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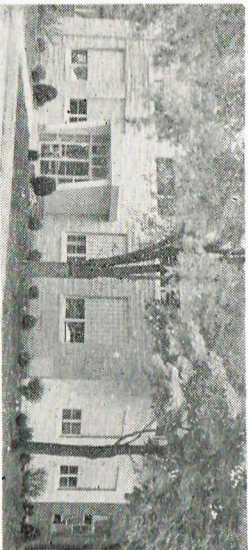
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## "One Soweth, and Another Reapeth"

**M**ILESTONES are notable occasions. The glory of achievement is an experience that has within itself worthy compensations. There is something about accomplishing a task that stimulates energy and devotion to pursue the work still more faithfully.



"Touch not the glory" is a *must* motto when God has performed a miracle. One is filled with a sickening nausea when men parade and either consciously or unconsciously move into the limelight of operations. Things get far off-center when man gets into the inner circle.

This issue represents another step in achievement of the work as directed by the Board of Publications. In preparation for "Open House" and Dedication, a review was made of the names associated with the publication work who have served since the early days. Relatively few remain to whom the formal invitations could be sent. Their work on earth is finished and having served their generation they "fell on sleep."

In any venture certain facts are realized more clearly when you find yourself in the midst of operations. This was true when the Church started operating its own printing establishment. At different times the line between continuing and discontinuing was very narrow. I still remember some of the atmosphere and remarks that followed the General Conference of 1929. Certain church leaders had been called in by the publication interests for the purpose of securing counsel and guidance. Projects of the Christian church are not supported by 100% of the constituency. The prophets of doom have a way of making a difficult situation even worse. Those who served the past of E. V. Publishing House know something of these difficult experiences.

Not everything that our church fathers did was wise. If it had been otherwise they would not have been men. The weaknesses of our generation will really be known when what we have done has been "weathered" and "beaten" by the years. It is a wise procedure to be extremely cau-

tious when rating success. One of the strange things is, what seems right today may show up tomorrow as having been unwise, to say the least.

It is common knowledge that publication work in denominational life is difficult. Daily newspapers, news magazines, and monthly periodicals secure their revenue from advertising. Church papers do not use this method, and, consequently, have only the income from subscriptions to apply against the cost of publishing. The difference between actual cost of publishing church literature and subscription income must be realized somehow.

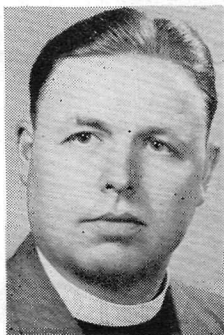
If the Brethren in Christ Church had no Publishing House the general budget of the church would need to provide funds for this cause. In 1941-42 the Publication Board spearheaded a new move when Christian Light Press began operations. This phase is dedicated to the distribution of items of merchandise that make a Christian contribution in their sales and influence. As initially begun under the direction of Paul McBeth and now directed by Clair Hoffman, this area has been greatly blest of the Lord.

As we now operate E. V. Publishing House and Christian Light Press share equally in providing a budget that takes care of this phase of the church's activity.

The venture of the past stands acquitted in light of the present. May God give wisdom and guidance so that today's efforts may prove a blessing to the Church of tomorrow.

—J.N.H.

## Greetings



**W**E TAKE pleasure in greeting you, our Brethren and friends, on this occasion of the completion of the remodeling and enlarging of the E. V. Publishing House of the Brethren in Christ Church.

The E. V. Publishing House represents one of the many different ways by which the Brethren in Christ Church has been able to minister the good news of salvation. It would be impossible to estimate the number of printed messages which have gone out across the country and around

the world during the years since its beginning.

It is the aim of your publishing house to be the servant of all, whether it be to the church-at-large, to the congregation, or individual.

The purpose of the publishing house is expressed in the corporation records of the Publication Board. It states that the purpose is for "the promotion and extension of religious and Christian education through the dissemination of religious literature." This is accomplished by printing and publishing of the items from the boards and commissions of the Brethren in Christ Church, as well as the privilege of working in close relationship with other denominations and religious endeavors in the printing of their publications.

At this time of remodeling and enlarging we feel in a new sense the importance of this ministry of the printed page and determine to dedicate ourselves anew more devotedly to the proper carrying out of our charge. By His guidance and your cooperation, we do want to improve our literature service for Christ and His Church in her ever-expanding ministry at home and abroad.

*Erwin W. Thomas, Manager*

## Evangelical Visitor

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# Our Publishing House

## In Retrospect

“WILL YOU please remain standing until you’re counted.” After a whispered consultation between the Moderator, Bish. Levi Lukenbach (?) and the secretarial staff, the vote was announced: “The motion carried.”

This meeting was the Sixteenth Annual General Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church, held at the home of Cyrus Lenhart in Kansas, May 18, 19, 20, 1887; and the “motion,” which might have been acted upon in the manner suggested, was for approval of a resolution to authorize the publication of an official church paper.

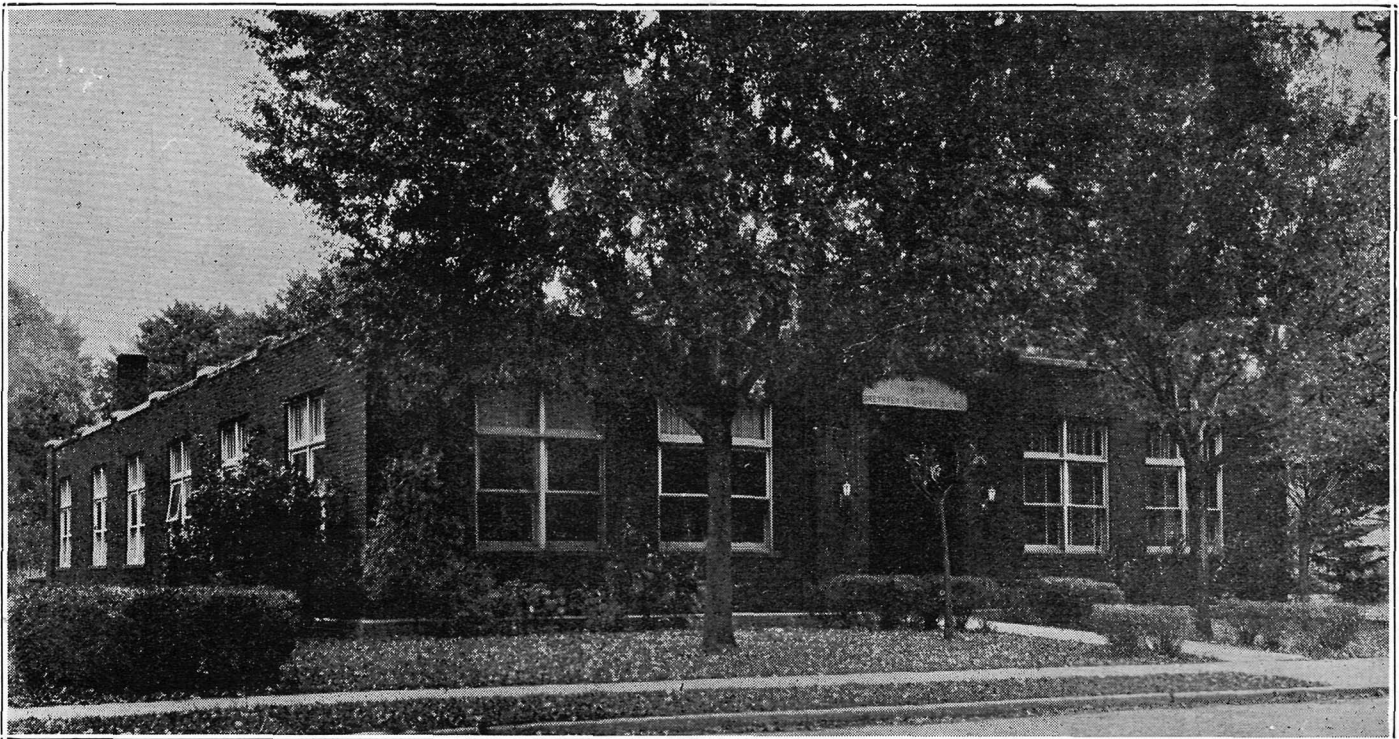
The first General Conference consideration of this question of which we have record was in the year 1874.

At that time the decision was to postpone “for consideration and action at General Council of 1875.” The minutes of the 1875 Conference record the following action, which we believe is something of a masterpiece of secretarial diplomacy: “The question regarding the publication of a religious periodical by the church, after being duly considered in love and harmony, was postponed, fearing that the brethren were not ready to choose the best.”

This readiness “to choose the best” did not materialize until twelve years

*C. W. Boyer, Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, formerly affiliated with the publishing interests.*

later at the Conference of 1887, already referred to, after reconsiderations in the years 1876, 1880, and 1881. Even then the choice was only on a tentative basis, since the approval to publish a church paper, according to the 1887 minutes, was only



The E. V. Publishing House, Nappanee, Indiana as it appeared before the recent remodeling program which added a second story and refaced the front with Indiana limestone.



## Dedication

October 9, 1955

E. V. Publishing House  
Nappanee, Indiana

A summary of Bishop Swalm's  
Dedicatory Address will appear in the  
next issue.

given "as a test for a term of four years, then to be reconsidered by General Conference."

The Board of Publication, appointed to implement this Conference decision were: Daniel Heise, Clarence Center, N. Y., S. E. Graybill, Martinsville, Pa., W. O. Baker, Louisville, Ohio, Samuel Zook, Abilene, Kans., Henry Davidson, White Pigeon, Mich. This Board appointed from its number Bish. Henry Davidson as the first editor; and Volume I, No. 1 of the *Evangelical Visitor* appeared under date of August 1, 1887.

