thessalonian Letters available in the English language today. It is a model of careful, evangelical, biblical scholarship.

It is true that the view that was presented in the article of October 27th is not held by "many Bible teachers today." However, decisions on variant interpretations of difficult passages of Scripture must be made, not on the basis of who said what (and this includes L. Morris) but on the basis of the best justification of the interpretation. A brief comment in Dr. Bernard Ramm's *Protestant Biblical Interpretation* drives home this important point:

"One of the most acute problems for some people is how two Spirit-led men arrive at divergent interpretations. First, the Holy Spirit gives nobody infallible interpretations. Second, piety is a help to interpretation, but it is not the substitute for study, knowledge, intelligence nor information. Third, all of us are still in the human body and subject to its limitations, mental frailties, and limited vision of soul and mind. We cannot substitute a class of devout, pious Bible teachers for the Catholic infallible Pope. *The truest interpretations are those with the best justification*" (p. 61).

Furthermore, we must expect and make allowances for divergences of opinion in matters (such as those referred to above) which are on the periphery of the Christian faith. We need to remember that it is not the Second Coming of Christ which is in question. There is no greater champion of that truth than Leon Morris (and I enthusiastically join him in the affirmation of that great biblical truth which the New Testament unequivocally teaches and glowingly describes as the "Blessed Hope"). What is under discussion concerns some of the details relative to this event. Whereas we look for certainty and unanimity on the fact of the Second Coming, we cannot hope for complete agreement on the details. It simply did not please the Holy Spirit so to reveal eschatological minutiae. I, for one, am willing to accept these revelatory restrictions.

churches in our cities, and they represent practically every religious faith.

## CAPITOL IN ST. PAUL

Since St. Paul is the capital of Minnesota, you will want to visit the stately capitol building. It will certainly demand your attention as you see it, for its location commands a fine view of downtown St. Paul. You will find it very inspiring to roam through this fine building and to realize that it stands as a symbol of government and authority. In Minneapolis "Granite Palace," as it is called, is the block-square area with its tower clock, which houses both the city and county offices. It is a familiar landmark since the turn of the century.

I trust that you will be able to arrive a few days early or stay after the conference sessions and avail yourselves of many of our fine facilities, enjoy the many points of interest and the scenic views that you will find so abundant here in the Twin City area.



AIRVIEW OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

In this fine airview of the business section of Minneapolis, you can see the Foshay Tower (at left), the City Hall and Court House (building with clock) and the spacious parking places for cars.

through the city, not only making it beautiful but also functional. This area truly is a gateway to Minnesota's vacation land, "the land of 10,000 lakes," as it is known far and wide.

## BEAUTY EVERYWHERE

Make a trip here and behold the state's beauty. Minnesota is the land from whence comes the Balm of Gilead as well as the Christmas trees—balsam, fir, spruce and pine. No, Paul Bunyan didn't cut all the trees in Minnesota. There are 22 lakes within the Minneapolis city limits, cool sparkling waters, and sandy beaches. What

excellent facilities. Lake of the Isles, dotted with wooded islets and surrounded by beautiful homes is very inspiring. This lake is popular with canoeists. Beautiful Lake Harriet and Lake Nokomis are only a short distance from the meeting place of the Conference at the First Baptist Church. Lake Calhoun is a favorite lake, favored by yachtsmen, and used by many sailboat enthusiasts. A drive out to Lake Minnetonka can provide the thrills of the amusement park of Excelsior, a peek at 40 or 50 cruisers docked at Wayzata, or almost 200 miles of lake shore motoring around



A SUMMER AFTERNOON AT LAKE NOKOMIS

Minneapolis has many enchanting lakes within its city limits. Lake Nokomis (shown above) is only a short distance from the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis, site of our 1961 General Conference sessions.

# We the Women

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

## CHRISTMAS AFTERGLOW

The spirit of Christmas does marvelous things. It transforms all who yield to its magic into better people. Somehow, at Christmas time, the noblest impulses in each of us find expression. We are prompted to give generously to those whom we love most, and to others whom we may not even know.

To me, it is wonderful what Christmas does for people. They become more cheerful and gay. Everyone goes about cheerily greeting others with "Merry Christmas!" Selfish interests are forgotten in genuine concern for others. Employers become more generous toward employees. The reverse is also true. Even an unpopular "Boss" is thought of more kindly and remembered with a gift. Old hurts are forgiven, jealousies forgotten.

## A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS TO ALL WOMEN'S SOCIETIES!

Churches, fraternal orders, and other organizations make special efforts to remember the unfortunate and those in institutions who might otherwise be forgotten—just because it's Christmas! To some, this added activity of kindness and consideration for others is a customary thing. Everyone does it, and that's reason enough to chip in.

But if we make an honest evaluation of our special Christmas goodness, we would have to say that we are prompted to action by love. After all, love is the heart and soul—the whole reason for Christmas. First, it was God's love manifested toward us for "God so loved the world—that he gave his Son." Because he loved, we, too, must love. A chain reaction which circled the world was set in motion by God's original Christmas Gift.

What if we continued the year 'round in the spirit of Christmas love! Think what that could mean! Jesus tried to teach his disciples the deepest meaning of love by precept and example, and then admonished them to "continue ye in my love" (John 15:9). Paul expressed a like idea when he wrote to the Hebrews, "Let brotherly love continue" (Heb. 13:1). How this old world could be transformed by this great love! First, God's love, and then brotherly love!

I like to think of this continuing love as "The Christmas Afterglow." If we could carry it with us all through the year ahead, the future would be bright with the promise of a better world, sparked by better Christians. Let's keep the Christmas Afterglow!

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## JOHN'S GOSPEL

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with one hand into the Greek world and gathered from Philo of Alexandria, Heraclitus of Ephesus, and the Stoics the word, "logos"—the reason of God. He reached with the other hand back into Hebrew thought and gathered the word "wisdom"—logos, pulled them out of the realm of abstract thinking and tied them together as one in Jesus Christ. The Hebrew "wisdom" and the Greek logos "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

With one hand John reaches back beyond time and says, "In the beginning," before time, pre-existent, "was the Word." With the other hand he reaches for the present life and declares, "The light (life) shineth (present) in the darkness and the darkness can not overcome it" (John 1:5).

The Gnostics held the theory that the world was evil and could not be created by a good God, but John put it in the hands of the great Creator declaring, "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made" (John 1:3).

Looking back, John saw how the Christ "came unto his own, and his own received him not," but went down under the iron hand of Titus, 70 A. D. But looking forward, John saw that "as many (Jew or Gentile) as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:11, 12).

Looking back, John saw Mount Zion covered with ruins and dust. Looking forward, he saw Mars Hill veiled with myth and legend. But above the wreck and ruin of both, he saw the only begotten Son who had declared (exegesis) or spelled out God in human flesh (John 1:18).

## THE CHRIST

How did he do it? In his C-haracter, "I find no fault in him" (John 19:6). In his H-oliness, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" (John 8:46). In his R-ighteousness, "Judge not according to the appearance but judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). In his I-ncarnation, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). In his S-aving power, "For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" (John 12:47). In his T-eaching, "Thou art a teacher come from God" (John 3:2).

## FELICES NAVIDADES!

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the entire community.

The missionaries will also have a part in the Christmas festivities with long hours of practice for programs, visiting in the homes and the special duties of Christmas Day, but there will also be time for reflection! From the depths of our hearts will spring forth our thanksgiving to God for his Son and the privilege of serving him in the midst of our people. There will be time for the Christmas story, prayer, presents and a review of all the cards and letters which have come from near and far. We say with our people, "Gracias a Dios" (Thanks to God) and a very blessed Christmas to you!

