Northern Province Spreads West To The Pacific

By Bernard E. Michel

If one were to look at the growth of the Moravian Church in the Northern Province by centuries one would say: The 18th century saw the establishment of numerous Moravian settlements in America. The 19th century witnessed the Moravian Church following the German and Scandinavian emigrants to the west. And the 20th century seems to be watching the Moravian Church extend its influence in suburban areas.

America was a land of challenge to Zinzendorf and the Herrnhut Moravians of the early 18th century. Here was the promise of refuge from the growing criticism of the Brethren in their native land, and here were pagan redmen to whom the Gospel must be preached.

Settlement

It was Bishop Spangenberg who led the first Moravians to the new world. They landed at Savannah, Georgia, in 1734, and made attempts to establish a permanent Christian settlement in that region. However, despite the efforts of Spangenberg and Peter Boehler, the Savannah settlement was doomed to failure.

Seeking better land and more hospitable surroundings, Boehler and the Brethren accepted George Whitefield’s offer of free passage on his boat going up the coast to Pennsylvania. During the voyage Whitefield determined to establish a negro settlement in the colony, and it seemed only natural that he should ask the Moravians to supervise the building. The English evangelist purchased a 5,000-acre barony which he called Nazareth and placed Boehler in charge while he returned to England.

Building conditions were not the best during that summer of 1740. Continual rains halted all progress. Boehler hired laborers from the community to assist in the work, but by September the group had abandoned the idea of completing the “Ephrata House” before winter. Boehler hoped to receive encouragement from their employer, Whitefield, when he returned to Philadelphia in November, but discouragement faced him. Whitefield was more concerned about Boehler’s theology than he was about the state of the building in Nazareth. After a verbal duel in Latin, Whitefield declared to Boehler that “the Moravians must leave his land forthwith and need not expect to get possession of a foot of it.”

Bethlehem Begun

Nathaniel Irish, a miller on the banks of the Saucon Creek, came to the aid of the Moravians. As land agent for William Allen, he interested the Moravians in purchasing a 500-acre tract of land nearby his mill where the Monocacy Creek flowed into the Lehigh. Here the first tree was felled in December, 1740, and here Zinzendorf came the following December to give the new settlement its lasting name of Bethlehem.

It was to Bethlehem the Moravian settlers now flocked in increasing numbers. The first permanent congregation in America was organized there on June 25, 1742. It was from Bethlehem that most of the early missionaries to the Indians were sent out, and the city has remained the hub of activity for the Northern Province ever since.

When Whitefield abandoned his negro school project in Nazareth, the Moravians purchased the 5,000-acre barony and began to re-settle the area. The Nazareth congregation was organized in 1747 and other settlements were established at Gradenthal, Christian’s Spring and Friedenthal.

Other similar settlements were established at Emmaus, Lititz, Lebanon and Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Hope, New Jersey; and Gracehain, Maryland.

New York and Philadelphia, as ports of entry, also became centers of Moravian work. Zinzendorf established a Moravian Society upon his arrival in New York in 1741 and organized the first Moravian Church of Philadelphia, in 1742.

These 18th century settlements concerned themselves primarily with the task of building up an integral spiritual community and extending the Gospel to the Indians until after the General Synod of 1848. It was at this synod that the American Moravian Church broke away from the shackles of continental control and the two new provinces, North and South, were born into existence.

New Lands Beckon West

While the Southern Province sought new areas for the advancement of the Gospel in North Carolina, the Northern Province turned to new lands opening up in the west as the most logical place to begin their home mission work.

Numerous correspondence had reached the Bethlehem headquarters asking that some new work be established among the German and Scandinavian brethren who had settled in Wisconsin. John Frederick Fett was the first minister sent out by the “Home Missionary Society” to investigate this field in the west.

Fett was very much encouraged by what he saw when he arrived in Milwaukee in October, 1849. A young Norwegian named Andrew Iverson had already gathered together a society of Moravians. Fett urged that Iverson be ordained to serve the Scandinavians and determined that he himself would work among the German-speaking people. The scene for their first labor was Green Bay, an early Wisconsin frontier city. Here Nils Otto Tank, a Norwegian nobleman who had been a Moravian missionary in Surinam, offered free land for the Norwegian Brethren to settle and Fett found a large group of German settlers hungering for the Gospel.

All did not go well with the Norwegian settlement, however. The settlers became suspicious of their benefactor. The personalities of Iverson and Tank often clashed. Growing discontent saw Iver­son leading most of his followers up the peninsula, putting out into Lake Michigan to establish a new settlement at Ephraim in 1853. This new area of advance saw other churches established in later years at Surgeon Bay, Shiloh and Sister Bay.

While Fett and Iverson established Moravian churches in northeastern Wisconsin another home missionary, John Gottlob Kaltengrund became the “Father of the Moravian Church in Southern Wisconsin.” Kaltengrund was a never-tiring circuit rider and was instrumental in establishing permanent churches at Ebenezer, Watertown, Piper ville and (Continued on page 12)
Provincial Announcements

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The feature article for this month, “The Story of the Northern Province,” was written by the Rev. Bernard F. Michael, assistant pastor of Central Church, Bethlehem, Pa. Br. Michael graduated from Moravian Theological Seminary with the class of 1951.

Congratulations! It’s a girl and a boy!

The church reports from Advent and New Eden are of special interest this month. In the Advent report mention is made of the baptism of “the first child born to a resident pastor of Advent.” The child is Deborah Ruth, daughter of Vernon and Ruth Daetwyler who was born on October 10, 1951. The New Eden report announces the birth of Richard Gray Lineback, son of Egbert and Edith Lineback. Richard Gray was born December 4, 1951.

Opposition to the move to establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican should be directed at this time to President Truman and to the Secretary of State, the Hon. Dean Acheson. Letters to both asking that the nomination not be resubmitted are appropriate and proper.

If and when the nomination is resubmitted to the Senate, letters should be written to Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and to your own representatives in Congress.

The action which the average citizen can take will be of greatest political significance is to write a short letter, direct and to the point, or to send a telegram to the responsible people in government, especially your own senator and representative.

Your letters will counts. Write today!

PROVINCIAL WOMAN’S BOARD

Clothing For Jamaica

God’s richly bless our Southern Province during another year. As He permits us to cross the threshold of 1952, how better could we thank Him than by sharing our blessings with those less fortunate? Surely our hearts go out to our Moravian sisters and brothers in Jamaica who have suffered such tremendous losses by the recent hurricanes.

The Provincial Woman’s Board urgently requests that used clothing be gathered immediately for this worthy cause. Garments, especially summer weight clothing, and shoes for men, women and children of all ages, would be most acceptable and should be brought to the Provincial Office as soon as possible.

Because of the great need, it is hoped that our gifts of clothing can be on their way by early in February.

LOUISE B. HAYWOOD, Chairman

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Leadership Training School for Sunday school and youth leaders in the Province was held at Salem College November 27, 28 and 29. A total of 170 was registered.


On the final evening in a service at the Home Church the school was brought to a close with an inspiring address by Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, Methodist minister of High Point.

Among the activities of the month, the Executive Secretary visited youth groups meetings at Immanuel, Friedberg, and Home Church. He and Miss Dorothy Wooten, director of Children’s Work, visited the Olivet Sunday School which is preparing to move into the first floor of their new Christian Education Building.

EDWIN A. SAWYER, Chairman

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Winston-Salemites in Charge of the Goodnews Bay School

Brother Michael reports that the Goodnews Bay Eskimos are happy in having their new school with its new teachers. The building has just been completed and represents “a whole cluster of dreams come true.” The teachers are Mr. and Mrs. F. Martin of Winston-Salem. Br. Michael writes: “We are certainly fortunate in having them here and hope they will decide to remain for a while. They are Methodists but cooperate wholeheartedly with the work.

Your Letters Counted.

Dr. Earl Allbricht, Commissioner of Health for the territory of Alaska, reports on very reliable information that the letters written by Moravians from various sections of this country had an important part in the decision of Congress to rebuild the hospital at Bethel, Alaska. To all who helped to re-establish this invaluable center of healing in the Kuskokwim Valley, hearty thanks!

Primaquine in Nicaragua

On Friday, November 16, Dr. David Thaxter read a short paper to the American Society of Tropical Medicine in Chicago. Its title is “The Use of Primaquine in Nicaragua.” Any reader of the Wachovia Moravian caring to study that paper can secure it on loan by writing to the undersigned.

Needed—Adding Machine.

Martha Marx, a busy missionary housewife, who also doubles as treasurer of our Honduras mission, would be exceedingly grateful for a 2-hand small adding machine. Any individual or church group who could donate such a machine would be rendering the mission a real service. The undersigned will be glad to advise regarding the best way of making shipment.

Fire Precautions At The Children’s Home.

Br. Clarence Henkelman writes on November 14, 1951: “We had a Mr. Clen, a school inspector from Anchorage up here yesterday. Miss Franck accompanied him. They landed on the sand bar northeast of the Home. The staff of the Home had lunch together with them at the Trolahas. The inspector commented very favorably on our fire escapes and fire alarm systems.”

The Layworkers School Opens.

Martha Marx reports on November 26: “You will be glad to know that Werner has started teaching his layworkers. So far there are only five men in the school with their families, but perhaps it is best to start with few so as more easily to take care of problems that arise. We have had very heavy rain this month, but most of the people had harvested the greater part of their rice. Much drinking is still going on among some of the men and even the younger boys, to everyone’s sorrow. I heard yesterday of one young man who drank away the proceeds of the two acres of rice which he and his mother had planted. We need your continued prayers.”

Health Measures Effective.

Br. Storz reports on November 13 as follows: “All of us here are well. The new drug for malaria and the periodic spraying of all of the houses in the village with DDT really seems to have knocked malaria out of me. I have not had an attack since last February.”

KENNETH G. HAMILTON, Executive Officer
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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

ADVENT

November was set aside as Teachers' Training Month. The Mid-week Services were used for this instruction by the pastor. Emphasis was given to such subjects as "The Call to Christian Teaching," "The Place of the Church in the Student's Life," and "The Necessity for Bible Study and Prayer." Nine of our teachers took advantage of the training offered at Salem College.

The Woman's Auxiliary went into high gear as it served about 100 patrons at the Annual Thanksgiving Supper, and held a successful bazaar.

The religious film for the month was "Talents," based on the Parable of the Talents.

The Advent Holy Communion was one of the most inspirational services of the year. Prior to the Communion, the Advent Christmas Star was illuminated as the Junior and Senior Choirs and congregation sang the Hosanna. Then during the singing of a hymn a few moments later, the Advent Christmas Candle was lighted. The pastor used the star to illustrate the statement of our Lord, "I am the Light of the World," and the candle to illustrate His words, "Ye are the Light of the World."

The pastor was ordained to the Presbytery by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl and in the same service the daughter of the parsonage family, Deborah Ruth, was dedicated to the Lord by the rite of infant baptism. She is the first child born to a resident pastor of Advent.

VERNON E. DAETWYLER.

NEW EDEN

Since last reporting in the column a profitable series of evangelistic services have been conducted with encouraging results. We are humbly indebted to several of our Moravian brethren for their splendid Gospel messages that inspired and challenged our people, namely, John Gosierud, Oswald Stimpson, Richard Amos, George Higgins, Douglas Rights, and Edgar A. Holton.

The messages of the pastor in recent weeks have centered around the theme of "Faith Coupled With Dedicated Action!" with the purpose of stirring our membership in a crusade for new souls and the unchurched. Much to our surprise and delight the members of the congregation have "listened and acted" and our services have been attended with greater numbers.

The pastor is now conducting a special Bible Class for children each Thursday night. The class is growing larger each week and if interest continues this will become a permanent part of our weekly program.

The Junior Choir practices have been well attended during the past month and this group will have a big part in our special Christmas services.

Great joy has come into the home of the pastor and his wife with the birth of a son, Richard Gray on December 4, 1951.

EGBERT G. LINEBACK.

BETHESDA

With the realization that the exterior of our church had not been painted for many years and faced with the proposition of raising a sizeable sum of money our congregation united in a fund raising campaign and within two weeks presented the treasurer with enough pledges and cash to cover the cost of a job soaring beyond the $400.00 mark. The Robert D. Shaw Class sponsored a chicken stew that netted more than $80.00 and the rest came as direct pledges through the various Sunday School classes. Many thanks for the splendid cooperation, hard work, and generosity that made this possible.

Much enthusiastic effort is being put into our various Christmas services. Bethesda has a long standing reputation for beautiful and inspiring Christmas services in humble recognition of the birth of Christ.

Our people enjoyed the fine message of Br. William A. Watkins who told us about the new missionary venture that is to be launched in West Africa through the medium of radio.

Both the interest and the activity of the Intermediate Fellowship group has been most encouraging and constructive.

EGBERT G. LINEBACK.

GREENSBORO


During the month two record attendance marks were broken in the Sunday school and church attendance is at an all-time high.

The Moravia Class sponsored its annual barbeque on November 13. Proceeds amounted to about $400.00. Our thanks to all who helped make this activity a success.

On November 20 the Woman's Auxiliary installed a new electric range in the parsonage.

At 6 o'clock a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, 106 persons attended our service of thanks. Offerings of food and cash were received for Salem Home.

The service concluded with a lovefeast.

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The molding and polishing of Christmas candles has again been a project for circles one and four of our Auxiliary. Almost five thousand beeswax candles have been made for use in our own church and at Gospel Ridge and for sale to other Moravian congregations.

Grace Church had eleven persons in attendance upon the Fall Youth Rally at Home Church on November 8. Ten of our teachers profited at attendance at the Leadership Training School at the end of the month.

The homes of James Jackson, James Thomas, Wade Key and Roland Smith have been gladdened by the arrival of a son to the Thomases and daughters to the Jacksons, the Smiths, and the Keys.

Mrs. Walter S. Jackson is at home again, recuperating from a serious operation.

The Festival of November Thirteenth was observed with the christening of two infants and the observance of the Holy Communion.

The Primary Department and the lower rear hallway received new lighting fixtures as a gift of the month.

The organization of this congregation was completed on November 18 at a 3 o’clock service. There are now 32 members in the congregation, and the following have been elected as the first faithful workers in the little church. They declared it an occasion of real answered prayer, and their responsibility is a time of great under the direction of a new grounds and financial secretary.

The organizational service which was presided over by the pastor with Bishop J. Kenneth E. Sapp Jr. Earl D. Davis has been chosen as church treasurer, and Robah Sapp will serve as church secretary.

The Primary Department and the lower rear hallway received new lighting fixtures as a gift from Br. and Sr. J. J. Brown. We thank them for this fine improvement.

C. W. Morrison, our oldest member, suffered a severe stroke recently. At the time of this writing he is in a most serious condition.

H. B. JOHNSON.

MESSIAH

The organization of this congregation was completed on November 18 at a 3 o’clock service. There are now 32 members in the congregation, and the following have been elected as the first official board: Jack Luper, Bruce Plowman, Ezra Conrad, Harry Campbell, James Dockery, and H. E. Sapp Jr. Earl D. Davis has been chosen as church treasurer, and Robah Sapp will serve as financial secretary.

The organizational service which was presided over by the pastor with Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl as speaker, was an occasion of great joy for the faithful workers in the little church. They declared it an occasion of real answered prayer, and truly it was. The little store-church building was filled to capacity as the vows of the charter members of Messiah were spoken with due solemnity.

The Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. B. H. Newcom, served the Centennial Banquet at New Philadelphia, and has now raised $173 in the first six weeks of their existence.

Forty-five additional chairs have been purchased, giving us plenty of seating for adults and children. There has been a separate room opened for use of the children which is rent-free due to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Church.

Attendance for the past month averaged about 35, with the best Sunday on December 2 when there were 48 for Sunday school and 42 for church. The service on Thanksgiving night was attended by 33 persons, and a nice offering was received for Salem Home.

HENRY A. LEWIS.

NEW PHILADELPHIA

The grounds around the church are improving greatly under the direction of a new grounds committee of which Fred Shutt is the chairman. The lawn has been completely reseeded, new shrubbery purchased, and the front walk widened.