At the General Conference of 1891, held at Mastersonville, Pennsylvania, we are told that apparently there was no other matter which "engaged the attention and interest of the whole Conference so much as did the subject of the continuation of our church paper." (Editorial of June 1, 1891.) The action of the Conference is recorded in the following minute record: "Decided: By a congregational vote to continue the publication of the same, viz: *The Evangelical Visitor*"; and the editor informs us in the same editorial referred to above that the decision carried "by a small majority." And so, after having been considered by seven General Conferences, the *Evangelical Visitor* finally became a permanent institution of the Brethren in Christ church.

Bishop Davidson lived at White Pigeon, and at first the printing was done at Elkhart, Indiana. It is of more than passing interest that the permanent publishing headquarters of the church is located so near the point of the first printing of the church paper.

It is not the intent of this article to present an exhaustive study of this

sixty-eight-year period (1887-1955) of *Evangelical Visitor* history. However we do believe that the following roster of editors who served during this period should be included: Henry Davidson, 1887-1896, Henry N. Engle, 1896-1899, Samuel Zook, 1899-1900, Geo. Detwiler, 1900-1918, V. L. Stump 1918-1923, O. B. Ulery 1923-1927, V. L. Stump 1927-1943, Jesse Hoover 1943-1947, who was succeeded in 1947 by the present editor, J. N. Hostetter.

The first expression relative to the need of the church having her own publishing facilities seems to have been voiced by the first editor, who wrote in an editorial in 1891, "a re-

ligious paper to succeed must have its own press." As the years passed this conviction came to be shared by others; but it was not until twenty-nine years later that this vision became a reality, when the General Conference of 1920 approved a recommendation of the Publication Board, authorizing the Board "to purchase the necessary equipment and put said plant into active operation," for which a fund of \$15,000 was approved. Soon after Conference, the Board purchased the News Publishing Co., of Nappanee, Indiana, for a price of \$5750., (which was reduced by \$1000. by the sale of the newspaper good will and subscription list to the other newspaper of the town.) Since this shop had only limited facilities, additional equipment was immediately purchased.

The acquiring of this plant was only the first step toward the original goal that the church should have, not only a printing plant, but her own building as well. The second step was taken in 1925, when General Conference of that year authorized the Publication Board to raise a fund of \$15,000, "to purchase a location and erect a suitable building." Following this Conference, the present site of the Publishing House was chosen and purchased. Construction was started September 19, and on January 15, 1926 the new building, 69' x 96' in size, was occupied. The building report made to General Conference of 1927 shows a total cost of \$2,207.75 for land and \$14,077.81 for the building proper.



An earlier picture of linotypists Glenn Yoder and Ferne Burnham. Mrs. Burnham was recently honored for completing more than twenty-five years of service to the Publishing House.



Another view from the 1930's shows the mailing operation. Pictured here are Helen Collins Book, Ferne Teeter Longanecker, Roy Bollman, and Paul McBeth. Roy Bollman, now shop foreman, completes twenty-eight years with the Publishing House this month. Paul McBeth now serves the church as Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education.

Without doubt the significant progress made during this 1920-1926 period, resulting in the church acquiring her own printing plant and building, was due in large measure to the vision and initiative of the then editor and manager, V. L. Stump.

To the rear of the original building, a stock room 60' x 20' in size was added in 1947.

We now come to the next major step in the development of our publishing facilities. Since the church has been kept well informed concerning progress of this present plant expansion, approved by General Conference of 1954, we will not give further details here, except to say that this present fine, well-planned, second story addition will provide additional much needed plant space, as well as more commodious and comfortable office and editorial room on the second floor. Also, the impressive new entrance definitely enhances the appearance of the building.

It is interesting to note that while the cost of the original building was \$14,077.81, the cost figure of the present addition is \$56,700. The difference in these two figures is partly accounted for by the type and quality of construction of the addition. Beyond this we may say that here is an example of the rather startling "progress" which has been made in our national economy during the past thirty years! It should be noted here that this major expansion is being made "without solicitation from the church"; and it should indeed be a cause for gratitude on the part of the church that the financial position of the Publishing House is now strong enough to make this possible.

Were this an exhaustive historical treatment, it would be in order to refer in greater detail to individuals who have been responsible for bringing our publishing program to its present point of volume and success, and of wide service to the Brethren in Christ Church as well as to the Christian community as a whole. It has been said that every successful undertaking is the lengthened shadow of one man. We feel that in this case, the present successful status of the Brethren in Christ Church in publishing and distributing Christian literature through its own printing plant, and through its four Christian Light Stores, reflects a *composite shadow*,

into which have gone the faithful and consecrated efforts of *many* loyal servants of the church from that early year of 1887, which started the *Evangelical Visitor* on its way, to this year of 1955, which marks the dedication of the enlarged plant of the E. V. Publishing House.

Through all these years and all these efforts, we believe the statement appearing in the editor's "Salutatory" in the first issue has been and still continues to be our fundamental policy: "The Bible, its doctrines and its evangelical truths, shall constitute the basis of our publications."

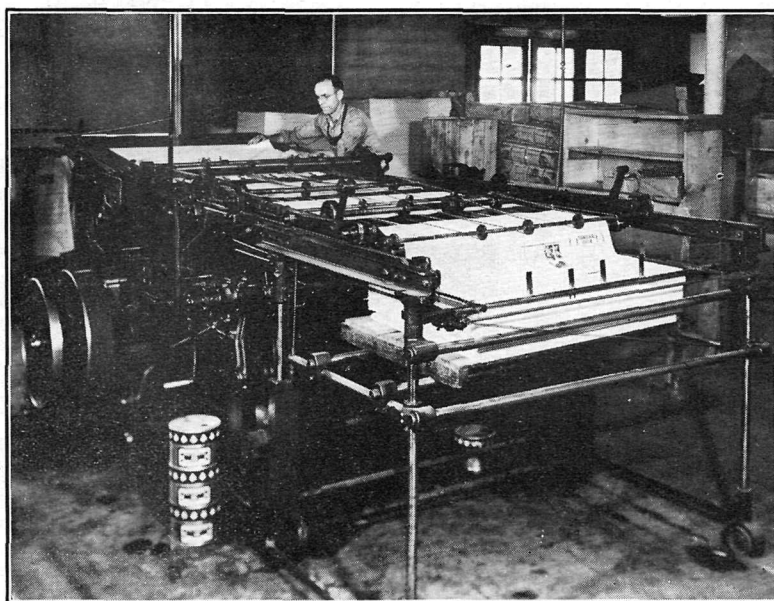
On this sound basis may the Publishing House, with its various avenues of distribution, continue to be an increasingly vital agency for the dissemination of the Gospel, for the extension and growth of the Church, and "for the edifying of the body of Christ."

—Dayton, Ohio

## Building --- in 1925

*Excerpts from "In Our New Home," as published in the January 18, 1926 Evangelical Visitor*

THE construction work on the new building started on September 19 and during the first few weeks was pushed forward rapidly, but early in October bad weather set in and the work was hindered considerably. However, step by step the building advanced from foundation walls, until on the spot which before was only



Modern self-feeders have eliminated the tedious hand-feeding operation as it was formerly done. Here Frank Lemna, now with the E. V. for thirty-one years, feeds the press as it was done twenty years ago.

a vacant spot, there stood a building large in its proportions, strong in its construction and beautiful in its design, bearing the stone slab which spans the entrance way, the inscription:

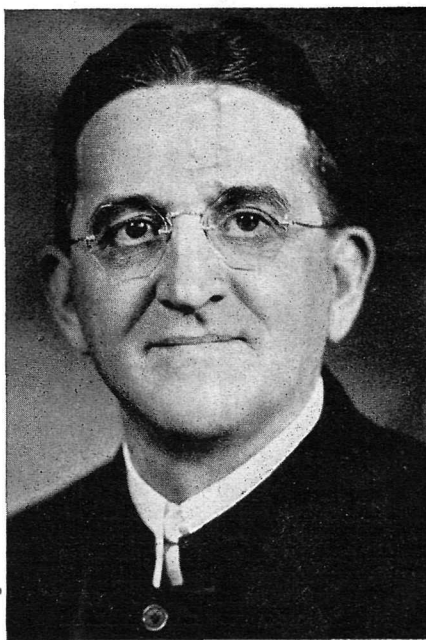
E. V. PUBLISHING HOUSE  
1925

BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

Naturally, we are looking forward with anticipation to the time when we should occupy our new quarters, although we could scarcely evade a certain feeling of dread as we thought of the approaching "moving time," with all that it would mean.

For a time we had hoped that we could get into the new building during the last week of the old year, but being disappointed in this, the date finally set for the occasion was Thursday and Friday, January 14 and 15. A goodly number of brethren came in from the country on Friday to help us, furnishing also two teams with a wagon and sled. These, with the other help which had been procured, gave us a large and energetic working force, equal to the task before us. That it was an energetic force could not be questioned, as one observed those on the one hand who were busy loading boxes, desks, tables, etc., onto the wagons, or if he watched the other crew who with pries and blocks were working on the presses and other heavy machinery.

It was the moving of the machinery which constituted the most difficult part of our work; but a well-packed layer of snow was greatly in our



Rev. V. L. Stump, dynamic promoter of the publishing interests until his death in 1943.

favor, and made it possible for all the large machines to be moved on heavy sleds. No tearing down of machines was necessary except to remove such exterior parts as to enable them to go through the doorways. The sleds were pulled into the new building through the rear door and each machine drawn to its location before being unloaded.

