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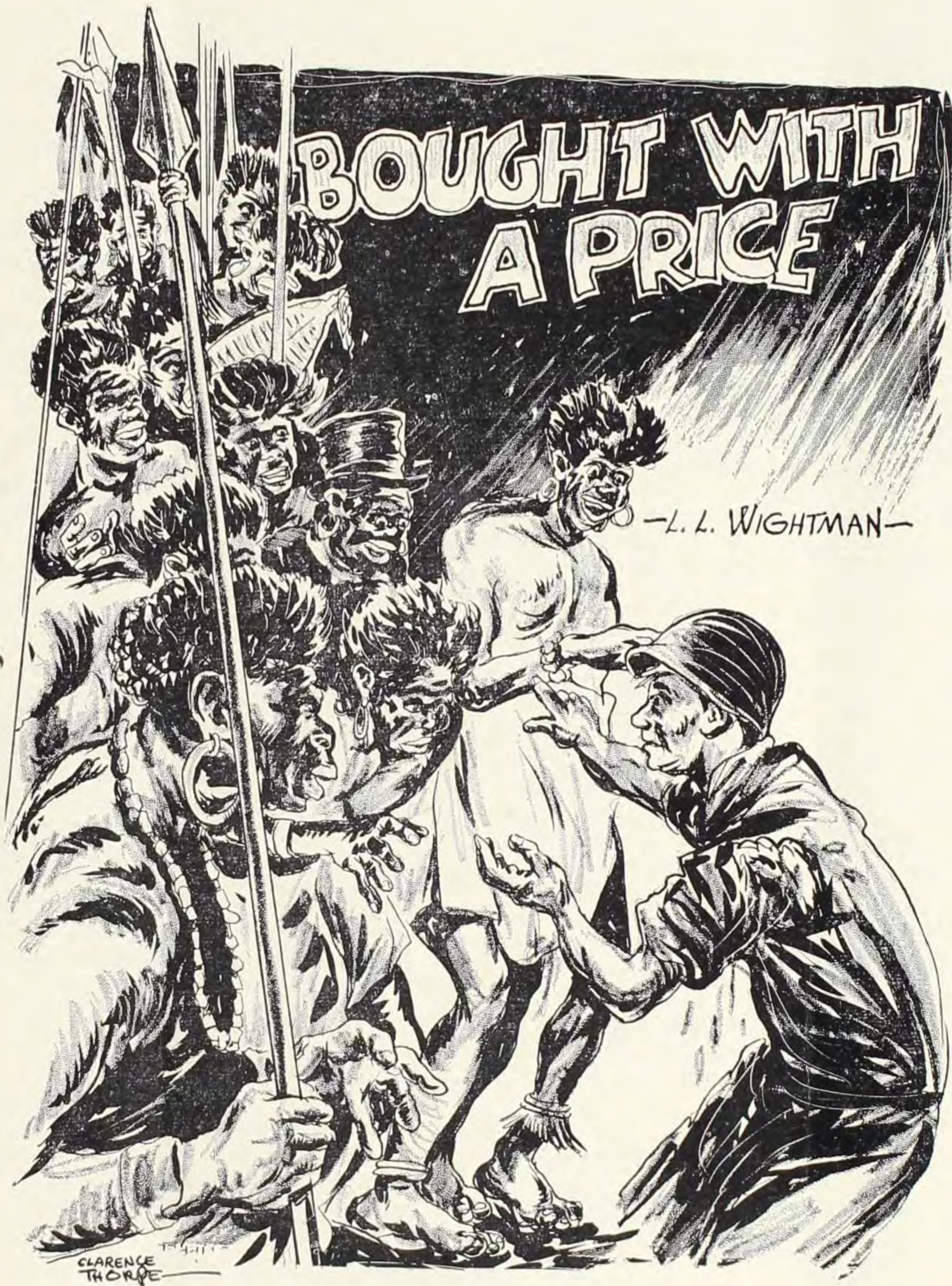
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**BOUGHT BUT REBELLIOUS!** Some missionaries are still pleading with the misguided Congolese, others are fleeing, some may be martyred; but what are we doing? If ever we prayed for peace and a spirit of reason, we should pray for it now.

# SCRIPTURAL BAPTISM . . . A REVIEW

## INSTALLMENT II: "WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES?"

In this installment of our review of Dr. Uuras Saarnivaara's book, we can only deal with his section on The Significance of Baptism According to the Scriptures. Since we believe in putting the Word of God above all creeds, including our own, we feel this is the most important part of the book. If Dr. Saarnivaara is right, all of us ought to become Lutherans; but if we are right, they ought to become Baptists.

Lutherans teach that baptism and the supper are sacraments that convey grace to the soul, and so along with Episcopalians and Catholics are sacramentarians, albeit with the one softening element that they insist it is the accompanying Word that gives them efficacy. On page 38 the author states this view so plainly that all can understand:

"Through the Gospel and baptism the saving, pardoning, and regenerating grace is offered and given us, and we receive and appropriate it by faith. Baptism signifies and offers the grace of burial and resurrection with Christ, and faith accepts and uses it . . . just as food is put into our mouth with a spoon, and we appropriate and use it by swallowing, digesting, and assimilating it."

How can it be put more strongly than that, that baptism is a spoon that conveys Christ to the soul, and faith appropriates him? Baptists, on the other hand call baptism and the supper ordinances to be obeyed that symbolize the way of salvation by faith in a crucified and risen Saviour, and our communion with him. They do not convey grace to us, but show forth the grace that has already been received by faith.

Dr. Saarnivaara is right when he says, "That matter is not decided if we merely declare that our doctrine is Scriptural. We must also show where the Bible teaches such a doctrine" p. 27. We gladly accept his challenge.

His first proof text is Matt. 28:19:

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.' Don't these words show that baptism and teaching are means that are used in making disciples? . . . Baptism must necessarily accompany the proclamation of the Gospel in making disciples. People cannot become disciples in the full sense without baptism" pp. 28, 29.

His only interest in the verse is to prove that teaching and baptism go together in salvation. He fails to point out that the teaching that makes disciples is different from the instructional teaching that follows baptism. The words are different in the Greek. Pedeo-baptists first baptize and then teach, and often forget to disciple altogether. The confirmation of faith required before first communion can scarcely be called evangelism, though we trust that the catechetical course often does lead to salvation. Baptists insist on keeping the Scriptural order to disciple, baptize and teach. Why turn that order around?

### ACTING OR ACTED UPON?

The very heart of the sacramental theory is seen on pp. 29, 30:

"Baptism is not your work, in which you act. You are acted upon in it. You are dedicated to Christ through baptism, and you dedicate yourself to Him through faith . . . Baptism is an act of God."

He uses I Cor. 10:2 to prove it. The Israelites did not confess Moses when they were baptized in the cloud and sea, according to him, but were rather put under his leadership by an act of God. He says that our talk about confessing Christ and dedicating ourselves in baptism is a perversion of Christianity.

We counter that there is a natural, rather than a sacramental reason, for the Scriptural language. The command to baptize is given to the apostles and the church, and the baptizer naturally does the work. Nevertheless, baptism is never called an act of God, but is called a work of righteousness. When John hesitated to immerse Jesus, our Lord answered, "Thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness" Matt. 3:15. Baptism is a cooperative work between the baptizer and the baptized in which both fulfill righteousness. If Dr. Saarnivaara had not seen so many helpless babes sprinkled, he would not have thought that the candidate is wholly passive.

As for I Cor. 10:2, it was not written to instruct us in Christian baptism, for that of the Israelites was waterless. It is said that they went over dry shod. It was only a baptism in the sense that they went down under the cloud.

The pushing of the waters of the sea aside was indeed an act of God, but their following of Moses under the cloud and into the sea bed was their own. Did not their act of following constitute a symbolical confession that they accepted the leadership of Moses? Is what we say in the baptistry, or is it our willingness to go down under the water that confesses our faith in Christ's death and resurrection? One does not have to talk in order to confess Christ, though a verbal confession is first required, Acts 8:37.

### BAPTISMAL REMISSION?

The next passage brought up is Acts 2:38.

"Let's see what Peter actually said. 'Be baptized unto, or into, the remission of your sins.' 'Into' is the literal translation of the Greek preposition eis that is used here. If you say that you dip your hand into water, do you mean that it is a symbolical act whereby you confess that you have previously immersed your hand? . . . The Gospel is an external thing. You hear it with your ears or see it with your eyes. In baptism, the water, or the external rite, is connected with the word . . . When the Bible says that a person is baptized into the forgiveness of sins, we accept this word" pp. 31, 32.

He means that we should not object to baptism as a means of grace, when the Bible is also external, but surely there is a difference. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life" John 6:63. It is not the Bible we see, but the Word of God spiritually apprehended that saves. If the sight of a baptism awakes a man to his need of Christ, he may be saved by that also, but it will be its spiritual message and not by the contact of his body with water. As for unconscious babes, they apprehend neither the Book or the baptism, so the combination of the two cannot save them.

It is true that the literal meaning of "eis" is into, but there is no analogy between dipping one's hand into water and being dipped into the forgiveness of sins. The one is literal and the other symbolical. The Greek uses eis because forgiveness was conceived of as a position to get into, and we use for or unto, because we conceive of it as a blessing to be secured. Dr. A. T. Robertson says in his monumental Grammar of the Greek N. T. in the Light of Historical Research, p. 592, that the phrase can be translated, "baptized on or upon the forgiveness of sins," which would mean on the strength of a forgiveness already received. He says the interpreter must decide that and not the grammarian, for eis in composition can mean into, for, unto, in, on and upon. Yet Baptist interpreters are willing to take the usual meaning in Acts 2:38. The American Commentary says on the passage:

"In order to the forgiveness of sins we connect naturally with both the preceding verbs (repent and be baptized) . . . It enforces the entire exhortation, not one part of it. . . . Repentance and the prescribed expression of it by baptism are closely related. Peter did not feel it necessary to provide for exceptional cases. . . . He saw that the inward change and the ritual confession of it were so knit together by nature that it was enough for him to state them in their proper order and sequence."

