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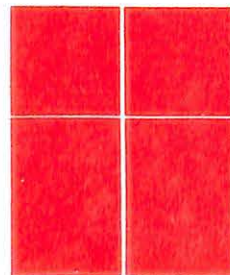
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## AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE CONFERENCE MODERATOR

One of the sayings of Jesus almost became lost. It escaped the Gospel writers, it wasn't quoted in the recorded sermons of Peter, but fortunately the Apostle Paul heard someone mention it, and he was made responsible to save it for all posterity. He closed his message to the elders at Miletus with these words: "In all things I give you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:35).

At Christmas time, it seems we come closer to recognizing this profound observation than at any other time. The major blessing is giving; however, the lesser blessing of receiving is understood by everyone. The joy of receiving is natural for the very young and is never outgrown. This blessing needs to be acknowledged because it is at the heart of Christmas, as the first Christmas gift was from God to man. His gift was the Christ Child. This gift from God is different from all other gifts of God—the sun and the rain, the fertility of the soil and the minerals beneath the earth's surface—in that GOD GAVE OF HIMSELF in the Christ Child. "The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us... full of grace and truth." "... God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself" (2 Cor. 5:19). This is what Christmas is all about! The infinite became finite, and the unknowable knowable for our salvation.

The gold, frankincense and myrrh brought by the wise men were symbolic expressions of appreciation for the matchless and unspeakable gift of God. Gifts, when given in gratitude to God, are given to the Christ Child, for Jesus himself said "... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40b).

Once we learn the joy of the lesser blessing it is only natural that we should want to give, and in so doing, inadvertently receive the greater joy. At the close of the year 1973, we can receive this great joy as...

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Mr. Delmar L. Wesseler, moderator of the North American Baptist General Conference, Lorraine, Kansas

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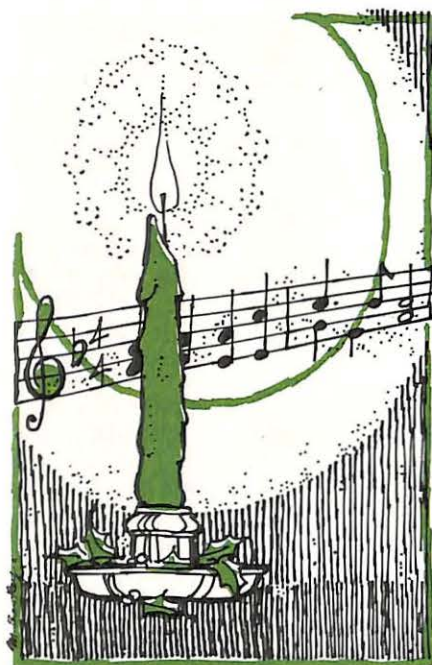
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## Christmas Customs

At some point before 336 A.D. the church at Rome established December 25 as the day for commemorating his birth.

The first Christmas card was probably sent by W. C. Dobson, one of Queen Victoria's printers, in 1845. He sent friends lithographed copies of a sketch he had made to symbolize the Christmas spirit.

The custom of burning candles in the window on Christmas Eve began in ancient Ireland and was intended to light the Holy Family on its way. It also commemorates the burning of candles in the Holy Land on the night Jesus was born. Hanukkah, the Jewish Feast of Lights, was celebrated at the same time.

The Dutch are believed to have been the first to hang stockings on the fireplace mantle in anticipation of St. Nicholas, patron saint of children and the symbol of gift-giving.

The first Christmas pudding was a concoction of stewed wheat, milk, raisins, sugar and spices. Odds and

ends were gradually added until it became "plum porridge" and later — about the 17th century — coagulated into plum pudding.

Romanians bake long, thin cakes that symbolize the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling cloths. In Sicily, many families decorate Christmas trees with apples and oranges instead of tinsel.

St. Francis of Assisi popularized the tradition of Christmas caroling. The word carol means to "dance in a ring." The 13th century saint, in order to bring the Christmas message vividly and directly to his villagers — many of whom could not read — arranged a manger scene with real people and animals. When the villagers came to see it, he led them in joyous "caroling."

The word "yule" originated with pagan northern peoples of the ancient past who thought the sun was a wheel revolving around the earth. Observing that on a certain day in midwinter the sun's appearance and disappearance marked the shortest day of the year, they called the cycle the "hweol," a time of celebrating.

Some historians trace the origin of Christmas gift-giving to a similar Roman practice each New Year's Day. Christian theologians believe it symbolizes the gifts brought to the infant Jesus by the magi. □

*How a Catholic Priest 'Ctebrated'  
Christmas Thirty-One Years Ago*

# CHRISTMAS AT DACHAU 1942

by Herman S. Hughes

*This human, religious experience was told me by a young Polish Jesuit while we spent our last year of Jesuit training together at St. Beuno's College in Wales. He has since died in a mission station in Northern Rhodesia. But back in 1948 his three years of suffering in the concentration camp at Dachau were still fresh in his mind. He told me of his first Christmas in that camp of hatred and cruelty.*

After the German army overran Poland, we lived in fear and anxiety of what would happen to us at the Jesuit college in Lublin. We began the school year in the fall of 1942 in dread and fear that we would never finish it. Night after night I could hear the staccato wail of the SS sirens as police cars threaded their way through the darkened streets of Lublin, a town of about 80,000. The sirens would stop

and one could imagine the SS troopers pounding on some door in the dead of night and the arrest of another victim and perhaps his whole family. At times the SS troops would come to our college, mid-day or midnight, it did not matter, to search the whole house. All 36 of us Jesuits, including the rector, and all the resident students would have to rise and line up in our night clothing in front of the college. Then the SS men stormed through the building. For some reason the Germans had the idea that the college was a headquarters of revolt, that guns and money were gathered there.

Finally, on the night of Nov. 30, the end came. All of us were aroused about one in the morning. About 50 SS men went through the college. Then the boarding students were told to get their things and go home. Where some of these boys went, since some of their parents had already been arrested and shipped off, and others lived miles away, I never found out. Orders were then given to the Jesuits to get ready what they would need for a short journey. We gathered the few personal things we could in 15 minutes, and all of us with our small bags or hurriedly wrapped bundles were ordered to get into a lorry. We were driven to the deserted railway yard and told to wait. After two hours a slatted animal car was shunted onto a siding and we were told to get in.

There must have been a hundred men, some women and a few children already in the car. I shall never forget their glistening, fearful eyes as the door opened and the prisoners crouched in the darkness. We waited there on the siding till the light of dawn came in through the slatted sides of the car. The car was very crowded and no one could sit or lie down. We stood body to body. The car was filthy when we got on — its other passengers had come from a considerable distance. But as we continued our slow journey with numerous, interminable stops, the stench of human filth in the car became almost unbearable, since we were allowed out of the car under guard only every twelve hours.

Finally we came to the last stop near the little town in Bavaria where the concentration camp of Dachau was located. It was an unhealthy spot by nature and had been a prison camp for German soldiers during World War I. It was shrewdly chosen as a concentration camp since it was completely isolated from all civilization. Dachau, Esterwegen, Buchenwald, Belzen, Flossenber, Grossrosen, Linz — they were

all the same, these camps in which over ten million men, women and children were thrown to be sacrificed and slaughtered during the Nazi reign of terror in Europe.

In the three years I existed, rather than lived at Dachau, 170,000 were brought doomed to that railway siding. Of these, 47,000 were Poles. They were from all walks of life, from fields and hamlets, from offices and universities; 1,300 students between 14 and 18 years of age were brought at one time from the Jesuit college at Lodz. At the end of my three years there, when the Americans liberated us, only 115 of these boys were still alive.

When I arrived at the camp, there was only one human incinerator in operation. If the wind was right, one could get away from the sweet nauseating odor of burning human flesh. In my last year there was a furnace on each end of the camp and one could not escape the smell. It got into one's clothes and even in one's hair.

In the men's section there were 33 barracks for over 33,000 men. At least three men slept on each army cot; when one wanted to turn over, all three had to turn. Tables were stacked one on top of the other — sometimes three or four high — for additional sleeping space. The eating quarters were just as crowded. In the three years, I think I sat down four times to eat my bread and thin soup.

At dawn each day we went out to the forest to cut wood; at nightfall we came back in a long single line, each prisoner with his right hand on the next man's shoulder. The guards enjoyed their evening entertainment by setting the large, well-fed dogs onto the line of men to see them run. Everyone avoided the tail end of the line, where the stragglers were most fiercely attacked.

On Dec. 24, 1942, soon after I had arrived, I was called into the commandant's office at the end of the day. I was wanted for questioning, I was told. Somehow there were still rumors that the Jesuits were gathering arms for a coming revolt of the Poles. When I came into the office, guarded by two SS men, one of the three officers ordered the guards to tie me. They bound fine wire tightly around my thumbs just below the first joint. While one of them easily raised me, thin as I was, about a foot off the floor, the other tied the ends of the wires to a bar in the ceiling. Hanging there, I was questioned for about an hour. "No, I know nothing of any

cache of guns. The Jesuits haven't assembled any money or men."

On and on they went, as I dangled there in agony. At last the officers got up and left for their dinner, turned out the light — and left me racked in pain in the darkness.

My thumbs seemed to be ripping out of my hands, and my arms torn from my shoulders. The only prayer I could utter was "God, God." I was wavering between consciousness and unconsciousness, wishing I could die. In this half-conscious coma I heard the door open, seemingly after long hours and one of the guards who bound me in the afternoon called out in the darkness: "Father, Father." I begged him to take me down. He told me he would get in serious trouble if he did. "Then why did you come?" I asked. "It's Christmas Eve, Father. I once was a Catholic, an altar boy. Will you please say Mass?"

"Son," I told him, hardly able to talk, "there was only one person in all history who said Mass in this position. That was Jesus Christ on the cross."

"Will you please just say some prayers from the Mass," he asked.

As I hung there on that Christmas Eve, with the young SS guard in front of me, I gasped out the prayers I could remember. When the young man left, I faintly heard him say, "I am sorry, Father."

When I became conscious. I realized by the musty odor of unwashed men and the sounds of sleeping prisoners that I was back in the corner of the barracks and, in someone's kindness, left alone on the cot. As I lay there, aching in every joint and shivering in the cold and dark, I realized that I had been unconscious all day and it must be Christmas night. I suddenly became aware of someone at the side of the cot. It was an SS man, my Christmas Eve companion.

"Father, I have some wine, bread, water and a cup. Will you please say Mass?"

"I'm sorry. I can't even stand up."

He replied. "I will hold you up."

There, in that camp of hatred, cruelty and lost hope, with the arms of that young SS trooper, who represented the cause of all my suffering, around me, I said the Mass on an old bunk box at Dachau. It was Christmas, and the God of peace and joy, who had come down upon earth at Bethlehem in very similar circumstances, in a shoddy stable, in a world beset by hatred and strife, had not forsaken us. □

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# The True Joy and Peace of Christmas

by Earl H. Ahrens

Occasionally one has a Christmas which leaves lasting impressions. Christmas 1972 will remain long in our memory. It was an amazing Christmas, contrasting the joy of heaven on earth which being in Christ brings, with the curse and cruelty of sin, which a life under Satan produces.

The Mission Sunday school Christmas program was held on the Thursday before Christmas. The Lord blessed in allowing us to tell his Story to 93 people. Our little Monte Vista Chapel was full. One part of the program featured a man, a new Christian, whom we had been shepherding for a year in the Lord. He participated as a reader in the pageant. It was a tremendous thrill to hear this man read the Scriptures, and read them meaningfully. This brother, however, has a problem. He is an alcoholic. After some months of sobriety and faithfulness to the Lord, with a new joy in a normal home situation, he wanted a share in our Christmas program. He did beautifully. But Satan tricked him back into his old habit. Friday he began drinking again. The anticipated joy of Christmas for him and his family was ruined. So this was our first experience. We went from a high of a beautiful Christmas program and witness to a low caused by the disgrace and shame caused by slavery to sin.

For the Christmas season our son, who is in the Navy, and his young wife were with us. We were complete as a family. Christmas, as of old, is a family occasion. As far as we were concerned the Lord had granted us his very best for our Christmas. There was lots of excitement and joyous expectancy in our home.

On the day before Christmas, Sunday, we had a wonderful church breakfast. The four men cooked the breakfast and served 63 people. This was the first such venture for our people and marked a new and deeper sense of fellowship. Afterwards our hearts were then fed with the truth of the Christmas story. Sunday school followed church. Mrs. Ahrens has her girls class in our home. The tree was up and only a small portion of our presents were already under the tree. One of her pupils, a 14 year old girl, exclaimed, "What a beautiful tree, and so many presents! We don't have a tree and grandmother only has two presents and none of them are for me." A situation like this could not be disregarded. So that afternoon we, as a family, were busy making up presents and a food basket for this family. Christmas could not be joyful with the knowledge of a human need such as this.

The Christmas goodies were delivered and thanks expressed for the same by the grandmother of our Sunday school girl. Just as we were getting into our car to leave, she called our daughter, Corrine, to the house once more, and handed her a present. It was accepted with thanks and we put it under our tree.

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Now for Christmas Eve. What a wonderful evening, family singing, Scripture reading, prayer and just togetherness. Finally we attacked the pile of presents. How beautiful and over abundant they all were. In the middle of it all, that particular present from the girl's grandmother came out. We all watched quietly and with great curiosity as Corrine opened it. What was in it? As she opened the present we all gasped. In this little greeting-card box were two old used Mickey Mouse handkerchiefs. Grandmother had no doubt purchased them from our Thrift Shop. In addition to the two handkerchiefs there was a small handful of unshelled nuts. That was all. You guessed correctly. This was one of the two presents the girl in Lois' Sunday school class had spoken of. This was to have been a present for one of the children in that home. After such an experience, what does one do? We continued to open more packages, but there was an evident quiet and awe as we compared the rest with the one Corrine had received.

There is more. We were excitedly reviewing all our Christmas gifts when at approximately 11:30 the telephone rings. I recognize the voice. It is that of a man I will call Jose. He is calling from the pay phone at the edge of town and wants me to pick him up. He has been walking for 17 miles because no one would give him a ride this Christmas Eve. He is freezing cold and sick. Would I please get him. There is no question, I do.

But now, Jose's coming at this hour poses a problem. Our house is full. (Unvoiced thoughts went like this: Won't his presence ruin our Christmas? Where can I send him so that he doesn't have to stay here? What are we going to do with him?) You see, Jose is another one of the men whom we have worked with now for two years and he too, is an alcoholic. Two months ago he deserted his family. Finally he has come to the end of himself and he wants to come home. But he has no home. His wife will not have him. Again you guessed correctly. Jose will stay with us.

We put him into a hot bath immediately to warm him up. His dirty clothes go into the washing machine. After his bath he tries to eat, but vomits it. He is too sick to even eat. Jose needs rest and time to be healed. Preaching has no place yet. Just love and the sharing of what God has given. Counseling comes later as the Lord will give the opportunity.

Finally, in the early morning hours of Christmas Day, things are quiet. As the Ahrens family goes to bed we praise the Lord again for his gift the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior. But notice, in the midst of this praise we are also called to share the sufferings of the love of Christ who hated sin in all of its ugliness and cruelty. Jesus, for the "joy that was set before him endured —". It became a joy to have Jose in our home.

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## TRIBUTES to



### A Great Man Has Left Us

by Richard Schilke

On Sunday evening, Oct. 7, 1973, an overseas telephone message from Cameroon brought the sad news that Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee died at 9:00 p.m. Cameroon time (3:00 p.m. Chicago time) on Sunday, October 7. The Rev. Elmer B. Strauss, acting field secretary in Cameroon, relayed the message that Dr. Chaffee died of virus pneumonia with cardiac complications. He was buried at Banso, Cameroon, the following day, Monday, October 8. This was shocking news and our hearts were deeply saddened. In sorrow we relayed this message to the children in Edmonds, Washington. Douglas Chaffee, the oldest of the four children, now residing in Langley, B.C., was visiting his two sisters, Sylvia and Nancy, over the weekend. Marjorie Chaffee Briggs, residing in Charlestown, S.C., flew to Washington the following day to be with her brother and sisters.

