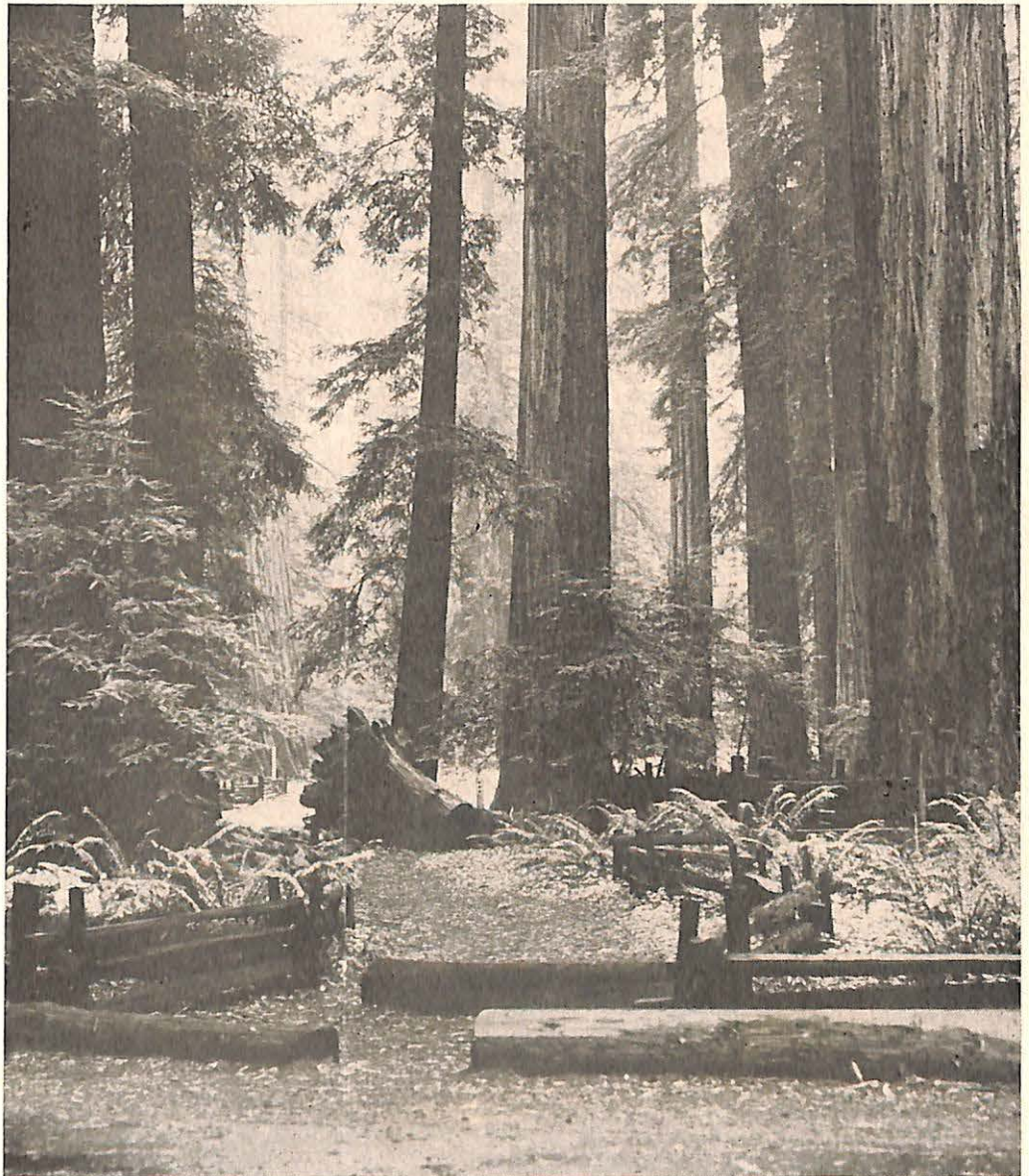


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# March



# of Events

● Citizens of Lima, Peru are looking forward to one of the strategic Christian gatherings of the year—the second Latin American Evangelical Conference, scheduled for July 29-Aug. 6. (The first such conference was held in 1949.) Delegates representing church councils and confederations from all Latin American nations (including Cuba) and observers from around the world will share in worship, evaluation and planning on basic continentwide issues for the evangelical community. During the week prior to the conference special groups in Christian education and related fields will hold a series of meetings.

—*Christian Century*

● There are now 92 members of the Wycliffe Translators working in the Philippines. Headquartered in Nasuli, Malaybalay, Bukidnon, the Wycliffe mission has already reached a number of tribes in many parts of the country. Among these tribes are the Amganad Ifugaos, Bilaans, Tausugs, Binokids, Mandayas, Subanons, Ivatans, Manobos, Tagabilis, Kalingas, Inibalois, Tagbanuas, and others. Wycliffe Bible Translators believe that the tribes now without the written Word can be evangelized in this generation through their ministry of translating the Scripture into the language of the tribal peoples.

● Meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich., the National Association of Evangelicals approved the launching of a nationwide campaign to "return the Bible to the heart of the nation" and authorized the formation of a Theological Study Commission. The nationwide campaign will call for family Bible reading, a return to Bible exposition in evangelical preaching and promotion of the use and distribution of the Bible. The Study Commission is planned to include theologians from various denominations and will examine such subjects as authority, the nature of the church, the place of the word of God and the mission of the church in today's world.—*Eternity*

● FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover of Washington, D. C., condemning "unfounded" charges of Communist infiltration of churches, asserted that the "overwhelming majority of our clergymen are today wholly loyal to our nation and are working valiantly to protect our freedoms." Writing in *The Crusader*, American Baptist news magazine, he stressed that this is not the time "for name-calling, for unfounded accusations or publicity-seeking charges designed to confuse, divide, and weaken."

● A Presidential "Emancipation Proclamation" banning all racial segregation was urged by Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. "The time has now come," he said at a press conference, "for the President of the U. S. to issue a firm executive order declaring all forms of racial segregation illegal. While such an executive order would be rather far-reaching, it would not be too much to ask, since it would be falling almost 100 years after the first Emancipation Proclamation."

—*The Sunday School Times*

● ECUADOR.—A recent report from

Elisabeth Elliot, who is working with Rachel Saint among the Auca Indian tribe here, indicates genuine progress in the understanding of the Gospel by the tribe who killed five American missionaries in 1956. One of the former killers finished relating the story of the killing with this testimony recently: "But that was when we had heard nothing. We were living in thoughtlessness. Now we know. Now we live well . . . Jesus' blood has erased the blackness in our hearts, and now we believe."

—*The Sunday School Times*



## Baptist Briefs

● **Baptist Conferences in Europe.** European Baptists are looking forward to two major conferences the next three years. Any Baptist of the world who will be traveling in Europe at the time of these meetings will want to attend the conferences. Erik Ruden, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance with offices in London, has announced that the conference of Latin-speaking Baptists will meet at Barcelona, Spain, August 30-September 2, 1962. The European Baptist Conference will meet at Amsterdam, Holland, August 12-16, 1964.

● **Honors for Dr. R. Paul Caudill.** Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of Baptist World Relief, 1947-60, has been presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. The presentation was made at the session of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Missouri by Theodore F. Adams, past president of the Alliance. Caudill is pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. The citation declared that "at a time when war, oppression, famine, flood, earthquake brought human need to all the earth's continents, he (Dr. Caudill) led Baptists of the world in a united, benevolent ministry, providing food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, homes for the homeless, clothes for the naked, medicine for the sick." Dr. Frank H. Woyke also served as a member of the Baptist Relief Committee.

● **How Churches Develop in Tanganyika.** Anosisye, a native of Tanganyika, first heard the Gospel preached by a Southern Baptist missionary at Mbeya, about 30 miles from his home high in the mountains overlooking the Great Rift Valley. He became so burdened for his people that he walked the distance four times, begging the missionary to preach in his own vil-

lage. Finally services were begun at Tukuyu, in response to Anosisye's pleading, and word spread of the preaching. Another national, Andulile, in turn, walked the 11 miles from his home to Tukuyu to hear the Gospel and was likewise converted. Two energetic Baptist churches have grown out of the concern of these men. The Jerusalem Church has Anosisye as its pastor and the Bethlehem Church in the nearby village called Andulile to lead it. The two ministers recently baptized three new converts, one of them being Ndabiti, an 80-year-old gentleman living "20 miles straight up in the Undali Mountains."

● **Evangelistic Crusade in Costa Rica.** Baptists in this small Central American Republic of Costa Rica recently undertook the first simultaneous evangelistic crusade in the 14 year history of the Costa Rican Baptist Convention. Five pastors and a state worker from Texas assisted. The results were startling: more than 300 professions of faith, numerous decisions for baptism and many rededications of life. Baptist work in Costa Rica is associated with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are 13 organized churches.

● **Phenomenal Growth in Lebanon.** When the Finlay M. Grahams, Southern Baptist (USA) missionaries, began work in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1948, there was one Baptist church in the city. It had 22 members. Another smaller church was in a village nearby. Today there are seven churches in Lebanon with nine missions and 247 members. A Baptist school has an enrolment of 400. A theological seminary is in its first year, with 18 students preparing for ministry among the Arabs. The sixth Baptist Youth World Conference will meet in Beirut in 1963.

# Editorial

## Words! Words! Words!

WORDS! What an explosive impact words can have upon the affairs of men. History has often been changed dramatically by little words with great meaning. What tremendous power words can wield for good or ill. Job once cried: "How forcible are right words" (Job 6:25). James emphasized this truth: "Even so the tongue . . . boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth" (James 3:5).

In view of this, every Christian ought to be deeply concerned about his use of the right word at all times. We need to discipline ourselves daily in our speech until our words show forth the beauty of Christ. Especially in the personal relationships of church life and of Christians with one another, we must be gracious in our speech.

In a recent issue, "The Sunday School Times" stresses a rather unusual truth: "It is most significant that God measures spiritual maturity, not by ideas, attitudes, or deeds, but rather by words. That is his criterion for true maturity. Everything else will be adjusted in accordance with the Christian's control of his tongue."

Our 33rd General Conference is convening this week in Minneapolis. The seven day program is crowded with messages, sermons and reports. Millions of words will be spoken from the platform and exchanged in conversation during these eventful days. The future course of our denomination will depend upon the words that prevail, upon the decisions to be made and expressed in convincing words.

By this time, certain lessons will assert themselves. The first lesson is probably the most difficult: **Think before you speak!** Solomon in his wise way presented the negative and positive side of this truth: "Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him." But "a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Proverbs 29:20 and 25:11). Most of our words that wound others or that cause irreparable damage are hastily spoken in a fit of temper. If only we would reflect a little on the importance of the words we use before we send them out like arrows across the sky!

The second lesson follows: **Choose your words wisely and well.** "A word spoken in due season, how good is it!" (Proverbs 15:23). This requires diligence of mind and growth in the grace of God. We must recognize the opportunities all around us where the right word spoken in the Name of Christ can bless others. We must write the letter and offer the comfort to those who stand in need. We must seek to become reconciled with those who have become estranged from us. "A good word maketh the heart of a man glad" (Proverbs 12:25).

The third lesson is even more important: **Accompany each word with a silent prayer.** Henry Ward Beecher counselled with Christians to "speak with God behind you—to speak so as to be only the arrow in the bow which the Almighty draws." Then our words, that fall from our lips, will be instruments in God's hands, the messengers of the Holy Spirit, and the means to glorify Christ and his Gospel. "Let the words of my mouth . . . be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

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# Jesus Christ Is Lord!

Christ's unchallenged rule over this universe with all authority and power provides stability in this Space Age. He is our "Man in Space," our Intercessor with the Father, our shield from every foe. This is the heart of this minister's sermons!

By Rev. Merle E. Brenner, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas.

NO OTHER TRUTH has become more meaningful to me in my pastoral experience than this, "Jesus Christ is Lord." It has impressed itself upon me particularly in reference to the challenges and threats of the Space Age. Let me share several observations based upon this truth.

First, the concept of the Lordship of Christ has given me an overall salvation perspective centered in a Divine Person. He left glory to live and die, making atonement for sin's penal consequence. He ever lives to supply enabling grace for believers to overcome sin's power by indwelling their very bodies. His promised return insures the accomplishment and realization of all that has been promised. *The best is yet to come!*

To over-emphasize the past, "I am saved," appears to introduce a careless attitude. Preoccupation with the present, "I am being saved," may lead to discouragement, particularly as we note the difference between the ideal and the actual. Primary consideration with the future aspect, "I shall be saved," tends toward detachment from this life or "too heavenly minded to be much earthly good." As Lord of all, Christ's program provides a complete and eternal salvation plan which harmonizes past, present and future into an ongoing, meaningful, life-time experience.

## INNER DYNAMIC POWER

Next, the Lordship of Christ supplies what I would like to term "motive power." If we are all priests before God, then why is there so much priestly inactivity? Is it not a motivational lack on the part of God's children? The problem is how to get the saints to move instead of rest; how to supply that inner dynamic, without which spiritual life and service are reduced largely to that of role playing. Now I submit that a vital appreciation of Christ's Lordship in the universe and in my very own life can supply this power. Of course, it is the work of the Holy Spirit to create the consciousness of Christ's Lordship "for no one can say, Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit." Therefore evidence of the Spirit's filling is to be noted in obedience to Jesus Christ.

Actually, it appears to be a reciprocal operation. As we yield to Christ, the Spirit infills us and illumines our understanding of Christ's Lordship, thus leading us to become more yielded and filled. Although the Holy

Spirit's operation in our personalities can never be fully understood, I believe we can note the following practical effects. We are prompted by gratitude for his leaving glory to become our Savior. The Holy Spirit impresses upon us through the Word the pictures of a King who exchanged Heaven's privileges and glory for a cruel Roman cross upon which he made atonement for our sin. The practical result is a grateful spirit that moves us in loving response to obey his will and do his bidding. Motive power is prompted, too, by the self-respect realized in his restoring us to divine favor. We become sons by adoption, children of the Highest, not because we are deserving but because of his matchless grace. We are citizens of a commonwealth which is eternal. Can anyone who sees this truth even dimly not find a deep desire to be a loyal, obedient subject of the King of kings? There is in his indwelling presence assurance that we are ac-



"I Am the Light of the World" by Holman Hunt.

cepted and proof of his high estimate of our worth. Should I not then accept myself as he does and let him use this "earthen vessel" in his service?

## CHRIST TRUSTS US!

Furthermore, he trusts us with the greatest message and ministry in the world. That the Lord Christ trusts me commands a desire on my part to fulfill that trust.

A traveler, impressed by the high quality of service given by a hotel chain owned by one man, found upon inquiry that the owner had placed this motto before his employees, "My reputation is in your hands."

This motive power encourages me to pray. I have audience with the Lord of the universe. No global problem is too large nor any personal matter too small for his consideration.

The Word of God draws me to it each day with a heightened sense of its importance. It is the Lord's textbook wherein he reveals his will to me. Behind the sacred page I see the Lord!

Fresh impetus is given to evangelism. We offer a Gospel of majestic proportions, provided in kingly condescension by cruel suffering, but now mediated and offered from his position on high as the Lord exalted above every principality and power. It is a great and glorious Gospel!

Furthermore, Christ's unchallenged rule over this universe with all authority and power provides stability in this Space Age. He is our "Man in Space," our Intercessor with the Father, our Shield from every foe. Possible hostile interplanetary powers do not frighten us. Fears, conscious or unconscious, do not alarm us, for he has given us "not the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Finally, the Lordship of Christ provides the foundation for a balanced ecumenical outlook. Ecumenicalism appears to be gaining momentum as a movement, for nearly every major church convention feels compelled to offer a statement regarding it. Whether it is right or wrong, we need to be acquainted with the movement and to be prepared to meet the challenge that it offers.