Baptists have historically believed that baptism should follow repentance and faith as soon as possible, for a new heart should evidence itself in obedience to its Lord. Spiritually we enter into the position of forgiveness by a penitent faith in Jesus Christ. Symbolically we enter that position by baptism. The very nature of repentance tells us it is the real condition, and the symbolical nature of baptism should tell us that it does not secure but confesses our forgiveness.

### HOW ARE SINS WASHED AWAY?

Acts 22:16 is offered as another proof of sacramentarianism. To the objection that "wash away thy sins" is a metaphor, the author says:

"Of course, they are metaphorical. Metaphor is a figure of speech in which one object is likened to another . . . The thing to which the word 'wash' refers is removal of sin . . . In Acts 22:16 the outward washing is a metaphor of the inward cleansing for sin, which takes place by the blood of Christ in and through the outward washing by faith in the Gospel" pp. 32, 33.

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# HOW NATIONS FALL

By Ralph T. Nordlund

Great nations do not die a sudden death  
 Beneath some cataclysmic stroke;  
 They smother from a loss of vital breath,  
 And sleep through challenges that woke  
 Their fathers to heroic sacrifice!  
 They rot as does a dying oak,  
 As men, who will not pay the moral price.

America seems far too strong to die;  
 Attack, no foreign foe would dare;  
 But in her heart the germs of failure lie  
 And grow; and few there be who care!  
 In school an alien creed is often taught,  
 In pulpits too, the pew quite unaware;  
 In halls of state the traitor's deed is wrought!

How can we stir this careless patient up,  
 How gather friends around to pray?  
 Will our America drink the bitter cup  
 Of true repentance ere the day  
 Of remedy is passed? Will ancient Rome  
 Or modern France in their decay  
 Awake our land and bring the lesson home?

## KENNEDY SPEAKS

Not John, but Clyde speaks to us. He is president of the American Council of Christian Churches. He says: "The battle was never raging so fiercely as now . . . As the iceberg, subversion of our Faith and Freedom is hidden nine tenths below the surface. . . . To the triple enemies of the Christian faith—Modernism, Communism and Roman Catholicism—must be added 'I-don't-care-ism.' Can it be that we don't care if the testimony of Christ and His blessed Gospel are undermined? . . . I read in a recent paper an item which quoted a student in Castro's Cuba, a delegate to the Latin American Youth Congress in Havana, giving the watchword of the youth of Latin America—'Latin American Revolution or death.' If we continue to do nothing for the next ten years, I greatly fear that our freedom to preach this Gospel will be gone.

He calls for help to send out more awakening literature, for 1,000 rallies across the nation, for a fundamental youth movement, for a well attended convention Oct. 25-28 at Charleston, W. Va., and for more help for Chile. Is he not right in expecting that churches and pastors in the American council should support these five goals?

Hasn't Dr. R. T. Ketcham also been right these last 12 years in calling upon all churches and pastors of the GARBC to support the work it is doing? Now poor health

has compelled him to retire to a less strenuous post and Dr. Paul Jackson has stepped into the place of leadership in the GARBC. Ought we not to support him with our prayers and gifts, so he can continue to lead in the expansion of this growing national fellowship of Bible believers? If a thing is worth belonging to, is it not worth supporting? If the world situation is as serious as Dr. Kennedy says it is, and events in Cuba and the Congo certainly indicate they are, should not Bible believers unite and work and pray together? This is no time to disagree over small differences, but a time to stand unitedly for Christ and the Gospel.

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## PASTOR CLARK OBSERVES COUNCIL OF 14 AT WORK



Rev. Roy J. Clark

It was my privilege to represent The Ohio Regular Baptist Churches as an observer at the recent Council of 14 meetings in Long Beach, Calif. We met in the conference room of the Wilton Hotel a few days prior to the actual conference, June 20-24. There were about a dozen observers from all parts of the nation in addition to the council members. The following are some of my impressions as an observer at the council meeting:

*The Size of the Agenda*—Secretary Wilbur Rooke of Gary, Indiana handed out the agenda for the sessions and there were 58 different items of business for discussion. These items ranged from the future conference schedules to the Witchita Case which was in the news recently. There are some complex problems which face the council but each item on the agenda was handled carefully and prayerfully.

*The Prevalence of Prayer*—May I say as a personal testimony that it was a spiritual blessing for me to attend this council meeting. Our seasons of prayer and times of fellowship were spiritually enriching. Wisdom that comes from the Lord was sought hourly. One outstanding memory will always be the time of prayer which we shared as brothers in Christ when it was announced by Dr. Ketcham that he felt led of the Lord to resign as National Representative of the GARB. This was unforgettable.

*The Working of the Holy Spirit*—When Dr. Ketcham announced his resignation as National Representative for health reasons, an office

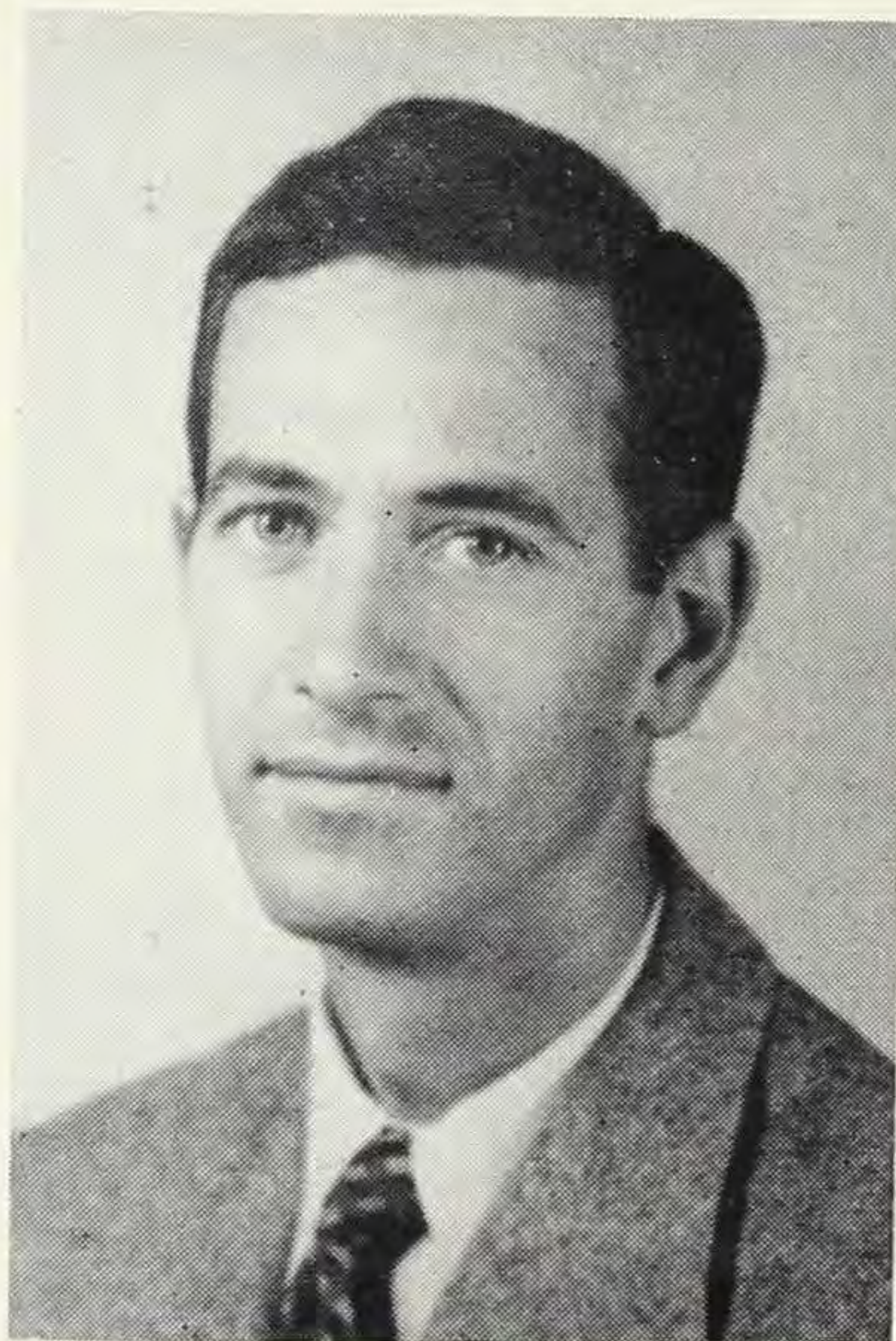
was vacant. Who was to be the new national Representative? It is hard to put into words the joyous experience of watching the Spirit of God unite the hearts and minds of men so that beyond any doubt they are certain of His will. Dr. Paul Jackson, who recently resigned as President of the Baptist Bible Seminary in Johnson City, N. Y., was extended a call to the National Representative of the GARB and on Friday night he accepted the call publicly in the conference session. We sang "The Doxology" after he accepted the call.

*The Importance of the Task*—I am sure all of the observers sensed with me a real desire on the part of council members to make sure that the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches is saved from all of the pitfalls and perils that beset groups in which the sovereignty of the local church has been denied. The importance of such a task cannot be measured and here is one observer who has returned from the council and the conference determined to pray for the wisdom of the Lord for those who are members of the council of 14 of the GARB.