## "I AM WITH YOU"

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said, "Lo, I am with you always . . ." He proved his Presence that day by sending help to us in what seemed impossible circumstances.

In 1955, shortly before we first sailed for the Southern Cameroons, I gave my testimony in a Sunday School class of one of our churches. I remember saying that the verse, "Lo, I am with you always," meant a lot to me. I was sure we would find it true during our stay in Africa.

Now, five years later, I can testify that indeed it was true. It is true, abundantly so! Jesus never leaves or forsakes his own. "Lord, increase our faith" to believe it: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

## CAPILANO CHURCH, EDMONTON

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Service of Dedication was held on Sunday afternoon. Approximately 400 people were in attendance to share this happy occasion with us. Among the dignitaries and honored guests were the Hon. R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare for the province of Alberta; Mayor Elmer E. Roper, representing the City of Edmonton; and guest speaker, Rev. Harold Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication of our North American Baptist General Conference.

A financial report was presented which indicated that total expenses were approximately \$81,000, whereas total income was approximately \$80,000. The estimated total cost of the building, including the property, was \$100,000. The Capilano Baptist Church wishes to acknowledge the many gifts and donations received. Only through God's infinite grace were we able to construct this church.

## A CHALLENGE

Real difficulties can be overcome—only imaginary ones are unquarable.

# What's Happening



The shepherds at the Bethlehem manger, worshipping the Christ-child, as painted by Edmund Kopietz for the CHRISTMAS Annual.

## I FOUND CHRISTMAS

By Captain Charles Roberts  
of the Salvation Army

In fancy I watched the shepherds start,  
As they heard the angel's thrilling song;

I saw the brilliance of the Star  
That guided the three Wise Men along.  
I shared their wonderment and fear,  
As to the manger they drew near.

They knelt to worship the infant King,  
Presenting him with treasures rare.  
His day, his gifts! I came away  
And left the visitors kneeling there.  
It was their Christmas—not my own;  
And in the present I stood alone.

Yet I would find Christmas for myself.  
The greeting cards, gifts, the tinsel bright

Would fill the gaily lighted tree,  
And carolers bless the sacred night;  
Good food, kind friends—but must this be

All of the Christmas theme for me?

My heart was sad, and I read again  
The Christmas story. I felt my loss.  
I followed from the cradle scene—  
I found the Christ of Calvary's Cross.  
Now Christmas will last a lifetime through—  
Oh, let me share my gift with you.

committee to look into the needs regarding a future church building project. A constitution similar to that suggested by the denomination has been

adopted. Rev. Richard Christeleit is pastor of the church.

• Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., one of our North American Baptist retired ministers, keeps exceedingly busy in the Lord's service, even in his 85th year. Recently he preached on three Sundays in the Missionary Covenant Church of Erie and on Sunday, Nov. 13, he supplied the pulpit of the Bethel United Presbyterian Church in Cranestown, Pa., 20 miles from Erie. This church is of Slovakian origin. Mr. Argow stated in his letter: "I enjoyed serving both groups."

• The Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Man., has announced that Rev. A. J. Milner of St. Charles, Man., is serving as its interim pastor for an indefinite period. He has supplied the pulpit since the former pastor, Rev. John Binder, left for Forest Park, Ill., to become the denomination's CBYF general secretary. Mr. Milner formerly served several of our North American Baptist churches in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Milner are the parents of Rev. B. E. Milner of South Fort George, B. C., Canada.

• Thirty women of the Baileyville Baptist Church, Baileyville, Illinois, spent several hours on Saturday morning, Nov. 12, on a tour of the new headquarters building and the Roger Williams Book Store in Forest Park, Ill. They arrived in a chartered bus and later visited the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Norridge, Ill., and the Garfield Park Conservatory in Chicago, Ill. The women are members of the King's Daughters group with Mrs. A. E. Van Kley, pastor's wife, serving as the president. They were also impressed by the fine facilities of the White Cross Room.

• On Thursday, Nov. 3, the house, barn and three other buildings to the west of the Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, Pa., burned to the ground, as reported by Rev. Laurence R. Prast, pastor. The flames, fanned by a strong wind, came to within 30 feet of the church building when the fire was checked. Several men of the church prevented the flames from spreading to the church building by using garden hoses to keep the church wet until the danger was over. The only damage to the church was the strong smell of smoke which permeated the building for days afterwards.

• Mr. Herman Siemund of Chicago, Ill., took a large audience on an "arm chair" trip to Switzerland and Venice, Italy at the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Ill., on Friday evening, Nov. 11. He showed his superb pictures on a screen 17 feet wide using special projection equipment and previously recorded music of Swiss yodeling and folk songs. The program was also instrumental in winning friends from the community. Refreshments were served afterwards. The offering was designated for the Woman's Missionary Society of the church as requested by Mr. Siemund.





A South American "senorita".

## SYNOPSIS

Zorillo Lopez came back to his widowed mother, Dona Marta, after a year of military service in the Paraguayan army. He was now ready to continue his father's trade of making wooden saints in the workshop. He was also looking for a bride. His choice fell on Rosita. The women of the village said: "She is a good, hardworking, pretty girl. Some time later they were married in a ceremony by the Roman Catholic priest.

## CHAPTER TWO

ON their arrival at the little farm that had been Rosita's home until that day, the feast began. A great feast it was, with many delicacies, prepared to perfection. There were delicious chicken and rice, beautifully cooked in thick iron pots. There were sweet potatoes, *mandioca* and green corn. There were *dulces*, too, extremely sweet, made from the thick rinds of bitter oranges. Other good things made of corn, meat, cheese and *mandioca* starch graced the improvised table that had been erected in the shade of two spreading paradise trees in the well-swept yard.

There was plenty of *maté* going the rounds, as well as sugar cane juice to drink. The latter was as fresh as possible, for it was extracted then and there as the juicy stalks were pressed between two great wooden rollers that resembled a clothes wringer. There was something stronger to drink, too, but Rosita's old father, Don Daniel, was supervising it carefully, for he would have no drunken brawl at his daughter's wedding.

Toward evening there was the sound of music, for Andres was there with his guitar and José with his accordion. On into the night the noise of voices could be heard, loud and gay, mingled with that of dancing feet and the

# South American Romance

A Christian Novel by Mary McCombe Orr

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steady monotonous rhythm of chords.

At times it seemed that one or another had drunken too freely of the stronger beverage. At times an irritable, accusing voice would arise, indicating the facility with which a quarrel might have ignited. Don Daniel, however, was tactful and diplomatic, and the peace was kept.

*Surely*, thought Doña Marta with great satisfaction in spite of the weary ache that was her body, *surely the saints are attending our prayers! The Blessed Virgin and all the saints be praised!*

Of course Doña Marta knew the Blessed Virgin had a Son, in fact she often kissed the image of His dead body on a crucifix, but that was mere detail—her life revolved around the Virgin. From earliest childhood she had been taught not to think for herself, but to accept the teachings of the church through the priests. Otherwise, she or someone among her neighbors, might have wondered why the mother of the Lord should receive a portion of honor and glory far above that rendered to the eternal Lord of Glory Himself!

Zorillo and Rosita sat silently watching the last dancers who were determined to take full advantage and make the most of the occasion. They too were tired, satisfied and thankful to the saints. Had Zorillo ever stopped to think, he might have been struck with the incongruity of crediting to the images that were the work of his own hands, the power to bestow favor and success.