Dr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee were first appointed as missionaries to Cameroon in 1948. With their two children at that time, Douglas, age 5, and Sylvia, age 3, they left for Cameroon on Nov. 6, 1948, traveling by ship, and arrived at Victoria, Cameroon, on Dec. 4, 1948. With the arrival of Dr. Chaffee, our hospital ministry at Banso had its beginning in old, low-roofed buildings.

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## DR. LESLIE M. CHAFFEE 1909-1973

which at one time had been used by the government but which had then been vacant for almost ten years. By 1953 the construction of the first building of our present Banso Baptist Hospital was begun, and in June, 1954 these first buildings were dedicated to the Lord. They consisted mainly of an out-patient ward, a men's ward, a women's ward and a small children's ward, with perhaps a total of less than 60-bed occupancy. Mr. Ernest Hildebrandt from Stafford, Kan., was the builder of these first units.

Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee served in Cameroon for three terms of four years each with two furloughs in between, 1953 and 1959. In 1965, while on their third furlough, they felt led to resign and terminated their missionary service with July 31, 1965. During their years of service in Cameroon and at home when on furlough time, they made many friends and became be-

loved by all. In Cameroon Dr. Chaffee was known affectionately as "the long doctor." They served sacrificially and well in the eyes of all fellow workers, nationals and of God. The two younger children, Marjorie and Nancy, were born at Banso, Cameroon, in 1949 and 1952 respectively.

Following his resignation from missionary service, Dr. Chaffee set up his medical practice at Edmonds, Washington. He and his family were great supporters of our church extension project at Cypress Baptist Church in Lynnwood, Wash., where Dr. Chaffee served as deacon, moderator and in various other offices. For several years Dr. Chaffee served on the General Council of our General Conference, representing the Washington Association (at that time the Pacific Conference).

In the last number of years the work at Banso Baptist Hospital in Cameroon grew beyond the capacity of one doctor. We needed a replacement for Dr. Dieter W. Lemke during his furlough year 1971-72, and the appeal went to Dr. Chaffee to fill that need. His willingness was readily there, for his desire to return again to Cameroon had remained with him. However, it took time to find a replacement for him in his practice at home and it took even more time to get all the necessary visa documents for going to Cameroon.

On Dec. 28, 1972 Dr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee left for Cameroon for an indefinite period of time to fill the need at Banso for a second doctor, in order to enable our missionary society to place a second doctor at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon. Three of

their four children were married by then and Sylvia, the second child, remained at the clinic in Edmonds.

Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee were royally welcomed on arrival in Cameroon. They soon adapted to the new situations and once again enjoyed their ministry. Dr. Chaffee had not yet notified us when he intended to come home from this short term, when God called him to his eternal home and to his eternal reward. His earthly sojourn ended at age 64 years. He leaves to mourn his beloved wife Edna, his four children, one daughter-in-law, two sons-in-law and three grandchildren. On October 18th Mrs. Chaffee arrived home from Cameroon. We express to her and the children our heartfelt sympathy in this time of sorrow, but we also thank them and God for the life and service of Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee. His deeds will follow him to the glory of God. □

## The Sleepless Doctor

by Paul Gebauer

Early in 1948 the powerful ruler of the Bansa nation in West Cameroon called at our home in Bamenda. We had tea together while he presented his case. The case? He had in his land a little hospital, meant to serve about 200,000 inhabitants and maintained by government funds. Limitation of funds threatened its closure. This loss of needed service the visiting ruler wished to prevent. Would the Cameroon Baptist Mission help? He pledged his nation's support. Only one condition would we have to meet, namely "a doctor who never sleeps." By that the old gentleman meant medical services the year around and at all hours. Road conditions in 1948 and limited funds made fulfillment impossible for a concerned government. Lack of personnel willing to staff the lonely outpost added to the dilemma. Could we do better? We listened carefully, promised no miracles, but assured him of our interest in the invitation. Mutual secrecy was pledged until we had on hand the reaction of our American headquarters.

### Steps of Faith

Dr. F. H. Woyke exercised the understandable caution toward the request that C.B.M. take over the medical outpost. It would mean additional missionary personnel, the search for specialists hard to find, the mobilization of many dollars. It would seem

*Dr. Paul Gebauer has been a Cameroon missionary from 1931-62.*

that the Mission Committee exercised a greater measure of faith than could be expected in 1948. We were permitted to open confidential negotiations with the trusteeship government.

C.B.M. acquired the primitive hospital plant, the good reputation of British medical service, tired medical instruments and a safe which any clever boy could open—all for one shilling in cash. In return C.B.M. pledged modernization of the plant, protracted medical services to all irrespective of creed, color, credit, or credence. That was in 1948.

### The Answer

We surveyed the large property and made plans. We began an independent water supply and started construction of wards and staff quarters. And we prayed and prayed for the most important item, a doctor. Sympathetic officials allowed us to purchase at cost a home of stone and cement built nearby for touring government personnel. We had the doctor's home before we had him!

December 4, 1948, remains a bright spot in our memories of the past. We went aboard the little steamer anchored in Victoria Bay to meet and to look over the answer to our prayers. It was a major event never to be forgotten. We first thanked God aboard together before checking up on God's gift in Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee. Needless to say no fault could be found then nor now with either Edna or Les Chaffee. We considered the doctor's medical experience, his tallness, his quietness, his measured approach to all things as positive assets for a ministry among the Bansa people. We praised God and went ashore. A burden rolled off my shoulders. God and the Bethany Baptists of Oregon had helped us meet the promise of competent medical personnel just before the deadline.

### The Sleepless One

The Bansa people took readily to the Chaffees. Les towered above all the members of the tribal council. Dr. Chaffee met the specified conditions of the secret tea session. He was available at all times and to all, by day and night, in and away from the hospital. He promoted the cause of his Master beyond appreciation and statistics. His medical ministry gave the Baptist witness an opening once considered the monopoly of Rome. His ministry went beyond hospital, chapel and staff to embrace the vast areas around Bansa land. He gained the respect of all who came in contact with him and the love of thousands followed him.

In August of 1973 I had to call on

the Sultan of the Bamum, a mighty man in the political life of the Cameroon Republic. It was enough to be introduced as the close friend of Dr. Chaffee. Since 1948 thousands of the Sultan's subjects have trekked across the weary trails to Bansa Hospital to find healing of body and soul.

### A Crown of Righteousness

It is altogether fitting that the sleepless doctor now rests amidst the rolling Bansa highlands and among the people to whom he gave love and life. They who found Jesus through his witness will care for his resting place. They will mark the spot that coming generations may remember the pioneer of our medical ministry to the Cameroonians.

The bronze tablet marking the resting place of missionary Carl Jacob Bender at Soppo, Cameroon, carries the testimony of the first and foremost of all missionaries, Paul. The self-same words ought to be put on Dr. Chaffee's marker:

"I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith."

And to these sentences I would add the verse that follows as the deepest hope of Leslie Chaffee:

"Henceforth there is laid up for me  
a crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous judge,  
shall give me at that day." □

## The Long Doctor Was My Friend

by Peter E. Fehr, M.D.

In October, 1958, we first met the "long Doctor who worked with the woman hand"—this was the African description of tall, left handed Dr. Leslie Chaffee.

The Chaffees had agreed to extend their second tour to allow us to be with them at Bansa Baptist Hospital for three months of orientation. These three months proved to be some of the most critical in my medical education.

Dr. Chaffee had learned to translate good American medical and surgical methods into practical "African" methods. Economy of time, suture, medicine and supplies were learned in a very practical way in the setting where these lessons would continue to be used. Tropical medicine without fancy laboratory tests was practiced at Bansa.

Observing the practice of medicine

*Dr. Peter E. Fehr has been a Cameroon missionary doctor from 1958-69.*

and surgery as Dr. Chaffee performed it at Bansa Hospital in the setting where it would have to be done, allowed me to make a smooth transition from an American intern to a missionary doctor.

In other areas as well, Dr. Chaffee established a good practice. He was well thought of by the tribal leaders in the area, and he saw to it that we were properly introduced to all of these people.

"Doc" as his fellow missionaries called him, had an excellent relationship with the churches in his area of supervision. He had an understanding of the people and a compassion for them and their needs that made him loved by all. He was the one who gave me the name I would be known by in the Cameroons. At the first Oku Bible Conference I attended he stood up to introduce me. When the people seemed to have trouble with my name he said they should just call me Dr. Peter, and that name then stayed with me.

All of us will remember Dr. Chaffee as the one who was the answer to the prayers of many—as he was our first missionary doctor and the one who began the work at Bansa Baptist Hospital. It is too bad that everyone did not have the chance to see those broken down old buildings that became Bansa Bap-

## Biographical Sketch of Leslie Martin Chaffee, M.D.

**Biographical Sketch of Leslie Martin Chaffee, M.D.** Born July 10, 1909, Everett, Wash.

Wedding date: June 24, 1940. Married to Edna Chaffee nee Vander Stoep. Four children.

### Education:

Biola, La Mirada, Calif., 1926-28  
University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., 1928-32  
University of Oregon Medical School, Portland, Ore., 1932-36, M.D.

### Occupational Record:

Intern, King County Hospital, Seattle, Wash., 1936-38  
General Practice, Whidby Island, Wash., 1938-48  
General Practice, Edmonds, Wash., 1965-72  
Missionary to Cameroon, 1948-65, 1972-

### Family Background and Christian Experience

Leslie was born into a Christian family who lived near the Bremerton Navy Yards and later in Seattle. His father worked at the Navy yard in the power plant. They worshipped in a small Presbyterian church and Leslie received Christ as his Savior at an early age.

### Leading Toward Missionary Service

In 1926, shortly after Leslie had graduated from high school, a deputation team from Biola held a youth meeting in Seattle. The speaker was Percy Crawford, the youth

tist Hospital in 1948. He was always able to do what had to be done with what was available to use, and never did he complain about how much work he had to do or how little there was to do it with. Never did he begin a task without first bringing it to the Lord in prayer, and each thing he did was done for the glory of the Lord. □

## A Wonderful Missionary Doctor and Friend

by Fred Folkerts

The image of Dr. Leslie Chaffee stands in my memory with a warm, friendly smile. Dr. Chaffee was truly a friend to everyone he met. I was privileged to work with him as a missionary in Cameroon from 1959 to 1964. During that time I watched thousands of people come to him as a friend and physician.

Dr. Chaffee was one of the very great missionaries of our time. He was

*The Rev. Fred Folkerts has been a Cameroon missionary from 1958-73. He is now the associate secretary for overseas mission.*

radio evangelist. One member of the quartet was Irvin Moon, now the Christian physicist and scientist who produced the Moody Science films. Their presentation moved him greatly and he further consecrated his life to Christ.

Feeling the need for more training, Leslie enrolled at Biola. There his determination to someday become a medical missionary was strengthened. The next eight years were spent in getting his M.D. degree, first at the University of Washington and later at the University of Oregon Medical School. His internship took two more years.

Leslie had some definite convictions about medical missionary service. He felt that every missionary doctor ought to serve as a general practitioner in this country for at least five or six years in, if possible, a difficult pioneer field. Leslie followed his convictions and set up a practice on Whidby Island off the coast of Washington state. He divided his time between Coupeville and Oak Harbor. He soon made many friends and established a good reputation. People were grateful that his fees were in line with their meager incomes.

One Sunday Leslie was attending a Sunday school picnic at Oak Harbor and was called upon to treat a girl who had broken her nose as a result of a collision in a foot race. The girl he treated was Edna Vander Stoep whom he continued to see and whom he married in 1940.

an exceptionally competent and discerning doctor who patiently gave his time and skills to fellow missionaries and Cameroonians alike. He found time to relax with hospital staff members, and he showed personal interest in their welfare. He engaged himself in church work in the area surrounding the hospital and effectively counselled pastors and church leaders. In every way possible he shared his faith so that others would come to know Christ as their Savior.

Dr. Chaffee's body is laid to rest at the entrance to and by the sign reading, "Bansa Baptist Hospital." His initiative and personal gifts made it possible for local Christians to build a beautiful chapel on the grounds of Bansa Baptist Hospital. Here a Cameroon Baptist Convention church meets regularly to worship and serve the Lord whom Dr. Chaffee so greatly loved.

Our family has a special loving memory of Dr. Chaffee. He was the physician who delivered two of our boys at Bansa Hospital. Many times we went to him for the generous care which he always offered. His deep bass voice comes to mind as I see him now singing praises at the throne of Christ, his Lord and King. Many voices are raised in praise to God for this wonderful missionary doctor and friend. □

Edna, too, had missionary aspirations and as they established their home they planned upon missionary service some time in the future.

While Leslie was a boy, his parents had opened their home to sailors who came to their Presbyterian church to worship. One of these men, Mr. Spencer, had gone on to become secretary of the American Sunday School Union. He looked up the Chaffees on a trip to Seattle and learned that one son, Clifford, was a missionary to China and that Leslie, now a doctor, was also interested in missions. Mr. Spencer knew of the need for a doctor in Cameroon and arranged for contact between Leslie and the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, then General Missionary Secretary. The Chaffees also established contact with the Bethany Baptist Church, of Portland, the church Mr. Spencer attended, were baptized there and became members of the church.

### Missionary Service

The Chaffees were appointed in 1948 and sailed to Cameroon later that year. They served at Bansa and saw the erection of much of the present facilities there. They returned to the United States in 1965. Since then Dr. Chaffee established a practice in Edmonds, Wash. In 1972 they left again for Cameroon on a short-term appointment. Here at Bansa in Cameroon Dr. Chaffee was called to be with the Lord. □

# Contemporary Communication

by Florence Schmunk Bauder

**"Be wise in the way you act toward those who are not believers, making good use of every opportunity you have. Your speech should always be pleasant and interesting, and you should know how to give the right answer to every person." Colossians 4:5, 6**

The voice from the radio spewed forth nothing but gossip!

"That's what upsets me about Billy Graham and others. They use the guise of religion to get rich. . . ." It was the Moderator of one of our local talk shows, ranting and raving about the wanton exploitation of Dr. Graham for his own gain.

"Yes," it was a woman's aggravated voice on the other end of the telephone, scoffing at the "pistachio green suit and matching shoes he wore when he was in Portland once!"

"Yah, ha, ha!" the Moderator joined in.

The telephone clicked. Another irate caller voted, ". . . and think of that, the tailor said he had just made up six suits for this Billy Graham! Six, just think of it."

"Yah," the Moderator ironically seconded.

Another caller nearly bursting with information for the sympathetic Moderator stated, ". . . and when he was here one time, he took two offerings, the first was a 'love offering' for himself."

"Ha, ha," he believed what she said, and apparently anything else vain or that any other callers contributed. He was caustic!

Near the end of the program, a gentle voice suggested that he might wish to be able to speak like Billy Graham, to which he curtly answered, "I would think that would be the greatest curse that could come upon me!"

The lady caller very sadly replied, "You just don't understand."

They had all voted Billy Graham out. And, they ran Christ, Christians and the Church out of town on the same rail!

I forsook the temptation of returning to the legal office for the daily job and joy of being home while my children are still at home. In the morning, I join in Bible study with several men of God on KPDO, our fine Christian radio station. In the afternoon, often for a couple of hours, I like to turn to the two way talk shows to hear what the World is discussing.

It was Oregon's "big snow" of the year, and the children were all home, and listening with me. I was fuming, and beating my cake batter furiously, I remarked, "How utterly stupid. I've got to do something!"

My second year collegian challenged, "Why don't you call, Mother?" She figured I'd set him straight right then and there.

"You can't call if you don't have some facts to refute the argument intelligently," I reminded her.

During a restless night, the Lord planned my procedure.

The next morning, I called one of the secretaries who worked in the Billy Graham office during the last campaign in Portland. I informed her of the program content of the previous day, and that, as the Holy Spirit led, I would open the subject today and trust that she and other Christian listeners would fill the remainder of the show with a real witness. I asked her to be in an attitude of prayer.

I then called the retired Vice President of one of our banks, who had served as Treasurer of the Campaign, and although he was to be occupied during the time of the broadcast, I received additional information and asked for prayer.