The Thanksgiving service was held on Thanksgiving morning with ten per cent of the congregation present. Those present presented a worthy offering for Salem Home.

Attendants at morning services have been more encouraging, with an average of 224 for November, which is 40 more than for the same period last year.

Negotiations for a new organ are still going on, and it is hoped that we will arrive at a decision in order to have a permanent installation by Christmas.

The benevolence committee of the Auxiliary accompanies the pastor on a round of private communions for the sick and shut-in. Two afternoons were spent in this recently, and great appreciation was shown by those who were visited.

The beginners band made a good showing when they appeared before the adult Sunday school assembly on November 18.

The Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer presented a message here on College Prayer Day and the Rev. George G. Higgins preached on November 11 at the evening service. Favorable comments were heard on both messages.

HENRY A. LEWIS.

KERNERSVILLE

The 84th Anniversary Services of the congregation this year were especially important to us as we near the completion of our Christian Education Building. The Holy Communion, while observed in remembrance of the November 13 experience in our early church, was also a time for re-evaluating the work of our congregation in the past and looking forward to increasing service in the Lord’s work in the future.

Br. R. Gordon Spaugh, speaking on “My Ideal Church” in the Lovefeast Service, challenged the congregation to Christian ideals and practices that make for real service in the local church. The band had practiced regularly in the preceding weeks and presented a half hour of chorale music on the lawn of the church before this service.

Anniversary Sunday was also set by the Building Committee as a time for a special financial effort toward raising needed funds for our construction work. More than $2,200 was raised.

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which included current pledges as well as special gifts for the occasion.

The young people have begun to show the series of moving pictures on the Life of St. Paul and hope to keep on with the series in special Sunday night services.

The primary department of the Sunday school under the direction of Miss Eugenia Stafford, superintendent, presented Scripture passages of Thanksgiving and special music for our Thanksgiving Day Service. Offerings of food and cash were received for the Salem Home.

Nearly half of our Sunday school teachers attended the Provincial Leadership Training School at Salem College and were much enthused about the valuable instruction.

CLAYTON H. PERSONS.

CHRIST CHURCH

Increased attendance upon both Sunday services appear to be the direct result of our recent revival services and we are particularly grateful. Most of the special meetings in which our people have participated have been outside the local congregation. The Young People's Rally, Workers Lovefeast, and Leadership Training School claimed the interest in a goodly number. The Workers Conference was well attended and perhaps one of the best in recent years. Problems were faced candidly and solutions were sought with earnestness.

Thanksgiving does not arouse much excitement among our people but the offering brought in by the Sunday school children made a lovely display. The service on Thanksgiving morning was attended by 78 happy participants and those in addition to the usual group gathered on the previous evening for the regular midweek service.

The Youth Fellowship sponsored the presentation of the motion picture "To Every Creature" with unusually good results both informatively and through the offering. This group has asked the privilege of assuming responsibility for one Sunday evening service each month.

The congratulations and good wishes of the congregation are extended to Ruth Bostic and Monroe Angel who were united in marriage during the month.

Confined to hospitals have been and are Louise Chitty, Mrs. Earl Sappenfield, Mrs. A. W. Clodfelter, Mrs. Alton F. Pfaff, Hazel Holder, Mrs. Robert L. Johnson Sr., W. L. Tilley and Roy Holder.

SAMUEL J. TESCH.

CLEMONS

Again this year the four Clemmons churches joined forces for a union Thanksgiving service, this year at Fraternity Church of the Brethren. The fine fraternal spirit that prevails in the community was demonstrated by the fact that the service was held in the Church of the Brethren, the sermon was preached by the Baptist pastor, a prelude was played by the Moravian band, and many Methodists gave their support through their presence at the service and by singing in the combined choir.

A generous Thanksgiving offering of both food and money was received for the Salem Home on Sunday, November 18.

Two more of our young men have been called into the armed forces. John Green and Jack Holton both left on November 28. We now have three men serving overseas. Pfc. Loyd G. Holton in Greece, Sgt. Richard Hampton in Korea, and Cpl. Sanford Stimpson in the European theatre.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Armando Fulton who became the parents of a son, Robert Daniel, on November 27.

A delicious ham and turkey supper was served at the church by the Woman's Auxiliary on November 10.

The Church Board held its monthly meeting at the home of Felix Hege on November 9.

HERBERT WEBER.

MIZPAH

The young people of our congregation had a busy month during November. Their activities included the Fall Rally of the Southern Moravian Young People's Union at the Home Church, a Thanksgiving banquet and social event at the church, and several joint meetings at Mizpah with the youth fellowship from King. This large, active, and enthusiastic group is ably counselled by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Long, who give generously of their time and talent.

Our choir sang several selections from the new anthems and other numbers which they have been rehearsing each Sunday afternoon. Their rendition of "Accept Our Thanks!" proved a highlight of the first Thanksgiving service ever held in our church, which took place at 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Joe H. Gray spoke to the Woman's Auxiliary at their monthly meeting on November 21, in the home of Mrs. Hugh Shore. She gave an interesting account of her recent journey to Nicaragua where she visited her son, the Rev. Joe H. Gray Jr., and his wife.

We observed College Prayer Day at Mizpah on November 25, remembering Moravian College and Theological Seminary with special prayer and interest. Our guest preacher for the morning was Br. Arthur J. Freeman, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, who is now a senior at Moravian Theological Seminary, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

KING

Our Sunday school attendance reached an all-time high for the current year on two successive Sabbath mornings during November. But the rainy weather of the Sunday following caused the red line on our attendance chart to plummet to depths from which it has not yet fully risen. However, the work of Christian Education is currently re-

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carving more attention in our homes as the children are learning their parts for the Christmas program which is being prepared this year under the capable direction of Mrs. Paul Lewis.

The Church Board spent long and diligent hours in two important sessions during the week of November 4. As a result of careful and faithful consideration of the congregation's long-standing plans for building additional rooms, an executive committee of 14 members was appointed to conduct a building fund campaign during the months of December and January. Br. Joe E. Stone, Jr., is serving as General Chairman of this effort now in progress. Br. C. Ashby White was named chairman of the congregation division, and Br. R. Holt-Gentry, chairman of the community division. Br. S. Paul Meadows and Mrs. Joe E. Stone, Jr., are laboring together as co-chairmen of the special gifts division. Mrs. I. A. Booe accepted the post of campaign secretary, and Miss Maxine Meadows is making the financial reports as campaign treasurer.

A special offering for the distressed hurricane sufferers of our Moravian Church in Jamaica was received during the month at several services.

On Saturday, October 13, the pastor assisted his predecessor, Br. J. Calvin Barnes, in the marriage of Sr. Annie Ruth Alley, a member of this congregation, to Mr. Marvin Gray Kirby of Pineville.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

FRIES MEMORIAL

Our "Christmas in October" service brought more than 425 pounds of food and clothing to be sent to Moravian brethren in Europe. In addition, the service itself was a heart-warming experience for us all.

Our new parsonage was bought the last week in October. This forward step has met with enthusiasm and interest both within and outside the congregation. On the second Sunday in November the beginning of our drive of ten months to raise extra cash on this project brought more than $3,000.00 in one service. Since that time the total has been slowly climbing so that by the time we have possession of the house in the spring of next year we may be raised, as we expect, a considerable amount to help reduce the indebtedness on the house. Contributions are being sent to C. B. Kane, treasurer of the parsonage fund, in care of the church address. We reason that every dollar given now means nearly two dollars in terms of a mortgage, so we attempt to do as much as possible before it is necessary to borrow.

Sunday school attendances have thus far reached a high for the fall of 1951. Church attendances, according to report, have been above average for the season. Six new members have already been received. Eight more are in prospect in the immediate future.

The Men's Bible Class has covered the floor of its classroom with new asphalt tile, doing the work itself. Next project is to do the same for the basement hallway and the Ladies' Bible classrooms.

The Scout Troop, under the leadership of Br. Chas. Morgan, is in process of re-registering. Two Girl Scout troops now meet with us each week.

Large registration and attendance upon the Leadership Training School bespeaks greater interest in the teaching work of our Sunday school. This is fulfillment of a great need.

E. T. MICKEY JR.

FULP

November 11 was observed as anniversary Sunday. A new oil circulator was used this Sunday for the first time. At the 11:00 service, Holy Communion was administered. The following were received into the church: Roland Jones, Thelma Hartsell, Diane P., and Jerry Fulp. A band prelude was rendered by the New Philadelphia band at 2:30 with lovefeast at 3:00. Br. H. B. Johnson was the speaker. This was the fifty-eighth anniversary as the congregation was organized on November 11, 1893.

Mr. and Mrs. Ziglar and family arrived in the Fulp community on November 13, having come here from Alexisdorf. We welcome this newly arrived Moravian family from Germany into our fellowship.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD JR.

RURAL HALL

A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Flake Terry on November 6 for the pastor and his wife who were married on October 26. The reception was sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary and was very well attended by members and friends.

A community Thanksgiving service was held on November 21 in the church with the Rev. J. I. Dial, pastor of the Rural Hall Church of Christ, as guest preacher. The front of the church had been decorated very attractively with the offering of foodstuffs for the Salem Home by Mrs. W. E. Stauber, assisted by Phillip Covington.

The church now has a new vacuum cleaner which is to be used jointly by church and parsonage apartment.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD JR.

LEAKSVILLE

November was a very good month in our work. In addition to the regular activities there were several things of special interest. The young people of the church rendered a fine play at the first Sunday evening service entitled, "There Was a Certain Man Who Had Two Sons." An offering was received at this service for their mission work.

Br. and Sr. George R. Heath, retired missionaries, spent Sunday, November 18, with us and brought several interesting messages on Moravian mission work. The entire Sunday school attendance was divided into two groups and Mrs. Heath
spoke to the children and Br. Heath spoke to the young people and adults. Br. Heath also brought the message at the 11 o'clock service. The evening service was sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary with Mrs. Heath giving the main talk. Br. Heath also gave a brief message.

A Thanksgiving service was held on Wednesday evening, November 21, at which time the pastor spoke and a cash offering was received for the Salem Home.

The monthly meeting of the Church Board was held at the home of Br. Kermit R. Martin. Circle one of the Woman's Auxiliary met with Mrs. W. K. Frith, and circle two held its meeting with Margarette Kirks. The Good Fellowship Class of the Sunday school met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fagge. Mrs. Roscoe Richardson entertained the Women's Bible Class in its monthly business meeting. Several of the Sunday school teachers and officers met in the home of Br. and Sr. J. H. Stevens to make some plans for the Christmas programs of the Sunday school.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ.

TRINITY

We welcome as new members of the church Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Williams. Mrs. Williams was formerly a member of the Lutheran Church in Wiesbaden, Germany.

The Organ Guild met at Trinity. Our organist, Timothy Cahill, contributed several numbers to the program.

Rabbi Herman spoke at a session of the Men's Class.

We are grateful to the Rev. William E. Spaugh for his assistance in administering the Holy Communion.

Boy Scouts had Parent's Night. Scoutmaster Herbert H. Foltz arranged an interesting program presented enthusiastically by the Scouts.

Thanksgiving service brought a generous offering of food for the Salem Home. An appropriate travel film was supplied by the Norfolk & Western Railway.

Pastor and family enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with the William D. Fishel family and kinfolk.

The Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer preached for us on Salem College Day. An offering was received for the Salem College scholarship fund.

On November 26 the pastor and the Rev. Geo. R. Heath attended a home prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Ollie Ward. The meeting was sponsored by St. Philips Church.

Mrs. Henry Taylor, our faithful secretary, has been out of office for a week on account of illness.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS.

PROVIDENCE

The 71st anniversary service of the church was held Sunday, November 18, with Bishop J. K. Pfohl bringing a helpful morning message at 11 o'clock and Bishop H. E. Rondthaler delivering a fine meditation at the evening lovefeast at 7:30 o'clock.

The Thanksgiving service was held Sunday, November 25 at the morning hour. The Auxiliary made a unique decoration for the occasion around which the offering of food and money for Salem Home were placed. The ladies also gave the church its regular fall cleaning in preparation for these two main events.

The old house owned by and adjacent to the church was sold at auction Saturday, November 10. This building is to be torn down by the end of the year in preparation for the erection of a parsonage which is planned for this spring.

We are glad to see that Mrs. Josephine McGee is recovering from a very serious and unusual heart operation. We also rejoice that Mr. Edward Phelps is much improved in health and has returned from Duke Hospital.

Our congratulations are extended to Joe and Mildred Grubbs Crews, board member and pianist, who are proud parents of a baby boy.

JOHN H. KAPP.

OAK GROVE

A very successful series of evangelistic services were held from November 4 to 11 with Br. Henry A. Lewis bringing challenging and helpful messages. There were a number of reconsecrations and professions of faith. This was the first series of evangelistic services in the new church plant.

On Sunday, November 18, eighteen were received into the church. They were Larry Wayne Whicker, Gary William Marshall, William Anthony Barkley, Rex Allen Whicker, Betty Lou Seivers, Janice Elaine Sell, Earlene Jeanette Idol, Nancy Belle Elliott, and Jamesthurmond Marshall by Adult Baptism; Charles Bungarner Church, Nancy Sue Davis, Burns William Sell, James Ronald Pegg, and Kenneth Sherman Lewis by Confirmation; Mickey Sue Dowell by reaffirmation of faith; Mrs. Juanita Martin Fulp and Mr. and Mrs. Connie Permania Disher, Jr., by transfer.

The Thanksgiving lovefeast was held Thanksgiving morning at 7 o'clock with 117 people present. A good amount of food and money was brought for Salem Home.

The church was host to the Building and Expansion Program meeting held November 29.

JOHN H. KAPP.

MAYODAN

Thanksgiving Day and the celebration of our congregation's fifty-fifth anniversary were the important events for us in the month of November and both were observed with marked blessing.

For the second year, a community-wide Thanksgiving service was held for Madison and Mayodan on the night before Thanksgiving Day. Our Ministers' Association has been trying to bring the two towns closer together through this and other efforts. Service this year was held in the Mayodan school auditorium with all of the eight ministers of both towns having a part in the service. Both high school choirs supported the service. Both high school choirs sang with beautiful harmonious music. Attendance reached 500 and an offering of $87 was received for the Church World Service Fund. The Thanksgiving message was brought by Rev. James E. Ratcliff, Presbyterian pastor.

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in Madison. The Moravian pastor presided as President of the Madison-Mayodan Ministers' Association.

Our own Thanksgiving offering, amounting to $26.83, was gathered on the previous Sunday night.

Our anniversary celebration on November 25 took a strange but effective turn. In the Sunday school hour, the superintendent felt led to call for testimonies on what the Moravian Church has meant in the life of the members. A touching twenty minutes ensued when a number of members spoke. In the eleven o'clock service, the largest attendance in the present pastorate was recorded for the Holy Communion. In the lovefeast service at three o'clock, Bishop H.R. Rondthaler was to be the special speaker but when he did not appear, the pastor spoke a few words and again called for testimonies. The strange turn of events throughout the day left a warm spirit in our midst and we felt that the anniversary had been a blessing.

In the second week of the month, the pastor joined with others in assisting the Y. M. C. A. to conduct the week of prayer for the school children. Daily for one week, 287 boys and girls gathered voluntarily before school hours for prayer services. We wish there were more opportunities for such work with the young.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER.

FAIRVIEW

The influence and results of Christian missions were vividly described by Mr. John W. Clay, a local printer and Sunday school teacher, and himself a former missionary, who spoke to the local Missionary Chapter of his recent trip to various Methodist mission stations in Brazil. This meeting was held on the last Thursday at the home of Mrs. M. M. Morgan.

Additional evidence of increasing mission interest is the recent effort on the part of the Sunday evening young adult group which cleared $450.00 for the purchase of a precision lathe for Dr. David Thaeler. This same interest also took hold of the Claire V. Warren and the Blum Memorial classes and prompted them and a few interested friends to purchase for missionary Robert Lobst a new standard typewriter. Finally, the local Missionary Chapter recently mailed $500.00 to Missionary Werner Marx to assist in the establishment of the Awas Clinic in Honduras. These items are in excess of the amounts requested by the Missions Board and contained in the budget.