FOR several months, life moved happily for the young couple. Zorillo continued to whistle and sing as he worked in his shop, and he grew more expert from day to day in the production of images, more commonly called saints. Little wooden idols, beautifully carved, came from his hands. Others were made of plaster of Paris, for customers, of course, had varying tastes and pocketbooks. Still others were of silver, wrought by hand. These won the approval of the rich and brought worth-while prices. Not only did folk come from near and far to buy the products of Zorillo's skillful hands, but Doña Marta always saved a place for a number of them in her well-filled basket, and found that they sold quickly in the Posadas market.

Rosita's life was full and satisfying, too. Each morning she arose at dawn to make the fire in her tiny kitchen

and prepare the *maté*. Then she took over the work of cultivating and weeding Doña Marta's plantation, that her mother-in-law might cross the Paraná oftener with her merchandise. And every day without fail the young wife gathered together her small bundle of soiled clothing and joined her friends at the river's edge. There, by dint of much soaping and scrubbing and beating on the rocks, followed by bleaching in the sun, the garments were thoroughly cleaned. Even the colored ones were exposed, wet, to the scorching rays of the Paraguayan sun, and returned several shades lighter, and considerably weaker than before they had gone! Then the little housewife filled her heavy charcoal iron with live coals from the kitchen floor and pressed each garment neatly. There were meals to get, too. Very simple meals they were, but well prepared, so Rosita's idle moments were but few.

The highlight of each day was *maté* time in the afternoon. Without fail, as soon as all her other work was done, Rosita would heat the iron kettle, rinse her gourd, fill it with the finely powdered leaves of the *yerba maté*, insert the silver tube just so, and take all over to the shop where Zorillo still sat at work. Usually Doña Marta would join them at this hour, having just returned from Posadas. Then all the news of the town would be discussed as the *maté* made its rounds. The older woman always had something interesting to tell of what she had seen across the border, or that she had heard from her companions.

"Did you know," she asked of her son one day as she accepted the *maté* from Rosita's hand, "did you know that Guadeloupe has returned from his military service?"

Zorillo did not answer right away, but a cloud flitted over his face, then settled on his forehead in the shape of a frown. Guadeloupe was the one person among his acquaintances that he could not honestly call "friend." There had always been a rivalry and a certain amount of jealousy between the two boys. In later years it had centered on Rosita. She had never cared in the least for Guadeloupe, but he had fancied that he could win her favor, and had done all in his power to thwart the more favored Zorillo. Zorillo was a year the other's senior, and Guadeloupe had entered his military training only a few days before Zorillo had finished his.

"He has returned," continued Doña Marta. "I saw him yesterday and he

asked about you. He asked me to give you his remembrances and to say that he will be along to visit you."

"Let him come," muttered Zorillo, "but I hope he understands how to behave himself under a decent man's roof!"

The conversation passed on to other matters, but later, as she returned to the kitchen with her kettle, Rosita mused over what had been said. In her happiness she had forgotten all about Guadeloupe; now she recalled his parting words to her, and they brought misgivings to her heart.

"Zorillo will be home in a few days," he had said, "and I suppose you'll marry him. You'll regret it if you do!"

There had been something sinister in his words and manner, something that inclined her to think they held more meaning than she understood. Had he meant that Zorillo was not as good a prize as he seemed? Was Guadeloupe merely setting himself up as a prophet, or were those words—she listened to them over and over in her thoughts—were those words a threat?

According to his promise, Guadeloupe came to visit them at the hour of *maté* the very next day. He greeted Zorillo as an old friend and shook hands courteously with Doña Marta and Doña Rosita. His host, true to the unwritten laws of hospitality, received him affably, although there was suspicion in his heart. One looking on would have thought they were the best of friends.

Guadeloupe had much to say about his plans for the future and about the changes that had taken place in Encarnación during his year's absence. He questioned Zorillo about his business, congratulated him, toyed with the unfinished images on the bench, but almost all the while his eyes were resting on the lovely face of Rosita.

The young woman could not help but flush, not with pleasure, but with disgust and revolt.

In Zorillo's breast the suspicion was fast turning into anger. He controlled himself well, but the clever Guadeloupe sensed the strain and knew enough to excuse himself before he had gone too far. With a great show of politeness toward the two women and hearty comradeship toward Zorillo, he arose and bade them all good evening.

That was the first of several visits. Zorillo and Rosita considered them far too frequent. Always, no matter what the topic of conversation, Guadeloupe's eyes would wander again and again to Rosita, and Zorillo would have to stem the tide of anger that arose within him. He discerned that Guadeloupe was deliberately trying to arouse him, and for that reason he determined to control himself. But the old rival's behavior became increasingly annoying, and he found himself wearing his knife more regularly. Rosita's heart stood still at times for fear that these unwelcome visits would

result one day in violence and bloodshed.

But Guadeloupe's aim was not to bring about violence. He was too much of a coward to take that risk, and clever enough to work out a plan that would satisfy his desire for revenge without involving bloodshed. On one of those rare days when Zorillo was away purchasing materials for his craft, Guadeloupe made his appearance at the *ranchito*. Doña Marta had gone to the Posadas market, so Rosita was entirely alone. She resented Guadeloupe's presence intensely, but even as a child she had been taught the lesson of well-controlled politeness, so she tolerated him as he stood in the doorway and conversed about some triviality, but she did not invite him in. He knew her true attitude, but was smugly satisfied that his plan was working out.

Just as the wily trouble-maker calculated, she was afraid to tell her husband of the incident. Her woman's nature shrank from the thought of the quarrel that might result should she reveal that Guadeloupe had sought her out when he was gone. He came the second time and the third, and each time Rosita's fear to tell grew greater, although nothing ever passed between them but the coolest of conversations.

Then Guadeloupe sensed that it was time for his master blow. With little difficulty he secured an accomplice, one who would act as informer and communicate to Zorillo that Rosita was receiving secret visits from her old admirer! Of course by that time the admirer would be over the border and safe in the forests of Misiones.

Zorillo's mood was sullen and thoughtful as he sat at his work. The day was perfect and the sweet scent of orange blossoms filled the air, but these things had no power to lift his spirit. Plainly he was perturbed. Guadeloupe's visits bothered him, for it was clear that they harbored no good intent. Besides this, a great change had come over his little wife. She had lost her gaiety, her humor, and her zest. She seemed uneasy, and far too quiet. Was she not well? Surely the change had nothing to do with Guadeloupe, and yet it dated from about the time of his return. He tried to put the thought out of his mind, for it was the last thing in the world that he wanted to believe. Try as he would, the ugly thought returned again and again.

"Wake up, dear, *mi viejo*, wake up and let us take *maté*."

It was the voice of Rosita that brought him out of his unpleasant reverie. She was making a brave effort to be natural and cheerful, but it was difficult indeed to hide the fact that she was living under a strain.

How she wished she had told Zorillo the very first time that Guadeloupe had come to visit her alone, but he would have been so angry! Now after three visits it was more impossible than ever to tell, and his anger would certainly not be less!

They talked a little as they took *maté*, but the gay, easy chatter that once characterized their conversations was missing. With a sigh Rosita picked up the little kettle when it was empty, and went back to her kitchen. She knew that these matters of rivalry and jealousy marred the lives of almost every couple of her acquaintance, but this fact didn't ease at all the pain in her own heart.

Scarcely had she left the workshop when Zorillo had a visitor.

"*Buenos tardes, mi amigo Juan*," said the maker of images, "will you sit down?" And he offered the newcomer the bench from which Rosita had arisen.

Juan sat down, a little uneasily, and for a few moments the conversation ran on generalities. Soon however, he leaned a little closer to Zorillo, and his voice dropped almost to a whisper.

"*Amigo*," he said, "I feel badly about this, but I think you ought to know it. I'm afraid your wife is deceiving you. She has been receiving visits from our friend Guadeloupe during your absence. Not once, but several times has he come to see her. I would not say this did I not know it is a fact. Guadeloupe himself told me."