I received capacity figures as well as rental fees as a result of my call to the Colosseum and Stadium.

At this point, a friend from another church called. I asked her to pray and listen.

It was just about time!

I was trembling. I felt I was about to duel with the devil!

My hand was on the phone.

The radio gave forth the same familiar voice, "The thing that bothers me today is a system," he was right in there all right, "that allows for a tie up, purely political, of an election of the State President of the Senate."

Since Oregon was in a deadlock at its capitol on this point, it was a sore subject, to be sure.

I tried the line. It was busy.

"Holy Spirit," I was prayer thinking. "You know I get like jello in a real warm spot! Just get said what is pertinent. Give me grace and love, he's one for whom Christ died."

Twenty-five minutes had passed. He was "up against the news", as they say, and had only five minutes left before the news, after which he would resume conversation with callers. He remarked to himself about the greed oriented troubles of the world.

This was it! I dialed, and before I caught my breath, he was there, in my hand, to be dealt with!

"Hello, Del! This is the first time I have called your particular show, but I want you to know how much I enjoy it. I've listened for a long time."

The words were tumbling out, despite the staccato clicking of my teeth.

Then, I was "lifted from the earth", an experience I have, occasionally, when I am in such a crisis, and I know from then on the Holy Spirit must be working my mouth, as I am really out of it.

As I recall, and was reminded later, the Moderator said hardly a word in that five minutes.

"I don't often raise the verbal cudgel," my eyes departed from my notes, "but the greed you were just speaking of, and the negative things of the world are the very things the ministry of Billy Graham touches. You see, when a man's life is changed by his belief in the God and Jesus Christ of the Bible, the social ills and problems of the world can be solved."

He was silent, so I continued. "You see, we as Christians do not venerate Billy Graham as a prophet. But, we do respect him. He's just a man, like you, who so believes in God and is gifted in sharing the teachings of the Bible, that it is his whole life."

"And," I added, "he receives a salary, like you. He does not share in the offerings. And then, so what about his six suits? My brother is a salesman, and I am sure he has more than six suits, some or all of which are hand tailored. Can you imagine Jackie Gleason wearing the same suit when he is constantly in the public eye?" (I'll never know why that name came to me!)

"Well, yah." It was weak.

"I am a former legal secretary," I related, "and because of schoolage children, I do not work out. But, because I believe in this ministry, I worked as a volunteer along with sometimes 30 other highly competent volunteers in the office during the Portland campaign. All of us served without pay. This campaign was no small undertaking. It was all well organized, even to having men like a vice president of a large bank as treasurer, and other officers."

"Oh, yah, I know about the organization," I struck something sensitive, "it fits right into the beaurocratic system of things!"

"We crowded out the Colisseum," I let it pass and went on, "the capacity being about 13,000 in the arena alone, and had to use the stadium, which seats around 28,500 with a cost of about \$1,000 the first day and \$750 each day following. That's a lot of money! And, it all came from contributions, voluntary gifts. During the campaign, one offering was taken to be sent to the headquarters office in Minneapolis. After Billy Graham left Portland, the office sent out one more mailing and completely cleared up all accounts."

"But, what's the result of it all? Nobody helps in the social problems of today," he lamented.

"Yes, we do," I quickly added. "We know there are

## BAPTISTS PLAN OBSERVANCE OF NATION'S BICENTENNIAL

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptists of the United States will jointly observe the nation's bicentennial in 1976 by a national conference here, according to recommendations approved by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in its semi-annual meeting.

At the request of the North American Baptist Fellowship, the Baptist Joint Committee in its meeting last March accepted the responsibility for sponsoring an observance of the bicentennial in which all Baptist groups would be invited to participate.

An ad hoc committee was appointed by the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee for consultation to plan for the Baptist observance of the bicentennial.

The three recommendations of the ad hoc committee approved by the Baptist Joint Committee are:

1. That a national conference be held in Washington, D.C., Jan. 12-15, 1976, at the Shoreham Hotel;
2. That several regional conferences, possibly on seminary or college campuses, be planned for 1975 looking toward the national conference in 1976; and

3. That each of the Baptist fellowships in the nation be encouraged to engage in its own participation in the bicentennial in accordance with its own denominational program planning.

Although the national conference in 1976 is sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee, it will be broader in scope and in attendance than the regular religious liberty conferences of the past, according to James E. Wood Jr., the Baptist Joint Committee's executive director.

Wood proposed two guidelines: (1) The Baptist observance of the nation's bicentennial should be independent of

hungry families in Portland from lack of jobs. We are having a food barrel and collecting canned goods for them, too!"

This was a project that I knew all the Talk Show moderators were supporting. And, I had just learned of this fact of emergency hunger in Portland two days before from the local paper. As Junior High Sunday School Superintendent, I had prepared to do this very thing in my department the following Sunday. I had already proposed this to our general Superintendent while we both attended a recent basketball game.

"Sometimes it seems we aren't doing much," I had to be honest. "And, it's true, sometimes we are slow to move."

"Well, I'm surely glad to hear that, and thanks for your call. Call again."

"Thank you for listening," I closed.

I just stood there. Deborah said my neck was all red!"

Following the five minutes of news, the secretary I had called came on, and as I prayed and listened (we all were excited), she made a knowledgeable contribution, as well as giving a gracious and gentle witness. To the Moderator's remark concerning Billy Graham's refusal to become involved in the race problem, she wisely referred to a recent Southern Rally, and the resultant oneness of mind, in the beautiful harmony of blacks standing side by side with whites, because of their shared faith in Jesus Christ.

The remainder of the callers were all on the Lord's side, except for one man who wasn't sure but that there might be a God!

The Moderator was most courteous, against his normal nature, to be sure, on the topic of Christ, Christians and the Church. I could love him for Christ's sake.

I praise God for this opportunity, and for the love, grace and gentleness with which the callers intelligently conversed. □

the official civil observance, and (2) The Baptist observance should be both appreciative of the nation's history and critical (or prophetic) concerning the nation's life.

Besides Wood, other members of the Baptist Joint Committee staff are John W. Baker, associate director in charge of research services, and W. Barry Garrett, associate director in charge of information services.

Members of the ad hoc committee are: Frank Woyke, retired executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference; Lynn E. May Jr., executive secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; C. C. Goen, professor of church history, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.; Lorraine Williams, chairman of the department of history, Howard University, Washington, D.C., representing the National Baptist Convention. □



by Gerald L. Borchert

Dear Friends,

With this Christmas issue, the "Forum" column begins its fifth year. This past year your letters have come from most parts of the United States and Canada and some have even come from our mission fields.

Concerning the letters from the "Third World," I humbly acknowledge that without more background, I do not consider myself able to sense the undercurrents in your parts of the world and therefore to respond with precision to your letters concerning matters of church life and practice. If education is effective, it not only helps us to new understandings, but it also aids us in recognizing those things of which we have less knowledge. I am genuinely grateful that some of you from overseas have written. In the coming years I trust that I will acquire a greater sensitivity for your letters and be able to respond to them realizing their implications.

You in Cameroon are already aware that, God permitting, I shall visit the land of Africa this next year, as the Seminary inaugurates a new study program for its students in Cameroon. Taking seriously the General Conference resolution to encourage the mission emphasis in education, the Seminary and the Cameroon field are combining in the use of Dr. Dunger and other missionaries to develop this exciting field study program. We ask for your prayers concerning this program, because we are convinced that God

can use it to advance our mission enterprise both at home and overseas.

And with respect to this Christmas season, it is well for all of us to remember that God's Son was not a westerner, but a Semite. The message of the incarnation ("God with us" in human flesh) is the message of self-giving identification with all the people of the world.

The theme of the Seminary, adopted for this Triennium by our General Conference—"Reconciling the World Through Christ"—is a marvelous Christmas message. We North American Baptists have committed ourselves to a million contacts for Christ by 1976. Each of us needs to renew his covenant to engage actively in touching others for Christ. We need a greater sense of mission to our neighbors—both rich and poor—and we need a stronger home base from which to send out our missionaries in the task of world-wide reconciliation.

At this blessed Christmas time, therefore, let us pray that we will see far beyond the well wishes, the presents and the bright lights; for as Christians we know Christmas means that God gave his Son for the reconciliation of the world! Accordingly, when Christmas is truly received by man, he begins to discover the mind of God. In the Old Testament one of God's expectations from man was the offering of the first fruits. This idea of first fruits was related to the family's presentation to God of the first child who would open the marriage womb. Perhaps at this Christmas time we need to rediscover the meaning of giving our sons and daughters to God for his service, as God gave his Son to us for our salvation. Clearly, for us it is much easier to give our money than our children. But God deserves the option of Christian service from our children—and such service includes the world-wide mission of the Church. While we cannot command our children to respond, we can make it easier for them to select a service for Christ. And as we give our children God knows that our money will naturally follow. At this Christmas, then, I wish for you, my readers, a deeper understanding into the nature of God's reconciling "gift" and of our need for a greater commitment to Christ. G. L. B. □

## book reviews by B.C. Schreiber

**The Holiness — Pentecostal Movement.**  
By Vinson Synan, Grand Rapids, Mich., Eerdmans. \$5.95.

The Pentecostal movement has come a long way since the days when the stigma of "holy rollers" was applied to them. In the past they were thought of as poor, ignorant, unstable sects caught up in their emotional frenzy. Breakdowns in the movement were sometimes caused by dynamic leaders such as Benjamin Irwin, lawyer turned preacher, and by no means ignorant. His "Fire-Baptized Holiness Church" was shocked when it was discovered that he lived in "gross sin."

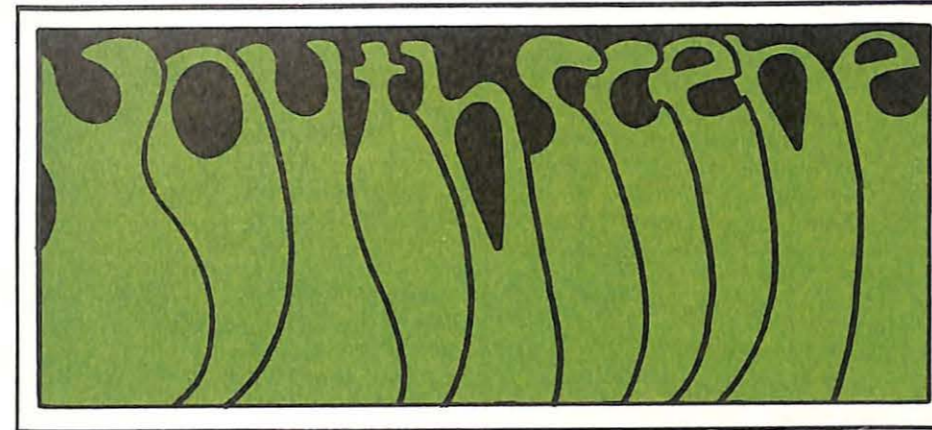
Controversy within the movement also succeeded in expanding the scope of pentecostalism. Each new doctrinal variation produced new sects and denominations, which in turn spawned new families of sects through further schisms. The outcome of these controversies was the creation of a national movement composed of many sub-movements.

The McPherson movement was probably the most celebrated and controversial because of her wild promotional schemes. On one occasion the congregation watched in amazement as she arrived dressed in a policeman's uniform and rode a motorcycle recklessly to the front of the auditorium, raised a white-gloved hand and shouted, "Stop, you're going to hell!"

As controversy and schism lessened, the pentecostal movement entered a period of institutional development which has continued to the present. It actually began with some of the best educated men (the Wesleys), and in one of the highest institutions of learning (Oxford).

The volume is an excellent help in understanding the Jesus movement, the revival of pentecostalism and glos-salalia evident on all levels in Christendom.

Vinson Synan writes objectively and not apologetically. He has been ordained in the Pentecostal Holiness Church, received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Georgia and serves as Chairman of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, Georgia. □



## STUDENTS IN ACTION

Twenty-two youth were involved in ministry through the Youth Service Opportunities program in summer, 1973. They taught in vacation Bible schools, taught and counseled in camps, led Bible clubs, did door-to-door visitation, led neighborhood Bible studies, preached, sang and a variety of other interesting tasks that befell a student worker. In the following paragraphs, several students relate the activities that were most meaningful to them.

### Gordon Bauslaugh

"This summer has been the most worthwhile of my life. I thank the Lord that I could be used in Aurora, Colorado. I think of the simple phrase which I'm sure you have heard before, "It's not our ability, but our availability." Every day there was something new in store because the Lord had already worked in the people's hearts. All we had to do was knock on the door and introduce ourselves. It is going to be a thrill watching the church grow.

"I made approximately 1,600 calls this summer. Half of these found no one home. Of the 800 that were home, 200 are prospects for Bible studies and/or church. From the 200 prospects, over 50 people have come to Bible studies and from these 50, about 25 are interested in seeing a Bible-believing church in a community of 50,000 which, up to now, has no such church of any kind in a ten square mile area.

"There are four Bible studies going, two in the evening and two on Wednesday mornings. The ladies have organized a babysitting program for the Wednesday morning Bible studies. There have been 28 different times that a Bible study has taken place. Two people have accepted Christ and others

who have yet to make a decision are coming to the Bible studies."

### Robert and Charlene Lounsbury

"We would like to thank the Lord for the opportunity we had to serve him this past summer in Apple Valley, Minnesota. The Lord really blessed our ministry and we truly felt his presence and guidance.

"The work in Apple Valley offered me the opportunity of a different type of ministry—building a bus route for Sunday school. In all my years as a door-to-door salesman, I never came across an area with so many young couples or so many children.

"I worked an average of seven hours each day, five days a week, canvassing from door to door, and called on approximately 1,000 to 1,200 homes in the Valley Park suburb of Apple Valley, Minnesota. I traveled about 5,000 miles in the area in which I worked.

"We bused 91 children for the first time to Sunday school and junior church. We had 23 adults visit our church as a result of our visitation. Of the 23 adults, three were already saved, 12 made confessions of faith, and six of them are now members of the Apple Valley Baptist Church. The 23 adults also brought with them eight children who never rode the bus.

"All in all, it was a fantastic summer and we learned a great deal about building a bus ministry and about open-air evangelism from Pastor Leverette and his family. It was truly a summer of great blessings, fellowship and learning."

### Marilyn Black

Rev. Mervin Kramer reported that Marilyn's work at Sierra Baptist Church in Arvada, Colorado, was mainly with the summer vacation Bible school pro-

gram. She helped organize and carry out several five-day clubs. There were 77 children involved in the clubs and about 15 first-time decisions for Christ were made.

Marilyn gave leadership in the youth activities, developing Sunday evening after-church fellowships and helped to begin a college-career Sunday school class which reached an enrollment of 13 members and shows good promise for the fall.

### Ray Lick

"Thanks be to Jesus Christ for the opportunity and excitement of working in his service, building his kingdom. This past summer I had the privilege of being in Kansas City, Missouri, where I was 'ringing doorbells for Jesus.' More specifically, I was in a new Youth Service Opportunities program which basically involved a door-to-door ministry of sharing Christ, and of surveying new communities in hopes of possibly bringing to birth a new North American Baptist church there.

"This really was exciting work and it proved to be a tremendous learning experience for me. In a way, it was new to me; it was hard work, and at times it became a bit discouraging. The fact that there was no other NAB church nearby meant that I was very much alone, receiving little fellowship, nor was other human guidance for my work close at hand. But I praise God for the fact that he gave me the strength and guidance to make this summer a success.

"I praise the Lord for the fact that he can work so wonderfully through such an incapable being as me. I'm amazed at the power of the Holy Spirit and how he brought so many people to a saving knowledge of Christ this summer. I am thrilled and excited when I think back to the times when I saw people accept Christ this summer.

"I am so thankful for this great experience. The Lord did so much for me and taught me so many things. Once again I have seen the need, which I as a Christian have, of sharing Christ with lost people. My experience this summer has only reaffirmed the fact that I wish to dedicate my life to this cause.