When evening came it found a bunch of workmen tired, no doubt, but pleased and perhaps a little surprised at what had been accomplished; for with a few exceptions

everything had been transported to the new building. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the local brethren who rendered such valuable assistance on this occasion. It is difficult to see how we could have gotten along without their help.

We are now in the new building, but are hardly prepared yet to extend a general invitation for visitors. Things are still in a more or less chaotic condition and it remains a question as to whether moving or straightening up, is the larger task. However, we are making rapid progress in this direction and expect that everything will soon be properly arranged and organized.

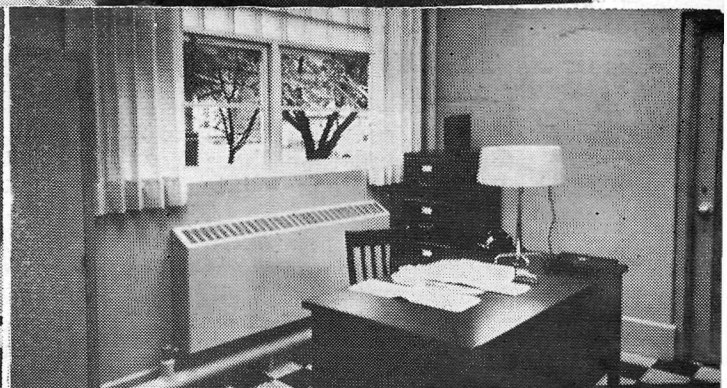
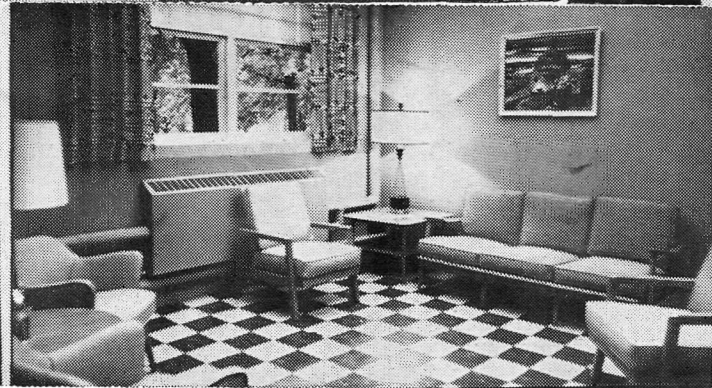
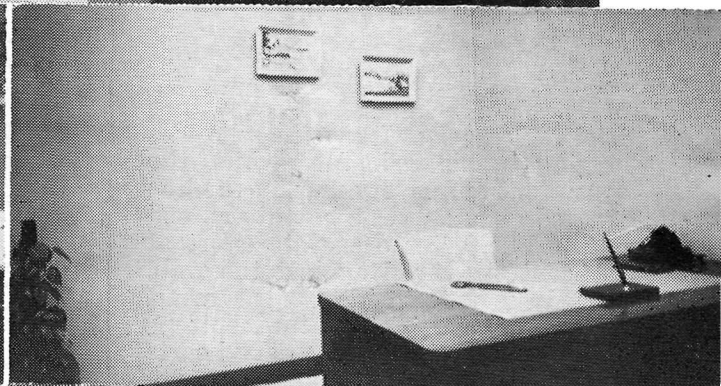
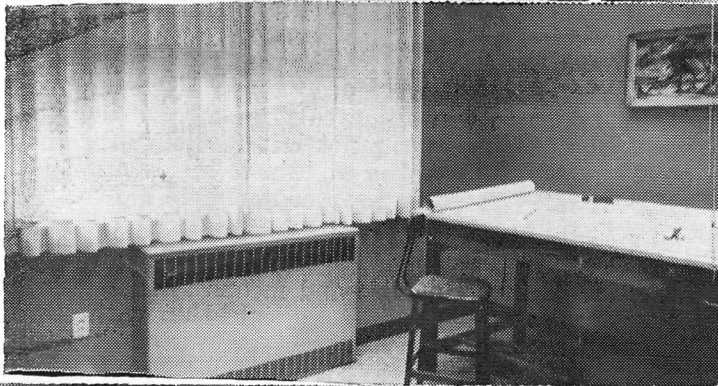
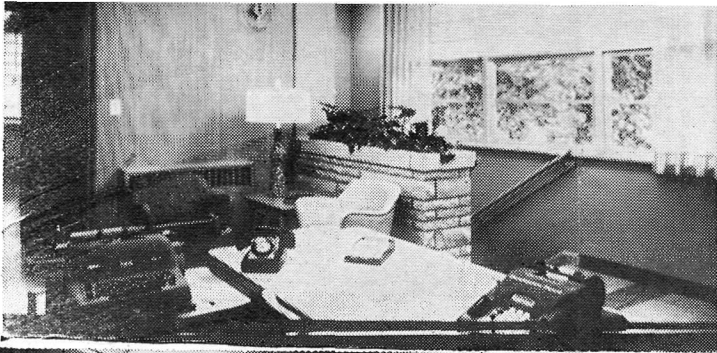
As we compare the present commodious and well arranged quarters with former cramped conditions; as we contrast the daylight with which the new building is flooded with the poor ventilation of the old building; and as we think of the more economical operation which will now be possible through savings in rent, light, fuel, etc. we feel that the wisdom of the Church in erecting her own Publishing House Building has been amply demonstrated. The new building does not belong to the workers who are giving their time and efforts to the work here, nor does it belong to any other small group of individuals; it belongs to the Church, to you, who by your support and cooperation have made it possible.

—V. L. Stump

And Now — Step Into 1955



Today's printing is done under scores of new fluorescent lights installed by employees Don Freed and Archie Fike. Nearly every machine has been relocated for greater efficiency in production. Work is done in a clean and orderly atmosphere conducive not only to production but to pleasant working conditions as well.



Top: Entering the new offices on second floor the modern reception room is shown in two views. Second row: The general office area, and office of the Office Editor. Third row: Art room, and office of Editor J. N. Hostetter. Fourth row: Manager Erwin Thomas's office, and the Board of Directors' conference room. Last row: The staff room and proofreader's room are located on first floor in the original office area. Offices are decorated in pastel green and grey with accents in furnishings of red and yellow. Acoustical sound treatment and air conditioning contribute much to office efficiency and working pleasure.

October 10, 1955



## A Prisoner's Song

One morning in a San Francisco courtroom the regular morning company of drunks and disorderlies had been brought in. Some were old and hardened, others hung their heads in shame. Just as the momentary disorder attending the bringing in of the prisoners quieted down, a strong, clear voice from the jail below began singing:

*"Last night as I lay sleeping,  
There came a dream so fair."*

Last night? It had been for all of them a nightmare or a drunken stupor. The song was such a contrast to the horrible fact that no one could avoid the sudden shock at the thought the song suggested.

*"I stood in old Jerusalem,  
Beside the temple there."*

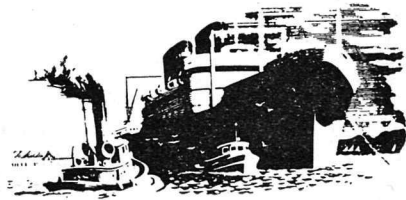
The judge paused. He made a quiet inquiry. A former member of a famous opera company was awaiting trial for forgery. It was he who was singing in his cell. Meanwhile, the song went on. Every man in the line showed emotion. One boy at the end of the line, after desperate effort at self-control, leaned against the wall, buried his face in his folded arms, and sobbed, "O Mother, Mother!"

The sobs, cutting the weary hearts of the men who heard, and the song, still welling its way through the courtroom, blended in the hush. At length one man protested: "Judge, have we got to submit to this? We're here to take our punishment, but this—" and he, too, began to sob. It was impossible to proceed with the business of the court, yet the judge gave no order to stop the singing. The police sergeant, after an effort to keep the men in line, stepped back and waited. The song moved to its climax:

*"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Sing, for the  
night is o'er!"  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna for  
evermore!"*

In an ecstasy of melody the last words rang out, and then there was silence. The judge looked into the faces of the men before him. There was not one who was not touched by the song; not one in whom some better impulse was not stirred. He did not call the cases singly—a kind word of advice, and he dismissed them all. No man was fined or sentenced to the workhouse that morning. The song had done more good than punishment could have accomplished.

—The Pillar of Fire



## It Greatly Matters!

Claude A. Ries

"STOP the ship. Send a boat. Save him." The voice was that of a captain of an Atlantic liner who was now in a wild delirium in a New York hospital. Then with cursings and demoniac laughter he shrieked out, "Drive on. Let him die. We must make fast time. We cannot afford to wait." Now the delirium became less wild as retribution chased him. "O God, have mercy. Cleanse me from blood guiltiness. Forgive me for the murder of my brother."

Just a few weeks before, his ship was signalled by a lonely sailor clinging to a sinking raft out in mid-ocean. But the captain disregarding his pleas ordered double speed ahead so he might win the offered prize for a quick passage. The poor sailor was left to die.

In his ambition to win an earthly prize the sailor was left, left for the time being. But he was not left for long, for the drowning sailor followed him, followed the captain to his dying bed in the New York City hospital—yes on to the Judgment, to Eternity in remorse and despair, haunting him for putting temporal prizes above eternal gains.

The matter of investing life and means to the cause of God, of giving to missions is a matter vitally linked up with eternity itself. It is so easy to become absorbed in laying up earthly treasures, in spending money "for that which is not bread and labor for that which does not (spiritually) satisfy," to seek to be up-to-date in this life and have everything up-to-date that the eternal is crowded out.

