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This unique out-door Baccalaureate Service was made possible at the new Campus of Los Angeles Baptist College at Newhall, California. Pastor E. A. Lockerbie, Trinity Baptist Church of Pasadena, was the preacher of the sermon and appears in the pulpit.

GARBC Conference Greatest Ever

The 30th Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, June 19-23, was the greatest ever—in attendance, in variety of program, and in number of churches taken into the fellowship. The Winona Lake Bible Conference location also helped to make it most delightful. Not only did the lake and grounds contribute to this delightfulness, but the largely free afternoons. Only on two afternoons were there religious services—the workshops for both young people and adults on Tuesday for an hour, and a missionary symposium Wednesday afternoon for about 90 minutes, when some nine missionaries were asked and answered pertinent questions. That symposium helped to make up for the lack of time to hear missionaries during the regular sessions—that and the tremendous appeal of the Missionary Panorama sung by the combined choirs of First Baptist Church of Elkhart and of Immanuel Baptist Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Never have our people attended the stated meetings so well as this year, and again it was undoubtedly the rest and relaxation afforded by the free afternoons that accounted for it. After all, even preachers can sit only so long and listen to sermons and reports. Each morning at 7 Dr. R. T. Ketcham gave devotional messages on "Manna from Heaven" to hundreds of early risers. Then at 8:45 as many as 500 would be in the front seats of the huge Billy Sunday Tabernacle for prayer, and by 9:30 it seemed as if all the 1925 messengers were there. Whole bus loads came in from Northern Indiana to swell the evening attendance to over 5,000. Yes, and then we had a new feature at 6:30 P.M.—a hillside service before the main tabernacle service began, and as many as 500 gathered for that. So, outside of the inveterate and incurable lobby loiterers (mostly preachers), it is safe to say that the messengers took in the programmed services as never before.

The Bible conference atmosphere was so appealing that some wondered if we could not come to Winona Lake every year, or else whether we could find three more camps like it, in the east, central and western portions of our territory, where we could go in rotation. More was said about repeating Youth Day for our young people. Not only did hundreds come from the five adjacent states for June 20th, but many came for the whole conference. Never have we seen so many young people faithfully attending the services. Of course, both ideas seem to necessitate a June date; and it was decided two years ago that beginning next year we will go back to the month of May. Camps have no heating facilities for May chills, and young people cannot get away from school in May. It may be that we will again decide for a late June date so our young people can come—they and mothers of children. We know that in some cities with June school closings, it means Vacation Bible schools cannot be held until

later if the pastor is to attend the GARBC meetings; but we do predict drastically reduced attendance if we go back to the second or third week of May.

Bible Centered Messages

It would be impossible to report all the good things said by the speakers, so we won't even try. About half of our Ohio

GOD'S CHOSEN FEW

By Ralph T. Nordlund

In Gideon's band a chosen few,
With God upon their side,
Were more than thousands half untrue
To turn the battle's tide.

When Luther's call was boldly nailed
To Wittenburg's church door,
The many blessed his soul, but quailed
Before the wrath in store.

In England fair a greater doom
Met noble Latimer;
And Tyndale found a martyr's tomb,
No friends to interfere.

Here Roger Williams failed to find
A shelter in distress,
Save in the huts of Indians kind
Within the wilderness.

How few will dare the Truth defend
When Error's hosts oppose;
But God doth on His few depend
To battle back His foes!

pastors were there, and many of them have already reported some of the good things said to their congregations. The theme was taken from Ps. 119:89, "For ever, O Lord, thy Word." All the messages stressed the inspiration and authority of the Bible and the relevancy of its message to our day. The hillside evening messages dealt with the way Bible study matures our Christian lives in a personal way, while the tabernacle messages were more theological and evangelistic. All the messages were good, but the editor of the OIB can report in all honesty that the message of Pastor A. D. Moffat to the young people Tuesday night was powerful, as the 11 A.M. Bible messages of Pastor John Balyo and of Prof. Arthur Williams were theological masterpieces. Lest he be accused of partiality for Ohio men, he will add that he would rank the message on the Second Coming by Pastor Clayton Gray of Butler, Penna., as equally good. Then we had a sermon in song by Prof. George Zinn of Cedarville—thirty minutes of singing gospel songs in such a way that the whole Gospel was presented. How sinners can resist that presentation is hard to understand, for the grace and pathos and glory of the plan of salvation is carried right to the heart. The only other message we will mention was that missionary Panorama sung by the Elkhart and Fort Wayne choir. Some 60 voices sang missionary songs for 45 min-

utes with professional skill and spiritual power, while missionary pictures were thrown on a screen or silhouettes were seen through another screen. Some of the pictures were of heathen cities with thousands filling the streets—without Christ, others were of the sick and dying. Some of the silhouettes outlined the shadows of many marching by to represent the millions that march to a Christless grave every day. One showed Dr. and Mrs. Viggo Olsen standing in dedication before their vision of a hospital in East Pakistan. The spiritual impact of that combination of song, pictures, and lighting effects could be felt. If an altar call had been made for missionaries, we are sure dozens would have literally run to the front.

Ohio Churches Received

Nine Ohio churches were received into the GARBC this year: First Christian Baptist, Coshocton, Harry Cole, pastor; Norton Center Baptist, Barberton, Jack Downs, pastor; Calvary Baptist, Bucyrus, J. Howard Jones, pastor; Kettering Baptist, Dayton, Loren Brown, pastor; Midview Baptist, near Grafton, Frank Odor, pastor; Litchfield Baptist, Darrell Bice, pastor; Madison Missionary Baptist Church near Lucasville, Charles R. Arthur, pastor; Eden Park Missionary Baptist Church near Portsmouth, Henry Thompson, pastor; and First Baptist of Rittman, Jay Wheeling, pastor. The first six have been in our state association for some time, the seventh has made application and will be received this October, and we are hoping the other two will soon send in applications. A church must vote and make application for fellowship in each association, for we do not have wheels within wheels as the conventions do; but as we said last month, we like to see our Ohio churches fellowshipping with our national association, and we are sure they rejoice to see their Ohio churches fellowship with us. We stand for the same things, so why not?

992 GARBC Churches

Monday night, June 19th, we were thrilled to see representatives from 66 churches come to the platform to receive the right hand of fellowship. Our irrepressible secretary, Rev. Wilbur C. Rooke of Gary, Ind., with his inimitable Georgia humor, was not satisfied, however, even if we had equalled our previous high in churches taken in, for the Conservative Baptists had just taken in 70. They have over 1,200 churches, and are so close to us in doctrine that like two sisters, we are in friendly competition—at least it is friendly most of the time. But by Thursday night we had beaten them for once: seven more applications had been processed and so we took in a total of 73.

We would have gone over the 1000
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Editorially Speaking

TRAITORS FOR TEACHERS?

"Axis Sally" Gillars is out of prison and plans to take a teaching position in Columbus. Will it be a public grade or high school or a university position? If not, we are at a loss to imagine what kind of a private school would hire her. There must be some softhead on the board of public instruction who has convinced the others that she is thoroughly reformed and should be given a chance. It would be just like the liberalism that has put every other nation first and America last. We agree that she should be given a chance to earn an honest living, but why can't she find a factory or office position? What good can she do America as a teacher of our children or young people? Even if she takes a kindergarten class, she will influence the mothers. A teacher is not a mechanical conveyor of facts to mechanical brains, but an inspiration for good or evil to the lives of her pupils. Her life teaches as well as her words.

It is certain that Miss Gillars cannot hide her former prostitution of voice and influence, as she sold them to our enemies; and so she will have to defend or condemn her former life constantly by word or demeanor. If she talks too much against her former paymasters, her pupils or their parents will wonder whether she is a double turncoat. First she turned against her country because it paid, and now she turns against the defeated Nazis for the same reason. To those who wondered she would be useless as a teacher. If, on the other hand, she defends her former role, she will still be a traitor at heart. If she is faced with neither alternative, and no one cares whether she was once a traitor or whether she is reformed, all we can say is that patriotism in America is at lower ebb than we had thought. If the parents of Columbus do not protest the hiring of "Axis Sally" Gillars as a teacher, we can only pray that we shall die before their internationalized children come to power and haul down the Stars and Stripes!

DR. BRUNNER AGREES WITH US!

According to Church News Service, Dr. Emil Brunner, famous Swiss theologian, has written an article in which he warns the West that communism may be victorious and also accuses Karl Barth, Bertrand Russell and the World Council of Churches of aiding the Red efforts. He ought to know what he is talking about, for he is ranked with Karl Barth as one of the greatest of living theologians. He is not a despised Fundamentalist, but a respected leader of Neo-Orthodoxy. He is also technically a member of the World Council through his Swiss denomination.

We are not commending his theology. We take it that he is almost as bad, if not as crazy, as his former teacher, Karl Barth. We sampled one of Barth's books once and were cured from ever wanting to waste time on one of his pupils. We know little about Brunner's particular brand of Neo-Orthodoxy and care less. What we do want to point out is that here is a world-famous Liberal who agrees with us fighting Fundamentalists in our estimate of the World Council of Churches.

