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BAPTIST HERALD





C. T. I. Alumni Breakfast



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Pension Fund Breakfast

BREAKFASTS

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CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE ALUMNI BREAKFAST. One of the many stimulating and exciting events of the Conference was that of the Alumni Breakfast of the C.T.I. held Thursday at the beautiful and spacious home of Mr. Harold Mistele, located on the shores of Lake St. Claire. Approximately 70 were in attendance and enjoyed not only a hearty breakfast but also good fellowship in renewing old acquaintances, reminiscing and sharing experiences during and since our C.T.I. days.

Mr. Wayne Ohlhauser, president of the Alumni Association, welcomed all, especially Dr. E. P. Wahl, the founder of C.T.I. Mr. Ohlhauser reported that the last payments toward our Land Project have been made two years ahead of schedule. Our next project is to pay for the utilities on the new campus. The estimated cost is \$20,000.00.

Dr. A. S. Fehlberg delivered greetings from C.T.I. to the Alumni and shared briefly his concern regarding the present space situation, the necessity of relocation and future needs. He reported that contrary to the trend in past years in which enrollment was 90% Canadian students and 10% U. S. students, the applicants for the fall of 1967 are 50% Canadian and 50% U. S., which is most gratifying.

The officers of the Alumni Association are—president—Mr. Wayne Ohlhauser, vice-president—Mr. Llew Bertsch, treasurer—Mr. Harvey Bertsch, secretary—Miss Shirley Werk, and promotion—Mr. Daunavon Buyer.—*Melvin Bergstresser, Winnipeg, Man.*

MINISTERS' LUNCHEON. Special music by the men's quartet of the C.T.I. and participation in the Luncheon program by Alphonz Lamprecht, Everett Barker, Walter Hoffmann, Robert Hess, and Dr. Narramore highlighted this special luncheon. Guest speaker, Dr. Clyde Narramore, spoke on "Counseling Help for Ministers and Missionaries." Considerable time was spent answering quests and offering reference and resource materials. Special guests, recent graduates, new men in the Conference, missionaries, and Dr. Charles Koller were recognized. The ministers approved the DAP Committee's recommendation to have a joint conference of laymen and ministers at Green Lake, Wis., July 12-19, 1969, pending approval of the laymen.—*Clarence Walth, Chicago, Ill.*

LAYMEN'S LUNCHEON. The luncheon for Baptist Men was held on July 13 at the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church with retiring President Stanley C. Johnson, Tacoma, Wash., as master of ceremonies.

Dr. Sam Wolgemuth, Tacoma, Wash., president of Youth for Christ, addressed the group on "A World in Turmoil—the Christian Layman Faces the Crisis."

Under the leadership of Vernon C. Heckman of St. Paul, Minn., a new constitution was adopted. The officers, (three year terms) and a committeeman (six year terms) from each General Conference District, are elected at the N.A.B. triennial Conference. (There formerly were six Directors at Large.)

Gerhard Panke, Buffalo, N. Y., was chairman of the nominating committee. The following officers were elected: president, Arnold Mauch, Sacramento, Calif.; vice-president, Sheldon Preston, Grand Forks, N. D.; secretary-treasurer, Walter S. Fritzeimer, (re-elected), Stafford, Kan.; district committeemen: Eastern—Carl Guenther, Parma, Ohio; Central—Vernon Heckman, St. Paul, Minn.; Northern—Ernest Kern, Leduc, Alta.; Western—Henry Schmunk, Tacoma, Wash.

Secretary of stewardship, Rev. David J. Draewell, challenged the men with "Operation HELP."

The financial goals for Baptist Men are: Dr. Peter Fehr, Banso Baptist Hospital—\$4,000; medical project—\$2,000; Seminary Book Fund—\$1,000; Church Extension Operating ceived up to April 30, 1967, for the last triennium was slightly in excess of \$12,000.—*Harold B. Johns, Oak Park, Ill.*

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY ALUMNI BREAKFAST. The second annual meeting of the Seminary Alumni Association was held on July 12 at the Central Methodist Church with 181 in attendance. The Reverend Elton Kirstein, president, presided over the breakfast meeting.

Dr. Frank Veninga noted that our Seminary is now in its 117th year of training, that the Alumni have contributed over \$4,300 to the library project, and that over the past three years, 27 have graduated. Twenty are in the ministry, three on the mission field, one in the air force chaplaincy, one an exchange student to Germany, one is in graduate study, and one married a seminarian.

Rev. Willis Potratz spoke on "What You Can Do through the Alumni Association." His emphasized three areas: (1) help to gain and hold accreditation, (2) train and influence young people into full-time service, and (3) undergird. The three ministries of the Alumni Association are (1) fellowship, (2) recruitment, (3) support.

Rev. Clarence Walth presented a four-fold project report which was passed: (1) the development of a recruitment program to assist our seminary; (2) refresher courses at our seminary or conferences under the direction of the seminary; (3) a Yokefellow program with men on the mission field and native pastors and nationals; and (4) a financial goal of \$900 per year.

Mr. Herman Bleeker presented citation awards in behalf of the Seminary to Rev. W. S. Argrow and Rev.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE BANQUET. After a week of activities that demanded all the time and energy one could muster up, it was a refreshing change to spend a whole evening at the General Conference Banquet with almost 1500 other delegates and visitors. Our toastmaster was Rev. George Breikreuz, Racine, Wis. The whole experience proved to be one of Christian fellowship and spiritual growth.

Music played a large part. Mr. Arthur Schultz, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., set the pace by leading the song service. The Campus Concorde of C.T.I. followed by rendering two meaningful selections. Later on in the program Dan Pankratz, Chicago, Ill., played a cello solo. "The King's Men" of the North American Baptist Seminary sang two quartet numbers as a witness to their faith.

The testimonies proved to be no less inspiring. Mr. E. K. Martin of Cameroon, related how God had led in his life. "I'm overwhelmed," he said repeatedly. Coming from a Christian home, he experienced God's claim on his life at an early age. He served the Lord in a

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North American Baptist Seminary Alumni Breakfast, Dr. Veninga speaking.

Pastors' Wives Breakfast.



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BANQUET



Rev. Everett Barker, new president, Ministers' Fellowship.



Arnold Mauch, new president, Baptist Men.



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Ministers' Luncheon, Rev. A. Lamprecht, pres., speaking.

Baptist Men's Luncheon. Harold Johns Photo



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35th General Conference Banquet, Cobo Hall, Detroit.





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Dr. Gerald L. Borchert, (l. to r)
The Honorable John G. Diefenbaker, Moderator A. Dale Ihrle.



Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr., and
Rev. David J. Draewell.



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Vice moderator Herbert Stabbert
and Dr. Clyde Narramore.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Rev. Connie Salios,
Evangelist Mel Dibble.

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SPEAKERS

DR. HERSCHEL HOBBS. "Every age is an age of transition" said Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, at the opening conference session on Monday night. The large expectant audience gave full attention to the descriptive message by Dr. Hobbs which reminded us that this age is unlike all others. Specifics were pointed out in communication and travel, and we were reminded that Twentieth Century man does not live in a vacuum but in a fish bowl. Dr. Hobbs cited an example of the need to keep up in schools where mimeographed material rather than textbooks are used to keep the students up-to-date. With all of these many changes, somehow

the public expects the Church to keep up, claimed Mr. Hobbs.

Dr. Hobbs then glanced back to the life of the apostle Paul where people also demanded of him to make the gospel more relevant. But despite the changes, the same gospel of Christ was relevant because it sought to change man on the inside, not the outside. Jesus' message was dynamic, not dynamite, and worked from the inside out. Paul had to decide between two alternatives, Dr. Hobbs said. He had to choose between teaching a philosophy or the gospel. That gospel worked in Corinth, the center of Paul's greatest challenge, because God was at work. So today we are not called to be successful but to be faithful and preach the gospel and leave the results to the Lord. If we are faithful to this command, God's timeless message will meet the needs of the changing world.—*Harry H. Hiller, Woodside, N. Y.*



Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs

DR. WILLIAM R. TOLBERT. The great Wednesday evening crowd sang, "In Christ there is no East or West." It seemed a perfect setting for a session featuring an address by the first colored president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. William R. Tolbert, Jr. Besides being an active Baptist pastor and the president of his own Liberian Baptist Missionary and Education Convention, Dr. Tolbert has been for the last 16 years vice-president of the West African Republic of Liberia. After a gracious introduction by Dr. Frank Woyke, the BWA President spoke of his personal faith in the great Biblical truths for which Baptists have lived and died. He spoke with great conviction, without apology, and in flawless English. Who that was present that night can ever forget the ringing "My faith—and I hope it is yours as well" with which Dr. Tolbert introduced each doctrinal facet from the Triune God to the separation of church and state.

Dr. Bernard Schalm



In conclusion, Dr. Tolbert said, "Let us ask ourselves if we are in the faith. Is our position unmovable? Are we established on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ? Then we can all come into the blessed unity of the faith" (Eph. 4:13).

After this stirring address, one delegate was heard to observe: "Well, not all Baptists are doctrinally straight, but the President of all the Baptists is straight!" In a day of crisis and confusion, it was a heart-warming and encouraging message from a dedicated brother in Christ.—*Harold W. Gieseke, Bethlehem, Pa.*

THE HONORABLE JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER. Mr. Diefenbaker, the former Prime Minister of Canada, present leader of the Opposition Party, was very properly introduced by the captivating dramatic presentation of the C.T.I. Choristers, depicting the founding and growth of the respective Canadian Provinces. Thus impressed by the devotion and zeal of Christian youth throughout the Americas, the speaker touched upon the issue of conflicting motivations, where Christian service is surrendered for affluence and inner peace for temporal possessions.

Mr. Diefenbaker brought it to our attention that the involvement in South Vietnam "can be compared with the load Great Britain carried in the world for over one hundred years before." Furthermore, he challenged the idea of the United Nations Organization that is trying to provide peace through an international police force. Doing so internationally, as well as nationally, individual intolerance becomes a major issue in many ways of our life.

Because of such social issues, and many more, coupled with the confusion of life's real values, "young people of today do claim that religion has no answer for them." Others say God is dead, and therefore live lawlessly without any scruples. "And yet," Mr. Diefenbaker said, concluding his address, "there is still hope for mankind . . . Man's ability to survive is to do God's will NOW, and more so than ever before. . . . Unless we translate our personal beliefs into daily living and application, we fail to do God's will in the presence of others."—*Erhard Knull, Parma, Ohio.*

DR. CLYDE NARRAMORE. "The psychologist or psychiatrist who fails to consider the spiritual need of man may well be providing only a lacquer covering, rather than meeting the deep need of his client." These words of Dr. Clyde Narramore would largely sum up his concern for meeting the needs of man on three vital levels: the physical, the emotional, and equally important, the spiritual. The pastor who has had to refer a disturbed individual to non-Christian professional help could certainly share in the concern expressed by Dr. Narramore.

The conference visitors and delegates had at least two opportunities to

hear Dr. Narramore. On Thursday evening he spoke of the moral problems of our day and how there is need for a born-again experience to have an adequate foundation in changing times.