Renovations continue with the beginners department room and the kitchen as the latest additions. The latter was repainted, equipment removed, repaired, and cleaned, and an asphalt tile flooring laid at total cost of $43.00. We deeply appreciate the labors of the brethren who made possible this additional saving.

A cordial welcome is extended the following who were united with our congregation during the past month: Mr. and Mrs. James G. Regan, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Taylor, and daughter, Jennifer, Mr. and Mrs. George Reece and son, Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Joyce and daughter, Judy.

HOWARD CHADWICK.

KONNOAK HILLS

The Women of the Church had an enjoyable time on December 3. It was time for the annual candle-trimming. After a fine meal and time of fellowship, carols were sung and then the real business of the evening was undertaken. As candles were trimmed the ladies listened to an informal presentation of Moravian customs given by Mrs. Howard Reigel.

Our congregation and the entire community are receiving a special blessing in the hearing of carillon bells as played by the Church. The system was presented by Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Swaim in memory of their daughter, Barbara.

Christmas services were of special blessing here as they are in all congregations during this beautiful and meaningful season. The senior choir presented a program on December 16. The Sunday school program was held on the evening of December 23, with the Christmas lovefeast and Candlelight Service being held on December 24. The Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer was our special speaker for this traditional service.

A committee from our Christian Education Board is to present a plan to the trustees of the church for proposed development of upstairs space in the Christian Education wing. Definite need has shown itself for such expansion.

JOHN GOZERUD.

HOME CHURCH

The 180th Anniversary brought to our pulpit the Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer for the morning sermon and the Rev. Waldemar Reigel for the Anniversary Lovefeast. We were grateful for the service of their combined talents in making the day deeply meaningful for two large congregations. Br. Reigel, member of the Provincial Elders Conference and Head of the Educational System in our German Moravian Church, Western District, was in the province to study our Moravian educational institutions.

The Season of Advent has opened with the singing of “Hosannas” and the busy preparations for Christmas. Rehearsals of three choirs, the Sunday school and the Salem College Choral Ensemble are constant reminders of coming events. December 9 is set for the Vesper of Christmas Music by the choir and the Ensemble. Plans for four Christmas Eve Lovefeasts have several hundred people making ready the many details.

The Candle Tea, sponsored by the Woman’s Auxiliary and extended to four days, has crowded the Brother’s House hour by hour. Attendance reached an all time high of 5,382.

Members of the Religious Drama Club presented their Christmas production on December 16. Adapted and directed by Mrs. Stella Price Perry, the play is called “The Birthday of The King”. Christmas meetings of the various classes and the Men of the Church combine to fill the nights.

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with caroling and the celebration of the season. Dr. Ralph Brimley, superintendent of the Forsyth County Schools has been scheduled along with the Moravian Ministers Quartette for the men's supper.

We anticipate with pleasure the visit of many of our non-resident members before these happy days are past.

R. GORDON SPAUGH
JAMES C. HUGHES

UNION CROSS

We wish to thank the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tucker for the wonderful improvements on the graveyard. The paved driveway from the church and the walls makes a real improvement to the appearance of our Church grounds.

Our parsonage is still going towards the finish. We are expecting to have it plastered by Christmas.

Our Auxiliary met at the church November 9. Mrs. Blain and Mrs. Noble Tucker were joint hostesses.

On November 25 we were very happy to have with us Br. E. A. Holton. We are always glad to have him visit us and we enjoy the fine message that he brings.

Our Thanksgiving offering of food went to the Salem Home. Our cash offering to the building fund for the parsonage amounted to over $1,000. We thank those who made this offering possible.

G. E. BREWER.

FRIEDLAND

Dr. Algie Newlin of Guilford College was the speaker for the senior young people’s Armistice Day service at 7:30. He spoke on “Foundations of World Peace”. He serves through the Friends Service Committee of Greensboro.

Dr. William Locke of High Point College was our guest for the Thanksgiving Service Wednesday at 7:30. He is a Methodist minister and professor of religion at High Point. The junior and senior choirs added to the beauty of the service. The excellent decorations were placed by Br. Clifton Sapp and his son, Cliffy.

Th First Sunday in Advent service was of particular spiritual uplift to many of our members. The Junior and senior choirs were excellent in presenting the Hosanna chorus. It was a day of real joy and happiness. Members expressed reluctance to see the service come to a close. 248 persons were present.

The Bible Study was concluded December 5 until after Christmas. At this service the group presented the minister an early Christmas gift—a new hat. The first time we have heard of a mid-week group doing this. The parson was really surprised and deeply grateful.

Members who have been ill: Brn. B. L. Stewart, C. E. Hastings, Richard Reed, Colene and Bobbie Hine. Mrs. Ralph Woosley is at home after a major operation. Br. Marvin Ferguson has been critically ill. Although physicians gave little hope for his recovery, prayers of loved ones and friends continued. He is making encouraging improvement. “Bless the Lord, O my soul, who healeth all thy diseases”.

It has been a joy to the congregation to welcome home Charles Reid after many months in the Pacific with the Navy. Bobby Weavil has arrived in Tokyo. Lawrence Weavil is able to be

with us each week-end from his Army Camp.

O. E. STIMPSON

ENTERPRISE

The Woman’s Auxiliary met at the church on Monday night, November 5. Mrs. Archie Jones and Mrs. Cliff Padgett were joint hostesses at this meeting.

The church committee held its regular monthly meeting on the first Monday night and plans were discussed for the painting of the church roof, as well as the purchase of a new pump for the well at the parsonage.

The young people completed their calendar project and we are happy to report that the members of the church responded almost 100%. On Sunday night, November 11, the services were conducted by the young people at which time a motion picture was shown in connection with their mission project.

The Thanksgiving service was observed on Sunday morning, November 18. A special offering was taken at this service and donations of produce were brought in by the members.

In cooperation with the other churches in the community, a special sermon was rendered on Sunday night, November 25, concerning Family Life in the Church and the Community. This sermon was in connection with the erection of a community building which is being sponsored by the Arcadia Grange and Home Demonstration Club.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Otis Hartman on the birth of a daughter, Belinda Virginia, on November 28.

ARCHIE JONES.

WACHOVIA ARBOR

Holy Communion was observed on World Communion Sunday and the following received by adult baptism: Misses Peggy Marie Bumpgardner and Jewel Gayle Bumpgardner.

The Rev. George Bruner, former pastor of the congregation, conducted a week’s evangelistic services beginning on October 28, and concluding on November 4. His messages were well received and attendance most gratifying. Bro. Bruner brought the Anniversary message on the occasion of the 58th anniversary of the congregation also observed on November 4. It was noted at this service that seven of the thirty-two charter members were still living and four were present at the Lovefeast.

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Men of the Church have been busy in recent weeks beautifying the church lawn. A committee has been appointed to formulate rules and regulations regarding the church graveyard and to render service in its beautification.

K. EDMIN FUSSELL

BAPTISMS

Jones, Deborah Leigh, infant daughter of James R. and Emma Jean m. n. Smith Jones, was born June 19, 1951, in Winston-Salem, and was baptized on October 14, 1951, at Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Rider, Sally Kirk, infant daughter of John S. and Jacqueline m. n. Peddicord Rider, was born June 8, 1951, in Winston-Salem, and was baptized on October 14, 1951, at Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Piner, Molly Stockton, infant daughter of William H. and Jean m. n. Stockton Piner, was born November 24, 1950, in Durham, N. C., and was baptized on October 28, 1951, at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Fulp, John Cabell, infant son of W. Marshall and Martha m. n. Bullock Fulp, was born August 19, 1951, in Winston-Salem, and was baptized November 4, 1951, at Home Moravian Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Vogler, John Mosby, son of F. Eugene and Forrest m. n. Mosby Vogler, was born October 5, 1949, in Winston-Salem, N. C., and was baptized November 4, 1951, at Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Vogler, Joseph Branner, infant son of F. Eugene and Forrest m. n. Mosby Vogler, was born December 10, 1950, in Winston-Salem, N. C., and was baptized November 4, 1951, at Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Whitsett, Kathy Jo, infant daughter of Alfred and Margaret m. n. Parks Whitsett, was born October 13, 1951, in Winston-Salem, N. C., at the home of the parents on October 25, 1951, by the Rev. Vernon E. Daetwyler.

Pepe, Rickey Roscoe, infant son of Raymond Curtis and Edith Maria m. n. Spach Pepe, was born September 1, 1951, in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized in Advent Church on October 28, 1951, by the Rev. Vernon E. Daetwyler.

Daetwyler, Deborah Ruth, infant daughter of Vernon E. and Ruth m. n. Longaberger Daetwyler, was born October 10, 1951, in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized in Advent Church on December 9, 1951, by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl.

Dowdy, Patricia Earline, daughter of D. Warren and Ola Mae m. n. Sands Dowdy, was born February 17, 1951, in Mount Airy, N. C., baptized October 7, 1951, at Grace Church, Mount Airy, N. C., by the Rev. Herbert B. Johnson.

Marshall, James Michael, son of William and Alpha m. n. Thompson Marshall, was born September 22, 1951, in Mount Airy, N. C., baptized November 11, 1951, in Grace Church, Mount Airy, N. C., by the Rev. Herbert B. Johnson.

Simmons, Randall Curtis, son of J. Curtis, and Nellie m. n. Bowman Simmons, was born September 24, 1951, in Mount Airy, N. C., baptized November 11, 1951, in Grace Church, Mount Airy, by the Rev. Herbert B. Johnson.

Allen, Richard Timotho, son of Richard William and Lois Jeanine m. n. Allen Shaw, was born March 21, 1951, in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized at Trinity Church November 4, 1951, by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Reece, Randall Frank, son of George Frank and Mary Helen m. n. Higdon Reece, was born July 12, 1951, Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized December 2, 1951, at Fairview by the Rev. Howard Chadwick.

Kimel, Joan Dale, daughter of Jacob Daniel and Nell m. n. Davis Kimel, was born January 22, 1951, Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized December 2, 1951, at Fairview by the Rev. Howard Chadwick.

Spahn, Nancy Olivia, daughter of James Evander and Marietta m. n. Brewer Spahnour, was born August 21, 1951, Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized December 2, 1951, at Fairview by the Rev. Howard Chadwick.

DEATHS

Duggins, Eunice E. m. n. Long, daughter of John W. and Mary Lee m. n. Fulp Duggins, was born February 22, 1894, Forsyth County, died October 30, 1951, burial in Salem Graveyard.

Vest, William Luther, son of Lewis M. and Mary Jane m. n. Schuebee Vest, was born November 8, 1873, Forsyth County, died November 7, 1951, burial in Salem Graveyard.

Lopez, Patricia Romana, was born November 25, 1951, and died the same day. Daughter of A. V. and Evelyn m. n. Rothrock Lopez. Graveside service and interment at New Philadelphia by the Rev. Henry A. Lewis, pastor.

Frazier, Herbert D., was born October 5, 1869, in Smithfield, N. C., died October 31, 1951, at Winston-Salem, N. C. Funeral service was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh and Bishop Howard Rondthaler. Interment in Moravian Graveyard. A member of Home Church.

Walker, Mrs. Helen F., wife of Ralph T., was born October 24, 1892, at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, died November 11, 1951, at Winston-Salem, N. C. Funeral service was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. Interment in Moravian Graveyard. A member of Home Church.

Anspaugh, William Terry, was born November 30, 1951, member of Calvary Moravian Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. John W. Fulton. Interment in New Philadelphia Moravian Graveyard.

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Lake Mills.

Southerns Settle Hope

The home missionary movement of the 1850's was preceded and followed by another type of church expansion. As new lands opened up in the west, Moravian settlers pushed toward the setting sun and the church followed the migrating people.

The first example of this was the establishment of the Hope, Indiana, congregation which was actually the work of the Southern rather than the Northern Province. A number of Moravians from Friedland had gone to Indiana between 1815 and 1830. Among them was energetic Martin Hauser, who did not rest until he had secured permission from the Bethlehem authorities to support a church at the new Indiana settlement.

Once he had seen the congregation and settlement at Hope established, Hauser pushed on to West Salem, Illinois, where Adam Hedrick, a native of Salem, had staked a claim in the northern part of Edwards County. Here in 1844 Hauser organized a congregation in Peter Hinkle's barn. Other settlers from Carolina journeyed to Iowa to plant the church at Moravia and Graceland.

Similar westward migration movements connect the congregations of Hope Dale, Pennsylvania—Philadelphia; Zaoz and Lima, Minnesota—and Aurora, North Dakota; also Ebenezer, Wisconsin—Winona County, Minnesota—and Cass County, North Dakota. As the people migrated and found new roots.

As Far as The Pacific

Canada became the center of attention about the turn of the century. Scores of emigrants from Europe were flooding the new agricultural domain opening up in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Among them were Moravian Diaspora Brethren from Poland and Russia. In 1896 a young seminary graduate, Clement Hoyler (now Bishop), was sent as home missionary to work this field and serve the two congregations of Bruderheim and Bruderfeld that had been organized without a pastor the year before.

In a few short years Moravian churches sprang up in many of the new Canadian settlements. The arm of the church reached as far as the Pacific coast with the establishment of a congregation in Vancouver, B. C., in 1938. However, most of the present churches are centered around the city of Edmonton, Alberta.

Suburban Areas Challenge

The latest growth of the Northern Province has come in the community church movement of the last few years. Suburban areas now seem to present the greatest challenge to church extension. The Western District has seen the establishment of churches in the growing sections of Madison, Wisconsin, and Fargo, North Dakota. And the Eastern District has centered its church extension in communities around Bethlehem: Calvary and Midway Manor in Allentown, Palmer Township in Easton, and Mountaintop in Halterton.

Two isolated areas do not figure in these larger home mission movements: Ohio and Central Wisconsin. The Ohio churches were established as the result of the Indian missionary activity of Zeisberger and Heckewelder at Schoenbrunn and Gnadenhutten. The church at the paper-mill city of Wisconsin Rapids are the result of the initial efforts of Christian Madsen, who went there in 1888 to begin his endeavors among the Scandinavian brethren in the community.

A little more than two centuries after the first boatload of Moravians landed at Savannah, Georgia, the Northern Province can boast of near 30,000 members and 108 churches. This is not astounding growth numerically. Yet it is astounding geographically. Churches are scattered from New York City to Vancouver, British Columbia, and Moravian roots have been planted deep into many soils.
Memorabilia For The Year 1951

By BISHOP J. KENNETH PFONL, D.D.

The spirit of our Christian Faith is the spirit of optimism and assurance. Though the way we follow may lead through fog and night, it points us to a gleaming star whose light no darkness can put out. Though the sea we sail may be storm and tempest tossed it bids us be calm andtrustful. And though wars of man's happenings which have assured us that to the spirit of low hatred may come to threaten and harrass us, it points us to the spirit of love and good will the victory shall at length be given.

The secret is well stated in the gospel song of Joseph Gilmore, which might well be called, "The Song of the Trusting Soul":

"He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Where'er I go, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me."

Nor think for a moment that God, who cares for and guides those who follow Him in trust and hope, is unmindful of the larger issues of life or ignorant of the affairs of the nations and the cause of truth and right in all the earth. James Russell Lowell's vision of Him, and His Superintending Providence over the world of His creation, is as true today as it has been for all the centuries gone:

"Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
But that truth shall sway the sceptre;
For behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch about His own."

Only as we are fortified by such faith, are we able to evaluate aright the lessons of the year now ending and be prepared for the experiences of the new cycle of time upon which, by the mercy of God, we are permitted to enter.

Let it be understood that THE THESIS OF A MORAVIAN MEMORABILIA is not the presentation of all the leading events in the political life of the nations and their effect on the welfare of mankind. That is the privilege of the historian. It is not the listing of all those happenings which have called forth the widest interest of the people and therefore are to be classified as "outstanding news items." That is the service of the news reporter.