"As far as statistics are concerned, I made over 1,600 calls, contacting over 700 people, finding about 60 prospects for neighborhood Bible studies. About 14 Bible studies were held. Fifteen families are interested in helping to start a new church, ten families are interested in attending a church once it is started, and there were 11 people who prayed to receive Christ." □

# Woman's World

## CHURCH EXTENSION IS CHRISTMAS EXPANSION

by Mrs. Jeanette Stein, president of the W.M.U., Winnipeg, Man.

Of all the festivals of the year, Christmas is the one which touches us more deeply than any other. Memories are awakened and a wealth of happy associations are stored up for future reminiscing.

Christmas is the time when we join with other joyous Christians in singing the beautiful carols relating the birth of our Saviour. People are again made aware of God's wonderful gift to a lost world. As Christians, Christ is the very center of our celebration, and our hearts thrill each time this happy season approaches.

In the stress and strain of modern life, it is a blessed privilege to go back in spirit to that first Christmas morning, to stand with the shepherds beside that lonely manger and marvel that God came to us in the flesh. This is not a myth but a glorious fact. No amount of tinsel, trees and glitter can rob us of this marvelous truth.

To express our love to him we show others with gifts and cards and good wishes. If we catch the true spirit, we will strive to see that the day brings a spirit of love and a feeling of blessedness to others. We want to be generous, not only to loved ones but also to those who have need of our generosity.

The special Christmas WMU project this year is for Church Extension. This is our first special project of the new triennium and we want to begin at home, as Jesus suggested to his disciples just before he ascended to heaven. The home base needs to be strengthened first, and then we will be able to launch out into far-away places of the world. Many churches have been established and our support and prayers are greatly needed. Please add Church Extension to your Christmas list. □

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WOMAN'S WORLD EDITOR — COLLEGE STUDENT

Mrs. Adam (Vye) Huber has become a "household name" for many N.A.B. people. As woman's editor for the past six years, she has corresponded with many of us in order to supply articles for THE BROADCAST or the Woman's World pages of THE BAPTIST HERALD.

At General Conferences, countless people have been blessed at women's programs, as they watched dramatic presentations written and directed by Vye. She writes in both English and German. Several of her plays have appeared in the program packets and in our denominational publications.

While doing all her writing and editing, Mrs. Huber has kept herself very active in church affairs at the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Tigard, Oregon, where her husband was pastor, and in her local association. She enjoys junior church and directing the choir the most and likes the opportunities of a pastor's wife to cook and entertain in her home, and do visitation with her husband. Playing the vibraharp is relaxation for Vye.

There are three married sons in the Huber family. Douglas is a program coordinator and radio announcer. Wallace is in the building business, and Jay is a music major in his senior year at Tabor College in Kansas.

One of the most interesting personal notes about Vye is the fact that while she has been so busy in her "Christian career" these past years, she has also been involved in completing her own academic studies. She received her

## Christmas Bouquets



by Mrs. Dorene Walth, Bismarck, N.D., WOMAN'S WORLD editor.

To commemorate God's gift to the world, Jesus Christ, Christians everywhere give gifts and flowers during this blessed season.

It is fitting for the N.A.B. women to pause this month and take time to give "verbal bouquets" to five talented people who have completed long hours of diligent and effective service as officers and committee members of our Woman's Missionary Union. We, therefore, pay tribute to them through these columns, and pray that their lives may inspire others to willingly let God use their abilities also.

B.S. Degree in 1966, and in 1972 she earned her Master's Degree in Education and Library Science. Presently, Vye is an Instructional Media Coordinator in an elementary school in the Portland area.

Vye writes, "Though I accepted the appointment as editor with trepidation, I felt it was a privilege and am happy to have been allowed to serve in this capacity. It is a growing and an enriching experience. Sometimes the responsibility weighed heavily upon my heart and I longed to be more free, but when I mailed the last Woman's World articles, I felt like laughing and crying. It became a part of my regular routine. I am missing the mail already. The contact with missionaries was gratifying. I plan to continue to write to them. It must be something like a racer — you cannot stop all at once!"

"I enjoyed the sense of being involved in a very real way in the missionary enterprises of our denomination. My Scriptural life challenge is Acts 28:18, 'You are to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to the light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that through their faith in me they will have their sins forgiven and receive their place among God's chosen people.'" □

## DECEMBER PASTIME — LETTER WRITING AND BAKING

Mrs. Charles (Audrey) Littman was well qualified for serving as our W.M.U. Secretary. Before marriage

she worked as a teller at the Imperial Bank of Canada in her home town of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Later, when her husband, Charles, was a student at our Seminary, she worked in the Northwest Security National Bank in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Audrey's hobby coincides with her secretarial abilities. She collects pens and pencils and has about 300 different kinds! Letter writing, especially at Christmas time, is something else she enjoys, even though tiny cookies and tiny tarts are baked by the dozens in her kitchen in December. Needlework is another of her hobbies and she even designs her own patterns!

The Littmans have served pastorates in Marion, Kansas, and Edmonton, Alberta, and have been at the First Baptist Church in St. Joseph, MI, for four years. They have a 14-year-old son, Alan Charles. The Rev. Allan Strohschein is Audrey's brother.

Audrey enjoys pastoral visitation with her husband and prefers to work with children and with the W.M.S. in her church.

In interviewing Audrey, she had interesting observations about our Conference W.M.U. and her work as Secretary this past triennium. ("My work was 'seasonal'", she writes. "After a W.M.U. Executive meeting in the fall, I would type out countless pages of minutes and send them to each committee member for corrections and approval. When they were all back to me, I would re-type them and send copies to committee members, Forest Park staff members, each local association W.M.U. president, and each Area Secretary. The rest of the year I would clip the women's pages from the BAPTIST HERALD and the SENDBOTE, and put them in the historical books.")

"The last triennium brought forth many changes. The biggest one was the change from 9 local conferences to 21 associations. It became necessary for our committee to do some 'streamlining' in order to report to more people.

"Because I was on the W.M.U. Executive Committee and because I live close to Forest Park, I attended several extra meetings there, as our W.M.U. representative. As a result, I served on sub-committees such as the Restructure Committee. This was informative and time consuming. I am very excited about the appointment of a Woman's Director — one who is qualified and willing, and who can devote full time in the capacity of serving our W.M.U. We have many capable women in our church circles, but it is increasingly

difficult for them to find the hours to work when many of them have jobs in the career world.

"A special blessing resulting from my secretarial office was the lasting and warm friendships I made with other Committee members. The theme verse, Phil. 4:13, LB, has been very meaningful to me: 'I can do everything God asks me to, with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power.'" □

## OUR LAST CONFERENCE WHITE CROSS CHAIRMAN

Gackle, N.D. is now the home of Mrs. Edward (Betty) Oster, our Conference W.M.U. White Cross Chairman from 1970-1973. Any woman who has served on a local White Cross committee would have some idea of the gigantic task Betty has completed as she recently terminated this ministry. White Cross work must go on, but a new White Cross chairman has not been appointed since LaVerna Mehlhaff, our new Woman's Director, will supervise this phase of women's work beginning Jan. 1, 1974.

Betty had the challenge of getting the names of the chairmen of twenty-one associations after the nine local conferences ceased to exist. Figuring out quotas has always been difficult, but it was even more complicated with this change of structure in our denomination. Betty expresses deep appreciation to all the women for their cooperation and love in helping to meet quotas. The need was there and the ladies met it with time, labor and giving. She urges all women to continue their fine support of this tremendously important mission work.

God's provision was felt by Betty in times of stress. Her faithful husband, the Rev. Edward Oster, was a great support to her, and even answered letters and cut patterns for her while she was called to care for her aged parents who were flood victims in May. They escaped without injury, and were able to save some of their possessions. They were deeply moved by the Christian concern of Betty and her church during this time.

Pastor Oster also assisted Betty in arranging the attractive White Cross display at the General Conference in display at the General Conference in Wichita, Kansas, in August. Conference visitors were delighted to see the samples of handmade items, and receive the latest information about our White Cross work. Since the Osters were serving our church in Bison, Kan-

sas, at the time, Betty was active in other local arrangements also. She was seen supervising children's activities for two days during conference business sessions.

"Busy Betty," mother of a teenage son, is an all-around church worker. Her experience in Sunday school, VBS, W.M.U. and choir, at the local level, has given her much joy and helped to create the spiritual gem that she is. If that isn't enough, Betty has just completed seven years of cooking for 130 students in the Bison, Kansas, Junior High School!

Our special thanks to Betty for her hours spent in order that thousands of pounds of supplies could be forwarded to Cameroon hospitals. □

## W.M.U. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE SIX YEARS

Mrs. Henry (Marie) Fluth, from Minneapolis, Minn., found great joy in serving the Lord through the W.M.U. She feels her life has become more meaningful and richer as a result. It was indeed a privilege along with a great responsibility.

Marie served two trienniums as Council Representative for the W.M.U. and was appointed nominating committee chairman for the 1973 W.M.U. ballot. Due to illness, she had to turn this over to Mrs. Elton Kirstein of Forest Park, Ill., for completion, and was appreciative for this assistance.

In W.M.U. work, Marie stresses goals. She says, "Without a goal, it is easy to put things off and end up doing nothing about a need. Every goal should be a challenge. Having an active part in God's work is 'putting faith into action'!"

Since January 1973, the Fluths drive 30 miles to a new extension work in Shakopee, Minnesota, every Sunday. The Rev. Reuben Stading is the pastor and the group is growing. Sunday evenings they attend Faith Baptist, their "home church," which is about one-half mile from their residence.

Three children and eleven grandchildren have enlarged the Fluth family. All of them are active in church, which pleases their parents. Marie has found that Proverbs 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths," is the answer to many of life's problems. Henry and Marie now do much traveling and enjoy seeing the wonders of God's creation throughout the United States and other countries. □

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# THE COST OF GIVING

by June E. Knight

There are many strange ways that traditions get started. As a correspondent for a small newspaper, I was sent to see if I could find the secret of cooperation existing in a small community that was becoming known for its benevolent work.

I took part in a lovely Christmas ritual, as snow fell softly upon the people gathered around a grave in the community cemetery. The minister of the small, neighborhood church told the story of the wisemen and their gifts to the Christ child and of God's gift to us of his Son. Someone read the inscription on the tombstone. Silver and gold had I none — but such as I had, I gave. Last, a young woman, Jeanie, told the story of Sophia, who lay under the tombstone. Getting the details from the neighborhood, later, this is pretty much how the account came out.

The Van Dyke's house was gay with boughs and tinsel, where school friends and their mothers had gathered in honor of Jeanie, who planned to be married Christmas day. As she unwrapped the lovely gifts, the candlelight reflected on her blonde hair, held back with a gay ribbon. Blue eyes shining, she thanked each one, passed their present to her friend Amy Van Dyke, who started them around the circle of friends to be admired.

Jeanie smiled happily at them, then saw Sophia, her gradeschool teacher, sitting primly erect, wearing her old, black suit with her hair drawn back into the usual strict knot. In spite of herself, Jeanie wished that Sophia had not come. What had she brought? Slowly, picking up the package wrapped neatly in ironed out paper, Jeanie thought that Sophia never wasted anything. Waste not want not was one of the maxims she used to quote to her classes.

Unaware that the older woman had tensed, Jeanie forced a smile. "Thank you, for the vase, Sophia." It was something out of a nightmare! Where in the world would it fit in her modern little house? She hurried on to the next gift.

Later, during refreshments, she spoke low to Amy, "What will I do with it? Sophia will look for it when she comes to see my house."

Amy nodded sympathetically, "I know what you mean." Then, her face flamed. Sophia stood before them, blue-veined hands gripping her bag.

"I am sorry that I brought something that you have no use for but I had . . ." she shut her lips firmly, then with a note of pleading in her commanding teacher's voice, "Jeanie, it's not the gift but the thought."

Jeanie's face turned pink. To be treated like an ungrateful child in front of all her friends! She burst out, "I know all your old maxims . . ." She stopped, aghast.

"Oh, Jeanie, I have behaved badly. Let me take the vase back and I'll try to give you something more suitable." Humiliated, Jeanie watched her wrap up the offending vase, then hesitatingly, "If you need help with

your little home?" At Jeanie's trapped look, the old woman turned and walked out, properly erect, carrying the vase as one would a baby.

"Oh, Amy, I have hurt her!" Amy soothed, "Someone had to tell her that the gifts she brings are out of style and this will save someone else having to decide what to do with what she brings. Too bad it had to be you, though, for it seemed she favored you."

Amy seemed rather harsh but Jeanie wanted so desperately to be happy at this important time of her life that she put the thought out of her mind.

The neighborhood was in the midst of Christmas preparations. On her way up to Amy's home to get some of Mr. Van Dyke's excellent apples, she saw that the next-door neighbor had twined her varanda with evergreens and another house had lights on the small fir in the front yard. "I must go by and see that at night."

The first snow had fallen during the night and the sky was piercingly blue. As she went up to Van Dyke's door Amy's lovely voice lifted in song could be heard. Amy answered the knock. "I am trying to get this song just right. I have the soprano lead in our church play."

The Van Dyke's attended an impressive church in the city and Jeanie planned that once she and Ben were married they would go there, too. For now, she went with her parents to the small community church.

Going home the other road, she passed the old schoolhouse and across the road was Sophia's tiny home. Her walks were covered with snow and it was nearly noon. Maybe she had better go up and sweep them off for Sophia.

But she forgot as she passed their little house, the home that Ben had built on a spot of earth purchased from Jeanie's father. She missed Ben, who would be away, on business, for awhile.

Life is a leaf of paper white — the poem flashed into her mind. Sophia had her learn it once when she misbehaved in school. When Ben and I are settled I'll go up and see her, Jeanie decided.

That evening the snow fell softly to the earth and Jeanie slipped into a coat and went out. How delicately it misted the sky, clung to the rooftops and to her lashes where a few tears had gathered. The schoolhouse was visible from their home and its lights gleamed palely through the increasing snowfall. The children were practising for the coming program. Sophia's house was dark — likely over watching the children. How the teacher had loved giving programs and she fired the children by her enthusiasm. She even wrote some of the plays, herself.

That night Jeanie did not dream of Ben. Images of Sophia, ran through her mind, echos of the strident voice and scenes of schooldays caused her to toss and turn. She



kept thinking of the hours Sophia used to put in with pupils needing help in a difficult subject. It was a relief when morning came.

Sunshine glinted in delight over crusted earth, as Jeanie looked through the window, thinking of her schoolteacher. "Mother, I am going up to see how Sophia is." Her mother nodded, understandingly and said nothing.

I'll go apologize for being so unkind to her, Jeanie determined. After all she was old and had worked hard to teach them all. It should count for something.

Snow crunched under Jeanie's feet going up Sophia's walk. There was no answer to her knock and the door was unlocked. "Sophia, its me — Jeanie. May I come in?"

The house was cold and on the bed, Sophia tossed, murmuring, "John, come . . . Janey where . . . are you?" "Sophia! What's wrong?" The old woman's face was hot to the touch. Jeanie ran to get water for her and held the frail form up to drink it.

Sinking back on the pillow, recognition came into Sophia's eyes. "Glad — you — came. Want to tell . . ." She was quiet so long that Jeanie was alarmed.

"I am going to call the doctor."  
". . . to ask . . . when I go . . . you have — my things."

Pulling the covers over her, Jeanie said, "That's enough of that. I'll be right back." She had to go next door to phone the ambulance and then came back to look at the heater, which was out. She did not know how to start it, so went back to the bedroom.

"Jeanie . . . you looked . . . like her."  
"Sh! We'll have you to the hospital, soon. Sophia, I am so sorry for the way I acted at the shower."  
"My fault. You couldn't know. My pride."

Late that night Sophia died and Jeanie stayed with her until the end. Finding her so depressed, Ben set their wedding date up to New Years. The funeral was held

the day after Christmas and as the snow piled gently upon her grave, Jeanie went through Sophia's meager possessions.

Going through Sophia's things Jeanie was shocked at how little the old school-teacher possessed. No one suspected, she was sure, of how poorly Sophia had lived. Why hadn't they come to see her and made sure all was well? But with Sophia's way — an independent pride, you could not think of her as ever being in need. In the bottom bureau drawer, she found the diary. Sophia keep a diary? Well, why not? She let it fall open in her hands.