As we try to chart a wise course among the many currents of speculation, the beacon light of Christ's Lordship can help us avoid two extremes. On the far right, there are the rocks of provincialism. He is the Lord of

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# Prayer or Kerosene?

Of the 23 students at the Cameroons Protestant College in Bali who received their School Certificates in December 1960, seven were Baptists and three received high honors. The author also served as Acting Principal of the school during 1960.

By Mr. Norman Haupt of the Cameroons Protestant College Faculty.

NGWA, to what do you attribute the amazing success of Bali College in the 1960 examinations?"

"Well, in the first place, the results were very unexpected. But I feel it came as a result of prayer."

"Ndi, to what do you attribute the 100% pass in the 1960 exams?"

"The kerosene the Principal gave out to the senior boys so that they could study late into the night."

Or was it, as one Cameroonian teacher expressed it, the unity among the staff and the good spirit in the College?

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICANS

Whether it was prayer, or whether it was kerosene, or whether it was hard work on the part of the students and staff, the fact remains that Cameroons Protestant College (affectionately known as Bali College because it is located in Bali) achieved an unheard of 100% passes in the West African School Certificate Examinations which were given in December 1960. So what? Let me explain.

The naked, simple fact of life in secondary school (high school) in this land is: if the student passes, he has before him a world of opportunities and a new life may open for him; if the student fails, his chances for further education, as well as social and economic development are strictly limited. This means much, much more to a young African finishing secondary school than you can imagine. The only other more important thing in life is your salvation.

## HIGH HONORS

Naturally, all the students and teachers were hilarious with joy when the word was received that all twenty-three candidates had passes—eight of them with high honors. This is the first time in the history of "this our small country" (as the Cameroonians refer to this land), that any secondary school has had a 100%.

By saying "any secondary school" I do not mean to imply that there are many here. There are only four for a population of 800,000. Three of these are Roman Catholic; only Bali College is Protestant, being run jointly by the Cameroons Baptist Mission and the Swiss Basel Mission (Presbyterian). Nobody seems to recall of hearing of a Nigerian secondary school ever getting 100% either. So we almost dare boast that we are the first school east of the River Niger to achieve this honor.

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Out of the twenty-three candidates, seven were Baptist boys. Three of these boys made high honors in their School Certificate: Mbunkur, Ngwa and Tontu. The remaining four Baptists got above-average Certificates. Not only did our Baptist students do well, but our Baptist representation in the College was at its height with 54 Baptist students and six Baptist teachers on the staff. These teachers included Mr. Musa, Mr. Bakari, and Mr. Wambeng—all Cameroonian Baptists—plus Mr. Ernest A. Zimbelman, Mr. Gilbert E. Gordon and myself—

crease from about 120 to 258.

Electricity has been provided for the College by the government, and the Presbyterian and Baptist churches in the Cameroons have given the College a new chapel which is nearing completion. The number of applicants to this one and only Protestant secondary school has also risen dramatically from about 200 in 1957 to 1,300 applicants last year for the sixty available places.

Imagine the job which we have of picking the best 60 boys out of 1,300 who apply for admission! Though this



Fifth class of Baptist students at the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali, Africa, with Mr. Norman Haupt (right) and Rev. Gilbert E. Gordon (left), teachers on the C.P.C. faculty.

Americans. During 1960 the Baptists also provided the Acting Principal of the College in the absence of the regular Principal who was home on leave in Switzerland.

## FROM 10 TO 62 STUDENTS

The College has come a long way since the day in 1957 when the Cameroons Baptist Mission sent its first missionary teacher, Mr. Dudley Reeves—a Baptist from England—to teach here and thus begin our share in this institution. From one teacher and about ten Baptist students, we have grown to five Baptist teachers and 62 Baptist students out of a total of fifteen teachers and 258 students. These years from 1957 to 1961 have seen the number of classes rise from five to nine, and the enrollment in-

situation is not ideal, we are pleased that we can select the best boys for this fine opportunity, for we know that these young men, after leaving the College, will go out into the places of responsibility and leadership in a way that no other Cameroonians are qualified to do. This is why we feel that secondary education is so important in this land at this time.

In this secondary school we are educating the future governmental officers, commercial leaders, judges and medical officials, as well as the future servants of the Lord. Who will educate them? The Baptists? The Presbyterians? The Catholics? The Mohammedans? The government? If we do not, and then find that those in authority over us and our church

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# Desire To Be a Missionary

The Story of Miss E. Elizabeth Mantay of Springside, Sask., Missionary-nurse to the Cameroons, by Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary.

THERE ARE usually many factors which finally culminate in a call to the mission field. In most cases there is also specific experience which becomes the seed to a growing desire to be a missionary. While in public school, Elizabeth (Betty) Mantay had to write an essay on her future plans. She chose as a topic, "My Desire to be a Missionary." This thought always remained with her, even though she did not express it openly for some time to come and even though the call did not become a reality until some years after.

## HOME AND CHILDHOOD

Elsie Elizabeth Mantay was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Mantay on June 17, 1937 at Yorkton, Sask., Canada as the fifth child in a family of seven daughters and one son. Her parents lived on a farm near Springside, Sask. Thus her early childhood was filled with experiences and activities akin to farm life. She can remember that her father and mother always took her to church and Sunday School where she enjoyed the choruses and learned many Bible verses. Sword drills were her favorite Bible experiences. For the influence of her Christian home, she is very grateful.

In the winter of 1947 Rev. Fred W. Bartel, then denominational evangelist, held evangelistic services in her church. During those special meetings she realized her sinful condition, and her need of a Savior. She accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and became a child of God. The following summer she was baptized by her pastor, Rev. Reinhold Kanwischer, and became a member of the First Baptist Church at Springside, Sask.

Church attendance became a regular and faithful practice. She took an active part in the various activities of C. B. Y. work and enjoyed singing in the choir. These activities, which became an expression of her faith, helped her greatly in her Christian growth and in her witness for her Lord.

Betty Mantay attended classes in a little country school close to her home. She enjoyed school life very much and was always disappointed when, for some reason, she had to miss a day. Her high school education was taken at the Springside High School from which she graduated in 1955. Following her high school, she entered nurse's training at the General Hospital in Yorkton, Sask., and received her R. N. diploma in August, 1958.

Though the desire to become a missionary was present when she wrote

that essay as a little girl, it had not come to fruition at the time when she entered nurse's training. The profession of being a nurse held a great attraction for her. She believed that a nurse's career would take her places and would help her to do many things and to see the world.

But looking back upon these years of training, she can definitely see the hand of God in her life. During her senior year while attending her home church over a weekend, she witnessed the showing of the film, "The Unfinished Task." Through that film the Lord spoke to her heart. She yielded her life to him in the challenge of assisting in carrying out the unfinished task on the mission field by going as a missionary nurse.

The decision left no doubt in her mind. She realized that Biblical training was also necessary to equip her to be a missionary, and so she enrolled at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., in the fall of 1958. She graduated from the Christian Worker's Course in 1960.

## APPOINTED AS MISSIONARY

During her second year at the Christian Training Institute, Miss Mantay filed her application for missionary service. She stated that she desired to continue her training and com-



Miss Elizabeth Mantay of Springside, Sask., Missionary-nurse in the Southern Cameroons, West Africa.

plete her studies for a B. Sc. degree in nursing but, if she were needed on the field earlier, she would be ready to go when needed. The Board of Missions of the North American Baptist General Missionary Society considered her application in its annual session of 1960. A sub-committee had interviewed her at Edmonton and upon its recommendation she was appointed for the Cameroons.

Nurses to the Cameroons are required to complete a midwifery course before going out to the mission field. Miss Mantay thus enrolled for this particular course at the Frontier Nursing Service in Hyden, Kentucky in June, 1960. During the first six months, she served on the staff and the second six months she took the course, completing it at the end of May 1961. These experiences in Kentucky, in addition to the midwifery course, were a further preparation for missionary work in the Cameroons.

## COMMISSIONING SERVICE

On Sunday, June 11, 1961 her home church at Springside arranged for a commissioning service. Neighboring churches had been invited and many friends and guests were present. The service was arranged and led by the pastor, Rev. Fred Pahl. The General Missionary Secretary, Dr. R. Schilke, had been invited to bring the message which he based on Mark 14:8, "All Out Of Love." The neighboring pastor from Fenwood, Rev. J. W. Neudorf, gave the challenge to the church and the District Secretary, Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, gave the challenge to Miss Mantay.

The commissioning prayer was offered by Dr. George A. Dunger from our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who with his family was spending a week on our Saskatchewan Indian Mission. As a former missionary to the Cameroons, he was delighted to be present at this commissioning service and to have a part in it. The missionary among the Indians, Rev. Philip Grabke, led in the closing prayer.

Thus commissioned to service, Miss E. Elizabeth Mantay was sent forth to serve. She sailed from New York City on June 30th in the company of Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee, who with her two younger children was returning to the Cameroons to join her husband, Dr. Chaffee, who had gone ahead last fall. The period of initiation on the mission field will be at Bansa Baptist Hospital.

Her desire to be a missionary has become a reality. May the experiences on the mission field be blessed and bring blessing to many who are still in darkness of heathenism!

# Joy in Teaching Missionary Children

The Story of Miss Alma Zimmerman of Minneapolis, Minn., Voluntary Teacher to Missionaries' Children in the Cameroons by Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary.

"The Service of Christ is the business of my life.  
The Will of Christ is the law of my life.  
The Presence of Christ is the joy of my life.  
The Glory of Christ is the crown of my life.  
That Christ be honored and glorified through me is my prayer."

THUS WROTE Miss Alma Zimmerman of Minneapolis, Minnesota, when she volunteered her service as a teacher to the children of our missionaries in the Cameroons. These noble expressions of her heart spring from a life dedicated to the service of her Lord in her teaching profession.

## A SPECIFIC NEED

One of the many personal problems of missionary parents on the mission field is the education of their children. Many missionary mothers must take on the additional duty of being teachers to their children while on the mission field. That such a necessity results from emergency circumstances need hardly be said in this age when so much value is laid on proper schooling in the proper environment for our children. Every parent feels a great responsibility to the children God gave and seeks to give them the best possible chance, to which education is one of the fundamentals in our age. Schools on most mission fields are inadequate for missionary children, and their presence in such schools works adversely to native children as well as to them.

For some eight years or more we have had a small boarding school for the children of our missionaries in the Cameroons. Such a school can legally be held provided its enrollment does not exceed nine children. When it exceeds nine children it becomes a private school which must then also admit other children, provided their parents can meet the entrance requirements. One of our missionaries has been the teacher to these children for these past years. Miss Esther Schultz served about six years and Miss Berneice Westerman served two years. The furlough year of a missionary brings with it the problem of securing another teacher, and this is not an easy task when there are so many other needs on the mission field.

House parents, too, are needed for these children who are away from their own parents for months at a time. Our school known as American Classes had several locations in these years, the location often being de-



Miss Alma Zimmerman of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who is serving as teacher to our missionaries' children in the Southern Cameroons, Africa.

termined by the availability of house parents. Thus, along with their other duties, the following acted as houseparents throughout these years: Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Chaffee, Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, and Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider. With the approaching furlough year of Miss Esther Schultz, the need for another teacher again became apparent.

## A VITAL INTEREST

The need for at least a one year replacement became known at home and Miss Alma Zimmerman of Minneapolis, Minn., formerly of Napoleon, N. Dak., found a vital interest in this opportunity of service on behalf of missionaries and for her Lord.

The third youngest of the children, Alma Zimmerman was born on March 2, 1929 to Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Zimmerman at Napoleon, N. Dak. She has two younger and one older sister and six brothers. She received her elementary and high school education at Napoleon, N. Dak., graduating from the latter in 1947. For her teacher training she attended the Ellendale State Normal School and the Valley City State Teachers College in her state. In 1957 she received her Bachelor of Science degree. At the Uni-

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Faith is that link that binds our nothingness to God's almightiness.

versity of Minnesota, she is working to complete her studies for her Master's degree in the field of education. Her teaching experience began in 1947 and has continued to date except for the time when she continued her education.

Early in life she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. In 1942 she was baptized by Rev. Edward Kary and became a member of the Napoleon Baptist Church. The influence of her home and her church gave guidance to her interests, and she found many opportunities to serve her Lord in Sunday School, in C. B. Y., in Vacation Bible School, in choirs, etc. With her advanced training, she found ample opportunity to serve in positions of leadership. She was frequently called on to speak in public, her topics being either inspirational or descriptive in nature.

Her interests went beyond her immediate area of contact in school and church. In 1952 she attended our General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa. The inspiration at such a gathering of Baptists gave her a deep interest in other similar gatherings and 1955 saw her in attendance in Waco, Texas and 1958 at Edmonton, Alberta. At the General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., this year she is chairman of the Children's Recreation and Service Committee. Her interest in such religious gatherings has already made her a world traveler, for in 1955 she attended the Baptist World Congress in London, England and toured Europe for several weeks and in 1960 she attended the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## A VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Miss Alma Zimmerman volunteered her service as teacher to the children of our missionaries in the Cameroons for a period of one year. Her service as stated is voluntary and without salary, except that her travel to the Cameroons and its return is paid by the Society. In this she saw an opportunity to give a year in the interest of missions and in service to her Lord. Missionaries and our Board of Missions appreciate this offer. Under these circumstances and with these conditions, she was appointed in the spring of 1960 in order to give adequate time for planning to go to the Cameroons.

At the General Conference in Minneapolis, Miss Alma Zimmerman was among those who were commissioned to service. The same week she sailed for Africa, leaving New York on August 9, 1961. May her example challenge others for voluntary service where such service is required and where such opportunities are offered!





HELEN BARRETT MONTGOMERY  
OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

July 31, 1961 marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of this distinguished Baptist woman to whom "life seemed so grand and beautiful" because of her unreserved dedication to God's will and purposes.

## Helen Barrett Montgomery

The Most Distinguished Woman Among Baptists.

A tribute to this "Baptist Woman of History" on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of her birth by **Rev. Arthur R. Weisser**, pastor of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y.

**T**HE DAY OF July 31, 1861 marked the time when God destined to launch a life on earth whose influence extended into far reaches of the world.

God always finds a Moses or Joshua to lead his people forth. This time it was a woman! Helen Barrett Montgomery was born of Puritan ancestry, who had come to New England in the early seventeenth century, later moving inland so that Kingsville, Ohio, became her place of birth. Her "Declaration of Discipleship," found in her translation of the Greek New Testament into English, immediately

alerts one to meet a person of stature, destined to immortality.

*"I desire to enroll myself as a disciple of Jesus Christ. I trust in his promise that he will reject none who come to him. I confess my sins, and rely on his promise of forgiveness for all who repent and confess. I renounce myself and seek to follow Jesus. I claim the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit into all truth. I promise to make love the law of my life and to make use of the Master's oft repeated invitation to prayer and communion."*

Unstinting service to mankind, to the glory of her Maker, earned for

Mrs. Montgomery the endearing title, "Helen of Rochester." A dedicated life of sacrificial service enrolled her as a "First Citizen." Her name stands well among the ten most esteemed and outstanding Baptist women in modern history.