The Memorabilia's interest centers in the Christian Church and its efforts during another year of grace to further the cause of Christ, to win souls for the Kingdom, and to promote the Christian Way of Life in all the world, bringing to all people the opportunities and blessings purposed for them through Christ and to hasten the return of our Lord to reign and rule in righteousness.

The world of 1951, whether in its wider areas or in America itself, has been

A TENSE AND RESTLESS WORLD,
ever expectant, yet not knowing what would be on the morrow. The seething unrest of the peoples of the Far East has gone on unabated, encouraged by the relentless conflict of Communism against Christianity. The cold war in Korea followed its weary course of 1950 to the very end of the year, and at a more fearful cost in human life and dollar reckoning than any declared war of equal length of time or forces in action. The rearmament program and defense provision, while it greatly increased employment and sped the wheels of industry to full production, called our young men also into the draft with the disquieting result of home anxiety and the disruption of life plans of a generation of our young manhood. It was a year of abundant harvest, the third largest in the history of the nation and the rewards of labor were so bountiful that our people had enough and to spare.

But, alas, many were forgetful of God, the bounteous giver, and the country, in cities and rural areas, established the worst crime record America has ever known.

It has been

A YEAR OF MOUNTING CRIME.

Concerning it, J. Edgar Hoover, F. B. I. chief, has said, "During the first six months of the year, crime jumped 5.1% in the cities and 4% in rural areas, compared with the same period in 1950. And juvenile delinquency advanced 15.2% in the same length of time."

But more shocking still to the American people were the recent revelations of dishonesty, corruption and malfeasance in office of many trusted officials of the Administration.

All of which sums up in the statement recently made by a great Christian leader, that, "Never before, through all the centuries, have anti-Christian forces been mobilized and organized as they are today. But more subtle than open hostility and equally ominous have been the paralyzing influence of secularism and materialism which are eating at the heart of our spiritual life."

Operating in the wider area and calling loudly for service that might bring about understanding and accord, has been

THE UNITED NATIONS
organized in San Francisco, October 24, 1945. Though not strictly speaking a Christian organization, it embodies many of the principles taught and exemplified by Jesus Christ and has become a vital force in helping to stabilize the international situation and to furnish a forum where its 60 nations' representatives may gain a hearing for their views and problems.

The observance of the sixth anniversary of this organization which opened in San Francisco on the date of its founding gave striking evidence of its wide reach and influence. "There was not a corner of the globe," we are told, "where citizens were not thinking in an international manner," and services were held in every land whose government had membership in the organization, excepting Russia and her satellite nations. Jews, Mohammedans, Buddhists and those of other faiths participated.

In enumerating some of the services rendered and being rendered, our able U. S. representative, Ambassador Warren R. Austin, tells of a million (Continued on Page 9)
PROVINCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEINLICK RECEIVES DEGREE

The Rev. John R. Weinlick, Professor of the S. Morgan Smith and Emma Fah Smith chair of Historical Theology at Moravian Theological Seminary, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Columbia University.

Dr. Weinlick’s thesis “The Moravian Diaspora” was written largely from information uncovered in the Moravian Building. The paper deals with the history and impact of that phase of the church’s work which though better known in Europe was largely responsible for the growth of the Canadian and Western Districts in America.

Dr. Weinlick graduated from Moravian College in 1931, Moravian Theological Seminary in 1934, received a Master of Arts in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin in 1939, and served pasto­rates in Madison, Wisc., and the Fairview Church of Winston-Salem, N. C.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

A General Meeting was held on December 13th: We have been informed on behalf of the executor, that the late Mrs. Pauline DeBrecht, of Vancouver, B.C., bequeathed a ninth of her estate to Moravian missionary causes. Her will designates that one-half of this gift shall go to the Alaska mission, one-half to the new High School in Bluefields. The Church very gratefully acknowledges this act and the loving concern for the fulfillment of our Lord’s Commission which prompted it.

The Marriage Commissioner. Mr. Michael wrote on December 13th: “Four teams from Goodnews arrived in Quinagak yesterday, bringing two bridal couples and a few others, who are on a Gospel team trip as far as Esk. They conducted services here last night, on which occasion the two couples were married. Fortunately for them they do not have to go all the way to Bethel, as I am appointed a Marriage Commissioner and can issue a license right here. It is hard for our people to comply with marriage laws when so long a trip is involved just to procure a license.”

Christmas in Our Indian Mission. Dr. Ortner reports that the Christmas Vigil service was planned for the evening of December 23 on the Moronoro Reservation, California, this year. Br. Meek was to be the speaker and to use slides to illustrate the Christmas story. The service was to have been marked by the presence of an Indian veteran from Korea, who was seriously wounded in the struggle. Various King’s Daughters’ circles in the Northern Province had again donated clothing and toys for all the children, to brighten the celebration of Christmas.

Thieves at La Luz. It has been reported that thieves entered the mission house at La Luz, Nicaragua, during a church service shortly before Christmas and stole a sum of money. Most of the money represented amounts brought to the mission by Indian laborers in the mines for him to forward to their families in their home villages. The La Luz congregation plans to replace somewhat more than half of the total amount lost in this way.

Teachers for Labrador. The desperate need for teachers in our Labrador mission is being providentially met. The December issue of Moravian Missions reports this news: “August 27th was a red-letter day in the history of the Moravian Mission in Labrador, for on that day Beatrice Tabo Ford joined our mission staff as a fully trained teacher. She was born in Nain on April 1, 1932. Her mother was of mixed Eskimo and white parents, her father a settler. She was trained in Nain and also in the Grenfell Mission School at North-West River; later she attended Newfoundland University. After completing her course there she obtained work for the summer as a nurse’s aide at the Orthopaedic Hospital in St. John’s, Newfoundland.”

Further word has reached Bethlehem that two German Moravian sisters have volunteered to be accepted by the British Board as teachers in our Labrador mission.

“It is an Ill Wind.” “It was a great surprise to Dr. Driver, of our Tibetan Mission, when she visited Nuba to carry out operations on the eyes of about eighteen patients and to deal with many other patients as well, to learn that all expenses of the journey were paid by the patients and every medicine supplied was paid for too. The explanation lies in the fact that ever since the military arrival, local farmers have made money carrying military stores, and so the unusual generosity of the people is explained. In former days the people of Nuba were unable to afford the long journey to Leh, and for this reason the medical tour was planned.”

A Step Nearer the Goal. Dr. Samuel Marx, writing on December 10, reports that the Medical Faculty of the University of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, passed him that day. In the morning a jury of three examined Brother Marx in clinical subjects and in the afternoon this jury with the Dean and the Secretary of the faculty held an examination in theory. Dr. Marx must still present a thesis and fulfill certain other requirements. He expects however to receive his license to practice in Honduras by the middle of January.

Call to Mission Service. Br. Lorenz W. Adam of Edmonton, Canada, a Senior Theologe in Moravian Theological Seminary, has received and accepted a call to service in our mission field in Nicaragua, Central America. Br. Adam plans to leave for his new field of service in September.

KENNETH G. HAMILTON,
Executive Officer.

MISSION ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

NOVEMBER 30, 1951

Support of Gn. Bahn, Nicaragua:
Miss Elaine Tesh.......................... $ 46.00
College Moravo, Nicaragua (New Building)
Offering.................................. $ 141.75
From Bethania............................ 19.29
The Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Spaugh.............. 100.00
U. S. Soldiers in Germany................ 24.70
Total ....................................... $ 285.74

Salary, the Rev. Ferdinand DeBrecht,
Alaska:
From Trinity................................ $ 400.00
Foreign Missions—General:
From Oak Grove.......................... $ 26.25
Support of Galath, Nicaragua:.............. $ 15.00
From a Friend................................ $ 15.00
Salary, the Rev. Joe H. Gray, Nicaragua:
From Calvary................................ $ 167.00
Support of Students—College Moravo,
Nicaragua:
Miss Mary Louise Shore................... $ 25.00
Circle No. 8—Home Church................. 18.00
Total ....................................... $ 43.00
Nicaragua Hospital:
Mrs. Lida Lye ............................. $ 50.00
New Mission Money:
From Mount Airy.......................... $ 75.00

From Friedland.......................... $ 15.00
From Rose Chapel........................ $ 100.00
From Calvary............................. 33.00
From Bethesda........................... 5.00
Nurse’s Salary, Nicaragua:
Provincial Woman’s Board................ $ 228.00
Nicaragua:Alaska—Honduras:
From Greensboro........................ $ 286.00
From Friedland.......................... 21.40
From Wachovia Arbor...................... 30.00
From Bethesda........................... 13.00
From Calvary............................. 47.00
Total ....................................... $ 397.40
Retired Missionaries:
From Greensboro........................ $ 25.00
From Friedland.......................... 7.00
From Calvary............................. 34.00
From Bethesda........................... 2.00
From Calvary............................. 33.00
Total ....................................... $ 101.00

Schwalbe Memorial Chapel Fund:
Home Church Auxiliary................... $ 50.00
From Bethania............................ 129.00
From Wachovia Arbor...................... 8.00
From Fulg................................. 2.00
Mrs. Rufus A. Shore ....................... 10.00
Total ....................................... $ 199.00
Support of Daniel Webb, Nicaragua:
From Friedland........................... $ 15.00
Total ....................................... $2,473.39

E. L. STOCKTON, Treasurer.

IOBS WILL ARRIVE IN FEBRUARY

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Iobst will be in Winston-Salem from February 24 to Easter. The obsts are on furlough from the mission field of Nicaragua. Mrs. Iobst is the former Helen Stouffer from the Mayodan congregation.

Rev. and Sr. Iobst will be available for speaking engagements for churches and church groups during their stay in the Southern Province. Arrangements for dates will be arranged through the Rev. S. J. Tesch, president of the Provincial Mission Board.

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Unity Undertakings

Walter H. Allen, Jr.

The primary children of the Home Church have made life much happier for the boys and girls under the charge of Miss Hilda Gysin at her refugee school in North Tract, England. Their $50 contribution to the Church was raised by the students in keeping with the occasion. The prayer was distributed at the conclusion of the service to the Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Singing of the Christmas narrative from the Scriptures. A part of the service included the lighting of the large Advent candle and the Advent Star, both of which were lighted for all subsequent services during the Christmas season.

Paul A. Snider.

CLEMMONS

The Christmas observance seemed to have a richer meaning in our church this year. In addition to the Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service there were other services. Something new for us was the Advent Lovefeast which was held Sunday night, December 9. This was a service devoted exclusively to the music of Advent and Christmas and the reading of the Christmas narrative from the Scriptures. A part of the service included the lighting of the large Advent Candle and the Advent Star, both of which were lighted for all subsequent services during the Christmas season.

Sincere best wishes for lives of happiness to those participating in the service were Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. McGee, Lawrence Mc Gee, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pfohl, members of Home Moravian Church; Mrs. Edgar Blake, widow of a Methodist bishop; Miss Eleanor Dunbar and Miss Eleanor Stockton, former members of the Home Church; Mrs. H. C. Dunbar and Miss Eleanor Dunbar, Lutherans from Damascus, Virginia; Bruce and Christian Weber, members of Fairview Moravian Church; Mrs. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Hatt, Presbyterian in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

Christmas In Florida

By Christian D. Weber

A distance of seven hundred and fifty miles did not hinder the observance of the traditional Moravian Christmas Eve Candle Service in Deerfield Beach, Florida. The candles and lovefeast buns had been sent from Winston-Salem, and the odes were furnished by the Home Church.

The service had a truly interdenominational flavor. It was led by Miss Frances Knight, former superintendent of a Methodist orphanage in Michigan, who read the Christmas story and other readings in keeping with the occasion. The prayer was offered by Christian Weber, a Moravian ministerial student. Miss Eleanor Dunbar, a Lutheran from Roanoke College, sang the solo part to Morning Star. The whole group, including Presbyterian representatives, joined in the singing of the well-known carols.

For the Moravians present thoughts were turned homeward. For all present there was a new experience of Christ's entrance into the world. This small group of Christian worshippers will long remember and cherish their Christmas Eve Candle Service.

Those participating in the service were Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. McGee, Lawrence McGee, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pfohl, members of Home Moravian Church; Mrs. Edgar Blake, widow of a Methodist bishop; Miss Eleanor Dunbar and Miss Eleanor Stockton, former members of the Home Church; Mrs. H. C. Dunbar and Miss Eleanor Dunbar, Lutherans from Damascus, Virginia; Bruce and Christian Weber, members of Fairview Moravian Church; Mrs. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Hatt, Presbyterians in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

Reports From the Churches

KING

On Wednesday night, December 5, our congregation launched a building fund campaign to raise money for the erection of a new Christian Education building. More than thirty of our members who had been appointed workers for the fund drive attended the kick-off dinner, at which Br. Joe E. Stone, Jr., general chairman, presided. Bishop Pfohl and other members of the Financial Board of the Southern Province, including several laymen, honored us with their presence on the occasion and inspired us with the methods and motives as well as the enthusiasm and faith so necessary in every effort to expand the facilities and the program of our church.

WALTER H. ALLEN, JR.

CROOKED OAK

The annual Lovefeast and Candlelight service was held on Christmas Eve. The service was held early in the afternoon because of the conflict a later date would have had with the "feeding and milking." Consequently, when the lighted tapers were distributed at the conclusion of the service bright beams of sunlight caused the pastor to shade his eyes.

PAUL A. SNIDER.

MESSIAH

A Christmas play "A Wise Man From the West" was presented by the entire Messiah Sunday school under the direction of Mrs. Bruce Blowman, and drew a capacity crowd of 75 persons in our temporary quarters.

Our seven man church board has been officially installed and met with a committee from the Church Aid and Extension board this month to consider the purchase of a lot.

We have dedicated 102 copies of the regular Moravian hymnal and 50 copies of a Sunday school hymnal for use in our church.

HENRY A. LEWIS.

ADVENT

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FAIRVIEW Moravian Church, 103 Rivers Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.
during the last Sunday of the year. At the morning service Taylor Loflin, Moravian ministerial student from the Toccoa Falls Bible Institute, brought a helpful message. In the evening George Chidzie of the Moravian Theological Seminary brought some very practical ideas to the attention of the congregation. Norman Byerly, another ministerial student at Toccoa, also had a part in the service. During this service members of the congregation were invited to come forward, light a candle, and place it in one of two beautiful white crosses as a symbol of their consecration and their vow to serve the Lord in the new year.

Congratulations to Florence Snyder and Walter Holder, Jr., who were united in marriage by the pastor on December 22.

VERNON E. DAETWYLER.

NEW PHILADELPHIA
The purchase of the new organ and chimes was completed this month.
The Christmas program and Candle Service for the week-day school has grown from five children and a total attendance of nine to fifteen children and a total attendance of sixty in three years.
The Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer was guest preacher for our fifth annual Watchnight service on New Year’s Eve.
The pastor united Hobart Dull and Betty Myers in marriage at the home of Mrs. W. C. Clodfelter near Lewiscville on Christmas Eve.
HENRY A. LEWIS.

SUPPLY PASTOR
On the first Sunday in December we conducted the Advent lovefeast at Friedberg. This service was followed by the service of Holy Communion, with 199 partaking.
The ex-pastor was invited to come to Willow Hill for a church wedding on Saturday evening, December 15. The contracting parties were Glenn Hugh Dawson and Margie Etta Boyd.
Many of our good friends from the mountains have remembered us this Christmas with greetings, and plenty of choice apples, for which we are grateful.
On Sunday night, December 23, we spoke at the Christmas lovefeast and candle service at Bethesda to a large and appreciative audience.
W. CLYDE DAVIS.

FAIRVIEW
The most joyous news of the Christmas season is the gradual recovery of members who had been hospitalized—many of them for a long time. These include A. N. Saunders, Mrs. Grace McKnight, Clifton Moser, Mrs. J. A. Southern, Mrs. Aline Davis, and Cecil Page, who was in the hospital for nine months but attended the lovefeast and candle service in a wheel chair.
The blessings of our Lord were invoked upon one of the young ladies of the congregation, Shirley Ann Cope, and Thurman Nail, who were united by the pastor in holy matrimony on December 28. Our prayers for lasting happiness follow them, and also Peggy Jenkins who was wed to Tony Pfaff on December 20.
HOWARD CHADWICK.