With nations perishing for want of the Gospel and the United States as the only nation that unrestrictedly can send out money to these missions fields, we here in America cannot live free from blood guiltiness in the eternities to come unless we are free from being devoured by the things of time and sense now. This centers largely in what we do with our money. "Money is coined over again in an inward mint." For the sake of our eternal souls we must give, give lavishly, give hilariously.

Cleave to your money and the fountains of compassion will become barren and dry. Keep fondling your money and soon the cheap, metallic sound of paltry coins will alone be heard, and cries of eternally perishing boys and girls, men and women will not be heard. Spend your money mainly for self and your soul will shrivel and you will go out to meet the Great Judge, a pygmy soul!

In 1952 Americans contributed \$1,296,000,000 to churches and religious organizations but the same year they spent \$2,234,000,000 on television sets and 50 million more than it gave to churches on lip stick and other articles for self-beautification.

In view of the appalling shortness of time before our Lord returns, in view of the tremendous need of the Gospel on every continent, in view of the challenging opportunity that God has given to America alone today—yes, in view of our own spiritual welfare and God's glory, Christians in America must re-examine their spending in the light of Eternity.

God says, "Give and it shall be given unto you." Yes, give God now and He will give you eternally, "good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over."

—The Wesleyan Methodist

*We were told that Sigiti will be a difficult place to work, that we should not expect gifts of food from the people, etc. Arrived there, by means of an ox-drawn cart, we were told that the people love their beer too much and do not want us to preach to them . . .*

## “ But God -- ”

Prayers were going to the Throne in America, in the Mission Staff prayer meetings, and in the private prayer closet. The first evening after our arrival we spent a time of prayer, testimony, and of beseeching God for empowerment for the task before us. Our hearts were stirred as we saw in the distance lights of a few villages, and sensed the spiritual darkness that pervaded the community.

The next morning we divided into two groups and started out in opposite directions. Day by day we were conscious of the leading of God, and each evening we related the experiences of the day, giving God all the glory. At one place part of a mountain had fallen. The people were frightened and ripe for repentance. One day God used a small boy to lead one group to an elderly couple (Mapendhla Moyo's parents), who repented. It would take too much space to relate all the contacts we'd like to tell about—the service with a group of road men; the conversion of a man high up on a rock used as a lookout for baboons; the woman who wanted to oblige Satan, for he needs his followers as well as God; the service which broke up a game of cards, and resulted in a number staying for prayer; the service with the old man Sigit, for whom the place is named. More flies than people at that service, there were over thirty on his hand that was trying to protect his sightless eyes.

The thatched hut which was our home, built by Brother H. H. Brubaker is on an elevated place. The last lap of our journey each day, after walking miles over mountains, valleys, rivers, marshes, and climbing picket fences, was the steep climb to our comfortable home on the hill. With tired bodies, aching bones, and empty stomachs we prepared our dinner of mealies and sweet potatoes roasted in the fire, and other food. The people gave us many monkey and

ground nuts, mealies, sweet potatoes, and one day one group came home with two chickens. We ate our dinner in our spacious outdoor dining room while we watched the sun sink into the west, painting gorgeous pictures in the sky. Ken, a local boy, was our helper.

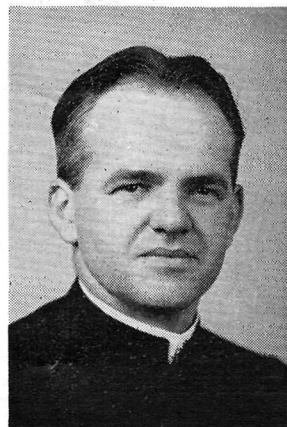
Refreshed with food, we eagerly looked forward to evening prayers. The first evening it was raining and we didn't expect anyone, but eleven came and several wanted prayer. Each night the number increased until it reached seventy on the final night. Many sought God at these evening prayers. Our altar was the rocks around our hut. Boys and girls, young people and mothers confessed their sins. Ma Ndlovu beseeched God to make her stronger. She is one of the two church members at Sigit. It was hard for them to leave that last night and it was hard for us to see them go. We loved them and we knew that they loved us. The next morning a group came to bid us farewell. Among them was a young boy who became known as our “missionary” because he was instrumental in his mother's repentance. We left with a growing consciousness that we must go back sometime to encourage those who repented. We didn't know how or when, but God —

We did get back to Sigit. This past weekend, September 3, 4, was a wonderful weekend for us. We spent Saturday visiting old villages and also making new contacts, and conducting evening prayers with forty or more present. Sunday was a full day of visiting, conducting Sunday School, worship service and class meeting. Fifteen souls prayed for pardon during these two days. Approximately fifty came to the Sunday evening prayers. One hundred and thirty attended the noonday service, which was almost double the number who attended the first time we were at Sigit.

We are happy that many of those who repented the first time are still following Christ. They need our constant prayers for many are surrounded by temptation. An illustration of this is Ma Ndlovu's village. After church we went with her to her village. There was a beer drink there. At least twenty adults were participating in this—one of the African's besetting sins. We had a service with them. When the broad and narrow way were described in the message, and it was pointed out that beer drinkers are on the broad way which leads to destruction, one woman got up and left the service, saying as she went, “Utshwala, utshwala.” They love it and are not willing to leave it.

*Do help us to pray for the people at Sigit. They need much encouragement.*

*Yours for Souls in Africa,  
The Sigit Group—  
Mary E., Nancy K.,  
Velma B., Eva M.*



Bishop Henry N. Hostetter, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, who is now visiting the African mission field. Dr. Paul Lenhart, also of the FMB, is with him.

### Hostetter-Lenhart Itinerary

- September 21—Sail from New York on *Queen Mary*
- September 29—Sail from Southampton on *Sterling Castle*
- October 13—Arrive in Capetown.
- October 14 to 21—Traveling to Southern Rhodesia. Visiting Missions enroute and studying the indigenous program in Africa.
- October 22 to November 8—Southern Rhodesia, Matopo, Mtshabezi, and Wanezi mission areas will be covered during this period.
- November 9 to 29—Northern Rhodesia work. This will include visiting Missions enroute and the visiting of the outlined areas surrounding our Macha and Sikalongo Mission stations.

November 30 to December 11.—Matopo, Mt-shabezi area. Business meetings, Missionary Conference, and Conference with the Africans, will be held during this period.

December 12 to December 23—Enroute to America. Contacts in behalf of Missions and other points of interest will be made as we travel north through Egypt, The Holy Land, and Europe.

Will you pray with us regularly and fervently that God will make this ministry a great blessing to the enlargement of His Kingdom and to the strengthening of the work of Christ.

In Christian Fellowship,  
Hostetter-Lenhert Missionary Party



Dr. Paul Lenhert who shares with Bishop Hostetter in the current tour of African missions, and will bring valuable counsel from his experience in the field of medicine.

### Mail Schedule of Hostetter-Lenhert Party

Till September 29  
Foreign Missions Club  
20-26 Aberdeen Park, London N.5, England

Till October 14  
Andrew Murray Missionary Rest Home  
Capetown, Africa

Till November 8  
P. O. Box 711, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia,  
Africa

Till November 29  
c/o Frank Kipe  
Nahumba Mission, Northern Rhodesia,  
Africa

Till December 12  
P. O. Box 711, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia,  
Africa

December 13  
South African Airways flight 206, Cairo,  
Egypt

December 15  
St. Georges, Jerusalem, Jordan

December 18  
M. Griebenow, P. O. Box 50, Jerusalem,  
Israel

December 19  
TWA flight 929  
Rome, Italy

December 20  
TWA flight 935  
Geneva, Switzerland

December 22  
TWA flight 933  
Paris, France

Allow 7-10 days for mail to arrive at destination.

# Chicago Mission

## Lighthouse and Recruiting Station

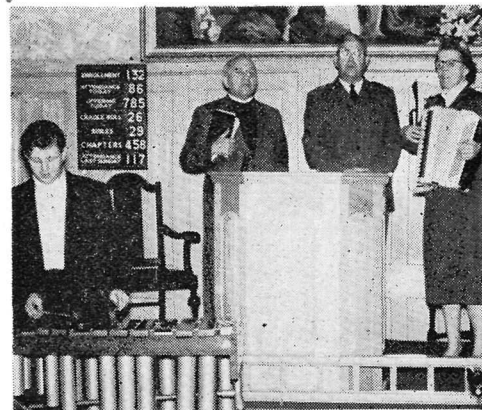
WHEN THE Dave Carlson's left their small apartment to enter service at Upland College, it was rented to young men who turned it into a robber's hideout. Just two doors away from the Chicago Mission, Bro. Carl Carlson was unaware of this development until awakened by a telephone call at 2:30 a.m., Sept. 3rd. The CHICAGO TRIBUNE was asking about the young man shot nearby.

Next morning Bro. Carlson saw the bullet hole in the door which killed a 19 year old boy, one of a gang who had rented the apartment formerly occupied by Dave and Florence Carlson. The police had shot and killed the young man, capturing the others.

In an open air service just below the apartment on the following evening, Bro. Carlson told his neighbors of the wages of sin. A home is entirely dependent upon the heart condition of those who live there—it may be a "Den of Thieves" or a "House of Prayer."

The Chicago Mission is dedicated to the proposition that all homes surrounding 6039 Halsted St. should be "houses of prayer." Over more than half a century the Good News has been proclaimed. Ever since Sr. Sarah Bert established the mission, the neighbors have seen and heard messengers of the Gospel.