Zorillo was stunned. After a few moments during which he seemed unable to think at all, he broke out into vehement defense of Rosita. This was slander, these were lies! How dare any man come under his roof and accuse his wife so wickedly? But as he looked into the face of the messenger, so stolid, so assured, so unimpressed by the outbreak, he began to waver and to remember the ugly doubts of the afternoon. There were photographs in his memory that he could not erase—the bold confident way Guadeloupe had of looking at Rosita, and the change that had come over her face.

He dismissed his visitor brusquely and strode over to the *ranchito* where Rosita was preparing supper.

"Rosita!" How different was his voice from what it had ever been before! The poor girl jumped in fright.

"Rosita! Is it true that that dog Guadeloupe has been visiting you in my absence?"

Poor Rosita! She tried to explain, but could hardly speak for bitter weeping. The pent-up emotions that had been accumulating for weeks burst open the dam, and the girl, for she was little more than sixteen years of age, sobbed as she had never wept before. In his blind anger, Zorillo interpreted all things—Rosita's fright, her confusion, her past silence, all as evidences of guilt. For some minutes he railed on her with words that cut her to the deepest depths of her heart, while the saints from their different positions on the wall looked down on them and seemed to mock.

Rosita sat exhausted on her tiny stool, her head buried between her knees in uncontrollable grief, while the pot of beans stood neglected on the floor beside her. Zorillo paused a

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# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 1, 1961

Theme: **THE GOSPEL OF THE SON OF GOD**

Scripture: John 1:1-14; 20:30, 31

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Jesus came as the Son of God to save the sons of men.

**INTRODUCTION:** The new year is an appropriate time to start with the words, "In the beginning." A good beginning is half the battle. It should therefore give us strength and courage to know that we are beginning the new year with the Gospel of the Son of God.

The basis of the study will be the Gospel according to John. Since only a short portion of Scripture can be included in each lesson, it will be profitable for the teacher to read and study the Gospel of John as a whole, pointing out in particular the difference between Matthew, Mark, Luke—the synoptic gospels—and John.

The object of the lessons in this quarter is to study the divinity of Jesus rather than his humanity. Again and again Jesus referred to himself as "the Son of man." In the Gospel of John we will think of him as the Son of God.

**I. THE SON OF GOD AS THE WORD.** John 1:1-5.

For the adult class it would be interesting if the minister or some other authority on theology would lead a discussion on the meaning of "word" as used in the prologue of John. Briefly, it is an attempt to translate the Greek word "Logos" which refers to perfect reality. In identifying Jesus with Logos, John could claim that in Christianity the Jewish hope for the Messiah and the Greek yearning for the disclosure of divine, ultimate truth had been fulfilled. In so doing, Christ had become once for all the Incarnate Word. The truth which John proclaims is that Jesus Christ is the Eternal One. He is the Creator; he is Life and he is Light.

**II. THE WITNESS TO THE SON OF GOD.** John 1:6-8.

One of the most difficult aspects of John's mission was the fact that while he was to be witness to the greatest event in history, he himself was to remain in the shadows. The temptation of the man of God is to bask a little in the glory of God. John's testimony definitely pointed to Jesus and away from himself. His witness was so effective and so whole-hearted that his own disciples left him and followed Jesus, and in the end he lost his life for righteousness' sake.

**III. THE REJECTION AND AC-**

**CEPTANCE OF THE SON OF GOD.** John 1:9-14.

To be rejected is always difficult. But to be rejected by your own family, friends and nation is heartbreaking. There is a sad and tragic note in these words, "He came unto his own and his own received him not."

But thank God, there is also a note of joy and triumph in the midst of sorrow: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." He came as the Son of man to identify himself with us, and he came as the Son of God to identify us with him.

**IV. THE PROOF OF HIS SONSHIP.** John 20:30, 31.

This is the purpose for which John wrote his gospel: to prove that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. But he does not merely advocate an intellectual understanding or acceptance of the fact of his Sonship, but that there might be a saving experience by believing in him. He does not recommend the kind of believing that gives you more knowledge but the kind of believing that gives you more life.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 8, 1961

Theme: **THE BEGINNING OF MIRACLES**

Scripture: John 2:1-11

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Any miracle that Jesus performed should lead us to the acceptance of the greatest of all miracles—Jesus Christ.

**INTRODUCTION:** We are not told the details of the marriage ceremony, nor the names of the principals. Mary seems to have been very much at home here, from which we may assume that it was the house of a relative or friend not too far from Nazareth.

The life of Jesus is the main theme in all the Gospels. Even at this wedding, important as it is to the bride and bridegroom, it is nevertheless Jesus who is the most important figure. In fact, the wedding would never have been recorded but for him.

Jesus' first recorded miracle is not the only lesson to be learned from this passage of Scripture. Christ is commonly represented as being serious. Here at the wedding, we see him in happy fellowship with other people on a joyous occasion. He must have en-

## S. S. LESSON EDITOR

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joyed the wholesome pleasures of life, blessing such occasions with a radiant and cheerful disposition.

**I. JESUS AS A GUEST.** John 2:1-2.

There seems to be no indication that Jesus was thought of as an important guest at the wedding. Mary's presence apparently was of importance, but the reading seems to give us the impression that the invitation of Jesus and his disciples was an afterthought. He seemed closer to the servants than to the guests. Whether this was so or not we do not know. But we do know that before the festivities were over, there was no doubt in anyone's mind as to who was the most important guest at this wedding.

If Jesus is willing to be of help and blessing on this joyous occasion, it should certainly convince us that we need him, not only as an occasional guest, but as an abiding presence in every area of life.

**II. JESUS AND HIS FIRST MIRACLE.** John 2:3-10.

Jesus does not perform miracles indiscriminately by simply saying, "See what I can do." There must, first of all, be an emergency. In this instance the need was urgent. "They have no wine." It was an embarrassing situation for the ruler of the feast who was responsible for the festivities. It would reflect on the bride and bridegroom and would leave with them a feeling of unpleasantness every time they thought of their wedding day.

There must also be an attitude of quiet, unhurried trust. When Jesus said, "Mine hour is not yet come," perhaps he meant that he is aware of the situation and there is no need of anxiety and unnecessary concern. He will take care of everything in good time—not too early nor too late.

When Jesus does provide through a miracle, we can be sure that he always provides the best and he provides lavishly. It was good wine and more than enough. At the feeding of the five thousand, there were twelve baskets left over. He came not just to give a little life, but abundant life. Again and again he proved that he gives more than we ask or think.

**III. JESUS AND HIS PURPOSE.** John 2:11.

There was purpose to everything that Jesus did. Miracles are one of the signs of his divine nature and a part of his ministry. He went about preaching, teaching and healing. Since John inferred that this was the beginning of miracles, we can conclude that there will be many more along the way. If this is not proof enough, then there is much more to strengthen your faith.

Jesus' purpose was also to "manifest his glory." He came not merely as a wedding guest but to begin his revelation as the Son of God. Since he had recently chosen his disciples, it was also necessary to strengthen their faith. This purpose also revealed itself when it was said, "and his disciples believed on him."

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Western District

### October Events at Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C.

October was a month which held a vast store of happy and blessed moments for the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C. A series of "Deeper Spiritual Life" meetings with Prof. Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., led us to search our hearts and to do more for our Lord. The Fall Musical Festival, under the leadership of Mr. Albert Sauer, was attended by a capacity audience. The three choirs of the church rendered a fine program of gospel music. Also much enjoyed was a piano selection played by Miss Leona Eggert.