If this article is "a keen analysis of the peril now threatening the free world," why are we apostles of discord when we say the same thing? If he is great when he fights his former teacher by name, why are we small and mean critics when we name such arch-infidels as Bishops Pike and Oxnam? If he is a friend who is trying to wake us up, why are we secret agents of the Kremlin when we accuse the National and World Councils of softness toward communism? Will the World Council crowd start calling Brunner names next, for the same reason they call us names, because they cannot answer him? It remains to be seen.

Will We C U Oct. 16-19

at

Immanuel Baptist, Columbus?

Numbers make for enthusiasm
and enthusiasm for growth!

Plan to come and help us make this our best attended annual meeting. Look for program in the September issue.

SHOUTING PREACHERS

Nearly a year ago a correspondent asked why most Baptist preachers shout so much. We answered personally then, but think it is worth an editorial. The first answer is that it is somewhat traditional with Baptists, even if they have never shouted as much as some others. Young candidates for the ministry are apt to take up the preaching methods upon which they have been raised. We must remember that one hundred years ago very few Baptist preachers had a college and seminary education—they left the farm or shop and answered the call of God the best way they knew. It is only in late years that they have become as well educated as their Presbyterian and Episcopalian brethren.

The second answer is that earnestness is apt to express itself in a physical way. Billy Sunday ran all over the platform, waved his coat as if at a ball game, stood on the pulpit and smashed chairs. We are not defending his methods, but he was intensely in earnest and expressed his feelings in ways natural to himself, and did far more good than smooth orators who may have criticized him. All of us tend to raise our voices when we are in earnest, whether we are in a pulpit or kitchen, so why should we be critical of an earnest proclaimer of the most important message in all the world.

Extreme loudness is not only offensive to educated people, but hard to be understood by the deaf; and yet a low, monotonous voice is even worse—at least for the hard of hearing. Not long ago a correspondent complained in the Baptist Bulletin that her pastor always lowered his voice when he wanted to emphasize a point and she could not hear his most important words. Good public speakers vary their tones. One time they will emphasize a point with a few shouted

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Onward and Upward

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

It would seem that we are living in the last days! These are crisis days, these are "perilous times." These are days fraught with tremendous secrets, energies of evil and deceitful influences of ungodliness. The sense of sin has largely been dulled during recent years. With all this evil has come a corresponding evil—lack of reverence for things spiritual and eternal. Where some once attended the house of worship, the weekly prayer meeting, and the Sunday school, they now are seen there only occasionally. It would seem that the saying, "No one is afraid of God any more," is quite true.

Beloved Christians, it is high time we take heed to the word, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead" (Eph. 5:14). During the Revolutionary War, General Washington came up the Brandywine with his army, and they crossed the bridge. Some soldiers said to him, "General, what shall we do with the bridge—burn it, or leave it there, lest the enemy drive us back and we shall need to retreat?" Washington thought a minute, then cried out, "Burn the bridge. It is victory or death!" So may we go ONWARD and UPWARD, burning all our bridges behind in no danger of being driven back by the enemy of men's souls. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I John 5:4).

Let us never forget that these words were spoken by an aged, experienced disciple of the Lord. Saint John was looking back over many years of conflict, and many scenes of hard struggle and of glorious victory in his daily walk for his Master. It is significant that the Apostle should say, "even our faith." It is our faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross—that specific act—which alone can overcome the moral world, the world of hate and evil.

John would remind us, that we have a weapon which in every way may be found sufficient for each of us in our spiritual warfare. Saint Paul would add, with words just as jubilant: "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (II Cor. 10:4, 5). This is the faith that "overcometh the world,"

the faith that leads the believer ONWARD AND UPWARD.

Now, in order to determine the true value of this Victorious Weapon, "even our faith," let me suggest briefly three glorious truths from the Word of God:

I. In the first place, the true Christian *lives* by faith. "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17). Beloved, you can overcome the world if you keep near to Jesus Christ; and you can overcome the world if you keep near to Jesus Christ; and you do this by loving Him and trusting Him—by giving Him the pre-eminence in your daily life. "That in all things he might have pre-eminence" (Col. 1:18). Remember, HE MEANS ALL THINGS—in your home life, your business life, your leisure hours. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ" (Col. 3:17).

II. Then in the second place, the true Christian *stands* by faith. "Not for that we would have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith we stand" (II Cor. 1:24).

Saint Paul would have these Christians know that his power over them as a spiritual leader was in matters of discipline, not of faith; for faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is a personal matter. It is not conferred upon us by an apostle, minister or priest of a church, but each man must have his own faith in Jesus Christ. "Without faith it is impossible to please him" (Heb. 11:6). By that humble faith a man stands free from the past and with hope for the future. That is, he has hope in real, genuine victory even for this hour, this day. Therefore, the Apostle's exhortation to each of us "Who have been called by his Name" is "to stand fast in the

liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1).

III. In the final place, the true Christian will *walk* by faith. "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (II Cor. 5:7; or we "go on our Christian course," by cultivating the habit of thinking about Him as being present with us in the midst of all our daily routine of life. How true this will be in your own life if you walk "even as he walked," for the Master plainly said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). So, walking with the Saviour and holding His precious, nail-pierced hand, you will surely share in His victory—"For this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

I said, "Let me walk in the fields,"
He said, "No, walk in the town;"
I said, "There are no flowers there,"
He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

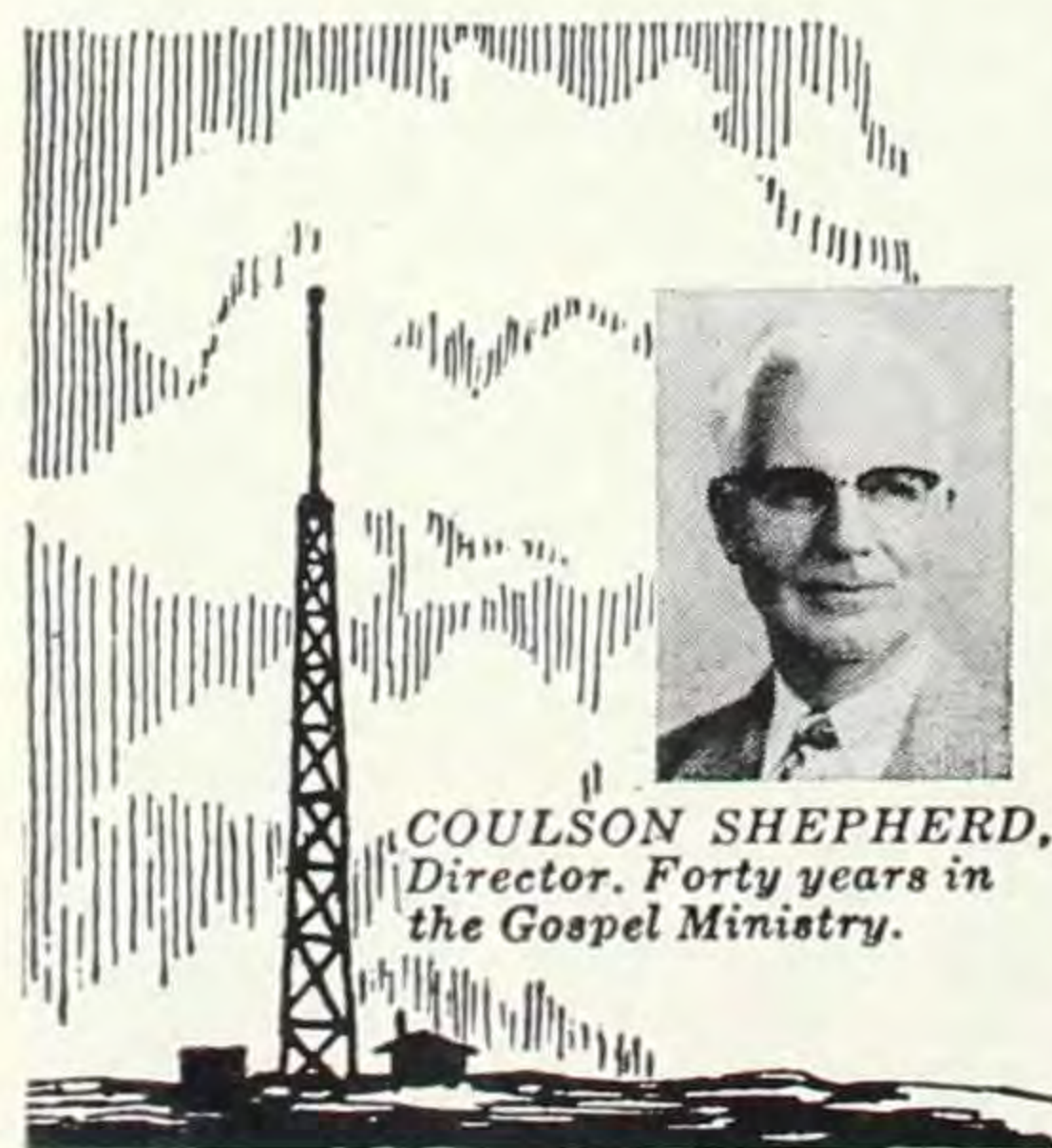
I said, "I shall miss the light,
And friends will miss me, they say;"
He answered, "Choose to-night
If I am to miss you or they."