The workers appear most frequently on the *Visitor's* pages among a sea of children's faces. Bro. Carlson, from thirty-five years experience, seems most contented in the middle of the crowd, Bible in hand. Although facing the camera, he has a far-away look and his eyes are moist.



Pastor Carlson with Major and Mrs. McKenzie of SALVATION ARMY. The McKenzie's share in special meetings at the mission during October.

From among these many children, touched by the love of Christ at the mission, come men and women with the Divine Spark! Having forsaken the wages of sin, they receive the gift of eternal life.

### THEY LEAVE TO SERVE

Over the years the staff at Chicago Mission has had to be willing to lose many from their congregation. They have gone to the four winds in the service of Christ. Numbered among those who have gone into service in other fields are:

Rev. Joel Carlson, Pastor Messiah Lighthouse Chapel, Hbg., Pa.

Rev. Bert Lovain, Pastor First Covenant Church, Scottsbluff, Neb.

Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor B. in C. Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Rev. Newel Smith, Pastor First Baptist Church, Pawtucket, R. I.

Rev. A. I. Zimmerman, Pastor Christian Church, Coldwater, Mich.

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(bimonthly)  
6039 S. Halstead St.  
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Ella, Kentucky

NAVAJO NEWS (bi-monthly)  
Blanco Trading Post  
Bloomfield, New Mexico

SASKATCHEWAN NEWS  
BULLETIN  
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Box 640  
Kindersley, Saskatchewan,  
Canada

Rev. John Wood, Pastor, Indiana  
Rev. & Mrs. Leonard Falk, Iron  
Springs, Pa.

Miss Hazel Compton, R. N. in  
charge of leper hospital, India

Mrs. Frances Smith, Dean of Wom-  
en, Messiah College, Grantham, Pa.

Mrs. Helen Collins, housemother,  
Messiah College, Pa.

Wm. Georgiades, teacher, Whittier,  
Calif.

David L. Carlson, teaching at Up-  
land College, Upland, Calif.

Paul Carlson, teaching at Messiah  
College, Grantham, Pa.

#### REFUGE FOR COUNTRY BOYS

A very important ministry of the  
mission has been to provide a haven  
for Brethren in Christ boys (and  
girls) who for one reason or another  
are in the Windy City. Dr. and Mrs.  
Jesse Lady, for instance, now serving  
on the African mission field, did some  
of their courting at the mission. Not  
to be mentioned are the countless  
travellers who have stopped off as  
they passed by.

#### BY ALL MEANS SOME

Being small doesn't bother Carl  
Carlson. Folks in the area know that  
something is going on at the Brethren  
in Christ Mission. All they have to  
do is read the papers. On June 27,  
1955 the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS carried  
a story linking the mission with Pres-  
ident Eisenhower's boyhood. On  
July 18th the DAILY NEWS again ran  
a sympathetic story after one of its  
reporters visited a service at the  
mission. On July 27th the SOUTH-  
TOWN ECONOMIST reported a success-  
ful Summer Bible School, listing each  
teacher and all the children by name.  
(120 of them)

To interest their prospects the  
mission doesn't hesitate to bring in  
any one who has a vital Christian  
testimony. The overriding aim is al-  
ways to capture hearts for Christ.

The full story of the Chicago  
Mission will not be known on these  
shores, but even now there are many  
whose gratitude is being expressed in  
testimonies such as this:

Dave Carlson, holding his mother's  
Bible which recorded her baptism  
as an infant into the Catholic  
Church, spoke on "Choices" at his  
farewell service, August 27. Telling  
how his grandmother came in touch  
with the mission, was converted  
and brought her whole family into  
the Protestant faith, Dave said,  
"Where would I be had not she  
chosen Christ?"

At present there are twenty-six on

the cradle roll as shown on their reg-  
ister. (see cut) To the parents of  
these children the mission proclaims  
Jesus' words from a large sign on the  
mission's front: "Come unto me all  
ye that labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest." A few  
minutes before the evening service at  
the mission a loving voice over the  
loudspeaker invites all within earshot

to the services. The mission staff  
(Bro. and Sr. Carlson, Alice Albright,  
Sara Brubaker, Grace Sider) con-  
fidently expect recruits for the Lord  
Jesus Christ from among these  
twenty-six infants as well as their  
parents. They count on prayer war-  
riors from one end of the Brethren  
in Christ Church to the other to hold  
them up before a throne of grace.



A sea of faces,—boys and girls learning of Christ's love at the Chicago Mission.

## In Retrospect

Interesting indeed that one of this num-  
ber of ministers has just recently passed to  
his reward, in the person of Eld. Abram  
Hess.

—E. J. S.

The love feast at Harrisburg was held as  
announced on November 8 and 9. The at-  
tendance was large, delegations being pres-  
ent from the surrounding districts of Cum-  
berland, Franklin, Lancaster, Lykens Val-  
ley, etc., etc. The ministry was well repre-  
sented, there being four bishops present.  
Among the other ministers attending from  
outside of the home district were Abraham  
and Enos Hess, of Lancaster county,  
Bro. Lehman of York county, Henry Brech-  
bill, Jacob Myers, Joseph Burkhart, S. S.  
Burkholder, of Franklin county, John Dick  
and David Neisley of Cumberland county,  
Joseph Keefer of Lykens Valley and Joseph  
Leaman of Upland, California. Brother  
Leaman being engaged in meetings at  
Pequea M. H., where the Lord is gracious-  
ly blessing the work, was not able to re-  
main for the ordinance meeting in the eve-  
ning, but preached acceptably and effective-  
ly in the afternoon. The number of com-  
municants was large, numbering possibly  
several hundred. The order was good.

Three years later yours truly was led to  
Christ under the ministry of this great  
servant of God.

—E. J. S.

Our brother, J. W. Hoover, of Toronto,  
Ont., and his wife are laboring in the in-  
terest of the Lord's work in Elkhart district,  
Indiana, and later may visit some points in  
Ohio. Their present address is Nappanee,  
Ind. R. F. D. No. 1. If there are any points

where their labors are desired they can be  
corresponded with at the above address up  
to about January, 1906.

This editorial item appearing in the Visi-  
tor November 1905 has 1955 interest.

—E. J. S.

The action of the Board of Publication  
several years ago, allowing ten cents on  
each subscription any one, as agent, may  
send in was not intended to apply to renew-  
als, but to serve as an incentive to procure  
new subscribers. But those who act as  
agents for a district to work in the interest  
of the Visitor, are entitled to have their  
Visitor free. Some of those who act in this  
capacity take advantage of this offer (to  
which they are quite welcome) while others  
do the work and still pay for their own sub-  
scription. If proportionately as many new  
subscriptions had been sent from other dis-  
tricts as were sent in from Buffalo, N. Y.,  
the issuing of the paper as a bi-weekly  
would not be in doubt as it is now. We still  
hope for a larger increase.

This was before we started the thoughtful  
practice of giving one year subscriptions  
free to newly weds.

—E. J. S.

Quite a number of the young friends of  
the Visitor, some of them, valued personal  
friends of the editor, are assuming matri-  
monial responsibilities this Fall. We con-  
gratulate all such, and wish them much joy  
and blessing from the Lord. We are glad  
to note that a few of them have ordered the  
Visitor to come into their home. This is as  
it should be and we hope a good many more  
will follow suit.

## The Christian Family a Good Neighborhood Influence

Marcus Buuck

THE STORY is told of a faithful Christian of many years ago who walked seven miles to church every Sunday. He loved God's Word, and he loved his church. While talking to his pastor one day, he pointed to a crowd of people and said, "I wish I could just once preach a sermon to so many people." "Why," said his pastor, "you do preach a sermon every Sunday morning, a sermon that is seven miles long!" Every Sunday as the man walked along the country roads on his way to His House of Worship, he was, by his regular church-going, declaring his faith to all whose homes he passed. His life, his habits were a sermon to all who saw him.

Long ago Jesus taught that very same lesson. He said it this way: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven," Matthew 5:14-15. Our Christianity, if genuine, must come to the surface. It cannot be filed away from one church hour to the next.

### OUT-OF-HOME INFLUENCE IS BASED ON IN-THE-HOME PRACTICE

What is true of the practice of the Christian faith on the part of the individual is likewise true of the family. The religious life of a family makes a definite contribution to the life of the neighborhood. How the children act among their playmates definitely reflects the training of a Christian home. The activities of father and mother, as these bring them into contact with their neighborhood friends, leave their impressions too.

The Christian family is a closely-knit group by reason of its common faith. That faith is planted and nourished by God's Word. God's Word, therefore, should be used in the daily life of a Christian family. The individual members should read their Bibles privately. In addition, the family altar should be a daily prac-



tice. Table prayers become so much a part of that family that no meal is complete without prayer.

This is how the good Christian influence goes to work: A little six year old lad was invited to lunch in a neighbor's home. As soon as all were seated at the table, the food was served. The little boy was puzzled. With the honest frankness of a child, he asked the man of the house, "Don't you say any prayer before you eat?" The neighbor was highly uncomfortable over the boy's blunt question and mumbled, "No, we don't take time for that." The lad thought silently for a while and then said, "You're just like my dog! You start right in." Here was a neighborhood influence at work.

Neighborhood relationships can be strained by many different, though little incidents. Christians should be ready to forgive. They should be patient and forbearing with the shortcomings of others. This is bound to leave its impression upon the neighborhood community. A lady once told the writer that in the neighborhood where she formerly lived the neighbors had been very cold and suspicious toward each other. When she moved into their midst, they each had many damaging stories to tell her about the other individuals in the neighborhood. By acting like a Christian when such stories were told her she was able to help make that part of her community a much more pleasant place in which to live. A consistent, Christian life throws the bright beams of God's love upon all who come into contact with it. It is a tremendous power for good.

