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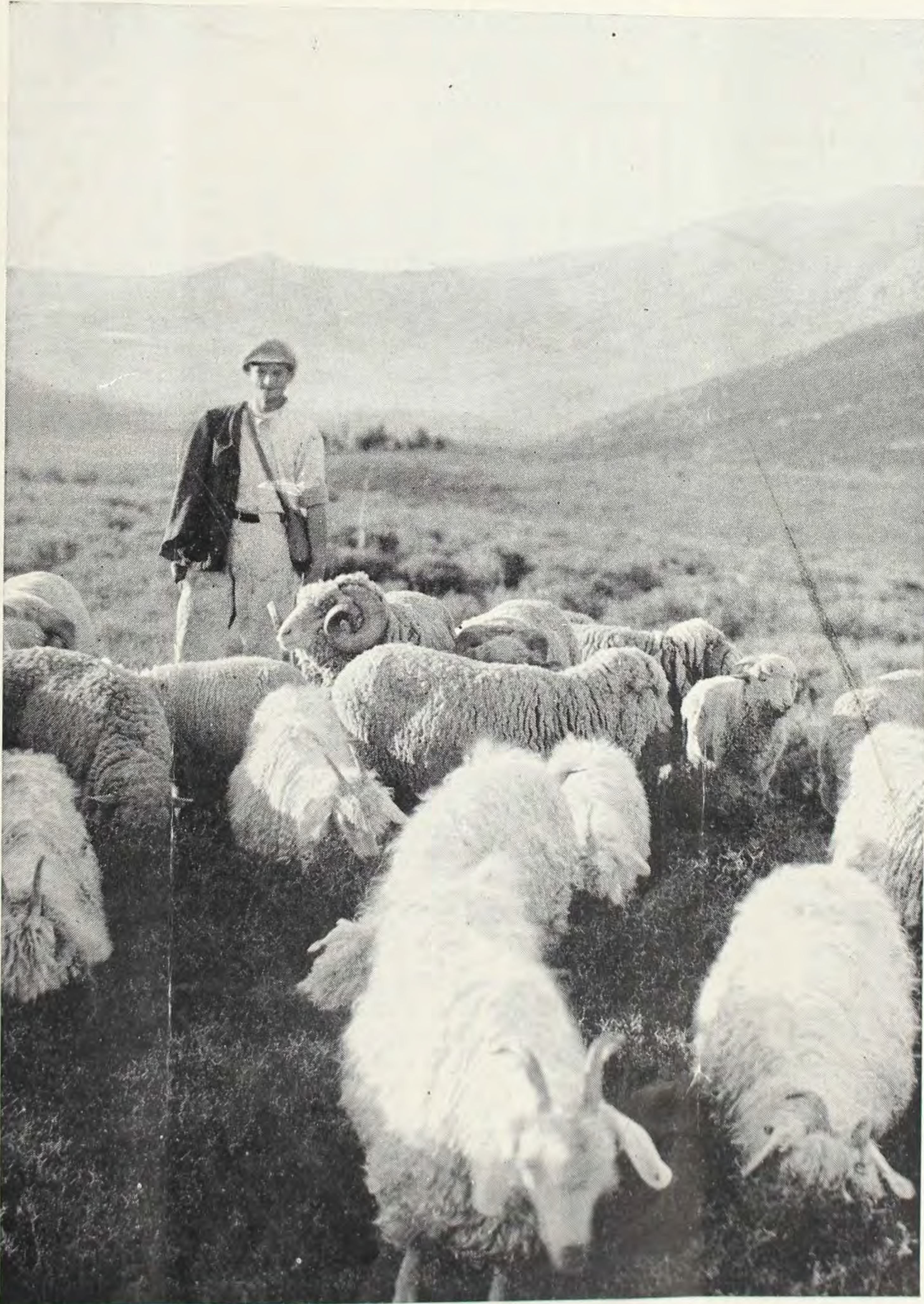
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A MODERN PALESTINE SHEPHERD



This beautiful picture, furnished by the **Biblical Research Monthly**, reminds us of our blessed Saviour, who said, "I am the good Shepherd."

Editorially Speaking

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Articles such as Rev. J. Irving Reese has been writing are of perennial interest—as much so as the Men and Women articles that appear in secular magazines. One layman asked for a second copy of the May issue, for he had given away the first and wanted to read the article on Securing A Pastor a second time. He was on a pulpit committee. That all the pastors read the June article on Securing A Pastorate, goes without saying. We hope all our subscribers have read the July article and will read the one in the current issue and the final one that will appear in the September issue. We owe a vote of thanks to Brother Reese for these splendid articles that were written out of long experience and broad observation.

We feel sure that the work of the Lord would prosper more in the long run, albeit with fewer flashes of revival, if both pulpit and pew could be more tolerant toward each other. Not that a preacher can be tolerant toward sin—his own or that of his members; but there is a great difference between broken-hearted and self-righteous preaching. However, we are not thinking of the sermonic side of it, but of the pastoral. How often we ministers have cried out with our Lord, "How long must I suffer you?" The difference is that we often resign after saying it, while Jesus went all the way to the cross.

If the best work is done in long pastorates as a rule, why can't we ask another question before we quit: "How can my poor long-suffering people put up year after year with me?" And if church leaders will remember how sure they were that God sent their present pastor when he came, why can't they consider that they ought to listen to the man God sent? Before they blame him for the failure of their church to reach the lost, why can't they ask themselves whether it is their own critical spirit that is driving people away? Most churches could have a "new" pastor without the expense of a parting gift to their present leader or of paying the moving expenses of another, if they would fix up the parsonage

like they would for a new man. vote as much of a raise as they will pay a new man, and start cooperating the way they would if a new man came. The old pastor would look ten years younger and be "new" in more ways than one. If a church knows that any new pastor they get will be imperfect, why not put up with the imperfections of the one they have?



WHO HAS A BELL?

Camp Patmos needs a bell to call classes and other activities. If a church has a bell it does not use any more, determine its weight and send in the offer to Rev. Donald Beightol, 254 Benedict Ave., Norwalk, Ohio. We are not sure how large a bell the camp can use, but fear that some may be too large. On the other hand, some old farm bells might be too small, but again, write and tell Brother Beightol how large it is and he will decide the question and tell which offer he will accept.

There is another thing we just can't understand, and that is why churches almost always call a pastor from another state, while there are tried and true men close at hand who feel a change would be good. Not that we do not gladly welcome good men from other states, for we do; but we suspect they sought an Ohio church only because the churches in their state had the same naive idea that the great live far away and pastors in the same state can't be very important. (Just why do pastorless churches always want "great" men instead of God's humble

servant?) If it is objected that God places his servants where he will, the answer is that he did not use to move preachers that far very often. It must be that he only puts up with some modern notions and is willing to move heaven and earth if necessary to please a fastidious church.

The truth is that sometimes the Lord punishes a church by sending a pastor whose "forehead is as adamant stone," for he knows that is the kind they need. Then there follows a period of war and trouble that could have been avoided if the church had been willing to take God's first choice or to keep the faithful servant it had. If all Baptist pastorates turned out well, and all humanly appointed ministers failed, we would be convinced that God always gets his man in his place by the congregational method; but since Baptists usually have more trouble than others, we can only conclude that either our method is wrong or we ourselves make mistakes. As Baptists, we are convinced that the New Testament teaches that each church is directly under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and that therefore each congregation must call its own pastor after earnest prayer and study. So it is not our method that is wrong, but ourselves. As has so often been said, "Congregational government is the best for a spiritual people, but about the worst for churches that are unspiritual." Hard as it is for us to even say it, we will have to admit that a godly bishop may do a church much more good than an unspiritual clique of laymen who will either rule or ruin any pastor that God may send. Of course, we Baptists will be quick to add, "But an imperfect democracy is better than a modernistic or dictatorial bishop."

We end where we began, that we will perennially need such articles as our good brother has written. We do not expect that they will cure all our troubles, but only hope that they will help. Our churches need to remember that all preachers are imperfect; and our pastors need to remember that a perfect church would not need their ministry.

ROAMINGS OF THE EDITOR

Last month there was no room for roamings, and so we will have to go back to May 24th, when we supplied for Pastor Hall Dautel at the Temple Baptist Church of Portsmouth. We wish we had time to tell how royally they entertained us, and the signs of a growing church — attendance almost double what it used to be, etc. We will only mention the enjoyable trip to Minford in the afternoon, when Assistant Pastor Thomas Bunyan took us out to see his new FBHM work out in the beautiful hills northeast of Portsmouth. Several of the churches in the area are working with FBHM to get this work in a growing residential area going; and Missionary John A. Lawhead seems to be winning the hearts of the people.

LaGrange was next on our schedule, where we found the people looking forward to the calling of Rev. Cyril Smith as pastor, which they unanimously did the next week. This church now has a fine Sunday school unit in addition to the old church, and so will undoubtedly continue to grow.

The first Sunday of June found us at the Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, another of our FBHM churches. We had a wonderful time there and rejoiced to see how attendance and membership had grown since they traded their residential property for a large church building. Nine months ago we found them wondering whether they had done the right thing, but all such questions were dispelled in the growth that followed the move.

June 14 was spent at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo, where a fine young man (he'll have to forgive us for forgetting the name) is serving as interim pastor. He and other members of the congregation did a professional job in leading the services and introducing the speaker. They are still praying the Lord will lead them to call just the right pastor, but in the meantime attendance is holding up about as it was.

June 21st, Mrs. Nordlund and I had an opportunity to see the new home of the Blessed Hope Baptist Church of Springfield and to break the Bread of Life to an enthusiastic congregation. It was Father's Day and a chorus of men sang both morning and

evening—also a quartet of Cedarville students who attend there. Pastor Greenwood was on his way to Rochester, but everything was planned out to the last detail and went as smooth as clock-work. Norman Geddes, a Cedarville student, was the song leader and master of ceremonies at the 7:30-8 P.M. radio services, with Missionary Delbert Geer in the control room.

ROADSIDE INSPIRATION

By Ralph T. Nordlund

A jar of black-eyed susans
On a neat veranda stood,
And spread their golden sunshine
O'er all the neighborhood.

Was it pride in home and garden
That made them place it there,
Or an inborn love of beauty
And a friendly wish to share?

I could not seek the answer
As I motored on my way;
But it made the world seem fairer,
And brightened all my day.

We'll tell more about this new church plant in our September issue. All we need to say now is that YOU ought to plan to attend our Annual Meeting there in October, and then you will be able to see it for yourself.