Went to Betty's shower today. I gave her the jelly dish that Janie gave me when she was six years old. With aching heart, Jeanie turned to the date of her own shower

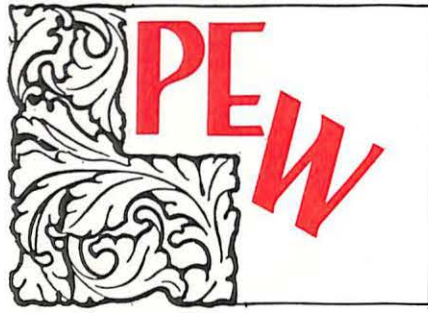
It is so humiliating to be so poor that you cannot buy a single gift for friends. I have nothing else left to give, excepting the vase that John gave me on our anniversary. It was the last thing he ever gave me. It is hard to give up things that they have touched. But a gift is not a gift if it costs you nothing.

How long ago when I kissed you goodbye, John and my Janie? I have no one, now, but these children that I have taught. John, why couldn't you see that train? Why?

Jeanie sat in thought for a long time, then took the diary and went to visit her friends.

The years passed and the little house was torn down and the land farmed. But they never forgot Sophia, their old schoolteacher. Each year, at Christmas season, they had this meeting at the little cemetery. Under stars or in softly falling snow, as might be the case, they stood by Sophia's grave to remember that a gift is not a gift unless it really costs you something. □

## THE UNCOMFORTABLE



### THE PRELUDE PROPHETIC JUSTICE

by Pye Rho

There are some for whom defeat has seemed appropriate. These are the men and women whose only motivation has been that of personal gain. They have been bent on a course which would lead them to glory, power and riches—all at the expense of some other person. It is these kinds of people for whom defeat was only the judgment of others in the protection of many. For them to lose was justice.

There are those who have obtained the victory. By deceit, by craftiness, by default, by noncommitment, by all or some of these means they have won. What is their goal in winning but glory, power and riches? Winning has become their ego trip leading them to the highest level or euphoria—and the rest of mankind suffers as a result of their egomania. For them to win was not justice.

There are those for whom victory is the deserved reward for a job well done. These are the men and women whose sole purpose in running is to preserve the dignity of man, the worth of the individual and the promotion of worthy goals. Whatever might have been the issue, these were the individuals who championed what they felt was the right cause. For them to win was justice.

There are those for whom defeat was inappropriate. These are the persons for whom change was inevitable, whose vision was unimpaired by the present, and whose courage remained steadfast in spite of the odds. To their life-style came life and the refreshment of new ideas. They were the creators, the innovators: the men of unparalleled creativity and thought. While they were busy helping the people, they

were misunderstood, misrepresented and maliciously maligned for their forthright and frank appraisals of the current scene. For them to lose was unjust.

It is to this last group of people to whom society has always been indebted. These are the prophets, the Messiah, the voices-in-the-wilderness: the Bonhoeffers, the Stevensons, the Galileos and the Rauschenbusches. Society will always be behind its prophets. It will never have the courage to face the truth, nor the desire to bring about the required changes. Nevertheless, there will always be the prophets, optimistic in their attempt to bring society out of its stagnation and into the spring of change and new life. There will be no day more eschatological or apocalyptic in history than the day in which justice occurs in behalf of the prophet. □

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## ONE MILLION CONTACTS FOR CHRIST

by Daniel Fuchs



What constitutes a contact for Christ?

A committee consisting of the six Area Secretaries, four pastors, three representatives of the Church Ministries Department and one from the seminary has met to discuss possible resource ideas and guidelines for achieving, under God, the challenging General Conference resolution of "One Million Contacts for Christ." Special thought was given to the type of contact that, according to the Conference resolution, each local church is to report quarterly to the Church Ministries Department.

The consensus of the committee was that the purpose of these contacts must be to personally present Jesus Christ and the power of his gospel to individuals. This differs from the ordinary contacts made by persons at their daily work or at leisure without sharing anything spiritual. One must personally witness to someone in such a way that the Holy Spirit may bring that person to the conviction that through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ he too can be redeemed.

These contacts for Christ may be made by persons participating in the directed visitation program which each church is to select and systematically put into practice. They may be made by Sunday school teachers visiting their students, young people witnessing to their classmates, housewives inviting their neighbors for coffee and sharing with them about Christ, and in many other ways. For example: while playing a game of golf with a friend, you may talk with him about the weather, politics, high prices and many other things. That would not be considered a contact. If, however, during your golf game you share with your friend about Christ and the gospel, that may be reported as a contact for Christ.

It will be necessary for each pastor and each church to decide on what they wish to report as contacts for Christ. We do not wish to be too stringent regarding the definition of a contact. The main thing is that the gospel is personally communicated to people. □

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# Insight into Christian Education

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP (PART 2)

by Lawrence F. Swanson

### Assistant Superintendents

As assistant superintendent's spiritual qualifications are equal to those of the general superintendent. He should also have leadership ability and the ability to work harmoniously under the direction of the general superintendent, who may assign him specific responsibilities. In some instances he is being trained to step eventually into the superintendent's position. He must have a genuine interest in Sunday school work, and he should have had experience in other Sunday school offices.

An assistant superintendent's duties depend upon the set of responsibilities assigned by the general superintendent. There may be several superintendents, each with different duties. All work closely with the superintendent and department superintendents.

A promotion superintendent, for example, will plan activities such as rally day, promotion day, fall enlargement campaign, spring loyalty campaign, institutes and conventionettes.

A special events superintendent works with committees or individuals responsible for Thanksgiving, Bible Sunday, Christmas, Easter, Family Week, Mother's Day, Children's Day, Father's

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Day, Graduates Day, picnic, workers recognition day, etc.

A visitation superintendent supervises absentee follow-up, greeting and registering visitors.

A missionary and stewardship education superintendent provides material, speakers and posters for the various departments.

Assistant superintendents are responsible directly to the general superintendent. They counsel with department superintendents concerning duties in each department. They are on the officers council in planning the overall school program.

### Department Superintendents

The department superintendent is a servant of Christ. He must look at his position as one to which he has been called by the Lord. He seeks the Holy Spirit as his helper in working with his department, remembering that Christ is his high priest at the throne of God and promises wisdom for each task he asks him to do.

The department superintendent is a servant of the church. The church has committed to him an important age group for direction and training in spiritual things. Because his life is watched by fellow workers and pupils, he must be an example of loyalty and devotion to his own church. Because the Sunday school is only one phase of the total Christian education program of the church, the department superintendent should familiarize himself

with emphases other church activities are providing and plan his procedures accordingly. He should attempt to integrate his Sunday school department into the total church program.

The department superintendent is a servant of the Sunday school. His plans should be made in cooperation with the general superintendent and officers council. He represents his department in the officers council. Plans and policies of Sunday school such as records, curriculum, special days, visitation, are implemented in the department by him. He is responsible to the general superintendent for the successful operation of the department.

The department superintendent is leader of his department. He accepts responsibility for the department—its success or its failure. The spiritual tone of the department is set by his leadership in prayer, soul winning, missionary emphasis, devotion to and use of the Bible, and in visitation. Staff and pupils catch enthusiasm for the department and its task from him. Opening sessions and special day programs are accepted as his responsibility. He has freedom to carry out his plans unhindered within the policies of the school and church.

The department superintendent is leader of a corps of workers. He builds good will and cooperation among his staff, giving them a voice in plans that affect them and the school by conducting regular department workers conferences and prayer meetings. Attendance of his staff at Sunday school workers conferences is part of his responsibility. Vacancies in the department are filled by him with workers approved by the superintendent and Christian education board. He deals with delinquent workers, and if they don't respond, he replaces them, with the general superintendent's approval.

He visits all classes occasionally, encouraging teachers by sharing their burdens and problems. The school and department achievement goals are kept before the staff by him. He informs every worker of their responsibilities and asks for regular reports. He can do much to encourage his staff to attend leadership training courses, Sunday school conferences and workshops. He sets an example of being faithful in attendance, present at least 30 minutes before opening and prompt in starting the closing.

The department superintendent is leader of a school of pupils. Characteristics and abilities of the age he is working with vary by departments. He

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Left to right standing: Rita Franz, Karoline Koutecky, Clair Ziolkowski, Gaylia Boerchers, Rev. Ray Harsch, Michaelle Schauer, Gordon Bauslaugh, Colleen Bredin, Diane Patzer  
Seated: Emily Seutter, John Hanselman, Stephen May, Barbara Voigt

# Introducing: God's Volunteers 1973-74

**"That we may know Christ and make Him known"**

"Twelve?" said the clerk.

"Yes, I want twelve bags of popcorn, please," said Diane as her face began to blush. Here was quiet Diane Patzer standing at the counter by herself. All twelve God's Volunteers had decided to spend a relaxful evening after hard training sessions, and Diane was treating them all to popcorn.

As we relaxed in the motel room, thoughts of our first encounter came back to mind. That first night, there were some that came with great excitement and laughter. But on the other hand, a few had left home for the first time with fear and trembling. Then there were some who kept their feelings to themselves, leaving us guessing. With this mixture of emotions, we began the training.

On the first day, the suspense grew as we auditioned. The question of the day was, "Who will be on my team?" Finally late that evening after much prayer and singing the decision was made.

Tall, dark and handsome — well, one out of three isn't bad, eh "Pops"? The Rev. Ray Harsch is from Forest Park, Illinois, and has been trying to stay young for the past five years during which he has directed various G. V. teams.

Team 1 is led by our brave John Hanselman from Center Line, Michigan. Although he is with us physically, his heart is still back in Michigan. We wonder if this has anything to do with his fiancée, Janice, being back there?

A happy disposition in a tubby container is what best describes the other male member of our team. Clair Ziolkowski is from Springside, Sask. He is Team 1 car custodian, singing tenor.

Never a dull moment with Emily Seutter around. She is our farm girl from Millet, Alberta. Whether she is singing alto or doing secretarial work, laughter is always involved. Her ambition is to laugh in harmony!

Timid, shy and from Corn, Oklahoma, we have our southern belle, Rita Franz. Along with playing a guitar, she sings alto and is team treasurer.

"Lots of fun" is the motto that our music coordinator, Karoline Koutecky lives by. She is from Winnipeg, Manitoba. On the side lines she plays the part of team nurse.

The red head, Gaylia Boerchers from Burlington, On-

tario, is the team's statistician and BAPTIST HERALD reporter. The terrific ability to tell stories is finally paying off when her involvement in a children's story becomes contagious. Her talents as a soprano and a pianist are also well used by the team.

Team 2 is led by Gordon Bauslaugh from Warren, Michigan. He says that he flunked his first year of God's Volunteers but will try harder this year. He holds the position of assistant to the director. This means that Team 2 will have most of their crusades with guest speakers and a few with the director, the Rev. Ray Harsch.

When our team was appointed, all of the girls were altos. Fortunately, Colleen Bredin from Kelowna, B.C., brought out hidden talent from who knows where to become a first-rate soprano. As treasurer, she sometimes has great difficulty convincing the waitress that the check goes to her.

Mail time has become the favorite call of our pianist and second soprano, Barbara Voigt, from Avon, South Dakota, who gets more mail than anyone else. These are the times when it pays to be from a family of eleven. She holds the position of secretary on Team 2.

Our overworked music coordinator, Diane Patzer from Ebenezer, Saskatchewan, surprises everyone with her sudden urges to play pranks. For example, one night she instigated the girls into tying a rope from the van to the door of the guys' motel room. Her abilities on the piano are coupled by an enjoyment of singing as an alto.

The shortest member of the team, Michaelle Schauer, from Tacoma, Washington, is the statistician and reporter to the BAPTIST HERALD. The girls in her Sioux Falls motel room have an extra bonus, they have the only room at the motel with two showers (because of her last name).

Our tenor and car custodian is Steve May from Dallas, Oregon. He proved to be an example to the whole team the afternoon he helped an elderly lady cross a busy street. This is just one illustration of our concern as God's Volunteers for the people we meet every day.

This concern for people is carried into every segment of our training, whether it be preparing our testimonies, learning our children's stories, practicing our songs, making our personal relationship with Christ grow, or going door-to-door.

As training carries on, with the aid of our vitamin C pills, we manage to be at least half awake for our morning classes. As each day passes, we grow into one big family that dreads the day when our family must be divided into two teams, but looks forward to the day when

we can actually work with the churches of our denomination, being genuinely concerned about each person we meet.

Gaylia Boerchers, Team 1 reporter,  
Michaelle Schauer, Team 2 reporter. □

## TEAM 1 REPORT

Eager, full of anticipation and a bit afraid best describes our feelings as we arrived for our first crusade. After a friendly reception from our missionaries, the Keiry's and Ahrens, we were sent to work with the first assignment which was giving five services on Sunday. During the week our days were filled with visitation, high school assemblies and evening services. One of the girls on the team also had an opportunity to help in the mission clinic one afternoon.

Being with missionaries this past week helped us to understand more about their work and also the people they work with. It was encouraging to us, when we felt tired, to see the missionaries working with us just as hard and never complaining.

"To be God's children you've gotta be born again" was the main theme of our Colorado crusade. During this time it was exciting to see the way God works in people's lives. We found that not only the young people of today are searching, but that adults are also searching for Christ. Therefore

during this week many of the adults made decisions to follow Christ for the first time in their lives. It is exciting how Christ can change lives no matter what their age.

Gaylia Boerchers, reporter □

## TEAM 2 REPORT

Hi everyone! I want to tell you about six enthusiastic young people that make me their home. They call me Maranatha, but I would be better known to most of you as Team 2's car. I'll never forget the day we started off for our first crusade in Hunter, Kansas. Little did I know how large the burden was going to be that they would load on my back.

It didn't take me long to realize that I was going to be the place of the team's intimate sharing times. Of all the activities that go on inside me, my favorite time is when they pray. These kids are genuinely concerned about helping everyone with any spiritual need they may have. With this in mind they began their first crusade, where I was going to have the sights, sounds and smells of farm life.

On Sunday afternoon, Michaelle let me see quite a bit of the country side. She took me back to the church to practice the organ. The team explained to her that she had to remember a landmark at every turn. She did fine until she came to the turn that was to be just beyond the farm with the silo beside the road. Oh brother, you can tell she's not from the farm. She soon found that every farm had a silo and every other farm had a silo beside the road. I was sure glad when she finally got me back on the right road.

With this episode, the week began filled with activity, whether it was going to the church to prepare for an evening service every night or going to Hunter or Lincoln for door to door visitation. The visitation was best when church members went along, causing enthusiasm to build up within the church.