## PASTOR TOWNSEND REPORTS ON GARBC CONFERENCE

The annual meeting of the Regular Baptists at Long Beach, California, June 20-24 was less than 24 hours old when Pastor Tom Younger of Fort Wayne expressed the feelings of most of the 526 voting messengers and 198 non-voting messengers from 27 states: "I praise God for permitting me to attend this 29th Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. I count it a real privilege to do so."

Monday evening began joyfully as Pastor Harold Scholes of Seattle, Washington, led the singing. This joy was soon solemnized by Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, who, upon coming to the platform began to read: "Beloved, It has been my high joy and great honor to serve you as your National Representative for nearly twelve years." Was Dr. Ketcham resigning his position? Soon the following words fell on our ears, and our thoughts became facts: "Because of increasing responsibility which rests upon all of us, I am convinced that I am no



Rev. Clarence Townsend

longer able to carry the terrific load of leadership which must rest upon your National Representative . . ."

With hearts thus saddened, this question presented itself: "Who

will succeed Dr. Ketcham? Who will assume his responsibility in the perilous times which are now present and will become worse?" At a subsequent associational business session the Council of Fourteen recommended Dr. Paul Jackson of Johnson City, N.Y., for this position. A standing ovation, showing unanimous approval, followed this recommendation. At the closing service of the conference, following much prayer and consideration, Dr. Jackson consented to serve our association as National Representative. He will assume his responsibilities this fall. A new office, that of National Consultant, was formed. Dr. Ketcham will serve in that capacity.

Fifty-four churches were presented for fellowship in the General Association. There were several from Ohio, two of them being the Calvary Baptist of Findlay, and the Faith Baptist Church of Van Wert. Seven churches were dismissed for various reasons. The to-

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**PASTOR TOWNSEND  
REPORTS ON GARBC  
CONFERENCE**

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tal number of independent Baptist churches associated with the GARBC now stands at 934. There are several more applications for fellowship waiting to be processed.

The conference differed from past years in as much as the morning and afternoon sessions were highlighted by practical, rather than devotional or theological messages. Dr. Rowell of British Columbia spoke twice on Roman Catholicism and its present day implications; Dr. James Vaus of the Los Angeles Hebrew Mission presented Hebrew Christians and students of the Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary who are enrolled in the course of Jewish evangelism; Dr. V. B. Olsen, medical missionary appointee to Pakistan, told of the forgotten multitudes of that land; Dr. Wm. Foster of Johnson City gave a scholarly research on the possibility of the soon return of our Lord; Dr. Fred E. Milkie of Toledo led a session on personal soul winning; President James Jeremiah of Cedarville gave a "Plea for our Youth;" Dr. Clyde Narramore, author and psychologist of Pasadena, directed two forums on counseling.

The conference theme, "So Great Salvation," found its major expression in the evening sessions,  
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**RAY FELLENGER GOES TO  
EBENEZER BAPTIST, BETHESDA**



**Rev. and Mrs. Ray Fellenger and Family**

After three years as pastor of the Road Fork Baptist Church near Harriettsville, Rev Ray Fellenger answered the call of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Bethesda, Ohio. He writes that their welcome July first was wonderful, with the parsonage next door to the church all fixed up. A fellowship supper and reception was held July 15th, and so they feel that they are one with this church and just where the Lord wants them to be.

The Ebenezer church is one of the old churches of the state and has had a long history of evangelism in this town of 1,200. Some years ago, under the ministry of Pastor Charles Claypool, it came out of the Ohio Baptist State Convention and has been independent since, but nevertheless had considerable fellowship with the churches of the Moriah Association. We hope this fellowship with like-minded Baptist churches, where local church sovereignty and Bible truth are stressed, will increase to take in the whole state. When Pastor Claypool resigned to the Decatur Chapel near Marietta, they turned almost at once to Brother Fellenger, whose good work some 35 miles distant had attracted their attention. We believe they made a good choice, for we have seldom found a harder working, cheerful and sacrificial servant of the Lord.

The work of Road Fork has prospered during the three years of Brother Fellenger's ministry there. It was their first experience as a country church with a full time

ministry. The average attendance rose from 29 to 48, and three rooms were added at the rear of the building to make teaching more efficient. Help from the Baptist Builder's Club was much appreciated, and yet it meant much work and sacrificial giving on the part of the members also. Another blessing was the gift by Claude Foster of an electronic organ. There were 16 additions to the church during the three years, fifteen of them by baptism.

As editor we might say that another big advance was made during his ministry, and that is all the membership homes now take the OIB! He is already taking advantage of our offer of bundles of the July-October issues at half price to distribute to his people and has already seen that a check was sent for it. We hope after four months, they will so like the magazine that they will want to subscribe. If all pastors did likewise, couldn't we have a wonderful magazine?

A Texan who became outstanding in his field nonetheless recognized the truth that everything is incidental unless it conforms with God's perfect will. Wilbur C. Windsor was chairman of two banks, two colleges, and the Texas prison board. He was also vice-chairman of a college in Missouri. He developed oil fields in East Texas, a Hereford herd on a 1,900-acre ranch in Missouri, and the Brook Hollow Industrial Park.

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## FROM THE WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

(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 good missionary meetings, and news of your circle.)

### WHAT WAS SHE LIKE?

Women are always curious about other women. We want to know what the First Lady of our land, the President's wife, is like; what she wears, what she does with her time, how she dresses, and any other information we can glean from the news reporters. We wonder about Queen Elizabeth in her private life; how much she can see her children and how she treats them. We are interested in pictures of other famous women of the world or of wives of famous men. Also women of history catch our attention. We read accounts of Mary Todd Lincoln and her years in the White House, or Martha Washington, Florence Nightingale, and many others. But there were women long before these whose lives are recorded in the Bible for our learning and who are very interesting.

Of course we must start out with the very first woman—Eve. Have you ever wondered what she looked like, or how she lived? We do know that God created her perfect (No, she didn't evolve from some lower species. I'm crazy enough to believe that God created her as Genesis 1:27 says). She must have been beautiful before sin came into the world! But she disobeyed and sin caused death. Eve must have really trusted in the shed blood for her redemption because she taught her sons to offer sacrifices. Do you feel like blaming Eve for all the trouble sin has brought into our lives? Remember Satan was a beautiful subtle creature and who wouldn't have fallen into the same temptation? We'll no doubt see Eve someday in Eternity and then we'll ask her all about it!

As the sun rose one fateful morning long ago, a mother was in emotional turmoil. She probably hadn't slept much, if any, the night before, for disastrous news had come that evening. Their family must evacuate early the next morning! Her husband urged her to hurry, to forget about breakfast, not even to pack a single thing, but to get their two daughters and run! Just then an angel grasped her hand and her husband's and daughters'. "Oh,"

she thought, "how I'd love to take time to gather some of those lovely sheep skins and my favorite urns and pitchers we made." By then she had been hurried outside the city into the pasture land. "Oh, how I hate to leave our cozy home—and all my dear friends—our sons-in-law—and all our possessions!" Just then they felt a blast of heat and possibly heard a deafening peal of thunder. In her concern she forgot the command of the angel and turned to gaze once more upon her ill-fated home. Again a woman was judged for disobedience and God turned her into a pillar of salt. We are not told her name but, as you probably have guessed, she was Lot's wife.

On the more pleasant side, there was Rebecca, Issac's bride. It was "evening, even the time that women go out to draw water." Standing near the well outside the city of Nahor in Mesopotamia was a stranger, a man with ten camels laden with bundles. As the women came from their homes to draw water he was praying for guidance from the Lord in a very important matter. Just then a girl with her pitcher on her shoulder came to the well. The Bible account says, "The damself was very fair to look upon . . ." She graciously gave the stranger water to drink and drew water for all his camels. To her surprise the man gave her rich gifts and asked who she was, and before she knew it she was inviting him to her home for lodging for the night. You know the story of the stranger who told her family that he was Abraham's servant, how the Lord had blessed his master, how he had asked him to journey to his father's people and bring back a wife for his son Isaac, and how he had been led definitely to Rebecca. And then, wonder of wonders, the girl was willing to leave her home and go to Isaac although she had never seen him. I have thought of it, how suddenly her life was completely changed. One day she was a simple girl helping about her father's home: the next day she was riding on her camel,

accompanied by her maids, on her way with a stranger to a strange land, to meet her future husband, to begin a new life. Yes, to her it was sudden; but it is marvelous to consider how God had been working out all the details before she was aware of the existence of a man called Isaac.

What was Rebecca like? She was beautiful, gracious, friendly, hospitable, and obedient. She must have been industrious to be drawing water for her family. And she must have known what it meant to live by the Lord's direction, for the servant told of the way the Lord led him and she trusted.

Many more interesting women flash through our minds as we remember the Bible account. Space forbids any more in this month's issue but, Lord willing, we may consider some more later. Who are your favorites? Write and tell me who they are and what we may learn from them. Thus we shall share our opinions of Bible women.

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### FROM THE RECIPE FILE

JUMBLES—old-fashioned, soft, cake-like cookies

½ c. shortening (part butter)  
1 c. sugar  
1 egg  
2 c. sifted flour  
½ tsp. soda  
½ tsp. salt  
½ c. sour milk or buttermilk  
1 tsp. vanilla

Drop by teaspoonfuls. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon, if desired. Bake 10 to 12 minutes at 400 heat.