The last Sunday of June Mrs. Nordlund and the editor started bright and early for the Grace Baptist Church of Dayton, and it was well we did, for at Kenton the car had become too hot to run. If a friendly ex-garage mechanic had not quickly come and pushed us to the only open garage, we would never have gotten to our destination in time. As it was, it only took thirty minutes to take out and discard the thermostat, and off we drove, as happy as a man without his vermiform appendix!

The Grace Baptist Church of Dayton is only about three years old and is still meeting at the Christian Service Center, but is definitely growing under the leadership of Pastor Robert D. McCarthy. The Sunday school and morning worship attendance was good, and the choir extra good.

That afternoon we drove to Xenia and first had a nice visit
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ARE YOU IN THE RACE?

I Cor. 9:24-27

By Pastor Ernest J. Virgint, Grace Baptist Church, Troy, Ohio

We are all aware, I am sure, of the fact that the Bible is the greatest Book in the world. We are told that it is the best seller and the most sold of all books. It is also the greatest Book of symbolic teaching. Under many figures and types, it tells the story of the soul's need, of God's salvation, and of the Christian's joy and crown. St. Paul brings out the Christian life in our Scripture lesson: its beginning, its course, its end, under the symbol of a race. In the days of the Apostle these races and contests were a common thing at Corinth and in Greece. So let us follow this theme through from its beginning to its end.

FIRST IN A RACE IS ITS PREPARATION

In Paul's day the runners had to be enrolled; they had to declare their nationality and age; and still further, they had to be accepted by the masters of the race. So in the Christian race, conversion is the first necessary thing ere one can enter the heavenly race. Jesus' words in Matt. 18:3 are proof undoubtedly that conversion is necessary in the life of all who would enter the Christian race: "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

The expression, "converted," is one requiring careful examination. With the simple Greek word faithfully rendered, Jesus' words would be, "Except ye be turned," or "Unless you reverse your present trend of thought." It appears then that man must be turned, or he cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven. But of what sort is this turning? It is not turning over a new leaf, and making new resolutions; nor is it a mere passionate sorrow or remorse. Conversion is a birth, a new birth—it is accepting Jesus Christ by faith into one's heart and life. Jesus said to Nicodemus of old: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Have you been born again, dear reader? If not, you are not in the race.



SECONDLY THE COURSE IS IMPORTANT

The course along which the Christian is to run is clearly marked out in the Word of God. It is not left to each to make a course for himself, or follow those made by others. If this were so, it would be very sad indeed because God's Word plainly says: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." There is a way which seemeth right, but it is wrong! Such a way if pursued will lead to death—eternal death. Let each one of us remember that human nature needs more than is found in the conscience. A pilot who has insufficient light to observe the needle of his compass may think he is steering for the haven, when in reality he is taking the vessel straight upon the rocks. He may be very sincere in his convictions that he is going right, but his thinking so will not make it so. What the pilot needs is more light on the needle of his compass.

Now, that is just what the natural man needs—more light to guide him safely into the haven of rest. But where is he to get more light? Praise God, the need for more light has been fully met in Jesus Christ our Lord. God in Christ Jesus is sufficient light to all men, and He will show the way.

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, said: "For

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). Of himself Jesus said: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). Wonderful words are they indeed. In other words, Jesus is simply saying that such a man shall not be left ignorant like the many around him; he shall not grope in doubt and uncertainty, but shall see the way to heaven, and know where he is going. His course will be plainly marked by the "light of lights," even Jesus Christ our Lord, of whom it was said, "In Him was life and the life was the light of man" (John 1:4).

FINALLY IN EVERY RACE THERE IS A REWARD

"Know ye not that they which run in a race, run all, but one receiveth the prize? so run that ye may obtain" (I Cor. 9:24). The prize in the contest that St. Paul speaks of is a different kind of a prize from that which these Corinthians were seeking after. Paul was a man who had as hard a fight to fight in this world as you have. Dreams would not have satisfied him any more than they would you. He wanted as his prize Reality—*PEACE WITH GOD*. He complained of things men in general were seeking after, not because they were too substantial, but because they were not substantial enough, because there was no food in them to satisfy the spiritual appetites of hungry men. Paul's only desire was to know God, and that lasting peace that comes only from knowing God. This he expressed in his letter to the Philippians: "That I may know him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death" (Phil. 3:10). Desiring this, Paul did not desire a vain thing: he desired the most real of all things, *PEACE WITH GOD*.

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GREATEST GARBC MEETING EVER

Our genial treasurer, Rev. Glenn Greenwood, reported that the 28th annual meeting of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches was the largest and best ever held. The average attendance at Rochester, Minn., was 1100 and one evening there were 1500 present. While we have had larger evening attendances than that in larger cities, it is indeed true that the average attendance was the best ever by far. He also says that the messages were excellent and that the spirit of the meeting was one of looking forward to greater things in the future. Other pastors who were there have corroborated his judgment. All agree that the spiritual tone was above average, deepened perhaps by the sickness of Dr. R. T. Ketcham.

THREE RESOLUTIONS

The GARBC does not go in for voluminous resolutions on all social and political questions as the old convention does, but when important decisions are before our nation, it does not hesitate to speak. Separation of church and state is again a live issue because of the pressure to get government aid for parochial schools, hospitals, etc. Baptists cannot forget what they suffered in colonial days and so it was resolved:

"That the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches reaffirm its historic conviction that the Church and State have no right to impinge on another's authority or to become involved in affairs distinctive to each, and

that we resist all efforts to blur the lines that separate the two."

Recognition of Red China has been urged by the Fifth World Order Study Conference of the National Council of Churches, and by other leftist groups. Feeling that such recognition or admission to The United Nations would be a tragedy, the following resolution was passed: "Be it resolved that the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches declare itself unequivocally opposed to Red China's recognition by the United States and her admittance to membership in the United Nations, and that we commend the President of the United States for his realistic approach to the threat of Communism, and for his admirable conduct in refusing to sacrifice morality and principle in an hour when so many are willing to do so."

Civil Defense was also commended, although the hope was expressed that war would not come to make it all-important. "Be it resolved that the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches encourage the churches in its fellowship to investigate the Civil Defense agency in their respective localities, and discover ways and means of lending support and assistance to its program, to the extent of making available to Civil Defense authorities both our church buildings and such personnel as they may require and we can supply."

Just how that resolution will be received by the churches we

do not know. A few of our pastors have served as chaplains of local Civil Defense groups and some of our members undoubtedly belong to such groups; but until the Lord's Day is honored by the C-D leaders, most good Christians do not feel they can be active supporters. However, any church should be willing to offer the use of their building and rally to the cause in time of emergency. That seems to be all the resolution had in mind.

ENCOURAGING GROWTH

Some sixty churches were taken into the association and few dropped, making a total gain of 45. This means we now have 888 churches, with a total membership reported 130,583. There were 6,895 baptisms reported.

Six hundred seventy-six churches reported missionary giving amounting to \$3,192,251, which means that if all had reported, the total must be over \$3,500,000. This means that our per capita mission giving is about \$28.20. When the current expense and building fund figures are added to the missionary, it means that some \$14,000,000 has been given by our people. Such figures certainly do prove that the GARBC is going FORWARD!

Next year the conference will be held in Long Beach, California. If a late June date will again be used, that will make it a wonderful vacation - inspiration combination; and we hope that many Ohioans will already begin to plan to go.

ROAMINGS OF THE EDITOR

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with Pastor and Mrs. Cadman of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. We found them preparing for a record breaking attendance at the program of the Vacation Bible School. As the Fellowship pages will show, they had a real DVBS victory this year. Then we found our way to the home of Pastor Hutchison of the Xenia Bible Church (GARBC), for it was at that church we were to speak that evening. We found this church prospering beyond anything we had expected, which only goes to prove that God can bless small churches as well as large ones when the people have a mind to work. It was a hot Sunday evening, but we had a very good attendance.

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PASTORAL AND CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS AND OBLIGATIONS



J. Irving Reese

By J. Irving Reese, Director of Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, Elyria, Ohio

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THE PASTOR AND HIS CHURCH

The relationship of pastor and people is one of the precious ones of earth and, also of mutual responsibilities and obligations. It is easy for the pastor to place all the blame for any difficulty that may arise upon the church. He should, however, recognize his own strategic place in the life of the church and know that his failure in any area may in itself create problems.

The pastor has a
SPIRITUAL
RESPONSIBILITY
toward his church.

There are many warnings to the Old Testament priesthood against leading the people astray by their example. An outstanding one is found in Jeremiah chapter 23, "Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the Lord, and because of the words of his holiness. For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right. For both prophet and priest are profane." The results of an unspiritual ministry are the same as in that earlier day.

If a pastor would have a spiritual church he must himself live spiritually. If he wants a praying church he must be a man of prayer. Teaching on and preaching about prayer with exhortations to lives of prayer will not suffice, *he* will have to visit frequently the place of prayer. If he wants a Bible-loving and searching church he must lead the way. He must "go to the deeps of God's promises," if he wants his people to know the joy of that dwelling place. He must frequently sit at the feet of Jesus if he would inspire others to do so.

The pastor has a
PASTORAL
RESPONSIBILITY
toward his church.

He is the shepherd and as such his duty is to "shepherd the flock." This means much more than filling the pulpit on Sunday and bringing a mid-week Bible study. He should live among his people and come to know their needs. He should encourage and respect their confidences. I know of few things more shameful than the betrayal of pastoral confidences. There have been instances where pastors have done untold harm and utterly lost the respect of people by divulging publicly or to "special friends" personal matters which were told them in strict confidence. The members of the congregation should feel perfectly free and absolutely safe to pour out the sins, burdens, and aspirations of the heart to the pastor. People are often helped more by being able to talk out their troubles to a sympathetic ear than by any advice that the wisest counselor can give. As a pastor, this writer has had people come to his office with their tale of woe, he had no special advice to offer but just listened interestedly. Frequently, when leaving they would declare, "Thanks, you have helped me so much," but he had said practically nothing. Shame on the pastor that cannot keep locked in his own secret archives such records as are entrusted to him.

In times of personal loss, distress, sickness, or death the man of God will have an opportunity to be a true shepherd. He can then pour in ointment and bind up wounds as no one else can. He need not be obtrusive in this. In our day the doctor and nurse or funeral director usually take charge and non-professional services for making arrangements are not required. The very presence of a loved and trusted pastor, his brief reading of the Scripture, his personal, quiet prayer, his thoughtful counsel on spiritual matters, often means unspeakable com-

fort and blessing to those who are going through the "deep waters."