(To be continued)

## Living Together

Tonight as I was reading my Bible I found a verse that told how God had made all nations of one blood to live together and to seek after Him.

It does not say of one color, but of one blood. That is, we all have hearts alike. They are full of many wrong things until Jesus comes to live in them and fill them with His own, loving self.

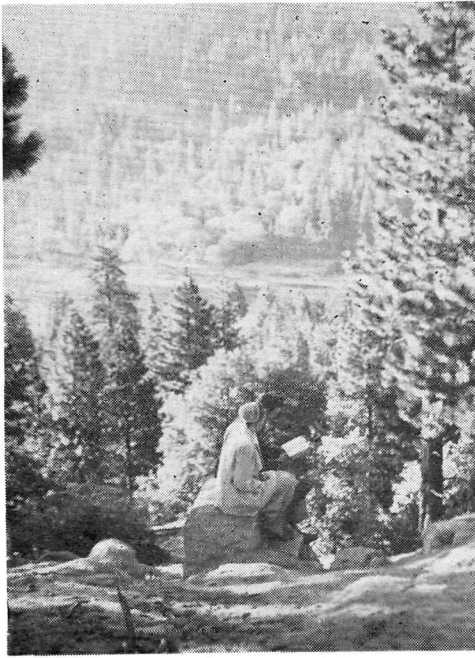
This made me think of a missionary story I read not long ago. It told how a woman in Africa went visiting to another town. Here she heard about Jesus and His wondrous love. She could not read or write, so she learned as many verses from the Bible as she could. Then she went home and began telling every one in her town about God's love to man, and how Jesus died for our sins.

And God's love is the same in India. One time I heard a missionary from India tell how he found one old man in a far-away town who loved Jesus. This man taught his sons to love Jesus. Before long the old man died, and his sons walked many miles along a dangerous road to beg the missionary to come and teach them more about Jesus.

So whether we live in Africa or India or America, our hearts cry out for love, and Jesus came down to bring God's love to us.

—The Sunday School Visitor

"God keeps a school here for His children, and one of the best teachers is disappointment."



# The CHRISTIAN and a healthy mind

Elias H. Wiebe  
Assistant Professor of  
Education and Psychology,  
Upland College

Without trying to rate them in any order of relative importance, here are some characteristics of people with good mental health:

*They expect to like and trust others, and take it for granted that others will like and trust them.* Certainly they follow the highest level of Old Testament righteousness: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" Mt. 7:12. The Christian who is mentally healthy obeys the second commandment of Christ: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Mt. 22:39. They realize too, that this commandment carries with it a further obligation: They develop the art of friendliness. They know that most of the joys of life, and sorrows, too, depend on how they get along with other people. They know that friends can be a great source of satisfaction—a strong support in times of crises. Our Lord had His special friends. Among them were Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. But through His actions He proved the accusation of His enemies that He was also a friend of publicans and sinners. Luke 7:34.

*The mentally healthy take an interest in lives beyond their own.* They feel a sense of responsibility to their neighbors and fellow men. They are able to give love and to consider the interests of others. How beautifully this concern was pictured in the action of the Good Samaritan. Paul reminds us: "As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men." Gal. 6:10.

*They neither under-estimate nor over-estimate their abilities.* Paul said: "For I say to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure

of faith." Rom. 12:3. Though some of us may over-estimate ourselves, many of us need to have a new sense of self-respect, to think as highly of ourselves as we ought to think.

*Those with good mental health set realistic goals for themselves.* They feel comfortable about the way they are, accepting their abilities, their features, their stature. They do this, not in the spirit of "what's the use?", but making the most of their individual talents and aptitudes, shaping their environment whenever possible, but adjusting to it whenever necessary. They put their best effort into what they do, and get satisfaction out of doing it. They accept Christ's advice: "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" Mt. 6:27, and can say with Paul: "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Phil. 4:11.

*They do something about their problems as they arise.* Imagine the delay which James and John might have desired when Christ called them, but notice: "They immediately left the ship and their father and followed him." Mt. 4:22.

*The mentally healthy plan ahead, but do not fear the future.* They are relatively free from fears, anxieties, and tensions. They live above the circumstances. Noah planned ahead one hundred twenty years. Christ certainly did not disparage planning but He did condemn anxiety, "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink?, or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed. (For all these things do the Gentiles seek: for your heavenly father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Mt. 6:31-32.

*They take life's disappointments in their stride, taking the long view.* They profit from their mistakes and successes. Consider the examples of Moses: "By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; es-

THOUGH statistics may be misleading, and certainly we never include ourselves or anyone we know as one of them, it has been estimated that of every hundred school children in our country, four will end up in mental hospitals, one will turn to crime, and at least eight will be shattered by emotional breakdowns. One-half of the hospital beds are occupied by mental cases. The three mental institutions maintained by the Mennonite Central Committee, evidence the interest currently being shown in this problem.

Many young people, when they hear the term "mental health" think first of all of mental illness, but mental health, just as physical health is far more than the mere absence of mental or physical illness. *Mental and physical health is life at its best—its optimum.* In fact the word health in its etymology, has been traced through hailth to wolph, to whole and finally to holy.

Perhaps the best way of describing mental health is to picture mentally healthy people. Almost surprisingly, the composite picture of the mentally healthy person which emerges is that which we have long ascribed to the Christian. Psychology and psychiatry are re-emphasizing and putting to their own use, principles which the Christian has always used but certainly not always used to their fullest.

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teeming the reproach of Christ greater than the treasure in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. Heb. 11:24-26. (He looked steadily at the ultimate, not the immediate reward) Phillips translation.

*One with mental health finds greater satisfaction in giving than in receiving.* "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

*They have a life goal that is high and worthy.* "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." With Paul they say: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14.

These then are some characteristics of a mentally healthy person. How do we as Christians measure up to these standards? Remember: The Holy Spirit is able to give us the divine motivation and energy which will make these attributes ours. No, Christianity cannot be dissolved into mental health, but the Christian has no excuse not to be mentally healthy.

## Storm Beauty

It has been my lot in life, living in the wilderness as I do, to be out in storms a great many times. I never knew one that did not do me good. For a storm, whether it be physical or spiritual, is always a challenge; and there is something in the heart that rises up to meet it. No other kind of occasion calls it forth. Storms rend and mar; but they strengthen, they build, and they may bring forth serene and changeless beauty.

We are prone to lament that the world is not better. Yet the fact that it is full of trouble affords us our only chance to spend our hearts. And it is not in times and places of peace that we find our heroes and heroines; not in ballrooms and on bathing beaches, but in the places of danger and darkness, in frontline trenches, there valor is found, there where men fight and die—heroes with their heads beaten in and the blood running out of their eyes. A time of prosperity is a dangerous time; the soul loafs and grows fat. Times of storms and peril are the ones that show what we are made of. Loss and grief are always life's summonses to us to be great.

Archibald Rutledge in  
**BEAUTY IN THE HEART**  
(Fleming H. Revel Co.)

### South Mountain Chapel, Penna.

The South Mountain Chapel Daily Vacation Bible School was held from July 11 to July 22 with Pearl Musser serving as superintendent. The school had an enrollment of 132. The average attendance was 119. The total offerings amounted to \$160.31. There was \$36.00 given toward the support of Ruth Hock, a missionary in Africa and \$124.31 was for Bible School Supplies. The boys and girls enjoyed their lesson period, singing, as well as object lessons each night. Six children accepted Christ as their personal Saviour during Bible School. We pray that the seed sown by faithful teachers will spring forth and bring much fruit for His honor and glory.

Sunday, July 24, Rev. George Kipe, our pastor, baptized eight of which there were six young people, one a middle-aged man, and the other a 73-year-old man, Roy Williams, who was taken into membership of the church. We trust many more will see the way of baptism.

—M. E. B.

### Wainfleet Congregation, Ontario

The Ontario Joint Council convened at the Wainfleet Church, Sept. 3, 4 and 5. Delegates from Saskatchewan, Clarence Center and Ontario with the ministers, deacons and Board members made up a large Council membership. Honorary members were Bishop Carl Ulery, Rev. Roy Mann and Bro. J. C. Cassel.

Bishop Edward Gilmore was chosen Moderator, with Bishop Henry Brubaker and Bishop Wm. Charlton as assistants. A splendid spirit continued throughout the Council. Among other items of business were forward plans for Niagara Christian College, our Home Mission work, relief work, etc.

Our three honorary members were the main speakers for the three Sunday services. Our interest was expressed in the largest O. J. Council Sunday offerings that we have record of. The Saturday evening communion services was in charge of the retiring Moderator, Bishop E. J. Swalm and Bishop Henry Brubaker.

If Jesus tarries, the O. J. Council of 1956 will be entertained by the Waterloo-Howick District.

**Baptismal Service** — On Thursday evening, Sept. 8, 1955, a large group from the Welland, Boyle, Sunbeam, and Wainfleet congregations, gathered on the shore of Lake Erie for a baptismal service. It was a quiet evening and the lake was calm and beautiful. Bishop Edward Gilmore, assisted by Rev. Glen Ressler, had the privilege of baptizing fourteen people on this occasion.

We thank God for everyone who finds Christ as Saviour and is ready to follow Him in water baptism.

**Visiting Missionaries**—Bro. and Sister Lewis Sider and family are spending a few weeks among us before returning to Africa. Lewis was one of our Sunday School boys. We appreciate their stay in our congregation.

Sr. Grace Sider from Chicago Mission has been at home with us for a short time.