I pleaded for time to be given,
He said, "Is it hard to decide?
It will not seem hard in heaven
To have followed the steps of your Guide."

I cast one look at the fields,
Then set my face to the town;
He said, "My child, will you yield,
Will you have the flowers or the crown?"

Then into His hand went mine,
And into my heart came He;
And we walked in the light divine
The path I had feared to see.

My fellow travelers in the Lord,
will you make it a point in your lives
to go ONWARD AND UPWARD for
the Master today. "For this is the
victory that overcometh the world,
even our faith."



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Or do you stay at home,
And criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belong?
Do you ever go and visit
A member who is sick?
Or leave the work to a few,
And talk about the "clique?"
Think this over, member,
You know right from wrong:
Are you an active member—
Or do you "just belong?"

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CLAIMS LOT FOR THE LORD



Members of the Building Committee of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, 4164 E. 123rd Street, stand by the colonial-style sign which marks the future location of the church. The church has purchased a 6 acre parcel of land at 27250 Emery Road in Orange Village. A ground breaking date of May 6, 1962 has been set. Roy J. Clark is the Pastor of the church. Standing left to right are: Clarence McClintock, John Maslovsky, Walter Robinson, Benjamin Hill, Pastor Clark, Emil Plichta, Lester Hassink, James Stitt, and Louis Mihaly.

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Please do not send gifts to Elton C. Hukill for either Home or Camp any more. His exclusive work this summer is to be director of the Camp. He has resigned from being treasurer. All gifts should be sent to Bro. Howard.

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Northfield Baptist	\$ 10.00
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Calvary Baptist, Cleveland	10.00
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Heart to Heart Among the Women

By Mrs. Inez Milner, 3279 Warrensville Road,
Apt. 15-D, Shaker Heights 22, Ohio.

(Please send news items of interest to our sisters direct to Mrs. Milner, editor of this page, including a carbon copy for her file. Thank you kindly.)

DIMES PLEASE

Congratulations to Grace Baptist, Sunbury, for having the largest dime offering at the O.A.R.B.C. Women's Missionary Union spring rally held in the Brown Street Baptist Church, Akron, April 25, 1961! Next largest dime offering was submitted by Grace Baptist, Cedarville, with Northside Baptist, Lima, giving the third largest amount.

Our dime offering projects are in real need. *Cedarville College* is in desperate need for additional dormitory space, therefore the proposed Student building to house the book store, snack shop and lounge IS A MUST. All connected with the school in official capacity and the students are in earnest prayer for the Lord to burden hearts concerning this need. About 180 students had pledged themselves before God to raise \$100.00 each before the end of the past school year. The building now housing the book store, must be completed as a dormitory in its entirety. A new gymnasium is also a must to enable the present gym to be made into an enlarged chapel. The present chapel will be inadequate for the anticipated student body and faculty. It is then to be converted into much needed practice rooms and class rooms for the music department.

Camp Patmos needs a public address system. The trustees of Home and Camp, concerned about the proposed *Home for the Aged*, need initial purchase money for the home and assurance from our churches that they will support such a home, once it is purchased. Many elderly folk cannot maintain a home for themselves. Missionaries and pastors now in active service will reach the time of retirement with no family to care for them and will need a place to live—we MUST have a heart, a vision, and provide a place for them to live during their twilight years on this earth.

The treasurer's report at our spring rally listed only 48 churches contributing to the dime bank offering program, while 75 churches made NO contribution at that time. On which side are you? If we all have a mind to work, "The walls will be built" and it is not unreasonable to predict an annual dime bank in-

gathering of \$5,000.00 by next April! Shall we accept the challenge? PRAY!

By Mrs. Betty Helmick, President

THE SEMINAR AT CEDARVILLE

Baptist Mid-Missions Seminar is convening at Cedarville College from July 31st through August 11th. This is directed by Rev. Denzel Osburn, Candidate Secretary, together with other staff members and missionaries on furlough. All candidates must go through the Seminar before given a final clearance as an authorized missionary with B.M.M. Your annual contributions toward this undertaking is deeply appreciated. If you have not already sent it in, Mrs. Helmick asks that you send it to Baptist Mid-Missions, 1740 E. 12th Street, Cleveland 14, as soon as possible. This is also one of our projects.

MEXICO

Remember the project which was presented at our spring rally, soliciting our interest and prayer for missionaries who desire a certain property for their ministry? The last report indicated \$106.00 had come in for this work. Look for a more complete report in the next issue.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Very soon you will be making your selection for Christmas 1961. Will you pick—just any card? Do you pray about your choice? Do you have in mind those whom you expect to remember with a Christmas Card? They are either Christians or they are unsaved. If they are a Christian,

surely they expect to receive a Scripture card from you. If they are unsaved, this is one time for you to remind them of the glorious truth of God sending His Son into this world, *His Only Begotten Son*, to be their Saviour. It is your blessed opportunity to tell them. Don't fail yourself, your blessed Saviour, your friend, or dear one at Christmas. Let us keep in mind, if it does not remind them of Christ and His love, it is not worth the time and money to send. Christmas commemorates the birth of Christ. Let us rejoice in the Lord by sending a spiritual card to EVERY ONE on our list. Jesus Christ makes Christmas.

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Here is a \$5.00 recipe for Holiday Cookies. Makes about 200.

1 lb. butter or margarine
1 lb. brown sugar
2 eggs
4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 teasp. each of cinnamon, baking powder and pecans (broken)

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, beat well. Add sifted flour containing cinnamon and baking powder and mix thoroughly. Chill dough for several hours. Divide into 4 portions and shape into long rolls about 1½ inches in diameter. Wrap in wax paper and chill overnight. Slice about ¼ inch thick. Bake on greased cookie sheets about 10 to 12 minutes in 400 degree oven until delicately browned.—Submitted by Mrs. Robert Wertz in Chicago Tribune.

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GARBC CONFERENCE GREATEST EVER

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mark if 15 churches had not been dropped—some because they had gone out of existence—which must mean that Matt. 16:18 does not mean a local church. Others had either changed to another association or convention, or decided they wanted complete independence. We always feel like local churches disciplining members when we have to vote to drop names, but it is part of our belief in the sovereignty of the local church. We won't say we believe it, as some convention leaders do, and then turn around and sue a church that wants to exercise its sovereignty, as was done to a 4,000 member church in Wichita, Kansas, when it withdrew from the ABC. Dr. Ketcham reported on all he had done to help that church win its case, as it did, but explained that very likely that great church will never want to come in with us, nor would we receive it until it become more Baptist; but the point is that we believe the old historic Baptist doctrine that a Baptist church can withdraw from an association or convention "without prejudice to its denominational standing." If churches want to withdraw from us, we grant their request without question. That is why more and more independent Baptist churches feel it is safe to come into our fellowship. Seventy-three asked to come in, and only some 9 living churches asked to withdraw—one of those from the complete misunderstanding that we demand that they support our approved missions! Dr. Paul Jackson, our National Representative, explained that there was not one word of truth in that idea. We do *like* to have them support our approved agencies, and promote them; but our churches are perfectly free to ignore our promotion and support non-approved missions, and many of them do, some of them altogether! We even report their missionary giving and make no distinction in our statistics. What is something the conventions do not do.

Growing Pains

As the GARBC has grown, we have had to increase the official family, and like a father of a growing family, we have our difficulties. We began as a simple fellowship, with only a magazine and a volunteer editor, just as here in Ohio; but now the GARBC publishes Sunday school literature, and tracts and booklets, and hard as our staff members work, they have had to seek more help. The trouble is so few churches see the need of supporting this home missionary activity. Last year the association had to spend \$14,500 more than the year before, but only \$2,560 more came from the churches. Each year the deficit has grown, until at the time of our annual meeting it stood at \$19,564. A generous offering was received to liquidate it, but the churches are going to have to learn to give more, or we will go the way of our national government—without its paper money credit!

Whether nationally or state-wise, the editor has never been able to see the logic of belonging to an organization without supporting it. Wherever we have gone, we have seen to it that our church supported its association, even if it could only do so in a small way. A church so poor that it cannot give \$10 a year to the association ought to get help from its sister churches! Of course, before it applied for help all its members ought to begin to

HOW TO REVERSE THAT DOWNWARD TREND

By Pastor Lynn Rogers,
Northfield Baptist Church

(Pastors, file this in your May file of ideas and don't forget to take it out next spring, dust it and put it and your people to work. Editor)

"Satan" is the summer theme in most of our adult departments this year. I wonder if we aren't guilty of giving him a field day while we take a holiday. Since summer time is vacation time, we naturally expect a slump in all our services. However, we picked up an idea at a Sunday school convention that was designed to do something about this summer slump.

Here is the idea. Plan a REVERSAL SUNDAY. Examine your Sunday school records from last summer and note the Sunday on which you had your lowest attendance. Then deliberately set out to reverse the low Sunday of last year—and make it the highest Sunday of this year.