# CEDAR HILL PURCHASES MISSIONARY HOME

Above is the picture of a two family home purchased by Cedar Hill Baptist Church for use of their missionary families while on furlough. It is located at 2331 Grandview Avenue in Cleveland Height, within walking distance of the church, on a quiet residential street. It is also near a retail shopping area and good schools. Each half of this house has three bedrooms and a finished room on the third floor. It was purchased at the price of \$19,000, which is a bargain today for such a fine home.



It will be completely furnished "with everything" and cleaned and redecorated by classes and individual members of the church, who are taking great interest in the project. We should say that it is ready now while you read this, and that the first Cedar Hill missionary families to enjoy the home are Rev. and Mrs. Jan Gazdik and their four children home from France, and Rev. and Mrs. Ebra Coleman and their three children, who will soon be home from Ni-

geria. Congratulations to this missionary-minded church!

The calling of Warren Mack of Warren, Ohio, to be Director of Youth and Music, is another big news item; but we will write that up when we get his picture and more information. He begins his work September first.

God is blessing this church in other ways as well. Miss Mei Mei Wang of Formosa, who is a member of the church, recently received her Ph.D. degree in Chemistry from Case Institute of Technology—the first woman to receive a Ph.D. degree from that institution. We might add that a couple of weeks later she received another name, Mrs. Peter H. L. Tang.

Vacation Bible School was the best ever this summer, with nearly 200 children in attendance. Mrs. James R. Cross and 50 adults provided the workers.

## HEBRON BOAT RIDE

On Monday evening, June 27, one hundred ninety-one young people and counselors from fifteen Hebron Baptist Churches gathered at the Sandusky dock of the Neuman Boat Lines for the seventh annual moon light boat cruise aboard the Challenger. The entire excursion was under the direction of Homer E. Graven, Pastor of the Avon Baptist Church, Avon, Ohio.

At eight o'clock all were aboard on the lower deck. James Godley, Pastor of the West Side Baptist Church, Lorain, directed the group in the singing of several well known choruses while Mrs. Homer Graven accompanied on the accordion. Prayer was offered by the director. A very timely and exhorting fifteen minute devotional message was given by Elliott Horton, Pastor of the Parma Baptist Church, Parma.

At eight-thirty and immediately following the service, the motors of the boat-hummed up to full speed and the passengers were rejoicingly rushing to the upper deck as the Captain piloted the vessel away from the dock and out through Sandusky Bay for a three hour cruise past Cedar Point and around Kelley's Island.

The weather conditions were excellent, the shorelines were visible for many miles both before and after dark, and all the young people seemed to enjoy the ride in a

very happy manner. It is the opinion of the director and several others with whom he has conferred that this was the best cruise out of all seven.

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# OUR FELLOWSHIP PAGE

## BEREAN BAPTIST, Sciotoville

The fundamental Baptist churches of the Portsmouth area are sponsoring a Youth Revival in the Berean Baptist Church, July 25-29. Rev. Vaughn Sprunger is the pastor of this church.

## BIBLE BAPTIST, Grove City

Vacation Bible School June 6-16 was a real success, with an average attendance of 132, and 22 decisions for Christ. 178 crowded into the church for the closing program. It was an evening school which Pastor George Myers said was much cooler and made it easier to secure workers.

## CALVARY BAPTIST, Tiffin

Another successful evening DVBS was held at Tiffin. It began with a dedication service for all workers on the previous Sunday, June 12th. All the time was devoted to Bible study, memory work, etc., and made it more spiritual than when handcraft is included. Another feature was a class for adults taught by Pastor G. H. Wiseman. The average attendance was 116, which was nearly double that of last year. God richly blessed, and we are looking forward to an even better school next year.

## TEMPLE BAPTIST, Portsmouth

While telling of vacation Bible schools, we might as well continue and give the report from Portsmouth. Assistant Pastor Thomas D. Bunyan reports an average of 183, with 91 having perfect attendance. Several souls were saved.

## FIRST BAPTIST, Medina

The largest attendance so far reported at DVBS comes from Medina, where Pastor R. K. Smelser says 350 were enrolled, with the average attendance 300. This also was an evening school.

"Church in the Park" is again being held Sunday nights, with special music and evangelistic messages.

## EAST SIDE BAPTIST, Lorain

There were 16 decisions at Vacation Bible School June 13-24. The Juniors attended the first week of camping at Camp Patmos with 21 present.

## FIRST BAPTIST, Niles

Buses were used to bring in children for Vacation Bible School, and a canvass made along the routes to sign them up. It paid off with an average attendance for the two weeks of 338 and with 46 won for Christ. Seems this school out-did Medina in attendance.

## EVANGELIST O. FERRIS SCOTT

of 3338 W. Sells Dr., Phoenix, Arizona, is highly recommended by Pastor Jack Riggs of First Baptist of Van Wert, who has worked with him in two campaigns now. He says he is a sane, Bible-teaching evangelist who has a real compassion for the lost and stand with us in doctrine and in separation for apostasy. At present he has two open fall dates: Aug. 31-Sept. 16 and Oct. 17-30.

## EUCLID-NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST, Cleveland

The evening of May 24th Pastor George Huffman and his family were

officially welcomed with a program in which solos, duets, and choir and instrumental numbers furnished music, "welcomes" were said by many of the leaders of the church, and by Pastors Roy Clark, John Balyo, and Rev. Gerald Smelser. A beautiful white orchid was presented to Mrs. Huffman.

## FIRST BAPTIST, Stryker

Pastor John Reed and Daniel Firebaugh were co-directors of a very successful Vacation Bible School May 23-June 3, with an average attendance of 84. An interesting attraction was an airplane replica which started from Stryker and had as its destination Bangui, Congo Republic. As the offerings grew, the plane moved towards its goal. The offerings were given to Miss Betty Sadler, a local member, to use for her return to the field in Africa.

### DID YOU GET A DEFECTIVE COPY.

Mispelled words or jumbled lines are too bad but will be on all copies, but if you get a copy with blank or blurred pages, please write to the editor for another. We are very sorry when such things happen.

## GRACE BAPTIST, Minford

Pastor John Lawhead reports they had a very successful DVBS, with an average of 123, and with 24 saved. 300 attended the closing program. For a missionary church not two years old, this is certainly remarkable.

## EVANGELIST PHIL WARD STRICKEN

Last month we reported the illness of Mrs. Ward and her improvement. Now we are sorry to report that Brother Ward has suffered a heart attack. Friends who wrote or helped before, might want the present address, which is in care of Rev. C. Knapper, Box 129, Fairfield, Calif.

## AVON BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual DVBS was held June 13-24 at the Avon Elementary School. Pastor Homer E. Graven was director and was assisted by 17 workers. Average attendance was 153. Seven intermediates made professions of faith.

An all new baptistry with automatic temperature controlled heating is being installed at the cost of \$2,576. Several candidates have already completed a membership course taught by the pastor and have been approved for baptism by the church. Another class is now taking the course and others will begin when Pastor Graven returns from vacation. It is hoped that the new facilities will be completed and ready for use in August.

## FIRST BAPTIST, New London

Pastor George Cosby sends a note of praise for a fine DVBS, with 127 in average attendance and \$100 given in offerings by the children for their

missionary families. Missionary Charles Hocking of Brazil was present June 17th. He also reports that Homecoming Sunday is July 24th, when Rev. Harold Allem, a former pastor will speak, and Rev. George Zinn will sing.

## BIBLICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

During the years of its work, it has distributed 2,782,205 books on Christ to the Jews and 1,411,091 booklets and tracts, as well as 1,743,725 pieces to Christians—nearly six million in all. By the way, the address given on our July cover was wrong. It is 4005 Verdugo Road, Los Angeles 65, Calif. We appreciate the free use of some of its large cuts for our cover designs.

## VOICE OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH

The July 16 rally was held at Cedar Hill Baptist Church, with Rev. Earl V. Willetts as the speaker and with a 25 voice Youth Choir from the Calvary Baptist Church of Painesville.

## A HOME MISSIONARY WRITES

Rev. James Shaw of Billings, Montana, who is serving under FBHM, wrote for some of our tracts, "Who Are the Regular Baptists," and then said, "It is good to have the O.I.B. coming every month . . . Keep up the good work which is so necessary." Thanks for just the lift we needed.

## FAITH BAPTIST, Amherst

Pastor Leland Howard reports that Evangelist John Jason of Ashland will hold a Summer-Time Revival July 17-29. Last year the church received a real blessing from his ministry.

## FAITH BAPTIST, Van Wert

Pastor Ted Cary reports a young mother saved when one of his former teachers at Omaha Baptist Bible College, Charles Butrin preached for him. Another cause of rejoicing was their acceptance into the fellowship of the GARBC in June.

## MRS. KAUTZ REPORTS

Our subscription manager reports another small drop to 1628 subscriptions, but she is greatly encouraged over an increase at her own church, Brookside Baptist. They now have 131 subscribers. Why, if we had that good a percentage from every ORB church, we would have 7,000—enough to pay the full salary of the editor and pay Mrs. Kautz what she deserves! Why can't your church do that well?

## AMBROSE BAPTIST, Fayette

The Lord is blessing the work of Pastor John Teeters, with six new members added, and five more awaiting baptism. Two youth groups have been formed. A \$10,000 addition is being planned to provide five class rooms, rest rooms and a nursery.

July fourth was a time of fun and fellowship for both young and old at Reighard Park in Wauseon, with 43 attending.

## FIRST BAPTIST, Van Wert

Pastor Jack Riggs reports that they had an average of 73 in their DVBS.

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# TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE IN HOME DEAL

Can Baptist democracy move fast in the last lap of the race for a Home for the Aged? Look below and see all we had received until July 1 and figure how much we must receive by Aug. 15th to make it \$30,000. \$16,202 is the answer. With 80 churches who haven't given yet and with about 12,000 members in them, that should not be much, but will they act fast enough?