Credit for this she gives to her Christian home: "How wonderfully good God has been to me! First, he put my passionate, wayward little feet into the dearest home where wise and tender hands slowly guided me into a happy life . . . Then he gave me the very best educational advantages, letting me come in contact with great men and women."

Parsonage life she looked upon as her good fortune. Her father, Judson Barrett, was a man of letters, one of the founders of Psi Upsilon of the University of Rochester, N. Y. After a career of teaching for fifteen years, he entered the Rochester Theological Seminary and prepared for the Christian ministry. He became the beloved pastor of the well known Lake Avenue Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., and served it until his death.

A most impressive list of scholastic achievements and letters are accredited to Mrs. Montgomery, ranging from Doctor of Laws and Humane Letters, to ordination for the Christian ministry. Among her memorable achievements in her home city was the heading of a movement to raise \$100,000.00 to open the University of Rochester to women. Her concern for clean, non-political school administration won for her the distinction of being Rochester's first woman school commissioner. The press paid her tribute by saying, "This city should be proud to have a woman like Mrs. Montgomery on the School Board. She is peculiarly qualified for the place irrespective of the fact that she is a woman."

A born leader, Mrs. Montgomery gave herself completely to the things in which she believed. She claimed the Church, however, as her "gateway to opportunity."

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO HER CHURCH

As a person of influence and reputation in civic and club affairs and in leadership, Mrs. Montgomery was popular and sought after. However, with all her interest and activity in civic affairs, it was her church, the Lake Avenue Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., without doubt, that received her whole-hearted and considered devotion. Her deep faith in God was the truly motivating center of her life, which committed her to Jesus Christ and the cause of the Kingdom. Her eye on the main goal kept her loyalties from conflicting. When choice had to be made, it was her church that came first, and next the Baptist fellowship as a whole.

As a girl of fifteen, she began to teach in Church School. In the afternoon she taught a class of underprivileged boys at a mission; then she

hurried back to her church for youth work and the evening service. An outstanding achievement for her home church was the teaching of a Woman's Bible Class of over 200 members for forty years.

Her husband, Mr. William W. Montgomery, was a successful business man. Before their marriage, Helen wrote to her parents, "We knelt down together and consecrated our lives to God's work in the world, promising to make this work our first thought and asking for his strength to keep us unspotted from the world." Dedicated to high resolve with purpose, two great lives joined heart and hand. It was as "a house built upon a rock."

### LAKE AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH

A spacious lounge, adorned with Mrs. Montgomery's portrait, is set aside at the Lake Avenue Baptist Church in her memory. The Chapel of the Fairport Baptist Home for the Aged honors her with a plaque and portrait for her interest in the Home. The president's home of Colgate Rochester Divinity School is named "Montgomery House." It is a gift to the school by Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery. A new Elementary School was recently built in Rochester and named, "The Helen Barrett Montgomery School No. 50."

She has the distinction of being the first woman to become the president of the American Baptist Convention. She often served as speaker in the absence of the pastor. Among those who knew her was Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and he wrote that "it was always a thrilling and memorable experience that left a warmth and impression with me I shall never forget."

### WIDENING HORIZONS

It would not be fitting if we did not laud and emphasize some of the lasting spiritual and missionary contributions upon Baptists and other Christians of the world at large that Helen Montgomery brought. She was a leader in the Missionary Movement which embraced the aims and endeavors of all evangelical churches throughout the world. In this work she was in close alignment with another famous Baptist woman, Mrs. Henry W. Peabody. Together they are credited with bringing to pass the observance of the "World's Day of Prayer for Foreign Missions" in the year 1890.

They were the leaders in the ecumenical movement. They were instrumental in setting up a Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children, and introducing the idea of international mission study books. Not only did they write about missions, but they raised two million dollars for the cause, to which another million was added by the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Fund for Christian colleges in the Orient.

Although Mrs. Montgomery referred to herself as "a stiff little Baptist who

### CRUSADERS OF HISTORY

### Helen Barrett Montgomery



1. Helen, Annie and Harry Barrett romp about the estate to which the family moves when the father becomes principal of the Lawville, N. Y., academy.  
2. Long remembered visits to their grandparents in the village of South Treadon, N. Y., start off with an exciting train ride in charge of the conductor.  
3. In 1876 Helen's father becomes pastor at Lake Avenue Church, Rochester, N. Y. Helen teaches two Sunday school classes; one for underprivileged boys.  
4. Helen enters Wellesley in 1880 when women's colleges are still a novelty. Domestic tasks are part of college life. Helen fills lamps and peels apples.  
5. She graduates in 1884. As co-principal of the Wellesley Preparatory School, Philadelphia, she proves not only an apt teacher but a wise counselor.  
6. Helen is married to William W. Montgomery; they live in Rochester, and Mrs. Montgomery, active in civic improvement, is elected school commissioner.  
7. During the pastor's absence Mrs. Montgomery at ten conducts services at the Lake Avenue Church. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery teach large Bible classes.  
8. With Mr. Montgomery's hands tied up in banking an automotive invention, the couple sell their home and cheerfully move into a flat in a double house.  
9. The invention is successful, prosperity comes to the Montgomerys. They still plan personal expenditures with care, but give liberally to worthy causes.  
10. One of Mrs. Montgomery's concerns is the world-wide Christian education of women. She addresses hundreds of women on her mission field tour in 1913.  
11. For 10 years (1914-24) Mrs. Montgomery is the president of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society and, in 1921, of the Northern Baptist Convention.  
12. Books written by Mrs. Montgomery in the course of a busy life include a translation of the New Testament. Her radiant spirit is called home in 1934.

The life story in pictures of Helen Barrett Montgomery that appeared in "Crusader" magazine.

had her special loyalties," nevertheless, her faith did not limit her outlook. On the contrary, it enabled her to rise above the limits of race and nationality, of religion and tradition, and to grasp the world in her arms of faith and understanding. "She had a constant sense that much good was going on in an evil world." She was driven by a burning passion to promote world-wide Christian missions.

### EDUCATION OF WOMEN

Her special zeal was the education of women. She led a valiant battle against ignorance, remedial disease, superstition, domestic injustice, from which multitudes of women for many generations had been patiently and tragically suffering. Never had women of prominence been so challenged to worthy missionary causes.

Many of New York's prominent women responded and gave their support, women like Mrs. Russell Sage, Miss Helen Gould, and Mrs. John Pierpont Morgan. It causes one to reflect: what would the world situation be today had the plea of this great woman really been fulfilled?

Mrs. Montgomery was the author of a number of books. Her outstanding achievement, however, was her translation of the Greek New Testament into English, published as the Centenary Translation and now entitled, "The New Testament in Modern English." Her book, "Western

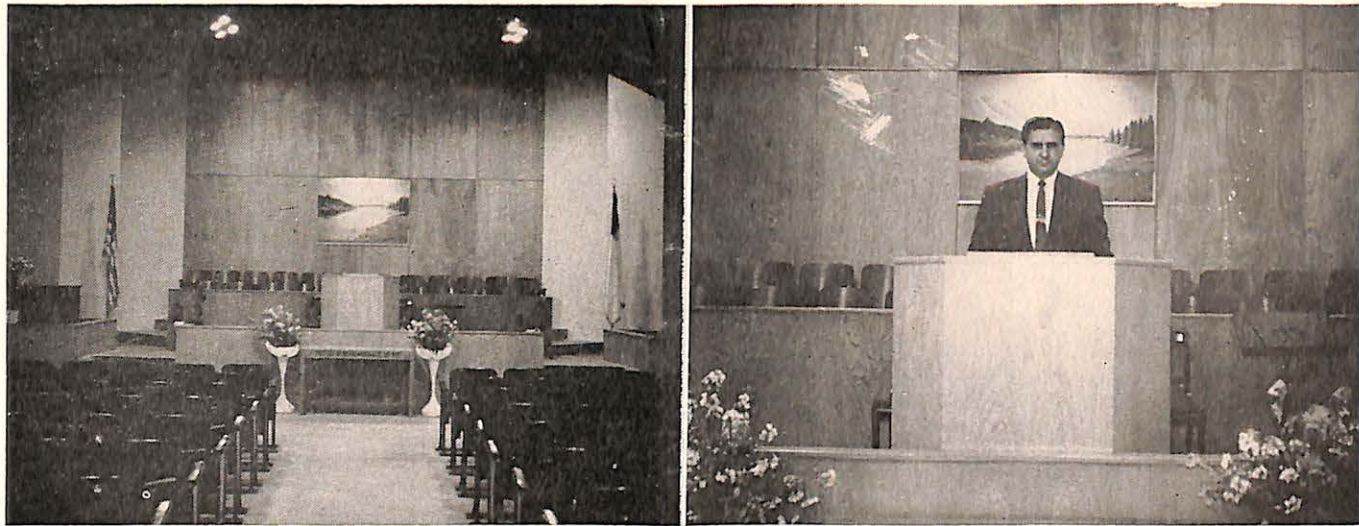
Women in Eastern Lands," was a best seller. Meetings and discussions aroused by her books led to the organization of the "Federation of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions." This led her, together with Mrs. Peabody, to visit the Orient. As a result, colleges for women were brought about in Madras, in Vellore, India, in Nanking and in Peking, China.

### FAITH IN CHRIST

It was not the desire of Mrs. Montgomery just to scatter colleges throughout the world. It was her staunch conviction that Jesus Christ was man's appointed leader. These colleges must make room for the mind of Christ. She wrote two more books, "The Bible and Missions" and "Prayer and Missions," in which she states her conviction on the matter. "Explain it how we may," she wrote, "the activity of the inward being of man and woman as personal prayer is accomplished by achievement that corresponds to activity. For here God and man formed a partnership in the making of permanent history that works like gravity."

It was fittingly said of Helen Barrett Montgomery: "In the highest sense she was a woman of the world, God's world, which today cannot be limited to the isolationist conception. God's Son stressed the scope of the message to every nation, kindred, tribe, and tongue, and Helen accepted his Divine Plan!"





PORTLAND AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH, TACOMA, WASH.

The attractive sanctuary of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., a Church Extension project is shown at the left. Rev. Henry Smuland, pastor, (right), is standing behind the pulpit with the beautiful baptistry picture behind him.

## Young Churches of the Western District

The entire Western District from the north to the south is infected with a breezy youthfulness. This manifests itself in a pronounced way in our 17 younger churches, which are moving ahead under God's guiding Spirit.

By Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary

IN MY LAST article which appeared in our publications, I reported at length on the glory-laden and awe-inspiring scenes of nature which abound in the Western District. Presently I wish to report and comment on the numerous young churches which have become a part of our North American Baptist fellowship within the last decade.

The entire Western District from the north to the south is infected with a breezy youthfulness. This excitement can be detected in varying degrees in almost every area of life and work. It manifests itself in a pronounced way in our younger churches, which number 17, according to the above basis of reckoning.

### NEED FOR NEW CHURCHES

Some of my readers will be interested to know why and how these churches came into existence. The answer to that question takes on different forms. To begin with, there is a great need for new churches. That need has existed for a good number of years. Thus far, it has not been entirely met in spite of the fact that many denominations have gone into Church Extension in a big way.

Naturally, where there is a need, you will also find Christian people who are concerned. Real concern leads to action and we are grateful to God for some of our churches who have "mothered" new churches. Thus, the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., became deeply concerned with the mushrooming housing developments in

Orange County. Concrete expression was given to this concern which resulted in the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif. We are aware of the successful short history which this young church has had. What we may sometimes forget is the fact that the success to a considerable extent is due to the noble beginning which the mother church made possible.

In the city of Tacoma, Wash., the Calvary Baptist Church for a number of years conducted a mission work on Portland Avenue. Less than six years ago the pastor, Rev. Robert S. Hess, together with some concerned lay people came to the conclusion that more effective work could be done if a church organization would be effected at Portland Avenue. Thus, Calvary members were encouraged to become a part of this work which presently is a thriving church with a fine new building. The present pastor, Rev. Henry Smuland, will inform you that in a large measure the success of this work is due to the help that has come from Calvary Baptist.

Some of these young churches are the result of vision and sacrifice made by either an individual or a group of dedicated lay people. Again, others

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Faith gets the most; humility keeps the most; but love works the most."—Dwight L. Moody

come into being due to a "disquieted conscience." This statement requires further elaboration and explanation.

### CHURCHES IN TRANSITION

Many of our churches have made the transition from the German to the English language. In many instances, the transition came too late and as a result we lost scores of young people. This change must either be made or is demanded by young people in a number of churches, primarily in the north or Canada. But these young critics are not only concerned about the language. Many of them point out that the church of their fathers and mothers has for years been tied to a static program which viewed the community surrounding it with indifference.

Thus, the church isolated itself from the community and satisfied itself with a stagnant self-interest. This attitude in the course of time stifled all missionary and evangelistic vision and concern. More than that, it produced discontent and internal strife, and successfully choked off all stewardship desire and endeavor. Such a church, these critics contend, merely cumbers the ground. It cannot be the salt and light of the world which the Lord intended it to be.

"Our awakened conscience," these critics maintain, "will not permit us to continue in this manner. We must make our witness count where we live." Thus, some new churches are organized. Unless some older church-

es exercise foresight, additional eruptions of this nature will take place!

### ZEAL FOR CHURCHES

It will be no surprise to the reader to note that the members of these younger churches are predominantly young adults. Therefore, contrary to the general impression, these churches do have a good deal of talent within their ranks. The spirit in which they speak of their church and do their work is enthusiastic.

During the past year, it was my privilege to conduct "Deeper Life" meetings in a number of young churches. In one situation an arrangement was made whereby I was able to visit in the homes of the membership of this church. With one or two exceptions, the people did not have a North American Baptist background. Without solicitation, they spoke in glowing terms of their church. What pleased them greatly was the fact that every member was important and stood on an equal basis with every other member. There was no long-standing tradition or sentiment to contend with. There was a place for everyone in the stewardship emphasis of the church, and a higher percentage of the membership was successfully enlisted in the program.

The Swain Oaks Baptist Church of Stockton, Calif., would substantiate this point. On May 14, 1961 it celebrated its first anniversary. It reported a membership of 78 and a total contribution figure for the year of \$17,000.

### JOY AND GRATITUDE

The members of these young churches are not the only ones who speak and think of their church in a spirited and enthusiastic way. The pastors are no exception. A number of them have said that their entire ministry has been vitally affected by their work with a young church.

This should not lead us to construe

are contrary to us, who then can we blame? Only ourselves!

Of course, our interest in this type of institution is not just to educate young men or to provide this growing country with leaders, but also to provide outstanding CHRISTIAN LEADERS. We are finding that this age group at the College is ideal for pressing the claims of Christ upon their lives and developing in the boys a sound, firm Christian character. Many of our students come to us saying they have heard the Gospel when they were small or have been to religious classes in elementary schools run by the missions, but not until they have reached this age have they been able to grasp and comprehend the full meaning of accepting Christ and being a Christian.

What joy my wife had in leading five boys to the Lord last year through her personal contacts with them! By the fact that this is a boarding school, we have greater opportunities for per-

the idea that Church Extension work is easy. It is anything but easy. It requires effort and sacrifice. The spirit of joy and gratitude that flows from the lives of these pastors is not due to an easy time or hard work. It is due to the fact that they can evaluate their work in concrete terms and results which have a way of delivering them from the attrition of futility, a deadly foe to any minister of the Gospel.

It is not difficult going that robs a pastor's joy. It is difficult going that gets you nowhere that does! Generally speaking, our pastors in these young churches are conscious of the fact that under God's guiding Spirit and with the assistance of dedicated and willing lay workers they are moving ahead. This joy casts shadows and hardships behind them!