This is what happened when we tried it. In 1960, the second Sunday of July was our lowest Sunday—with only 176 in Sunday school. Since our record attendance was 332, we set our REVERSAL SUNDAY at 333. We had bright-colored cards printed which said: "COUNT ME! The Lord willing (James 4:15), I will be one of the 333 on REVERSAL SUNDAY, July 9, 1961—9:45 A.M.—Northfield Baptist Church." The printer perforated the card, and under the perforation put lines for name and address. As cards were signed, names and addresses were turned in, but each individual kept the top section as a reminder of his promise.

We began promoting Reversal Sunday six weeks in advance of the big day. A poster in the foyer clearly showed how many had already declared their intention to be in Sunday school on July 9 by signing cards. By the time Reversal Sunday arrived, 365 had signed (however, some who have "good intentions" still don't make it). We knew six staff members, and at least 25 "regulars" would be absent because of vacations and sickness.

The people worked hard; they showed their enthusiasm! We anticipated breaking the record—and we did—as 351 found their way into Sunday School on July 9.

Six out of seven departments and 24 of the 29 classes met their individual goals. Of the 365 that signed cards, over 300 came (many of these were new contacts—a total of 42 visitors registered for the day). Reversal Sunday also helped to keep attendance up on the Sundays preceding it. If its influence is as good on the Sundays which follow, we should go into the fall with a running start.

Some final tips to help make the Sunday a success. Give each teacher a list of those who should be contacted in order to reach its goal. When cards are turned in, cross them off the master sheet. This way, on each successive visitation night, you will know exactly where to concentrate your efforts. Be sure to keep the signed cards alphabetized so that you do not total duplicates. (Children sometimes sign twice, or parents sign for their children and the children sign too.) Send everyone who has agreed to come a reminder through the mail two or three days before Reversal Sunday. Make the dodger attractive, but firm in its message, reminding them of their commitment.

Is it worth all the work? We enjoyed the interest and enthusiasm it created here, and rejoiced as God's Spirit convicted souls of their need. Four were sufficiently troubled to raise their hands for prayer. We believe we'll see them all publicly confess Christ soon.

Would such a day be worth all *your* work? You be the judge!

rite. We suspect that in that case it would drop the idea of asking for help, give \$10 or more to the GARBC and another similar gift to the OARBC, and then vote an increase for its pastor! Amen? Well then, why not say it at your next business meeting and write the first check? The GARBC is doing more and more for the churches and ought to have adequate support.

Resolutions

We will leave out all the "whereas's"
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SEND IN NEWS EVERY MONTH! General news to editor, women's to Mrs. Milner, youth to Dave Gower.



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Jerry Bonzo, assistant editor

Youth leaders, counsellors, pastors, please send them news and ideas

Assistant Editor Attends Buckeye Boys State

I will always be grateful for having been chosen as a representative of the Junior class of Portsmouth East High School to Buckeye Boys State of 1961.

It was an experience that makes me realize that myself and other high school juniors are near the day when our vote will be counted. Not only will we have the privilege of voting, but we will have the opportunity of becoming a part of our state government. With this in mind, it makes us realize the importance of the function of the various offices, from the top level position of governor, to the most insignificant appointment and for every citizen, his responsibility of supporting those elected.

Upon arrival at Ohio University, at Athens, we were assigned to cities and counties typical of the state. With this the political machine started to operate. First there was cam-

paing, then caucuses and conventions. After this came the election and inauguration of the governor and swearing of state officials.

It was my privilege to be appointed State Director of Agriculture.

The following five days were spent in operation of a mock state government, giving us the opportunity of actually feeling that we were doing that which is being done by our state officials everyday.

We all appreciated the effort of the American Legion for making it possible for us to attend Buckeye Boys State, and would urge that all of our successors avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them.

A DOG is man's best friend because he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

And DON'T Forget It!

IF YOU remember how much easier it is to remember what you would rather forget than remember, than to remember what you would rather remember than forget, then you can't forget how much easier it is to forget what you would rather remember than forget, than to forget what you would rather forget than remember.

Confused? ? Help keep us straight on the activities of your youth groups. Don't forget to send us your news. And please remember to send it so it will reach us here in Portsmouth by the tenth of the month, or it will be old and stale before it gets in a later issue.

TEEN-AGER'S BIBLE SCHOOL

North Royalton Baptist Church tried something new this year. While the younger children had their vaca-

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A TEENAGER'S STORY— By John Wharton Prion

The following is a testimonial story of my life from childhood through my 18th birthday, relative to the part crime played in my life, how Satan controlled my life and my thinking, how our Lord Jesus Christ stretched forth his hand and opened my eyes to the truth of his glorious and everlasting love for me, and how *Jesus took my place upon the cross* and paid that great price for me in untold agony so that I, through his precious shed blood for forgiveness of my sins, might receive his wonderful free gift of salvation by accepting Jesus as my Savior and turning my life over into his hands that He may be glorified through me.

Words cannot express the joy and happiness that Jesus gave to me when I came to realize that I was a sinner, doomed for eternal judgment, and Oh that wonderful sweet place Jesus gave me when I accepted Him and received Him into my heart. May I pause at this time to say, "Thanks, Lord Jesus."

In my early life my mother and father separated, neither one knowing the Lord. Mother had to work to support the home and as I grew older I seemed to always pick the wrong friends. My desires were for things for this world and not realizing I was serving Satan I permitted him to take charge, which led me into a life of crime.

In January of 1958, at the age of 15, I became involved in burglary. Then I became a truant, skipping school as often as possible. The court tried to help me by placing me in my sister's home. Then in December of 1958 I became involved in "assault with intent to rob." A life could have been taken while committing this act, but thanks to our wonderful Lord this was prevented. At that time the court placed me on two years probation

and placed me in my brother's home. I did not appreciate the very thing the courts and the police were trying to do for me and I became determined to be sent to the Boys Industrial School or to the Ohio State Reformatory so that I could serve time and be able to come out into society and say to my friends, "I'm a big shot. I've served time and I'm really a wheel now." So I decided to turn myself into the police and refuse to return to my brother's home. I was placed in custody and the court gave me an indeterminate sentence to the Ohio State Reformatory.

It was then on January 30, 1959 that I was taken out of society and placed behind bars in the Ohio State Reformatory and in a few days I began to realize something was wrong in my life and that I needed something that I didn't have.

There was a boy sharing the cell next to mine who had accepted the Lord and become a Christian and was reading his Bible daily. On Sundays a number of the fellows in the adjoining cells were listening to the various church services. At that time, through talking to this boy about the Lord and beginning to read the Bible with him, I realized how mixed up I had been in my thinking. I realized that Satan had ruled me and directed my life and my thinking that anyone who wanted to be a Christian was a sissy and that the Christian life wasn't for me. Then and now I realize it takes a red-blooded man to be a Christian and to go out into the world and live and work for Christ and to be used in winning souls for the Lord.

—Taken from the paper published by Emmanuel Baptist Church, Akron.

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and just take space for the resolutions proper. Some of them should have some action on the home front, in the local papers and in letters to our congressmen.

On the Liquor Industry

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, in annual session at Winona Lake, Indiana, go on record as being categorically opposed to the liquor industry and to social drinking among professing Christians, and that we commend our churches for their integrity on this moral issue.

On Movies and Television

BE IT RESOLVED that the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting in annual session at Winona Lake, Indiana, appeal to our Bible-loving people to protest the indecencies thus perpetrated and to resolutely maintain our historic stand on personal separation on such moral issues, so that Christian people shall continue to be a challenge and a rebuke to the moral disintegration of American family life.

On Aid to Parochial Schools

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in annual session at Winona Lake, Indiana, urge our people to utilize every constitutional means to influence their elected representatives to hold the line against the breakdown of our American heritage.

On Bishop Pike and the NCC

BE IT RESOLVED, that the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting in annual session at Winona Lake, Indiana, urge the Bible-believing people in the National Council of Churches to withdraw from such blasphemous fellowship, and commends the vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Shreveport, Louisiana, for their courageous and documented stand against the infidelity of both Bishop Pike and the National Council of Churches.

On House Un-American Activities Committee

Therefore, be it RESOLVED:

First, that we, the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting at Winona Lake, Indiana, this 23rd day of June, 1961, do hereby declare our unswerving loyalty to this blessed country of ours and express our firm purpose to support all the traditional and customary procedures of our government.

Second, that we commend the work being done by the House Un-American Activities Committee in their exposure of subversive organizations and their efforts and movements in this country; also for their loyalty in the performance of their duties as committed to them by the Congress in accordance with the Constitution of the United States of America.

Is this your last issue??? Be sure to renew to Mrs. Kautz. See page 3.

Over Forty Professions at Camp Patmos

Our Camp Director, Elton C. Hukill, writes July 12th and reports 40 professions of conversion to date, which means many more by this time. All of these came during the first two Junior camps and the first three days of the first Junior-Hi camp. The last two days of each campment are always the most fruitful in conversions, and so we feel sure our first three camps were used of God to bring more than 40 to a profession of faith. By the time this is read, three more camps will have been finished and we hope as many or more come to the Lord in them. Then we have three left beside the Men's Fellowship, which makes a fourth; and there is still time to pray hard that many more young people will come into a personal experience of salvation. That and training for Christian growth and service are the main reasons why we have a whole summer of youth camps. It surely is worth every cent our churches give and every ounce of effort the workers contribute!