NEW EDEN
Our special Christmas services were highly successful, well attended, smoothly conducted, and filled with inspiration.
The members of the New Eden congregation presented the pastor and wife with sufficient funds to cover a $5,000 Life Insurance policy as a Christ-
ARDMORE

Ardmore's Advent services were diversified, using carols, sermons, sound films, great recordings, Junior, Chapel and Senior Choir musical programs, a Junior Department pageant, the annual children's program, and two Christmas Eve Vigil services to proclaim the meaning of a Christian Christmas. The sound films were "The Child of Bethlehem" and "The Guiding Star." The recordings were the Huddersfield Choral Society's rendition of the "Messiah" which were presented in half hour instalments before each Sunday evening service. The Junior Choir, Miss Mary Frances Patton, leader, cooperated with the Chapel Choir, directed by Kenneth G. Fansler, in a lovely service on the night of the sixteenth. Br. Fansler provided an original arrangement of Scripture narrative which was beautifully illustrated by nine Christmas anthems and solos by the Senior Choir and on the night of the twenty-third.

CHARLES B. ADAMS.

WILLOW HILL

One of the most encouraging and vital activities of this mountain church is the mid-week prayer meeting group which has been meeting in the warmth of private homes since the advent of cold weather. On Friday, December 21, Mrs. Charles Hatt (Aunt Belle to many of her friends) opened her doors to the group. On December 27 the prayer meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hiatt. That group is studying the Gospel of Mark.

PAUL A. SNIDER.

MOUNT BETHEL

On Christmas Eve about fifteen young people climbed into two automobiles to bring the joyous Christmas message in song to the homes along the Wards Gap and Orchard Gap highways. Twenty-two homes were visited before the carolers returned to the mission house. Mrs. John Tilley, Sr., Mrs. Hoke Smith, Mrs. Frazier Westmoreland, and Mrs. Carl Westmoreland graciously provided refreshments for the young people.

PAUL A. SNIDER.

MAYODAN

A new departure from our usual schedule of Christmas services was the presentation of the cantata, "The Chorus in the Skies," by our three combined choirs with a total of 53 voices assisting. It was probably the largest musical effort undertaken by our own people without outside assistance and it was proclaimed a decided success.

The annual report of the congregation presented on the last Sunday of the year showed a Sunday morning average and Christian love manifested in greetings and fellowship, the willingness of many to carry through the necessary preparations for our observance of Christmas, and the goodness of God in granting us joy, peace, health and countless other blessings; all these united in making this a most blessed Christmastide, for which we can never sufficiently praise and thank God.

H. B. JOHNSON.

FRIEDLAND

Guests from the Home Church worshiped with us the second Sunday in December. Members have expressed thankfulness for evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our services. The Sunday before Christmas five persons came forward upon the invitation to accept the Manger Child as Saviour and to re-dedicate their lives to his service. Ours has been a wonderfully happy congregation this season. Mrs. Walter Evans, who has been our beloved choir director since May of 1950, has moved to St. Louis, Mo., with her husband where he has a new position. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Evans God's blessings in their new work. The choir recently purchased 40 top quality robes, thanks to the leadership of Br. Clifton Hastings, president. Br. Marvin Ferguson, Miss Ella Stewart, Mrs. Beatie Robbins, and a number of children have been ill. Our Christmas Day offering for the relief of our brethren in Jamaica amounted to $175.44.

O. E. STIMPSON.

FULP

New equipment which was donated to the church helped to improve the appearance of our Christmas lovefeast which was held on Christmas eve. Two new coffee trays and new caps and aprons for the diners were used.

Through the assistance of Mrs. Marie Marshall, the church records have been brought up to date and the card system installed, a task which has needed attention for some time.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Fulp on the birth of a daughter, Martha Joan.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

RURAL HALL

A called church council was held on December 2, at which time it was voted to officially establish a parsonage fund. Several contributions and pledges have already come in for this project.

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West Fourth Street
A number of our choir members participated in the rendering of the cantata, "The Christ Child," by Hawley, which was given by the Rural Hall Choral Club at the Methodist Church. On Sunday evening, December 23, the Christmas lovefeast and candle service was held. Soloists for special choir numbers were Miss Betty Lynn Wilson and Miss Melinda Smith.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

GREENSBORO

On December 2 we received six members: Cynthia Myers Stephens and Patricia Irene Crouch, as non-communicants; and Frank W. Crouch, Theo H. Crouch, Henry C. Miller, and Mary B. Miller as communicants.

Several records were broken in December. On successive Sundays record attendances set in Sunday school were as follows: 142, 147, and 148. Regular service attendance in church on December 2 was 207. Our communicant membership now totals 201.

Many thanks for the wonderful gifts and beautiful greetings received by the parsonage family from members of the congregation.

J. CALVIN BARNES.

CHRIST CHURCH

The busiest December we can remember: Auxiliary engaged with a supper and then an enjoyable candle trimming; Trans-a-Moravian occupied with supper and a roasting Christmas party; Youth Fellowship presenting a good Christmas program and having the best success at caroling we’ve known; and the Ladies and Men’s Bible classes together for a Christmas meeting with Matt Howell speaking.

The most satisfying first Sunday in Advent we recollect; a most charming and effective children’s Christmas program; and the Christmas Eve love-feast—without address—inspiring most favorable comments. That’s Christ Church for December.

SAMUEL J. Tesch.

MIZPAH

We started off the month of December with the decision to convoque a meeting of our church council in January to consider a full-scale, continued fund-raising effort in our congregation during 1952. At a supper meeting to which all the men of the church were invited, Br. Kenneth L. Greenfield, a member of the Provincial Financial Board, gave us valuable advice and genuine encouragement in our plans to construct a Christian Education building in 1953. Br. Guy Wall, our representative on the Building and Expansion Fund Campaign Committee, presided at the gathering, stated our need for additional facilities very forcefully, and reported briefly on the recent Building and Expansion Campaign dinner at Oak Grove.

CALVARY

A new feature of our Christmas season was the play, "The Gifts," by Dorothy Clark Wilson, presented by our young people on family night. Douglas Carter, of Trinity Moravian Church directed the play and obtained a stage set which set off wonderfully well the work of the young people. Reservations for the dinner came in such numbers that we regretted to tell some to come in after the meal.

The last Sunday in the old year featured an emphasis on the Bible. Neighborhood group leaders carried copies of a daily Bible reading schedule to every home in the congregation.

Mrs. W. J. Dixon’s circle of the Auxiliary held a dinner under the leadership of Mrs. Lillian Flynt to raise funds to purchase a new wide carriage type-writer for the church office. More than enough was raised to meet their objective.

Two five-hundred dollar checks came as unsolicited gifts this Christmas. One donor designated that his money be used to purchase a sound projector long needed in our work here.

JOHN W. FULTON.

DEATHS


Johnston, Grady Leonidas, died December 27, 1951, member of Calvary Moravian Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. John W. Fulton. Interment in Salem Moravian Graveyard.


Kinsel, William Walter, died November 11, 1951. Funeral services conducted from Christ Church by Bishop J. K. Pfohl, the Revs. John S. Goseud and Samuel J. Tesch. Interment in Salem Graveyard. Member of Christ Church.

Holder, Roy D., died December 22, 1951. Funeral services conducted from the home and Christ Church by the Revs. G. E. Brewer, Clyde Beckner, Herbert F. Weber and Samuel J. Tesch. Interment in Salem Graveyard. Member of Christ Church.

Barber, Mary Emma, died December 25, 1951. Funeral services conducted from Vogler’s Chapel by Dr. Chas. Stevens, Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh and the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch. Interment in Woodland Cemetery. Member of Christ Church.

Pfohl, Earleen, died December 9, 1951, at Winston-Salem, N. C. Funeral service was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. Interment in Moravian Graveyard. A member of Home Church.

Starbuck, Mrs. Mary E., died December 19, 1951, at Winston-Salem, N. C. Funeral service was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Interment was in Moravian Graveyard. A member of Home Church.

Rominger, Mrs. Robert L., Sr., daughter of Daniel and Jane Starr m. n. Longworth; born February 6, 1889, in Forsyth County; died in Winston...
Barber, Arthur Hilker, son of Earl E. and Kathryn m. n. Hilker Barber, was born May 10, 1951 in Winston-Salem, N. C., and was baptized on December 23, 1951 at Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Leinbach, Elizabeth Kay, daughter of Lawrence B. and Kathryn Lou m. n. McNair Leinbach, was born August 20, 1951 in Boston, Massachusetts, and was baptized on December 23, 1951 at Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.


Hersh, Victoria Lynn, daughter of Leon A. and Elizabeth Ryan Hersh; born May 30, 1951, at Miami, Florida; baptized in the J. T. Ryan home on December 26, 1951 by the Rev. Henry A. Lewis.

Daly, Roswald Bernard, Jr., son of Roswald B. and Elizabeth Daly m. n. Miller, born in Charlotte, N. C., July 12, 1951; baptized December 9, 1951 at Trinity Church by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Beauvillain, Monica Sue, daughter of Ollin L. and Hamiee m. n. Dishier Beauvillain, born October 4, 1951, in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized in Advent Church on December 30, 1951 by the Rev. Vernon E. Dekaertly.

Fulton, Gaye Nifong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Fulton, baptized at Clemmons Church, November 18, 1951 by the Rev. Herbert Weber.

BY JOHN S. GREENFELDT

When your pastor opened the new year by reading the texts for January 1, 1952, he was not only following a traditional practice of the Moravian Church but he was using a little book that for over two hundred years has filled a real need in the devotional life of members of our own church—and which is being used increasingly by Christian friends in other denominational fellowships, as well.

Without any doubt the Daily Text Book is one of the greatest treasures of our rich denominational heritage. Now in its 222nd year of publication, well over 1,400,000 copies are published annually in seven languages and dialects. It unites Moravians all over the world and beyond that it provides a definite bond of fellowship with Christians of many other denominations.

The origin of the Daily Text Book goes back to the great spiritual awakening of our spiritual forefathers in 1727. After the August 13 experience, when the congregation at Herrnhut felt the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, the leaders of the church desired some means of keeping the fire of Christian love and zeal burning brightly. As a means to this end they decided to have someone appointed to visit each home in the little community each morning. The brother who made the visit was to encourage all the other brethren and sisters "to watchfulness and faithful endurance" throughout the day. In order to make these visits more effective Zinzendorf wrote out a verse of Scripture or a hymn stanza that seemed appropriate for each day of the week. The brother who was appointed to do the visiting of the day called first of all on the elder of the congregation who had been given custody of these verses. The visitor would then take one of the cards (with the verse written on it) and that was his "Watchword" or theme for the day as he went to greet all the members in their homes.

By 1730 the congregation had developed the custom of announcing the text for the coming day at the evening service. The leader of the service then gave a short explanation of what the text meant. Zinzendorf selected the texts with the present condition and experience of the congregation in mind. He felt that the life of each member should then be a commentary on the text and that others should be able to see the meaning of the text reflected in the life of each member.

It was not until 1731 that the texts were chosen for a year in advance and printed in the form of a little booklet, so that year really marks the beginning of the Daily Text Book as a publication of the Church.

We have already referred to the first verse listed for the day as the "Watchword" and there is a very interesting point of view behind the use of this term.

The German word Lösung (from which the German title of the Text Book is taken) really means a signal that is agreed upon, or a password or countersign or watchword. It is a military term and one may wonder that the peaceful brethren of Herrnhut decided to use it.

The early Moravians desired to remain at peace with their fellows if at all possible, but they laid great stress on the fact that they were soldiers of Christ who wrestled against Satan and all his hosts. In this sense they regarded themselves as a "warrior congregation."
THE MEMORABILIA

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1951's most important gathering was the meeting in Rolle, Switzerland, at which further preparation was made for its next world-wide Assembly, to be held in Evanston in 1954, at which it is believed that decisions will be made shaping the ecumenical character of the Church for years to come. With the American Church it is to be noted that there has been a further encouraging growth in

CLOSER FELLOWSHIP AND COOPERATION.

The report of a carefully made poll of 100,000 ministers of all denominations of the Protestant group, issued the significant statement that, "The Churches on the extremes are moving towards each other. The 'liberal' congregations are beginning to stress more than they did once the importance of Biblical and theological teaching and preaching. The 'conservative' churches are gradually yielding to the influence of ecumenical doctrine and are more ready than formerly to accept the good faith and Christian integrity of those with whom they do not agree." Such spirit has operated most favorably for the work of such an organization as THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES which has just completed its first full year of service, under the new charter by which were merged in the closing period of 1950, eight major interdenominational agencies.

Its first year has shown wise and aggressive leadership to which its 29 member churches, with their 32 million members have given loyal support in those areas inviting to cooperative service. And there have been highly encouraging results as will be seen from the three departmental efforts to which we call attention.

Under the Department of Evangelism, 28 denominations cooperated in the United Evangelistic Advance through which over 40,000 decisions for Christ were recorded as a result of visitation crusades in 85 American communities. University Christian Missions were held on 49 campuses, reaching a tenth of the nation's total college enrollment. And 250 other colleges and universities used the Council's advisory service for similar missions. Still another line of organized service was the holding of 68 National Christian Teaching Missions, each continuing for an 8-day period and in communities of 6 million population and enlisting 1,800 local churches.

Nor should we neglect to point out that, in the heated controversy which resulted from President Truman's decision for RESUMING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN the National Council was prompt and forward with its protest, carrying the influence of 32 million citizens against it. The earnest and positive stand deserves place in such record as this and we are glad to present it. We quote—

"We earnestly express to the President and the Congress our conviction that only a prompt withdrawal or rejection of the President's proposal can save this country from a most unfortunate and unnecessary controversy, with reactions that will be cumulative as the issues become more widely recognized. We did not choose this controversy. We deplore it. But we cannot and will not evade it. We have been in the past and will continue to be in the future unalterably opposed to the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Vatican." A further purely volunteer organization in which denominations merged their interest in bringing the message of Christ and the Church to a wide area of hearers, and which has accomplished much, is

THE PROTESTANT RADIO COMMISSION of the United States, which produced and arranged for 2,128 radio and television programs during 1950, its first full year of operation, and averaging forty-one programs each week. These and other religious broadcasts have met with hearty response from the public and have been highly instructive. Some have brought as many as 16,000 unsolicited responses to a single broadcast. They have been used too with telling effect for evangelistic service notably by Evangelist Billy Graham, whom God has used mightily in kindling fires in many centers in the nation. Some in our Southland and one as near to us as Greensboro.

THE ENFORCED WITHDRAWAL FROM CHINA of Christian missionary forces. Until now it had been for long decades the leading mission field of Protestantism, where it was believed Christianity was making strategic gains in the heart of the world's most populous race and nation. What the ultimate effect will be cannot be foreseen, though "there are many missionaries," we are told, "who are by no means convinced that their departure will be the final outcome of this organization's work of such an organization as faith and Christian integrity of those with whom we are more ready than formerly to accept the good will of American youth to those of all nations.

We know of course that it was through the assistance of the United Nations that Indonesia attained full independence; and that through the same influence, the former Italian colonies of Libya, Somaliland and Eritrea are coming to self-government. And it was by the support of 53 members of this organization that the armed forces of 16 member-nations have, since July, 1950, taken part in the present historic conflict to block aggression of the Communist forces against the Republic of Korea. The first such concerted international action in all history. And which has possibly prevented a threatened Third World War. Whatever may be the final outcome of this organization's efforts, it deserves place and consideration in a Memorabilia such as this and in the thought and interest areas of Christian people.

In the wider world-area of the Church's effort in 1951, the most important happening to be noted was

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The general belief is growing stronger and stronger that a widespread revival, on something of a national scale, is in store for us, if we continue in earnest and united prayer and seek it through the power of the Holy Spirit. What a blessed boon it would be to have the American people turn again to the God whom their forefathers trusted and in faith in Whom the foundations of their government were laid. This is coming to be the most widely recognized need of the hour.