Sister Arthur Pye and children have been in our area several times since returning home from India.

Sister Florence Hensel also made us a short visit.

Sister Shirley Bitner had a farewell service with us before returning to India.

E. G.

### Silverdale, Pa.

Feb. 12. Grantham Gospel team gave a good spiritual program. May the Lord bless these young people as they witness for Christ.

July 11 to 22 Daily Vacation Bible School was in session, directed by Bro. Roland Detweiler. The average attendance was 81; offering, \$80.00, which was sent to Africa to purchase an operating table for the Macha Mission Hospital.

July 24 was the ordination service for our newly-elected deacon and his wife, Bro. and Sr. Claude Harley. May the Lord's blessing be upon them.

Aug. 28 to Sept. 13. Bro. Harry Hock was in charge of revival meetings. The messages were brought from the Word of God, and the Lord witnessed to those who knelt at the altar of prayer.

—M.R.

### Living Hope Tent Meeting

Psalms 126:6—"He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." This verse was brought to our attention as we thought of the tent meeting that closed Sunday, Sept. 4, 1955. Our dear Bro. John Rosenberry wept for souls and God bottled his tears; he fasted for 8 days and God will honor his zeal; he prayed, and God's Word says the prayer of a righteous man availeth much; he preached the Word and God says His Word will not return unto him void, but it will accomplish that which he pleases and will prosper unto the thing whereunto it is sent. So the Living Hope Program is under the blessing of God, and our finite minds will never be able to estimate the value of the seed that is sown with that type of program. The visible results have been evident and the invisible results are still in the hands of God. However a great outpouring of God's Spirit was felt in the community. Shouts of victory were heard. Souls received liberty from bondage.

Approximately 75 souls knelt at an altar of prayer. We know that God will satisfy every hungry heart that seeks Him. Precious healing services were held. Four different denominations came forward for healing and God honored their faith. May God help each one of us to help water the seed that was sown, so that it will bear fruit unto everlasting life. God bless every member of the Living Hope staff.

Mrs. C. H.

### Lancaster, Pa.

The interior of the Lancaster church has taken on a new look this year. New colors and patterns have made our improvement dreams come true. The maroon and grey combinations have been a means of adding much inspiration to our worship service. The devotion and prayer and gifts of all our members and friends and especially our pastor and leaders has not only improved our church interior but has also quickened our spirits.

The Sunday school attendance this year has averaged a gain of 20% above last year at this time.

At a baptismal service on July 13, five young people were baptized and on July 24 nine persons were united in fellowship with the Lancaster congregation, including four transfers of membership. Our pres-

ent membership includes a total of seventy-five members.

July 31, eight infants were presented by their parents for dedication. Twelve of our twenty-one cradle roll members have been dedicated to the Lord.

August 8 to 19 a lively Vacation Bible School was conducted. Our pastor, Elbert Smith and Curtis Byer served as co-directors. The average attendance was 178. Hurricanes Connie and Diane interfered with attendance several nights. The staff and teachers escorted the children to their homes because of hurricane dangers. The offerings amounted to \$170.48, given for missionary work in Japan. Each evening, age group classes, a snack, and a special feature were given, including missionary talks by Sister Elizabeth Engle, mission pictures by Bishop Henry Hostetter, special music by Charles Yohe, and a number of film strips were used for teaching. Brother Fred Frey and Pastor Smith conducted decision nights. Twenty-two children made this Bible School a time of decision for Christ.

Outstanding interest was shown by the teen-age group. This class usually averaged eight to ten, but this year twenty-one or twenty-two came regularly. Our Sunday school has enrolled several new families through this effort.

M. E.

#### Fairland, Pa.

We were glad to have Bishop Henry Miller with us in our Love Feast service, Saturday May 14. Our hearts were inspired anew as we assembled from the various congregations of the district for this special occasion.

May 21, 22 was the time set aside for the District Sunday School Conference. The main features of the Saturday evening session were violin music by Paul Carlson, the film "This Way to Heaven," and a short message by Rev. Joel Carlson. The guest speaker of the Sunday afternoon session, Rev. John Gable of the Florin E. U. B. Church, spoke on the theme "Evangelism in the Sunday School." Music was given by the Messiah College Octette. Beulah Lyons had charge of the children's session.

Our annual Daily Vacation Bible School was held June 13 to June 24, with Theodore Books as superintendent. The average attendance was 168. A part of the offering received was given toward mission work in India.

The speakers for a Missionary Service, Sunday evening, July 24, were Charles and Kathryn Engle. Their pictures of the work among the Santals of India were enjoyed by all.

We were happy to have Bishop Samuel Wolgemuth and his son with us for the evening service, August 8. Bro. Wolgemuth spoke to the joint Crusader groups, and then brought a challenging message in the service following.

Sunday evening, August 21, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Lehman were with us. Bro. Lehman served as guest speaker for the Christ's Crusaders group, and also brought the message in our worship service.

A district baptismal service was held at Kenbrook Sunday afternoon, September 4. There were six young folks who were baptized; five of these were members of the Fairland Sunday School.

Harvest Praise service was observed Sunday morning September 11, with Rev. Charles Eshelman as guest speaker. It was also Missionary Day in our Sunday School so we were privileged to have Mrs. Eshelman speak to both Junior and Senior Departments of our School.

—E.F.

## Evangelistic Slate

Philadelphia, Pa. .... Oct. 16-30  
Welland, Ont. .... Oct. 31 to Nov. 13  
Evangelist, Andrew McNiven

### FALL COMMUNION SERVICE

A Communion Service will be held at the Fairland Church, Cleona, Pa., October 16, at 7:00 P. M.

## BIRTHS

"Children are an heritage of the Lord"

**HOSTETTER**—Lane and June Hostetter of Nappanee, Indiana welcomed Debra Jo on August 19, 1955.

**MARTIN**—Mr. and Mrs. Levi Martin, Annville, Pa., are the happy parents of a son, Aaron Levi, born August 16, 1955.

**GREEN**—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green, Lancaster, Pa., announce the birth of Barry Wayne on June 11.

**CRUMLEY**—Roberta Lynn came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Crumley on September 9, 1955. They are members of the Mt. Pleasant congregation, Mt. Joy, Pa.

**ENGLE**—Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Engle, Abilene, Kansas announce the birth of a daughter, LaRae Ann, born September 7. LaRae Ann is a new member of the cradle roll department of the Zion congregation.

**BYERS**—Bro. and Sister J. Milton Byers and Sue Ann of Lancaster, Pa., welcomed little Carol Elaine into their family circle on Sept. 11, 1955. They are members of the Pequea congregation.

## MARRIAGES

For these we wish God's richest blessing and send, with our compliments, a year's subscription to the Evangelical Visitor.

**WENGER-HOOVER**—On Saturday evening July 30, 1955 there occurred the quiet wedding of Miss Edna Hoover and Eld. J. W. Wenger at their home in Englewood, Ohio, Eld. I. R. Hoover officiating.

**CARVER-TUCKER**—On August 27, Miss Lucille Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tucker of Stevensville, and Kenneth William Carver, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Carver of Stevensville, were united in marriage. The marriage was solemnized by Bishop Wm. Charlton.

**HOFF-ENGLE**—The Claremont Community Church was the setting for the beautiful wedding of Miss Josephine Engle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Engle of Upland, Calif., and Mr. Samuel Hoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Con G. Hoff, Fresno, Calif., on Friday, June 10, 1955. The new Mrs. Hoff is a graduate of Upland Academy and a Junior College graduate of Messiah College. Mr. Hoff is a graduate of Pasadena College and is pursuing an advanced degree at the University of Southern California.

## OBITUARIES

"Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord."

**STONER**—Catherine Stover, the eldest of five children was born in Franklin County, Pa., August 16, 1868, to David and Elizabeth Stover. She departed this life Thursday, Sept. 8, 1955.

When a small child she moved to Illinois with her parents later to Morrill, Kansas, where she grew to womanhood. She was united in marriage to Edward C. Stoner, October 25, 1891. To this union was born four children. Her husband passed away Sept. 7, 1925.

Funeral services were held from the Church of the Brethren Saturday afternoon, Sept. 10, with her pastor, Rev. Early officiating. She was laid to rest in the family lot in the Morrill Cemetery.

**EAVEY**—Sadie Elizabeth Downs was born July 29, 1866 in Downsville, Maryland, one of four children.

She was married February 26, 1889, to Micheal Vinton Eavey. Soon thereafter the couple came to Auburn, Nebraska. They lived there and in Richardson County until 1903. They then moved to a farm three miles north-east of Morrill, Kans. Her husband preceded her in death in 1909.

In 1912 she moved to Morrill where she maintained residence until her death. To this union of her husband and herself were born four children: Charles Benton, Ora Edith, Lottie Beatrice and Celia Ruth. Ora passed away in 1933. The other three children, one sister, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews survive.

Death came at Wheaton, Illinois where Mrs. Eavey was taken last October because of her lingering illness.

Deceased passed away on Sunday August 21, 1955 after a lingering illness, at the age of 89 years and 23 days.

Funeral services were held at the Church of the Brethren Wednesday afternoon with Rev. Jacob Charles officiating.

**WENGER**—Minnie B. Carmack Wenger was born Sept. 15, 1878 near Mercersburg, Pa. She departed this life at Chambersburg, Pa., Aug. 29, 1955, aged 76 years, 11 months and 17 days.