Dr. Narramore is to be commended for presentations which presented the emotional needs of man in the light of a Bible-centered, evangelical approach.—*Allan Strohschein, Bismarck, N. D.*

EVANGELIST MEL DIBBLE. Warmth, fervor and simplicity characterized the preaching of God's Word on Friday night of the Conference. Evangelist Mel Dibble preaching on "Bringing Christ to Modern Man" made us aware again that we are a continuing part of the revivalist preaching of our forefathers. The old Camp Meeting in the heart of July, as in earlier years of America's history, was now experienced in the coolness and comfort of Ford Auditorium by several thousand North American Baptists who, too, came apart for fellowship and spiritual guidance.

The burden of Evangelist Dibble's message was to point out that the world is sick, that Christ is the answer, and we must preach this Christ.

God has a method and a message for the malady of the world, and we "must get into the stream of God's activity" to accomplish this end.

Man needs to know that Christianity is not a religion but a relationship to Jesus Christ; that in Christ alone there is new life. If the Church becomes concerned only with lesser issues; i.e., physical and social, although important, where can man go to learn of eternal life? The simplicity of faith in Jesus Christ is especially timely in the sophistication of our day. It is the "lifted" Christ that will do the job.

For this God needs us and requires a "participating" commitment to the cause of Christ rather than a "spectator" commitment, which is so common. A testing point is to ask how many of our procedures and ways "give the Devil any anxiety." Certainly much of our preaching, teaching and witnessing does not.

The kind of belief that Romans 10: 1-11 stresses is a "heart" belief: a belief of total commitment, trust and involvement with Jesus Christ. "We have got to go now; men are dying."—*Leland H. Friesen, St. Paul, Minn.*

DR. BERNARD SCHALM. "Who Art Thou Lord?" was the title of the message brought by Dr. Bernard Schalm, Christian Training Institute, on Sunday morning. The gist of the message was illustrated by a father's question to his son: "If you had only two wishes for things you really wanted, what would these wishes be?" The son replied, "I wish I would know all things, and secondly, I wish I could do all things." These two requests summarize two of the most basic drives and motivations within man. These involve the entire life of man

and all that revolves around these desires. Man is constantly occupied with the desire for knowledge, and meaning, and secondly, a desire for power or authority.

As with Paul, so with man today, this quest for knowledge continues, until man finds himself occupied with the person of Christ as Lord of life. In the commitment of Paul to a person, his entire direction of life changed: to have a greater knowledge of the person of Christ the Lord.

The second basic drive within man is the quest for power or authority. This quest leads to conflict between nations, people, races, and within man himself. The church, in a struggle for power, is becoming more and more involved in marches, protests, and in pressure groups. However, Christ said, "All power is given unto me. . . ." Only in submission to Christ, is the church and the individual, given power and authority. Christ was not only Paul's Savior but one who was already Lord.

The acknowledged Lordship of Christ that Paul and the early church accredited their power and authority for the release of man from himself and from sin which continually enslaves him. The world searches for knowledge and power in many different ways; many lead into futility and despair; the church needs to proclaim again, *Jesus Christ is Lord.*—*Arthur Boymook, Jamesburg, N. J.*

German Services

German services were held Saturday evening, July 15, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Rev. John E. Grygo, Rev. W. G. Wiescholke, Rev. Fred Merke, Rev. R. L. Kluttig and Rev. Alfred Luck participated in the time of worship.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. Heinrich Gartmann, pastor of the German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, Man. His text was Rev. 3:10. Special testimonies were given by Dr. Dieter W. Lemke, Pastor O. Simon, Hannover, Germany, and visiting pastors of our General Conference.

Musical selections were given by members of the Bethel Baptist Church, Windsor, Ont., and Mrs. Wilhelmine Gartmann.

On Sunday morning the services were held at the Ridgmont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernie Rogalski, Vancouver, B. C., spoke to the children during the Sunday school hour, and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn taught the lesson in the Adult Department. Rev. and Mrs. Heinrich Gartmann sang.

During the worship service Rev. Richard Hohensee, Edminton, Alta., delivered the message on the theme: The Church of Jesus Christ. Rev. H. J.

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BIBLE STUDIES



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Dr. Gerald L. Borchert, Bible and Meditation Hour Speaker.

PAUL AND THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

While mingling with the delegates and visitors of the 35th North American Baptist General Conference, it was not a surprise to hear someone comment that the most provocative half-hour of the day came at 11:30 A.M. when Dr. Gerald L. Borchert led the conference in the Meditation and Bible Study Hour. The four lectures given on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will long mark these days with lasting value.

Dr. Borchert is professor of New Testament at our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D. He received his Doctor of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. His loyal devotion to the Word of God has endeared him to many evangelical Christians. His ministry in our denominational fellowship is appreciated.

Over-arching the four lectures given by Dr. Borchert was the contemporary theme: "Paul and the Twentieth Century." The first meditation titled "Only an Ancient Messenger?" made vivid the unusual Godly character

and prolific ministry of the Apostle Paul. Paul, the man of Tarsus whose Hebrew name Saul and Greek name Paul facilitated cordial acceptance in a heterogeneous society, was an intellectual giant. His rational power made him a peer to the greatest masters of philosophy. Not only did his competence qualify him to scrutinize the thoughts of the Greek philosophers but also challenge intellectuals of today. Yet it was this Paul who said: "For the foolishness of God is wiser than men" (I Cor. 1:25). Thus, surely the message that Paul recorded by the spirit of God deserves the credence of every man.

The second meditation, "What about 'God is Dead'?" exposed again some vital experiences of the Apostle Paul. When Paul pronounced salvation in Jesus Christ, he was speaking to a Hellenistic world. The people had lost confidence in their gods. They were worshiping a faith that had no impact on society. Their gods were dead. To these people Paul proclaimed God as the living answer for the souls of men. As a Jew, Paul had tried to defend the faith. When he met Christ, he discovered that it was not his task to defend God but to be a vessel of his living dynamic. The present echo of the God is Dead theology is not an exposition of what has happened to God but *what has happened to believers*. Because too often the Church and Christians give the impression in their daily conduct that God is dead, it has been concluded that God is indeed dead as far as the vital issues of the contemporary world are concerned. Our task is, therefore, not to try to defend the reality of God *but live it*.

The third meditation initiated a confrontation with "The Human Dilemma." This dilemma is laid bare in

Romans 7. There is a constant struggle in man between the good and the evil. The Greeks related the mind to God. Thus the mind was always pure. Only the body was sinful. Paul knew this was not true. He knew that sin was constantly ravaging the destiny of man. Thus he said: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Man is not really Christianized when he becomes a convert. He is both dead and alive. He is in the process of becoming. As he rejects sin and submits to the control of Christ, he becomes whole.

The meditation, "The Crises in the Church," stimulated reflection on the past, present, and future of the Christian Church. As past centuries have been marked with certain theological issues, so the present century is marked with the hot issue of the relevance of the Christian Church. Though many are vocalizing their disenchantment with the Church, signs of healthy reform are appearing on the horizon. There is now evident a growing interest in the Bible. Bible study groups are springing up all over the country. Universities are expanding their religious departments, which are exposing more and more students to the study of our faith. Ever since the beginning of the "International Missionary Council" there has been a growing concern for Christian unity and responsibility. Though the Church has been justly criticized by some, much of the criticism has been unfair. The reformation spark that has been kindled in the Church gives us the right to be optimistic.

It is quite evident that ours is an age of crisis. But as the Church rightly bears the torch of the conquering faith there is hope for all ages.—*Rev. Paul Siewert, Vancouver, B. C.*

MISSIONARY MOMENTS AND MEDITATION

Dr. Frank Mead, in his book, "Handbook of Denominations," describes North American Baptists as a conference stressing "a very strong emphasis on missions." Thus we remained in true character as we began every morning session of our General Conference with a missionary emphasis.

AFRICA. Rev. Edward Kary led the opening session on Tuesday morning and introduced Missionary Minnie Kuhn. As Mr. E. K. Martin, a native of Africa and Superintendent of Schools in West Cameroon, was present, Miss Kuhn graciously allotted the time to him. Mr. Martin extended greetings from 30,000 Cameroonian Baptists and their 473 churches. He reminded us that the need is as great as ever to send missionaries to West Cameroon, and he further emphasized the need of more native Cameroonians coming to America to further their education. It was a heart-stirring experience to hear this man, a product of our mission endeavor, quote Matthew 25:40. The unique privilege of Mr. Martin's presence was quite obvious from the number of camera bulbs which flashed during his presentation.

SPANISH-AMERICAN AND INDIAN. Rev. Robert Penner led the Wednesday session and introduced Rev. David Keiry who represented the Spanish-American field. Rev. Keiry stated that we are often misled because of a preconceived idea of the Latin-American. Work among these people is slow, because the missionary must first be accepted as an individual; however, with patience these people can be reached for the Lord.

Rev. David Harrison, representing the Indian mission field in Canada, then informed us that the population of the Indians is increasing, that 30 conversions were recorded this past year, that attendance has doubled, and that they are witnessing a unique working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the people on the reservation.

JAPAN. The Thursday session was led by Rev. Arthur Boymook. Rev. Edwin Kern, representing Japan, stated that we cannot modify the gospel message to fit the culture (in the case of Japan it would be pantheism), but we must present the gospel in such a way that it will break through the culture and convert the individual to Christ.

Rev. Fred Moore, also representing Japan, pointed out that if any one nation epitomizes a cultural crisis, it would be Japan. We must anticipate the ever-increasing power and authority of Japan as a nation in the years to come; this will especially be noticed in the East.

AFRICA. Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn led the Friday session. Rev. Lloyd Kwast, representing Africa, mentioned that wherever there is radical change there is a crisis situation; hence, there is a crisis in Africa as well as in America. But he further reminded us that God sometimes uses a crisis period as a means of opportunity.

Rev. Gerhard Schroeder, representing Africa, and the last missionary to speak, challenged us to send forth more short-term missionaries. The short-term missionary can qualify if he is trained in secular education, but he also must possess a compassion for souls.

It was indeed an inspiration to begin each day in this way, to hear our missionaries present the cause of Christ with vision and conviction. There is a constant and ever-increasing challenge confronting us as North American Baptists.—*Kenneth L. Howe, Waco, Texas.*

DEVOTIONAL AND INSPIRATIONAL SESSION

Rev. John Wollenberg, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., led in a forty-minute devotional and inspirational session on Saturday morning. Rev. Wollenberg introduced "three of God's children" who each gave a testimony on some experience in their life which has strengthened their faith.

Chaplain (Major) Clinton E. Grenz of Fort Riley, Kan., began the testimonies by relating how his faith has been strengthened in counselling servicemen to live for Christ. Chaplain Grenz referred to Christian servicemen as "our short-term missionaries" who need to be encouraged to carry forth the word of life in this age of crisis, as the yare scattered around the world.