### PRAYER OR KEROSENE?

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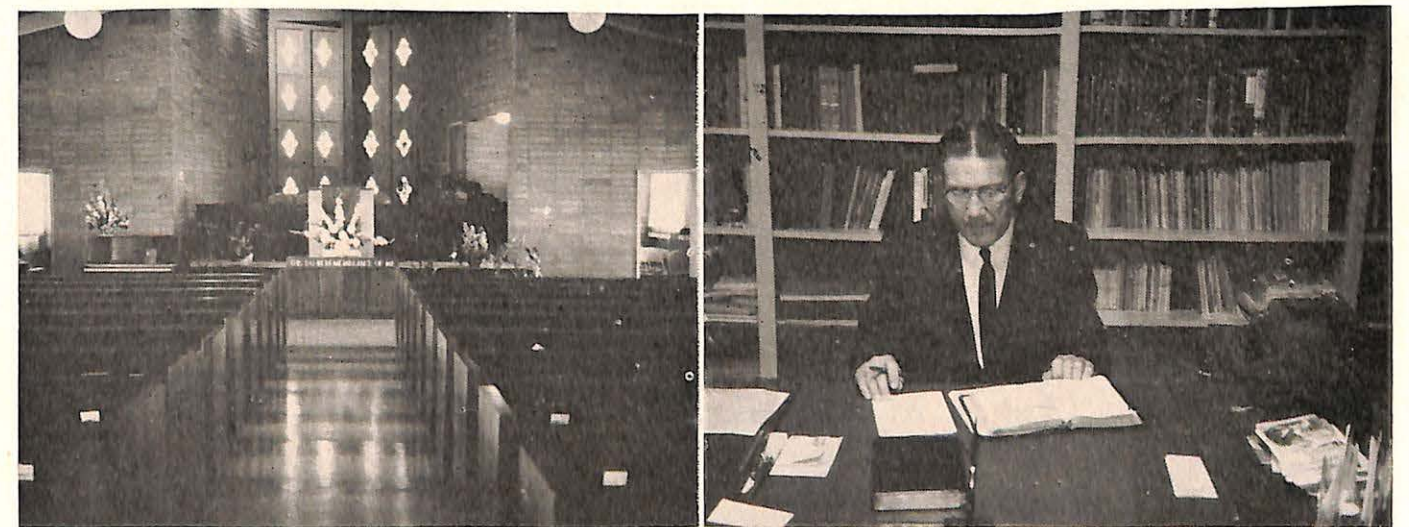
sonal contact and effective witnessing to these who represent the cream of Cameroons youth. Once the boys have accepted Christ, we are then interested in indoctrinating them in their faith so that they may be able to stand against the attacks of other faiths and so-called religions.

To this end, we held a Baptist Boys' Study Course during a recent holiday at the College for all the Baptist boys. Baptist doctrine, history and church organization were taught by three missionaries who were invited to present this course—Rev. and Mrs. F. K. Goodman, and Mr. Thomas Kwenchi, a tutor of the Baptist Bible Training Centre at Ndu.

### ANSWERED PRAYERS

In closing, I must add a personal word of thanks to all those who have prayed for us and for the College. Last year when I had the privilege of being the Acting Principal, I faced many problems, and, as is usually the case in Africa, I had inadequate experience for such a job. We wrote to many of our praying friends asking them to pray for the school, especially for unity among the teaching staff. Our teachers come from four different nationalities: English, Swiss, Cameroonian, and American. This presents many problems—cultural as well as spiritual and educational.

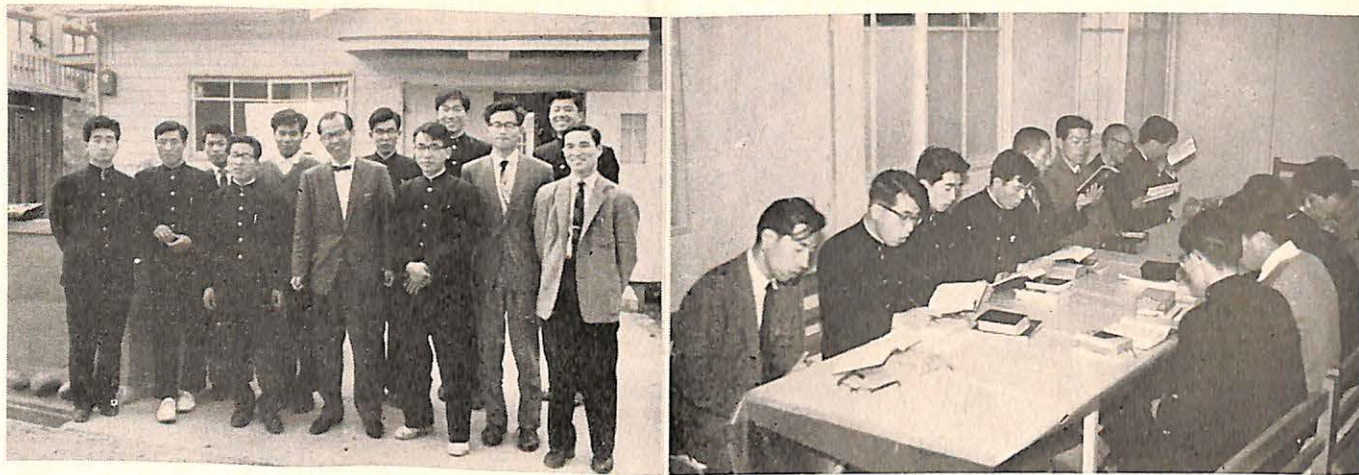
But we all feel that God has wonderfully answered prayer during 1960 in this respect. The oneness of our varied staff and the good spirit within the College among the students has been God's answer and provision to a successful year. Ask me and I would agree with the student who said our 100% came as a result of prayer, and not as a result of kerosene being provided for studying. But, you know, most boys still feel the kerosene had a great part to play in it.



SWAIN OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH, STOCKTON, CALIF.

The beautiful and worshipful sanctuary of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., a Church Extension project of the denomination. At the right, Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor, is shown in the church study.





CHRISTIAN BIBLE CONFERENCE IN JAPAN

Japanese students at the Bible Conference (left) held at Ise, Japan, with the guest teacher, Rev. Tomonobu Yanagita (center, man with bow tie). The students study their Bibles (right) during the conference sessions.

## Two Memorable Events in Japan

Story of the "first" annual Bible Conference and of the ordination of the Rev. Yoshio Akasaka at the Ise Baptist Church by Rev. Edwin C. Kern, Missionary.

THE DAYS OF May 5-7, 1961 marked two "firsts" for our mission work in Japan. One was our first annual Bible Conference held in the Ise Baptist Church. This Bible Conference was planned to include our church in Kyoto and Ise, the Tsu Christian Center and mission station in Matsusaka. The members of the Ise Baptist Church were hosts to the conference guests.

### BIBLE CONFERENCE

The Bible teacher was the Rev. Tomonobu Yanagita. He is one of Japan's fine conservative Bible scholars who is true to the historical and orthodox tenets of the Christian faith. He is the author of "A Short History of Christianity in Japan," "Japan Christian Literature Review," "A Study of I and II Peter," "Japanese Culture and Christianity" and many articles for various periodicals in the Japanese language as well as in English.

Brother Yanagita warmed the hearts of those present concerning the basic problem of man and sin as taught in Jeremiah. He also brought messages concerning the problems that Christians must face in Japan. One of these messages dealt with the gods of Japan and the Christian message. Brother Yanagita's messages based upon the authority of the Word of God inspired the Christians to trust and obey the Word regardless of what the day might bring for them. After hearing his messages, some of our Christians remarked: "It was as though one of the prophets from the Old Testament was speaking to us." Mr. Yanagita is a humble servant of God, filled with

the knowledge and power of the Word.

### REV. YOSHIO AKASAKA

The other "first" was the ordination of Yoshio Akasaka at Ise. He became a Christian when he was a young boy, and later he responded to God's call to become a pastor. In preparation for his life's calling, he studied at the Emmanuel Bible College, Urawa City, Saitama Prefecture. During his time in school, he came to one of our churches to conduct music for a series of evangelistic meetings. Several months later he was employed by our mission to become pastor of the Ise Baptist Church.



Rev. Edwin Kern (left), missionary of Tsu, Japan, offers the prayer at the ordination of Rev. Yoshio Akasaka, pastor of the Baptist Church at Ise, Japan, with other missionaries and Christian nationals participating in the service.

The Ise Baptist Church called an ordination council, during which time Brother Akasaka gave his call and doctrinal statement. Upon the basis of his statement concerning his calling and doctrinal beliefs and faithful service in the church for the past three years, the church decided to set his ordination date for the afternoon of May 7, 1961.

The Ise Baptist Church, with representatives from Kyoto and Tsu, witnessed the first ordination service in our fellowship. Rev. Walter Sukut was the chairman for this occasion. Brother Hanazono from the Tsu Christian Center read the minutes of the ordination council meeting. After the mass

choir sang "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," Rev. Frederick Moore brought the message to the candidate. The writer of this article offered the ordination prayer and Rev. Walter Sukut gave the charge to the church. The ordination service was closed with the benediction given by the Rev. Yoshio Akasaka.

### AKASAKA FAMILY

Please pray for this young pastor and his capable and friendly wife, Kazuye, and their two pre-school boys, Izumi and Mitsuru, as they as a family radiate the love of Christ in the church and community.

### CHRIST IS LORD!

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the Church which is his Body. If he is Lord of all that call upon him in spirit and in truth, we cannot isolate or insulate ourselves from other believers in whose lives and churches Christ lives. On the other hand, his position as the exalted Lord of all will prevent us from drifting into the shallows of an inclusivistic outlook not based upon the Word of God.

The Christ of the Scriptures is the watershed between the true Church and the false. "What think ye of Christ" is the determining question in church agreement. Only as we fearlessly proclaim the glorious truths revealed in his Word concerning his Person and work can we avoid the leftist threat to true ecumenical balance. Possibly we all need to re-evaluate our understanding of our relationship to other believers and groups in respect to our living Lord and his Body, the Church. He will lead us as churches and as a Conference in the right course if, with complete abandon, we unite to acclaim him King of kings and Lord of lords.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

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students are being transferred to other Baptist colleges, and Miss Twila Bartz of the faculty has been loaned to Alderson-Broadus College at Philippi, West Virginia, for the next school year. An alliance is being sought with an accredited American Baptist Seminary in which young women will further their graduate studies. For the next year the present faculty, including Miss Alethea Kose, will work on the records of the school and give leadership to the transitional program. The Baptist Missionary Training School was organized 80 years ago and has trained quite a number of our NAB young women who have gone to serve as missionaries in the Southern Cameroons.

### CHRISTIAN VICTORY

The real victory in all service is won in secret beforehand by prayer. Service is gathering up the results.  
—S. D. Gordon

## Commissioning Service for Betty Mantay

Report of the impressive missionary service at Springside, Sask., by Rev. F. W. Pahl, pastor.

SUNDAY, June 11th, was a momentous day in the spiritual life of the Springside Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., as the church held a commissioning service for Miss Betty Mantay, missionary-elect to the Cameroons. The service was opened by selections from the Springside Baptist Orchestra. Rev. Fred W. Pahl, pastor, was the chairman of the program and also gave the "Call to Commissioning Service." Mr. Paul Hoffman, moderator of the church, read the Scripture from Romans 10:9-17 and led in the opening prayer. A ladies' trio brought a message in song.

Rev. J. Neudorf of Fenwood brought the "Commission to the Church" and challenged the congregation to uphold its missionary in prayer. A letter which was received from Miss Ardice Ziolkowski of Bano Baptist Hospital, also a member of the Springside Baptist Church, was read to the church.

It was a privilege to have Dr. R. Schilke, General Mission Secretary, bring the heart-searching message of the afternoon from Matthew 26:6-13

and Luke 7:47. A solo, "When God Is Near," was sung by Mr. Gordon Goltz. A short testimony by Miss Mantay was given in which the thought was brought out that it was beyond her comprehension that God would choose her to be a servant in his vineyard.

Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary, stood before Miss Mantay and presented the "Commission to the Missionary." Dr. G. A. Dunger, Professor of Missions at the Sioux Falls Seminary, with deep sincerity led in the consecration prayer for this young missionary nurse. The choir closed the program with a marvelous anthem of challenge, "Onward Soldiers of the Cross." It was a unique program in that there was present an outgoing missionary—Miss Betty Mantay; a man who had served the Lord on the foreign mission field—Dr. Dunger; and Rev. P. Grabke, presently serving as a missionary on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve. The benediction at the close of this climatic service was given by Mr. Grabke.

## God's Answers to Many Prayers

By Mrs. Walter (Barbara) Sukut, Missionary at Ise, Japan who was recently hospitalized in Kyoto.

WHAT A JOY it is for me to sit down and pen this letter to you—to be able to share with you my gratefulness to God for his healing and leading hand upon our lives. As I praise his Name, I also praise God for praying friends around the world. How strongly we have felt the power of prayer upon our lives during these past months. At the beginning of this letter, I give thanks to all of you for each prayer given on our behalf and for the many encouraging cards and letters which we have received in recent weeks.

During my first day in the hospital, God graciously gave me a wonderful Scripture verse which was a blessing to me and which helped change my forced rest into a God sent blessing, even though it was lonesome and hard at times for me. The verse which God gave me was: "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel. In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength; and ye would not." What a wonderful prescription the Great Physician gave me! "In rest, quietness and confidence shall be your strength and salvation." Wasn't that what the doctor told me, "there is no medicine or cure for chronic Nephritis

—just rest." So I rested in the confidence that God would heal me. He has answered your many prayers for me and healed me sufficiently to permit my return home, much, much sooner than expected. God bless each of you—the effectual prayer of the righteous does avail much!

We are under doctor's orders to spend two months in the mountains this summer away from the muggy, Oriental heat and our mission work. I trust, however, that this will help me to regain enough strength to be able at least to teach my children, care for the baby and cook by next fall when we return to Ise. We request your continued prayers since we love it here in Ise, and there is much work that remains to be done for our Master. The doctor has said that it may take two or three years before I can fully regain my strength, but I only pray that I will be able to carry on my part of the home load, so that Walter can give sufficient time to his task of preaching the Gospel. I may have to undergo surgery next fall or winter, but if through these trials God can make us greater and purer vessels for his service, how can we do less than praise him for his love and care?



# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 13, 1961

Theme: JOHN MARK, A YOUNG MISSIONARY

Scripture: Acts 12:25; 13:4-5, 13; 15:36-39; Colossians 4:10; II Timothy 4:11b; I Peter 5:13

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A young minister or missionary may not always be acceptable by our standards but by perseverance and grace he can be acceptable by God's standards.

INTRODUCTION: Although John Mark, or Marcus, seems to be a shadowy figure who never consciously entered the limelight in the early church, he is nevertheless an important person on the pages of the New Testament.

Indirectly he referred to himself in the Gospel which bears his name. Like some of the other disciples, he followed Jesus afar off on the night he was betrayed. One of the Roman guards spied him and perhaps tried to apprehend him. In order to make a quick get-a-way, he shed the linen sheet which he wrapped around himself and fled naked (Mark 14:50-52). No one else would have known of this incident on this tragic night but Mark. There is sufficient evidence to show that the author of the Gospel was an eye witness of many of the events he recorded under the direction of the Apostle Peter.

Outside St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice on a column stands a winged lion, the symbol of the evangelist, who, once thought of as weak and unstable, was made strong by the grace and power of God.