It is frequently unwise for a pastor to visibly "expect" to have the funeral in case of death. The family may have some ministerial friend of long standing or one who through past service holds a special place in their hearts, whom they desire. Should this be true the pastor may prove an embarrassment and be himself humiliated, when the choice is stated. It is not necessarily intended as a slight to the pastor when another is chosen to bring the message or have a leading part in a funeral service. The pastor will do well to let the family speak first and then co-operate in as friendly a manner as possible.

The pastor has a
MINISTERIAL
RESPONSIBILITY
toward his church.

He is a man who in a sense serves in a dual capacity. He is both pastor and preacher and neither excels the other in importance. Perhaps one of the greatest problems he will face will be to properly divide his time between the two. It is easy to become so busy "pastoring" that he finds no time to prepare his message. On the other hand one can become so engrossed in study that everything else loses its appeal. One should "tend the flock," but he must also "feed the flock," and he can do this latter only as he takes time to study. No amount of visitation can make up for poorly prepared sermons which carry neither food nor challenge. "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it" (Psalm 81:10) has no reference to preaching; nor do the words of the Lord Jesus (Matt. 10:19), "—take no thought how or what ye shall speak." Search their context and see. While it is gloriously true that in an emergency and in the special unction of preaching, verses of the Bible and fresh thoughts often spring into mind, these are the result of previous

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THEY USUALLY COME IN COUPLES

In missionary papers the wife is given equal honor with her husband as a missionary, but in our churches we usually follow the tradition of only picturing the pastor. This editor must admit he is too old-fashioned to like the present trend in missionary circles to put the woman first and write them up as Susie and Samuel Blank. If the wife takes the name of her husband she should be content to let the Mr. come first and not have it Mrs. and Mr. However, we all agree that the mistress of the manse is just as important as the master when it comes to the success of a pastorate, and sometimes more so. So we are glad we can picture three couples that are or soon will be laboring in our churches.



Rev. Cyril Smith

Last month we told of the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Cyril A. Smith to the First Baptist Church of LaGrange from Harborcreek, Pennsylvania. They came just after closing a most successful Vacation Bible School in Harborcreek. We welcome them to our state!



Mrs. Smith



Rev. Paul Schenck

The recognition of First Baptist of Twinsburg was also told last month and something said about the work of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Schenck under FBHM. Now we can report that church was received into the GARBC at Rochester. We thank God for the way he has blessed these devoted missionaries.



Mrs. Schenck

ZANESVILLE CHURCH CALLS EVANGELIST WALTER YEAGER



Aviation was the first love of Mr. Yeager in his early manhood, and he studied for a career in it at Parks College and the University of Pittsburgh. A higher call came from heaven, however, and he prepared himself for pastoral and evangelistic service. His wife is a graduate nurse as well as a musician. The Yeagers have served two years in home mission work, two years in a pastorate, and now five years in evangelism. They come, therefore, with a background of experience that should make them fit in admirably with the evangelistic and missionary outreach of the Zanesville church. While it is too early to welcome them to Ohio, we assure them that there is a hearty welcome for them when they arrive.

Several months ago Pastor Llewellyn Thompson indicated his desire to relinquish his responsibility at the Bible Mission Baptist Church at Zanesville and concentrate his efforts at Reynoldsburg. After careful and prayerful searching for God's man, the church has extended a call to Rev. Walter G. Yeager of Mineral Point, Pennsylvania. He and Mrs. Yeager are members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Clymer, Pa., which is in fellowship with the Regular Baptist churches of Western Pennsylvania. For several years they have been successful evangelists, with Mrs. Yeager taking an important part in music and with work for children. They will finish their summer and fall schedule of meetings and move to Zanesville the first of January.

ROAMINGS OF THE EDITOR

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The first Sunday of July was spent in our home church here in Fostoria, and so we had the pleasure of seeing the first outward evidence that the building program is really under way—we met in the Field School, while the congregation that bought our old

building marched into it with banners and music. Both churches were very happy, and Pastor Tucker showed it in his preaching.

July 12th was another Sunday without appointments, but Mrs. Nordlund and I decided to visit independent churches that we hope will some day be in our associa-

tion. We had just heard from Rev. Harry Cole that the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon had called Rev. Worth S. Sauser of Waterloo, Iowa, to be their pastor; and we knew he had pastored our GARB church at Canby, Minnesota, some years ago. We found a congregation of about 100,

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FROM THE WOMEN'S POINT OF VIEW



Mrs. Smelser

Edited by Mrs. Theona S. Smelser, 125 Friendship St., Medina, Ohio

(Women's activities and things of interest to women should be sent to Mrs. Smelser. What about one of your recipes? Recipes for child training too, or for a good Missionary meeting, etc.)

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

some (like myself) had been born again many years. Then I began to wonder, "Do I act that spiritually mature?" The writer of Hebrews put it this way: (I quote from "the amplified New Testament") "Therefore let us go on and get past the elementary stage in the teachings and doctrine of Christ, the Messiah, advancing steadily toward the completeness and perfection that belongs to spiritual maturity." Hebrews 6:1. Do we know the Lord this year better than we did last year at this time?

Too many Christians are still living as babes in Christ—easily offended, weak, and stunted in growth. Oh, what a different matter the ministry would be if the churches were full of grown-up Christians—stalwart, sensible, and strong, looking after the new babes instead of seeing what someone might do to offend them.

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PAUL MILLER'S HOME GOING

Christians scattered over the world have been shocked by the news of the death of Paul Miller, missionary in the mountainous jungle country forming the rugged boundary of East Pakistan, India and Burma—out under A.B.W.E. Yes, shocked—and yet even blessed by the victorious report, given in the June issue of "The Message," the monthly paper put out by that mission. Stricken with polio while on a trip away from his wife and four children, he was even buried before news of his death could get to his loved ones because of distance and difficult travel. Thus he went to be with the Lord May 3, leaving his dear wife with all the family out there in that rugged country. How did she react? Here is an excerpt I want to share with you women: ". . . Helen (his wife), too, has always been a true missionary, placing the glory of Christ and the salvation of the lost far above any self-interests. I shall never forget the moment she learned of Paul's passing. A certain wistfulness stole over her ever-smiling face and, with no other trace of emotion, she bowed

sweetly and uncomplainingly to the will of the God she loved and trusted and then, within a few minutes, her happy smile returned and her face became radiant with the joy of the Lord. Later, she gathered her little family about her and explained that Jesus had taken their Daddy to Heaven, and thus the little flock rested quietly in the strong faith of their precious mother. So deeply had the children imbibed the faith of their parents that little Grace said to me, 'Isn't it wonderful that Daddy is in Heaven with Jesus!' There was no panic and no self-pity, no great rivers of grief flooding the banks when Helen learned about Paul's going. Though now to be burdened with a little family of tender years, Helen quietly said, 'There are three things I want. First, I want to bring up my children in the Lord. Second, I want to continue in His service, and third, I want that out from this sorrow I shall be made a better soul winner.' As we missionaries gathered at Chittagong, it was we who rested on Helen's strong faith as we gazed into the mystery of Paul's going, asking, 'Why, Lord? Why?' May this account be a strengthening and blessing to all our hearts!

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FROM THE RECIPE FILE

(Clipped from the Euclid Nottingham Baptist Church paper)

SURPRISE BUTTERSCOTCH PUDDIN' CAKE

- 1 c. Bisquick
- 1/2 c. chopped nuts
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 c. water
- 3/4 c. brown sugar—packed
- 2 T. butter
- 1/3 c. shredded coconut

Combine biscuit mix, nuts, milk and vanilla. Spread roughly in greased 8" square pan. Heat water, brown sugar and butter to boiling point and merely pour over top of dough *without stirring*. Sprinkle coconut over surface and bake about 30 minutes at 375. Serve warm. (6 servings)

Did you ever see the television ad for some kind of shampoo, in which one girl with bedraggled hair says, "And I'm only in my twenties!" Then another lady with beautiful hair standing beside her says, "And I'm—well, I'm *over* twenty—" How we like to hide our age after we reach the thirty mark! From the time we're born we begin to get older each day—one day nearer to eternity and then another. For a Christian, who has Heaven to anticipate, old age should not be too unwelcome, and yet we hang on to life in this world and try to make our appearance as young as possible. The problem of old age in these fast-moving days is a real one. Grandparents used to live in many homes and fit in with a rich blessing to the family, but have you noticed how many elderly people are either alone now or are spending their last days in "rest homes"? Very often they do not fit in with the complicated, fast pace of the younger generation. And yet what a joy it is to have a sweet grandmother or granddaddy sharing the comforts of home. It is really regrettable that so few have experienced this blessing.

Because of this condition, I have been so much impressed with the need for our Baptist home for elderly people in Ohio. May we pray that the Lord will lead to the right place and supply the need for such a project.

Yes, it's often very hard to guess the age of women, but how old are you spiritually? As we said, we try to camouflage our physical age, but we should reveal a process of spiritual maturity after our "new birth." Several years ago I was sitting with a group of Bible campers around a campfire on the last night of our week together. As the embers burned lower, the speaker asked each one to tell how old they were in the Lord. Some were only thirty minutes old; some were two or three years old spiritually; and

REV. DON MOFFAT COMES TO CEDARVILLE

The Rev. A. Donald Moffat has accepted a call to Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio, and will begin his ministry there September 1. Organized in January, 1955, the church now meets in Milner Chapel on the campus of Cedarville College and uses other facilities for the Sunday School. A new parsonage is being built to accommodate the pastor and his family.

The Rev. Mr. Moffat and his wife served as missionaries in Brazil, South America under Mid-Missions. The severe illness of Mrs. Moffat necessitated an early return to this land.

Following this missionary experience, Mr. Moffat served as an assistant to Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, who was then pastor of the Walnut St. Baptist Church, Waterloo, Iowa. Then he served as pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, Ill.

For approximately 13 years he

worked as Deputation Director and Field Representative for the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. During this time Mr. Moffat travelled around the continent of South America and also made a trip around the world. He has made a number of trips to Europe on behalf of missions. All of this has given him a well-rounded picture of current missionary activity. Last summer he and Mrs. Moffat took part in the International Council of Christian Churches conferences held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

In this land he has travelled thousands of miles speaking in churches, colleges, Bible schools, Bible conferences and on the radio presenting the Word and the work of the Lord.

For the past three and one-half years he has been engaged as Counselor of Students and Instructor in English Bible at Shelton College in Ringwood, N. J.



The Rev. Mr. Moffat is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. He and Mrs. Moffat have one son, Jack, who plans to attend college this fall in preparation for the work of the Lord.

ROAMINGS OF THE EDITOR

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and heard a real gospel sermon. This church began six years ago, after one man had prevented the First Baptist Church from calling a fundamental pastor. A few families could not stand that situation any longer and came out and then soon came together to form a new church where the Holy Spirit could have his way. Souls have been saved and the blessings of God seem to be upon it.