Miss Irma Bergstresser, an office secretary from Winnipeg, Man., testified how her faith was strengthened by taking an active part in the Grant Park church extension project which was launched in 1959. Miss Bergstresser expressed the challenge she felt and the opportunities of service she saw in this work. Miss Bergstresser testified of the joy beyond expectation as she knocked on doors and invited people to the new

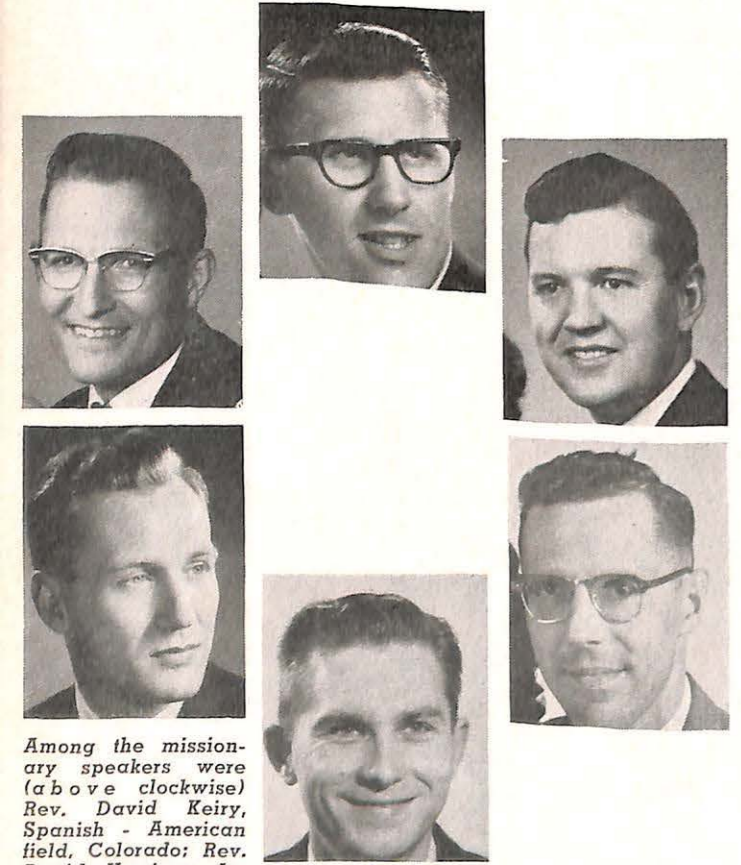


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Rev. Edward Kary, leader of one Missionary Meditation Session; E. K. Martin, education secretary, Cameroon; Minnie Kuhn, missionary.

church and saw them respond.

Rev. Elton Kirstein of Houston, Texas, shared an experience in which a number of people were saved in 1965 while he was pastor in Steamboat Rock, Iowa, which strengthened his faith. Rev. Kirstein introduced Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kramer who were among those that found the Lord. They were saved during evangelistic meetings which were preceded by several weeks of intense prayer and weeping for souls on the part of some of the church members. Rev. Kirstein testified that "this experience strengthened my faith to see that God is faithful."—*Loren A. Weber, Arnprior, Ont.*



Among the missionary speakers were (above clockwise) Rev. David Keiry, Spanish - American field, Colorado; Rev. David Harrison, Indians, Canada; Rev. Edwin Kern and Rev. Fred Moore, Japan; Rev. Lloyd Kwast and Rev. Gerhard Schroeder, Cameroons.

MEDITATIONS

Rev. D. Fuchs Appointed To New Position



Rev. Daniel Fuchs

The Reverend Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism and Church Extension from 1959-67, has been appointed by the Board of Missions to the newly created position of Assistant General Secretary of the Board of Missions, North American Baptist General Conference, as of September 1, 1967.

Mr. Fuchs continues to serve in the area of evangelism but has the additional responsibility of all the home mission work, including the mission-aided churches and home mission fields. Pastors of these churches and home missionaries are to address all correspondence in regard to these areas to Mr. Fuchs.

• **The Department of Christian Education** has prepared "Christian Education Resources, 1967-68" which includes material for Christian Education Week, September 24-October 1, 1967, and has mailed copies of this material to all pastors, directors of Christian education, and Sunday school superintendents.

• **Missionaries of the week for the month of September, 1967,** are as follows: Miss Ruby Salzman, Cameroon, (Sept. 3); Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss, Cameroon, (Sept. 10); Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Kwast, Cameroon, on furlough, (Sept. 17); and Miss Bernice Westerman, Cameroon, (Sept. 24).

• **The Women's Missionary Union of the North American Baptist General Conference** is to be congratulated for their giving during this past triennium. Their total giving amounted to \$202,935.21 for denominational projects.

• **Word has been received of the passing of ministers who have served in our fellowship:** Rev. August Runtz of Seattle, Wash., on July 29, 1967; Rev. Fred Willkens of Rochester, N. Y., the end of July; and Rev. Fred Schmidt, of Sullivan, Ill., on July 12.

• **Miss Ida Forsch and Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Strauss and family** returned to Cameroon and Miss Minnie Kuhn to Northern Nigeria in July, 1967, to assume their missionary duties.

• **Rev. C. L. Halstead is part-time youth pastor** at Ridgemont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich.

• **Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dermody and family, Mr. Norman Glewwe, short term missionary, Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Kwast, Mrs. Jerome Fluth and three daughters, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Lang and family, Miss Barbara Stroh, and Mrs. Alma Henderson** arrived safely in the United States in July from Cameroon, West Africa, to begin their furloughs.

• **Rev. and Mrs. Herman Effa and family and Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rabenhorst** began our mission work in Brazil the latter part of August, after having completed their Portuguese language study. They are now in Caixas do Sul. Our mission effort will be concentrated there and in the surrounding area.

• **Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore and family and Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Weick and family** left August 31 for Japan. Rev. Moore reassumes the duties of President of the Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan. The Weick family, just newly appointed, will be stationed in Kyoto where they will be engaged in Japanese language studies.

• **Rev. Melvin Warkentin, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas,** accepted the call to become the pastor of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. D., beginning September 1, 1967.

• **Mr. Martin Frank** became the pastor of the Stafford Baptist Church, Wilsonville, Ore., August 13, 1967.

• **David Samf, 1967 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D.,** was ordained by the Snowview Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, on June 30 in the evening. An ordination council consisting of delegates from nine churches recommended that he be ordained.

The public ordination service was held at the Snowview Baptist Church. Ministers from both the North American Baptist General Conference and the Baptist General Conference participated in the service. Dr. Douglas Gallagher preached the ordination sermon. Rev. David Samf is preparing for the Air Force Chaplaincy. (Ray Niederer, reporter.)

• **Bill Spletzer, a church son of the Meadowlark Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta.,** was ordained into the gospel ministry on June 21, 1967. The ordination council consisting of eight neighboring churches met in the afternoon to examine the candidate and recommended that the local church ordain Mr. Spletzer. The ordination service took place that evening with Rev. Sibley in charge. Dr. E. P. Wahl brought a challenging message, after which Rev. Sibley led in the ordination prayer. Rev. C. Littman gave the charge to the church; Rev. W. Muller gave the charge to the candidate, extended the hand of fellowship and presented the ordination certificate. Rev. B. Spletzer closed with prayer. (Lloyd Kresier, secretary.)

Director Of Church Extension Appointed



Lyle Wacker

The Reverend Lyle Wacker has been appointed by the Board of Missions in July to the position of Director of Church Extension, N.A.B. General Conference. He assumes this position on September 1, 1967, at which time he, his wife and son will move to Elmhurst, Ill.

A graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, he served as the pastor of the Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Neb., from 1958-62 and then as the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Okla., from 1962-67. A member of the Board of Missions for five years, Mr. Wacker has been chairman of this Board for the past three years.

As Director of Church Extension, he will have as his immediate responsibility the entire church extension program of our denomination. All church extension pastors, churches, and local Church Extension Committees should address their correspondence to Mr. Wacker.

Editorial

GIVE TO GAIN

Guest Editorial by Stanley C. Johnson, Tacoma, Wash., Moderator
North American Baptist General Conference, 1967-1970

Our 35th General Conference held in the "Motor City," Detroit, Michigan, was another milestone in our denominational family life. The joy of meeting many old friends and renewing relationships with them as indeed a wonderful experience.

The daytime sessions were held in the Central Methodist Church. For the evening meetings, we gathered at the beautiful Ford Auditorium.

Each morning we heard reports from our missionaries concerning their particular program and needs. We were constantly reminded of the open doors of service before us.

As each department of our denominational family presented their respective progress reports, we learned much about our achievements. We were deeply challenged by the opportunities that lie before us. May God give us willing hearts and hands and then give us strength of body, soul and mind to reach out and accept the challenges presented to us.

Dr. Gerald Borchert's Bible studies were very inspiring and always caused us to remember that our lives must be disciplined to and in God's Word, the Holy Scriptures.

The special guest speakers brought an international atmosphere to our meetings. Each speaker, as he addressed the conference, developed our conference theme from his own point of view, which brought a real variety of thought and opinion.

As the curtain went down after the last act of "Crisis at the Church of NAB," presented by the C.T.I. Centennial Choristers, we all rose to our feet and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," bringing to a close another interesting and informative General Conference.

As we left for our on places of ministry, this motivating thought came to me: "HE IS NO FOOL, WHO GIVES WHAT HE CANNOT KEEP, TO GAIN WHAT HE CANNOT LOSE." Jim Elliott, from the Shadow of the Almighty.

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Some of the Conference Delegates

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Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, superbly moderated the Conference business sessions.

Excerpts from Recommendations Approved and Resolutions Adopted at Detroit

EDITOR: . . . position of Promotional Secretary . . . eliminated, . . . Editor of English Publications be a full-time job . . . duties also include co-ordinating the promotional activities of the denomination and the editing of promotional literature.

WOMEN AND B. O. M.: Constitutional change, Article VII, 2 (b)—“Three laymen and woman at large be elected by the General Conference for a period of three years.”

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL: . . . officers of the General Conference, along with the head officer of each co-operating society or department, be elected by the General Conference. Other administrative personnel of a co-operating society or department are to be appointed by their individual boards. The presidents of our denominational educational institutions are . . . appointed by their boards. Elected positions are moderator, vice-moderator, executive secretary, general treasurer, secretary of Stewardship and higher education, general missionary secretary, manager of Roger Williams Press, general secretary—Department of Christian Education. Appointed positions are director of stewardship advance, assistant general missionary secretary, director of church extension, editor of German publications, editor of English publications, editor of Christian education literature, assistant general secretary—Department of Christian Education, director of children's work, president of the seminary, and president of C.T.I.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES: Article VIII, paragraph one—“ . . . to be elected by the General Conference, one minister and one layman are to be from our Canadian constituency and one minister and one layman from our U.S. constituency.”

MERGER: . . . the appointment by the General Conference of a committee to explore closer co-operation and to inaugurate a detailed study of the feasibility of a possible merger with the Baptist General Conference. . . . committee shall include representatives of the nine local conferences, . . . new moderator of General Conference, . . . executive secretary. . . .

CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE: . . . permission be given to the C.T.I. to admit men to its pastoral training program who may not possess bilingual abilities. . . . be granted recognition as the undergraduate theolo-

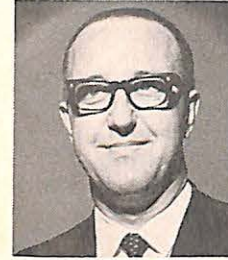
gical training school of the NABGC. . . . if the Canadian constituency desires to maintain a junior college in connection with the C.T.I., a committee be formed composed of representatives from our Canadian constituency as well as from the General Conference as a whole which would delineate the “denominational” and “local” aspects of the school and work out mutually acceptable guidelines for implementation. . . . merely an acknowledgment of a possibility . . . Canadian constituency . . . to bear the financial burden. . . . C. T. I. be relocated on a site in Alberta as provided by the Alumni Association to be determined by the CTI Building Committee, CTI Board of Trustees and the General Council. . . . finances for relocation . . . amount of \$650,000 . . . obtained. . . . Denominational capital funds drive—\$275,000, goal of Northern Conference—\$125,000, British Columbia Association pledge—\$20,000, sale of present campus (est.)—\$50,000, proceeds from sale of apartment building (est.)—\$80,000, NHA or other loan—\$100,000. . . . reaffirm the status of the C.T.I. as a co-operating society of the General Conference. . . . new name of the C.T.I. be North American Baptist College . . . after relocation.

CAPITAL FUNDS DRIVE: . . . proceed . . . the order of priority . . . Christian Training Institute—\$275,000, church extension—\$275,000, missions (home and foreign)—\$300,000, and seminary advance—\$150,000, for a total of \$1,000,000.00. . . . Stewardship Committee determines final goal, develops and puts into operation plans for a fund raising campaign . . . with the approval of the General Council.

RETIREMENT: . . . age of retirement for all general workers and members of the faculties of our denominational educational institutions be 65 years; General workers . . . eligible for re-election only if not yet 65 years by the end of the calendar year in which the election is held. . . . may be employed upon the invitation of the respective governing board, committee or general council, on a year to year basis until . . . 70.

PENSION FUND: . . . members of the Pension Fund shall be eligible for pension benefits, based on the number of years accumulated at the time when benefits commence, at any time after age 62, except that in such an event there shall be a reduction in benefits of one-half of one per cent for each month that the benefit payments commence before age 65. . . . beginning Jan. 1, 1968 . . . maximum dues . . . \$250 per year; minimum

RESOLUTIONS



Stanley Johnson
moderator



Frank H. Woyke
executive secretary



Richard Schilke
general mission
secretary



David J. Draewell
secretary of
stewardship and
higher education



Gideon Zimmerman
general secretary,
Department of
Christian Education



Eldon L. Janzen
manager
Roger Williams Press

dues . . . \$100 per year; . . . benefits . . . increased to \$60.00 per year of membership.

BUDGET GUIDELINES: . . . next ten-year period based on a 5% compounded annual increase using the budget figure for 1966-67 as the starting basis: \$980,000 . . . to \$1,520,301.67 in 1975-76. . . .

CHURCH EXTENSION: . . . start 63 new churches in the next ten years; . . . operating budget to increase from \$89,000 in 1967 to \$194,000 in 1976; . . . capital funds . . . first unit buildings . . . total required during next 10 years: \$2,835,000; . . . parent churches be solicited; . . . 1967-1976 the Church Extension Revolving Loan Fund . . . provide a grand total of \$945,000.

NAB SEMINARY: . . . strengthen program for next decade: \$5,000—memorial lecture series; \$5,000—air-condition library building; \$30,000 student apartments; \$150,000 in addition to Seminary Endowment Fund; \$15,000—Scholarship Aid; additional \$2,700 for Student Loan Fund; \$175,000 for library addition and chapel; intensify student recruitment.

MISSIONS: . . . an Assistant General Secretary be appointed by the Board of Missions; . . . Director of Church Extension be appointed by the Board of Missions. . . .

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: . . . a full-time Editor of Christian Literature be appointed in 1967 and . . . by 1973 a part-time assistant editor. . . . extended study leave for staff members of the Department of Christian Education . . . up to 4½ months . . . after four years service . . . acted upon by General C. E. Committee.

WMU: . . . in the next decade . . . full-time Executive Secretary . . . WMU.

INNER CITY: . . . local churches . . . concern themselves with these needs . . . in consultation with local mission committees and Board of Missions.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP: . . . North American Baptist General Conference become a member of the North American Baptist Fellowship, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

ELECTION PROCEDURE: . . . new moderator . . . appoint a committee of five to study our election procedure . . . report . . . next General Council session.

TIME AND PLACE: . . . 36th General Conference, after further study by the General Council, . . . be held in . . . Winnipeg, Manitoba, . . . 1970.

ELECTIONS

EQUAL RIGHTS: On the basis of our Christian belief in the worth and dignity of the individual, and also in conformity with the law of the land, we affirm the principle of equal rights for every citizen. In the pursuit of such rights, we deplore lawlessness and lack of respect for our democratic processes, and favor the achievement of these goals by co-operative means. Furthermore, we urge that the local churches seek appropriate methods for implementing this resolution in their respective communities.

HUMAN DISTRESS AND SUFFERING: We express deep Christian concern for the world's refugees who have experienced serious personal dislocation and the loss of their homes, and for the millions living in famine-stricken areas. Therefore, we urge concerted efforts by all governments involved to bring about a speedy alleviation of these human problems, and recommend to all the people of our fellowship that they pray for such displaced and hungry people and assist them through existing agencies such as the World Relief Program of the Baptist World Alliance.

EVANGELISM: We believe in evangelism as the primary mission of the church, and we support every effort to win men to Jesus Christ. It is our conviction that the crises of modern life can be solved only through personal commitment to Jesus Christ, and then transformation of society through transformed men. We, therefore, call upon our churches for their enthusiastic support of the simultaneous Baptist Crusade of the Americas and the triennial program of our own Department of Evangelism as well as hearty co-operation with other evangelical groups in witness and evangelism.

YOUTH: We reaffirm our confidence in our youth; we welcome their creative contributions, and we invite them to join with us in the great tasks and opportunities confronting our denominational fellowship.

SITE FOR TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE. . . . that serious consideration be given to holding our Triennial General Conference sessions on a college or university campus, a conference grounds, or a place other than in a major city, to enable more people to attend.

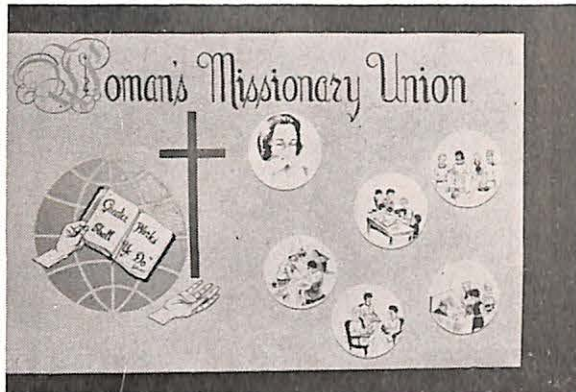
THANKS: . . . deep gratitude to God and the many who were used by him at the conference; . . . special thanks to Rev. H. J. Waltereit, Program Committee, Irvin Draewell, Rev. Eugene Stroh, Detroit committees, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Elmer Wengel, the choirs, Herbert Pankratz, Ed. Link, Centennial Choristers, others . . . special music, Central Methodist Church, and many others who helped in . . . arrangements.

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WOMEN



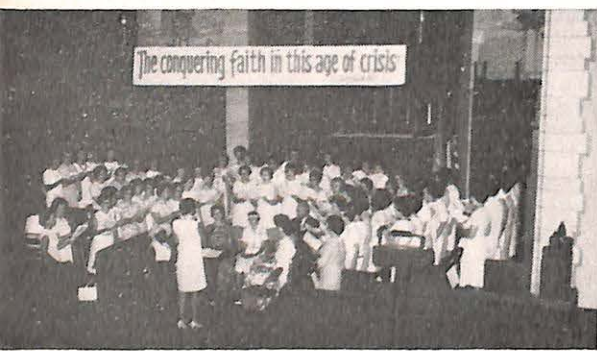
During the business session various reports were given. Especially noteworthy was the fact that our women have far exceeded the \$75,000 Missionary Project by giving \$95,293.08 for this Project plus 27,172.33 through "Meals for Missions." In addition our White Cross shipments have doubled over the previous triennium. Total giving amounted to \$202,935.21.



The new Goal Chart for 1967-70 was presented and adopted. Greater Works Shall Ye Do, the new WMU triennial theme, with John 14:12 as the verse, and the new \$90,000 Missionary Project plus our other goals now lie before us as a tremendous challenge.

W. M. U. LUNCHEON. Over nine hundred women of our Woman's Missionary Union from various parts of the United States and Canada gathered together in Detroit, Mich., on July 13, for one of the culminating features of the triennium, the WMU Luncheon. In Cobo Hall's lovely banquet room overlooking the Detroit River, the women were seated at uniquely decorated tables. Mrs. Delmar Wessler, president of the WMU, presided at the

luncheon and business meeting. In observance of the 60th anniversary of our Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Everett Barker and Mrs. William Sies of Lorraine, Kan., presented a brief skit highlighting the early beginnings of our WMU, its growth, and significant achievements through the years. Election of officers were held with the following results: president, Mrs. Herbert Hiller; vice-president, Mrs.



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Far left, upper: Installation service, Dr. Woyke;

Far left, lower: Ministers' Wives Chorus.

Center: Mrs. Robert Sandoval.

Right: Miss E. Ardice Ziolkowski.

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DENOMINATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator—Stanley Johnson, Tacoma, Wash.; vice-moderator—Rev. Aaron Buhler, Lodi, Calif.; general treasurer—Kenneth W. Miller, Milwaukee, Wis.; executive secretary—Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Forest Park, Ill.; secretary of stewardship and higher education—Rev. David J. Draewell, Forest Park, Ill.

GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

General mission secretary—Dr. Richard Schilke, Forest Park, Ill.; mission treasurer—Kenneth W. Miller, Milwaukee, Wis.; Board of Missions lay members-at-large—Leroy Dickau, Wetaskiwin, Alta.; Henry Fluth, Minneapolis, Minn.; Arnold Mauch, Sacramento, Calif.; Board of Missions laywoman-at-large—Mrs. Delmar Wessler, Lorraine, Kan.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

The chairmen of the following committees: Constitutional Change, Stewardship, Church Loan Fund, Finance, Pension Fund.

SEMINARY TRUSTEE BOARD

Ministers: Rev. Leland Friesen, St. Paul, Minn.; Rev. Elton Kirstein, Houston, Tex.; Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Sioux Falls, S. D.; laymen: Raymond Engelbrecht, Waco, Tex.; Harry Johnson, Elgin, Iowa; Delmar L. Wessler, Lorraine, Kan.

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Laymen, Edmonton area: Albert Lake; Canada-at-large: Melvin Bergstresser, Winnipeg, Man.; United States: Vic Steinfeld, Portland, Ore.; Ministers, Edmonton area: Rev. Gustav Rauser; Canada-at-large: Rev. Don Richter, Winnipeg, Man.; United States: Rev. Isador Faszer, Ashley, N. D.