It is reported that the Akron Bible Institute has a higher bidder ready to take it as soon as their agreement with us expires. If he has enough cash and credit to get it, there will be no extension beyond Aug. 15th; so we better not take any chances on more time. Get your gift in today!

For gifts already given, it is understood that even if we do not get the Firestone Mansion, we will in the future. For last minute givers who may not feel they can afford to give a large enough amount to help unless they are assured that this deal goes through, there are two possible ways to offer us help toward victory, much as we prefer an outright gift without any strings. You are reading this Aug. 10 or 12th. Call Rev. Elton C. Hukill in Lorain or Rev. Earl Willets at Berea long distance and ask whether your contemplated gift will put it across or so near other gifts will. If the answer is yes, send it at once or wire it. Or you can rush your check to Rev. Hukill and tell him to hold it and return it if the deal does not go through. Don't do that with a small gift, please, but if it is \$10,000 or \$5,000 or even \$1,000 they will be

glad to have you do it that way. And the larger amounts will undoubtedly be enough when all the rules are made to assure you a room for life, and the smaller be a substantial payment toward one, if you want to give it with that end in view.

Your gift or offer of a gift may be the one that brings us victory,

but TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE and it must be on hand BY AUGUST 15th!

Churches should also offer at once so much a month to help pay the monthly payments on the mortgage or we may not be able to borrow the \$62,000 we will need to consummate the deal. Don't wait on that either.

## NEWS FROM BAPTIST BIBLE SEMINARY

We are glad to be able to report that over 100 have now been accepted for the fall semester. There are several more applications presently in process but not yet completed. We are continuing to run slightly ahead of last year's pace at the same time in the summer. If this trend keeps on, the incoming class could be the largest in the history of the School.

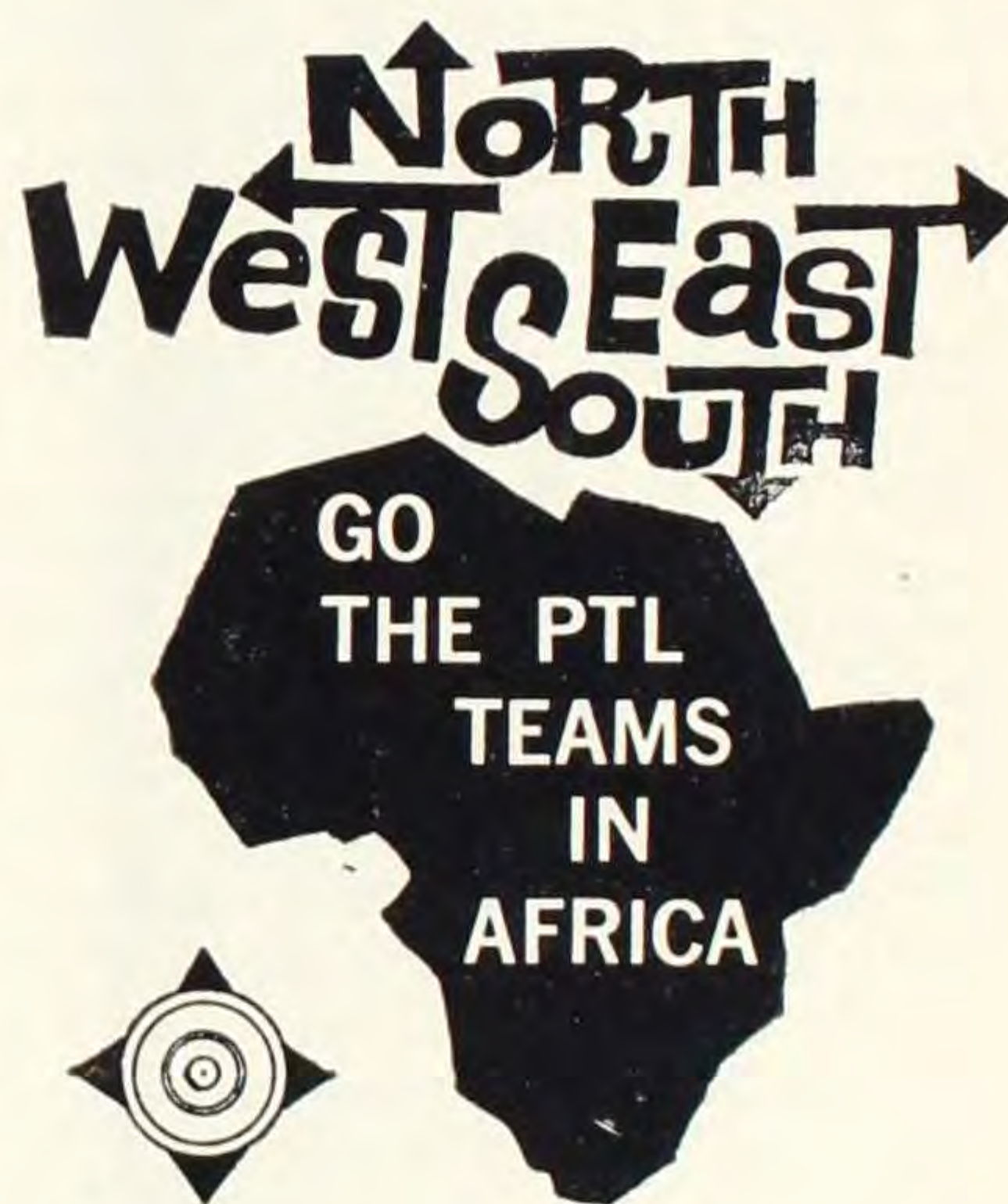
As has been the case most always, a number of improvements are being made during the summer months. Some of the suites in Thomson Residence have been re-decorated along with the Student Lounge in Thomson Hall. The Springsteed Residence Hall Lounge is being completely refurbished, including a new masonry ceiling. Repairs and improvements are being made in several of our other buildings. All of these things mean additional expenditures above our normal operating expenses. Pray with us that the Lord will send in the necessary funds to care for these and other matters.

It is hoped that all friends of BBS will be much in prayer concerning a successor to Dr. Jackson. By the time that this gets into print, Dr. Jackson will have left the Seminary and begun his new duties as National Representative of the GARBC. He and Mrs. Jackson covet your prayers, as they launch out into this challenging ministry.

Mr. Warren Simons, Director of the Seminary's Lamoka Lake Baptist Youth Camp, reports the blessing of God upon the first two weeks of camp. The opening week brought a capacity attendance and the second week, which was for junior age young people, brought approximately 120 campers. We are grateful to the Lord for the privilege of operating such a camp. Also, we thank God for having sent Mr. Simons to us as the full-time director. He is continuing in the

splendid tradition of his predecessor, Dr. Willis Virtue, who operated Lamoka so efficiently, ever since it was taken over by the Seminary.

Anyone interested in further information relative to the School should write to: Rev. Mead C. Armstrong, Registrar, Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, N.Y.



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## MANY PASTORAL CHANGES



**REV. GEORGE ZINN** has resigned from the Grace Baptist Church of Sunbury in order to prepare for a teaching ministry in the Music Department at Cedarville College. Last year he was a part time teacher there and will continue part time this year, while he will complete his work for a degree in music. He will be available for mid-week and Sunday services, presenting sermons in song or for pulpit supply work. He will also be available for a limited number of evangelistic and Bible conference campaigns as song leader and soloist.

The Sunbury church is the fruit of his labor at Sunbury and is now a little over a year old. It was received into the fellowship of the GARBC at Long Beach in June and already is in our state association. It has purchased an acreage outside Sunbury and hopes to build in the not too distant future. At present services are held in the local grade school building. While Sunbury is still a small town, it is close enough to Columbus so that it is growing rapidly and should provide a growing field for God's man.

**REV. ROBERT B. LAPP** of Mentor, Ohio has been called to the Beebetown Baptist Church of Brunswick and will soon move with his family into the new parsonage which has been added to the church. We hope to have his picture and one of the parsonage soon, which will be a fine addition to this church. It is attached to the church building and the basement rooms will be used for Sunday school purposes.

Rev. and Mrs. Lapp were both born and reared in Cleveland. He was saved at the old Nottingham Baptist Church some 20 or more years ago, and she came to the Lord in her parental home. He graduated from the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland in 1951. While at school he pastored the Valley View Village Church, and 1951-57 the Mentor Plains Gospel Church, both of which were Baptist, Bible-believing assemblies. In 1957-'58 he served as assistant pastor and director of Christian

Education at the First Baptist Church of Willowick, while also taking college work. He received his B.A. in 1959 from the Lake Erie College at Painesville, and this September will receive his M.A. in Elementary School Supervision from Western Reserve University of Cleveland. For the last two years he has been teaching in the Mentor Public Schools, and will this fall begin teaching in one of the schools of Berea. This is only a few miles from Beebetown and will make an ideal situation.