She was united in marriage to Eliab N. Wenger who preceded her in death in 1954, also two daughters, Miss Ruth Wenger and Mrs. Clara Bert. Surviving are five sons and eight daughters: Mrs. Ethel Dantonville, Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Edith Bumbaugh, Chambersburg, Pa., Mrs. Bertha Beltz, Roxbury, Pa., Mrs. Sarah Bergey, Souderton, Pa., Mrs. Rachel Bumbaugh, Shippensburg, Pa., Mrs. Minnie Ruth, Hagerstown, Md., Misses Emma V. and Mary E. at home. Hudson Ward, Gardner, Pa., Charles H., Forth Worth, Texas, Harry L. Newburg, Pa., Theodore N., Orrstown, Pa., Eliab N., Jr., Chambersburg, Pa., 28 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Early in her married life she was converted and united with the Brethren in Christ Church. Throughout her Christian life she found great joy in fellowshiping with the people of God. Also she dearly loved her large family.

Funeral services were held at the Air Hill Church with Bishop Chas. B. Byers officiating, assisted by Rev. Daniel Burkholder. Interment in adjoining cemetery.

**PAGE**—Elizabeth (Wingerd) Page was born near Morrison, Illinois on March 21, 1872. She was the fourth of six children born to the late Reverend Samuel and Susan Wingerd. One brother and two sisters have preceded her in death.

In the spring of 1883 the family moved to Kansas, settling on a homestead two miles north of Hope where she grew to womanhood.

At the age of 15 years she was converted, having said that she yielded at her first conviction. She was baptized and joined the Brethren in Christ Church the same year as did her husband.

On November 12, 1891, she married William Page and moved north of Detroit on a farm which was maintained as their home throughout their lifetime. To this union was born six children: Susan Emma, Cora Elizabeth, Sara Marie, Anna Viola, William Newell and Grant Wingerd. In this immediate family, she was preceded by the death of her late husband, the Rev. William Page, May 10, 1938, and later her daughter, Sara Marie, December 9, 1942.

For several years after the death of her husband, she lived on the farm which had been home to her since the date of her marriage; later she lived with her brother, Harvey G. Wingerd at Navarre, Kansas, and since November 1953 she made her home with her daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Byer of Upland, California, where she was living at the time of her last illness. She passed to her reward Sept. 15, 1955, aged 83 years, 5 months and 25 days.

Five children survive her departure: Mrs. David B. Hoover of Abilene, Kansas; Mrs. Clarence Byer of Upland, Calif.; Mrs. Preston H. Markley of Cucamonga, Calif.; W. Newell Page of Portales, New Mexico and Grant W. Page of Wichita, Kansas, also she leaves 20 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren preceded her in death.

One sister, Mrs. Emma Longenecker of Abilene and one brother, Harvey G. Wingerd, survive.

The family wishes to express appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy, kind deeds, and floral offerings.

Funeral services were held at the Upland Brethren in Christ Church Saturday morning, Sept. 17, 1955 with Rev. Alvin G. Burkholder in charge, assisted by Bishop J. H. Wagaman. Text: II Tim. 4:6-8.

Funeral services were also held at Abilene, Kansas in the Brethren in Christ Church, September 19, 1955 with Bishop M. M. Book and Bishop R. I. Witter in charge. Burial was in the family plot at the Bethel Cemetery.



### Frost Hits Crops in Paraguay

Robert Unruh's, of Bloomfield, Mont., who are in charge of the experimental farm and nursery in Paraguay, report heavy frost damage in the last days of July. "The first part of August was spent in taking toll of the frost damage. We learned that the damage varied considerably over the three colonies. In some of the villages only the small branches of the trees were touched, while in others the trees were damaged severely. In some villages the trees leaf out again from the stubs that remain of what were beautiful young trees beginning to bear fruit. Our nursery stock is a complete loss. The wheat crop is also a total loss over all the colonies, and it had looked like a bumper crop.

"In August we also began putting in operation a feed mill purchased from STICA. This machine was bought specifically for the promotion of the silo program here in Chaco. However, since the feed supply is so short this year, we are now using it to chop up kaffir straw for farmers. It has worked in several villages and is being received enthusiastically by the farmers. It simplifies silo filling a good deal. If as many farmers follow through on making silos next year as have talked to me about it this year, we will have plenty of work to keep the machine going for a few weeks at least. I believe that silos are in the Chaco to stay, even though it may take a few years yet until they are in general use in all the colonies."

### C. Leroy Doty Appointed Executive Secretary of NSBRO

C. Leroy Doty, Jr., pastor of the Church of the Brethren congregation at Glendale, Calif., was appointed executive secretary of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors at the Sept. 22 Board meeting.

Doty is a native of Kansas and he received his B. D. in theology from Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago. During his pastorate Bro. Doty has served as moderator of his district conference and representative of his district to the Brethren Standing Committee of the National Conference.

He will take office in Washington, D. C., January 1. Edgar Metzler is serving as acting executive secretary until then.

## Items from the News

### Dr. Barnhouse to Star on New TV Program

Television stations across the country, beginning October 2, have scheduled a new TV series in which Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse is one of the stars. The weekly program, designed to present the gospel to unchurched Americans, is scheduled for evening showing on most stations.

"Man to Man" has been produced in color in anticipation of a wider use of such program on T.V. It is expected that prints will eventually be released for showing in churches, schools and civic auditoriums.

### Color Filmstrips Released by Scripture Press

A new series of filmstrips, featuring original paintings reproduced in full color, has been released by Scripture Press of Chicago. The new 35-mm. strips fall into three classifications: Bible stories, gospel narratives and missionary stories. Scripts accompany each. All filmstrips are evangelistic in tone and are slanted primarily for use with children and young people.

The six Bible narratives, taken from both Old and New Testaments, adhere strictly to Scripture. The three gospel stories portray the plan of salvation in fiction about children, while the three missionary strips are authentic incidents showing how the gospel reaches individuals in other lands. No missionary organization is mentioned. New titles will be added to each series yearly.

### Six of 10 Americans Now Belong to Churches

Nearly three million people were added to church membership rolls in the United States during the past year. The latest count shows that church membership climbed to 97,482,611 in 1954, a new record. A total of more than 60 per cent of all Americans, or six out of every ten persons, now claim to be members of some religious body.

Church membership today, percentage wise, far exceeds that of the mid-19th century, when Americans were popularly supposed to be more religious-minded than they are today.

Furthermore, Americans are donating more money than ever for religious purposes. There are more churches than ever. Sunday school membership is at an all-time high. These statistics are from the *Yearbook of American Churches for 1956*, released early in September by the National Council of Churches.

### Editor Sheetz Leaves for New Post in Costa Rica

The Lord "is giving us a push from the rear." With this observation Paul H. Sheetz, editor of *The Missionary Broadcaster*, turned over his desk and duties to his successor and finished packing his trunks prior to sailing for Costa Rica where he will supervise the launching of a new Christian magazine.

For four years Sheetz has edited the *Broadcaster* for The Evangelical Alliance Mission and he left his desk with mixed emotions. He tried to express his feelings in the last editorial he prepared. He wrote,

"... while there is a reluctance to leave because of the pleasant associations as editor of the *Broadcaster*, we are satisfied that the call of the Lord is to the new work in Latin America. The urgency of the need and the greatness of the opportunity are pulling us."

### Brazil Becomes Fifth Country to Ban "Martin Luther"

Brazil became the fifth foreign country to ban public showing of the film "Martin Luther" according to an announcement made last September 7 by Robert E. A. Lee,

executive secretary of Lutheran Church Productions.

The Brazilian ban was imposed by the government's Chief of the Censorship Service of Public Entertainments who cited a law which states that a license to exhibit will be denied whenever the showing will be "offensive to community or religion." Previously, the governments of the Philippines, Peru, Egypt and the Province of Quebec denied permits for public showings of the film.

### Younger Swedish Mothers Forsaking Christianity

Christian life in Sweden, according to a Gallup Poll, is "less and less regarded as the normal Swedish life." The majority of Swedish mothers still want their children to become believers, but the percentage is highest among older mothers (over 40 years), and is higher in rural homes than in the cities. The total percentage is only 55.

Commenting on this report in *The Lutheran*, reporter Sten Rodhe of Karlstad says: "These figures are a serious reminder of the advancing secularization of the Swedish people. Visiting evangelists, like Dr. Billy Graham, say that Scandinavian youth seems to be less interested in religion than the youth of other countries. This is true."

In Japan there is "grave danger" that the government will stop Christian pastors from visiting prisons. A new ruling restores the pre-war system of full-time chaplains, "appointed by the warden, who would be mostly Buddhists." During the past two years about 300 pastors, including many evangelicals, have been actively engaged in prison evangelism—at one time there were almost 10,000 prisoners actively preparing for baptism. They are now faced with the possibility of being denied admittance to all jails.

Allan McHardy, former Canadian motorcycle racer, has spent the past three years as a chaplain for motorcyclists. Now 32 years old, McHardy turned to Christ after an accident in 1942. While a student at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles he dedicated his life to winning other cyclists. He uses a specially constructed side car cycle, inscribed "Mission to the Motorcyclist," distributes copies of "Motorcycle Rider" (his own testimony in tract form, explaining how he went "from two-wheel to real power"), writes a "Chaplain's Corner" column for *American Motorcycling* and keeps two secretaries busy answering correspondence.

Mrs. Katharine Kreitzer, the Bible-quoting grandmother who was propelled into national prominence when she won \$32,000 on a TV give-away, not only inspired many persons to read the Bible, but also became a star saleswoman for World Publishing Co. A free copy of *World's The Bruce Rogers World Bible*—a \$225 Old and New Testament—was given to her, in full view of a TV camera. Results: In the week following her appearance with the gift Bible, World sold nine copies—approximately one average year's usual sales.

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