In the afternoon we drove to Sunbury, where a new funda-

mental Baptist church has been organized; but when we learned that Pastor George Zinn was out of town, we decided to visit the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion instead. Pastor Clement E. Hershey is an old friend of ours and we knew we would have a blessed time with him and his people if he was in his pulpit—

which he was. It was our first time to worship with them in their new and spacious auditorium, which has now been in use for about two years. We came with an expectation of receiving a blessing, and we were not disappointed. Pastor Hershey is president for the second year of the Ohio American Council and much in demand as a speaker. This summer he is the opening speaker at the Gitchee-Gumee Bible Conference in northern Michigan and just recently spoke to our Regular Baptist young people at Cleveland.

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OUR FELLOWSHIP PAGES . . .

CEDAR HILL BAPTIST, Cleveland

A Youth Gospel Crusade was held with rich blessings June 21-26, with Rev. Richard W. Neale (Uncle Dick) as evangelist. Amazing object lessons, oil paintings, motion pictures, children's choruses, and Scripture memory work kept things moving. Rev. Richard W. Neale has held many such meetings all over the USA and reached thousands for Christ. These meetings took the place of Vacation Bible School this year.

Missionary Wm. Nimmo and family arrived home recently from French Equatorial Africa and were given a glad welcome.

EWING WALTERS RETURNS TO PASTORATE

Rev. Ewing Walters, who has been Fields Director for the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions for over four years, has resigned to accept a call to the White Lake Baptist Church of Montague, Michigan. Ohio Baptists will remember him also as the predecessor of Pastor Adam Galt at Spencer. He left Spencer to spend some ten years in very successful pastoral work in Flint, Mich. We will miss him here in Ohio, but we wish him rich blessings as he goes back to Michigan.

GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST, Cuyahoga Falls

Pastor and Mrs. S. E. Collison were involved in a car accident just a week or so before they had hoped to attend the GARBC meetings in Minnesota. A car drove through a red light and hit them on Mrs. Collison's side, and she was cut several places and fractured a rib. Over \$1100 damage was done to their car. Fortunately their two boys were not with them. We are glad to report that Mrs. Collison is out of the hospital and making good progress.

Vacation Bible School averaged 206 in attendance and 27 confessed faith in Christ.

FIRST BAPTIST, Twinsburg

Pastor Paul Schenck reports six baptized in June, and one joining by letter, bringing the membership of this new church to 22. Eight more have indicated an interest in membership and two children were recently saved.

FIRST BAPTIST, Gallipolis

"We have a perpetual church membership class each Sunday evening, and so far new candidates have presented themselves each month. July 19th several were baptized and others came by letter from sister churches and were welcomed Aug. 2nd. Each month we also have a missionary from an approved agency and this is tending to enlarge our missionary vision. This year we have taken on \$900 additional support in addition to our regular missionary budget of \$11,240.

Our Vacation Bible School enrolled 235 boys and girls, and the average of children and workers was 195. Eleven Juniors confessed Christ as Saviour."

BIBLE MISSION BAPTIST, Zanesville

"Rev. and Mrs. Neil Wilson, Baptist Mid-Mission workers in Assam, are home on furlough. He is a member at Zanesville, and she (Bonnie Olds) be-

longs to Beebetown. They also have a small son, David. Our Bible Mission worker in Mexico, Sam Hornbrook will continue in deputation work through the summer, and hopes to return to his field in the fall. Rodney Knicely, the senior worker down there, was suddenly called home by the death of an invalid brother, but immediately returned to the field. While Pastor Thompson continues to minister until the end of the year, the church is looking forward to the coming of the Yeagers to take up the work in Zanesville."

BLESSED HOPE BIBLE CONFERENCE

7 P.M., Aug. 17, through
Aug. 20, 1959

at Bible Mission Baptist
Church, Zanesville

The speakers at this old-fashioned Bible conference will be Norman Hoag and George Mundell, both well-known conference speakers. Meals will be served and dormitory space provided for those who wish to stay. More information can be gotten by writing to Llewellyn Thompson, 536 Moxahala Ave., Zanesville, Ohio.

BETHEL BAPTIST, Erie

Through FBHM the church is helping Rev. and Mrs. Lester Wells to start a new church at Titusville, Penna. While the Meadville church is the real sponsor in this project, the Erie church is helping and vitally interested because the Wells' are members of Bethel Baptist.

GRACE BAPTIST, Troy

Pastor E. J. Virgint reports they had a wonderful Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 98, and with 13 conversions. Recently two followed the Lord in baptism. Another occasion of joy is the installation of a new Wurlitzer organ.

CENTRAL BAPTIST, Columbus

Two weeks of Vacation Bible School were crowned with a program and demonstration for the parents and friends June 12th. Pastor William C. McKeever was the leader in the school, which had an average attendance of 60 children.

Pastor McKeever has also been asked to be an instructor at the Bethany Baptist Camp at Chautauqua Lake, N. Y., July 20-25. This camp serves the Bethany Fellowship of Independent Baptist Churches in western New York and Pennsylvania, including our associated church, Bethel Baptist, at Erie.

FIRST BAPTIST, Niles.

Over 40 boys and girls made profession of faith in the two weeks of Vacation Bible School held in June.

CALVARY BAPTIST, Bellefontaine

Rev. and Mrs. James Benefiel, accepted candidates under Baptist Mid-

Missions, have moved into the church apartment and Mr. Benefiel will serve as assistant pastor to Rev. James E. Rosner until November, when they hope to go to Forteleza, Brazil. The Benefiels did serve a short time in Brazil under an undenominational board and have also been in pastoral work in Indiana over four years. They still need some support and are free to go on deputation work any time some church desires to have them come.

Pastor and Mrs. Rosner recently built a home of their own a few miles northwest of town, and so the church was able to sell their parsonage and apply the money to their church mortgage and cut it in half.

BIBLE BAPTIST

July 11th an all day Sunday school picnic was held at Fell Lake. There was swimming in the morning for those that wished to come early, each bringing his own lunch. In the afternoon there was a ball game, and other games too. After a picnic supper, the day closed with Evening Vespers.

FOSTORIA BAPTIST

The work on the new church building has already begun by the Charles Steward Construction Company of Oberlin, Ohio. The total cost of the building (first unit) will be \$70,000. The old building was sold to the Pilgrim Holiness conference for \$10,000, and the church now worships in a nearby school, but still uses the old church on Wednesday nights.

Two young ladies of the congregation are employed for the summer on the staff of the Highland Lake Bible Conference, Highland Lake, N. Y. They are Edna Shrider and Norma Bertram, who are not only consecrated to Christian service, but gifted in music as well.

WHEELERSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Following a successful Vacation Bible School, with 25 decisions for the Lord, Pastor and Mrs. Holmes and son left for vacation in Florida and adjoining states. Rev. Fred Chase filled the pulpit in the pastor's absence.

During July 13-18, Pastor and Mrs. Holmes served as Senior counsellors at Camp Patmos. Eleven seniors attended. The juniors attended July 26-Aug. 1, while Pastor Holmes was director of the camp.

FIRST BAPTIST, Spencer

The church has voted to rebuild after the fire, on a new lot, where they will have more room. Not only are the members rising to the occasion in sacrificial giving, but sister churches have sent in over \$1,000, which is greatly appreciated.

KAMP KIDRON CONFERENCE

The Cleveland Hebrew Mission is holding their annual Bible conference for both Jews and Gentiles at Camp Kidron, Aug. 7-14. The speakers will be Dr. Ralph Stoll of Altoona, Pa. Dr. Moses Kitlin, who has just come to the Mission after rich years of service in Poland, Argentina, Canada and the U.S.A., and Rev. Llewellyn Thompson of Dresden, Ohio. The song leader will be Rev. Vaughn Sprunger of Portsmouth.

... WHAT OUR CHURCHES ARE DOING

FIRST BAPTIST, Lancaster

Pastor John S. White reports that recently the church reached an all time high of 106 in Sunday school and that the attendance continues high. A real revival was experienced in May, when Rev. Nile Fisher of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Dayton held an eight-day campaign. Ten made profession and the whole church was revived. The church was able to raise the pastor's salary to \$60 a week, besides furnishing a parsonage. Four adults and two children were recently baptized.

REV. L. J. TRAVIS WRITES

We are sorry his letter came too late to give some of his statistics on his work in McDonald when we wrote up the story of his resignation and moving to Vienna, Va. We will just mention the important ones, that during his eight years in McDonald 79 came into the church by baptism and 21 by others means, and many others made profession. The mortgage on the parsonage was paid and a \$30,000 addition made to the church building, while missionary giving more than trebled. Then he says, "Mrs. Travis and myself have never had a nicer group of folk to work with and they were very good to us in every way." His present address is 208 Moore Ave., S.E., Vienna, Va.

FIRST CHRISTIAN BAPTIST, Coshocton

A summer evangelistic campaign will be held at the Coshocton County Fairgrounds in co-operation with three other Baptist churches Aug. 19-30, with Rev. Don Winters as the evangelist.

Each third Wednesday night a missionary message on some field of the world is presented to challenge people to "go, give and pray."

XENIA BIBLE CHURCH (GARBC)

Pastor Hutchison is preaching Sunday nights on a series on the Bible, "Facing the Evidence." They are, "The Plenary, Verbal Inspiration of the Bible," "The Bible and Science," "The Bible and Evolution," "The Bible Says—Archaeology Confirms," "The Bible Stands in the Fulfilment of Prophecy," "The Bible and Its Difficulties," and "the Bible and Christ."

CALVARY BAPTIST, Bucyrus

Vacation Bible School this year exceeded last year's average by 51, and 1957 by 104, reaching an average of 327, including 50 workers! As in 1958, an 18 by 27 foot tent was used for the Junior classes, and three double garages near the church for one Junior, one Intermediate and the Nursery classes. Pastor J. Howard Jones feels sure they can easily reach 100 more children as soon as they can complete their church building. We fully believe him, worker as he is!

SHARON BAPTIST, Sharon, Pa.

The new church building purchased last winter from a Pentecostal assembly, was dedicated Sunday afternoon of June 28th. The song service was led by Rev. Norman Hoag of Troy Baptist Church, the opening prayer was by Rev. Don Loomis of Evansville Baptist Church, the Scripture reading by Rev. Karl Smith of Bethel Baptist Church, Warren, greetings from the pastors and the Bethany

Fellowship was led by Rev. Harold Carpenter of Grace Baptist Church, Youngstown, greetings from the Bethany Youth Fellowship was brought by Joe Perkins, the history of the church was given by deacon James Nehlen, the keys presented by Roy Stubrich, the dedicatory prayer was given by Rev. Gerald Mitchell of North Jackson Independent Baptist Church, and the dedication message by Rev. O. E. Phillips, noted conference speaker. Rev. Leonard Travis gave the benediction. Several musical numbers were also given.