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Emmanuel Baptist Church, Xenia .....	10.00
First Baptist Church, Elyria (J. Irving Reese) .....	20.00
Euclid-Nottingham Baptist, Euclid .....	500.00
Previously reported .....	\$ 9,329.86
Total received until June 30 .....	\$13,798.91

### GIFTS TO CAMP PATMOS

Sharon Baptist S. S., Sharon, Pa. ....	\$ 5.00
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East Side Baptist Church, Lorain .....	25.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Canton .....	5.00
Wheelersburg Missionary Baptist Church .....	59.64
First Baptist Church, McDonald .....	10.00
Grace Baptist Jr. Girls, Youngstown .....	7.00
First Baptist Church, Medina .....	50.00

# MISSIONARY NEWS CALLING FOR PRAYER OR PRAISE

**AMONG THE NAVAJOS:** The Warren Davises (FBHM missionaries) report that the Navajos are anxious to learn to read. They came to a mission station where classes were being held and studied from dawn till dark, and slept wherever they could. One older ex-medicine man found it difficult, but fasted and prayed for three days that the Lord might help him to learn to read. Another newly converted couple were so determined to go to church, that when high water flooded the road before they got to the foot bridge over a river, they undressed and waded across, holding their clothes over their heads. Once across, they dressed and went on to church. Such hunger for the Lord is surely cause for rejoicing, for the Navajos have been very slow to respond to the Gospel.

**THE FOGLES FLYING BACK TO AFRICA:** They will be there by the time you read this, for they were to leave July 15th from Chicago. They will be in charge of the Baptist Mid-Mission stations at Ft. Archambault in the Republic of Tchad. They have helped in the work there before, several times from '37 onward, when they first went to Africa.

The church at Ft. Archambault is strong, with 1,500 in attendance, with a faithful pastor and assistant. Mrs. Fogle will have week day classes for women, children, and teenage girls, and Lester will have a French Bible class, a daily men's class, evangelistic meetings in the villages, Bible conferences and supervision over 11 evangelists in the area. Until November he will be the only missionary man and will also look after things at the Balimba station. Three of their older children are in training in this country and the four younger boys will be at school at Crampel and only get home for vacation.

**EUGENE WILLIAMS STILL SICK:** His recovery from hepatitis was so slow that he went to the Southern Baptist hospital at Nalagu, Ghana, where blood tests showed he must go back to bed for three or four more weeks. But he is not wasting his time. He is studying the Sissalla language in bed. Mrs. Williams is taking his Sunday morning service at the church, with some of the natives helping her. There is good attendance, with 20

school boys in one class and 20 to 30 children in another. There are also 15 of another tribe in another class. They have had three conversions and seen three boys win scholarships to go to Secondary School, which we suppose is something like our high school.

**GEERS MOVING TO MISSOURI:** Rev. and Mrs. Delbert Geer, who have served the last nine months as Baptist Mid-Mission workers near Rupert, Arkansas, will be moving to take over the work at Gainnesville, Mo., where Miss Grace LaMar has been serving alone. She has not been well and her ministry in the public schools has grown to the place where she needs help. It is also hoped that this area is now ready for the establishment of an independent Baptist church.

**DR. ANN IRISH IN BELGIUM:** She arrived a couple of months ago and is now in the midst of language study at Brussels. She is studying ten hours a day but yet finds it difficult to understand the spoken French. One Sunday morning she thought the pastor was calling the people to prayer and so she bowed her head. After ten minutes she decided it didn't sound like prayer, and so she looked up to find that he was preaching! It really isn't easy to learn another language, so pray for her, that she might soon be able to go on to the Congo. Yes, pray it will be pacified by that time and her medical work help to win the natives to Christ. There of course, she will have to learn a native language too.

**TOO MANY CHILDREN:** Mae Allen reports from Kembe, Central African Republic, that a zealous native woman by the name of Setego brings in so many children to

their mission school they hardly know what to do. Every sick or neglected child she finds she encourages to come for treatment and later schooling. Sometimes they come, like one boy, with pants and shirt, a New Testament and song book, and sometimes like one little girl with only a dirty rag around her waist. Since it is a boarding school, the problem is where to put them, but this native woman doesn't worry about that. Children can be put anywhere in African style, so far as she can see. So she continues to bring them in.

**UPS AND DOWNS IN WEST VIRGINIA:** Baptist Mid-Missionary Jim Wright reports both blessings and discouragements. His small church at Hundred asked him to discontinue the morning worship service, feeling they could not carry on a full round of services. That was very discouraging, but it made it possible to accept an invitation to come to New Martinsville each Sunday morning and hold services there. Since this is a growing town on the Ohio River, there are larger opportunities there to build up a good work. The Hundred people carry on their own Sunday school, and the Wrights hold an evening service, a mid-week prayer meeting and a Friday night youth meeting. In a recent Sunday evening service he had the joy of seeing a soldier boy come to Christ.

**IRVIN STANTON CONTINUES SERIOUS:** Earlier we reported that his cobalt treatments for cancer seemed to be helping. He did get well enough so he could be home at Graysville, Tenn., to see a young man ordained to the ministry. He was then flown to Davenport, Iowa, where he and Mrs. (Continued on page 15)

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PASTOR TOWNSEND  
REPORTS ON GARBC  
CONFERENCE

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though it was not forgotten during the day. "Salvation by Grace," "Justification," "Reconciliation-Propitiation," and "Glorification" were aspects of the theme which came to us as blessed Biblical messages during the week.

Several resolutions were brought to the conference floor and adopted, such as the upholding of the charges of Communist infiltration into American churches made by the Air Force Manual; a vote of approval of the First Baptist Church of Wichita for its objection to the affiliation of the American Baptist Convention with the National Council and a hope that having been rejected, the church would now come out of the convention; and a condemnation of the kind of literature approved by the National Council. Copies have been sent to the pastors and some will probably be available from the Chicago office.

Ohio was third in the number of registered delegates. California had 207, Washington 73, Ohio 46 Michigan 45 and Indiana 44. In spite of this, the Travel Trophy, given to the church having the most messenger miles traveled, went to the First Baptist Church of Johnson City, N.Y.

The following Ohio pastors were seen at the conference: John Balyo, Roy Clark and George Huffman of Cleveland, Frank Coleman of Columbus, Hall Dautel of Portsmouth, James Godley, Jr., of Lorain, Dean Henry of Akron, George Hunt of Toledo, and Howard Young of Gallipolis. Also we saw the following former pastors, laymen and evangelists: Doug Beason of Washington, Harvey Christian of California, James Jeremiah of Cedarville, Earl Leiby of New Jersey, Allan Lewis, Alan Metcalf and George Milner of Cleveland, R. L. Matthews of Michigan, J. Irving Reese of Elyria, C. E. Spaulding of Colorado, Bod Sumner of Texas, Walter Young of Arizona, and Tom Younger of Indiana. Apologies are offered to those there whose names may have been omitted.

Next year the Annual Conference is slated for Winona Lake, Ind. This will mean that many from Ohio will be able to attend and be blessed by the sessions. If you have an eye to the future, and if the Lord tarry, the '62 conference will be held in Philadelphia and the '63 conference in Omaha.

## CAMP PATMOS SEASON IN HIGH GEAR

Next month we will tell the story of the season and its results in souls saved and dedicated to higher Christian living, but we can say the attendance so far has been above that of last year. Other years the first week has had only about 100 campers. This year they were packed out with about 170, with the total of personnel bringing it up to 198. The first Senior camp also was full.

In our April issue we gave the name of the directors and speakers, and all but R. J. Reynhout have taken their places. Since he left the state, Elton C. Hukill took his place as director of the July 11-16 camp. We feel that some mention should be made of the other workers too, and so now we give them and thank them for their work:

June 27-July 2: Missionary speaker, Virgil Bunjer; Sports director, Dale Cadman; Music leader, Tom Wright; Lifeguard, Robert Besserer; Nurse, Mrs. Ken Houser.

July 4-9: Missionary, Jack Shultz; Sports, Louis Tulga; Music, George Zinn; Lifeguard, Donald Loomis; Nurse, Mrs. Ray Biddle.

Churches affiliated with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches will want to stand behind it with prayers and financial help in the coming years. Last year there were 300 churches in this fellowship who contributed nothing financially to the association. For lack of financial help some things had to go undone. Though every one cannot do a lot, every one can do something. Remember your privilege in being in the GARBC. Remember your responsibility because of that privilege.

July 11-16: Missionary, Earl Dannenberg; Sports, Frank Odor; Music, Ralph Kemmerer; Lifeguard, Al Yost; Nurse, Mrs. Ray Biddle.

July 18-23: Missionary, George Norton; Sports, John Reed; Music, Tom Bunyan; Lifeguard, Paul Schenck; Nurse, Mrs. John Enders.

July 25-30: Missionary, Larry Armstrong; Sports, Ed Spencer; Music, Howard Young; Lifeguard, Don Loomis; Nurse, Lorraine Cartwright.

Aug. 1-6: Missionary, Dave Gardner; Sports, not yet known; Music, Clarence Townsend; Lifeguard, Don Loomis; Nurse, Mrs. John Kautz.

Aug. 8-13: Missionary, Wm. Patterson; Sports, Don Worden; Music, Tom Wright; Lifeguard, Rob't. Besserer; Nurse, not yet known.

Aug. 15-20: Missionary, Jacob Stauffer; Sports, Marvin Troyer; Music, unknown; Lifeguard, Al Yost; Nurse, Mrs. Troyer.

Only half of the workers for Aug. 22-27 were chosen at the time the work sheet was made up from which we got our information, and none were listed for the extra Junior week of Aug. 29-Sept. 3. We understand that week is already well filled with applicants, though a few more may be taken. Rev. John Strong will serve as director and we are sure they will have a full staff. The important question was whether the kitchen staff could stay on, and the answer was Yes! Mrs. Shirley and her staff have done a noble job and deserve a lot of credit for the success of our camping program. We hope to run a picture next month of that staff. We will also list the workers we do not list this time.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CONGO

By Ruth Hege, Baptist Mid-Mission Worker at Kikwit, Congo

(We all know what has happened since this was written, but it is good to read it and see how God can give peace to His own in a time of trouble)

Greetings from this land of turmoil and confusion in the name of Him who is our Peace.