Director Hukill reports there were 134 Juniors and 18 counsellors at the first Junior camp, and 138 Juniors and 22 counsellors at the second. July 10-15 there were 144 Junior-Hi young people there and 19 counsellors. He says the speakers have all been good, and the cooperation between the staff, director and counsellors has been excellent. The conduct of the campers has been the best he has ever seen, and he feels the credit goes to the good counsellors sent by the churches. Then there is a P.S. that missionary offerings at camp thus far total over \$100.

We are not surprised when he confesses that he and Mrs. Hukill are tired weekends, but they enjoy the work and praise God for the privilege. He has also been busy preaching on Sundays, with only two Sundays since the first of May when he has not been busy.

TEEN-AGERS BIBLE SCHOOL (Continued from page 8)

tion Bible school in the morning, the teen-agers had theirs 6:30 to 9:00. They had a wonderful time and closed June 23rd with a missionary food luncheon and wore costumes from foreign lands. This was followed by a bon-fire service with Rev. Roy Hendershot of the Cleveland Baptist Rescue Mission as the speaker.

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BOOK REVIEWS

TWO GOOD READING BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

1—JUST BETWEEN US, by Bob Cook, \$1, paper. Zondervan.

A very practical and valuable little book for the Youth Worker to have in his possession. The material in the book consists of questions and answers that deal with teen problems in three different areas: 1—Love, Dating, and Sex Problems; 2—Living The Christian Life; 3—Miscellaneous Matters.

Mr. Cook is a wise counselor and knows and understands the peculiar problems that confront the "teen-ager" of today. The questions and answers appeared previously in YOUTH FOR CHRIST MAGAZINE under Bob Cook's monthly column entitled, "Just Between Us."

2—QUARAN-TEEN, by Warren Wiersbe, \$1, paper. Zondervan.

This sixty-four page book was written by Warren Wiersbe, Editor of *Youth For Christ Magazine*. There are Twelve unusual chapters on teen-agers' spiritual "diseases," with a delightfully different youth program based on each chapter. Each program gives you the aim, necessary props and participants, and the basic outline. It would be advisable to use the suggestions as the basis for a youth program, but not as a substitute for individual thought and originality.

THREE PROGRAM BOOKS: (All by Zondervan)

1—DEVOTIONAL PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN'S GROUPS, by Lora L. Parrott, (No. 3), \$1, paper.

2—DEVOTIONAL PROGRAMS FOR ADULT GROUPS, by Leslie Parrott, \$1.

3—MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUETS, Grace Ramquist, \$1.

The first two books listed above suggest topics for devotional and worship programs for adult groups. Included in the books are music suggestions, scripture references, illustrations, prayers, and meditations. The third book is really a handbook for those who plan Mother-daughter Banquets. It offers material starting with Pre-school Children up through Mixed-Age Groups. There are poems and skits provided and exercises for younger children.

—The above 5 books reviewed by Warren Mack, Cedar Hill Baptist Church.

THE BILLY SUNDAY STORY, by Lee Thomas, 256 pp., \$3.95, Zondervan Publ. House, Grand Rapids, Mich.

This will be the last Billy Sunday biography with a personal touch. The author was a close friend of Mrs. Sunday in her later years and had access to all his papers. It also covers the whole life of the great evangelist, while most of the others covered only a part and were propaganda books much like those that have been written about Billy Graham. It is not a critical analysis, however, but the offerings of a fan. As a Baptist pastor, Dr. Thomas must hope his book will help stimulate evangelism today, though there is no preaching in it—it is wholly biographical. It proposes to enlighten us on the life and times and contribution of Billy Sunday and to do no more. No present day evangelism.
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ADAM GAULT BEGINS PASTORATE AT ERIE



July 16th Pastor Adam A. Galt began his work with the Garden Heights Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., after more than sixteen years with the First Baptist Church of Spencer, Ohio.

Pastor Galt was born in Scotland and received his secular schooling there. He then came to Canada, where he was converted and entered the Toronto Baptist Seminary. He graduated in 1933 and came for his first pastorate to Pavilion, N. Y., where he served the First Baptist Church until 1938. He was then called to the First Baptist Church of Rose Hill, N. Y., where he served until he was called to Spencer in 1944.

God blessed the work of Brother Galt at Spencer, and in 1949 it became necessary to add Sunday school rooms both up and downstairs at the rear of the old church building. The work continued to grow until it

seemed further improvements would have to be made, and then the building was struck by lightning in 1959 and burned to the ground. The next 15 months were months of real sacrifice and work for Pastor Galt and his people, but at the dedication of the new building last September it seemed more than worth while—a fine, modern brick building stood where the old had burned, and will serve for many years to come with its modern conveniences and facilities.

Pastor Galt has through the years been very active in the Hebron and state associations, having held many offices in the Hebron association and at present serving as clerk of the state association and member of the council. He has also taught various subjects for a number of years at the Norwalk Bible Institute.

We will miss Rev. Adam and Mrs. Galt and their two boys, though we are glad that he will serve out his term as clerk of the association. The Garden Heights Baptist Church was started three or four years ago under the joint effort of the Bethel Baptist Church of Erie and the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions. The first pastor, Rev. Eric Larson, is now laboring on a new project near Erie.

The church has a fine, though small building, thanks to a loan from the mother church, and we are sure the Galts will have a growing ministry there. It is affiliated with the GARBC and the Pennsylvania Association.

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OUR FELLOWSHIP PAGES - - -

CALVARY BAPTIST, Massillon

Pastor Louie DiPlacido and his people are rejoicing over the results of a combined vacation Bible school and revival. There was an average attendance in the morning of 70 and of 85 for the revival services conducted by Ev. Harry Trover at night. During the week 43 came forward, 15 of them to make first time decisions to accept Christ. Another 17 came to follow Christ in baptism and unite with the church, and 12 came for rededication. Others were touched and it looks as if the membership will be doubled through this week of blessing.

ROAD FORK BAPTIST, Harriettsville

God continues to bless the efforts of Pastor and Mrs. Ensley, as they come all the way from near Zanesville each Sunday. The average attendance is 70 and the highest was 96 one Sunday in June. Vacation Bible school was held June 12-17 with an average attendance of 50. The Teen-Age class was held in the evening.

MARANATHA BAPTIST, Springfield

The church clerk, Irene King, writes: "We have good news from Maranatha. We have been blessed in many areas under Arthur Houk's ministry. Several have confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and 12 have been baptized and come into fellowship with the local church. Several have returned to the Lord and to fellowship after 8 to 10 years. We do greatly rejoice in this. Our gifts to missions have increased nearly 50%. We have at least 12 going to Camp Patmos."

NORTH ROYALTON BAPTIST

Pastor Kenneth Nelson reports a good Vacation Bible school with 150 enrolled and 25 workers, and an average attendance of 115. A capacity crowd of 200 came to see the closing program.

A GOOD TRACT FOR PASTORS

Pastor R. Kenneth Smelser of Medina has published a 4 page tract, "A Pastor's Advice," to give to new converts. It not only gives the usual advice for growth and service, but the importance of baptism and church membership. A sample copy can be gotten for 5c and more at cost, so ask for price of 100.

ANOTHER GOOD IDEA

The D & D Print Shop of Findlay has put out a Merit of Award to give to the workers in vacation Bible schools. A sample can be gotten by addressing the shop at 347 Davis St., Findlay, Ohio. It would be good for next year if too late for this year. They will cost about 5c each in quantity. The proprietor, Earl Darrow, is a member of Calvary Baptist.

GRACE BAPTIST, Sunbury

Pastor and Mrs. Paul Mayo were blessed with a daughter, Rebecca Dawn June 17th. She has two older sisters, six and four. Congratulations! We also hear that the new church building is coming along toward completion.

FIRST BAPTIST, Van Wert

Pastor Jack Riggs reports the conversion recently of a young mother—also a vacation Bible school with 148 enrolled and

117 average attendance. Best of all, 11 made professions of faith. The church has purchased a large lot in the southeast part of town and hope soon to be able to sell their old property and build.

Faith Baptist Recognized

The Faith Bible Church of Ashland will henceforth be known as Faith Baptist Church, since a previous vote of the church had so ordered if and when it was recognized by a Baptist council.

Seven pastors and messengers met July 11 at the church, which meets in the GAR Hall, 140 Arthur St. They came from First Baptist of Findlay, First Baptist of Galion, First Baptist of Wellington and Grace Baptist of Cedarville. R. T. Nordlund was also there, invited as the editor of the OIB, and Dr. Arthur Williams as a substitute for Dr. James T. Jeremiah of Cedarville College. Dr. Williams was chosen as moderator, and Richard McIntosh, Dean of Students at Cedarville, was chosen clerk. The council then adjourned to share in a delicious luncheon prepared by the ladies of the church.