We rejoice with the Sharon church over the fine facilities at a good location that are now theirs, and pray that God will richly bless.

SUNBURY CHURCH RECOGNIZED

At a council composed of sixteen pastors and messengers from seven Baptist churches, convened at the call of the Grace Baptist Church of Sunbury, Ohio, a full report of the organization of this church was read, including its covenant, articles of faith, constitution and by-laws. A period of discussion followed in which certain minor changes in the constitution were recommended.

After careful deliberation by the council, a motion was made by Rev. James Rosner of Bellefontaine, and seconded by Rev. C. C. Clawson of Columbus that "the Grace Baptist Church of Sunbury, Ohio, be recognized as a duly organized Regular Baptist Church." This motion was unanimously approved. A motion was then made and approved that the church be commended for its thorough constitution, which most of the ministers present thought was one of the finest they had ever seen.

John S. White, clerk

FIRST BAPTIST, Elyria

About 500 were enrolled in a very successful Vacation Bible School the latter part of June. June 30th the church ushers had a picnic at Indian Hollow Lake. That's an idea, isn't it? If any church workers deserve an outing, the ushers do.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST, Lima

A staff of 25 workers conducted Vacation Bible School June 8-19, with an enrollment of 200, average attendance of 177, and with 24 boys and girls making profession of faith.

The church has installed five folding doors to provide additional Sunday school rooms in the church basement and is now raising funds to purchase equipment for an expanding church and youth program.

They are also working in co-operation with the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions and the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Fort Wayne to establish a GARB church at Van Wert.

NORTH BETHEL YOUTH RALLY

The annual picnic of the North Bethel Youth Rally was held at the Lima Ordinance Depot Recreational Park July 11th in the afternoon and for the supper hour. Afterwards they went to the Northside Baptist Church for an evening service. Rev. Tom Younger of Fort Wayne was the speaker.

FIRST BAPTIST, Strongsville

July 5th was not a double-holiday slump Sunday at this new church. Forty were present in Sunday school, or about double a few months ago, and two made profession at the church service.

REGULAR BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

Secretary W. Eugene Schlechty reports that the first semester results were very encouraging. 139 were enrolled, 89 received some sort of recognition, 153 credits were earned, and 4 certificates were given.

This fall the second semester will begin, with courses in Old and New Testament, Child Study, Pedagogy, Baptist Polity, Music, etc. Pastor Lynn Rogers of Northfield is president, Pastor Elliott Horton of Parma chairman of the advisory council, Pastor Kenneth Nelson of North Royalton vice chairman, Eugene Schlechty of Rocky River secretary, and Gerald East of Bedford treasurer. Other members of the board are Pastors Earl Willetts of Berea and Vernon Billington of Rocky River, and Boyd Berry of Medina.

VOICE OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH,

GARBC group in Cleveland, held its July meeting at Cedar Hill Baptist Church July 18th, with Dr. Clement E. Hershey of Marion as the speaker.

GRACE BAPTIST, Rocky River

Seven were baptized into membership June 21st, after having attended a membership class for four weeks. June 19th the two adult classes held a combined class meeting and were thrilled with the account one of the members, Miss Eva Jarrett, gave of her tour of the Holy Land. At the close of the meeting a huge cake, honoring the pastor's third anniversary, was brought in and served to the guests.

A successful Vacation Bible School was held June 22-July 1, with 15% larger attendance than last year. Other signs of progress is the redecorating of the auditorium and a new floor; and plans are complete to seek the purchase of a parsonage.

NORTHFIELD VILLAGE BAPTIST

Eight were baptized June 17th, making 25 since entering the new building. An additional acre of ground between the church grounds and the home of Pastor Lynn Rogers has been given to the church by Rev. Paul Reusch, a retired minister of another denomination who sold them the church site and who also attends quite regularly.

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Teen-Age Topics



With Paul Gonder and Dale Harhager, Sharon Baptist Church, Sharon, Pa.

Guest Soloist

PART 2:

By Dorothy Shiner . . .
Taken from Power

Joan, in charge of Youth Day at her church, received an invitation to sing at Community Vespers. It was the biggest event all year in town. And with Youth Day services and Community Vespers scheduled for the same time, Joan decides against the wishes of her friends to attend the Vespers. She tries, however, to do her part for Youth Day even though she is badly needed at the services . . .

Sunday, May 4, dawned warm and beautiful. Sunday School attendance hit a new high that morning, and the church service was filled to overflowing. There were many visitors—thrilling the young people who had invited friends. Joan searched the crowd, but did not see any she had asked to come.

Discouraged, she still tried to appear gay as she bustled about after church greeting people and making last-minute arrangements for the evening. There would be a fellowship supper at 5 o'clock before the meeting at 6. Everything was in order.

That afternoon she lay down to relax before her wonderful event of the evening. Then she bathed and dressed with extreme care. Her new dress was smooth and sleek.

During the 5 o'clock hour she wondered how they were getting along at church. Then she reminded herself she must keep calm and composed.

A few minutes before 6, a yellow convertible drew up in front of the house, and Joan was ready

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Two old men, both partly deaf, were sitting side by side on a train. When the train stopped at a town, one of the men leaned over to his partner and the following conversation took place:

"I say, is this Wembley?"

"No," said the other, "it's Thursday," to which the first old man answered, "So am I. Let's go get a drink."

He's Everywhere

One Sunday morning an instructor of a theological school was sharing a seat with a small boy on a train. The boy was holding a Sunday school leaflet.

"Do you go to Sunday school, my boy?" asked the man. "Yes, sir."

"Tell me, my boy," thinking to have some fun with the lad, "where God is, and I'll give you an apple."

The boy looked up sharply at the man and promptly replied, "I'll give you a whole orchard if you tell me where He is not."

Some kids wonder . . .

QUESTION: "I've watched Christian kids and I want to become a Christian. Everyone I ask tells me to 'receive' Christ. How do I do this?"

ANSWER: How do you receive anything? That's simple. Reach out and take it! To receive Christ is to reach out "by faith" personally and take Him as your Saviour.

College age young people would say "appropriate," high schoolers would say "accept," and others would say "take." It's not the word that counts—it's the action on your part.

**Only one life,
'Twill soon be past;
Only what's done
For Christ will last!**

The Egg and The Hymn

A bishop, while an overnight visitor in the home of newly-weds, was awakened quite early by the soft tones of a soprano voice singing, "Nearer My God to Thee."

As the bishop lay in bed, he meditated upon the piety which his young hostess must possess to enable her to begin her day's work in such a beautiful frame of mind.

At breakfast he spoke to her about it and told her how pleased he was.

"Oh," she replied, "that's the hymn I boil eggs by; three verses for soft and five for hard!"

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Please send news and ideas from your Youth Group to Paul Gonder, 210 Arthur St. Masury, Ohio.

DO THIS TODAY:

Name Five!

Whether you're deep in your favorite easy chair or slouched on the coach of a speeding train or stretched out on a bunk in a camp cabin, here's a do-this-today which you can do right now without moving. Think of five blessings which you tend to take for granted, and thank God for each of them.

Don't wait the five months until Thanksgiving Day. Do this today. Your doing it will refresh your own heart, and your Heavenly Father's too.

Sunday School Teacher: "Johnny, which of the parables do you like best?"

Johnny: "The one where somebody loafs and fishes."

TAKE IT EASY FELLOW—AND LIVE LONGER

Don't drift into extravagant spending. Don't go broke and bring embarrassment to you and your family trying to keep up with another "show-off." If you attempt to imitate the gang who tries to fool you by living on a higher scale, remember that you always end up inheriting their weakness and vices rather than their virtues.

When a motorist who had crashed into a telephone pole and brought down the wires recovered consciousness his hands were clutching the wires.

"Thank heavens," he exclaimed fervently, "it's a harp."

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As the beaver said to the tree, "it's been nice gnawing you!"

GUEST SOLOIST

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and eager to be on her way. It bothered her a little when Tom chose to drive down the street that ran past the church. Sure enough, there was the crowd outside, getting a little fresh air before the meeting. Then a red light stopped the car at the corner, and some of the group on the church steps noticed Joan and called out.

Joan waved gaily, murmured something about, "See you," and turned to give Tom her full attention. But then she looked back. Was that—yes, it was Jim and Karl Benson, the football players whom Joan had dared to invite! They had come after all! And there was Sue Coleman, the new girl, standing alone at some distance from the group.

The tires screeched as the convertible leaped away from the traffic light. Tom grasped her hand, but Joan only vaguely heard him say, "My, aren't we beautiful tonight."

Her thoughts lagged far behind, back with boisterous Jim and Karl, and shy Sue. She had invited them to church, and then she wasn't there herself. What did they think of her? Jim and Karl and Sue might never return. But surely some of the other kids would make them feel welcome. God didn't expect her to do everything! Joan shook off the misery that clutched at her heart.

Joan knew she was a very poor companion on that ride. Tom looked at her quizzically, as if waiting for her usual gaiety to appear.

From behind the curtains on the stage, Joan peeked out and saw the audience waiting expectantly for the meeting to convene. She saw well-dressed men and beautiful women. Then their faces blurred before her eyes as a mixture of emotions overwhelmed her.

Her number came early in the program. The audience seemed unusually quiet during the song. Joan did not know whether their silence was rapt attention or polite dissatisfaction.

Afterward she walked quickly backstage where Tom was waiting. "Quick, please take me home," she pleaded.

Her escort stared at her in displeasure. His grim face did not look so handsome now. He didn't seem to understand as she explained why she wanted to hurry back to her church.

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Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Howell, Struthers	25.00
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Rochester Baptist Missionary Society	10.00
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Total received until July 1	\$6,899.53

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FINLEY MEMORIAL CHAPEL DEDICATED



Chapel and Entrance to Camp Patmos

The best way to dedicate any thing is to use it to the glory of God, and that is largely the kind of dedication that Finley Memorial Chapel is getting. However, at the first evening service of each of the nine camps, an informal dedication service is held, so that all the young people and adult workers that attend this summer can express thanks to God for the chapel and appreciation for Dr. H. K. Finley, who did so much to make Camp Patmos possible. Since Mrs. Finley is there all summer to take care of the book table, she can en-

joy these services, even though we know it must be through tears. Then another memorial is being dedicated also. The chapel looks all the more like a chapel because the Enders family of Norwalk have given a beautiful pulpit and fifty chairs to the chapel as a memorial to their son John, who lost his life in an auto accident last Easter time. This is so appropriate, for he not only loved the Lord, but had been life guard at Camp Patmos several times and was well known among the young people of our association.