It is June 29, the eve of Congo's independence Day. For weeks the atmosphere has been tense with expectation. It is certain that many of the Congolese are expecting a miraculous transformation to take place tomorrow—the waving of some magic wand which will suddenly exalt them to the place of authority and wealth which the white-man previously held, while they gloat over the fate of the latter who will become their cringing, obedient slaves! How we long that they might know real independence from the slavery of sin and enter into the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. We hear much which could strike fear to the heart. Many Belgian officials have gone home, or have sent their wives and families out of the country. Those who remain in this region have come into Kikwit for protection. Army planes have been zooming low overhead. We hear that all roads leading into the town are under guard. It is wonderful how the Lord gives peace and quietness in the midst of it all. Yet we need not wonder, for God is but fulfilling His promises and is answering the prayers from many sincere hearts on our behalf. It is to thank you once again for your love and your prayers and to encourage you

to continue in prayer for us and for the native Christians that I am writing to you now. No one can predict what the future holds nor how independence will effect our mail service. But, whatever comes, let us keep in touch via the Throne of Grace. Nothing can sever that connection, praise God!

Our Bible School closed at Mangungu on June 10th with thirteen young men graduating from the three year course. They have returned to their respective villages as teacher evangelists for one year of probation before they receive their certificates. They need much prayer. In recent months there has been a revival of paganism at its worst. Witchcraft, demon worship, false cult of every kind, and tribal hatred have swept through the country like some mighty tidal wave. Last week we took one of the Bible School students to a village where he served last summer, expecting to leave him there. He was rejected. The entire village have become followers of one, Simon Kibangu, a black man, who is supposed to have been sent by Christ to be the saviour of the black people. It was with saddened hearts that we loaded Sylvan and his family back into the truck and turned homeward. As a final word, one of their leaders said, "After independence we will decide and let you know which god we will follow: whether the god of Simon,

or the god of the Catholic priest, or the god of the Protestants." These people have all heard the Word many times, and many of them have been baptized. But alas, many who have professed Christianity have never known the New Birth, so have become an easy prey to false cults. Sylvan is now in another village. Please pray that these students may put on the whole armor of Jesus Christ, that they may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:10-12.

The day after Bible School closed, I packed my little Volkswagen, locked my home, and came to Kikwit to lend a hand here where the Kesters were bravely carrying on alone. Floyd was in the hospital with amebic dysentery and Evelyn was serving meals to 20 to 40 people at our Missionary Guest House, besides caring for her six little ones. We are happy that Floyd is better, though still weak and in need of much rest.

Please pray for our safety and for a continued open door for the preaching of the Word in Congo. Our God reigneth! He hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm. Through all of this confusion He is working out His perfect plan, and we believe there will come forth a purified, cleansed church for His own glory. May our Lord bless you with peace and joy in believing.

## PRAY FOR OUR OHIO MISSIONARIES

The last two issues this feature did not get in, but we hope we won't miss again. From our Columbus churches we have from Central Baptist Mrs. Addie Bromwell, working locally with Jews; Mrs. Elda Long in Central African Republic, and Arlene Spurlock in French West Africa. From Clintonville Baptist we have Rev. and Mrs. Jerome Casner in the Philippines. From Memorial Baptist we have Rev. Robert Jones in Italy. From our Dayton churches we have from Emmanuel Baptist Dr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Fisher in the Central African Republic; Rev. and Mrs. Carson Fremont in the Philip-

pines; and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Walker in Assam. From Grace

Baptist we have Glenna Mae Fetters in Alaska.

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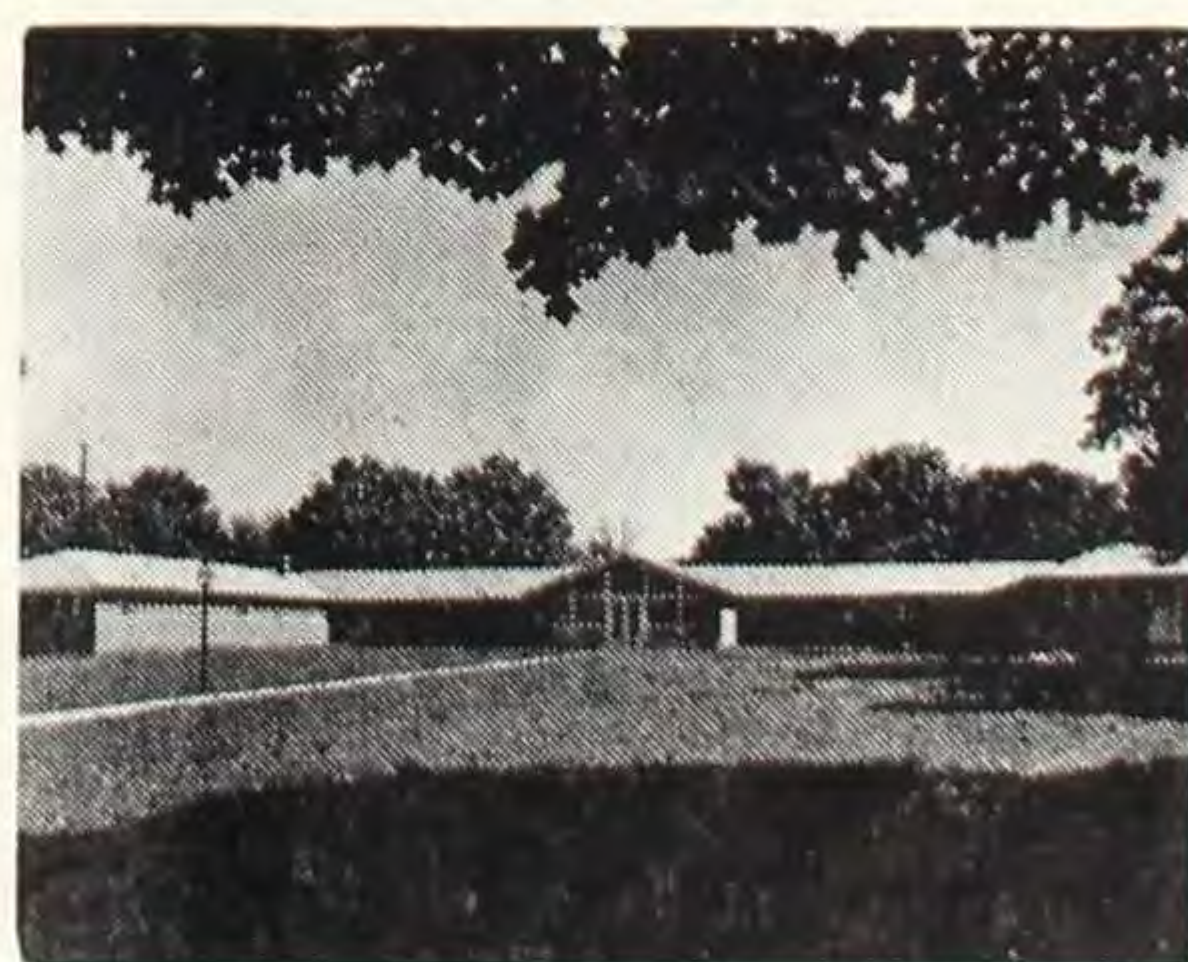
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## CEDARVILLE COLLEGE NEWS

With two months yet to go before the beginning of the fall semester, Cedarville College is preparing for the largest enrollment in its entire history. According to the registrar's office we are rapidly approaching the point of limitation. Students desiring to enroll for the fall classes are urged to mail in their applications immediately, in view of the time required to process each one.

Our new 50-room dormitory is up to the second floor and moving along steadily. This building will facilitate greatly in the housing of the large number of students who will be arriving during the first week of September. Other improvements are being made in several of the buildings, with the Administration building coming in for a remodeling of the first-floor offices, and a general face-lifting. Additional sidewalks are being laid between dorms and main buildings.

We are happy to announce the addition to our faculty of three new full-time teachers, each of which is well qualified in his field. Donald E. Callan, of Winchester, Indiana, will be joining our Athletic department; Robert G. Gromacki, of Dallas, Texas, will ably assist in the Bible Department, while William Thornton, of Kettering, Ohio, will be joining the teaching staff of our Music department.

During the six months in which our Bond program has been in progress, there have been \$107,000 in bonds sold. There remain some hundred and twenty-five bonds yet to be sold, many of which are in denominations of \$100 and \$250. There are twenty-five in the higher brackets of \$500 and \$1000 still available, however. We will be glad to send information about these bonds to anyone requesting it. Simply address such requests to: Cedarville, College, Cedarville, Ohio.

If the tithe is God's sacred portion to be set aside and used for Him—and it is. ("And all the tithe of the land, whether the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord."—Lev. 24:30. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse—" Mal. 3:10), can we be honest if we take it for ourselves.

## JUNE GIFTS TO THE OHIO ASSOCIATION

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## LOS ANGELES BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

On June 18 LABTS trustees voted an apprenticeship program for all grad students. This program assigns a student to a cooperating church so that the pastor supervises the practical Christian service of the student and submits periodic reports to the Seminary. This should provide area churches with valuable workers and prepare our men for the pastorate or mission station.

An inter-varsity basketball schedule was voted for the college students and our insurance program has been checked to make sure that we have adequate coverage. The practice court is completed except for the surrounding fence.

Registration Day is September 6. New students are required to be

present on September 5 for orientation lectures. Classes begin September 7 and our Day of Prayer is held on September 9. Pastor Irving Penberthy of Fresno, California, will be the Fall Convocation speaker, Friday, September 23, in the Seminary Chapel.