One afternoon the team drove me to an old people's home, a high school for an assembly and a hospital. The whole week seemed to fly by. Before I knew it, I was being driven to Cedar Falls, Iowa, for our next crusade. It's great to know I'm a part of the work of getting God's Volunteers to many places where they are telling others about Jesus Christ. Michaelle Schauer, reporter □

## GOD'S VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE 1973-74

Team 1			Team 2		
<b>1973</b>			<b>1973</b>		
Nov. 27-Dec. 6	Lakeshore Baptist	St. Catharines, Ontario	Nov. 27-Dec. 6	Pineland Baptist	Burlington, Ontario
Dec. 9-16	Redeemer Baptist	Warren, Michigan	Dec. 9-16	Nepean Baptist	Ottawa, Ontario
	Christmas Vacation			Christmas Vacation	
<b>1974</b>			<b>1974</b>		
Jan. 6-13	Calvary Baptist	Stafford, Kansas	Jan. 6-13	Immanuel Baptist	Marion, Kansas
Jan. 15-23	Zion Baptist	Okeene, Oklahoma	Jan. 15-23	Central Baptist	Waco, Texas
Jan. 27-Feb. 3	Harbor Trinity Baptist	Costa Mesa, California	Jan. 27-Feb. 3	Mountain View Baptist	Spearfish, South Dakota
Feb. 5-21	Willow Rancho Baptist and Church Extension	Sacramento, California	Feb. 5-21	Willow Rancho Baptist and Church Extension	Sacramento, California
Feb. 25-Mar. 3	Salt Creek Baptist	Dallas, Oregon	Feb. 24-Mar. 6	Calvary Baptist	Tacoma, Washington
Mar. 5-14	Valley View Baptist	Everett, Washington	Mar. 8-14	Terrace Heights Baptist	Spokane, Washington
Mar. 17-24	Bethel Baptist	Missoula, Montana	Mar. 17-24	Calvary Baptist	Billings, Montana
Mar. 26-31	First Baptist	Plevna, Montana	Mar. 26-31	First Baptist	Sidney, Montana
Apr. 2-7	Immanuel Baptist	Beulah, North Dakota	Apr. 2-7	First Baptist	Hebron, North Dakota
Apr. 9-14	First Baptist	Wishek, North Dakota	Apr. 9-14	Martin Baptist	Martin, North Dakota
Apr. 16-21	Grace Baptist	West Fargo, North Dakota	Apr. 16-21	First Baptist	Appleton, Minnesota
Apr. 23-May 2	Brook Park Baptist	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Apr. 23-May 2	Church Extension Project	Shakopee, Minnesota
May 5-12	East Side Baptist	Chicago, Illinois	May 5-12	Meadowdale Baptist	Carpentersville, Illinois



# CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS REPORT

## OTTAWA, ONT. CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

DECEMBER 1973

by Loren Weber

The Ottawa Church Extension Project is now one year old. Sunday services were begun on Nov. 5, 1972. Attendance was small on that first Sunday with 12 in Sunday school, 14 in the morning worship service and 11 in the evening fellowship hour. Growth in the attendance, though not spectacular, has been encouraging. The Sunday school has tripled and the morning worship services have more than doubled.

Growth has taken place as a result of using various means and methods of reaching new people. Some were reached through canvassing, others through a special showing of the film, "For Pete's Sake"; a Rally Day puppet program; summer Bible clubs; newspaper advertising; the mailing out of the Sunday bulletins; and through personal invitation by those who attend.

One person who has been reached is Mrs. T. Mazan who began attending in June with her small son. She has since committed her heart to Jesus Christ and become actively involved in Sunday school and church. Mrs. Mazan learned about the church through an advertisement in the newspaper. In March she telephoned the pastor inquiring about the church. The pastor followed up this contact by calling on her, and regularly mailing the Sunday bulletins to her. She testifies that what really got her started going to Sunday school and church was the fact that the bulletins kept arriving in the mail, and the pastor did not give up calling on her. She says with enthusiasm, "I felt as if they really cared about me."

The Nepean Baptist Church presently holds its Sunday services in the Manordale Public School which is located on the south side of Ottawa. This is a growing area of Ottawa. Early in 1974, two new housing developments will be started in this area which will take about five years to complete. These developments will increase the population of the area by about eighty percent. The Nepean Baptist Church has its work cut out in view of this projected growth of the area.

The success of church extension is dependent upon being in the right place at the right time. We believe we are in the right place at the right time. But in order to effectively do the job we will soon be needing a building of our own in which to meet. At the present time negotiations are under way to purchase land in the midst of one of the new housing developments as a church site. However, land and buildings are expensive especially for a new church. We therefore earnestly covet your prayers for and support of the Church Extension Work in Ottawa that the work will continue to go forward for the glory of God, and the furtherance of the gospel of Jesus Christ. □

The Rev. Loren Weber is the pastor of the Nepean Baptist Church, Ottawa, Ontario.



Home Bible study group meeting on Sunday night.



The Weber family: Marjorie, Mark, Larry and Loren Weber.

The Pastor's family lives in a townhouse in South Ottawa.



The Sunday morning worship service is held in the gym of the Manordale Public School.

### WOMAN'S WORLD

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### REFLECTING OVER THE PAST AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

by Mrs. Edward (Adeline) Kopf, Herried, S.D., Former English Program Packet Editor

The verse that comes to my mind this morning is from Paul . . . "forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead." The three years which I spent with the program packet are in the past and it is with fresh newness and anticipation that I look forward to new things which the Lord will have in store for me. Doing the Program Packet was a great experience — certainly a time of training and learning for me in many areas. It is also true that while I was with the packet, this became my major obligation and required most of my time and thoughts. This is why I feel "free" now to think of other things.

I don't think my family actually felt neglected, but I think I will be more relaxed and not feel guilty when I spend more time doing things around home that I had to pass up because it seemed there was always another letter to write or some typing to get out of the way. I hope to renew correspondence with friends and relatives — just for the sake of friendship, not because I am asking for a contribution to the packet! Maybe this Christmas I can do more personal correspondence . . . just write some long letters to friends whom I haven't seen for many years.

A favorite pastime of mine is sewing. With two daughters it has become a necessity to sew, but the many beautiful fabrics are a real joy. I'm sure there are many others who agree with me that several hours in a fabric shop can go very quickly. Shopping is another favorite pastime, definitely not shared with my husband. It is a marvel to me that even in January in 10° below zero weather, I can go shopping in complete comfort, without my coat, in the beautiful shopping center in Bismarck.

Christmas will be very special this year since it is the first year that our

family has been separated since our oldest daughter is in college, almost four hundred miles away, and does not get home on weekends.

It has certainly been interesting to serve on the W.M.U. Executive Board. The other ladies have become permanent friends. We know each other in a way that is very special since we shared this large area of concern — our W.M.U. The last three years have been a time of major change and this is something that we always find hard to accept. I always tried to think, "How will the ladies back in our area accept this?" Or, "How will the ladies of our Association feel about this?" I think that our ladies in each church could pray more often for the Conference officers of the W.M.U. and especially for our Director of Woman's Work since there will be many adjustments and changes during this Triennium that will affect our ladies and the work which we have done and are trying to do. □

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

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should know how long students can participate in any activity, the right type of songs and Bible verses to teach them, the ideal number each teacher can handle, the proper organization and grading of the department, the right kind of equipment to use, and the emphasis of the department in relationship to students' age and the rest of the school.

Attitudes toward Sunday school and church are being built each Sunday. The department superintendent can do much to create a love for church by his example, attitude and leadership. He should try to know pupils: their names, their homes, their likes and dislikes, and how to handle them. His reward is in seeing their spiritual growth.

The department superintendent is responsible for all phases of his department. Success of a school often depends on the way it is organized. The wise superintendent grades pupils according to age or grade. The program during the hour is adjusted to pupils' needs and not to please workers.

Records are important. They should be studied each week. They tell of achievements on the part of pupils and often the success or failure of a teacher and department.

Visitation is the superintendent's responsibility. He is not to do it all himself, but to set an example and to see that every absentee, visitor and prospect is visited and encouraged.

The curriculum is basic. The course of study should be carefully followed and understood by the superintendent and all teachers in the department. They need to recognize its importance in relationship to the rest of the school as they carefully abide by it.

The department superintendent promotes enlargement. The superintendent must ever be conscious of opportunities for growth in his department. Encouraging staff and pupils to recruit other members is his challenge.

The department superintendent plans evangelism according to age groups. Golden ages for conversion come in the children's departments. Usually nursery and beginner departments till the soil, primary department sows the seed and junior and junior high departments see most of the harvest. Prayer and faithfulness to Christ and his Word are essential.

The department superintendent plans social fellowship. Love, loyalty and understanding are the results of scheduled times of fellowship by classes and departments.

(This is the final article in a series on Sunday school leadership. It was taken from the book, *Quality Sunday Schools*, by Lawrence F. Swanson.) □



"I don't care if you haven't been to Sunday School in some time! They still haven't streamlined the Ten Commandments down to five or so. . . ."

## OUR CONFERENCE IN ACTION

**PARMA, OHIO** The Redeemer Baptist Church young people were invited to sing on Good Friday, at the Parma Christian Church. A musical selection was also presented by the sponsor, Mrs. Jennifer Fender.

Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Truderung have replaced the Fenders as youth advisors for the summer months.

On Aug. 2 the Young Ambassadors from Japan presented, "The Chosen Ones," a drama based on the true life story of a present-day Japanese family. The four other Cleveland area N.A.B. churches were invited. Pastor Aoki presented a Bible verse plaque in the Japanese language.

Pastor Kroguletz was privileged to speak at the All Saints Episcopal Church for a Sunday evening open session.

We have enjoyed our outdoor evening services during the summer and are thankful that our church attracts people from the community.

For the fall program we shall resume our canvassing visitation. The Rev. Waldemar Kroguletz is the pastor of the church. (Imogene McClung, reporter.)

**BANFF, ALTA.** The Women's Missionary Union of the Alberta Association met for a retreat in Banff, May 31-June 2. Their theme, "The Faith that Pleases God," was guided by Shirley Sentall. The depth of the study was in finding that "not what we gain, but what we give, measures the worth of the life we live."

This particular retreat was unique because it was a reunion with childhood and CTI friends and relatives. Missionaries, Meraleen Kern, Trudy Schatz, Eunice Kern and Lucille Wipf shared their work, faith and love on the mission fields. In the comfortable and beautiful setting the women were reminded that "Faith makes all things possible," "Hope makes all things bright," "Love makes all things easy."

The efficiency of the retreat is credited to the officers, led by Ruth Friesen. Mrs. Bea Pankratz, WMU vice president, was a guest and participant at the retreat.

**LEDUC, ALTA.** On June 8, 1973, the First Baptist Church observed the 50th anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society. The organization was started on Jan. 19, 1923, with seven ladies by Rev. E. P. Wahl, who was the pastor at that time. Some of the charter members present were: Mrs. Minnie

Grunwald, the first secretary; Mrs. Emma Grapentine, Mrs. Lydia Falkenberg, the first treasurer; and Mrs. Wahl, the first president. Mrs. Emma Grapentine gave a few words of greeting and recalled some memories from the past. Dr. Wahl also spoke and did some reminiscing. Mrs. Shirley Bushkowsky, our pastor's wife, conducted a short memorial in honor of members who faithfully served God in the organization. About 45 members have left us to be with the Lord. Miss Inez Wahl, our first president's daughter, sang a solo, "How Great Thou Art." The guest speaker was Miss Trudy Schatz, missionary in the Cameroon. A time of food and fellowship was enjoyed with the neighboring churches. Our 1973 Executive is as follows: President, Erna Ohlman; Vice President, Gertrude Froelich; Secretary, Hannah Grunwald; Treasurer, Norma Fillenberg. (Mrs. Loretta Miller, reporter.)



Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Link (pictured) observed their 65th wedding anniversary on July 22, 1973. After living for many years in Camrose and Olds, Alta., they spent the last 25 years in retirement in Kelowna, B.C., where they are members of the Grace Baptist Church. Two of their three sons are in the ministry. The Rev. Vernon Link is pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Elgin, Ill., and Prof. Edward Link is a member of the faculty at the North American Baptist College, Edmonton, Alta. They also have two daughters. All members of the family were present for the festivities.

**ANAHEIM, CALIF.** More than 1,000 Magnolians gathered in the two Sunday morning services at Magnolia Baptist Church to hear former Pastor Kenneth L. Fischer on Sept. 16. The church experienced a festive weekend culminating in the official naming of its new education and administration addition, the KENNETH L. FISCHER BUILDING. At a reception in honor of Kenneth and Donna Fischer, Dick Cunningham, moderator of the church presented a certificate to Mr. Fischer commemorating the occasion. Mr.



Glen Timm, Baptist Life Association representative, presented the church with a portrait of Mr. Fischer from the Association which was placed in the library of the new building named in his honor. Associate Pastor J. Wayne Bibelheimer led the prayer of thanksgiving for the wonderful years experienced under "Pastor Ken's" leadership. The Rev. Ralph E. Cooke, Magnolia's senior pastor, gave a historical background of the growth of the church's membership and facilities beginning with the 33 members in 1957 in what is now the Leuschner Building to the present complex of eight buildings and more than 1200 members.

**DALLAS, ORE.** On Sept. 23, the Salt Creek Baptist Church welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Lang. Rev. Lang began his ministry in the church as youth pastor in Sept. 1. He is a recent graduate of the N.A.B. Seminary in Sioux Falls, S.D. Representatives from the Salt Creek Church, the Dallas Ministerial Association, and the Oregon Baptist Association welcomed the young couple. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke, former pastor of the church, was the guest speaker. He is now Pacific Area Secretary.

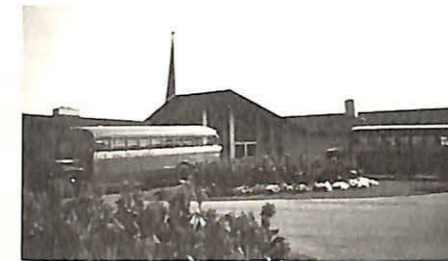
A highlight of the program was the dedication of the second parsonage. It will be occupied by the Langs. Following the dedication, members and friends enjoyed refreshments and an open



house hosted by the Langs and the pastor, and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Hoffman. Pictured are the Langs (left) and the Hoffmans (right) in

front of the new parsonage. (Mrs. William Burns, reporter.)

**RACINE, WIS.** The Grace Baptist Church spent two weekends sanding, scraping and painting their two buses.



(Pictured) In Jan. 1972 Grace Baptist Church began a church bus evangelism ministry in the Racine area to reach out into the community and evangelize families through contact with children. The buses have become a significant evangelistic tool as many children have been saved and the families are being confronted with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At present 21 people of the church are involved in this ministry under the leadership of Mr. Lee Morgan, the church bus evangelism director. The Rev. Lanny R. Johnson is the pastor of the church. (W. R. Cook, reporter.)

**BURLINGTON, IOWA** The Oak Street Baptist Church was the host to the 137th session of the Iowa Association, Sept. 13-16, 1973. The theme was "Planning for Meaningful Growth." The Rev. Allen Travaille, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Evansdale, Iowa, was one of the guest speakers.

Our moderator, Rev. John Ziegler, presided at the opening session. "Heart Beat" by our Church Extension pastors, Werner Lemke and Walter Sukut related the progress being made in their areas. Each morning, "Thoughts to Meditate," were brought by Rev. Iver Walker, Cedarloo, and Rev. D. Hornok of Victor. Our new South Central Area Secretary shared General Conference highlights and activities. Our Cameroon missionary, the Rev. Fred Folkerts, spoke on "Mission Churches and their Growth."

The W.M.U. had a banquet on Saturday evening at which the president, Mrs. Bert Itterman of George, First Church, presided. The guest speaker was Mrs. Fred Folkerts who shared many interesting and challenging thoughts about her work in Cameroon. We welcomed the newly organized W.M.S. of Eldridge into our fellowship. The men enjoyed a fish fry and Man Talk with Alvin Duitsman, president, presiding.

"The Stimulus of God" was the message given by the Rev. Milton Zeeb in the Sunday morning worship service. The Musical Messengers from George, First Church, under the direction of Rev. Bert Itterman and the Melody Masters provided the special music for the morning and afternoon services. The speaker was the Rev. Fred Folkerts, who has been appointed Associate Director of Overseas Missions. (Mrs. Harm Sherman, reporter.)

**POUND, WIS.** Sept. 22, marked the first meeting of the youth group, "God's Pioneers" of the Pioneer Baptist Church. The occasion to meet was not only a donut-fry in the parsonage basement, but also to write letters and clip articles from newspapers and magazines and send them to students of the church. Thirty-three young people sang to guitar accompaniment under the leadership of Jerry Gusick, sponsor. Pastor Bruns closed the evening with devotions: "Jesus Christ first and only in my life." "God's Pioneers" also meet Thursdays in a Lay-Witness Class and go calling. (Esther Bruns, reporter.)

**OLDS, ALTA.** On July 21, 1973, delegates met at the East Olds Baptist Church to examine two candidates for the gospel ministry: Mr. Ken MacDonald and Mr. Irwin Kujat. Dr. Harry Hiller was elected moderator and the Rev. Frank Berg, clerk. The two presented their biographical and doctrinal statements. After deliberation in executive session the Council recommended to East Olds Baptist Church that they proceed with ordination. The ordination service was conducted July 22, 1973. (Rev. Frank Berg, clerk.)