Only the first dedication program has come to us, but we suppose all will be very similar. On the evening of June 29th Rev. John Strong, state leader of our Youth Activities, read appropriate Scripture and led in a dedicatory prayer. Then Rev. Norman Hoag,



Rev. Gerald Barlow, camp speaker June 29-July 3

who was director that week, led in thanksgiving for the pulpit and chairs.

As we said at the beginning, the best dedication is the using of the camp to the glory of God. The records show that this is being done in a wonderful way. Here are the statistics for the first three weeks:

	Campers	Counsellors	Staff	Total	Conversions
June 29-July 4	136	16	11	163	11
July 6-11	160	22	11	193	18
July 13-18	134	16	12	166	9



Juniors, June 29th at Dedication

We are told that the Senior camp last week reported experiencing an old-fashioned revival with young people breaking down after the services, while playing, as well as in the meetings.

The pictures were taken at the first (Junior) camp. They show not only how nice the chapel looks from the outside, but how attractive it is on the inside. Wish you could have been there?



Junior Choir June 29-July 3

GUEST SOLOIST

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Joan entered the church by the side door and was walking through a little room when she saw Ruth on her knees. Joan knelt beside her and put her arm around Ruth. "I've come back. Am I too late?" she whispered.

"Joan," Ruth murmured happily. "I felt so burdened to pray for you."

"Ruth, I shouldn't have gone," Joan whispered, "When I told the Lord I was sorry for forsaking Him, He let me leave a testimony. I sang, 'The Old Rugged Cross,' then left right away."

They arose and walked into the church auditorium. Anxiously, Joan inquired, "Jim and Karl, and Sue—did . . .?"

Ruth grinned. "They're still

here. They asked for you."

In the auditorium the congregation was singing the final song, a song of invitation and of affirmation. Joan trembled, then joined softly in the words, singing sincerely and beautifully, "Jesus, I come to Thee."

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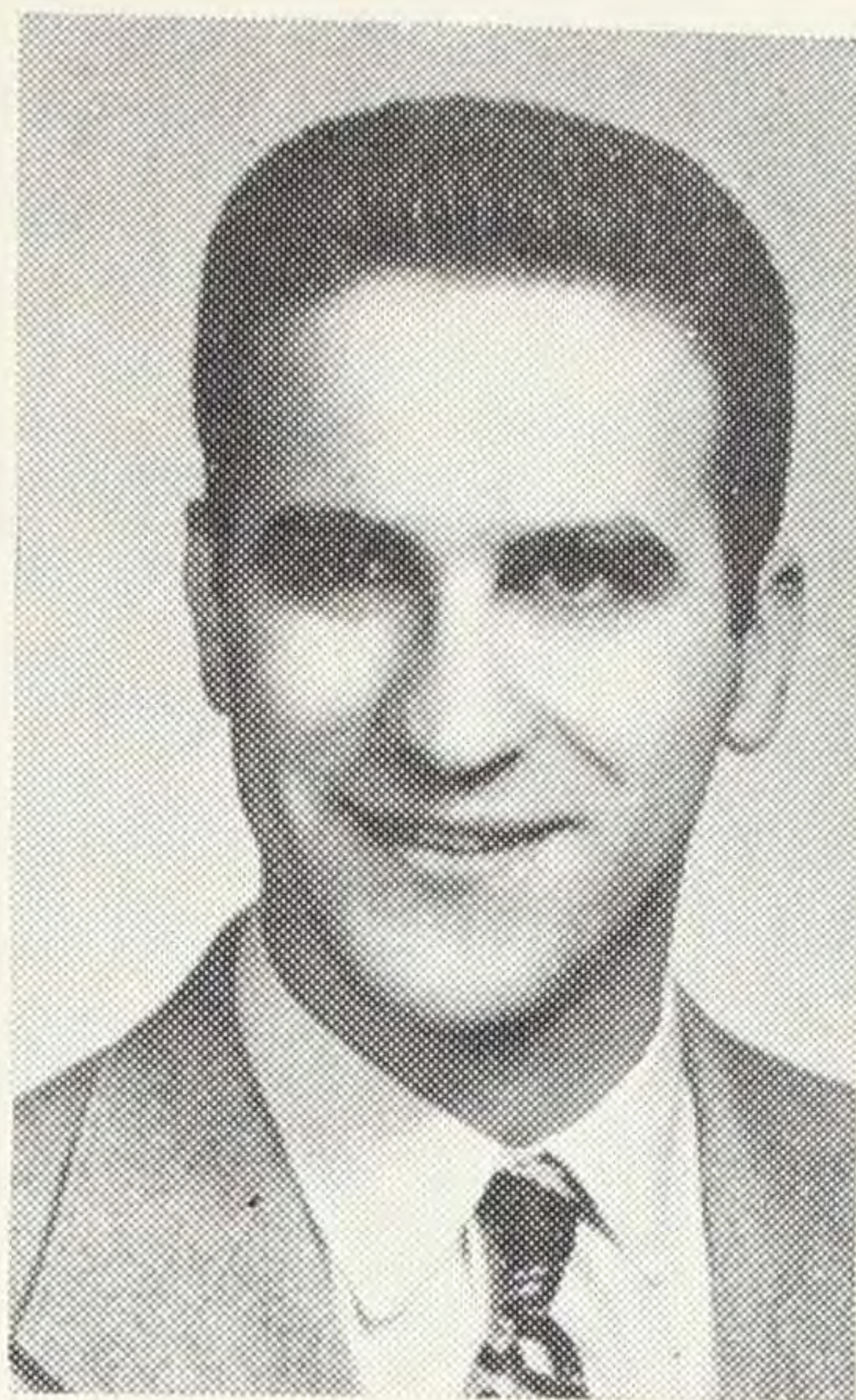
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FIRST BAPTIST OF STRYKER ENTERS THE GARBC

The First Baptist Church of Stryker was one of several churches in Ohio to be welcomed into the GARBC at Rochester this summer. We are not sure we know of all of them as yet, but know that the First Baptist Church of Strongsville was, the Huntsburg Baptist, and the Grace Baptist of Minford. However, what makes the action of the Stryker church the more newsworthy is the fact that we will soon be welcoming them into the Ohio Association also, for they have made application. In previous issues we have told of similar applications from Minford and Strongsville, and the Huntsburg church entered our fellowship a year ago.

The First Baptist Church of Stryker was organized as a French speaking church in 1869 with 12 members. The present church was built in 1876 on a lot donated by Mr. Emile Juillard, from timber donated by the farmers of the congregation. After a while part-time English services were introduced, and in 1908 all French services were discontinued. There are still several families of French descent in the congregation, however. From the beginning it has been a spiritual and fundamental church, whose desire was to win souls to Christ and nurture them with the Word.



The Stryker Baptist Church has been in the IFCA for quite a number of years, but found their most practical fellowship in the nearby Regular Baptist churches at Ambrose and Wauseon. For several years the pastor has been made welcome in the North Bethel Pastors' Fellowship, and in the last three or four years they have also had some part in the North Bethel Youth Rallies. It is this fellowship, particularly with Pastors Clarence Townsend and Martin Holmes that kindled their

desire to be associated with the GARBC. They were made to feel that they belonged with this body of Bible-believing Baptist churches through the out-reached hands of friendship from their nearby fellow Baptists, and that is as it should be. We are persuaded that other independent and fundamental Baptist churches, of which there must be close to 100 in Ohio, can be won in the same way. We logically belong in fellowship. We believe the same doctrine and love the same Lord.

Rev. John W. Reed is the pastor of this fine church. He is a native of the Norwalk-New London area. He is a graduate of Bryan College, Dayton, Tenn., and of Grace Theological Seminary of Winona Lake, Ind. While at Bryan he met his wife and they were married in 1950. They have two children, Becky who is 7, and Beth who is 2.

He was called to pastor the Stryker Church immediately after graduating from seminary and has now finished his fifth year. During this time the church has grown, so that it is necessary to have two morning worship services. He has taught in the Stryker High School on a part time basis, but this fall hopes to take some work toward an M.A. in Speech at Bowling Green.

THE PASTOR AND HIS CHURCH

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study stored in the subconscious. The Spirit uses what we have and brings "all things to our remembrance" that are lying dormant. It cannot be said too emphatically, to young preachers especially: "Take time to prepare your sermons." The writer of these lines began by writing his sermons out in full and memorizing them, while the latter step is not advised, the former certainly is, for a young preacher should write out large sections of at least one sermon each week. It should go without saying that these copious notes should not be taken into the pulpit. The speaker will, however, find these carefully written portions often coming back to him when needed. Your congregation has the right to expect the very best sermons you can produce. Don't be too easily content with your own work! I have never yet

preached a sermon with which I was perfectly satisfied; after nearly fifty years I am still hoping to deliver a better sermon than any I have ever given.

The pastor has a TEMPORAL RESPONSIBILITY

to his church. He is not a "hired man," nor is he expected to "punch a time-clock," but the major portion of his working hours belong to the church. The church pays his salary and has a right to expect him to work for it.

In our growing local and national fellowships there are necessarily many demands upon the talents and time of our pastors outside their immediate fields. There is a true sense, also, in which pastors in such areas are serving the interests of their local churches. Our associations, schools, and missions are all expressions and arms of our local churches.

They must have the sacrificial cooperation and support of these assemblies. Every church ought to feel honored when its pastor is invited to assist in these fields of service, it is an indirect compliment to the church that had the good sense to call him as its pastor. Moreover, the ministry of that particular church is being broadened by this means.

Yet after the above has been emphasized there needs to be written earnest words of caution to pastors lest they abuse this privilege. It is altogether possible for a pastor to be "on the go" attending meetings off his own field until the local work is neglected. It is good for a farmer to attend agricultural conventions but unless he plows his own corn, he and his family will suffer in the winter. A pastor must learn to balance his activities, giving the major portion of his time to tilling his own field. He has a responsibility

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THE GEERS TO LABOR IN THE OZARKS



By the time this article is in print, Rev. Delbert Geer and family will have completed their move to the Arkansas Ozarks, where they have been approved by Baptist Mid-Missions to begin a pioneer work among the mountain folk.

The Geer family have resided in Cedarville for the past five years where Mr. Geer completed

the Bible Institute Course at Cedarville College. They felt the call to the Ozarks the first summer at school, and have spent part of each summer since then working among the folks at Rupert Arkansas.