I. JOHN MARK'S CALL TO MISSIONARY SERVICE. Acts 12:25; 13:4.

Paul and Barnabas must have seen some possibilities in Mark because they brought him along from Jerusalem after they fulfilled their relief ministry in Judea. (Acts 11:29). Perhaps they thought that his opportunities for training and service were better in Antioch than in Jerusalem. Stewardship and missionary zeal seemed to have been stronger in this group and their recruitment of talented men was well known. (Acts 13:1). Of course, the fact that he was a nephew of Barnabas was also a factor in persuading him to come to Antioch. When, in the course of time, the Holy Spirit chose Barnabas and Saul, and the church commissioned them for service, both were agreed that John Mark should accompany them. Here was an opportunity to acquire some practical experience in field work. It was a call to a missionary internship,

## II. HIS FIRST MISSIONARY FAILURE. Acts 13:13.

We do not always know all the facts that lead to failure. It is sometimes much easier to criticize and condemn than to help and encourage. In Mark's case, much is left unsaid. We are simply informed that "John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem." Perhaps the rigors of the journey proved too much for him. He may have been brought low with a fever and thought it best to return home and recuperate. The mission of Paul and Barnabas was urgent and he did not want to be a burden to them.

Perhaps, too, he was homesick. The comforts of home and the love of his widowed mother may have played upon his young and tender heart. Perhaps he felt the first assignment was too difficult and he should have been given an easier task.

## III. HIS FIRST REJECTION. Acts 15:36-39.

It must have hurt the sensitive nature of Mark to see these two great men arguing over him. Paul, no doubt, took the side of justice. He did not want the cause of Christ to be impeded by one who was slow and unstable. Mark had his chance and he forfeited it by his desertion.

Barnabas took the side of love, and naturally we must take for granted that the relationship also biased his opinion. Nevertheless he felt that Mark should be given another chance.

## IV. HIS REINSTATEMENT. Colossians 4:10; II Timothy 4:11b; I Peter 5:13.

Mark must have overcome his failure completely by the grace of God. From all the letters in the New Testament, it is certain that he found favor with God, with Barnabas, with Peter and with Paul. He held no resentment against Paul because he rejected him, and proved it by being a loving and able servant of the great apostle.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 20, 1961

Theme: SILAS, A TRUSTWORTHY LEADER

Scripture: Acts 15:22, 30-32, 29-41;

## S. S. LESSON EDITOR

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16:19-25; I Thessalonians 1:1; I Peter 5:12

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Suffering does not entitle one to enter the Kingdom of God, but those who are in the Kingdom must often suffer.

INTRODUCTION: Silas is known primarily because of his association with Paul on his second missionary journey. In Jerusalem he must have been held in high esteem for he was a member of the Apostolic Council and was appointed a delegate with Paul and Barnabas to convey the decision of the Council to Antioch. Soon after this, Paul and Barnabas had their disagreement concerning Mark and it was then that Paul chose Silas to accompany him. For this he was well qualified, being a leading Jewish Christian and a Roman citizen.

It is generally taken for granted that the Silvanus of the Pauline Epistles (II Cor. 1:19, I Thess. 1:1, II Thess. 1:1) is the same as the Silas of Acts. Silas was his Jewish name and Silvanus may have been his Roman name.

## I. A CHIEF MAN AMONG THE BRETHREN. Acts 15:22, 30-32.

It is sometimes difficult to be a chief man and humble at the same time. Silas, however, was humble in spirit, even though he held an important position in the Jerusalem church as well as in the Apostolic Council. We do not know much about his background, nor do we know when and how he was converted, but he must have been a man of considerable talent and ability to serve on the policy making body of the early Christian church.

## II. A WISE CHOICE. Acts 15:39-41.

The wisdom of Paul is sometimes questioned in his contention with Barnabas, but he certainly showed good judgment in choosing Silas as his missionary partner. Disagreements can often be harmful to the work of the church. In this case, the cause of Christ was furthered because there were now four missionaries instead of only two. In the providence of God it was a wise and necessary step.

## III. A FELLOW SUFFERER. Acts 16:19-25.

The second missionary journey proved even more hazardous than the first, and perhaps Mark would have become discouraged in the course of the hardships. Silas suffered joyfully with Paul for the sake of the Gospel.

## IV. A FAITHFUL BROTHER. I Peter 5:12.

In this verse we are given a further glimpse of Silas' ministry. He is named by Peter as "a faithful brother." The title greatly enhances the dignity of Silas and gives us an indication of his trustworthiness.

# What's Happening

● Rev. Arthur Kliever of Ochre River, Manitoba, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River since 1958, resigned in June and announced that he was bringing his ministry there to a close on July 31st. His plans for the future are somewhat indefinite, although he would like to continue his education this fall.

● A successful Vacation Bible School was held in the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., from May 29 to June 9. The theme was "Living for Jesus Daily." Enrollment in the school was 110. Twenty-six teachers very ably brought the messages each day. Mrs. Otto Bleeker served as superintendent. Daily offerings amounted to \$122.00 which was designated for Miss Helen Lohse and the mission work on the Spanish American field in Colorado. The Bible School program was given on Sunday night, June 11, as reported by Mrs. John Terveen.

● The Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., held its second "All-church Calling Program" on Tuesday, June 27. All members of the church called on other members and on those who have expressed an interest in the services. The Father and Son Banquet sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood was held on Friday evening, June 23, with Dr. William Orr, noted radio minister in Southern California, as the guest speaker. The Musical Messengers trio of the North American Baptist Seminary presented a program on Wednesday evening, June 21. Rev. Fred David is pastor of the church.

● Mr. and Mrs. Norman Haupt and their family, who have been stationed at Bali in the Southern Cameroons as our NAB missionaries, will be going to London, England in August. About the middle of the month, Mr. Haupt will begin his graduate studies at the University of London. Their London address will appear in the next issue. Mr. Haupt is a member of the faculty of the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali and in 1960 served as the acting principal. An article by him entitled "Prayer or Kerosene?" appears on page 5 of this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● Dr. and Mrs. R. L. MacCornack, Sr., parents of Mrs. Alphonz Lamprecht of Edmonton, Alta., were honored by the entire community of Whitehall, Wisconsin, on Sunday, June 11, which was called "MacCornack Day." Ten organizations of the town participated in the program with many tributes brought to Dr. MacCornack who established a medical practice in Whitehall in 1920 and with his brother opened a clinic and made "Whitehall a medical

center for the area." The MacCornacks have two other children besides Mrs. Lamprecht. Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht, a son-in-law, pronounced the benediction at the impressive program.

● Wilmer "Vinegar Bend" Mizel, a well known pitcher for the Pittsburgh "Pirates," National League baseball team from Pittsburgh, Pa., and an outstanding Christian, gave a stirring testimony at the evening service of the Holiday Park Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sunday, June 18. Mr. Mizel was saved as a boy in a little country Baptist church down in Alabama. He is well known throughout sports circles for his Christian life and conduct on the playing field. His testimony left a real impression on the large number of young people that were at the service. Rev. Dale Chad-dock is pastor of the church.

● The Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., recently defeated the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., in a five week Sunday School contest. Mr. Koppin, Grosse Pointe Sunday School superintendent, and Mr. Richter, S. S. secretary, came to the Colonial Village Church at a Sunday morning service and presented a plaque to Mr. Walter Kuhn, S. S. superintendent, and the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Penner. Direct telephone conversations were held each Sunday morning to inform each other of the result of that day. Each church received many blessings because of the efforts put forth in the contest.

● Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee, wife of the Cameroons medical missionary stationed at Bango, Southern Cameroons, spent Wednesday, June 28, at the Headquarters Building in Forest Park, Ill., on her way to Africa. Two of their children, Marjorie and Nancy, are travelling with Mrs. Chaffee. The two other children, Douglas and Sylvia, were left behind in the United States to continue their studies here. On June 30 Mrs. Chaffee and the two daughters sailed from New York on the "S. S. Rotterdam" bound for Southampton, England. They expect to arrive in the Southern Cameroons and to rejoin Dr. Chaffee at the Bango Hospital as this issue of the "Baptist Herald" reaches the reader.

● Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, attended the sessions of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee from June 27 to 29 at Wake Forest, North Carolina on the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Plans were made for the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference scheduled for Beirut, Lebanon, in 1963 and the 11th Baptist World

Congress to be held in Miami Beach, Florida in 1965. William R. Tolbert, Jr., vice-president of Liberia, and president of the Liberia Baptist Convention and the vice-president of the Baptist Convention, was among the committeemen participating. Dr. Woyke will report more in detail about the sessions in a later issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., held its Vacation Bible School in June with an enrollment of 380 which exceeded last year's enrollment by over 100. The school was under the leadership of Mrs. George Salzman, Jr., as director. Dr. Louis R. Johnson, pastor, drove the church bus for the Vacation School. He stated that this "helped him to appreciate the possibilities of this arm of outreach of the church. This opportunity of reaching people needs to be kept ever before us and in our prayers." On Sunday evening, June 25, Dr. Johnson had the joy of baptizing 9 converts, including an entire family of six. On Sunday, July 2, ten new members were received into the church's fellowship.

● Dr. John E. Mehlhoff of Lodi, Calif., a member of the Temple Baptist Church, followed the heavenly summons on June 23. He was active in several capacities in the Temple Church and served faithfully in the church choir. Some years ago he gave Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons missionary, most of his discarded dental equipment and trained her for several days in dentistry which enabled her to carry on a dental ministry in the hinterlands of the Cameroons, Africa, at a time when no professional dentist was near at hand in the Mbem grassland area. He loved our missionary work in his devotion to Christ and always enjoyed good music. The tribute to Dr. Mehlhoff, prepared by his pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, appears on page 23 of this issue.

● On Wednesday evening, June 21, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., bade farewell to Dr. M. Vanderbeck who had served the church as its interim pastor since Jan. 1, 1961. Mrs. Victor Kletzin, church clerk, expressed the appreciation of the church in these words: "Dr. Vanderbeck has ministered among us so actively and preached the Word so faithfully that he has won a place in our hearts. Having him between pastors has been a very rewarding experience for our church and we recommend it to others." Since June 1st Dr. Vanderbeck has been serving the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, N. Dak., as interim pastor, which is the congregation formerly served by Rev. George E. Robinson, now of Wausau, Wis.

● The Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Illinois, is closing its doors at 510 Wellington St. and entering a transitional period. Its present

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A busy market place in a South American city.

## South American Romance

A Christian Novel by Mary McCombe Orr

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### SYNOPSIS

Zorillo Lopez married Rosita and worked at his father's trade of making wooden saints in his workshop. But the marriage was broken up by Guadeloupe who paid undue attention to Rosita. After several years of separation, Zorillo and Rosita were reunited and moved to San Miguel, Argentina, where they settled down next door to the evangelical church. In the meantime, Guadeloupe had become a Christian in this chapel. He came to Zorillo and asked for forgiveness. But Zorillo's heart was filled with hatred and was stubborn. At their place of work, Severino, an elderly evangelical Christian, talked to Zorillo about forgiveness as taught in God's Word and led him to Christ. Rosita also became a seeker and found salvation in Christ. Then they realized that as Christians things had to be made right in their lives. Zorillo had married another girl, Tomasita, in Asuncion. Guadeloupe determined to help them and went back to Paraguay seeking information and God's guidance. Evangelical friends advised him to find the judge who had performed Zorillo's marriage to Tomasita in Asuncion. Guadeloupe knocked at the door of Dona Marieta, the aunt of Zorillo. She scrutinized him carefully.

### CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

AS HE began to move away, Dona Marieta, as curious as ever and always ready for a conversation, spoke again.

"You are a stranger here?"

"Yes," answered Guadeloupe, "I have just come from Encarnación."

"And what news have you brought us from there?" she asked, adding before he could answer, "You don't know a man down there by the name of Zorillo?"

"Yes," said Guadeloupe frankly, "he is my best friend."

started going to those cinemas. And her hair, oh, you should have seen her hair? They've got some new way for frizzing up a woman's hair nowadays, until she doesn't look like a woman anymore. Tomasita went in for it all. I told my wife that if I ever saw her looking like that I'd leave her!

"Tomasita went off with another man, too," Don Marcos rambled on, "and got all she could out of him. She would have married him also in the civil court, but she couldn't find a judge that didn't know her!"

At this mention of the judge, Guadeloupe almost jumped. Don Marcos' words were interesting and significant. Could it be that the facts implied might be helpful in the straightening out of Zorillo's affairs? Guadeloupe couldn't know yet, but the trend of the conversation made him feel free to ask questions.

"And who, may I inquire, is the judge who married her and Zorillo?"

"He is Doctor Barbosa," Don Marcos answered, and obligingly instructed Guadeloupe how to find the judge's office. "If you have any business with him, you will be more than satisfied; he is the best in the country and has tried much to clean up our country morally. We are in a disgraceful state of affairs, and there are too few men like Doctor Barbosa."

"Yes," said Guadeloupe, "how good it would be if we had only honest men, and upright, in positions of responsibility and authority. But I am convinced that our greatest need is for repentance from sin and faith in Jesus Christ."

"Certainly, certainly," agreed Don Marcos, "if we were all more faithful to our holy religion it would make a great difference."

"But I do not mean that," were Guadeloupe's strange words, "for I have found that our religion is a dead thing, and powerless to make us the kind of men we ought to be. What I am talking about is real sorrow for sin, recognition of its eternal consequences, and a turning directly to Jesus Christ, the living Son of God, for salvation and power to live clean, pure lives. I was the wildest youth in Encarnación a few years ago, but God came into my life and changed everything."

Don Marcos listened with growing interest while Guadeloupe told the story of his jealousy and hate, the wicked plan concocted and worked out, and his escape to Argentina. He told him also what Don Marcos had never known about Zorillo—how he had turned Rosita out and, unable to wreak vengeance on his enemy, had come to Asuncion to bury himself.

The listener remained spellbound while Guadeloupe went on. "Now we all, Zorillo, Rosita and myself, have come to know the Word of God and the living Saviour. Our enmity has vanished, and we are almost inseparable friends."

Don Marcos marveled. "Well, I had heard about the Gospel, but nothing good! You are the first to say a thing to me in its favor; you are the first of its followers that I have known. Perhaps it's not so bad after all, but the priest, you know, is much against it!"

"I know," said Guadeloupe, "but he, poor man, is only a blind leader of the blind. He knows nothing of the salvation he could find in his own Bible. I know an ex-priest who is now an evangelist. He preached at our recent evangelical conference. He experiences great remorse even yet at times, remembering his former activities in turning people from the truth. God's work in his heart began one day when he read a text from the Holy Scriptures in a missionary's window—'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' Those are the words of Jesus, you know, and this priest had read them before, even preached on them in the church, but he had never understood them. He said it was as though he were reading them for the first time, and he began to long for spiritual rest, rest from his sins. It wasn't long before God led him to that rest of heart in Jesus Christ."

This was quite a story for Guadeloupe to tell an ardent Catholic, but it was told so frankly and naturally that no offense was taken. As he arose to go, he offered Don Marcos a little booklet.

"This contains a few quotations from the Word of God," he said. "Will you accept it?"

"I will," was the reply. "If it has done you so much good, I don't believe it can do me any harm."

Guadeloupe shook hands warmly with his new acquaintance, then started on his way to see the judge. In a short time he was in his presence.

The Justice of Peace was a small man, but of good appearance and neatly dressed. His eyes were keen and his face intelligent. He looked up immediately as Guadeloupe entered the room.

"What can I do for you, sir?" he asked courteously, and invited the young man to be seated.