**VERNON, B.C.** Faith Baptist Church with the Rev. S. Hoppe had the joyous opportunity of baptizing three young people on June 10, after which the hand of fellowship was extended and the Lord's Supper celebrated. (Mrs. G. Glinsbockel, reporter.)

**ASHLEY, N.D.** Sept. 30 the Harvest and Mission Festival was held. Dr. Ralph Powell, professor at N.A.B. Seminary brought messages at both the morning and evening services. Oct. 3 the WMS gave their annual birthday observance program. A challenging message was given on "Our Hands" by the pastor's wife of the Berlin church, Mrs. A. F. Fischer. This was followed by a short program in the social hall and refreshments.

Oct. 4 the Men's Brotherhood sponsored a Father-Son banquet. Guest speaker was Rev. Terry Jarosch of McIntosh, S.D. who also favored the

guests with a number of selections on his trumpet with piano accompaniment by his wife. (Mrs. Carl Fischer, reporter.)

**WEST ST. PAUL, MINN.** The annual Minnesota-LaCrosse Association meetings were held Sept. 7-8 at River-view Baptist Church. Delegates from the Apple Valley Baptist Church were seated as voting members this year as that church extension project continues to grow. We were privileged to have Area Secretary, the Rev. Clarence Walth and Executive Secretary, Dr. G. K. Zimmerman, participating in our meetings as speakers and interested observers. Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Fluth shared current progress reports of our mission in Cameroon. Three laymen carried through the Association theme of "You, the Christian" as they presented their views on the role of a Christian as a witness, a politician, and an employee. (Pamela Reck, reporter.)

**SPRUCE GROVE, ALTA.** Sunday, Sept. 16, 1973, was the official welcoming service for our first full time pastor, Rev. Harold Weiss and his family. The Rev. Bert Milner of Meadowlark Baptist Church in Edmonton was the Master of Ceremonies. Special music was brought by the Meadowlark Baptist Church choir; the former C.T.I. Melodians: Mrs. H. (Ruth) Weiss, Mrs. Fred, and Mrs. Rudolf Ohlmann, and Miss Inez Wahl; and also by the "Liberty Union", a touring Youth For Christ group.

Several pastors from our sister churches, including the secretary of the local ministerial brought greetings. The Rev. Siegfried Schuster, pastor of Namao Park Baptist Church in Edmonton, and chairman of the Northern Alberta Church Extension Council, brought the message. Dr. E. P. Wahl, Baptist pioneer in the Edmonton area, closed in prayer. A total of 226 were present. (Mrs. B. (Maridel) Neumann, reporter.)

**CALGARY, ALTA.** Thanksgiving, Oct. 7, the Brentview Baptist Church welcomed its new pastor, Arlyn Thielenhaus, his wife Carol and son Mark. Rev. Thielenhaus spoke on the topic "Genuine Thanksgiving" followed by an installation service. Our moderator, Eric Proppe, gave the charge to the pastor and congregation and Dr. Harry Hiller offered the dedicatory prayer. A turkey supper with a short welcome program was given on behalf of the Brentview family by Carl Lang, Deacon

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Board chairman. Mrs. Thielenhaus responded with the solo, "Bless This House," and Pastor Arlyn spoke as well. Sunday at the communion service, Pastor and Mrs. Thielenhaus and four others were received into our fellowship.

Our congregation continues to grow as new people move into our area. This year 24 have been baptized and 44 received into our fellowship. Our Naomi Guild began the fall season with a salad supper. Miss Tina Schmidt, Cameroon missionary, was an unexpected guest as well as Mrs. Jack Newton, Wycliffe Bible Translator from India/Nepal.

The Pioneer Girls and Christian Service Brigades have a marvelous ministry as they participate in wholesome and varied programs. (Mrs. Linda Ohlhauser, reporter.)

**OAK BANK, MAN.** Following our annual Thanksgiving dinner, on Sunday, Oct. 7 the members and friends of the Oak Bank Baptist Church gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony. Pastor Bernadsky read a portion of Scripture and Mr. D. Albrecht, chairman of the deacons, overturned a shovel-full of earth. The service was closed with a prayer of dedication and the singing of the doxology. Construction is to begin immediately on our Christian education wing. We are hoping that this much-needed addition will be ready early in the new year. (Mrs. Abe Thiessen, reporter.)

**ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH.** The Bethel Baptist Church has added the Rev. Kenneth E. Fresh to its staff. Rev. Fresh is the Associate Pastor, specifically working in the areas of Youth and Christian Education. He is a graduate of Trinity Seminary in Deerfield, Ill. His home church is the Chapel in University Park, Akron, Ohio. Since beginning in July we have seen our college age youth triple and the junior high multiply itself four times through the Word of Life Bible Club program. The Rev. Kenneth Fenner is the pastor of the church.

**ANAHEIM, CALIF.** Almost 900 people packed the auditorium of Magnolia Baptist Church on Sunday night, Sept. 9, for the showing of the film **THIEF IN THE NIGHT**. More than 100 had to be directed to the adjacent Leuschner Hall for a second showing of the film. Twenty-two came forward in response to the invitation and other decisions were reported in homes. One young man upon seeing the film re-

sponded with, "baloney." He later dreamed of his friends being taken at Christ's coming and he was left behind. This led to his attendance at Sunday school with the family that had invited him to attend the film. The following Tuesday night members of Magnolia's Youth Outreach Team visited the young man's home and had the joy of leading him to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is continuing to attend Sunday school. The Rev. Ralph E. Cooke is the pastor of the church.

**MOOSEHORN, MAN.** A farewell was held for the Rev. and Mrs. K. H. Tonn and family in honor of their six years of service. The various departments expressed their appreciation and the Tonns were presented with a clock and a monetary gift. Rev. K. H. Tonn has accepted the call to serve as pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask.

On Sept. 9 the members and friends had a welcome program for their new pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. E. Hees and Family. Greetings were extended from the various departments. A pantry shower had preceded the Hees's arrival.

We were privileged to have the Rev. Jalmar Erickson Jr. from Ashern, Man., to take over the services during the month of August. (Mrs. Irene Cook, reporter.)

**ELK GROVE, CALIF.** The WMS of the First Baptist Church celebrated its 48th anniversary on Sept. 23. The speaker was Arlene Dalton. The Rev. Bill and Arlene Dalton and family are missionaries on furlough from West Pakistan and members of the Elk Grove church. The offering was designated for relief of victims in the recent floods in West Pakistan. Ruth Kammerer, president of the local W.M.S., presided at the program.

Dr. Vernon C. Grounds, president of the Conservative Baptist Seminary, conducted a Bible conference Sept. 7-9. The theme was, "The Twentieth Century Challenges The Church." A men's prayer breakfast and Bible study was held on Saturday morning. The Rev. Merle E. Brenner is pastor of the church. (Mrs. John Wagemann, reporter.)

**WICHITA, KAN.** The first Southwestern Association convened Aug. 13-14, 1973, at the Memory Lane Baptist Church with Mr. Delmer Wesseler presiding. Delegates and friends were challenged by guest missionary speak-

ers, Rev. Oryn Meinerts of Cameroon and Rev. Robert Sandoval of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. Dr. Laura Reddig inspired delegates and friends at the Monday evening banquet and told of the many blessings being experienced each day in Cameroon.

The Association adopted a new church extension project in the Aurora, Colorado area.

Tuesday morning breakfast was served to the women of the SW Association W.M.U. and the Baptist Men, and for pastors of the Association after which they held their business meetings.

Rev. Rudie Matheuszik of Wichita, Kan., was elected the moderator for the coming year. (Mrs. Ed Riffel, reporter.)

**CORONA, S.D.** The First Baptist Church welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Johnson and daughters Lu Cinda, Robin and Melodee on Sept. 16, 1973. A reception in their honor was held on Sept. 23. More than 100 members and friends welcomed them to our church and community. Donald De Boer was in charge of the program. The Rev. Arnold Friez of Appleton, Minn., was guest speaker. Greetings were given from the various departments of the church and Sunday school. Pastors from the neighboring areas also brought greetings. The service was followed by a time of fellowship. (Mrs. Alice Boerger, reporter.)

**SUMNER, IOWA** The First Baptist Church extended a call to Mr. Val Cudnoski of St. Paul, Minn. He is married and they have one son. On Sunday, Sept. 16 he was installed as pastor with Dr. M. Vanderbeck officiating. At the reception in the evening the Rev. and Mrs. Cudnoski were welcomed by each department in the church. The First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, was also invited and gave words of welcome.

Mr. Cudnoski, brought his first message on Sunday, Sept. 23. Dr. M. Vanderbeck served as interim pastor for two and one half months. (Mrs. Herman Lalk, reporter.)

**VICTOR, IOWA** The Victor Baptist Church is the only Baptist church in their county and have opportunities of reaching out in their ministry. They have taken the responsibility of having a mentally retarded girl attend their Bible school. One of their members who works in the maternity ward of the hospital was there where she was born a Mongoloid more than 12 years

ago. She is in a special school and is not permitted to leave for long periods of time. The Rev. David Hornok is the pastor of the church. A special fellowship dinner followed by a welcoming reception which was held for him and his family on June 24. He is a 1973 graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Tex., and has three years of pastoral experience during his seminary training. (Mrs. Merwyn Betz, reporter.)

**ARNPRIOR, ONT.** Members and friends of First Baptist Church gathered Sunday evening, Aug. 26, to wish a special farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Fullard. He was our interim pastor for the past eight months. The deacons formed a prayer ring with the Rev. and Mrs. Fullard to pray for God's guidance for this couple.

With great joy we welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Ken Mac Donald into our church, Sunday, Sept. 2. After the evening service we had a time of fellowship to extend our Christian love to our new pastor and his wife. (Mrs. Allan Scheel, reporter.)

**WEST FARGO, N.D.** A farewell for Pastor Raymond Dickau and family was held at the Grace Baptist Church on Sunday, Aug. 26. Various church groups and organizations presented the program. Lunch and fellowship followed. The Dickaus are now serving the Eastside Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. The Rev. Otto Fiesel from Fessenden, N.D. is serving as interim pastor.

The church held its annual Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 16. Miss Wilma Binder was guest speaker. She is a native of Beulah, N.D., and is serving as a missionary in Cameroon. During Sunday school she gave the children an insight on the life of the African girl and boy. In the morning worship service, Miss Binder presented some of the needs of the mission fields and the ways we can help in meeting these needs. The evening program was devoted to the viewing of slides. Miss Binder gave an account of her daily routine and duties as a biology instructor at Saker Baptist College, Victoria, Cameroon. A mission offering of \$1,060.86 was received. The church helps to support Miss Barbara Kieper. (Mrs. Harold Fried, reporter.)

**LEDUC, ALTA.** The young people of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church organized a Walk-A-Thon and gave the money they raised to the relocation of the Alberta Baptist Camp from Sylvan Lake to Caroline, Alta. There were

42 walkers and nearly all of them walked the total distance of twenty miles each. The participants aged from five years to grandmas and grandpas. We collected a total of \$1,588.99 from the sponsors. Many of the walkers started at 6:00 a.m. to cover most of the distance before it got hot. The WMS supplied lunch and treats for the walkers. (Judy Schamuhn, reporter.)

## In Memoriam

**HAROLD JOHN HASENBANK**, 20, of Edmonton, Alta., died in an automobile accident. He was born in Germany in 1953. He accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized and became a member of the local church. He was active in young people's activities and a member of the choir. Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hasenbank; three brothers: Armin, Manfred and Ronald; two sisters: Gabriela and Sandra, and his grandparents. The Rev. Richard Hoehensee was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**DR. MARTIN HERINGER**, 89, Glastonbury, Conn., died Sept. 7, 1973. Born in Bulgaria, Dr. Heringer was a 1910 graduate of N.A.B.S. and a 1916 graduate of Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He served several churches in New York, Connecticut, Missouri, and New Jersey before retiring in 1938. He is survived by his widow, Lillian C. Gruber Heringer; a daughter, Mrs. Lillian A. S. Heringer and a granddaughter. Funeral services were held in Glastonbury with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford.

**MRS. MARIE ISELI**, 88, of Vancouver, B.C., died Aug. 12, 1973. She was born Nov. 9, 1885, in Yugoslavia. At the age of 12 she was born again and added to the church in her native land. In 1910 she was married to Andrew Iseli. In 1933 they emigrated to Edenwold, Sask. She was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church at the time of her death. Surviving her are seven children: Mrs. Mary Brucker, John Iseli, Mrs. Julia Bergon, Henry Iseli, Carl Iseli, Adolph Iseli, and Mrs. Ella Sonnenberg; 20 grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren. The Rev. Philip Yntema and Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg officiated at the funeral service.

**MRS. MINNIE KARGES** nee Fiesel, 61, of Martin, N.D., died Sept. 1, 1973. She was born on Oct. 21, 1911, in Martin, N.D. She accepted the Lord as her personal Savior in her early teens. On July 12, 1926, she was baptized and joined the Martin Baptist Church. At one time she worked at the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. She is survived by her widower Erwin; two daughters, four brothers, and six sisters. Pastor Alvin Auch was the officiating minister at the service.

**REINHOLD STEINDAM** of Dallas, Texas died Sept. 6, 1973. At an early age he accepted Christ as his Savior. He was baptized and became a member of Central Baptist Church of Waco. He is survived by his widow Martha; two brothers and one sister. The Rev. Richard Peacock was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**FERDINAND MANZ**, 79, of Martin, N.D., died on June 29, 1973. He was born Jan. 4, 1894, in Austria. He accepted the Lord as his personal Savior at the age of 13. He was baptized and became a member of the Tabor Baptist Church, later transferring his membership to the Martin Baptist Church. He served as Sunday school superintendent and teacher. He is survived by his widow, Emily; three sons, four daughters, eleven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and five brothers. Pastor Alvin Auch was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**AUGUST MILLER**, 81, of Benton Harbor, Mich., died on Aug. 8, 1973. He was born on Nov. 27, 1891, in Poland and emigrated to this country as a young man. He was a member of the Napier-Parkview Baptist Church. Surviving him are his widow, Clara; a son, the Rev. Edwin Miller; four daughters: Mrs. Evelyn Chaddock, Mrs. Lillian Wesner, Miss Florence Miller and Mrs. Sherill Wesner; 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The Rev. Edwin Miller and the Rev. Norman Vernon officiated at the funeral service.

**ERNEST PUTZ**, 59, of Martin, N.D., died on June 24, 1972. He was born Aug. 6, 1912, in Martin, N.D. He accepted the Lord as his personal Savior at the age of 36. On July 25, 1948, he was baptized and joined the Martin Baptist church. He served as trustee and usher. He is survived by his widow, Lillie; one son, two daughters, two brothers and six sisters, and three grandchildren. Pastor Alvin Auch was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**GOTTLIEB P. SCHNEIDER**, 83, of Hebron, N.D., died on Sept. 9, 1973. He was born Aug. 25, 1890, in Russia. As a young man he found Christ as Savior, was baptized and joined the German Baptist Church of Antelope, N.D. He was united in marriage to Eva Saylor in 1916. Surviving him are his widow, seven sons: Emil, Reuben, Clarence, Reiny, Robert, Stanley, Roy; eight daughters: Mrs. Edna Drecksel, Mrs. Martha Steiger, Mrs. Ann Metzger, Mrs. Adeline Reichenberg, Mrs. Lorraine Wiser, Elsie, Mrs. Rose Voegelé, Mrs. Helen Larson; 46 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Pastor Robert R. Hoffman was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**EDWARD STABBERT**, 76, of Tacoma, Wash., died on Aug. 21, 1973. He was born on Feb. 18, 1897, near Needville, Texas, and moved to Tacoma in 1905. He accepted Christ early in life and became an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church, serving faithfully as Sunday school teacher, choir director, deacon and in other offices at various times. Surviving him are his widow, Lenna; a son, Ronald; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Herrod, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a sister. The Rev. Edgar B. Wesner officiated at the funeral service.