Following a time of fellowship around the table, Dr. Williams called the Council to order. The pastor, Kenneth E. Durtsche, presented mimeographed copies of the constitution, and considerable time was taken in going through it and asking questions. Dr. Williams commended the pastor and church for the fine constitution they had adopted—which was in all respects Baptist. The council recommended that they add the word "pre-tribulation" to their pre-millennial article of faith, and that the word "single" be placed before the word "immersion" to make clear in this strong center of trine immersion that it believed the Baptist way. Also it was suggested that the church make every effort to promote friendly relations with the other Regular Baptist Church in Ashland.

After the members of the church had left the room, Deacon Rube Sheffel of Findlay First church moved that the Faith Bible Church be recognized as a duly organized Baptist church, with the understanding the word "Baptist" be included in its name, and that the church give consideration to the recommendations of the council. Pastor Wilfred Booth of Galion seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

BIBLE CONFERENCES, Reynoldsburg

Pastor L. C. Thompson reports a heaven-blessed Bible conference the first of June, with Pastor B. F. Cate of Tallmadge teaching Luke's Gospel with real power and joy. The August conference opens the 21st at 7 P.M., and continues morning, afternoon and night the next three days. The speakers will be Moses Gitlin, Matt Diachenko and Pastor Thompson. Some rooms are available for a reservation of \$1 by August 10. Meals will be served. Those who stay overnight should bring

blanket, sheets, towels, etc. Young people must have a counsellor with them. The church is on Taylor Rd., one mile east of town on Rt. 40.

Pastor Thompson has written a pamphlet on "God's Method of Financing." He does not set a price, but 25c for a copy ought to be contributed by all who are able. It sets forth his conviction that the whole tithe should be used to support pastors and missionaries.

BIBLE MISSION BAPTIST, Reynoldsburg

July 1 and 8 the trustees met with an architect to plan for their church auditorium. It will be 65 by 108 feet and besides the auditorium will contain Sunday school rooms, lounge, office, store-room and baptistry.

July 5 was Rodney Knicely night. They received gifts in cash and other things to take back to the field in Mexico. July 6 the women sewed all day for Ruth Nephew, who is soon returning to Central African Republic under Baptist Mid-Missions. July 30 will be Ruth Newpew day, when she will be present for all services and a missionary box will be made up from contributions from all the Sunday school classes.

CALVARY BAPTIST, Ashland

A very successful vacation Bible school was held June 12-23. The Sunday school attendance has also been very good through June, with attendance up around 150.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST, Toledo

Congratulations are in order for Assistant Pastor T. Wesley Bliss, who was married to Miss Rudelle Smith July 1. Much happiness to Mrs. Bliss.

A new missionary group has been organized among the young working girls of the church—The Daughters of Deborah. It will be under the direction of the pastor's wife, Mrs. L. George Hunt. Missionary interest has been stimulated in the church this summer by the farewell to Ed and Marilyn Schlegel, who started back to St. Vincent, West Indies, June 29th, and by the home coming of Stan and Joan Holman from the Philippines two weeks before. The church has been meeting at Elmhurst School but may be in their new building on Laskey Road by the time this is read. The dedication service is planned for Sept. 17th.

FIRST BAPTIST, McDonald

Nineteen new members have come into the church since Easter. A Christian Life class was held not only for them but for all above the Seniors, with Pastor Beckley teaching the Articles of Faith. This class is still continuing through July.

CALVARY BAPTIST, Clendenin, W. Va.

Pastor Edward Greenwood reports that so far this year attendance has averaged almost 120 in Sunday school and all other services are also well attended. Rev. Wm. Wilson of Clarksburg (who used to be at Painesville, Ohio) held meetings with the harvest of 7 young people the Sunday after they closed. All are coming into the church by baptism.

GRACE BAPTIST, Minford

Vacation Bible school attendance averaged 130, and 300 attended the closing

WHAT OUR CHURCHES ARE DOING

program. The church was also blessed and challenged recently, according to Pastor Lawhead, by Missionary C. Burnett Taylor, B.B.M. worker in Peru, who preached morning and evening June 25.

CALVARY BAPTIST, Bucyrus

Again the Calvary Baptist Church had a big vacation Bible school—274 in average attendance, including approximately 50 workers. It continued for two weeks. More than 30 decisions were made for Christ.

CEDAR HILL BAPTIST, Cleveland

Nine were received into fellowship at the June communion service. June 19-29 vacation Bible school was held, with the program for parents the last night. July 15th the Voice of Christian Youth met at the church. The program was in charge of The Harmonettes, a trio of young ladies from Western Baptist Bible College of El Cerrito, California. The attendance winners for the past 12 months were announced that night. Brookside Baptist won in Division A, Bible Baptist of Bedford in Division B, and First Baptist Strongsville, in Division C.

WHEELERSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Vacation Bible school closed June 16th with an interesting program. 163 pupils were enrolled and the averaged attendance was 129. Pastor Holmes returned from our GARBC meetings at Winona Lake reporting many spiritual blessings. July 9 was Cedarville College Day, with Prof. George Lawler preaching and Prof. Richard Cook singing. The Ladies' Missionary Circle has packed boxes for two returning missionaries and another for a hospital in Northern Rhodesia.

EBENEZER BAPTIST, Bethesda

Pastor Fellenger reports that the above ordination service was very well attended. It was preceded by a Bible conference June 11-14 with Llewellyn Thompson as the speaker. He reports that the Sunday school has reached the 100 mark. He would like to see a work started at St. Clairville and wonders if any of our OIB readers know of Baptists there who might be interested in helping.

GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST, Cuyahoga Falls

Ground will be broken for the new building August 6th. It is expected that the outside can be finished and heating installed before winter, so the men will be able to work inside through the cold weather.

TEMPLE BAPTIST, Portsmouth

Eight young people attended Youth Day at Winona Lake GARBC conference June 20th. Assistant Pastor Thomas Bunyan and Charles Curcio went along as bus drivers. A much fuller bus headed north June 25th, mid-night, with 30 Juniors from Temple Baptist, Wheelersburg and Minford, to attend Camp Patmos. Counsellors from the three churches also went along and Pastor Bunyan, who served as music director that week.

BETHEL BAPTIST, Erie, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Gleason, members of the church, have returned for their

second term to Ecuador, where they serve as aviators for Wycliffe Translators.

Special services this summer include two musical groups—The Evangelaires from Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary June 25th, and the Ladies Trio of Western Baptist Bible College July 16th. Another treat is the preaching of former pastor, Rev. S. Franklin Logsdon, July 30th.

Garry Ballard Ordained

A council of 13 delegates from 8 churches met June 16th at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Bethesda to examine Garry Ballard as to his qualifications for ordination. The service was opened by Pastor Ray Fellenger, who introduced Pastor Hoyt Douglas of Atwater, a former pastor at Ebenezer, who led in a brief song service. The council was called to order and Pastor Marshall Harper of Second Baptist Church of Cambridge, was elected moderator, and Pastor H. P. House, Sr., Calvary Baptist Church of Byesville, was elected clerk.

The candidate, Garry Ballard, is a graduate of the Tennessee Temple Schools and has for the past 7 months been pastor of the Bible Baptist church of Dugger, Ind. After giving his testimony of conversion and call, and his doctrinal statement, he was questioned and dismissed, while the council considered what action to take. The council unanimously approved of his ordination and commended him highly for his concise and forthright account of himself.

The ordination took place that evening. Rev. Hoyt Douglas brought the charge to the candidate, Rev. Bert Kinsey of Otsego gave the charge to the church, and Rev. H. P. House delivered the ordination sermon from Isa. 6.

FIRST BAPTIST, Niles

Vacation Bible School June 12-16 reached a high attendance of 430! A good number of decisions for Christ were made by the older children. July 17th the Bethany Association Youth Rally was held at Niles with Rev. Park Tucker, Chaplain of the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., as the speaker.

NORTH BETHEL YOUTH PICNIC

Over 100 young people, representing most of the churches of the association, had a fine time at a picnic July 15th at Van Buren State Park. After the meal the young people met by the lakeside for a devotional period, with Pastor Max Tucker of Fostoria giving the message.

FOSTORIA BAPTIST

Brodi Kozicki of Lavonia, Michigan, preached July 9th, while Pastor Tucker was preaching at a United Youth Conference at Prospect, Pa., Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Four convention churches with fundamental pastors united to hold this conference. Brother Tucker reports a real spiritual blessing resulted.

BETHEL BAPTIST, Warren

Pastor Karl B. Smith accepted a call from the Parr Memorial Baptist Church of Petoskey, Michigan, and began his work there July first. Our prayer is that the Bethel church may soon find a good and humble servant of the Lord who will accept the challenge of this promising field. While the membership is small, the church has some good workers, sacrificial givers, a good building and an unlimited field.

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words. The next time they will lower their voice, but so speak that a whisper can be heard to the farthest corner. Continued shouting tires the ear drums and defeats itself, but a low, monotonous voice will put hearers to sleep. There needs to be variety in tone, action and thought. Preaching is a greater art than playing a piano, and deserves a life-time of study.