Guadeloupe felt at ease. "I have come," he said, "on behalf of my friend, Zorillo Lopes, to inquire about the legality of his marriage to Tomaso Arana, about two years ago."

The judge, so calm until now, exploded. "That was no marriage!" he barked in a voice most inconsistent with his physical frame. "Tomasita Arana was married twice, but will never again be, if I can help it. Both times, she did it on the basis of documents secured by means of false witnesses. I was new here when I pronounced them married. I accepted her word that she was single, but I have since been investigating many cases, and just recently the former marriage came to light. Her marriage to Zorillo Lopes is doubly invalid."

Guadeloupe could hardly contain his

delight. While the judge's clerk laboriously typed with his two index fingers that which was dictated to him, Guadeloupe went out to buy the excise stamps necessary to give validity to the document being made. On his return these were fixed in colorful array below the typing, and the judge signed his name impressively over them.

Walking as though on air, and tightly clasping the paper that certified that the marriage of Tomasa Arana and Zorillo Lopes was altogether invalid, Guadeloupe boarded the return train for Encarnación.

Don Guadeloupe could hardly keep from singing on the train. God had prospered his way far above anything that he could have asked or thought. The noise of accordions, guitars and rowdy talkers fell on deaf ears, and the old slat benches were no longer hard. His cup was running over with joy. He had prayed the seemingly ridiculous prayer, "Lord, give me some little part in solving Zorillo's and Rosita's problem; help me to undo the harm that I have done!" and God had answered.

As planned, when he descended from the train he took the road once more that passed Zorillo's old dwelling. The sun was still high, for the days were the long summer ones of January, so this time the happy traveler accepted Don Arturo's invitation to enter and have a few *matés*. As he sat in the little circle that included Dona Ana, he remembered his purpose to give testimony to these relatives of his friend.

"The other day when I was here I told you that I was Zorillo's friend. I think I ought also to tell you that I used to be his worst enemy!"

His listeners stared.

"Yes," he went on, "I was the wretch who came in between him and Rosita, and made it appear that she was untrue. I had a heart full of jealousy in those days—jealousy, hate and pride. It may be that some believe, even to this day, the wicked calumny that I spread. I shall never cease to be ashamed of it. But, thank God, He has cleansed me. Zorillo and Rosita also have forgiven me, and now, as I told you, we are the best of friends. That's what Christ can do for us if we allow Him to."

Dona Ana was startled, to say the least. It took several minutes of deep thought before the full significance of Guadeloupe's statement had penetrated her shocked mind.

"Do you mean that my nephew has embraced that Gospel? The saints deliver us!"

"Yes," answered Guadeloupe, and with a poorly suppressed smile and a twinkle in his eye he added, "he says that he wants to die as his mother did—a true believer in Christ Jesus, with the peace of God in his heart and the joy of forgiveness on his lips!"

Dona Ana was shaken!

Lord, shake all her faith in the saints right out of her, prayed Guadeloupe, silently but fervently.

Don Arturo, the son, did not understand the reference to his Aunt Marta's death, for of course he knew only his mother's version of what had happened. He was, however, greatly dismayed to think that his cousin had been so easily deluded into this "new" religion. To his mind one was near insanity who would so frankly admit to guilt, and to sorrow because of it.

"Let us not discuss matters of religion," he said shortly. "No end of harm can come when laymen begin to set themselves up as authorities on the subject. Let us leave religion to the priests; that is what they are for. Above all, let no more of us be guilty of 'changing' the religion of our fathers for these new ideas!"

Dona Ana smiled proudly while her son made this exemplary speech, and glanced triumphantly at Guadeloupe, for the air of finality which Don Arturo spoke was satisfying.

Guadeloupe concluded that there was little more that he could say for the present about the Gospel and so after a little while, he arose to go. Don Arturo courteously sent *saludos* to the relatives in Argentina. Dona Ana, however, still had somewhat to say.

"Tell that nephew of mine to watch his step. When it comes to dying he may not have the luck that his mother had—the luck to have someone near to see to it that she died right. If I had not been here, she would have died with not even a candle in her hand! Imagine, a religion that does not so much as provide a candle for a dying soul!"

Guadeloupe said nothing to this, but bade them good evening and went to pass the night at his former old home. As he walked along in the pleasant evening, he felt glad that he had testified. The reaction had not been too gratifying, but at least a seed had been sown.

Arriving at his parents' *ranchito*, he was received casually by them, and heartily welcomed by the children. This coolness was only natural, Guadeloupe reflected, in a people who are taught from infancy that it is a mortal sin to leave the parental religion. Being one of them, he could understand and sympathize with them. He tried, therefore, to ignore their coolness, and it was greatly offset by the warmth of his own heart.

Next day, Guadeloupe went to see Rosita's folk. They, too, were casual at first, but the young man paid no attention to this.

"I want to tell you," he said, "that I have good news to take to Rosita and Zorillo. I think it will be good news to you, too. I have found out that Zorillo's marriage in Asuncion to Dona Tomasita was not valid. She had no legal right to marry, for she was already married to another, and

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# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Western District

### Westbrook Baptist Church, Calif., In New Buildings

The Westbrook Baptist Church near Garden Grove, Calif., met for the first time on Sunday, June 18th, in its new buildings at 9752 13th Street (near Westminster Ave., and Brookhurst St. in the south Garden Grove area). With 91 persons in Sunday School and 43 in the morning worship service, the pastor, Rev. V. Donald Buell, feels that they are well under way. (The project was formerly known as the Bolsa church).

Construction of the modern new buildings has been completed in less than four months under the leadership of Mr. Ed Bohnet and with the active co-operation of Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim; Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim; Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa; and Upper Bay Baptist Church, Costa Mesa. Westbrook Baptist Church is a Church Extension project of the North American Baptist General Conference. The present facilities are designed to accommodate 250 in Sunday School and 200 in a worship service. Future plans for the 2½ acre site call for a Sunday School of 750 and a sanctuary seating 500 persons.

V. Donald Buell, Pastor

### Women's Officers Installed, Magnolia Church, Anaheim

On Monday, June 12, the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held the Installation of Officers for the year 1961-62. Our theme this year is "Precious Treasure" and the decorations included a large crown so that when each new officer went forward to accept the office and give personal testimony she placed a jewel in the crown. Rev. Ken Fischer, pastor, conducted the ceremony and gave the challenges to the new officers.

Officers who were installed were Norma Clemons, president; 1st vice president, Bea Hurlburt; 2nd vice president, Lillian Pinkel; recording secretary, Norma Cary; corresponding secretary, Zonan Lulli; treasurer, Lola Tims; Devotional and Missionary Chairman, Joann Turnquist; Membership Chairman, Lydia Bohnet; White Cross, Ruth Justus; Sunshine Chairman, Marge Clear; Flower and Decoration Chairmen, Lydia Burzloff and Lee Bell; Program Chairmen, Virginia Erwin and Tinker Lane; song leader, Jo Mitchell; pianist, Jean Sturges; librarian, Evelyn Stubblefield; auditors, Shirley Turner and Clarine Kaylor; news reporter, Victoria Carter; Baptist Herald, Ina Carter; visitation chairmen, Jerry Cobb and Betty Brown; Ambassador Chairmen, B. Miller and Margaret McLaughlin; Kitchen Committee, Frances Sanchez and Mary Coleman.

Ina Carter, Reporter

### 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REV. & MRS. FRANK ORTHNER

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Orthner, 1233 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn 21, N. Y., will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 8th. They are members of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Orthner has led a very busy life, serving numerous churches as pastor, working for many years in the library of Union Theological Seminary of New York City, and at present preaching again as interim pastor of New York City's Second Church. Their many friends will want to send them congratulatory cards.—EDITOR.

### Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon, Dedicates New Organ

With praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, the congregation of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, dedicated its new Moller pipe organ at the Sunday morning worship service. Dr. John Wobig, pastor, and the audience read responsively, dedicating our new instrument of music to the glory of God and setting it apart to the holy use for which it was designed. Included in the dedication service were several beautifully rendered numbers by our church organist, Mrs. Margaret Billeter, and the sermon, "The Ministry of Music," by our pastor. The new organ, which was custom-designed and custom-built for our particular building to accommodate the service requirements of our congregation, was made possible through generous gifts of our members. It is a three manual instrument containing four separate divisions: the great organ, swell organ, choir organ, and pedal organ. There



Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Hoffmann at the reception held for them by the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Hoffmann began his ministry at the church on Sunday, June 4, 1961.

are 1,064 pipes of varied sizes, plus a set of 21 note-Deagan chimes.

At the evening service the Junior and Adult choirs gave their Spring Concert of favorite hymns and spirituals, accompanied for the first time by the Moller organ, which was enjoyed by a large audience. The Sunday evening June 18th service saw seven converts follow their Savior's commandment in baptism.

Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter

## Eastern District

### Pastor's Reception at Philadelphia Fleischmann Memorial Church

Sunday evening, June 2, was a glorious occasion for the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., as we welcomed our new pastor, Rev. Ernest Hoffmann and his family. After a time of singpiration, led by Mr. George Steinbronn, Mr. George Gerstlauer greeted everyone present. Miss Patricia Gibson, representing the young people, read the Scripture passage. Mr. Reinhold Gewiss led in prayer. Rev. M. Kerestes, pastor of our neighboring Lutheran Church, brought greetings from his church. Then the Youth Choir brought their welcome in song. Words of welcome were given by Mr. George Steinbronn for the Sunday School and Board of Deacons; by Mr. Charles MacMeekin for the trustees; by Mrs. Olga Zabel for the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Zabel presented Mrs. Hoffmann with a corsage.

After a Men's Quartet rendered a selection, Rev. R. Schmidt of the Pilgrim Baptist Church brought words of welcome from his church as they joined with us for this reception. Our interim pastor, Rev. A. F. Ballbach, spoke words of encouragement, after which Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmann were given an opportunity to speak. Refreshments were served in the Social Hall for the 230 persons present. We pray that the church may go forward with the work of God's Kingdom under the leadership of Rev. Ernest Hoffmann.

Jeannette MacMeekin, Reporter

### Eastern Conference Youth Rally In Hamilton, Ontario

On Saturday, May 20th, the young people of the Eastern Conference met in Hamilton, Ontario for one of the most inspiring rallies we have ever witnessed. From the Province of Ontario we had groups from Sudbury, Kitchener, St. Catharines, Windsor, Toronto and Hamilton. Our visitors from south of the border came from Buffalo and Cleveland. The general theme of the day was "Winning or Losing?" The meeting opened in the morning with a devotion and prayer service which was conducted by Karl Eckert of Toronto. Rev. Paul Goetze of Central Baptist Church, Kitchener, confronted us with the question: "Are

we gaining victories since we answered Christ's calling?"

The afternoon was opened with a very dynamic and powerful message by Rev. Otto Ertis of Toronto, in which he told us that we need to live through these trying times in a complete dedication to the living Christ. Then a group of the Central Baptist Church of Kitchener presented a sketch which showed us the attitude that some of us take towards Christ and his church. This sketch was followed by testimonies from young people.

We left Hamilton thankful for the many blessings we had received, grateful for the wonderful hospitality that was accorded to us and with a new challenge to go out and witness for Christ, our Savior.

Karl Eckert, Reporter

### German Faith Conference at Benton Harbor, Mich.

"Victorious With Christ" was the theme of the annual German Faith Conference held on May 28 to which almost 600 persons gathered at the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich. They came from Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago to unite in the worship of the Lord. In the Sunday morning service Rev. W. W. Knauf of Benton Harbor welcomed the guests. "With Christ We Overcome Sin and Obtain Full Knowledge of Salvation," was the topic on which Rev. F. Radant spoke. "With Christ We Overcome the Worries and Needs of Life and Obtain True Happiness," was the topic of the next speaker, Dr. Richard Schilke. The combined choirs from several youth choirs closed this worship service. The young people had already come Saturday evening for their own semi-annual gathering.

In the afternoon service testimonies from the churches were heard and Dr. R. Schilke gave a brief mission report. "With Christ We Overcome the World and Discover Heaven," was the topic on which Rev. Elvin Schuelke from Chicago spoke. Rev. John



### GERMAN FAITH CONFERENCE AT BENTON HARBOR

Combined choirs from NAB Churches in Milwaukee, Wis.; Chicago, Ill.; and Benton Harbor, Mich., render a selection at the German Faith Conference held in the First German Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Goetze from Milwaukee spoke on the topic, "With Christ We Overcome Ourselves and Come Into the Right Relationship Through a Whole Obedience." Many hymns by the combined choirs from the several churches gladdened our hearts. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" was sung and the Conference came to a close. We left as our hearts were challenged to be victorious in Christ.

Eva Eifert, Reporter

### Philadelphia Home Observes 66th Anniversary Day Program

The 66th Anniversary Day celebration was held at the North American Baptist Home in Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday, May 20, 1961. A baked ham dinner was served to approximately 350 persons between the hours of



At the 66th Anniversary Day celebration held by the Baptist Home in Philadelphia, Pa., many friends came to purchase cakes, gifts and candies that were on sale. Some of these items had been made by guests of the Home.

4:30 and 7:00 p. m.

The Home took on a festive air for the day and was a beehive of activity. Plants and bouquets were sold, as well as cakes, candies and gifts. Some of the items on sale were made by the guests of the Home. There was even a "wishing well" with "grab" bags to be seen. All the money raised this day will be used for the benefit of the Home. The delicious dinner and the happy atmosphere were enjoyed by all who participated.

Charles MacMeekin,  
Publicity Committee Chairman

### Revival and Baptism at Bethel Church, Indianapolis

The past few weeks have been very busy ones for Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana. We have been experiencing an upsurge of growth and spiritual enthusiasm under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Lawrence George. One of the best revivals in the history of our church closed recently with Rev. Herman Mauch of Norfolk, Virginia as the evangelist. The revival was preceded by two weeks of cottage prayer meetings. Many rededicated their lives to the Lord, and ten persons accepted Christ as Savior. On June 18 eight of these new converts followed their Lord through the waters of baptism.

One highlight in the youth group was a special "This Is Your Life" service honoring the pastor on his birthday. The youth group presented him with a painting of "The Last Supper," and he received a beautiful watch from the church members.

Our Vacation Bible School, under the direction of the pastor, was held for one week from June 12 to 16 with over 100 pupils enrolled and an average attendance of 85. One June 18 an interesting demonstration program was presented for the parents and friends who were invited to view the handwork which was on display in the classrooms.

Mrs. Mary Presley, Reporter



**15th Anniversary, Open Bible Tabernacle, Erie, Pa.**

God has just given us of the Open Bible Tabernacle, Erie, Penna., the privilege of celebrating our 15th year as a body of believers serving him. This celebration took place during the month of May and half of June. We heard several Spirit-filled speakers. One was Dr. Richard Schilke, Mission Secretary; another was Rev. Emmanuel Wolff, Eastern District Secretary. We also had Miss Bernice Jordan, International Bible Club Representative; Rev. Alexander Pashko from Toronto, Canada; Rev. Waldemar Gutsche from Erie; and Rev. Ondon Stairs of Erie.

During these times we had many friends from other churches join with us in rejoicing. They were from the South Hills Baptist Church in Erie, the Church of our Saviour in Buffalo, the Polish Baptist Church in Cleveland, the Polish Baptist Church in Toronto, and the Russian Baptist Church in Erie. Our anniversary time was climaxed with six of our people following the Lord in baptism, thus testifying to all that they had accepted Christ as their Savior. Our prayer is now that under the able leadership of our pastor, Rev. Richard Mikolon, we may go on to greater things for Christ.