**LEAH E. WEHR** nee Dobler, 73, of Santa Cruz, Calif., died on Sept. 15, 1973. She was born Aug. 4, 1903, in Venturia. In 1912 she was baptized and became a member of the Baptist church. In 1927 she was married to Edmund J. Wehr. She was a member of Twin Lakes Baptist Church in Santa Cruz, Calif. at the time of her death. Surviving her are four sons: Dennis, Myron, James, and Kenneth. Pastor Roy Kraft was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

**MRS. EMILIE WOLFF** nee Sanders, 83, of Anaheim, Calif., died Sept. 2, 1973. She was born Sept. 8, 1889, in Germany. She accepted Christ and was baptized in Germany. She was united in marriage to Mr. Hugo Wolff in 1910. The family emigrated to Montana in 1925. She was a member at the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church at the time of her death. Surviving her are four sons: Arthur, John, William and Kurt; nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one sister. The Rev. Ralph E. Cooke was the officiating minister at the funeral service.

# NEWS & VIEWS

## 50 MILLION TO STARVE THIS YEAR

SEATTLE—Unless a rescue operation of the proportions of World War II is begun now, as many as 50 million people will starve to death in the coming year, a university professor says here.

Professor Roy L. Prosterman pointed to grain shortages all over the world this year of between 10 and 15 million tons. Such a difference was the critical "life or death balance" for 50 million people — men, women, and children," he said. He termed it "one of the great disasters of human history, and would cost more lives than World War II."

## BLACK EVANGELISTIC ENTERPRISES HEADQUARTERED IN DALLAS

DALLAS—Black Evangelistic Enterprises (BEE) has opened headquarters in Dallas which will be the first of a series of city targets for the first totally black-oriented evangelistic group in the U.S.

The non-profit organization, founded by Rueben S. Connor of Community Bible Church here, will operate as a home missionary group by putting full-time Christian workers in black communities. These workers will participate in house-to-house canvassing, home Bible studies and radio preaching, according to administrative director Josh Messenger.

## ALC COMMISSION WOULD ABOLISH LAWS ON 'CRIMES WITHOUT VICTIMS'

MINNEAPOLIS—Repeal of laws against prostitution, gambling, homosexuality, drug addiction and drunkenness is urged by the Commission on Church and Society for the American Lutheran Church (ALC).

The stand against "crimes without victims" is contained in a study paper on corrections reform prepared by the commission. It is designed "to stimulate thinking, promote discussion and motivate informed action" by the ALC's 2.8 million members, according to Dr. Carl Reuss, director.

## DEVALUATION OF DOLLAR SENDS MISSION COSTS SKYROCKETING

NEW YORK—Devaluation of the dollar is having drastic effects on foreign mission programs, according to officials of the United Methodist Board

of Global Ministries.

The 10 percent devaluation in February, coupled with a smaller drop at the end of 1971, has reduced denominational purchasing power by 18 percent.

The devaluation of the dollar means for all mission agencies that costs for supplies and salaries go up sharply, requiring mission agencies to struggle for additional funds.

## CONSERVATIVE JEWS VOTE WOMEN EQUAL WITH MEN

NEW YORK—The Rabbinical Assembly, international organization of Conservative rabbis, voted to approve a proposal which counts men and women equally as members of a minyan.

Rabbi Judah Nadich of New York, president of the Assembly, said the change recognizes the new role that women are playing in Jewish communal life.

Moishe Rosen, former director of Jews for Jesus, and now head of the Hineni Ministries, said the vote will serve to make the distinction between Conservative Judaism and Orthodox Judaism even more clear.

## UGANDA PRESIDENT HAILS MISSIONARY TEACHERS

KAMPALA—Uganda President Idi Amin has "highly commended" the work being done in his country by missionary teachers from "Northern Ireland, Scotland, and England," according to a Uganda Radio report.

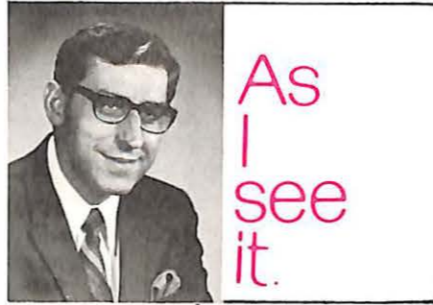
It added that the president had informed his Minister of Education that if these missionary teachers wished to stay on in Uganda, they were free to do so, "because Gen Amin regards them as the best friends of Uganda."

Early in June of this year the Jehovah's Witnesses and 10 other religious sects that were described as being "dangerous to peace and order" were banned.

## CHURCHES EXPRESS CONCERN OVER CHILE COUP

SANTIAGO, — The New York Times has reported that while Chile's Roman Catholic bishops have offered to cooperate with the ruling junta in the "reconstruction" of the country, but there is deep malaise in church circles over the continuing violence and the authoritarian actions of the military since it seized power.

Two Catholic priests were killed in government attempts to put down left-wing opposition to the recent coup. □



by Paul Siewert

A detailed report was recently given on the religious page of "Christmas Fantasy" that Santa Claus has resigned. It all started when the Spirit of Christmas questioned his credentials. Apparently the Christmas light was accepted as a symbol of the eternal light of God that came to dwell among men. The Christmas tree was passed as a legitimate symbol of the ever-living favor of God. And the Christmas gift was approved as a symbol of the gift of God, Jesus Christ. But the Santa Claus credentials declaring that he represented generosity, goodwill and "cheers" were rejected. He was even accused of becoming a commercial tool for greedy merchants and an advocate of disillusionment to children.

Scores of people have begged Santa to reconsider and withdraw his resignation. One major law firm offered to take the case to the highest courts for a reversal.

However, I have resolved to congratulate the Spirit of Christmas, at our next meeting, for accepting the resignation. After all, why not let the old gentleman enjoy a few years of peaceful retirement in the South before his final departure. Merry Christmas! □

*The Rev. Paul Siewert is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minot, N.D. In this column Mr. Siewert analyzes current religious news of his choice.*

## CHUCKLE WITH BRUNO

Wife to husband: "This Christmas let's give each other more practical gifts like socks, neckties and fur coats."

"Now, class," said the teacher to her primaries, "let's get to work and make this the best Christmas ever."

"But teacher," said one little tot, "I don't see how we can improve on the first one."

■ *The Rev. Fred H. Ohlmann* has accepted the call to the Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Man., effective Jan. 1, 1974. He previously served the Onoway Baptist Church, Onoway, Alta.

■ *The Rev. Walter Stein* has accepted the call to the Ellice Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., effective Feb. 1, 1974. He previously served the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg.

■ *The Rev. Larrimore W. Neufeld* has accepted the call to the Damascus-

Boring Church Extension church in the Portland area, Ore., effective Jan. 15, 1974. He previously served the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S.D.

■ *The Rev. James A. Schacher* has accepted the call to the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., effective Jan. 1, 1974. He previously served the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas.

■ *The Rev. Eugene A. Kern* has accepted the call to serve the Sunrise Baptist Church, in the Orangevale area, North East Sacramento, Calif., effective

# What's Happening

Jan. 1, 1974. He previously served the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S.D.

■ *The Rev. Arnold M. Friez* has accepted the call to serve the First Baptist Church, Leola, S.D., effective January 1974. He previously served the First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minn.

■ *The Rev. Heinz D. Rossol* has accepted the call to serve the South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., effective He previously served the Austine Street Baptist Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

■ *The Rev. E. R. Oster*, who previously served the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kan., is now serving the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N.D.

■ *The Rev. Manuel D. Wolff*, who previously served the First Baptist Church of Emery, S.D., is now serving the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kan.

■ *Mr. Gary Hilderbrand* began his ministry as Youth Pastor at the Riviera Baptist Church, Salem, Ore., on Oct. 1, 1973. The Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom is the pastor of this church.

■ The new address for the Director of God's Volunteers is *Rev. Raymond Harsch*, 2 S 410 Flamingo Ct., Lombard, IL 60148.

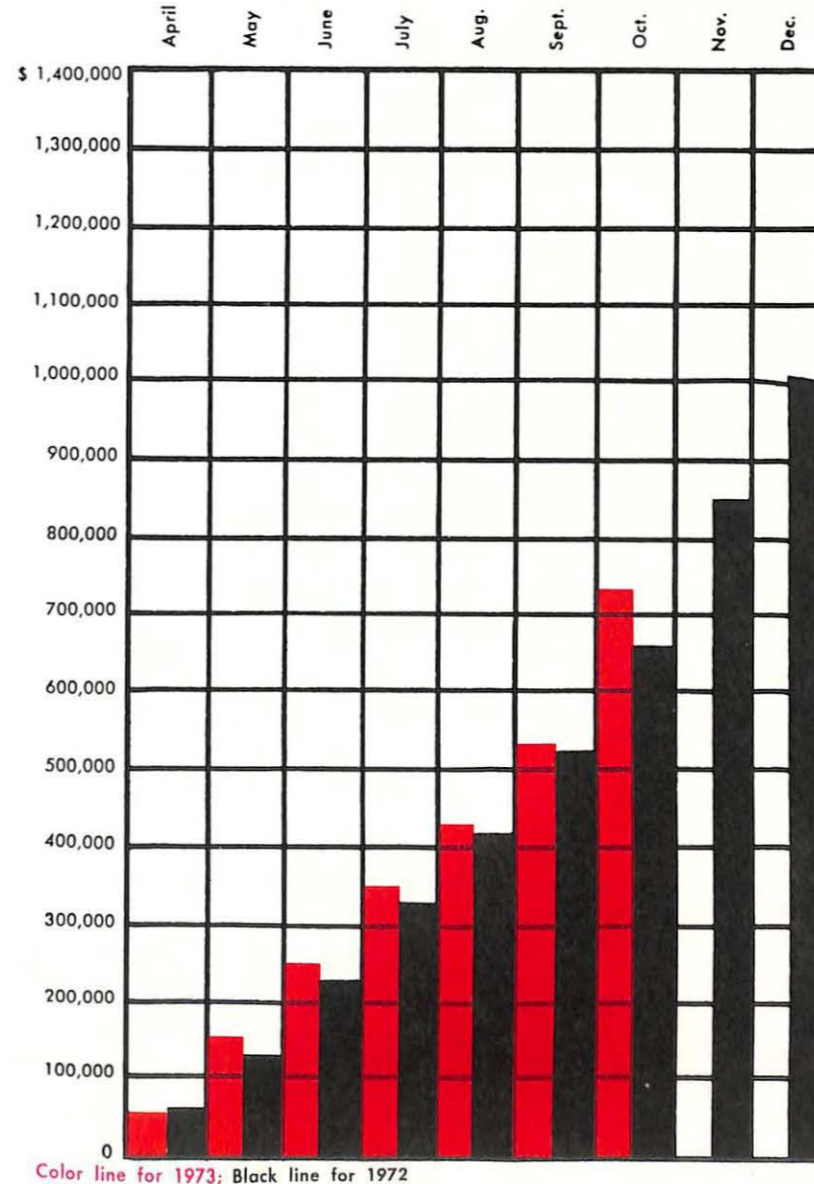
■ *The Rev. Darwin Stahl*, since 1970 pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla., has handed in his resignation, effective January 1974. He will be taking a position in a state hospital.

■ *The Rev. Frank J. Brozenec* is the new pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa, effective Dec. 2, 1973. Rev. Brozenec comes from Hinckley, Illinois. □

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# EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



## GOD'S LONG PLANNED GIFT

Have you been downtown lately? The streets, stores and supermarkets are packed with pushing, buying, searching people. Present buying for Christmas is at its height. Plowing one's way through the crowds is like being caught in the middle of an attacking football team.

But what to buy? That is the question. Many keep lists of people and presents for this year, checking them off as they go along. They even keep lists of previous years, so that when it is suggested that a scarf be given to Aunt Bertha, they can say, "Oh no, we gave her a scarf in 1970!" Wow!

To avoid the Christmas shopping rush it is necessary to buy one's gifts in October, have them all wrapped, decorated and labeled by the end of November, and then sit back and watch other people do their nerve-racking shopping during December. Why not try it next year?

Do we remember the frustrating occasions when we were told that what we expected to buy was sold out? "We will have some more — after Christmas," the clerk tells us politely.

Such comfort does not help us in our frantic search of a particular gift for our parents, children or fiancée. Substitute gifts never seem to appeal to us.

And, frankly, don't we all know the experience of unwrapping a gift on

Christmas, and as we are still wondering why he or she should give us such a gift, to hear the explanation, "I meant to get you something else, but they were sold out." Upon which we reply with, "Oh, never mind," or "That's lovely. I like it just as much," knowing very well that we are bending the truth.

On the other hand, there are also these glorious moments when our search for a gift results in the exclamation, "Beautiful — that's just what I always wanted! You must be a mind-reader."

When we go back two thousand years to the first Christmas, there were very few people who expected God's gift to mankind. And surely there was nobody who expected a babe born in a manger.

There was intensive anticipation. Generation had hoped, looked and longed for the Messiah. Some expected an avenging angel with a flaming sword coming on the clouds of heaven. Others wanted a warrior king Messiah, like David.

Then God presented his gift to the world. And the reaction? There were only a few who were not disappointed about a Messiah in a cradle.

Yet, Jesus was not a last-minute thought of God. God had not run out of supply, and now had to settle for a substitute. His Word tells us that God had planned the gift of his Son from the very beginning of his dealings with man. "But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Gal. 4:4-5). God had taken his time to select a gift. And "thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift" (2 Cor. 9:15), a gift so precious that already hundreds of years before its coming into the world the Prophet Isaiah exclaimed: "To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'."

Do we understand God's gift? Do we know why it came "wrapped in swaddling clothes?" To understand this is to marvel at God's incarnation. May God grant us all the wisdom to accept his long planned gift as a token of his everlasting love. RJK



letters to the editor

Dear Editor: I must commend you on your August issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. The "prophetic" voice of John Mason Stapleton was a refreshing interlude in all of the talk about evangelism. I wonder if evangelism is becoming an obsession with us the way Watergate has with the press in the last few months? When will we minister to the needs of our own people — those who sit in our pews week after week? It is heartening to know that you, as the editor, are not swept along with the current evangelistic scene and can remain critical to rejuvenate the more conservative element in our constituency. David Ehman, Sioux Falls, S.D.

### DID YOU . . . ?

Did you ever expect a letter in the mail? Did you ever send about 90 letters and not expect replies? That's exactly what brought so much pleasure and blessing to the Rowandale Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man. About ten years ago someone considered the N.A.B. missionaries as pen pals. Since then each one of them receives at least two letters a year (mimeographed). Some receive a bonus in form of a personal note or even stamps.

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H. K.

### My Song

by Eugene P. Koppin

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Sweet refrain of long ago.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
Sing again that childhood song.

Helter-skelter is our pace,  
Striving vainly for first place.  
Hurry, hurry, 'long life's way,  
Seldom pausing just to pray.  
O dear Lord, is there no end  
To this ever madding trend?

In the stillness of the night  
Comes sweet strains of sheer delight.  
Jesus loves me, though I'm old;  
Sweetest story ever told. □

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2.	407.83	First Baptist, Lorraine, Kansas
3.	367.63	First Baptist, Corona, South Dakota
4.	330.78	Ridgmont, East Detroit, Michigan
5.	314.41	Forest Park Baptist, Forest Park, Illinois
6.	312.16	First Baptist, Plevna, Montana
7.	283.93	Mowata, Branch, Louisiana
8.	255.12	Bethany Baptist, Lethbridge, Alberta
9.	238.54	Temple Baptist, Jansen, Saskatchewan
10.	233.38	Faith Baptist, Minneapolis, Minnesota
		First Baptist, Auburn, Michigan

### The True Joy and Peace of Christmas

(Continued from page 6)

Is there more? Yes. There is a sequel of victory for Jose. He has confessed and received forgiveness from God and his family and is now involved in in-depth counseling with his wife by a skilled Christian counselor. By faith we wait for the victory of the Lord in the life of the first man mentioned in this story. But what a won-

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derful lesson we have learned. It is the lesson of the mysterious paradox of the Christian life of joy and sorrow all together for Christ's sake.

The above incidents may repeat themselves over and over again till he comes. Until then, let us remain faithful, ministering and witnessing boldly in the face of human need, ever assured of the peace of God in our hearts which passes human understanding. □



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