In June, during a visit to the field, a house was rented, and plans made for moving. The children's school starts August

17th, and Wynona, 13, and Dean, 11, are anxious to get settled, so they can get started on their planned projects of raising strawberries and chickens.

Although still under-supported, the Lord has given every assurance that this is the time to move out, and the Geers are stepping out by faith in God's promises,

and in answer to the cry of the people, who did not even want them to come back after their furniture when they were there in June. The need is great, and there is a rich harvest waiting, especially among the young people.

The Geers are members at Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio, and will be remembered by many Ohio Churches as a result of deputation this past year. Their address will be Route No. 3, Clinton, Arkansas.

The editor might add that Brother Geer is quite a photographer, and he won't be out in Arkansas long until he has a lot of good pictures of the scenery and of his work. Write him an encouraging letter, not only in words but in a gift and we suspect he will be glad to send back some snap shots from the hills. And be sure to pray for them.

REVIEWS FROM THE ROGERS

Ohioans are glad to see the Bob Rogers family again and hear their story of home missionary victories in Ramsey, New Jersey. They went West to Rochester, Minn., to see their new FBHM church welcomed into the GARBC; and now they are spending July among old friends and hoping to make a few new friends to support them in their missionary work in the super-expensive East. We hope they succeed in it, for they are doing an even greater work in New Jersey than they did in Lorain.

Ramsey is located about 30 miles northwest of the heart of New York City and so is in the second fastest growing area of the USA. New homes are springing up by

the hundreds and thousands all around them. With such a population boost, it is not hard to build up attendance—they had 111 in Sunday school Easter—but it makes it all the harder to find land and build. God has blessed, however, and they have taken an option on two acres, for which they must pay \$9,500. That is hard enough for a small group, but the bare minimum in providing a plant big enough for a few years of growth is going to cost \$62,000 more. So it is easy to understand why home missionaries need support if they are not going to waste much precious time in secular labor. All the congregation can do is meet the local expenses and make payments on a building—even if they do receive some

help from nearby Baptist churches and from the Baptist Builders Club. The pastor's salary has to come from others who have the home missionary vision.

The Lord has given the Rogers favor amongst the people of Ramsey since their arrival fifteen months ago. The Ramsey Journal has given Pastor Rogers space for editorials and pictures, as well as ordinary announcements. Much calling has made them widely known, and now a successful Vacation Bible School has brought new friends. Souls are being saved, and a membership built up and trained, and some day, if the Lord tarries, this will be one of the strong churches of the GARBC in New Jersey.

NEWS FROM THE SPIETHS IN GUIANA

Under the guiding hand of Missionary Walter Spieth, the First Baptist Church of Georgetown, British Guiana, has commissioned their first national worker. Horatio Malcolm is a Jamaican by birth, 26 years old, who has proven himself a faithful member for two years now, and is studying at the Georgetown Bible Institute. Brother Spieth says he is highly respected as a spiritual man, and is already a capable preacher. He

will be supported by this infant church to do missionary work among his own people.

The church is quite inter-racial, as can be expected in a land like British Guiana. Deacon Horatio Malcolm, mentioned above, is of African descent, Deacon Basdeo Singh is of East Indian descent, Deacon Ivan Ying is Chinese, and Deacon Malcolm Lucas is of European descent. The church is quite progressive also, having purchased

a public address system for street meetings, and using envelopes to encourage regular and systematic giving. Soon Brother Spieth hopes he can turn the pastoral work over to a national, so he can devote all his energies to missionary work and help get other churches started. This summer some young men have been assisting with evangelistic meetings at the three preaching stations outside George-

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ISLAND ISOLATION

By Missionary James Wooster, P.O. Box 8,
Castries, St. Lucia, West Indies

(James and Leah Wooster are from the First Baptist Church of Niles, Ohio. They have five children, the two oldest now at Mid-Meadows, Dewittville, N. Y. The two youngest were born on St. Lucia. We are sure their many Ohio friends will enjoy this "different" missionary article. Editor)

in the heart. Disappointments and discouragements with deceiver's decisions are common. The alliteration of the words would be funny if the facts weren't so tragic!

A small island is somewhat like a very small town in which everyone knows everybody's family history, business, and sin. Therefore family, economics, and "religious" pressures are recalled or applied to keep the nationals from becoming "Baptistes." (fr.)

Methods of missionary ministry in St. Lucia are the result of "trial and fit" through the years. Flannelgraph is used both inside homes and churches and outside in streets and paths. Street meetings are very well attended but music and testimonies may be in two languages. Daily Vacation Bible Schools are held not only by the local churches, but also as an effective means of interior island evangelism in the quickly constructed palm branch tabernacles or rented buildings. Reading and writing is taught to overcome the 70% illiteracy rate while other activities of the missionaries include Bible Camps, jail services teacher training classes, night Bible school, and open air children's meetings.

The St. Lucian believers are developing indigenous leadership by teaching Sunday School classes, distributing tracts, conducting their own open air meetings, assisting as apprentices to missionaries, and then working independently in children's meetings, jail services, and hospital visitation. They also fill pulpits in various preaching points.

The church photograph accompanying this article is literally the *First Baptist church of St. Lucia*. It was organized in 1950 but the present building was just completed and dedicated this past Easter. It was built by St. Lucian Christians who worked together with Rev. Grant, the missionary pastor, in the construction. It was paid for in the most part by West Indian Christians. This included St. Lucians from other Baptist churches, a Christian medical

doctor from Grenada, Baptist Sunday School children from Jamaica, and unsolicited gifts from prayer helpers in America. How we praise the Lord for the many hearts that united in the Lord that His will might be done in Castries, St. Lucia. This is the second new church building that has been built in the last four years.

But let me switch for a moment from these details and say that we want you to see missions in the island of St. Lucia as well as read about it. We like mail more than a lonely G.I. on an isolated radar post in the frozen Arctic. So if you drop us a newsy letter about your church, family, and home; we will in turn answer and inclose a photograph of the work here in St. Lucia. For every additional letter that you send we will mail you a different photograph and be most happy to answer any of your questions. There's no "catch!" This is not a money making scheme! Before coming to St. Lucia Leah and I liked to hear missionaries and see their slides and pictures and perhaps you do too. So . . . write us a letter and see what happens. Leah and I want to share our happiness and interest in serving the Lord by letting you look through our camera eye.

If by any chance you would like to talk with us personally and you are an Amateur Radio Operator, then you tune the 15 or 40 meter shortwave band in the evening or early morning and listen for the call sign VP2LS. The amateur owning this call sign will gladly walk over to our nearby home so that we can have a mission QSO (conversation.)



The Wooster Stairsteps

It was in the hot sweltering month of June, 1502 after a thirty-five day voyage from Cadiz, Spain, that the hawk-nosed, grey-headed Columbus stepped ashore and gave a name to an island of volcanic conglomerate. The Caribbee and cannibalistic island was called St. Lucia.

The teredo worm had already infested the hulls of his four ships so that he had to leave shortly for Santo Domingo for repairs. Little would one think that this and other future landings in the Caribbee islands would add such pure Carib and Arrawak words as barbecue, canoe, cannibal, cassava, guava, hammock, hurricane, potato, and tobacco to our English vocabulary.

In 1948 the Baptist ministry of the Gospel under Mid-Missions began in St. Lucia. Leah and I went out and were joined after one term by Rev. and Mrs. McMillan, Rev. and Mrs. Grant, Miss Castle, Miss Finkbeiner, and Miss Mitchell. In the eleven years since there have been four Baptist Churches organized and much "seed" sown.

What is it like to preach the Gospel on a West Indian island? The answer to that question depends upon which island you find yourself. St. Lucia is bi-lingual (English and Patois), 99% bigoted Roman Catholic in persuasion, beautiful in scenery, rotten in morality, and drifting toward Communism in politics. The gospel is gladly heard but not heeded, discussed but not decided upon, and read but not often received



NEWS FROM OUR APPROVED SCHOOLS

CEDARVILLE COLLEGE is in the midst of a summer building program—enlarging the dining room and the chapel, and building a men's dormitory. The large enrollment for the fall forced this program, and they have gone ahead on faith that the Lord will touch the hearts of our people to supply the money. Not only are gifts needed, but loans of \$100 and up will be gratefully received and 5% interest will be paid on them. The debt of the college is far below the value of even one building and so the security is good. Besides, the dormitory will pay for itself through room rent in five or six years, which means loans on it are doubly well secured.

BAPTIST BIBLE SEMINARY finished summer school with a good enrollment, and prospects for the fall are very good. As of July 10th over 100 new students have enrolled, so the freshman class should number at least 140.

Summer time means study for the faculty members at various colleges and universities to strengthen the school academically. It takes real dedication for these teachers to measure up to the big job given them of training our coming ministers and missionaries, and they deserve our prayers. Dr. Paul R. Jackson, the president, also needs our prayers with the heavy schedule he carries the year around. For the first five months of the

year he was scheduled to preside or speak on 40 different days, and many of those days spoke twice—all the way from Indiana on the west to Maine on the east. This summer he has been busy at several Bible camps and conferences, as well as preaching in churches most Sundays.

WESTERN BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE is holding its third annual Pastor's Seminar Aug. 17-21, with President H. O. Van Gilder, Prof. John Schimmel, Dr. Frank L. Waaser, and Prof. Richard Caulkins as the teachers. The courses will center around Eschatology, Baptist Principles, Christian psychiatry, and the teachings of Neo-Orthodoxy.

THE PASTOR AND HIS CHURCH

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to his church regarding his time. The people like to know that the pastor is on the field should he be needed.

The pastor has a

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION to his church.

There are two areas in which the minister can get into trouble easier than anywhere else. These are morals and money. Let us consider the latter. The Scriptures are plain that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." It does not teach, however, that he is to get the lion's share of all the money that comes into the various treasuries of the church. There are a few (and "few" should be spoken with emphasis) who seem ready to pull any string and engage in almost any machination in order to get a little more money for themselves. It could be proved that the vast majority of Bible believing preachers are not motivated by a thought of finances. Yet under pressure of inadequate salaries and many personal and family needs, some have lost the purity of motive that responded to the original call. One can very quickly lose the respect and leadership of his people by financial finagling. Money becomes "filthy lucre" indeed when selfishly gained by the supposedly spiritual leader of the church. Better cut every corner and live most sacrificially than to be guilty of robbing the Lord's treasury.