Every young preacher should buy or borrow a tape recorder and mercilessly criticize his previous Sunday deliverance, and ask his wife to join in—and listen to her! Sometimes he should practice his next sermon before a large mirror to find out what he looks like in action. Does he unconsciously squint his eyes or make faces? One of the best preachers we ever heard had the ferocious habit of twisting his jaws and then clamping them down for emphasis! We are sure he never realized how fear-inspiring he looked. He was a good evangelist, but he could have been a better one if he had found out what he was doing before it became an unbreakable habit. Congregations become accustomed to such unconscious habits and overlook them, but they often hinder a good man from getting another call.

Some may object that such study will make them artificial. At the time it may make them rather self-conscious, but in the long run it will deliver them from unnatural ways of speaking and acting. No one raves for thirty minutes over his last ball game, nor does he rehearse the story in a low monotone. Neither does he stand there and twist his coat buttons! We study to become our natural selves in the pulpit and not to be like some one else—we practice so that we can be at liberty.

BOOK REVIEWS

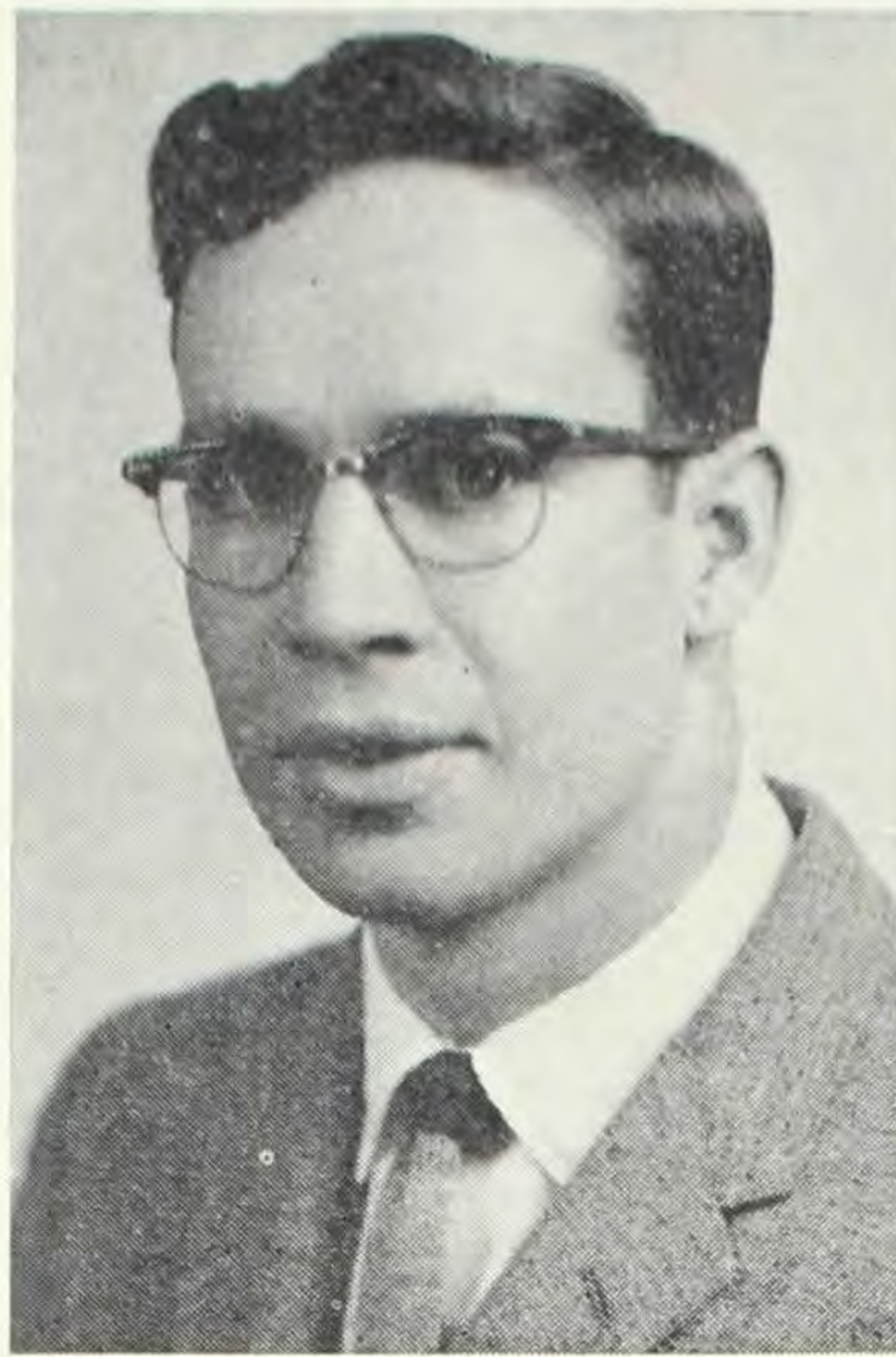
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gelist is mentioned either favorably or unfavorably, so the one who wants ammunition to use against a present day evangelist will read this book in vain.

However, ministers and laymen who want to be inspired to work harder for the Lord today will do well to buy and read this book. As we lay it down we feel like the Colored preacher who visited the monument of Charles Wesley in England and was heard to pray, "Lord, do it again—do it again!" —Editor

SEND IN NEWS EVERY MONTH! General news to editor, women's to Mrs. Milner, youth to Dave Gower.

VERNON MILLER CALLED TO ARCANUM



The Immanuel Baptist Church of Arcanum has called Rev. Vernon D. Miller of Cedarville as their pastor and he and his family will be moving on the field the latter part of August. He writes as follows to introduce himself to the Ohio Association:

"I came to know the Lord in a Christian home prior to age seven. When I professed publicly my faith and was baptized. We lived on a farm in southern Illinois and my parents labored for the Lord in an independent Baptist church.

"I graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 1953 from the Pastor's Course. During the succeeding year I attended Southeast Missouri State College and pastored the Camp Creek Baptist Church near Murphysboro, Ill. My wife, Alice, continued her studies at Moody that year also and we were married in 1954. We

now have three children, ages 6, 4 and 3. I was ordained in the fall of 1959 by my home church in southern Illinois.

"In August, 1954, we accepted the pastorate of the Bible Fellowship Baptist Church, Carterville, Ill., where we remained until 1958, when we moved to the Faith Baptist Church, Mattoon, Ill. During my ministry at Carterville I attended Southern Illinois University for two years. In September, 1960, we came to Cedarville College to complete work in Liberal Arts.

"We are now filling the pulpit at Arcanum while still residing in Cedarville, but we plan to move the latter part of August. I trust our fellowship with the pastors and people of the OARBC in Ohio will be blessed of the Lord."

We congratulate Brother Miller on this call to a fine church and will pray that God largely uses him to win souls and have a successful ministry. It was begun nearly ten years ago under the auspices of FBHM, with Rev. Tom Younger as missionary pastor. Five years ago the church became self-supporting and Brother Younger resigned from the mission and became the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Fort Wayne, Ind. He was followed by Rev. Dale Fisher, who resigned after four years to accept a church in Buffalo, N.Y. Now after some months without a shepherd, we are sure every one is happy and will make this church a force for God in western Ohio. Best of all, we note that Brother Miller comes with the desire to work and fellowship with the other pastors and churches of the state, which naturally makes the rest of us happy too.

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By Lyle S. Jessup, Baptist Mid-Mission worker at Hato Mayor del Rey, Dominican Republic

is a Concordat between the Dominican Government and the Vatican, establishing Romanism as the State religion.

Thus he named it . . . Columbus the Great Admiral . . . this exotic Caribbean island, some 600 miles southeast of Miami . . . basking there in the tropical sun . . . "floating" on the indigo-blue waters of the Caribbean Sea . . . and it came to be THE LAND THAT COLOMBUS LOVED MOST. We invite you to take a trip there with us and consider the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC and the work of BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS there.

The PLACE is the island occupied by two separate, completely different countries, Haiti on the western one-third and the Dominican Republic on the eastern two-thirds. The Dominican Republic, formerly known as Santo Domingo . . . not quite one-half as large as the State of Ohio, with its pleasant semi-tropical climate . . . its historical capital Ciudad Trujillo (formerly called Santo Domingo) founded in 1945 by Bartholomew Columbus, the first "White-man" city in the western hemisphere . . . home of the New World's oldest University (The University of Santo Domingo) . . . the tomb of Columbus in the oldest Roman Catholic Cathedral still in use in the Hemisphere; and the great new Faro de Colon (Columbus Lighthouse), symbol of American solidarity. Here you will find Mount Trujillo (formerly Mt. Tina), the highest peak in the West Indies at 10,417 feet above sea level and some 90 miles southwest of the salty lake, Lake Enriquillo, 163 feet below sea level.