A further but little-known accomplishment of the year was the publishing of the first volume of THE INTERPRETER’S BIBLE—a new commentary on the Scriptures, "which will bridge the gap between the scholarly exegetes and the rank and file teachers and preachers." It is predicted that the completion of this twelve volume commentary, only one of which is off the press and ready for distribution and sale, will be a Biblical landmark in the progress of the Christian Church in America. The completed job will represent the work of 146 Protestant scholars of more than 25 denominations, and will consist of 10,000 pages and cost more than a million dollars.

A further and even wider effort to place the Bible and its teachings in the hands of the people is represented by the continuing and ever widening service of THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

One hundred and thirty-five years old, May 10, 1952, it has through the years published and distributed more than 400 million volumes and portions of the Scriptures, in over 200 languages and dialects, and sent them to every corner of the earth. Among the notable achievements of the past year was its total Scripture distribution in excess of 11,000,000 volumes and portions. In this important line of Bible enlightenment for a needy world, this Society gives America precedence. It is the only society of its class whose work was not curtailed by the wars of recent years. Instead its work is being more widely extended each year.

Through its regular denominational efforts the churches have made very great progress. In fact the NUMERICAL GAINS ARE PHENOMENAL. During 1950, churches of all faiths in the United States reported a net gain of 2,950,987, bringing the membership grand total to 85,705,280, an unparalleled 55.9% of the entire population, while on January 1, 1951, according to official census report 152,085,000. This total membership as divided between Protestant and Catholics shows 58,083,869 are adherents of the former group and 28,470,092 of the latter. The figure for Jewish congregations stands unchanged at 5,000,000. Given in percentage proportions, Protestant membership is 58.5%, Catholic 33.2% and Jewish 5.8%. Other groups make up the remaining 2.5%.

Two additional features of encouragement which can be given to these figures are,

1. While the increase of population of the U. S. was 1.67%, the church increase was 5.58%.
2. The larger part of the increases came to congregations already established, indicating very definitely an increased interest and revival of effort on the part of individual congregations.

Further study of the statistics reveal the relative strength and denominational standing of the larger bodies:

Protestant Episcopal ................................ 2,346,319
United Lutherans ................................... 1,954,342

In the matter of contributions for church purposes, the total was

Above the Billion Dollar Mark For The First Time.

The amount given out by United Stewardship Council was $1,104,577,000. But, due to the higher costs of living and the consequent lower purchasing power of the dollar, no more work could be done by the larger gifts than was done by the smaller totals before World War II.

It is interesting to know also that the average gift per capita for Protestants was $39.58. But, since, in that same year, the national income per capita was $1,436, had the tithe been the measure of the giving, the amount would have been almost five times as large or $142.60. Thus it will be seen that our Protestant giving was at a per capita rate of about 2 per cent. Total giving of the American people for all religious and philanthropic purposes amounted to less than half of the 8 billions spent for liquor.

Still further light is thrown upon American benefactions by the two-year study of the Russell Sage Foundation, which reports that, "Contrary to popular impression, low-income families contribute by far the largest proportion."

In close cooperation with its sister Churches, The Moravian Church in America, in the SOUTHERN PROVINCE has been pleased to have a place in advancing the cause of Christ and the Kingdom of Righteousness. And we are grateful that it has been a year of encouraging effort in many directions. There has been a notable widening of activities, together with a much needed extension of worship privileges and pastoral care for some of the smaller congregations.

This was made possible by a new grouping of pastorates and the gaining of additional ministers for the service. For the first time, in a long period of years there has been AN ADEQUATE STAFF OF MINISTERS making it possible to provide each church with at least one Sunday service, in addition to its regular Sunday school and Young People’s Fellowship. The standard of a “two-church pastorate” as a maximum for one minister has also been achieved, except in one instance. And this new order has accomplished not only better organization, but larger returns in membership, in efficiency of service and in financial support.

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A. Crandon, Jr. to Rural Hall and Fulps; Bro. Edwin Fussell to Bethabara and Wachovia Arbor; Br. Edward T. Mickey to Fries Memorial; Br. J. Calvin Barnes to Greensboro,
First Church; Bro. Paul A. Snider to the mount
ain churches at Mt. Bethel, Willow Hill and Crooked Oak; Br. Walser H. Allen, Jr. to King and Mizpah; and Br. Henry A. Lewis to the
new Messiah Church in addition to New Phil adelphia.
Another line of advance towards the six-point
goal set by our Program of Christian Progress
adopted by the Synod of '44 was the organizing of
two additional congregations in the Province.
KONNOAK HILLS AND MESSIAH MORAVIAN
CHURCHES
have been placed on the list of churches of the
Province increasing the number of congregations
to 45. The former, begun as a project of the
Young Adult Group, was begun in June, 1950,
entered its combined Sanctuary and Christian Educa
tion Building on December 10, was officially or
organized with a charter membership of 80 on Jan
uary 21, 1951 and now has an enrollment of 120
communicants. The Messiah Moravian Church
was begun by sanction of the Church Aid and Exten
sion Board and the Provincial Elder's Conference
in early July, under direction of Bro. Henry A. Lewis,
Pastor of New Philadelphia Congregation, and was
organized on November 18, with a charter mem
bership of 33.
For the third consecutive year a
NOTABLE BUILDING PROGRAM
has been carried through. In some instances the
local churches have been able to finance the en
terprise alone; in others the effort has been en
couraged and aided by the Building and Expan
sion Program. Congregations having part in the
major efforts of the year were: Pine Chapel, New
Philadelphia, New Eden, Greensboro, Moravia, Oak
Grove and Union Cross. The last named erected a
 commodious and well-arranged parsonage for its
first resident pastor. Olivet, Bethania, Friedland
and Kernerville are in process of building Christian
Education Buildings of the most approved type.
Others who during the year have launched building
programs are: Bethabara, Immanuel, King, Mizpah
and Providence.
SALEM ACADEMY AND COLLEGE
has also shared in the building and improvement
enterprise in that it witnessed the completion and
occupancy of its new Science Building, dedicated
October 17, and the complete overhaul of its
extensive heating system.
Two important steps were also taken by the Ad
ministration and the Trustees in widening the in
stitute's scope of services and in its further de
velopment as a Church-Related College. The first
was the establishment of the Hattie M. Strong
Foundation for National and International Under
standing. The second, the appointment, on a full
time service basis, of Bro. Edwin A. Sawyer as Col
lege Chaplain and Head of the Department of Chris
tian Education and Bible Instruction.
THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
has continued its aggressive policies. And there is
a growing consciousness throughout the churches
that it fills an indispensable place in our life and
service. Under its leadership important phases of
our youth work are being advanced and a new high
standard of efficiency was reached by our Daily
Vacation Bible Schools and Young People's Con
ferences during the 1951 summer season.
The quarterly banquet and business meetings
of our Young People's Union, which are under its
direction, are occasions of high inspiration, even
as their zeal and financial offerings are of vital im
portance to the cause of Foreign Missions.
For the
PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S BOARD
we can report not only an increased budget, but
a special offering through which they plan to me
morlize Sr. Anna Buxbaum Schwalbe, the capable
and highly esteemed missionary, who had given
the strength and service of her life to the Alaskan
Mission and who, since her retirement was often in
the meetings of the auxiliaries.
In the successful year experienced by our
FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
we find especial encouragement. The task allotted
for 1951 was not only an increase in its share of
the budget over all previous years, but the demand
of the expanding work called for a very consid
erable additional advance. Yet, as was the case in

STRONG FUND SCHOLAR—Miss Ragnhild Warr, first German Moravian girl to benefit from
Salem Endowment for International Understanding.
the Northern Province, with whom we are closely allied in this important work, the large budget was fully met and the treasury left with a small surplus.

But not all the gains of the year are to be reckoned in finances and material advance—1951 has a fine record for its members.

**GROWING EVANGELISTIC ZEAL**

among the ministers and the congregations. The Committee on Evangelism authorized by the Synod of 1950 is rendering excellent leadership, and the Lord Himself is calling forth from our local ministry, men rarely gifted in evangelistic preaching and filled with fervor for the saving of souls, who are being widely used throughout the Province. Congregations too are beginning to catch the vision and recognize the opportunity for “visitation evangelism”, and the results have shown the blessing of God resting upon them.

The spiritual services for the year were as follows:
- The total membership of the Province as of the end of the fiscal year, June 30, was 12,764—Communicants
- 17,69—Grand Total
- The Sunday School enrollment is 970—Officers and Teachers
- 10,657—Total

The total gain here was 341, which shows us again on the upward trend which we hope to maintain.

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**MEMBERSHIP OF MORAVIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

Communicants ........................................... 34,806
Non-Communicants ...................................... 2,798
Children ................................................... 10,375
Total .................................................... 48,073

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORLD-WIDE UNITY**

Communicants ........................................... 107,768
Adherents .................................................. 145,860
Total .................................................... 253,628

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

which have added interesting variety to the program of the Province and provided additional means of grace and encouragement to our congregations.

Among these were:
- Two Centennial Observances, Olivet and New Philadelphia;
- One Diamond Jubilee Celebration, Fries Memorial;
- One Church Dedication, Grace Church Mount Airy;
- One Corner-Stone Laying, Friedland; and the Dedication of the site for the proposed Christian Education building at Bethabara.

**FRATERNAL VISITS**

were paid us by Bro. and Sr. L. J. Britton of our British Province; Dr. Peter A. deGroot of the Princess Juliana Mission Hospital of Surinam, representative of the Zeist Missionary Society of Holland; and by Dr. Waldemar Reichel of Bad Boll, Germany, Director of the Zinzendorf Schools of Keinigsfeld.

Their presence cheered us and served to bind us more closely to the heart and service of the Moravian Unity of which we are all a part and through which we are ever striving to advance the Kingdom of God in a sinful and needy world.

So we bring our Memorabilia of 1951 to a close, grateful to our God of infinite mercy and grace, for the privilege of serving Him through another cycle of time, and paying Him to use the effort in whatever way may best advance His Glory and

“Hasten the day when the Kingdom, of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and we be accounted worthy to stand before Him.”

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Apathy concerning Corrupt Politics Marks the Attitude of Many in the Face of An Overwhelming Tide Of Evil Surging Over Our Land

By HERBERT B. JOHNSON

A story is told of a minister who one morning used the term "status quo" in his sermon. At the close of the service he was requested to interpret the term. "Status quo," replied he, "is Latin. It stands for the mess we are in at the present moment."

The moral status of America and Americans in these our days may fittingly be described as a mess. Outstanding thinkers of our nation are raising the question, "When have the moral standards of America ever been lower than they are today?"

The Situation

As Americans and as Christians we should refuse to let Satan blind our eyes and deaden our sensitivities to conditions as we have them now. Rather we should awaken to our peril and face the facts as they are; but with the understanding and the courage given us of God through the light of his Word and the power of his Holy Spirit. An overwhelming tide of evil seems to be surging over our land. Dissipation and drunkenness, divorce, desecration of the Sabbath, addiction to drugs and to tobacco, brazen indifference to the claims of modesty, crooked politics, dishonesty in sports, gambling, and a lackadaisical attitude toward all this on the part of citizens and Christians alike, characterize the forms of worldliness, wickedness and vice which confront the good citizens and the Christian citizen of our day.

The Cause

A cursory search is all that is needed to convince ourselves that the cause for practically all the moral deficiencies and delinquencies of the American people can readily be traced to the spirit of apathy toward sin and unrighteousness on the part of those Americans who are commonly called Christians. Too many of us who are accounted among the followers of Christ are not only in the world but likewise hand in glove with it. In unscientific measure we give our time, our money, our talents, our strength to the furtherance of gambling scheme. The gambling is permitted because the proceeds of the horse show will go to some worthy cause. The authorities instruct the police to take no action against this public gambling because of the paid strength of the members of the club; thereby opening the way for the corrupting of the police and the city government.

Gambling in the churches brings upon the Church of Christ, and justly, the contempt of an unregenerate world. In a Northern city I passed a church flaunting a banner, "Bingo at this church every Friday night. All welcome." Local citizens voiced their contempt to us regarding that particular church by informing us that the priest in charge of that congregation had forbidden his flock to attend movies during Lent. But in the same announcement he had urged them to remember to attend the church's bingo parties every Friday night.

A decade ago a newspaper, published in a large midwestern city, made known the fact that a fifth of a million dollars had been gambled away in that city during the preceding week. About the same time a leading magazine published a thoughtful piece and spoke of the prevalence of gambling in America. This midwestern city was named in that article and the statement was made and never challenged that the far greater portion of the proceeds of gambling in that city went toward the support of local churches belonging to a large denomination. Surely Israel has fallen by his iniquity.

The Remedy

As honest-hearted Christians we should ask ourselves, "How can I help to remedy this perilous situation which grips America?" The answer is spiritual; and it lies within ourselves, as individuals. "Examine yourselves," is the admonition of Holy Writ. Let us do so.

First, as individual members of congregations we will examine our own spiritualities. Am I walking worthily of God and of my church? What does my character ring true under examination? The church supper is a profitable roosting point to those who want to find out in what sort we are. Does this person ask the same question of me as does my neighbor? Is it possible that I may be overlooking some worthy cause. The authorities instruct the police to take no action against this public gambling because of the paid strength of the members of the club; thereby opening the way for the corrupting of the police and the city government.

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By HERBERT B. JOHNSON

A story is told of a minister who one morning used the term "status quo" in his sermon. At the close of the service he was requested to interpret the term. "Status quo," replied he, "is Latin. It stands for the mess we are in at the present moment." The moral status of America and Americans in these our days may fittingly be described as a mess. Outstanding thinkers of our nation are raising the question, "When have the moral standards of America ever been lower than they are today?"

The Situation

As Americans and as Christians we should refuse to let Satan blind our eyes and deaden our sensitivities to conditions as we have them now. Rather we should awaken to our peril and face the facts as they are; but with the understanding and the courage given us of God through the light of his Word and the power of his Holy Spirit. An overwhelming tide of evil seems to be surging over our land. Dissipation and drunkenness, divorce, desecration of the Sabbath, addiction to drugs and to tobacco, brazen indifference to the claims of modesty, crooked politics, dishonesty in sports, gambling, and a lackadaisical attitude toward all this on the part of citizens and Christians alike, characterize the forms of worldliness, wickedness and vice which confront the good citizens and the Christian citizen of our day.

The Cause

A cursory search is all that is needed to convince ourselves that the cause for practically all the moral deficiencies and delinquencies of the American people can readily be traced to the spirit of apathy toward sin and unrighteousness on the part of those Americans who are commonly called Christians. Too many of us who are accounted among the followers of Christ are not only in the world but likewise hand in glove with it. In unscientific measure we give our time, our money, our talents, our strength to the furtherance of the gambling scheme. The gambling is permitted because the proceeds of the horse show will go to some worthy cause. The authorities instruct the police to take no action against this public gambling because of the paid strength of the members of the club; thereby opening the way for the corrupting of the police and the city government.

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Provincial Announcements

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A Demonstration School was held at King on Sunday, February 10, for the teachers of the children's departments. Mrs. John J. Ingle, a member of the Board was in charge, assisted by Mrs. A. Shelbourne Johnson. For the purpose of the demonstration the rooms behind the pulpit of the church auditorium were used.

On the same Sunday the young people's class of the King Sunday School was taught by the Executive Secretary, the Rev. George G. Higgins, in a demonstration of new methods and materials.

Meetings to assist the Olivet Sunday School to make full use of its new Christian Education facilities were held by the Executive Secretary and the Secretary of Children's Work, Miss Dorothy L. Wooten. One meeting was held with the Christian Education Committee of the church to discuss furnishings and two meetings with the teachers of the Sunday school. A series of six study courses for the team teaching groups are now being held each Monday night under the direction of Br. Higgins and Miss Wooten.

The secretaries of the Board conducted Workmen's Conferences at Friedland, Friedel, and Mizpah on the theme, "The Teacher Prepares!"

The executive Secretary attended a meeting with the Rev. J. C. Hughes of the Home Church of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches in Columbus, Ohio, the second week in February and conducted the service for the Moravian Fellowship of Washington, D. C. on February 17.