Thanksgiving services brought by our pastors, Rev. Otto Patzia and Rev. Philip Daum, made us mindful anew of the countless blessings of our Lord. We were also privileged to celebrate the birthdays of our pastors and wish them much joy and happiness as they continue in their labour for the Lord.

Mrs. Eugen Lueck, Reporter

### Bethel Church Choir, Anaheim, Calif., in Radio Program

The Bethel Baptist Church Choir of Anaheim, Calif., was one of 30 choirs from Southern California churches that was chosen for outstanding musical ability. Directed by Herman Zachay, the choir participated on the November 6 radio broadcast program, "Your Church of the Air," from KFMB, San Diego. The program was recorded from the Bethel Church sanctuary supervised by Don Gies from KFMB. Miss Janice Lamb was organist.

The 34-voiced choir sang, "Now Let the Heavens Adore Thee" by Bach, "Gloria In Excelsis" by Mozart, "The Cherubim Song" by Bortniansky, and "Rock Of Ages" by Wilson. Choir members are: Martha Zachay, Iris Fallon, Margaret Haugh, Lynda Litz, Marion Stevens, Barbara Love, Sharon Mims, Gertrude Urbigkeit, Nancy Mabs, Phyllis Boettcher, Carole Melvin, Elaine Boettcher, Eunice Chapman, Viola Eggert, Evelyn Bradley, Ruth Mabs, Shirley Mims, Elsie Kwast, Lilly Ash, Pat Abernathy, Joe Love, Bill Ballman, Reinhard Kwast, Lorne Stroschein, Albert Urbigkeit, Bill Campbell, Walt Gooden, Ron Forsey, Bill Derman, Don Melvin, Jerry Kwast, Charles Sharp and Bob Ash.

—Mrs. Ruth M. Mellen, Reporter

### Evangelistic Services at Bethel Church, Salem, Ore.

Evangelistic services were held during the week of Oct. 26 to Nov. 2 at the Bethel Baptist Church in Salem, Oregon. Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California, was the evangelist. There were three conversions, three responses for baptism and three for transfer of

church membership with blessings which the Holy Spirit of God alone can measure. The stirring messages of Mr. Buhler were much appreciated.

The musical program featured solos from Bill Jackson, a former student of John Charles Thomas, for three evenings and "The Salem Singers" for one night. The attendance for the week was by far the best we have experienced in a decade or more. Gospel Magic was provided for the children on several evenings. Rev. Everett Barker is pastor of the Bethel Church.

Erma Reishcke, Reporter

### Pacific Northwest Association Sessions at Tacoma, Wash.

Delegates and friends of the Pacific Northwest Association gathered at the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., from Nov. 3-6. We enjoyed God's sunshine and many blessings as we planned the work for the coming year. The major project of the Association is the work of Church Extension at Renton, Washington. Property has been purchased and a building fund has been established. We hope and pray that a minister may soon come to Renton and begin the work in this needy area. The C.B.Y. Camp problem was also discussed and plans were made for the coming year.

We were privileged to have three denominational representatives with us. Our district secretary, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, brought the opening message on Thursday evening and also spoke at various other times. Rev. Harold Gieseke, Education and Publication secretary, brought several challenging messages. Rev. Edwin Kern, missionary from Japan, was the featured speaker for the women's program on Friday evening. The pastors of our churches in

the Association participated at various times with devotionals and messages on stewardship, using the theme, "I Will Be Faithful."

The officers of the Association elected for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. Kenneth Howe, Spokane; vice-moderator, Mr. Paul Stolz, Tacoma; treasurer, Mr. Melvin G. Kageher, Tacoma; and secretary, Mrs. Ben G. Schmidt, Spokane.

Edward Kopf, Reporter

## Northern District

### Women's Missionary Society, First Church, Leduc, Alberta

We as women of the Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., are grateful to God for the many blessings we have received from God. We held our annual program on November 2. The society rendered two numbers in song, and, instead of a play, we presented a film, "Heathen Rage," as the main item on our program. The offering was designated for missions.

Our society consists of 41 members and 5 honorary members. During the past year we held 11 regular meetings and in addition we observed the World Day of Prayer besides a tea and social in August. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month and are centered around missions. We have a monthly project.

The officers for the past year were: president, Mrs. E. Kern; vice-president, Mrs. R. Ohlmann; secretary, Mrs. G. Miller; treasurer, Mrs. W. Froelich; flower committee, Mrs. W. Roth; White Cross chairman, Mrs. O. Jabs; Buying Committee, Mrs. F. Roth and Mrs. H. Radis; pianists, Mrs. E. Grunwald and Mrs. D. Hammer; and librarians, Mrs. B. Fillenberg and Mrs. W. Hein.

Mrs. Elsie Miller, Secretary

### Dedication of Bulletin Board, Oak Bank Church, Man.

As members of the Oak Bank Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Manitoba, we are truly thankful for the great blessings God has bestowed upon us. We rejoice over the increase in our Sunday School and church attendance, and are happy with the progress we have made in equipping our Sunday School with more classes, so as to accommodate more children. Each one of us is indeed reminded of our obligation to Christ as we read the motto on our newly erected bulletin board, "We Preach Christ Crucified, Risen and Coming Again."

We are truly thankful for a pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. M. Falkenberg, who have given so unselfishly of their time and talents which have enabled us to make this great progress. After our Sunday morning service, Oct. 23, we gathered around the bulletin board for the dedication service. Our pastor, Mr. Falkenberg, led the service.

Lorraine Albrecht, Reporter



The new bulletin board of the Oak Bank Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Manitoba, of which Mr. M. F. Falkenberg is the pastor.

## "Thanksgiving" at Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta.

October 2nd was our Rally Day and Promotion Sunday at the Temple Church, Leduc, Alberta. Children from every class received certificates of promotion to their next class. Two girls from the primary class sang the song, "I Don't Have to Wait Until I'm Grown Up." We pray every Sunday School pupil in our church will feel the need for Bible Study and service.



Rev. Raymond Harsch surrounded by the Thanksgiving Sunday decorations in the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta.

October 9 was Thanksgiving Day. Never before were we able to decorate our church with garden flowers. Many vegetables and fall colored leaves were also used to add to the spirit of thanksgiving. Rev. R. Harsch's message was "The Challenge to Thanksgiving." A missionary offering was also taken. For the evening service the Sunday

School presented its program in recitations and a short play. Special music was given by the children, and the Junior Choir sang two songs, one of which was "How Great Thou Art."

On October 16, the laymen of our church took part in the morning worship. In the evening the male chorus sang two fitting numbers, and a missionary film, "All Are Called," was shown.

Mrs. Bernice Harsch, Reporter

## Youth Rally at McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg

We of the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, were happy to have President Frank Veninga of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls with us for our Youth Rally held on Oct. 23rd, with the various churches of the Manitoba Tri-Union participating. In accordance with his inspirational message, "How Does Your Garden Grow?", may we as youth ever be cautious of the type of growth in the garden of our lives, and in particular the garden of our hearts, so that we may experience continued spiritual growth in our lives.

Our Vacation Bible School, held from August 15 to 26, resulted in a total enrollment of 225 children and six conversions. A new aspect of our work this year was the Adult Class, taught by our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit which had a total enrollment of thirty-five, and proved quite successful. Scripture Press Material "Signalling For Christ" was used by our 20 volunteer teachers and workers, under the directorship of Dieter Hettig. The closing program was held on August 28, at which time the handwork was also displayed.