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COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Ministers: Canada—Rev. Paul Siewert, Vancouver, B. C.; United States—Rev. Everett Barker, Lorraine, Kan.; Laymen: Canada—William Rentz, Winnipeg, Man.; United States—Dr. G. Ben Lawrence, Salem, Ore.

Elton Kirstein; secretary, Mrs. Charles Littman; treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Hoffman; White Cross chairman, Mrs. H. J. Waltereit; General Council representative, Mrs. Henry Fluth.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Elton Kirstein, WMU vice-president, presented a round silver tray to Mrs. Wessler on behalf of the WMU as a token of our appreciation of her devoted service.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON. The colorful Presentation of Flags introduced the Woman's Missionary Union program at the Central Methodist on Friday afternoon. This featured some of our missionary children dressed in appropriate costume and carrying the flags of the United States and Canada and of the countries and states where our missionaries serve. Mrs. Wessler also presided at this meeting. Dr. Frank Woyke installed the new officers. Under the direction of Mrs. Herbert Pankratz, the ministers' wives beautifully sang two numbers.

Mrs. Robert Sandoval, missionary to the Spanish-Americans in Rio Grande City, Texas, gave her testimony, "What Great Things He Hath Done."

In her message of the afternoon, "Greater Works Through Christ," Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary nurse to the Cameroons, emphasized the fact that we have God's PROMISE for greater works and that we have available to us his POWER to do these works.

THE TEA. All Conference guests were invited to the Grand Ballroom of the Statler-Hilton Hotel on Friday for the Missionary Tea honoring our missionaries and missionary appointees. The focal points of the ballroom were two breathtakingly beautiful tea tables. Dominating each table was a tall magnificently tiered pastel floral arrangement in a large crystal vase flanked by tiered candelabra.

Our missionaries, colorfully clothed in the native dress of their respective fields, were stationed about the ballroom so that guests could speak with each one personally. Also receiving guests were Dr. and Mrs. Richard Schilke, the new missionary appointees, members of the WMU Executive Committee, and Mrs. Herbert Hiller, the newly elected WMU president.

OUR APPRECIATION. For helping to make our women's activities in Detroit so lovely and meaningful, our WMU is deeply grateful to the following women: Mrs. Erma Mitchell, chairman of the tea; Mrs. Frances Faust, chairman of the luncheon; Mrs. Pat Crane, co-ordinator of women's activities; to all the women in the Detroit and other areas who helped in so many ways, and to Mrs. Delmar Wessler for her dedicated and capable leadership.

We have seen what great things the Lord has done through our North American Baptist women in the past three years, and we now anticipate the greater works which together we shall do by his grace in the new triennium. —Mrs. Raymond Yahn, West St. Paul.

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Mrs. Norman Haupt, missionary to the Cameroons, challenged the hearts of those present at the Luncheon as she brought a devotional message from Ex. 17:10-13. With her captivating English accent and earnest spirit, she made us realize that, even as Moses' hands became heavy and he needed the help of his friends in holding them up so that Israel might prevail, our missionaries today need our help as their hands sometimes grow heavy. She reminded us that we must stand together as a united body in Christ, each one so dedicated to God that he can give himself through us.



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Another special treat for the women at the Luncheon was the presence of Mrs. Elizabeth Ndi, vice-president, Cameroon Baptist Women's Union. In Pidgin English, with Missionary Alma Henderson serving as translator, this remarkable pastor's wife and mother of five daughters, gave her testimony punctuated many times with "thank you, thank you plenty" from the Cameroonian Baptist women for all our efforts for Christ in their country. On Friday afternoon she spoke briefly of the work the Cameroonian Baptist women are doing for the Lord and challenged us with Gal. 6:9. We were made keenly aware of the power of the Holy Spirit as he had worked his work of grace in the life of this articulate woman of pagan background, one who has had only two years of formal schooling in our Bible School at Ndu.



Mrs. Herbert Hiller, W.M.U. president, 1967-1970; Mrs. Delmar Wessler, W.M.U. president 1964-1967.

Missionaries at the W.M.U. Tea.

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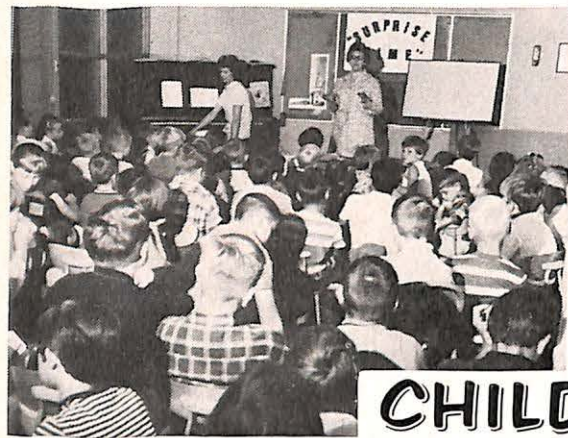


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Some of the participants in and scenes from the youth and children's programs were (above, clockwise) Missionary Norman Haupt, a youth workshop, a youth fellowship, a pre-school Sunday school class and a Children's Surprise Time.

YOUTH PROGRAMS. The cry of active Christian youth: "How can we make our youth meetings more exciting so as to attract other youth, yet have depth so we can keep these youth?" was discussed at the first Youth Workshop of the Conference.

The panel consisted of Rev. Raymond Harsch, Greeley, Colo.; Rev. James Schacher, Stafford, Kan.; and Rev. John Ziegler, Burlington, Iowa. Many helpful suggestions for wholesome activities and meeting the spiritual needs of youth were offered.

Since depth is what teenagers really want, programs offered through the denomination were suggested. The point was made that the parties or programs are only a success when all the teen-agers put everything into them they possibly can.

The room was filled and overflowing with interested youth, leaders, and pastors.—*Dorothy Ehman, Goodrich, N. D.*

UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES. Dr. Clyde M. Narramore, Christian psychologist, conducted an "Understanding Ourselves" workshop for the young people on Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Narramore gave a brief explanation of his work as a Christian psychologist and related the need for more Christian young people to consider this field of service. He then presented questions asked by the young people about dating, divorce, sex, marriage, and rock-'n-roll and shared answers for these questions from his own experience and from the Word of God.

Dr. Narramore's straightforwardness, sincerity, humor, and concern made the workshop enjoyable, informative, and spiritually enriching.—*Barbara Muehlethaler, Elgin, Iowa.*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH. There are varied and challenging service opportunities for dedicated college and career age Christian youth in our denominational fellowship according to the Friday afternoon panel discussion.

Rev. Donald Miller, a former campus chaplain, emphasized the importance of witnessing among classmates on college and university campuses by being a winning friend not an antagonist.

Opportunities provided by our Seminary for men and women were pointed out by a present student, Douglas Woyke.

The stimulating report by Rev. Gerhard Schroeder gave insight into the short-term missionary program in Africa.

While we were well acquainted with the work of God's Volunteers, Rev. Connie Salios gave a renewed appeal for greater participation in personal witnessing and public evangelism.

The most recently developed program is the youth-to-youth ministry of which Rev. Oliver Strong informed us. Young people are intensively trained to help develop an effective youth program in the local church.

Thus, the opportunities for service are before us, as we prayerfully seek God's will for our lives.—*Ruth Hiller, Woodside, New York.*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH. Our NAB Conference has many opportunities for its high school youth. Rev. Connie Salios described God's Volunteers. After being trained, the Volunteers are prepared to be personal witnesses for Jesus Christ.

Rev. Ron Mayforth told how the Campus Chaplain helps the NAB college youth. The Campus Chaplain counsels NAB college youth and their activities, recommends literature and writes personal letters to the NAB youth on campus. He guides the high school youth in choosing the right vocation and gives advice concerning many other school problems.

Rev. John Ziegler told of a new addition to the NAB youth activities, youth-to-youth ministry on the teen-to-teen level. It implies the same training as God's Volunteers. The youth-to-youth ministry involves working with the local church youth and their CBY programs.—*Sheila Schrenk.*

YOUTH IN FELLOWSHIP. After each evening service in Ford Auditorium, the youth had a fellowship time. The first fellowship on Tuesday night was a get-acquainted time. The largest number of young people came from the Detroit area, but all of the parts of Canada and United States were well represented.

"Estes Park Youth Congress Echoes" were heard Wednesday night.



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Each department and co-operating society of the N. A. B. General Conference gave a presentation of their work, services and goals. Pictured above are those who participated in the Department of Christian Education report: Rev. Bruce Rich, Rev. Harvey Mehlhoff, Rev. Robert Cahill, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, and Rev. John Binder.

REPORTS



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Rev. C. Emanuel Carlson reports on the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

nesday night. Slides of the Second CBYF Congress brought back many memories and reminded those who attended of the decisions made for Christ. We had a time for testimonies, and it was easy to see that lives were changed because of the experience at Estes Park.

On Thursday night youth and adults shared in the Bob-Lo boat ride on the Detroit River. We enjoyed a well-planned program with musical numbers from many groups.

A good number of former God's Volunteers represented many of the teams with music on Friday evening. They encouraged youth to enter this important program.

We had a very different Sunday school in that it was held in the Statler-Hilton Hotel. The younger group was led by Miss Ida Forsch and Rev. Elmer Strauss and the older group by Mr. Norman Haupt.

It was wonderful to meet and have fellowship with other young people of a like faith. It seems our faith was strengthened by the time we left and we were ready to go home and serve our Lord in the best ways possible.—*Paul Kirstein, Houston, Texas.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM. It was a real chicken! Everyone was very surprised, as our leader opened the box. We had just heard a story about a boy who had stolen an adding machine from school. All the children in the classroom were taken to a dark room and told to pet the chicken. When the chicken would squawk it would show that child was the one who stole the adding machine. In the dark all the children petted the chicken which had black grease on it. When the lights went on, only one boy did not have grease on his hands, because he was afraid the chicken would squawk. There was no doubt about it, he had stolen the adding machine. The Bible verses we learned that day were Numbers 32:23 and Romans 6:23.

Our day included singing, learning memory verses, hearing special music, story time or a missionary talk, surprise time, treats and crafts.

Some of our activities were visiting the Detroit Zoo and Bell Island Park, where we had to cross a bridge to the Island. There we ate our box lunches and played different kinds of games.

On Thursday we went swimming in a heated pool and on Friday we had another picnic.

In crafts we made stained glass windows, a Bible made from a bar of soap, and hot pads with ceramic tile.

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GREETINGS FROM 82 BAPTIST CONVENTIONS.

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug spoke to the 35th General Conference in behalf of 82 Baptist Conventions from 70 nations.

He challenged us to a faith adequate for these days and to know the meaning of that faith. Faith is what we believe plus ourselves. This becomes real only as we become personally involved in a World of Crises. Jesus says, "Come follow me." This "coming" must be again and again and a relation of will, thought, and action. Jesus says "come," but he also says "go." The temptation is to "come" and sit—"a pietism to quietism." Some want to "go" without "coming." This is also wrong, but many of these put us to shame.