EDWIN A. SAYWEE, Chairman

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

BETHESDA SHIPMENT—Preparations are again being made for the annual shipment of bandages and other gifts to the Bethesda Leper Home in Surinam. Parcels to be forwarded to Surinam should be sent to the undersigned at 69 West Church Street, and for the previous year, bringing up its total to 367. The fund for the new Christian Education building stands at $3,812.42.

KENNETH G. HAMILTON, Executive Officer

The children are looking forward to a number of good meals. I hope that we can get more from time to time during the winter. We won't expect the air freight to be donated every time, but even so it will be very cheap meat."

ADDING OTHERS—Two gifts have recently reached our office from Nicaragua. They deserve special mention. One was a check for $16.35 contributed by the Bilwaskarma Congregation for the Jamaica Hurricane fund. The other was a donation of $25.00 from the Bluefields Congregation to the American Bible Society. Moravians on the mission field also realize that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

DISTRICT AND GENERAL CHURCH CONFERENCES—District conferences are now being held in Nicaragua preparatory to the first General Church Conference in the history of that field. The latter is called for the end of April—which the Indians designate "The Moon of the Male Turtle." In it the missionaries, native workers, and district delegates will consider many matters relating to the spiritual progress of the church in this field. Formerly participation in such discussions was limited to missionaries and ordained native ministers. Prayer is earnestly requested for God's blessing upon all preparations for this important gathering.

ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS—Brother Aldersley, pastor of the Memorial Church, writes that he was to be ordained a presbyter by Bishop Gubi during the latter part of January. He could report a net gain in the membership of his congregation of thirty-four, bringing up its total to 367. The congregation has set as its goal a membership of five hundred by 1957, and Brother Aldersley asks for prayer for this worthy object which should strengthen the Brethren's Church in that historic field. He adds: "Congregational cash has been increased again and the Mission Association has reached a record high total of $937.90, which is $319.73 more than in the previous year. The fund for the new Christian Education building stands at $3,812.42.

KENNETH G. HAMILTON, Executive Officer

Family Side

Osvald E. Stimpson

In every family there comes the day when young people face the questions: Whom shall I marry? Where shall I be married? Nothing occurs in the life of a young person which affects the home and family so much as marriage. Frequently the idea creeps into a young mind that marriage is the great step which establishes independence from the parental home and it is no one's concern who is chosen as mate or where the ceremony is performed. This is not only unfortunate; it is incorrect.

Although the tradition of asking a girl's father for permission to marry her has disappeared here in America, in accordance with the ideal of individual freedom, a young Christian will be aware of the wisdom of discussing plans of such importance with his parents. He realizes first that if his parents had not loved and cared for him through the years he would not be ready for so great a privilege as marriage. Second, he knows that his parents have learned many things in their marriage life which he cannot possibly know, and their wisdom can be of assistance to him. He may sense also the fact that it is only after marriage that one's parents are truly appreciated. Marriage is not a separation from father's house, or from society; it is rather a great transaction which accomplishes the final step in the growth toward adulthood. It identifies a person with others of full social stature; it creates a bond between him, his father's family, and all other families in the world.

Where this transaction takes place, with whom it is made, the person who represents society in the ceremony are of great importance to the Christian. A thoughtful Christian couple will not wish to deny friends and loved ones the privileges of being present when vows are exchanged. Circumstances may excuse exceptions, but generally no couple should allow such misunderstanding and disregard for those who have loved them through the years as to slip away and be married. Not only so, but the surroundings in which we do truly important things leave a lasting impression. How many wives have a devil, unwholesome attitude toward marriage and the home, and in conference with them we find that they remember a dingy justice's office, or a parsonage which was not in readiness because the minister was a stranger and no preparation for the wedding could be made.

The Christian is interested in more than his attraction to the person he will marry. He realizes he can be attracted to many people. He knows that only a Christian can help create a Christian home. And the greatest happiness will result if that chosen one can be acceptable to his entire family. It is a simple matter to "fall in love." It is a far greater thing to love as a Christian.

Finally, the person who represents society in the marriage service cannot be just "any one" for the Christian couple. He must be one whom both have an opportunity to know; some one they both feel they can trust; to whom they may go for help; who will be interested in them long after the gayety of the parties and reception is but a pleasant memory. It need not be expensive, elaborate, or widely publicized, but the marriage of a Christian will be that in the presence of Christian friends, and in surroundings suitable to a Christian atmosphere.
In spite of the rising cost of living, some 36,000,000 U. S. church members increased their contributions enough in 1951 to bring annual American church giving to an all time high. Contributions to 46 U. S. Protestant and Orthodox communions reached a record $1,166,437,357, topping the billion dollar mark for the second year in succession. This was the report made by the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The department further stated that the increase just about kept pace with the rise in the cost of living, which went up 6.3 percent, in the period under consideration, as compared with a gain of slightly more than six percent in total contributions. The average U. S. church-planter upped his yearly giving from $30.51 to $32.33. This, rather than an augmented membership, is largely responsible for the increase.

One object of American churches' benevolence is Inter-Church Aid, a visible expression of genuine fellowship in Christian sharing and a concrete form of ecumenical stewardship. The real Biblical basis for the work of Inter-Church Aid rests upon a growing awareness within Christian churches around the world that each is a part of the body of Christ, and that when one member suffers, all of the members suffer. Thus, Inter-Church Aid under the World Council of Churches is designed to further on an ecumenical basis all practical help which churches may extend to each other. Its efforts include aid to European pastors in ministries of mercy, the WCC's health program for overseas churchmen, the fraternal exchange of youthful volunteer church workers, and the WCC's scholarship program for theological students.

REPORT OF ARCHIVIST FOR 1951

Correspondence—There is a continual stream of correspondence coming to the Moravian Archives, Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America. Besides numerous letters mailed in North Carolina, letters have been received from Louisiana, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Nebraska, Virginia, Florida, Utah, Indiana, Texas, Wisconsin, and from foreign countries, England, Germany, and the State of Israel.

Many letters inquire about family records and there are also many about information concerning the Moravian Church.

There are important requests for certificates of church records. Several such requests were for certificates immediately available to insure old age assistance.

Visitors at Archives—Usually Monday afternoons have been set apart for office hours. No number of visitors has been counted this year, but there have been calls nearly every week.

As an example of interesting patronage: A lady in Indiana attended family reunions. She began tracing family history and by gravestones (not in the Hope, Indiana, graveyard) she learned that an early ancestor of the family came from North Carolina. She wrote to Raleigh, N. C., and obtained information, but was referred to our office. She traveled here from Indiana, found the church records tracing family line, the record and memoir of the first member of the family who settled here, his grave in the old Hope Church graveyard, and the site of the old home place. Now she is writing a family history that includes this Moravian connection, which will be distributed widely in her state.

Filed Material—A considerable amount of material—books, manuscripts, pamphlets, papers, etc.—accumulated during the last years of service of Dr. Adelaide L. Fries. Attempt has been made to classify and file this material. Progress has been made, but the task has not been completed.

Accessions—There have been a number of accessions. Moravian publications have been placed in order. Old deeds, letters, newspapers, etc., keep coming in. Church material flows in steadily, the last wave bringing the last remnants of material from Alpha Chapel.

Used by Ministers—The records have proved useful to several ministers who have been interested in the history of their congregations and there are studies now being pursued.

Articles Prepared—The archivist has prepared articles for publication by State Magazine and the North Carolina Historical Review.

Volume VIII, Records of the Moravians—The chief work of the year has been continuation of translation and editing of the eighth volume of the Records of the Moravians in North Carolina, to be published by the State Department of Archives and History. Assistance in translation has been given by Mrs. Kermit Williams, Fraulein Edika Huber, and Dr. Edmund Schwarze. More than 500 pages of manuscript are now ready. The completed volume will require about 750 pages. It is hoped that we can go to press in 1952.

Microfilm—Little microfilming has been done. There are possibly 5,000 pages or more to finish the task of covering the most important records. Old Salem has borne the expense of microfilming already about 10,000 pages.

Old Salem—It has been a pleasure to cooperate with Old Salem in making available the collections for helping give authenticity to restoration in prospect.

Dayspring On The Kuskokwim—The recent publication of Mrs. Fred T. Schwalle's mission history of Alaska reminds us of the opportunity afforded her in the archives to carry through her work successfully.

Recommendations—It is recommended that ministers of the Southern Province exercise care in keeping records and preserving church books, papers, etc. Salem Congregation memoirs, particularly, should be sent promptly to the archives.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS,
Archivist

USE ME

Use me in Thy service, Lord,
Use Me every day;
Use my talents, use my time,
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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

ADVENT

This was a month of excellent attendances in the Sunday school, the church services, and prayer meetings. Seven new members joined our congregation: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holleman, and Miss Barbara Myers.

Twenty-one members of the Fisherman's League of the Sunday school were served a dinner by Sunday school superintendent B. C. Snyder in our fellowship hall. To become a member of the Fisherman's League one had to bring a new comer to Sunday school for three successive Sundays. In addition to the dinner, during the course of the year each member of this group was presented a New Testament by Br. Snyder.

An excellent Sunday evening program was given by the senior young people in the presence of the congregation. The general theme was "What Can I Do for Christ?—in the church, in the schoolroom, out of the schoolroom, at work, and at home." Those participating were Joe Donaldson, Carmel Long, Barbara Mock, Bill Donaldson, Cletus Snyder, and David Parks.

The Board of Trustees finally decided what should be done in taking care of our own building needs. The classrooms in fellowship hall are to be enclosed and two assembly rooms constructed. All these rooms can be used as private dining rooms for church suppers. Two large classrooms will also be constructed on the third floor.

Sunday, January 20, was set aside as Provincial Building and Expansion Day. We rejoiced in raising $1,382.00, leaving us just $202 short of our goal. We hope to have the remainder by June 30.

VERNON E. DAETYWYLER.

KING

On the first Sunday in Advent we were pleased to receive four new members by the sacrament of adult baptism. They are: Mrs. Cecie Boyles, Mrs. Hans G. Winters, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parks.

We are very happy to welcome them to our fellowship.

We ushered in the new year with a combination lovefeast-watchnight service which began at 11:00 P.M., December 31 and closed a quarter hour after the onset of 1952. Then the Holy Communion was administered on the morning of January 6 to all communicants; and as non-communicants; and as communicants Charlie Lee Wright, William Monroe Ray, and Earl Nello Brewer by the rite of confirmation; Walter Thomas Smith by the sacrament of adult baptism; Faye East Brewer, James Oliver Shelton, and Betty Ann Weatherman by letter of transfer; Mrs. Hans G. Winters, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Monroe Ray, re-instated.

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The Men's Fellowship met at the S. & W. Cater in January 21 and had a lively discussion on the art of ushering. The following night the Moravian Class met at the church and heard an inspiring message delivered by Dr. Folger of the Friends Church.

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Our thanks to Br. Frank and Sr. Theo Crouch for "taking over" the Junior Intermediate Fellowship.

J. GEORGE BRUNER.

FIRST MORAVIAN

This month we received fifteen members: Louis Arthur Plaster, III, Mack Jefferson Cook, III, William Greene Daniel, Jr., Barry Lynn Cook, and Susan Cook as non-communicants; and as communicants Charlie Lee Wright, William Monroe Ray, and Earl Nello Brewer by the rite of confirmation; Walter Thomas Smith by the sacrament of adult baptism; Faye East Brewer, James Oliver Shelton, and Betty Ann Weatherman by letter of transfer; Mrs. Hans G. Winters, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Monroe Ray, re-instated.

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J. CALVIN BARNES.

CALVARY

The interest aroused among our young people by the national youth movement known as "The Call" has been exceptional. One of our adult counselors and one young person attended the training session to acquaint local church leaders with the

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program. This resulted in a "Call" committee being formed among young people. The committee made a "flip chart" to explain the "Call" movement. They formed a visiting team and made personal contacts with each young person who was not active in a young people's group and secured eight new members. Sixty young people, including ten visitors from Highland Presbyterian attended the initial program. Jeff Smith, Winston-Salem "Call" leader, made a statement on the origin of the program and showed a sound slide-film related to it. Shirley Conrad then exhibited the charts showing the various steps of the program. Commitment cards were distributed in a second meeting asking for a decision on the part of the young people to accept Christ's call, hold personal devotion, support the Church's program and take an active part in Christian service. The entire young people's group planned and conducted the morning church service on February 3. In this service, the young people explained what they are trying to do and what it can mean to them personally and to the congregation. A senior young people's choir filled the choir loft and the Chapel Choir of Intermediates and Juniors also took part in the service.

The Brotherhood met for a fellowship supper. Dr. Angus Randolph of Bowman Gray School of Medicine spoke on the "Cause and Cure of Alcoholism" from a medical standpoint and Mr. E. B. Rannels spoke on the same subject from the drinkers view. Both statements blended into a well rounded picture of this timely subject.

The Board of Elders has three active committees at present. One committee works with inactive members, another with prospective members and a third with the neighborhood group leaders. The neighborhood group leaders distributed the American Bible Society daily Bible reading schedule for 1952 to each member of the congregation. Dr. Edmund Schwarze and the Rev. George Higgins assisted in serving the Holy Communion. Rain prior to the morning hour decreased the attendance, but clearing weather for the five o'clock service made that hour more largely attended and gave us a better than average Communion attendance.

JOHN W. FULTON.

CLEMMONS

January brought with it a reversal of form for the Clemmons congregation. Instead of the usual slump in attendance during January and following the Christmas season, church and Sunday school attendance were unusually high throughout the month. In fact a new record for an average Sunday morning was reached on January 20 when 112 gathered for the morning service.

An instruction class in church membership has been formed for several boys and girls who wish to unite with the church on Palm Sunday. The class meets weekly.

An unusually fine atmosphere of worship prevailed as we began the New Year in a spirit of renewed dedication with the observance of the Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month. Youth Sunday was given special notice on January 27. Not only did the sermon deal with this emphasis, but young people served as ushers for the morning and one of the group assisted the pastor in the worship service. The Sunday school staff received an encouraging report on the condition of the work and engaged in a stimulating discussion of the work at a meeting on January 17.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Frank Nifong who became the parents of a son, Michael Ritter, on February 4.

HERBERT WEBER.

MIZPAH

The Christmas season proved to be a busy one for our young people. They were entertained at the home of Br. and Sr. Bobby Long, counselors for the group. Then on Christmas Eve they set out together with the youth fellowship from King in a ten-car caravan to make the rounds of the two congregations singing Christmas carols at the homes of our members. Afterwards the forty or fifty carolers warmed themselves at the parsonage and nearly depleted the pastor's supply of cookies.

A full church on the morning of the Fourth Sunday in Advent established our record attendance for the Christmas season. But over 100 people attended a splendid pageant, "The Starlighted Path," which was produced that night under the competent direction of Mrs. Burton Winfrey.

A meeting of the church council occurred following the morning service on January 13. At that time our congregation gave the go-ahead signal for a concerted drive throughout 1952 to raise funds for the erection of a Christian Education building, to be constructed next year. Our immediate goal is $10,000. Definite ways and means were also approved, together with the building plans now in hand.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

FRIENDLAND

The New Year was begun with a working at the church. Br. Basil Reid is leading the work of making church school furniture each Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Troy Atkin's shop.

A healthy interest in the weekly Bible study is shown by an average attendance of nearly 60 persons. Thanks to Br. Paul Kimball and Br. W. C. Craver we are now meeting in the assembly room of the junior department in the new building. Nora Idol was received into the family of the
congregation by adult baptism and Josephine Weavil was received by the right hand of fellowship on the first Sunday of January.

Sr. Ella Stewart painfully injured her ankle and is slowly improving. Br. Marvin Ferguson is at home. Br. Charles G. Smith suffered the loss of two fingers from his left hand at Bahnson Company where he is employed. Little Sammy Brewer had an injury to his throat. Dorothy Chappell has been ill. Mrs. H. W. Ingram is hospitalized.

The Sunday school teachers were entertained at a fellowship supper by the Young Married Couples class. This was followed by an inspirational meeting with Br. George Higgins and Miss Dorothy Wooten. A collection of clothing for brethren in Jamaica was observed the last Sunday with fine results.