Violet Lepholtz, Reporter

## Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Kaus, Moosehorn

Sunday, Oct. 9, was a special day for the First Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Manitoba. The church together with



Mr. and Mrs. L. Kaus of Moosehorn, Manitoba, as they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with their 10 children and 20 grandchildren.

friends and visitors celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. Kaus. They were born in Russia and were married in 1910. In 1913 they emigrated to Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Kaus are the parents of 10 children and the grandparents of 20 children. It was an overwhelming joy to the celebrating couple to have all these children and grandchildren present for this special occasion. They came from as far as Fort William, Ontario.

The celebration began with a delicious supper served to about 140 persons. A program followed led by the minister of the church, Mr. Bruno Voss. Rev. William Sturhahn, our district secretary, was also present with us and had a part in the program. Many congratulations were offered and in response, Mr. Kaus not only thanked the congregation, but, above all, God for his wonderful guidance and protection. The final item on the program was the presentation of a trilight and spotlight from the church and friends of the church. We ask God that he may continue to bless Mr. and Mrs. Kaus. May they, in turn, also be a blessing to us.

Bruno Voss, Pastor

## Sunday School Promotion Day, Faith Church, Regina

The special feature of Promotion Day in the Sunday School of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, was the awarding of gold buttons to 18 children who completed the Scripture Memory Course last year. The presentations were made by Mr. Louis Hoffman, who introduced the course to our Sunday School a year ago, and was in charge of promoting it and recording the progress of the children.

Several of the Juniors, in addition to completing their own course, also memorized the verses in the Primary Course, thereby winning wreaths in addition to their buttons. The children who completed the course were Mary Ann Cicansky, Carol Deimert, Joan Deimert, Blaine Fenske, Myles Fenske, Ruth Gogel, Sheila Haynes, Grant Hoffman, Dale Knoll, Gary Knoll, Billy Lazenby, Barbara Mast, Myrna Neufeld, Marjorie Paul, Daniel Potratz, Raymond Schultz, Barbara Teichrob and Sylvia Trithardt.

S. Olmstead, Reporter

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## Evangelistic Services at Grace Church, Medicine Hat

We of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta were privileged to have Rev. J. B. Kornalewski from Kelowna, B. C., in our midst from Oct. 16 to 23. His challenging messages were a great inspiration to the believers. Our attention was drawn to the nearness of Christ's Return and were told to prepare our lives for his coming.

We were not privileged to see the harvest, but the seed has been sown and God will bring the increase in due season. He has promised that his Word will not return unto him void. Therefore, we must continue in prayer and supplication before God that souls can be won for him through our testimony.

Lilly Oster, Reporter

## Fanny Crosby Program by Women, Morris, Manitoba

We, the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba, are happy that we are in the service of our King and Master. This past year we had the opportunity of rendering two special programs, besides our monthly programs which are held every first Tuesday of the month. Our annual program was in April with Rev. John Binder, our pastor at that time, as our guest speaker.

On Oct. 23rd we rendered a musical program. The life story of Fanny Crosby was read and all the songs for the evening, which were sung by the Missionary Society, a duet, a trio and a double duet, were songs written by Fanny Crosby. The highlight of the evening was a chalk drawing, "The Church in the Wildwood," by Miss Ida Hoffman while appropriate music was being played on the piano by Mrs. Bergstresser. In closing, Mrs. A. J. Milner, our interim pastor's wife, spoke words of cheer and encouragement to carry on in the work of our Master.

Mrs. Sam Hoffman, Reporter

## Central District

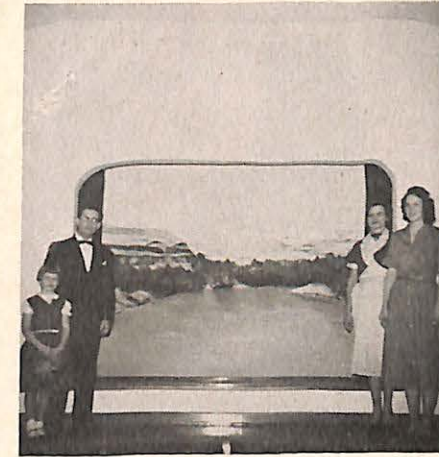
### Harvest and Mission Festival, Fredonia, North Dakota

The Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., observed its Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 25, with Rev. E. J. Faul of Hebron, N. Dak., as guest speaker. His messages were very challenging to all who attended. The church was filled to capacity in both the morning and evening services. The Holy Spirit was with us throughout these services. Many friends and neighbors from our neighboring churches attended this occasion. All were wonderfully blessed and a missionary offering of \$1,259 was received for the expansion of God's work and Gospel throughout the land.

Joyce Grenz, Reporter

### Revival Services at Calvary Church, Corn, Okla.

Revival services were held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma, from Oct. 30 through Nov. 6. Rev. Robert Penner, pastor of the Co-



Rev. Orville Meth of Venturia, N. Dak., and 3 baptismal candidates stand alongside the baptistry with the new painting by Mr. Norman Krombein.

lonial Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan, was the evangelist. The meetings were well attended and a great blessing was received by many.

Our congregation enjoyed a Harvest Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 6. It was held at the local Grade School dining hall. The time of fellowship reminded us of the bountiful blessings God has given us during the past year.

Bobby J. Klassen, Reporter

### Dedication of Baptistry Picture at Venturia, N. Dak.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, the Baptist Church of Venturia, N. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival with Prof. Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker. Two services were held and the offerings of the day amounted to \$1,695, all of which was designated for foreign missions. On the preceding Sunday an offering was held amounting to \$1,276.40, which went toward indebtedness on our new parsonage, which was built last year.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 23, we held a combined service in which the new baptistry picture, portraying the River Jordan, was dedicated. Funds for this picture were made possible by memorials given in memory of those who have gone on before. Following the dedication service, three persons followed in the waters of baptism. The artist for the picture was Mr. Norman Krombein of Minot, N. Dak., son of Rev. A. Krombein, now of Mercer, N. Dak.

Mrs. Donna Miller, Reporter

### Revival and Mission Festival at Hebron, N. Dak.

The First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., is grateful to God for his unending blessings. We were wonderfully blessed during our revival meetings under the leadership of Rev. John Kastelein. It was a great spiritual revival for the church and about 30 souls responded to the invitation and accepted Christ as their Savior. Mr. Kastelein showed a film on the dangers caused by smoking and narcotics.

Our Harvest Mission Festival was also "a red letter day." We had a good attendance at three services with special music by our choir. The Men's Quartet sang for the German services

in the afternoon. Despite a dry hot summer, which cut our crop yield in half, we were still able to bring an offering of \$3786 for which we praise God. Our Woman's Missionary Society and Missionary Guild both presented very instructive programs with mission offerings and special music. Rev. Ervin Faul is our pastor.

Mrs. John Stading, Reporter.

### Evangelistic Services at Mt. Zion Church, Kansas

A supper was given in honor of Jeanine Martinitz at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas, with a program wishing her God's richest blessing as she joined other members of "God's Volunteers" for the 1960-1961 season.

During the week of Oct. 26 to Nov. 2 the Mt. Zion Church with the Junction City Church Extension project experienced great blessings from God in a most remarkable way. Rev. Herman L. Effa of Chancellor, S. Dak., served as evangelist. We experienced a real spiritual awakening in that one person was saved in a very remarkable way and Christians were revived. Mr. Effa told a story for the children each evening and also sang a solo or two for special music. We are also very grateful for the special musical numbers which were given by our neighboring sister churches. Mrs. Verland Brenner, our Scripture Memory Leader, held a party for those enrolled in the Scripture Memory Course. There are 14 enrolled in this course.

Mrs. Helen Walter, Reporter.