Mrs. Arthur Harrison, Reporter

**Central District**

**Baptist Young People, Sidney, Mont., on Television**

Six young people from the First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana made their appearance on a TV talent program on May 19th. They played Gospel songs to bring God's message to the listening audience. They are (left to right in picture): Gary and Bobby Smith; David, Dorothy, and Debbie Ehman; and Shirley Foltz with Mrs. Jacob Ehman at the piano.

The TV appearance was arranged by one of the families from the church because they were so thrilled by this group of players. It really was quite an experience for these young people, and many of the people enjoyed it who heard it over the TV station from the



Young people from the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana, who appeared on a local television "talent program."



On June 11 the building of the First Christian Church, Hoisington, Kansas, was dedicated for use by the Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Frank Armbruster pastor.

community.

Jacob Ehman, Reporter

**Vacation Bible School, Germantown Church, North Dakota**

A Vacation Bible School was held at the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak., from May 29 to June 2. Fifteen boys and girls were enrolled and, even though Memorial Day was that week also, all but three had perfect attendance. The course of study followed was "Around the World with Christ," Gospel Light Publications.

On Friday the teachers and pupils enjoyed a picnic lunch prepared by the women of the Woman's Missionary Society. Although there were no decisions for Christ among the children, the Word was planted in their hearts and minds. The teachers also were blessed as they prepared and presented the material.

Mrs. William Effa, Reporter

**Dedication of Calvary Baptist Church, Hoisington, Kansas**

On Sunday, June 11, the Calvary Baptist Church, Hoisington, Kansas dedicated its church building, formerly the First Christian Church, which was purchased recently. Rev. Frank Armbrus-

ter, pastor, was in charge of the services throughout the day. Guest speaker for the morning service was Rev. John Binder, Forest Park, Ill., CBYF general secretary. His message centered around the theme, "The Bread of Life." Music consisted of a vocal solo by Mrs. Richard Landers of Hoisington, Kansas and a number by the Men's Chorus of the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas.

The service of dedication was held that afternoon. Rev. Theodore Dons of Sterling, Kansas gave the dedicatory address. A vocal solo, "Bless this House," was sung by Russel Scheufler. The Men's Quartet from Ellinwood, Kansas, sang, "Yes I Know" and "Face to Face." Letters of congratulation were read, and other congratulatory messages were given by guest pastors. The Bison Men's Chorus sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." The day was concluded with special music and the evening message by Rev. John Binder.

Mrs. Opal Schlegel, Reporter

**Shell Creek and Creston Churches Honor Graduates**

On Friday evening, May 12, the Shell Creek and Creston Baptist Church young people of Nebraska were honored at a banquet given for the graduates of the year. After a delicious meal had been prepared and served by the mothers of the Shell Creek young people, the toastmaster of the evening, Rev. LeRoy Schauer, led the group in singing. A welcome was extended by Rev. Lyle Wacker, followed by the recognition of the graduates by Mrs. Rinehart Mohrmann. Our graduates of this year were Ruth Lange and Carol Scheffler, graduated from the eighth grade; Larry Behlen, graduated from high school; and Luella Menke who graduated from college. Darold Mohrmann then gave a challenge to the graduates after which we were favored by a duet from Linda and Sandra Scheffler.

Mrs. Don Richter, who had served with the "God's Volunteers" team, spoke to us about the work of this team. A duet by Mark Albers and Will Behlen followed. Our guest speaker of the evening was Don Richter, a student at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who spoke on "Adventure on the High Seas." Rev. Lyle Wacker closed the program with benediction.

Ruth Menke, Reporter

BAPTIST HERALD

**Baptism and Vacation Bible School, Gackle, N. Dak.**

Sunday evening, May 28, was a joyous occasion at the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, N. Dak., since it was a baptismal service held preceding the Vacation Bible School. Four boys and girls and one man entered the waters of baptism. They were Connie Schmidt, Katherine Klundt, Billy Anderson, Arno Rutsch, and Mr. Gottlieb Schaible.

Following the baptismal service on the following morning, the Vacation Bible School was begun. A plan that Gackle has used for several years is to have the pastor available as a counsellor for the students. As the teachers observe the conviction of the Spirit in the hearts of the children, they are referred to the pastor. The thrilling result of this plan this year was that more than twelve of the Bible School students made a decision for Christ. The program was held Sunday evening, June 11, with a capacity audience attending.

Bernard Edinger, Pastor

**Seminary Quartet and Vacation School, Creston, Neb.**

The Gospel Jubilaires Quartet from the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Fall presented a sacred concert at the Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Nebr., on Sunday evening, April 23. The Shell Creek Church joined us in listening to the splendid music and inspiring testimonies and message which the young men brought. We thank the Lord for young men who give of such wonderful talent for his work.

June 5-9 were Vacation Bible School days at the Creston Baptist Church. Our pastor, Rev. Kenneth Schmuland, was the enthusiastic director as we followed the theme of our lessons, "Living for Jesus Daily." Thirty-two pupils, four teachers and four assistants from the Baptist and Presbyterian Sunday Schools participated in the school which was held from 9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. daily. The school concluded Friday evening with a special program of songs, scripture verses and testimonies. We praise the Lord for the precious soul that was won for him during these days.

Kenneth Prang, Reporter

**Parsonage Project and Vacation School, Randolph, Minnesota**

The Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., recently completed a parsonage kitchen project which became possible through a growing fund over the past two years. The kitchen was remodeled with new birch cabinets, a stainless steel double sink and a new paint job, all of which contribute both to beauty and convenience. Two other rooms were also redecorated. On Sunday afternoon, June 4, an Open House was held at the parsonage together with a dedication service.

A community Vacation Bible School was held June 5-16 under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Eleon Sandau, in which the Baptist and Methodist churches of Randolph participated. Fifty-six pupils and 15 teachers and helpers were enrolled for the sessions which met from 2:00-4:45 each afternoon. Almost eighty dollars were

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Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Germantown Baptist Church of North Dakota.

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brought by the children during the two weeks as a mission offering. We rejoice over three souls who found Christ as Savior.

Eleon L. Sandau, Pastor

**Women's Programs at Tyndall and Danzig, S. Dak.**

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Tyndall Baptist Church, Tyndall, S. Dak., observed "Guest Day" on May 18. The prelude was played by Mrs. David Zimmerman followed by a devotional led by Mrs. John Lubbers. Guests from Avon, Parkston, Tripp, Danzig and Tyndall Baptist Churches were welcomed.

The Danzig Woman's Society presented an apron "style show" on May 28. This was a short skit using book and magazine covers pinned on attractive aprons to show what the "well read" North American Baptist woman is reading. Then Mrs. Calvin Flinck, secretary of the Tyndall W. M. U., was presented to the group and gave an interesting book review on "When Saints Go Marching" by Ethel Ruff.

Following this, Mrs. Shirley Pudwill of Avon added a few very recent events from the life of the author.

A missionary offering was received with Mrs. Grace Lubbers offering the offertory prayer. Some of the newest colored slides of Baptist missionary work in Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Southern Cameroons, Africa, were shown.

Mrs. Calvin Finck, Reporter

**Ordination of Rev. Alvin Harsch, Plum Creek Church**

The Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., called a council for ordination on June 19, 1961. Delegates representing nine churches met to examine Alvin Harsch as to the required qualifications for ordination. The meeting was opened by David Decker. The council was organized and elected Rev. Peter Wiens of Avon, S. Dak., as chairman and Rev. I. Walker of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as secretary. Mr. Alvin Harsch gave his testimony and call to the ministry and read his prepared doctrinal statements. The council voted unanimously to recommend to the church to proceed.

The ordination service was held that same evening. His parents and Rev. W. Muller, home church pastor from Carbon, Alta., Canada, also Mrs. Harsch's parents and sister from Lead, S. Dak., and her grandparents witnessed the ordination service. The program was partly as follows: Scripture by Rev. J. G. Benke of Madison, S. Dak., and prayer by Rev. Robert G. Krueger of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The ordination message was delivered by Rev. W. Muller; charge to the congregation by Rev. Peter Wiens; and charge to the candidate by Rev. H. Effa of Chancellor, S. Dak. The ordination prayer, with the laying on of hands by all ordained Baptist ministers present, was offered by Rev. I. Walker. The hand of welcome was extended by Rev. L. Friesen of Emery. Rev. A. Harsch pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Edwin G. Decker, Reporter



"Apron Style Show" with ladies of the Danzig Woman's Missionary Union of South Dakota suggesting good reading for all church women.

Left to right: Mrs. Reuben Mattis with picture of the Bible; Mrs. Arnold Berndt, cover of "Secret Place"; Mrs. Richard Voigt, cover of "Baptist Herald"; Mrs. John Brandt, cover of "Broadcast"; and Mrs. James Jansen, Bible reading and Prayer Reminder leaflets.



## Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Graalman

An Oklahoma pioneer banker and his Chicago bride of 50 years ago celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in Okene, Okla., on May 16, 1961. Mr. Otto G. Graalman and Laura Scholz were married in Chicago, Ill., on May 16, 1911 by Rev. Jacob Meier. The intervening years have been spent in Okene where Mr. Graalman has been in the banking business 57 years. Mr. Graalman is the son of Rev. Edward Graalman, then pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal. Laura is the daughter of Rev. Joseph Scholz, former pastor of the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa.

Fifty years of active membership in the Zion Baptist Church have enabled Mr. Graalman to serve as deacon, clerk and treasurer. Mrs. Graalman has used her talent as church organist for most of the years since coming to Okene. She still serves in this capacity.

The anniversary of the Graalmans was celebrated on May 14 by first attending the morning worship service of their church with their many relatives and friends who came from great distances to share the day. Dinner was served for the couple and their guests by the Women's Missionary Union. In the afternoon an Open House was held at the home of the Graalmans by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Graalman.

Leon Bill, Pastor

## Baptism of 13 Converts at Hebron, N. Dak.

The First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., is happy to report the baptism of 13 persons and the reception of three who were given the hand of fellowship at a very impressive communion service. Six of these were adults. Our pastor, Rev. Ervin Faul, spent about two weeks in the hospital but our services were not neglected. The brethren helped out wherever they could and a love offering was given



Rev. Ervin J. Faul of Hebron, N. Dak., (right) and 16 persons whom he recently received into the Baptist Church by baptism and by testimony. Thirteen of these were baptismal candidates.



Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Graalman of Okene, Okla., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration. They are members of the Zion Baptist Church.

our pastor upon his recovery.

All branches of the church are working diligently for the furtherance of God's Kingdom. Our young people gave another performance of the play, "The Broken Circle," by special request; and presented it to the neighboring church at Beulah, N. Dak.

We finished a large project which took several months, namely, an entirely new foundation and basement under our parsonage and the building of a bedroom with a wood floor, an extra bathroom and tile floor throughout the rest of the basement. A new electric range has also been added to the kitchen of the parsonage.

Mrs. John Stading, Reporter

## New Pastor and Family Welcomed at Wausau, Wis.

The congregation of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wis., on Wednesday evening, June 21, said farewell to their interim pastor, Dr. M. Vanderbeck, and welcomed Rev. George Robinson and family as their

new pastor. Dr. Vanderbeck in his charge to the church reminded the congregation that the pastor as under-shepherd is a servant of God doing his will, not a servant to the flock. He leads the sheep and they follow. He charged the people to be in the house of prayer on prayer-meeting night as "heaven cannot wait." In his charge to Mr. Robinson, Dr. Vanderbeck stated the glory of the ministry is in the pastor's calling and in his message. The highest calling is to stand behind the sacred desk and answer the charge, "Feed My flock."

After the program, 150 members and friends gathered at Woodson Hall for a time of fellowship. Cakes, cookies, tea and coffee were served from a table centered with a garland arrangement of shaded pink peonies and candelabra with pink tapers. The arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Victor Kletzin, Mrs. George Schubring, Mrs. Henry Gunzel, and Mrs. Franklin Gering.

Mrs. Victor Kletzin, Church Clerk

## Vacation School at Mount Zion Church, Kansas

On Wednesday evening, May 17th, Jeanine Martinitz showed slides at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas, and told of her experiences with "God's Volunteers" last winter. After the service, a farewell was held in her honor. Late in May her mother, Mrs. Noten Martinitz, took her to Forest Park, Illinois where she is now working at our denominational headquarters.

From June 5 to 9 we held our Vacation Bible School in the Junction City Extension project. Our enrollment was 51 with an average attendance of 48. Miss Darlene Strobel of Venturia, N. Dak., and Patricia Quenzer of Herreid, S. Dak., were our teachers who helped us under the Student Placement Plan. Local teachers were Linda Brenner, Mrs. Noten Martinitz, Mrs. Edwin Walter and Evelyn Walter. Another highlight was to have one of our missionaries, Miss Delores Henne, with us. Her slides and report were a real challenge.

On Sunday, June 18, a picnic dinner was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Zoschke who arrived from Los Angeles, Calif., and will make their home here. They were married in Los Angeles on Jan. 20, 1961. We wish them God's richest blessing in their home here.

Helen Walter, Reporter

## Scripture Memory and Vacation School, Plevna, Montana

Early planning, special visiting and a staff of devout workers made for a successful Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana. The enrollment of 61 and the average attendance of 60 were records. Fourteen of these were from the Gas Refining Plant 23 miles north of Plevna. The parents brought the children and the Sunday School had arranged for their return. The six classes had two teachers each, and the pastor, Rev. R. H. Zepik, superintended the school. The missionary emphasis was supported with a \$50.18 offering which the school designated for Africa. The clos-

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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. PAUL GUMMELT of Waco, Texas

Mr. Paul Gummelt of Waco, Texas, the son of Peter and Mina Gummelt, was born in Washington County, Texas on June 28, 1878, and passed away May 17, 1961 at the age of 82. As a child he moved to Falls County near Cottonwood with his family. He was reared in the Cottonwood community and lived there most of his life. In 1893 he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized with twenty other converts in the Cottonwood Baptist Church. In 1950 Mr. Gummelt retired from the farm and moved to Waco, where he lived until the time of his death. Mr. Gummelt was a member of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. Survivors are his beloved wife of 930 North Twentieth Street; a daughter, Mrs. Albert Neiderer of Waco, Texas; six brothers; five sisters and two grandchildren. Central Baptist Church  
Waco, Texas

L. B. HINZ, Pastor

## DAVID HOFFMANN of Philadelphia, Pa.

David Hoffmann of Philadelphia, Pa., the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Ernest A. Hoffmann, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 11, 1961. He was born July 7, 1951, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and passed away in St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. His family had been in Philadelphia only a few days when he had to be hospitalized. David had been suffering from a tumor in his spinal cord, and after his second operation in New York City in 1959, he was confined to a wheel chair. This tumor in the spinal cord was the cause of his death.

Although he was young in years, his life was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him. Beside his mother and father, he is survived by a sister, Ardice Fleischmann Memorial Church Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
JEANETTE MACMEEKIN,  
Correspondent

## MR. HENRY GEORGE ALBRECHT of Villeneuve, Alberta

Mr. Henry G. Albrecht of Villeneuve, Alberta, was born on Sept. 12, 1896 in Norga, Russia and went to be with his Lord on June 17, 1961. Coming to Canada with his parents at the early age of three years, the deceased had lived in the Glory Hill district ever since that time. As a boy he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and joined the Glory Hill Baptist Church. Loyal he sought to serve his Master, and in various offices Mr. Albrecht was always deeply concerned about the salvation of others.