The "going" of the Baptist World Alliance is the logical consequence of 28 million Baptist people believing what they do:

- (1) To act as a communication link for Baptist people of the world.
- (2) To give aid to those in need.
- (3) To act as a study commission so that Baptists may know their faith and world.
- (4) To seek religious liberty and human rights for all people.
- (5) To offer fellowship in a New Testament sense.

These may be days of crises, but they are also golden days for and of faith in Jesus Christ.—*Leon Bill, West Fargo, N. D.*

BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT. Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson presented the challenge of the need to speak to public policy. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs consists of representatives from various Baptist conventions. Our own executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, is the chairman. This committee seeks to carry out a joint witness and speaks our Baptist insights on public affairs.

Dr. Carlson stressed the fact that in order to speak together we must think together. He stated four areas in which this is done by the Baptist Joint Committee.

I. The area of Study and Research: It was emphasized that we must get at the facts. This is accomplished by study and research done by graduate students and professors of the Baptist faith in all Baptist conventions. These are needed to speak intelligently to the needs of our nation.

II. The area of News Media: "Report from the Capitol" (Continued on page 18)



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DRAMA

DRAMA BY C. T. I. The presentation of the musical drama, "Crisis at the Church of N.A.B.," by the C.T.I. Centennial Choristers on Sunday afternoon proved to be a fitting closing challenge for those who attended the Conference. We are grateful to Prof. E. B. Link who so capably wrote, compiled and produced the drama and the Choristers who presented the same in such an excellent manner. The introduction presented the tremendous need for outreach and the promised reward for the faithful. Following this

the audience had the privilege of hearing what the man on the street has to say about the church, thus giving the nature of the crisis.

The next three acts clearly presented "The Crisis of the Short Reach" (the need to reach and help Dan Block away), "The Crisis on the Inside" (the need for commitment and involvement within the church), and "The Crisis of the Long Reach" (the need to obey the imperative command, (Matt. 28:19, 20). The Drama concluded with the challenge to face these crises with the conquering faith, as we march united against the foe. We have reason to believe that because of this presentation all who were able to attend will not only recognize the needs and problems of this age but also be able to face them on the local level with a renewed commitment and faith that is so essential for victory.—Ernie Rogalski, Vancouver, B. C.



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MUSIC

INSPIRING MUSIC. Every successful Conference is always contingent on good music. It has been our privilege to experience this at the 35th General Conference. Professor E. B. Link again very ably led the singing each evening at the Ford Auditorium. His fine selection of each song was evidenced by the congregation's enthusiastic singing.

During this Conference we had the best in organists. Dr. Herbert Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., played each evening, and Mrs. Andrew Gabor of Detroit, Mich., played during the day.

I was delighted to hear so many people remark on how they enjoyed the concerts that were rendered by Dr. Pankratz before the evening services. These were truly superb.

During the day sessions as well as in the evening services we had some very fine vocal specials, songs that were well chosen for the occasion.

All were blessed by the choirs from the Detroit area, under the direction of Mr. Elmer Wengel. The Men's Choir and Mixed Choir sang for us each evening. The well chosen numbers were appreciated by all.

We all enjoyed so much the C.T.I. Choristers under the direction of Professor Link and their very fine program commemorating the Canadian Centennial. This was very informative as well as inspirational.

The C.T.I. trio and quartets as well as the Seminary quartet were also enjoyed.

I am sure that I speak for thousands of N.A.B.'s when I say thank you to each of you in the musical contributions you made to the General Conference.—W. D. Dachtler, Minot, North Dakota.

About the pictures. (Top) Over 2,000 delegates and visitors attended the 35th General Conference. Among them are those seen in the lobby of Ford Auditorium where the evening sessions were held. (Center, left) Miss Katie Michelson, Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Weick, Dr. and Mrs. Dieter Lemke, and Dr. and Mrs. W. Gutowski (in absentia) were commissioned as missionaries during the Sunday afternoon service. (Center, right) Over 500 rooms in the Statler-Hilton Hotel were occupied by Conference persons. Many others were lodged in nearby hotels. (Lower left) Conference Announcer Vernon Heckman, St. Paul, Minn. (Lower right, top) Conference registration. (Lower right) Central Methodist Church where daytime sessions were held.

Impressions

PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS OF THE 35TH GENERAL CONFERENCE

I imagine the question could easily be asked and probably it was. Could the representatives of a relatively small but determined denomination bring themselves to deliberations of denominational concern and advancement in the midst of the pressures and confusion of metropolitan life?

Such was the situation of the environment of the 35th General Conference, and I believe our representatives proved themselves adequate. In the midst of busy inner-city life plus a very demanding schedule including even some free time for relaxation and sightseeing, all participants measured up to their tasks and proved to be very efficient and inspirational.

I was much impressed with the total spirit and commitment of the conference. From the daily activities of the well-moderated business sessions, the well-organized and executed programs and reports, the highly inspirational and deeply soul-searching messages and Bible studies to the somewhat carefree time of fellowship and recuperation, the conference proved to be an outlet for our ideas and aspirations, a measurement of our denominational progress and a direction for our future thought, growth, and action.

This was my first General Conference, and I was very happy for the opportunity to attend. I trust that we as a denomination may continue to be open to God's leading and guiding. We certainly owe a deep sense of gratitude to our very able moderator, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, and to the program and local arrangements committees as well as to all others who had a part in making this a great conference. May we all remember to think less of ourselves and what we may lose and think more and more of that which we know is God's Will for us all.—Thomas R. Kramer, Lincoln, Neb.



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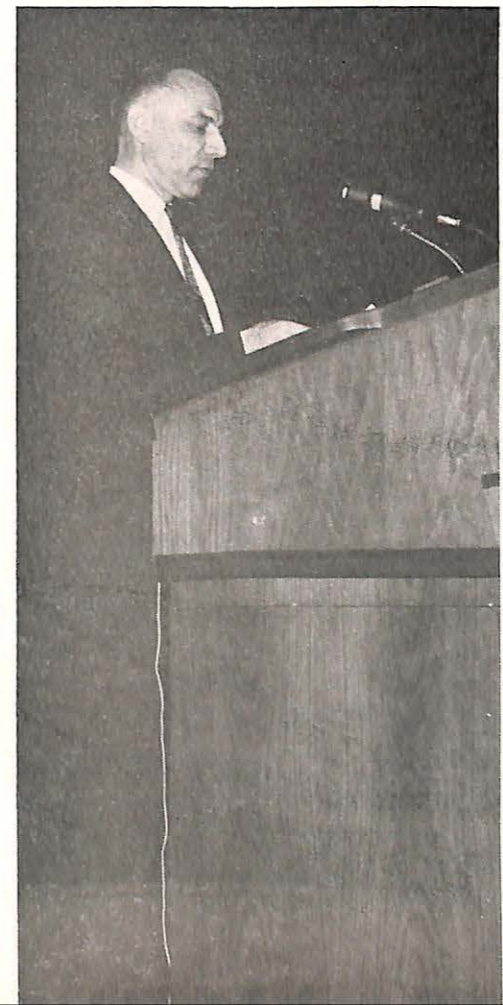
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sunday school lessons

B. C. SCHREIBER

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 10, 1967

Theme: **AMBASSADOR IN CHAINS**

Scripture: Acts 26:24-32

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. The high calling in Christ Jesus often forces us to be in very lowly circumstances.

INTRODUCTION. To be an ambassador in today's world is a high and noble calling. It is a mark of distinction to serve in a foreign country as a representative of your own nation. There are opportunities of meeting people in the highest social and political circles, including royalty. It is an honorable profession and looked up to with respect and admiration.

But to be an ambassador for Christ is often very difficult and void of honor and respect. He does not live in a palace surrounded by servants, nor does he have a staff of workers to care for all the details of such a great responsibility. Often he is a lonely and a lonesome man, despised by the very people whom he is trying to help. Even his life is often in danger, and sometimes he must offer his body as a living sacrifice.

In the political sense, an ambassador is associated with the best that the world can offer. In the Christian sense, it is often related to the worst that the world can offer.

Since Paul's time there have been many ambassadors in chains. One of the most notable and well-known was John Bunyan, who spent twelve years in Bedford jail. His greatest book, among the sixty which he wrote, was *Pilgrim's Progress*.

I. A DISTURBED RULER ON THE THRONE. Acts 26:24-28.

Paul had just finished his personal testimony, and it must have had a powerful effect on his audience. He concluded with the fact that Christ rose from the dead. It should be noted that Paul was under no legal obligation to make another public appearance in his own defense, but he was happy for the opportunity to face these rulers and officials in order to witness to them. Of all those in the audience, Festus seemed to be disturbed more than any other. He could contain himself no longer, and indications point to the fact that he interrupted Paul, stating that he must be mad. In present day language, he would probably say, "He talked like a crazy man." He thought that during Paul's confinement he studied, read and wrote so much that it affected his mind. But Festus was giving a clearer picture and better description of his own state of mind than that of Paul's. Festus knew about these things, but he seemed to imply he was ignorant.

II. A PEACEFUL PRISONER IN CHAINS. Acts 26:29-32.

The apostle was sober and truthful, and, above all, he was also peaceful. The only thing that seemed to disturb him was the attitude of Festus. The life and death of Jesus was common knowledge and not hid away in some unknown corner of the world.

Paul did not wish anyone to be in his position as a prisoner. After all, he was free within. He did not even appeal for freedom. His greatest concern was for those who came to listen to him, and he hoped that they would have the same relationship to Christ that he had. Paul was in chains and physically bound. Festus and Agrippa were not in chains. According to the laws of the world, they were free men. But they were bound within by chains which were stronger than iron or steel. As far as we know, they never experienced the glorious liberty of the spirit which gave Paul the peace that passes all understanding. The only favorable comment which was expressed in Paul's favor was that, "this man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds."

Questions for Discussion

- (1) Do you think Paul made a mistake in appealing to Caesar?
- (2) Is it always easy to witness in difficult circumstances?
- (3) Why is it so difficult for people in high places to accept Christ as their Savior?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 17, 1967

Theme: **ACTING ON FAITH IN CRISIS**

Scripture: Acts 27:21-26, 33-38

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT. The man who has the closest relationship with God has the best solutions for life's problems.

INTRODUCTION. All of us are human enough to admit that we enjoy smooth sailing. We like it when things go right, when our plans are fulfilled, when we have health, employment and the fellowship of congenial friends. In our pursuit of happiness, which is our constitutional right, we do not want to do battle with too many obstacles, nor do we want anything to interfere too much with our creature comforts.

Someone said that if at first you succeed it must be because your father owns the business. The apostle Paul was in the business of the King. His Father owned the business, but to the world it did not seem as if he were succeeding. He experienced nothing but trouble and sorrow, and ultimately he had to lay down his life for Jesus' sake.

Paul, however, never thought of himself as a failure. Very seldom did he have smooth sailing. Someone or something always seemed to be in his way, but no matter what the circumstances, he always rose above them. A crisis to him was not a tragic nor

even an unfavorable event, but an opportunity to experience God's power and grace to a greater degree. His faith always became stronger not weaker.