In this connection a word of

warning against running too many bills should be given. It is frequently true that the preacher's credit is too good. Business people in most communities are inclined to trust the pastor of the local church to the limit. It may seem like a few dollars here and a few there in monthly installments can be easily handled, but one may soon find them to be millstones about his neck. The minister, of all people, must learn

to live within his income. A desire on the part of the preacher or his wife to "keep up with the Joneses" can lead to eventual disaster. They should evaluate their needs and desires in the light of their actual income, otherwise they will bring reproach upon themselves and their church, and, consequently, upon the cause of Christ. Above all else no minister should move out of a community until all personal bills have been taken care of, either by payment or by satisfactory arrangement with the creditor for early future payment.

The pastor has a

MORALITY RESPONSIBILITY

toward his church.

One would think such a statement entirely superfluous when writing about the Christian ministry. It should be! Experience, however, has proved that it is not, for, as mentioned in a previous para-

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NEWS FROM THE SPIETHS

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town, and we might pray that soon these stations will also become organized churches. Another matter of prayer is a home for the Spieths, as they have to move from their present location. Victory over sin in the membership is also needed, even as it is here in our own churches, for recently two ladies had to be dismissed from membership. Perhaps the difference is that missionaries teach and practice discipline, while here at home sin is usually overlooked.

STUDIES IN FIRST PETER

By Rev. Roland G. Allen, Newark, Ohio

(We are glad to begin a series of studies in First Peter by a young Baptist Minister who is working with Pastor Gordon Dolloff to establish a GARBC testimony in Newark. It is such a fine study that one might suppose it was prepared by a seminary instructor. Editor)



One of the most profitable, inspiring, and enlightening methods of Bible study is to take an entire book and seek to understand:

1. The human author
2. The addressees
3. The conditions under which the book was written
4. Its theme and purpose
5. The way in which this theme is expanded and given form

Let us consider each of these points of study in turn as we delve into the riches of I Peter.

THE HUMAN AUTHOR

Of course, we recognize that the Author of all Scripture is the Holy Spirit of God, that all Scripture is God-breathed. But God has chosen in His marvelous grace to use poor, weak, helpless human beings as the channels through which the message of the Holy Spirit might be conveyed. So holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Peter was such a man—impetuous, weak, cowardly, fearful, vacillating. Impetuously, he rebuked the Lord. Weakly and cowardly, he denied the Lord amongst His enemies. Fearfully, he doubted the Lord, as he looked upon the waters about him. Vacillating, he forsook the Lord's work and went back to

fishing. Satan desired to have him that he might sift him as wheat, but the Lord Jesus prayed for him. The Father always hears and answers the prayers of His Son. Isn't it wonderful that we have an all-powerful Savior who is even now praying and interceding for us? (Heb. 7:25) And the Father always hears and answers the prayers of His Son. Peter was weak and helpless, but Satan could not overpower him, because Jesus prayed for him. Christian friend, do you feel weak and helpless in the clutches of Satan? Take courage. The Lord Jesus is even now at the right hand of the Father making intercession for you. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. Your victory is sure!

How marvelous the grace of God and the operations of His Holy Spirit! Impetuous Peter became submissive to his Lord. Weak and cowardly, he became bold and courageous. Fearful, he became full of faith. Vacillating, he became steadfast to his death. These are not finely-woven theories or fanciful imaginations. These are facts which have actually become operative in a life, and may become operative in our lives as we take God at his Word. Christian friend, trust God that the Lord Jesus is praying for you. Trust God that the Father can and will answer

the prayer of His Son. Trust God that the power of His indwelling Holy Spirit may be shown forth through your life!

Now you are asking, "What bearing does this character study of Peter have on the letter he has written?" Later we shall study more in detail the counsel Peter gives those who are suffering persecution for the sake of the Lord Jesus. His letter has been used of God ever since for nearly two thousand years as a source of courage, strength and steadfastness to thousands of Christians suffering under similar testing. Weak, cowardly, vacillating Peter used of God as a source of courage and steadfastness? Who could have believed it? Are you the kind of Christian Peter was? Let him show you how to become the kind of Christian Peter became!

Do you fear that your life can bear no remarkable fruit for the Lord Jesus, because you possess the same weaknesses Peter possessed? Observe the remarkable blessing which God made of Peter. Trust God! Accept the challenge! Begin today to believe God and become a channel through which the Holy Spirit may pour out His blessings.

Follow us next in our study of the addressees of this remarkable letter, and let us enjoy a feast in God's Word together.

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graph, it is one of the two greatest dangers in Christian work. A little mole hill of thoughtless indiscretion can so easily be seized upon by evil-minded observers and become a mountain over night. The exhortation of Paul to Timothy, "Keep thyself pure," should be applied to daily good intentioned conduct as well as temptation to overt acts of sin. An older minister warned his younger brethren, "Be careful about loving up that sweet little ten year old girl; if you are on that field for five years, she'll no longer be a ten-year old." "Abstain from all appearance of evil," should be a rigid rule for every minister. There will always be the dear sister who loves to hold the pastor's hand longer than necessary, and the sweet young thing whose vanity is pampered by a little extra attention. If the first steps on the dangerous road of over-familiarity are never taken, the pit at the end will never engulf the traveler. This is not meant to imply that the pastor should not be friendly and free with his people, but that friendliness and freedom should ever be kept on the high plane of impartial pastoral relationship.

The pastor has an

EVANGELISTIC RESPONSIBILITY

toward his church.

Whether we like it or not, the pastor is looked upon as the "professional soul-winner" of the church. If he doesn't work at it few others in the congregation will. Paul's testimony to the elders of the Ephesian church should in some measure be that of every pastor, "Ye know, from the first day that I came—I kept back nothing that was profitable for you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying . . . repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ . . . I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought . . ." (Acts 20:18, 20, 21, 35). The pastor who can say, "I have taught you by example," can rightly expect his people to labor as they ought. Some pastors, too, have been able to find comfort from the souls they personally led to Christ in homes, when conditions in the church prevented the Holy Spirit from working there. It is precious

if a pastor has the gift of an evangelist and can sometimes conduct his own series of meetings, but whether this is the case or not, he can lead in the soul-winning program of the church, and should do so.

In conclusion it may be said that too often a pastor feels little or no responsibility to please his people or to give himself to any great degree to the work of the ministry. There are, perhaps, few professions in which a lazy person can get by as well as in the pastorate; but, on the other hand, there is none in which real consecrated and continuous labor is so richly rewarded.

"These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."—I Timothy 4:11-16

ARE YOU IN THE RACE?

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Dear reader, would you like this Prize, this Peace with God? Then accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and claim his promise of old, and yet a promise that is ever new: "My peace I leave you, my peace I give unto you" (John 14:27). If this be your experience, then you can truthfully say that **YOU ARE IN THE RACE.**

OUR FELLOWSHIP PAGE

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Joyce Funk, daughter of Ralph Funk, chairman of the trustees, has been called to be Director of Religious Education. She graduated with honors from the Moody Bible Institute in June and immediately came home to begin her work.

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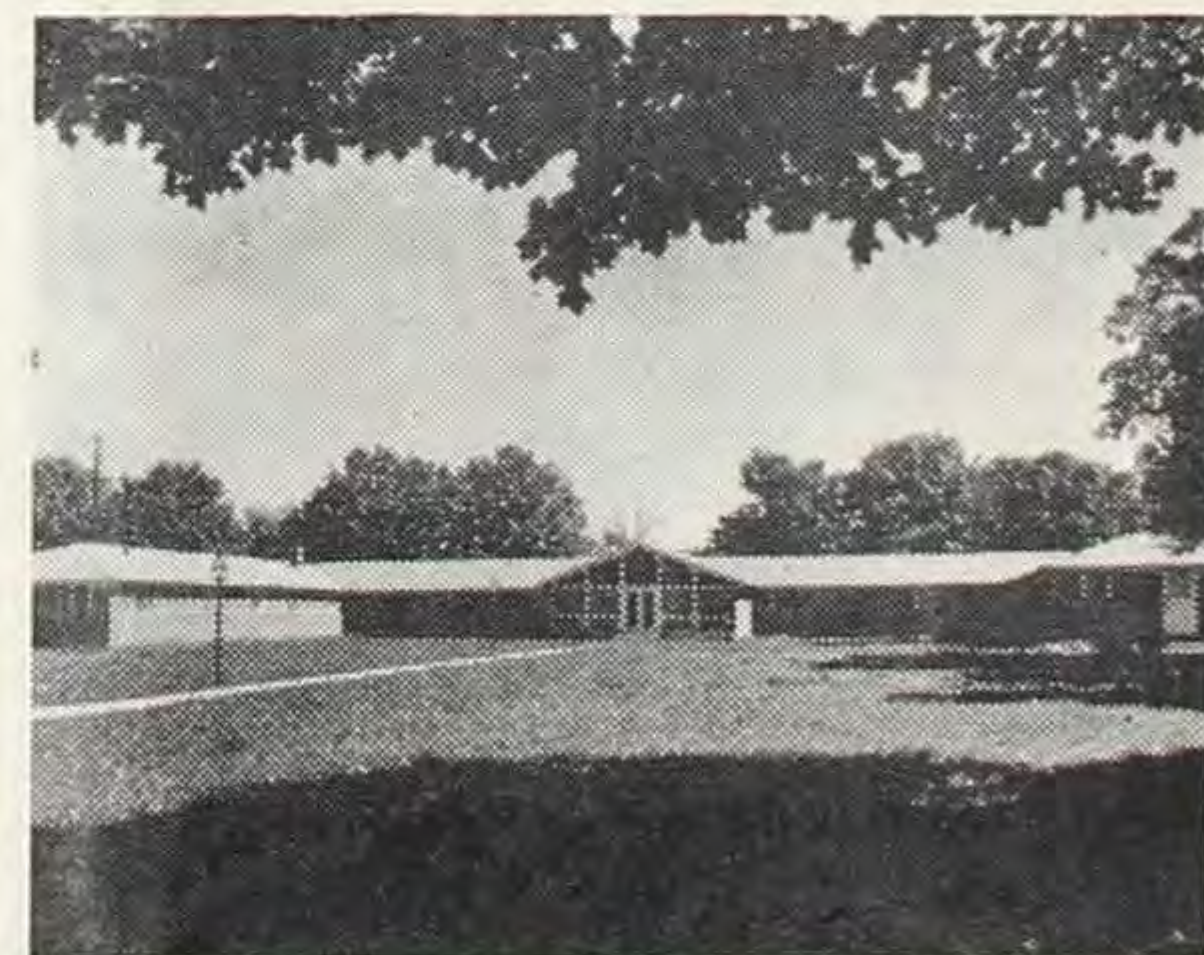
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