The PEOPLE are a mixture of the original Indians, the Negro and the Spanish settlers. Mainly the country is agricultural but some industry has come in to the Republic to provide for its 3,000,000 inhabitants. It is a progressive little Republic . . . education is compulsory, good hospitals and schools are in several cities . . . a government program to stamp out illiteracy is making tremendous advances. There is religious liberty in spite of the fact that the Dominican Republic is 97% Romanist and there

The PROGRAM of Baptist Mid-Missions dates back to 1950 when Lyle and Marie Jessup left another mission for doctrinal reasons . . . applied to Baptist Mid-Missions and returned to the field. Soon two other couples also resigned from that interdenominational board and were approved by our Baptist Mid-Missions. Now the work is centered in three "Stations" of main centers, and the Baptist Mid-Missions "family" in the Republic is numbered at twelve: Rev. and Mrs. Ivan Augsburger, working



Sewing Class of Mrs. Jessup

in La Romana; Miss Beulah Hager, Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Jessup, Miss Evelyn Kness, working in Hato Mayor del Rey; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Nauta and Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Weber, working in Ciudad Trujillo, the capital city. (At the time of this writing the Jessups and Miss Hager are home on furlough . . . the Meyers are in Hato Mayor del Rey, but upon the return of these to the field, the Meyers will move back to the capital).

The work consists of an evangelistic ministry through regular gospel services, distribution of literature, children's work, special women's classes, a grade school (el Colegio Bautista Dominicano) in Hato Mayor del Rey, and personal work on the part of the national Christians. There is a strong program of teaching the national and new converts with individual training classes for new converts (in Hato Mayor del Rey) and then a Bible institute program . . .

synchronized training programs on all stations, using the same Bible study materials in a complete Bible institute course, on a part-time basis . . . training the young men to rightly divide the Word of Truth, to preach, to organize churches, etc. There is the ministry of establishing New Testament churches. At the present time there are 8 organized churches on the field: Hato Mayor del Rey, Jalonga, Alejandro Bas and La Higuera on the Hato Mayor "station" . . . 3 of them have national pastors and the Jalonga church is without a pastor at the present time: Ciudad Trujillo has two churches under the pastorates of Vernon Weber and Jay Nauta; a country work in Sabana Grande de Boya organized by Jay Nauta and under his supervision; and the La Romana church with Ivan Augsburger as pastor. Around these areas there are many regularly established preaching centers, works that will be organized into indigenous churches.

In Hato Mayor del Rey an individual training program for new converts was instituted last year. When someone receives Christ as his Savior, his name is turned over to one of the more responsible, spiritual Christians. He, in turn, meets with the new convert and arranges to have classes one hour

a week for ten weeks. Then lessons are given in Assurance of Salvation; Quiet-time (teaching the importance of daily study of the Word, and prayer); Baptism (the convert is brought to a definite decision in regards to Baptism); the Lord's Supper; Church Membership (he is given a copy of the Church's constitution and Articles of Faith and these are gone over point by point); he is taught to tithe (and to bring the Lord's tithe to the local church); then his last lesson is to train him to lead another soul to Christ. God has been pleased to bless this ministry and there are several well-trained new converts, grounded in the Word and actively serving and witnessing for the Lord.

What PROSPECTS for the Lord's work in the "Land that Columbus loved most"? . . . they are as bright as the promises of God. The door is Wide-open, there is absolute religious liberty, emphasis is strong on

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Evangelical Baptist Mission Representatives

Rev. S. E. Oakes (left) of Englewood, Colorado, and Rev. Robert W. Smith (right) of St. Petersburg, Florida, have been appointed to help pastors develop a sound missionary program. Rev. Oakes has been a pastor, and Rev. Smith a missionary in Africa.



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THREE NEW PASTORS CALLED

We wish we had their pictures and more news about them, but we are glad that three more churches have pastors to lead them. New Harmony Baptist Church of South Olive has called Gilbert Cubbison, who helped to organize the Bible Mission Baptist Church of Quaker City. He and his family live in Caldwell, which is six miles north of New Harmony. This is an old church with a long history. It came into our association 24 years ago. May the Lord richly bless this church and its new pastor!

The Xenia Bible Church (GARBC) has called Lauren H. Schenck, a student at Cedarville College, to serve as interim pastor. He began his ministry July 2nd. Previously he had taught the adult class and served as deacon and trustee. He writes that he is looking forward to supporting the OARBC and GARBC in addition to seeing the local church go forward in spiritual things. That is a fine spirit and we hope that all our readers will pray for this young pastor and the church.

The Troy Baptist Church near Garrettsville has called Rev. Edward Simm of Akron and he accepted as of July 9th. Some years ago he was pastor of what is now the Highview Baptist Church in Akron and has since kept busy supplying pulpits along with his secular work.

The Troy church was organized in 1951 as a Bible Church, but soon adopted the name Baptist and came into our association under its first pastor, C. Richard Phelps. By the time he resigned in late 1957, it had grown to 61 members. Rev. Norman Hoag pastored the church until this spring and saw it grow to 75. With no nearby fundamental churches, Troy Baptist should become the spiritual home of many gospel-hungry people in Hiram and Garrettsville, as well as in its own neighborhood. We welcome Brother Simm to our fellowship and pray that many blessings may attend his ministry.

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education and our proposed book store will help meet the need in providing reading material for the Dominican people; plans are on foot for our radio-ministry under Bob Meyer's direction; we have planned a step-up in our Bible training program in the country churches and preaching centers, teaching them to reach their own people with the Gospel and to establish indigenous churches and carry on the work. Workers are desperately needed to open new towns to the Gospel and our Baptist testimony. Beloved, this is a call to urgent prayer for the Lord's work through Baptist Mid-Missions in "La Tierra que mas amo Colon" . . . the LAND THAT COLUMBUS LOVED MOST.

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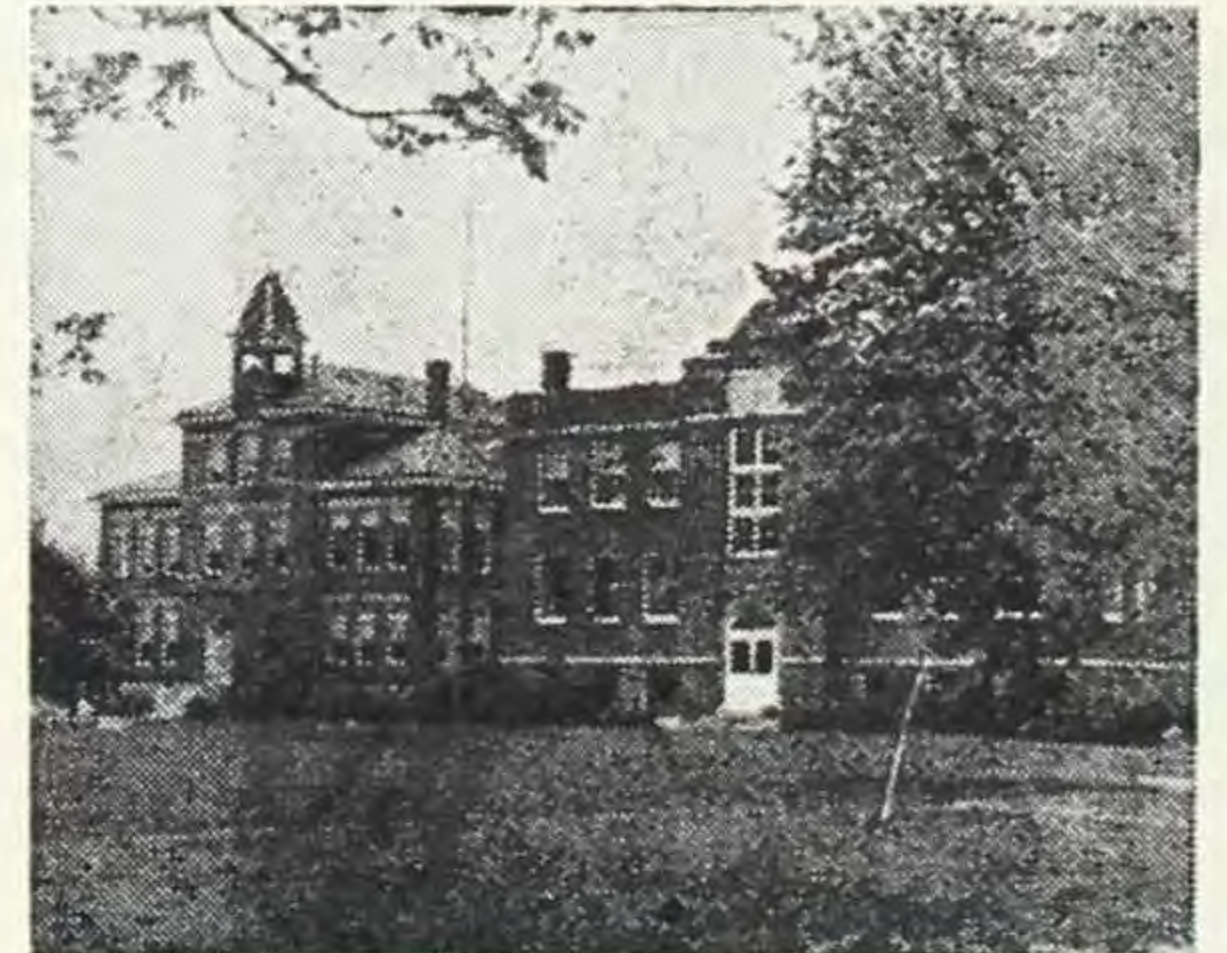
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