I. GOING AGAINST GOD'S PURPOSE. Acts 27:21.

When the ship arrived as far as Crete, the weather became so unfavorable that Paul advised the centurion of the great danger of traveling farther. But Julius, the centurion, took the word of the master of the ship rather than that of the apostle. What he did not know was that Paul was in communion with a higher power, God himself, who had control of the weather and the ocean. What was even more important was the fact that God controlled the lives of all who were on the ship.

II. SUBMITTING TO GOD'S GUIDANCE. Acts 27:22-26.

Things went from bad to worse until we see Paul practically in control of the ship. He must have been very highly thought of to have the liberty to speak to the authorities as he did. To have them listen and obey his commands was even more surprising. The apostle was able to strengthen the spirits of the captain and his crew. They rallied round him as though he knew exactly what to do because he gave faith to the fainthearted. Perhaps their faith was not altogether centered on God, but they clung to Paul's faith. To be of good cheer is not easy when the mighty waves dash over a small ship. Paul said he believed what God had told him. The reason many Christians do not believe God as it was told to them is because they are not willing to do what God tells them to do.

III. PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES. Acts 27:33-38.

Faith is not faith unless it is acted upon. It is not based on a creed, but on an obedient life. Faith does not mean that we will have no further hardships or disappointments. Paul and the entire crew had to do their best so that God's purposes would be fulfilled. Fear drove them to fasting and prayer, but Paul was a practical man. Upon his advice the fast was broken, and the entire crew felt stronger and more cheerful. Through God's providence and their efforts not one life was lost. We hope that through the witness of Paul that many souls were also saved.

Questions for Discussion

- (1) How do critical crisis help or hinder our faith?
- (2) Is it possible to have a strong faith without the experiences of trouble and sorrow?
- (3) How is it possible to be cheerful in the face of great danger? Have you had any definite revelation from God?

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

ANNIVERSARIES

MEDICINE HAT, ALTA., TEMPLE.

June 11 marked the tenth anniversary of our church. Prof. W. Mueller, C.T.I., guest speaker, spoke on "Looking Upward, Inward, Outward over the Past 10 Years." This was a real challenge for all who heard the message. Greetings and special numbers were heard from neighboring churches. A fellowship supper was served after the service.

During the morning service of the same day, 50 new hymn books were dedicated for the Lord's service. These were donated by one of our faithful members, Mrs. Ann Henning.

Dr. and Mrs. Taranger, members of the Temple Church, have recently returned after spending a year in India, where Dr. Taranger was serving as missionary doctor in a hospital there.

On July 2 with joy in our hearts, we of the Temple Church witnessed, for the second time this year, a baptismal service. Four young people were baptized by our pastor, Rev. H. Schumaker. Communion service followed the baptism, at which time the candidates were welcomed into the membership.

On July 3 the C.T.I. Centennial Choristers presented their program. (Mrs. Gertrude Grose, reporter.)

Mrs. Lehr are members of the Plum Creek Baptist Church, of which Rev. Walter Hoffman is pastor. They were married on Feb. 21, 1917, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Beier, by Rev. W. H. Buening. (Mrs. Ralph Oller, Reporter.)



Allan Wilcke, N.A.B. Seminary student; Rev. Hans J. Wilcke, pastor, Salt Creek Baptist, Dallas, Ore., and Rev. Eric Kuhn, superintendent, Portland Home for the Aged, looking at the plaque presented to Rev. Wilcke by the church denoting his 25 years of service. He also received a "money" tree which had many quarters hanging from its branches.

DALLAS, ORE. On June 18 members and friends of the Salt Creek Baptist Church honored our pastor, Rev. Hans J. Wilcke, on the completion of 25 years of faithful and dedicated service to God in the ministry.

Rev. Wilcke has served pastorates in Olds, Alta.; Linton, N. D.; Tacoma, Wash.; Stafford, Kan.; Saint Paul, Minn.; and now at Dallas, Oregon.

Pastors of the Oregon Association participated in the service as well as Rev. Joe Sonnenberg who brought the message. Greetings and congratulations were extended from the Dallas Ministerial Association, the former pastorates of Rev. Wilcke, and many relatives and friends. The Wilcke youth presented a special musical selection.

Salt Creek Baptist is thankful to God for bringing Mr. Wilcke to us and also for the rich and bountiful blessings he has bestowed on us through his servant. May he continue to lead and guide and bless Mr. Wilcke as he continues on in his calling to serve God's people. (Mrs. Ernest Villwock, reporter.)

baptist men

APLINGTON, IOWA. "Me and my Shadow" was the theme of the Father and Son Night held in the Aplington Baptist Church on June 7, 1967. The Women's evening Circle was in charge of the arrangements. Ninety fathers and sons and other guests were present.

The program began with a tribute to fathers and prayer by the master of ceremonies, Elvin Uhlenhopp. The fathers were welcomed by Alan Ostercamp and the response was given by Robert Ostercamp. Music was furnished by a men's quartet and a pantomime, "Me and my Shadow," was presented by some of the evening Circle members.

Awards were given by our Sunday school superintendent, Robert Frey, to Henry Busse, the oldest father present; Donald Gronewald, the youngest father present; and to Chauncey Frey, the father who came the greatest distance.

Leonard Willeke showed interesting pictures of Viet Nam which his son, Donald, who is stationed there with the U. S. Army, had taken and sent home. A narrated tape also accompanied the pictures. A "Dutch lunch" was enjoyed by the men and boys at the close of the evening. (Mrs. William G. Lindaman, reporter.)

GRAND FORKS, N. D. "The Good Old Days" was the theme of the Men's Brotherhood banquet which was held recently at the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. D.

Approximately 85 men and boys enjoyed the "good old fashioned" fellowship across kerosene lamp-lit tables.

The program consisted of old-fashioned singing with a guitar and ukelele accompaniment, a harmonica duet, and slides and a travelogue of Europe were presented by a neighboring pastor.

The officers for the ensuing year are Gaylord Boeger, president; Simon Lahlum, vice-president; Neil Scott, secretary; and Joe Binder, treasurer. (Mrs. Charles Balogh, reporter.)

christian education activities

APLINGTON, IOWA. "God's Power for My Life" was the theme of the two week community Bible school held in Aplington from May 29 to June 9. The school is sponsored by the following churches in Aplington and vicinity: Aplington Baptist, First Reformed, First Presbyterian, and Bethel Reformed. The school was held in the Aplington school building under the direction of an administrative staff from the four churches and 25 teachers. The final program, in which all departments participated, was held in the school gymnasium on Sunday evening, June 11. The average daily attendance at the school was 306 pupils and teachers. (Mrs. William G. Lindaman, reporter.)

LEHR, N. D. A very successful Bible School was held in the local Baptist church May 29—June 2 with a total



MR. AND MRS. BEN LEHR OBSERVE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lehr of Emery, S. D., observed their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 2. They were honored at an Open House, hosted by their children, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto V. Bleeker. It was a belated observance due to the fact that their son, Bob, could not be present at the time of their anniversary on February 21. Approximately 200 guests called to express their congratulations and made it an eventful day.

The couple has one daughter, Dorothy Bleeker of Emery, S. D., and one son, Bob, of Pullman, Wash. Mr. and

BREAKFASTS

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Benjamin Schlipf (both in absentia) for their years of labor, vision and dedication in the gospel ministry.

Dr. George A. Lang gave a synopsis of his Alumni Report project to be carried out during his sabbatical leave this summer and next year.—*Kenneth Fenner, St. Joseph, Mich.*

PASTORS' WIVES BREAKFAST Good morning! The Pastors' Wives of the NAB churches met on July 14 at Central Methodist Church, Detroit, for a breakfast and time of fellowship together.

The enthusiasm of each one was shown as the roll was called. There were 153 in attendance. The welcome was given by Mrs. Everett Barker, president, Lorraine, Kan. The theme was "Artistry in the Christian Life." The tables were decorated with colorful artists' palettes. We were led in singing by Mrs. Louis Johnson. Mrs. Walter Kohrs spoke on "Life and Painting."

Our hearts were thrilled as we heard Elizabeth Ndi, a Cameroonian pastor's wife, who shared with us her role of a pastor's wife and what is expected of her. She spoke to us in Pidgin English, and Alma Henderson translated. The C.T.I. Campus Concorde trio drew us closer to the Savior in this morning hour with two numbers.

We, as pastors' wives, are looking forward to our retreat in conjunction with the Pastors' Conference.—*Mrs. Kenneth Fenner, St. Joseph, Mich.*

MISSIONARY BREAKFAST Forty missionaries—past, present and future; home and foreign; four Cameroonian Christians; one new Cameroon short term missionary, and twelve who are vitally concerned about our mission endeavors including Dr. R. Schilke and his family, Harold Johns, Mr. Wilde, Dr. G. Borchert, Mrs. Vortman and Mrs. Schmidt, met in Stouffers for breakfast on July 12.

Advice for the new appointees came from those who had had experience. It was exceedingly evident that a sense of humor is a God-given necessity, because we make many foolish mistakes due to contrast of cultures. Laughter resulted from humorous experiences retold by those from Texas, Colorado, Japan and the Cameroons concerning errors in language and action.

Mr. E. K. Martin assured us of more work; Ardice Ziolkowski reminded us of the blessings from fellowshiping around the Lord's Supper. Minnie Kuhn told of the faithfulness of our Cameroonian Christians in times of need: when those who carried her out of Warwar increased from eight to 48, and those who couldn't come spent the day praying; and when they came to visit the single missionaries to assure them that someone cared and did not want them to be lonely.

One represented those of you who pray for us whose Missionary Calling is that of praying for the ones who have been sent.—*Berneice Westerman, Cameroon.*

PENSION FUND BREAKFAST. On Sunday morning about sixty Conference participants sat about tables in the Statler-Hilton Hotel to enjoy a delicious breakfast and excellent fellowship. These included ministers who had served for 30 years or more, some wives, widows of former pastors, former Christian education workers, and a number of pension and conference officers.

The program was under the able leadership of our executive secretary, Dr. Frank Woyke. After each one attending had introduced himself, Dr. Woyke spoke warm words of welcome and was followed by Harold Johns, who explained recent changes in pension plans.

Rev. Herman Palfenier of the class of 1926 gave a stimulating meditation on "The Many Happinesses of Life," based on the first Psalm. Among these happinesses was the delightful fellowship at this cheery breakfast with colleagues in the ministry. Blessings and reminiscences of past years were topics of conversation. Everyone was deeply grateful to the Pension Fund Committee for making such a joyous Christian experience possible.—*George A. Lang, Sioux Falls, S. D.*

CHURCH EXTENSION PASTORS' FELLOWSHIP. On Thursday evening of Conference Week, after the regular evening service, the Church Extension Pastors of our denomination gathered at Stouffer's Restaurant for a time of fellowship and sharing. Also present were various Conference officials involved in our mission of Church Extension. The meeting was under the sponsorship of the Church Extension Committee, and Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Church Extension, was the chairman of the informal program. After a time of refreshments and visiting, each of the Church Extension pastors present was given the opportunity to show three slide pictures and to make a few comments regarding the project in which he is working. Again we saw evidence of God at work enlarging the Church, the people of God.—*Allan Gerber, Drumheller, Alta.*

N. A. B. CORPS OF 100. Almost two years ago, while planning Seminary library promotion, someone mentioned that if 100 persons each gave \$100, we would have the \$10,000 requested. Thus began the Corps of 100. To date there are 107 members of the Corps. Some of the members have contributed more than the \$100.