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### Harvest Festival at Rapid City, South Dakota

Members and friends of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, South Dakota, gathered on Friday night, Oct. 28th, for the Harvest and Mission Festival sponsored by the Sunday School. Helmut Wolff, who was appointed to direct the program, opened the meeting with a word of welcome. The superintendent, Everett Crooks, then led in the reading of Scripture and prayer. The various Sunday School classes presented their parts, beginning with the Beginner Department through the Junior High. The pastor, Rev. Loren Weber, spoke for a few minutes on the theme of harvest and missions, and a special offering was taken for missions.

Loren A. Walker, Pastor



### SCRIPTURE MEMORY AWARD WINNERS

Twelve of the 18 children of the Faith Baptist Sunday School, Regina, Sask., who completed the Scripture Memory Course, proudly display the gold buttons which were presented to them on Promotion Sunday.—Photo by Andy Govinchuck.

## Christian Youth Crusade at Buffalo Center, Iowa

The week of Nov. 13-20 was a busy one at the First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa. The Christian Youth Crusade with Rev. Mel Johnson was the big attraction. Mr. Johnson is the vice-president of Youth for Christ International, and well acquainted with all kinds of youth problems. Each night a group was assigned to be in charge to see that every pew in the church was filled. Many were busy inviting friends and neighbors to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To add to the exciting week, the Musical Skogerbos were with us from Rochester, Minnesota. They played musical instruments and also presented the Gospel through the melody of songs. The Skogerbos are planning to go to the mission field in Chile, South America in August 1961. It was pointed out to each one of us that we need Christ every minute of each day. We all received a blessing from the Crusade, and it was a thrill to see so many young people come out to hear the Word of God.

Mrs. Ed Knoner, Reporter.

## Family Night and Baptism at Burlington, Iowa

We have been pleased at the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, with the increase in attendance in both the morning and evening Sunday services and the midweek services. On Nov. 20, we held a baptismal service, at which ten persons were baptized. On the first Sunday in December they were received into the church at the communion service, together with eight others who came to us either by letter or experience.

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 26th, we had our first Family Night Supper since Rev. and Mrs. Howard Johnson came to us, after which a most interesting program was enjoyed, including the Bell Ringers from the Zion United Church of Christ. We enjoyed having Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill., with us on Nov. 27 and 28 for a Sunday School clinic. We have had a visitation program in the Sunday School, which has resulted in an increase in attendance. We set a goal of 400 for Rally Day, and although we did not quite reach that number, we hope to reach it in the near future.

At this Thanksgiving season we give thanks to God for all his goodness during the past year. We hope to go forward with renewed zeal in his service.

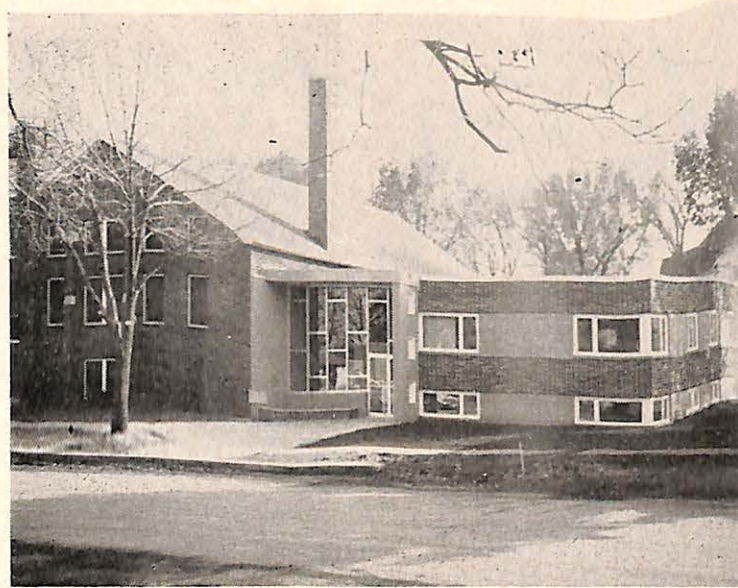
Ruth Lohmann, Reporter

## Eastern District

### Missionary Project for Redeemer Church, Warren, Mich.

The Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren, Michigan took another progressive step in supporting the Missionary Intern Program and accepting Mr. and Mrs. Gary Prosis as a part of that program. Redeemer Church is happy to have Gary and Nancy Prosis and their twenty month old son Rodney for the next seven months. They will be serving their internship under the guidance of our Rev. A. Braun, pastor.

Gary and Nancy have attended



The newly dedicated Educational Unit (right) of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa.

## Educational Unit Dedicated, Aplington

Report from the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, by Mrs. Swanetta Oidenburger, Reporter

**S**UNDAY, Nov. 6, was the day chosen by the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, for the dedication of its new educational unit. The program began with Sunday School. Mrs. Lydia Lehr, a former pastor's wife, and her daughter, Miss Ellen Lehr, both brought messages to the school.

Rev. Frank Veninga, former pastor, served as speaker for the morning service, his message being "THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH." The actual dedication service took place in the afternoon with Dr. Frank Woyke basing his sermon on "BUILDING THE CHURCH."

Other churches of the community were represented as well as the neighboring churches of our denomination. Letters were read from former pastors and friends, and visiting ministers present offered greetings and congratulations. Ushers reported the afternoon attendance as 330.

Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada and the Biola Bible School of Medicine in Los Angeles, California. They have a life-long background of loving and serving the Lord, and eventually they hope to go to Brazil to tell our Latin American friends of the love of Christ. Recently the members of the church had a reception for them and presented them with a food and linen shower. We warmly welcome the Prosis family to the fellowship of the Redeemer Baptist Church.

Eleanor Knott, Periodical Secretary

### Farewell and Welcome Services, Union Church, Arnold, Pa.

The Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., held a farewell dinner in honor of

The dedicatory offering was equally divided between the local building fund and our denominational missions. At the close of the afternoon session refreshments were served and a time of fellowship enjoyed by all present.

The service of praise in the evening, with Rev. J. C. Gunst's message, "A DEDICATED PEOPLE," brought to a close a day of many blessings and much joy for our church.

The building, 42 by 72 feet, is of brick construction with haydite block backup. The two story structure provides a second main entrance into the sanctuary, twelve classrooms, pastor's study, library, overflow room off the sanctuary, and fellowship hall, each seating approximately one hundred.

Rev. J. C. Gunst spoke at the nearby Sheffield church in the forenoon, and Dr. Frank Woyke brought the message at the Parkersburg church in the evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Dale Chaddock and family on Friday evening, Oct. 21, in the church basement. They had been with us for nine years and there were tears shed as we had to bid them farewell after a very successful ministry among us. As we reminisced over the nine years, we discovered that 26 persons had gone through the baptismal waters during their stay with us. They were presented with a table radio from the church and a few smaller gifts from groups in the church.

Then two weeks later on Nov. 10 we had a joyous occasion of welcoming Rev. and Mrs. Richard W. Sparling and family. Mr. Fred Pressick, chairman of the Deacon Board, presided. Mr. Homer Wall from the local C.M.A. Church

read the Scripture. Prayer was by Mr. Robert Timblin from the local Maranatha Bible Church. Pastor Dale Chaddock from our "Daughter Church," Holiday Park Baptist Church, welcomed the Sparlings. A duet by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Starner from Union Church was followed by a welcome from Rev. Raymond Yahn, pastor of the "Mother Church," Temple Baptist of Pittsburgh. The message was brought by Rev. Emanuel Wolff, our Eastern District Secretary. Remarks and closing prayer by Pastor Sparling. A corsage was pinned on Mrs. Sparling as she entered, a gift of the Missionary Society.