Friends are requested to pray for the faculty and students as we undertake our Fall responsibilities. The Lord has been with us in our ministry and much prayer is needed for the months ahead.

Churches are urged to place the Seminary on their missionary budgets. Many may wish to become "Baptist Gideons." Presently we have 57. The school debt has been reduced from \$41,626.19 to \$29,166.52.

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## MISSIONARY NEWS CALLING FOR PRAYER OR PRAISE

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anton are living with relatives. He is now taking shots that are supposed to reach cancer tissues through his body, but he continues in a very serious condition. His home pastor, Rev. George O'Leefe of Brookside, and Mrs. O'Leefe visited them at Davenport and report that they have never heard such a glowing testimony from any one in sickness and pain. The reason is he is hoping and expecting soon to go home to his Lord. Gifts to help them in time of great expense can be sent to them at 2110 W. First St., Davenport, Iowa.

## MANY PASTORAL CHANGES

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**REV. ARTHUR HOUK** of Tumwater, Washington, has been called to the Maranatha Baptist Church of Springfield, and will begin his new work Aug. 7th. We hope to have a little more news about him and a picture for the next issue, but he tells us he used to be a pastor in the Mid-west, and that most of his wife's relatives live in Ohio and Pennsylvania. For several years he has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tumwater, Washington, and has taken a great interest in promoting missionary work. He has travelled in Greece and Alaska, and while there took wonderful pictures that he has made up in audio-visual programs that present not only the history and beauty of those two areas of the world, but the great missionary need of both. He has given lectures personally with these slides all over the United States in churches and colleges and seminaries and in many more by the audio-visual method. The editor has seen the program on Greece and it was extra good. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Houk and their four children to Ohio and wish them much success at Springfield.

**REV. JOHN E. MILLHEIM** of Philadelphia, Penna., has been called to the Calvary Baptist Church of Norwalk and has accepted, planning to move and begin his work Aug. 25th. This news was just received, and so we will publish a fuller story in the next issue. We wish him much success and many blessings on the church.

# SAVED! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

By Pastor S. A. Hutchison, Xenia, Ohio

Quite often in Christian circles one may hear some one say, "I am saved, and I praise God for it!" Or, another will say, "I well remember the day I was saved." Or, again, I praise God, that I can know for certain that I am saved!" Now what do these people mean?

First let us define the word 'saved.' Webster says, "to make safe, or secure the safety of; to rescue, or deliver from danger, as to rescue one from a burning building."

Then, in the general sense of the word there must be impending danger, the danger must be recognized, and there must be someone able to deliver from the danger.

These same three conditions apply in the Bible sense when Jesus said, "But these things I say, that ye might be saved." There is impending danger. This danger is recognized by the Lord Jesus, and He is able to save. "I exhort you therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, and the giving of thanks be made for all men; . . . For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth."

When God says, he "will have all men to be saved," he who knows all things is aware that there is danger ahead for all men. Now the question is, What is this danger? Again we read from the Bible, "Whosoever shall say, Thou fool,

shall be in danger of hell fire." The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God." "And whosoever was not found in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

The danger then that God sees facing men is the danger of hell fire—a place where the soul of man shall suffer unspeakable torment through out the endless ages. Not only does our Creator, who knows all things, see the danger, but he cries out to men and says, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

God sees the danger that all men face, has and is still sounding out the warning of the danger, and he is fully able to save all men from the danger, because he is God and there is none else. Yet he cannot save a single one of us until we believe his Word, heed his warnings, and are willing to be saved by accepting Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord.

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" John 3:17. How can I be saved from this impending danger? God says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" Rom. 10:9, 10.



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## SCRIPTURAL BAPTISM

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Our answer on Acts 2:38 should answer this argument also. We are glad that Dr. Saarnivaars acknowledges that "washing away sins" is metaphorical. What he fails to see is that he both adds and subtracts from his text. He makes Ananias say, "Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins in baptism," when he said instead, "calling on the name of the Lord." Calling is an aorist participle and indicates that the calling was before baptism. "Having called upon the name of the Lord," would be better. The Gospel promise is without any condition that "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" Rom. 10:13. Of course Paul was forgiven before he went down into the water.

The real passage used to prove baptismal washing away of sin is Eph. 5:25, 26:

"'Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word,' or literally, by means of (instrumental dative) the washing of water, in the word' . . ." p. 35.

Dr. A. T. Robertson judges differently on p. 521 of his grammar. He thinks that "to loutro" is in the locative-dative case. Since the form is the same in either case, we must think in Greek to decide who is right, and not in English or Finnish. "Loutron" is not the act of washing, but the bath in which the washing is done. That shows that it is not in the instrumental case, for one does not cleanse anything with a bathtub but in it. Nor does that mean our sins are washed away in a baptism when we remember it is symbolical language. Symbolically they are, but actually they are washed away in the blood of Christ.

It might be well to point out that the Greek does not say, "washing of water by THE word," but "in word." Nor does it use the expression "logos" but the preached word, "rhema." The two are often synonymous, but since it is the Living Word that saves, one would expect Paul to use logos if he had wanted to say that baptism plus the word saves. There is another way of translating "en rhemati." Julius Mantey, Greek professor and writer of Greek textbooks, used to say in class, "It may mean, 'As we might say.' We can translate it this way: 'having as we might say washed her in a laver of water.'" That puts quite another meaning into the verse.

The Lutheran interpretation of Eph. 5:26 seems foolish when applied to unconscious infants. A couple Bible verses may be quoted before they sprinkle a child, but they are not soul-winning verses. The prominent part is not the Word, as Dr. Saarnivaara claims, but a questioning of the child by the minister and the answers of its sponsors. They answer that he renounces the devil and accepts the creed of the church. Then the minister sprinkles the child three times in the name of the Triune God and says that God has "begotten thee again of Water and the Holy Ghost, and hath forgiven thee all thy sins." Where have they any Word for that? They have misquoted Mark 10:13-16, as Dr. Saarnivaara admits, and assumed a baptismal salvation that they cannot prove. Surely that is honoring the Word in its breach and not in its observance.

### SAVED BY WATER?

The last verse that Dr. Saarnivaara brings forward is I Peter 3:21.

"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh), but the answer of a good conscience toward God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.' . . . Peter says, 'Baptism doth save us.' You say, 'Baptism does not save.' Don't you see that what you say is the direct opposite to what the word of God says?" p. 36.

When it is objected that Peter says he is not talking about the putting away of the filth of the flesh, this answer is given: "Peter says that baptism is not such a ceremonial washing as the Old Covenant washings were . . . He does not say: 'It is not the external washing that saves, but' . . . He says that 'baptism doth save us,' not in the Old Covenant ceremonial way but in the New Covenant way . . . The New Testament washing, baptism, does give a good conscience since the finished work of Christ, His resurrection, gives it its efficacy" pp. 37, 38.

It is a clever answer, but Peter says that baptism is a like figure unto the figurative salvation of eight people in the flood. Actually it was not the water that saved Noah, but the ark; and so it is not baptism that saves us by Christ. Yet in one sense the water that killed millions could be said to save Noah and his family figuratively, for it was the water that carried the ark to safety. Just so the death of Christ saves us, and baptism becomes the antitype (as Peter literally calls it) of the figurative salvation of Noah by water. It is correct to say with Peter that "In a figure baptism saves us," but it is unscriptural to leave out the first phrase and say that baptism saves us.

There is not a hint in the whole epistle of First Peter that he was referring to Old Testament washings when he said, "not the putting away of the filth of the flesh." What he did try to do was correct any impression that he meant that the water of baptism actually saves us, for it is the answer of a good conscience that saves us through the resurrection of Christ. That deep truth is harmonious with the Gospel of grace. The troubled conscience cannot rest even on the death of Christ until in his resurrection it sees that he indeed died for our sins and is now risen for our justification (Rom. 4:25). Faith in that finished word of Christ does indeed give rest to the conscience, but baptism does not. If baptism did it, there would not be so many baptized people wandering in the desert of uncertainty as to their salvation.

Next month we shall take up the Lutheran teaching on infant baptism and falling from grace, as well as go over a few more Scriptures that they claim teach baptismal regeneration. We have already seen how bald and bold that teaching is, and how contradictory to the Bible doctrine of salvation by grace. When we consider that half of the church members of America believe in this Lutheran teaching or worse, and half of the others are trusting in their baptism far more than they like to admit, we cannot wonder why Christianity is as powerless as it is. Surely we Baptists still have a work to do!

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## OUR FELLOWSHIP PAGE

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with several professions of faith among the students.

### CENTRAL BAPTIST, Columbus

Recently a young couple who had been attending our services interviewed Pastor McKeever in regard to marriage and were led to Christ. They have been baptized and received the right hand of fellowship July 10th. The church has set a goal of \$200 for the

Home for the Aged, and the DVBS contributed an offering of \$16.57.

### FIRST BAPTIST, Galion

Daily Vacation Bible School concluded with an average of 100 in attendance and with 10 decisions for Christ. Miss Beryl Gow, an instructor of teachers for the Child Evangelism Fellowship in Ohio, who is a member of our church, conducted the school.

A formal dinner honoring five high school graduates was enjoyed by the young people. Three of our youth will enter Cedarville College this fall.

### A STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST THIS FALL?

Pastor Wilfred Booth of Galion, one of the committee who planned it, reports that so far (July 12) only two churches had registered to enter it. Two years ago such a blessing was received from it. Why not enter into it whether you think your church will win or not? Even losers will be benefited by it, for all will register some improvement. Send your registration and \$6 fee to Pastor Howard Jones, 1616 Marior Rd., Bucyrus, Ohio. The dead line for entrance is Sept. 15th.