On Friday evening, July 14, those members of the Corps of 100 present at the General Conference were invited to meet with the faculty and members of the Seminary Board of Trustees for a time of fellowship. A total of 71 persons attended the informal gathering at Stouffer's Restaurant. The King's Men, a male quartet from the Seminary, sang. Expressions of thanks as well as a progress report concerning the work in the library were given. The need for continued interest was expressed. Because a library must keep up-to-date, there is room in the Corps of 100 for additional members.—*Joyce Ringering, Sioux Falls, S. D.*

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number of governmental positions but was not completely satisfied until he dedicated his life to serve as a home missionary. In June, 1963, he was appointed education secretary for Cameroon Baptist Mission.

Dr. Clyde M. Narramore delivered the main address of the evening, "Your Faith at Work," a resumé of the Christian tenets of faith. While modern man tends to believe anything that meets his fancy, a Christian is characterized by his faith in God. God has given him certain tenets of faith to believe, because they are facts. If he doesn't believe them, he is the loser. A Christian's faith must be biblical as well as practical.—*Alfred Grams, Sioux Falls, S. D.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (Continued from page 15)

One very interesting time was when one of our missionaries told us the story of Peter in prison and acted it out for us. This was very good, and everyone enjoyed it.

The boys and girls are all grateful for this time together and for all the activities planned. We were glad to make new friends from all parts of the United States and Canada and will remember the happy times we had in Detroit at the Conference.—*Joy J. Zeeb, Philadelphia, Pa.*

REPORTS (Continued from page 15)

is a relevant leaflet for every Baptist. A news service is operated and distributed to all Baptist conventions so that they may be informed about national news and public concern.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY. Dr. John H. McCombe, executive secretary of church relations, American Bible Society, presented various statistics with regard to Bible distribution and other literature. His theme was "The Need to be Needed." He stated that some denominations do not even give one cent per person toward Bible distribution. The Baptists average about eight cents per person toward Bible distribution. The Society distributes material in 150 countries and in 180 languages. The Society's objective is to get a Bible into every Bibleless overseas home for the price of \$2. Over three million Bibles were given to German immigrants to America during the years of 1850 and 1900.

"WHY DO Christians give money to the foreign field?" asked our Japanese missionary, Miss Lucille Wipf, at a local missionary conference. "Is it because they hear tear-jerking stories concerning special needs? Or do they give to missions in general because they love the Lord and wish to support his work?"

This spotlights a common problem faced by those who must administrate the missionary program: "How can we gain support for the total missionary enterprise?"

It is relatively simple to obtain backing for sensational projects. But how about the monthly operating expenses of the mission board itself? Or the colorless and down-to-earth necessities such as postage and transportation costs?

THE MOTIVE IN GIVING

The solution is two-fold. First, missionary giving must have as its prime motive a genuine love for the Lord. This will inspire a consecration that freely supports the total missionary task. Of course, the method to accomplish this is through solid Bible teaching in sermons, Sunday school lessons and personal Bible study.

INSTRUCTION CONCERNING RESPONSIBILITIES

However, there is another far-reaching solution. Believers must be instructed about their basic responsibilities. Missionary education represents this area in which many churches can improve.

(1) *Weekly bulletins of the church offer an untapped opportunity for missionary publicity.*

What pastor does not puzzle about how to fill in certain spots in his church bulletin? Instead of using cute sounding, but shallow slogans or poems that are seldom read by busy people, why not use missionary news instead? As a preview for a missionary conference, one church bulletin featured a paragraph on a different mission station each week for a couple of months. It told what kind of work was done there, some of its specific problems, and who the missionaries were. Schools and hospitals were highlighted and their ministry described. It also drew attention to related missionary articles appearing in current literature.

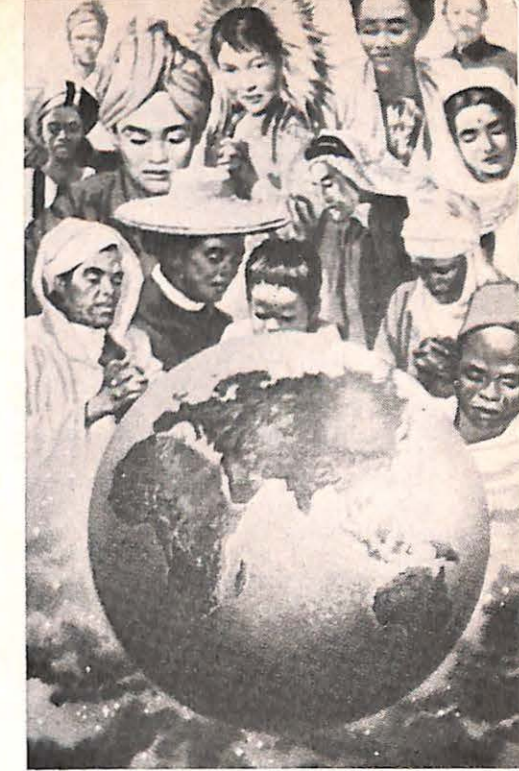
(2) *Center attention upon a certain missionary each week.*

Our denomination selects one missionary or missionary family for each week in the year. Thus it is easy, regularly, to feature a certain missionary, biographical notes on his home environment which nurtured his spiritual development, and his call to missions. The *Baptist Herald* and "Now We Are 88" make this information readily available.

Some basic facts concerning the missionary's particular job on the field will add a personal touch. This aids to

SPARKING MISSIONARY INTEREST

by James A. Schacher



bind our people more closely to the workers whom they are supporting.

The Missionary-of-the-Week should be remembered by name in prayer on Sunday, at prayer meeting, in private devotions and family altars.

Posting a picture of the weekly missionary causes a typical human reaction: Church members compare how the missionary has changed in appearance since he was last home. It creates a greater anticipation to become personally acquainted when he again is on furlough.

(3) *Complete the Sunday evening service with interesting missionary information.*

Use a five-minute vignette on some famous missionary in history and how he expressed his sacrificial dedication to Christ. Read excerpts from missionary letters, emphasizing significant anecdotes. A missionary poem can be read with instrumental musical background.

The Strassburg Church of Marion, Kansas, has sparked the evening service by quizzing the congregation about the Missionary-of-the-Week from the information contained in "Now We Are 88." A deacon prepared some questions, and the congregation vied to answer the test queries.

(4) *A layman ought to be designated to spearhead this publicity.*

Even in churches with a Missionary Education Committee, it is often necessary for the pastor to take the initiative on this responsibility. But it is cumbersome for him to carry out a lot of specific tasks such as this and not "steal" time which should be devoted to his primary duties.

The Mission Chairman ought to be chosen and have his role clearly defined by the Board of Christian Education.

He could present definite missionary prayer requests at prayer meeting. He

should supervise pertinent data on the bulletin board—facts, maps, pictures, stories. He could co-operate with the pastor in recommending a missionary book for each quarter. The paper jacket from the volume should be placed in a conspicuous spot. A thumbnail summary of the book should be publicized. Missionary curios and materials could be set up for occasional displays.

(5) *Utilize a special missionary emphasis every year.* Once annually every congregation should spotlight this area of outreach. Conduct a missionary study course during the mid-week service for a few weeks. Conclude this time with a special Sunday evening program. The Men's Brotherhood, the Women's Missionary Society or the CBYF could dramatize missions with a play or specially arranged service. Readings, special speaker, special music, slides, and tape recordings from missionaries will concentrate attention on missions.

Invite a missionary for a week-end missionary conference. If a number of missionaries are available, rotate them among sister churches. A recent experiment along this line in four Nebraska churches involved the exchanging of three missionaries between them. A variety of approaches were used. One church used a panel. Another employed a playlet on missions. Another situation was more informal. The evening started with a pot-luck supper. The people visited with the missionaries while eating. Then at the end, a time of questions and answers was held. To begin the dialogue some questions had been distributed in advance to the people. This stimulated other questions of their own. Some examples of inquiries were: "What is one of the biggest adjustments which a mission-

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DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER RECEIVES CITATION



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Although Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, former Editor of English Publications and Promotional Secretary, was unable to be present at the 35th General Conference in Detroit, appreciation was expressed to him for his excellent and faithful service for 1928-1967 for the Lord as a pastor, then as Youth Secretary, and later as Editor of English Publications and Promotional Secretary for the denomination. Dr. Frank H. Woyke received the citation for Dr. Leuschner from Dr. A. Dale Ihrle who presented it on behalf of the General Council. Later Dr. Woyke and Rev. Eldon Janzen presented the citation to Dr. Leuschner in his home.

SEMINARY ALUMNI HONORED

Rev. Willibald Argow



The Alumni Association, in co-operation with the Seminary Trustees, initiated a practice of giving public recognition to representative N.A.B. pastors who have served our fellowship and the larger Christian community in a long and faithful ministry.

Citations are presented the pastors selected in recognition of the ministry of God. In a real sense the citations express the deep-felt appreciation of our churches for all of our pastors.

Rev. Willibald Argow and Rev. Benjamin Schlipf received the first citations at the alumni breakfast, July 12, 1967, 35th General Conference, Detroit, Mich.

Since neither of the men were able to be present, Rev. Fred Mashner received the citation for Mr. Argow and Dr. Arthur Schade for Mr. Schlipf.

Rev. Benjamin Schlipf



CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

July, 1967

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

	July, 1967	July, 1966	July, 1965
Conference			
Atlantic	\$ 4,158.71	\$ 6,698.13	\$ 3,730.88
Central	18,418.59	23,072.59	16,746.79
Dakota	5,625.04	9,374.51	9,793.60
Eastern	2,281.99	3,021.95	3,720.70
Northern	4,748.49	5,982.68	7,345.35
Northwestern	15,092.42	9,564.30	8,477.99
Pacific	11,901.34	10,605.24	13,173.36
Southern	334.13	788.98	1,598.75
Southwestern	3,577.95	2,181.83	2,583.41
Inter-Conference	512.35	1,184.00	862.77
Total	\$ 66,651.00	\$ 72,474.21	\$ 68,033.60

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Total Contributions
For the month of July, 1967	\$ 63,110.51	\$ 3,540.49	\$ 66,651.00
For the month of July, 1966	65,511.21	6,963.00	72,474.21
For the month of July, 1965	64,475.82	3,557.78	68,033.60

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1967 to July 31, 1967	244,345.08	26,803.36	271,148.44
April 1, 1966 to July 31, 1966	261,374.01	21,225.99	282,600.00
April 1, 1965 to July 31, 1965	228,508.82	13,454.86	241,963.68

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD

N.A.B. MISSION PROGRAM
April - July, 1967

\$1,250,000 Approved Goal