Mrs. Fred Pressick, Clerk

### Cornerstone Laying Exercises, Hillcrest Church, Cleveland, O.

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16, the members of the Hillcrest Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio met on the site of the new church to lay the new cornerstone. Members and friends of the other three North American Baptist churches of the Cleveland area accepted our invitation and joined us in this service. It was a beautiful fall afternoon, and in a most fitting manner the service was begun with the singing of the old familiar hymn, "Mighty God, We Worship Thee." Rev. Victor Priebe, visiting evangelist at the Parma Heights Church led us in the singing. The service was led by Rev. Edward Kary, pastor of the church. Rev. David Draewell led us in prayer.

The following visiting pastors brought greeting on behalf of their churches: Rev. Daniel Chipka, Corlett Avenue Church; Rev. Harold Lang, Snowview Church; Rev. David Draewell, Parma Heights Church; Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Erin Avenue Church; and Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Secretary of the Eastern District. Rev. Henry Pfeifer brought the message based on I Peter 2:7-9. The cornerstone was then laid by Rev. Edward Kary, assisted by Mr. Hugo Zion, chairman of the Board of Trustees. A metal box containing a number of important historical documents was sealed into the cornerstone. The congregation is anxiously awaiting the completion of the church.

Edward Kary, Pastor

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## Obituary

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

### MR. HERMAN BANGERT of Avon, South Dakota

Mr. Herman Bangert of Avon, S. Dak., was born in Butler County, Iowa, and passed away very suddenly in his home in Avon on Nov. 5, at the age of 83 years, 10 months, and 12 days. In 1879 he moved from Iowa to South Dakota with his family. He and Louisa Voigt were married on March 19, 1902 at Avon. After his conversion, he united with the Evangelical Church and in 1925 was baptized by the late Dr. John Olthoff and united with the Avon Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until the end.

His was a happy, long life! He and his wife celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary last spring. Even the last day of his life was a happy one for him. Just minutes before the Lord called him home, he conducted evening devotions with his wife. He served for some time in several offices in the church. Memorial services were held in the First Baptist Church on Nov. 8. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, and one son, Norman of Tyndall, S. Dak.

Avon, South Dakota  
PETER J. WIENS, Pastor

### MR. EMIL E. METZGER of Carbon, Alberta

Mr. Emil E. Metzger of Carbon, Alberta, was born June 14, 1899 in Johanesdal, Russia. His Lord called him home Oct. 28, 1960, reaching the age of 61 years, 4 months and 14 days. In 1910 he migrated with his parents from Russia to North Dakota, then in March 1914 he came with his parents to

### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

By Mildred Long

Lord, let me be awake on Christmas  
Eve

To hear the angel chorus sing;  
To watch the shepherds kneeling there  
Before the Child, the Promised King.

Lord, let me be awake at Christmas  
time

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A surrendered servant of the Lord  
cannot be selective in his obedience.

### OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

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Conferences	Oct., 1960	Oct., 1959	Oct., 1958
Atlantic	\$ 4,549.83	\$ 3,542.38	\$ 4,313.85
Central	12,651.23	12,536.53	8,630.57
Dakota	15,061.12	17,469.45	22,330.41
Eastern	3,696.96	4,926.04	3,367.50
Northern	14,409.07	10,274.27	18,630.72
Northwestern	6,439.64	9,731.10	6,908.57
Pacific	12,780.97	10,587.88	10,999.75
Southern	714.26	1,842.96	343.46
Southwestern	4,019.21	12,835.76	13,193.25
Total Contributions	\$ 74,322.29	\$ 83,746.37	\$ 88,718.08

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of Oct., 1960	\$ 67,940.20	\$ 1,895.19	\$ 4,486.90	\$ 74,322.29
For the month of Oct., 1959	70,798.48	12,947.89		83,746.37
For the month of Oct., 1958	84,726.20	v.991.88		88,718.08

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1960 to Oct. 31, 1960	\$312,520.10	\$ 8,625.13	\$ 36,972.03	\$358,117.26
April 1, 1959 to Oct. 31, 1959	326,421.92	49,702.28		376,124.20
April 1, 1958 to Oct. 31, 1958	324,452.14	28,750.75		353,202.89

## MARCH OF EVENTS

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● Religion continues on the increase in this country. According to the 1961 *Yearbook of American Churches* published by the National Council of Churches, membership in churches and synagogues in the United States increased by 2,669,164 in 1959. This is a 2.4 per cent increase over the preceding year and reaches a record total of 112,226,905. The population of the country increased 1.8 per cent to reach a total of 178,000,000. This means that 63.4 per cent of the estimated population belongs to some church or synagogue. In major Protestant "family" groups, Baptist bodies report the highest figure for memberships with a total of 20,879,220. Methodists come next, with a total of 12,358,861; then Lutherans with 8,021,091.

—*Watchman-Examiner*

● SAN JOSE, Costa Rica—Following the successful completion of Evangelism-in-Depth campaigns in Nicaragua, neighboring Costa Rica was chosen for the next crusade. Director R. Kenneth Strachan of Latin America Mission announced that the movement would be launched this fall and continue through April 1961. Evangelism-in-Depth, as conceived by Dr. Strachan and proved experimentally in Nicaragua, is an effort to mobilize every Christian in a united, all-out effort to reach an entire area or country with the gospel. Spearheading the movement in Costa Rica is coordinator-evangelist Juan M. Isais. "It is our ambition to reach every Costa Rican with the Christian message," Isais said, "and with God's help we can do it."

—*United Evangelical Action*

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Bad habits are like a comfortable bed; easy to get into, but hard to get out of.

### BAPTIST BRIEFS

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Berkeley, Calif., to serve as visiting lecturer at both the Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, a Southern Baptist institution, and the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, an American Baptist institution. Dr. Nordenhaug was elected unanimously by the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro last July 1. A man with great lingual ability, Dr. Nordenhaug was born in Norway, educated in both Europe and America. He has Th. M. and Ph. D. degrees from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. In addition to his work in European schools and churches, he has previously served as pastor of churches in Kentucky and Virginia and as editor of *The Commission*, monthly journal of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

BAPTIST HERALD



### CHRISTMAS PEACE

Peaceful lay the infant Jesus  
On a bed of hay,  
And peaceful were the friendly kine  
That warmed him where he lay.

Peaceful were the lonely hills  
Where, echoing from afar,  
The shepherds heard an angel's song,  
And saw a gleaming Star.

Peaceful were dear Mary's eyes,  
Her new-born Son beholding,

While Wise Men knelt in reverent joy,  
Their precious gifts unfolding.

Peaceful is each radiant home,  
Where faith and love receive him,  
Where laughter lives in children's hearts,  
And nought is there to grieve him.

And peace shall reign from pole to pole  
With grace and power adorning,  
When humble hearts reclaim the gift  
Of earth's first Christmas morning!

—*Alfred Grant Walton*

### GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.

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erit. Following the dedication litany led by the church moderator, Dr. C. R. Faul, Clayton Edinger sang "Bless This House." Rev. Irvin Schmuland offered the dedication prayer. Many members and friends then viewed the parsonage and enjoyed the fellowship of the Open House.

The spiritual blessings of these wonderful days were multiplied as many spoke of what the church means to them. The testimony time was climaxed by the choir singing "How Great Thou Art." All activities were under the direction of our present minister, Rev. Willis Potratz, and general anniversary chairman, Mrs. O. Feickert.

### SOUTH AMERICAN ROMANCE

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moment, then gave his last cruel thrust.

"Let me get my hands on that cur," he snarled. "Let no man stand in my way. This is for him." He pulled out his knife and flashed its gleaming blade in passion. "As for you," and there he interjected a hateful word, "you can go home to your parents. Be gone!"

Rosita rose tremblingly, and still weeping, stumbled out into the evening. She had not gone far along the path until she met Doña Marta, returning from Posadas.

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