On March 6, 1928 he was united in marriage with Milly Albrecht. This union was blessed with one son and four daughters, who mourn the death of a loving husband and father. Besides his immediate family, he is survived by one daughter-in-law, 4 sons in law, 6 brothers, 4 sisters, 7 grandchildren and many other friends and relatives. Edmonton, Alberta  
E. P. WAHL, Correspondent

## MR. J. O. JOHNSON of Portland, Oregon

Mr. J. O. Johnson of Portland, Oregon, was born at Stafford, Oregon on Dec. 7, 1896 and died suddenly of a heart attack at his home on June 19, 1961. He had attained the age of 64 and one-half years. He was converted under the ministry of Dr. Jacob Kratt and baptized into the Trinity Baptist Church. He was a faithful, active member serving in the church as moderator and trustee for many years. He was also active in the North American Baptist General Conference as a trustee of the North American Baptist Seminary and in the work of Baptist Men. Locally he served as president and director of the Baptist Home for the Aged of Portland. For several terms he served as a state representative and member of the Oregon Senate and in many other civic organizations. From 1917 to 1927 he served as an attorney for the U. S. government, and from 1928 on in private practice in Portland and Tigard.

Mr. Johnson was married to Laura C. Meier on April 5, 1942 who now mourns his sudden departure. Others who sorrow over his going are two sons: Warren Walter and Rees Charles; a daughter, Carol Ann; a brother and four sisters; 2 grandchildren; besides a host of other relatives and friends. May God give his sustaining grace to all the bereaved!

Trinity Baptist Church  
Portland, Oregon  
JOHN WOBIG, Pastor

## DR. JOHN E. MEHLHAFF of Lodi, California

Dr. John E. Mehlhaff of Lodi, Calif., was born on July 12, 1891 at Tripp, South Dakota. In his thirteenth year he received Christ as his personal Savior under the ministry of Evangelist Schwendener and was baptized by Rev. Benz. He was married to Salome Schulz in 1915. Following his graduation from Kansas City Dental College in 1916, he practiced dentistry until last year when illness forced him to retire. He entered his heavenly home on June 23, 1961.

Dr. Mehlhaff was always active in the work of the church, serving as Sunday School superintendent and teacher, but his first love was music. He was a faithful member of the choir in the Temple Baptist Church of which he was a charter member.

In addition to his beloved wife, he leaves two sons: Dr. Rayburn Mehlhaff and Dr. Milo Mehlhaff; four grandchildren, four brothers, and four sisters.

Temple Baptist Church  
Lodi, California  
ROBERT SCHREIBER, Pastor

## MRS. SUSANNA MAJESKE of Midland, Michigan

Mrs. Susanna Majeske of Midland, Michigan was born May 2, 1870 in Lubin, Russia and passed away April 14, 1961. She was married to Gottlieb Majeske in 1890 in Russia. They emigrated to Sao Paulo, Brazil, then to Pennsylvania and then settled in Beaver Township in Michigan in 1904. Mr. Majeske died May 11, 1926. She leaves this testimony that she loved Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Michigan.

Surviving her are four sons: Wilbert of Bay City; Emil of Midland; Robert of Centerline; and Henry of Warren; four daughters: Mrs. Helen Gunther of Bay City; Mrs. Augusta Brecht of Beaver; Mrs. Alvina Moore of Saline; and Mrs. Bertha Hoenicke of Detroit; a sister, Mrs. Alvina Hubbard of Hubbard, Ore.; a brother, Edmund Kruger of Langley, Wash.; 33 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held at the First Baptist Church of Auburn and interment was in the Beaver Township Cemetery.

First Baptist Church  
Auburn, Michigan  
M. D. WOLFF, Pastor

## MR. HERMAN MAJESKE of Midland, Michigan

Mr. Herman Majeske of Midland, Michigan was born Nov. 18, 1892 in Sao Paulo, Brazil and passed away Jan. 11, 1961. He was married to the former Augusta Krentz April 5, 1915 in Beaver Township, Michigan. He was a very active and influential member of the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Michigan. At his death he was chairman of the Board of Deacons, an office he had held for many years.

Surviving him are his widow, Augusta; two sons: Edwin and Ray, both of Midland; three daughters: Mrs. Charles McCarty of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. Edwin Schultz of Midland, and Mrs. Bert Braun of Auburn; four brothers: Emil of Midland; Wilbert of Bay City; Robert of Centerline, Mich.; and Henry of Warren; four sisters: Mrs. Augusta Brecht of Beaver; Mrs. Helen Gunther of Bay City; Mrs. Bertha Hoenicke of Detroit, Mich.; and Mrs. Alvina Moore of Saline; a niece, Mrs. Robert Reinhardt of Midland; and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Auburn and interment was in the Midland Cemetery.

First Baptist Church  
Auburn, Michigan  
M. D. WOLFF, Pastor

## MRS. FRED VAN HOORN, SR. of Milbank, South Dakota

Mrs. Fred (Gretchen Korfe) Van Hoorn, Sr. of Milbank, S. Dak., was born on Oct. 21, 1879, the daughter of Siebe Korfe and Gretchen Schnitjer Korfe in Parkersburg, Butler County, Iowa. She grew to womanhood in Parkersburg and was married to Fred Van Hoorn on January 15, 1908 in Parkersburg. To this marriage 8 children were born: Dick of Sibley, Iowa; Margaret, Mrs. Marvin Hossebrook, Buffalo Center,

Iowa; Frieda, Mrs. Albert Gommer, Milbank, S. Dak.; Sarah, Mrs. Harold Winter, Portland, Oregon; Siebe Van Hoorn, Corona, S. Dak.; Fred Jr., Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Helen, Mrs. Harvey Bohn, Milbank, S. Dak.; and Rachel, Mrs. George Amsden, Milbank, S. Dak., all of whom survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Hoorn farmed near George, Iowa until 1911 at which time they moved to Corona where they farmed in Geneseo Township. In 1943 they retired from farming and moved to Milbank. Mrs. Van Hoorn was a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Corona. She accepted the Lord as Savior in her youth and was a devout Christian and faithful to her church as long as her health permitted her to work and worship through attendance. She died on May 16, 1961 while hospitalized in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Corona, South Dakota  
W. DACHTLER, Pastor

## MRS. REGINA ARLT of Ashley, North Dakota

Mrs. Regina Arlt, nee Huber, of Ashley, N. Dak., was born in McPherson County. Her childhood and youth were lived on the family farm. On June 17, 1905 she was baptized upon confession of her faith by Rev. G. Burgdorf and united with the Jewell Baptist Church, Bertsch Station, and later Johannestal Station. The following 56 years she remained a faithful member, known and loved for her friendly disposition, her prayers and faithfulness to her Lord.

On Nov. 18, 1906 she was united in marriage to Christian Arlt. They established their home 15 miles southwest of Ashley. Five children were born to this union. In 1942 they retired from farming and located in Ashley. Eleven years later her husband passed away. She made her home with her son, August, and family and her daughter, Lydia, and family. Since Feb. 3 she had been hospitalized in Eureka where she passed away on May 26 at the age of 73 years and 17 days. Mourners her passing are 4 children: Ernest, Lodi, Calif.; John, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Lydia (Mrs. Albert O. Haas), Venturia, N. Dak.; August, Ipswitch, S. Dak.; 4 grandchildren; 2 brothers; and 3 sisters.

Ashley Baptist Church  
Ashley, North Dakota  
A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Pastor

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even that had been done by means of false documents. See, the judge has given me a certificate for Zorillo proving that she has no claim whatsoever upon him. She might have caused them much trouble later on, you know, for she is a woman with only selfish ambitions. I thought that you would like to know."

He drew the document, with its impressive row of stamps, out of his pocket. Old Don Daniel studied it thoroughly and was altogether satisfied, although he knew not how to read a single letter. His attitude to Guadeloupe was more kindly after that, and they conversed freely for a while. Doña Angelica, too, was somewhat awed by the row of stamps, but she kept her distance, watching and listening skeptically from the kitchen. Only when Guadeloupe was ready to go, did she unbend a little, sufficiently to send *saludos* to her son-in-law and daughter and the children.

There was one more visit to make. Guadeloupe could not return without imparting the good news to Doña Helena and Don Jorge. Great was their rejoicing when they knew how successful the mission to Asunción had been, and how accurately God had timed it. They had a little praise meeting together, then parted, with many smiles and hearty hand shakes.

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ing program was combined with Children's Day at which all classes gave a good account of themselves.

The Scripture Memory Course saw the 34 enrolled children finish the year's course. There were nine 6th year bar awards given at the special service on Sunday, May 28. Our grateful thanks go to Mrs. Erwin Huber who sponsored the course and to her able assistants, Mrs. Richard Opp and Miss Ruth Sieler. Recitation of verses is conducted immediately after the morning worship service when memorizers go to their sponsors to recite. We are beginning to see the fruit of Scripture memorizing as we observe our young Christians and hear their testimonies.

R. H. Zepik, Pastor

### Reception for New Baptist Pastor, Goodrich, N. Dak.

Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Ehman and family, 3 daughters and one son arrived in Goodrich, N. D., May 30th and moved into the recently cleaned and painted parsonage of the First Baptist Church. They found the house supplied with groceries from a pantry shower given by the church members on an earlier date. On Sunday morning, June 4, the pastor brought his first message to the church. At the evening service the church held a reception for the new pastor and his family. Deacon Vernon Schneider was master of ceremonies for the program. Rev. Ed R. Oster of McClusky, N. Dak., led the song service and offered prayer. Deacon Paul Stober read scripture.

Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., brought the message based on Romans 12:12. He supplied the pulpit during the time we were without a pastor. Words of welcome were expressed by each department of our church. Mrs. Harold Felchle, president of the Woman's Mission Society, presented Mrs. Ehman with a corsage. Musical selections were rendered by the choir, ladies' trio, men's chorus, girls' trio, and Mr. and Mrs. Oster sang a duet. We feel it God's leading and a real privilege to have Rev. Jacob Ehman as our pastor.

Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter

### Central Dakota-Montana Association Sessions at Wishek

Opening the sessions of the Central Dakota-Montana Association held at Wishek, N. Dak., June 8-11, was the newly installed pastor of the Wishek church, Rev. Carl Weisser. After a welcome by the mayor and an appropriate response, the keynote address, "Ye Are Not Your Own" was given by Rev. Harold Gieseke, secretary of Education and Publication. Mr. Flavius Martin, a product of North American Baptist Missions in Africa and a student at the Seminary at Sioux Falls, spoke in the first session Friday morning, telling how the missionary can identify himself with the African in order that he can be most effective in his service.

After an inspirational message on "The Stewardship of Time" by Rev. A. J. Fischer of Linton, the association went into its first business ses-

### NO BLOTTER NEEDED!

James Gilmour, a pioneer missionary to Mongolia, prayed almost all the time. When he wrote letters and reached the bottom of a page, he never reached for a blotter. In stead he bowed his head and prayed while the ink dried!

Even ink-drying time can be extra prayer time.

sion with registration of delegates and church reports. Just before the dinner hour, Rev. J. C. Gunst, district secretary, challenged the people with the scriptural truth concerning "Stewardship of the Tithe." The Ladies' and the Men's Luncheons were held at separate places with special sessions of business and fellowship at each, followed by a general business session. The evening program was in the hands of the association women with Mr. William Rentz showing slides depicting "A Day in the Life of an African Woman."

The Saturday evening session was under the leadership of Oliver Bender, youth president, the featured speaker being Rev. Harold Gieseke. Sunday sessions were held with Rev. A. E. Reeh, Eureka, S. Dak., conducting the German worship service during the Sunday School Hour. At the 11:00 o'clock hour, Rev. Harold Gieseke spoke on "The Stewardship of Salvation." The final session Sunday afternoon was held with Mr. William Rentz giving a missionary challenge. An offering was received for missions in both the morning and afternoon sessions. The attendance at the association was good, even though the weather was rather warm.

Bernard Edinger, Reporter

### Women's Sessions, Central Dakota-Montana Association

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Central Dakota-Montana Association enjoyed their annual luncheon at the First Baptist Church in Wishek, N. D., on Friday, June 9. The business meeting followed with the vice-president, Mrs. Orville Meth, presiding. The song service was led by Mrs. M. Hoffman, after which Mrs. Faul of Hebron, N. D., gave an interesting devotional, challenging us to be "Palm Tree Christians." Mrs. E. S. Fenske of Lehr, N. D., led in prayer. A gracious welcome was extended by Mrs. Godfrey Herr. Roll call was taken by the secretary, Mrs. Walter Klempel of McIntosh, S. D., and 28 societies responded. During the year, \$17,126.91 was raised by the Woman's Missionary Union in their individual societies. All societies completed their White Cross work. Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. D., led the Memorial Service.

On Friday evening a program was presented by the women. Musical numbers were rendered by the Ladies' Chorus and a double trio from Wishek, N. D. Mrs. B. Edinger of Gackle, N. D., installed the newly elected officers: president, Mrs. Orville Meth, Venturia, N. D.; vice president, Mrs. David Litke, Fredonia, N. D.; secretary, Mrs. Faul, Hebron, N. D.; and treasurer, Mrs. E. Pfeifle, Napoleon, N. D. Mr. W. H. Rentz, Missionary to the Cameroons, presented a missionary message and showed a film of a day in

the Cameroons. The offering will be given to the Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. D.; Crystal Springs Youth Camp; Nursing Home in Madison, S. D.; and the \$60,000 Project of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Daniel O. Heringer, Reporter

## Northern District

### Junior CBY and Woman's Programs, Springside, Sask.

On June 4th the Junior C. B. Y. and the Junior Choir of the Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., under the leadership of Mrs. V. Pahl and Mrs. F. Nehring, presented a program centered around the theme, "The Bible." The choir rendered several hymn selections and a variety of choruses. Instrumental music was provided by a children's orchestra and also a rhythm band. Novelty singing was presented by the "Melody Maids Singers." The climax of the program was a play entitled, "The Whole Armour of God," describing the fully-clad Christian.

On June 11th the Woman's Missionary Society had as guest speaker for its annual program Miss Betty Mantay, missionary-elect to the Cameroons. Beautiful songs and poems were given by various members. Following the program, representatives of the church organizations extended their best wishes to Miss Mantay. The Woman's Missionary Society presented Miss Mantay with a gift. On June 25th a graduation of ten pupils who finished the leadership training course, "Planning for Children in Your Church," was a feature of the evening service. Mrs. V. Pahl was the instructor for the course.

Mrs. Dan Arndt, Reporter

### Pastor's Farewell at Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask.

On April 30 members and friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., gathered to bid farewell to their pastor, Rev. J. W. Wollenberg, and family. After the pastor's farewell message, each organization of the church participated in the farewell program. Our senior deacon, Alvin Bohn, was master of ceremonies, and the Woman's Missionary Society president, Grace Bohn, presented Mr. Wollenberg with a boutonniere, Mrs. Wollenberg with a corsage of roses, and a rosebud to their sons, Mark and Timothy. Mr. Andrew Dreger spoke on behalf of the congregation and presented them with a gift of luggage. Mr. and Mrs. Wollenberg responded, thanking everyone for the gift and for the cooperation given them during their 3½ years of ministry. Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Wollenberg and family left on May 2 for Morris, Man., where he is now serving the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

On May 14, we were privileged to have Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., with us for our Mother's Day program, which was presented by "The Singing Men." We received many blessings as Dr. R. Schilke unfolded the story of the Cameroons to us on June 11 with the "Homebuilders" in charge of the service.

Mrs. Dennis Giese, Reporter