LEAKSVILLE

We have had a good beginning for the new year. A brief installation service was held for the Sunday school workers at the opening session on the first Sunday. Herbert B. Marlow is the superintendent again with Claude L. Fagge and Robert A. Turner as his assistants. Kermit Martin is the secretary-treasurer and Harold Berrier his assistant. Evelyn Turner is the pianist. More than 40 of our members have definite places of service and they are proved to be a good working force in the Sunday school.

Holy Communion was celebrated at the 11 o'clock hour on the first Sunday and here again we had a good attendance although weather conditions were very unfavorable.

Good business meetings of the various organizations were held during the month. Circle two of the Woman's Auxiliary met with Mrs. Doris Brown, and circle one held its meeting with Mrs. B. A. Rickman and Mrs. Ruth Tullotch. The Women's Bible Class met at the parsonage and the Good Fellowship Class held its meeting with Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Pulliam. The official Board of the Church met at the parsonage.

During the month we took up the study of the Moravian Catechism in our Wednesday evening prayer services with good interest and about 30 people taking part in the study. Around 50 copies of the Catechism have been sold to our members.

A nice cash offering was received for the hurricane relief work in the West Indies and also quite a large amount of clothing was brought in for the same purpose.

Those who have been on the sick list for quite a while are W. K. Frith, Jack Berrier, Mrs. Troy Martin, Mrs. N. R. Martin and perhaps others. We wish for all a speedy recovery.

Around a dozen from our church attended the Young People's winter rally at the Home Church January 24. We hope this phase of our work will become stronger in the year ahead of us.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

KONNOAK HILLS

First response to a plan of showing religious movies on a regular schedule has been good. The series outlined through the winter and spring for specified Sunday evening services is that of the life and acts of St. Paul. This audio-visual presentation has preaching power all its own and everyone is gaining a deeper insight into the scriptural truths.

At a recent election held by the Ladies' Bible Class Mrs. M. W. Swaim was chosen as teacher, while Mrs. S. R. Lowder and Mrs. B. J. Rech are to serve as associates, teaching alternately every third Sunday.

A fine group of willing youth assisted in conducting the morning service on January 27. Comment from the members of the congregation was very favorable as to the capable manner in which the young people assumed their responsibilities for the day. In the evening service we were happy to have Br. O. E. Stimpson bring further emphasis to Youth Sunday as he preached to our people.

We are very grateful for the willing service Mr. and Mrs. Donald Greer and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Fishel are giving us in guiding the activities of the Youth Fellowship. Their fine work has paid off in the establishing of an enthusiastic and loyal group.

The Women's Auxiliary had charge of collecting clothes for the Jamaican hurricane relief. Besides working through their own organization the ladies asked for the assistance of the congregation and Sunday school. The call met with fine response, and all who gave felt the joy of sharing with those in need. Being one of the first practical calls for mission endeavor in this young congregation, may it be but a start in an ever-increasing awareness of those in foreign fields.

An initial meeting of the young adults of the congregation was well-attended by an enthusiastic group the night of January 28. A "keynote" address of challenge and opportunity was presented by the Rev. James C. Hughes of the Home Church. Decision to organize was made at this meeting and officers are to be elected in the near future.

Plans for a Day of Prayer are being worked out for Wednesday, March 12. Four sessions are being planned; two for the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Services will begin at 11:00 A.M.

JOHN GOSERUD

MESSIAN

Attendance for the month levelled off at a 42 average, but offerings kept climbing. Our regular offering on January 27 was $82 plus an outside donation of $15 making a total of $97 for the day.

The week of services held in our church from January 27 to February 3 with the pastor preaching saw our temporary building well filled each evening. The membership spoke of great blessings and a number responded to the call to unite with the church.

The adult class sponsored a food sale on February 8. Mrs. Joe H. Gray presented a fine mission...
talk to our auxiliary at the January meeting.
One of our men has enrolled in a public speaking course "to prepare himself to serve his church" and another is studying voice at Salem College with the intent of using that fine baritone "for the glory of God at Messiah."

HENRY A. LEWIS.

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Best attendance record for a regular service on a rainy Sunday was recorded here on January 20 when there were 251 for Sunday school and 235 for morning service. This is in line with a trend which has been noted for all attendances to be from ten to twenty percent above last year.

Twenty-five young people participated in our presentation of the Youth Day service in connection with the United Christian youth movement. Ten had speaking parts and the remainder made up the Youth Fellowship chorus for singing.

Mrs. Jarvis Hauser, a member of this congregation, has assumed full responsibility for the church choir. Under her capable leadership the choir is growing in numbers and in technical perfection.

An interesting youth meeting was held on January 13 when Mr. and Mrs. George Hall and a group of young women from Winston-Salem Teachers college visited our Youth Fellowship and presented the youth race problem as they saw it. The discussion that followed was genuinely helpful.

Eight young people are enrolled so far for the Friday evening course of instruction by the pastor, looking toward church membership.

The Girl Scouts are now enjoying a fine diversified program as they meet each Wednesday afternoon in Fellowship Hall under Mrs. D. F. Stilwell’s leadership.

HENRY A. LEWIS.

RURAL HALL

Epiphany was observed with communion on January 6. At the evening service of January 27, Br. Walser H. Allen, Jr., presented an illustrated talk with pictures which had been taken by him while studying in England. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Mack Smith upon the birth of a daughter, Janet Lorraine.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

FULP

The first communion of the New Year was observed January 13. Mildred Hartsoe acted as our special representative to the young people’s rally, January 24. National Youth Week was observed on January 27 with the following young people being in charge of the opening portion of the worship service: Miss Kate Fagg, Don Boles, James Pfaff, Rodman King, Hal Nifong, Gertrude A. Brewer, and Almon Carr. It was well received and comments were favorable.

Among those confined in the hospital were Mrs. Mary B. Sandefur, Mrs. Dewey F. Messick, Ernest F. Collins, Joseph Donny and Rayford Estep, Jr. All are recuperating.

The Youth Fellowship is now under the direction of Walter and Margaret Crouch and Donald and Rosena Sloan.

SAMUEL J. TESCH.

OLIVET

One hundred crisp new five dollar bills have been presented to adult members of Olivet Church at the end of a thirty day period. Members will be asked to give an account of their stewardship. Money earned from this 20th century application of the Parable of the Talents will be used for our Building Fund. It is hoped that no one will dig in the earth and bury his talent!

New members received into the communicant membership of this congregation in January included Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Stimpson and Miss Marie Stimpson. This family came to us by letter of transfer.

Our choir members sponsored a successful ham and egg supper on January 26. Almost enough money was earned to purchase vestments for twenty-five members of our choir.

We are deeply appreciative of the efforts of our Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Br. G. G. Higgins and his co-worker, Miss Dorothy Wooten, as they labor in our midst to improve the teaching methods of our church school leaders. Many hours during the month were spent by them at Olivet.

RICHARD F. AMOS.

BETHANIA

"It is almost completed." "Isn’t it beautiful?" "We sure will be glad to occupy it." All these comments are being heard daily in and around the little village of Bethania and they all concern the completion of our Christian Education Building. According to the time schedule of the contractor, this building will be finished by March 1. Since the disastrous fire of 1942 this congregation has been without church school facilities, so you see we are justly enthusiastic over the thoughts of being able to once more teach the "Word of God"
in surroundings that make the teaching easier. We were pleased to welcome into our communicant membership during January Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Sprinkle by letter of transfer and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams by the Sacrament of Adult Baptism.

Seventy members of this congregation have made a public pledge that they will devote at least four hours per week to the work of the church in 1952. We believe we shall see good results from these pledges.

RICHARD F. AMOS.

FRIES MEMORIAL

All of our Christmas services were well attended with the exception of the beautifully rendered program of our choir on the Sunday night before Christmas. The spirit of helpfulness was abroad and gifts to the needy were supplied by several of our organization. The Sunday school program held during the morning worship hour, brought a houseful to worship. The lovefeast, as usual, warmed all our hearts.

Our people were happy to hear Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler on the Sunday morning after Christmas in the pastor's absence. Our thanks for his inspiring message.

The Sunday of New Year Communion being a day of bad weather, there was a decidedly smaller number of those who were able to attend, but since that time, peculiarly enough, not in the best of weather either, the attendances at Sunday school and morning worship have been surprisingly full. All of which goes to prove that there is no satisfactory system for predicting or explaining church attendance variations.

During January our Young People had as their guests the Young People of Trinity Church. Together we were forty strong that night. They brought us the program—their coming was sincerely appreciated. Br. Rights came with his young folk and brought us the message at the evening service.

Workers have responded in considerable numbers for certain necessary jobs associated with preparation for the Preaching Mission. May God richly bless us and the community as we look forward to the filling of the Spirit.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

MOUNT AIRY

Has any other congregation suffered proportionately from enlistments and conscriptions as we have? Seventeen young men are now in service, and still others have been notified to be ready for the call to military service. Thus far two of our elders, J. T. Palmer and C. Burton Dinkins, have been taken from home, work, and church, and one trustee, James Midkiff, has enlisted for four years. Our choir has been deprived of several tenors and basses and our church band is unable to function because of the loss of so many musicians. Our young men can be found in Germany, England, Alaska, Japan and Korea, as well as in the States. May God preserve them sound in body, mind, and spirit.

Three of our men are serving on our local police force. Brother W. H. Summer holds the rank of captain, and the brethren Henry L. Gardner, Jr., and Gilmer Eldridge are patrolmen. We thank God that Officer Eldridge escaped unharmed when subjected to a murderous attack with firearms by a youth he stopped for questioning at the local bus station.

Clinton Teah is substituting as elder in place of J. T. Palmer, and James Goad has been appointed trustee until the annual church council in place of James Midkiff.

Sunday school, Youth Fellowship, Christian Endeavor, our ushers, elders, trustees and Woman's Auxiliary are all functioning nicely. The financial support of the church is likewise encouraging. Alcoholics Anonymous held an open meeting in our church on Sunday evening, January 20. A large audience was on hand to hear the speakers.

Salem College Night was held by the Choir ensemble of thirty-five-voices, with Professor Paul Peterson directing, to us on Sunday, March 2. Dr. Dale Gramley, president of the college, and Br. Edwin Sawyer, chaplain, will make brief addresses. Alumnae of Salem College and the Juniors and Seniors of neighboring high schools will receive special invitations to be present.

H. B. JOHNSON.

TRINITY

Mrs. Joe Gray, Sr., was speaker for the meeting of Women of the Church and gave an interesting account of her visit to Nicaragua. Fourteen members of the Mielke and Yoerka families visited Trinity for vespers service and sang in German. They are Moravians from Neugnadefeld and are now living on the Fred Bahnson Ranch across the river in Davie County. The Rev. J. G. Bruner brought the visitors and introduced them.

The Rev. Edward T. Mickey brought us information about church extension when he visited us at vespers service in an exchange of pulpits.

Captain Rachel Kimel, ANC, who has been for more than a year in Army hospital service in Japan, has returned home. Captain A. B. Noell, Lieut. Bill J. Krouse, and Lieut. Craig Moseley, have returned from front line Army service in Korea.

Women of the Church will sponsor the annual Day of Prayer, which comes this year on March 5.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS.

MAYODAN

The first month of the year has brought us signs of a marked awakening in the work. First sign of this was the extra large gathering at the Lord's Table for the New Year Communion, an increase of some 60 per cent over a year ago and by far the largest communion in the present pas-
torate. Since that time, church attendance has continued to be very encouraging.

On the first Sunday of January, gold attendance pins were given to 47 who had perfect attendance in Sunday school for 1951. At the same time a fine presentation was made to Mr. Emory Joyce for unusually faithful service as Sunday school superintendent for the past three years. Br. Joyce continues as our leader again this year.

With the new year there has come an increased desire to do personal work in our field of labor. Elders have pledged themselves for this work and a number of members have promised to join them.

We feel a definite call to this kind of effort and have felt also a definite promise from the Lord that He will bless our labors. As a first fruit, we were happy to receive Br. Conrad Albert by the sacrament of Adult Baptism on the last Sunday in January.

Marking the beginning of the celebration of Youth Week, our Young People’s Society conducted the night service on January 27, using their regularly assigned topic “Committted to Christ,” as the theme of the service. Aided also by the Junior Christian Endeavor Society, the service gave clear demonstration of the effect of young people’s work in the life of our youth. Our people were more than pleased with their ability and evident zeal for the Lord.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER.

PROVIDENCE

The highlights of the Christmas season were the very nice Christmas program under the direction of the Sunday school, and the lovefeast and candle service at which time we were glad to have Dr. D. L. Rights present to bring the message. There was good attendance at both services. After the candle service, members of the choir went to the homes of the sick in the community and sang carols. The pastor had his family appreciate the nice Christmas present and money which the congregation so thoughtfully and kindly gave them.

Holy communion was observed on the first Sunday in January.

The response for the drive for money and clothing for our Jamaican mission was fine.

Plans are materializing for the beginning of construction of the new parsonage. The old house upon the parsonage site has been removed.

Mrs. Josephine McGee, who had a serious and rare type heart operation, is improving in health.

The women of the church purchased new lovefeast mugs for the church.

JOHN H. KAPP

FAIRVIEW

The highlight of Fairview’s activities during January was a Fellowship supper on January 25 sponsored by the Woman’s Auxiliary honoring all new members received since July, 1951. Approximately 215 of Fairview’s members (40 of whom were new members) were present to enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship.

A series of eight meditations by the pastor on “The Beatitudes” are in progress during our Vesper Hour each Sunday. These services are declared by many to be the most helpful spiritually of any of our services.

Our congregation wishes to congratulate one of our former pastors, the Rev. John R. Weinfeld, upon receiving the degree of Philosophy from Columbia University. Congratulations are also due Millard and Eula Belle (Reid) Hartley upon the birth of a daughter, Susan Reid, born January 27; and to Peggy (Jenkins) and Tony Pfaff who were united in holy matrimony the latter part of December.

We were happy to welcome home Lt. James S. Pfaff, one of our service men who was released from the Army after serving 17 months. At the same time we regretted watching another member and his wife, Lt. (J.G.) and Mrs. James G. Regan, move to Washington, D. C. after Mr. Regan’s induction in the Navy. Lt. and Mrs. Regan were counsellors for the Sunday evening High School group. Our best wishes follow them.

I. HOWARD CHADWICK.

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

Charlotte

An enjoyable and popular feature recently added for our fellowship at The Little Church on the Lane is the serving of coffee and hot chocolate following the morning service in our Fellowship Hall.

Miss Betty Robinson has been appointed superintendent of our primary Sunday school department.

Dr. George Douglas, Co-ordinator of the Family Life Education Program of the Charlottesville Schools is now teaching the Fellowship Class of young adults. A supper was held by this class in fellowship hall on January 6, honoring Dr. Douglas.

Mrs. Thomas H. Sullivan and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clark have recently been received into this congregation.

The pastor is holding confirmation classes in preparation for the visit of Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl on February 17.

Officers of The Men of the Church for 1952 are: Frank Law, president; Hugo Heidenreich, Jr., vice-president; Gilbert Nicholls, secretary, and Edgar Wohlford, treasurer.

Congratulations have been extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Abernathy upon the birth of a son, Kenneth, on December 14; and to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Callis upon the birth of a daughter, Lola Kathryn, on January 4.

The Women of the Church are studying Nicaraguan missions at their various circle meetings, also the Bible Study programs, as planned for the Women of the entire province.

HERBERT SPAUGH.

HOME CHURCH

The Rev. Paul A. Snider was our challenging speaker for the annual Mission Band lovefeast. The work of the Mission Band has long been im-

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portant in the missionary program of our church. Offerings were again received for the part-salary of Dr. A. David Thaeler, medical missionary to Nicaragua.

The general meeting of the Women of the Church took the form of two identical meetings, with a pot-luck luncheon and a night circle supper. Guest speaker for both occasions was Mrs. J. Paxton Davis, executive secretary of the Local Council of Christians and Jews. A short movie taken at the Candle Tea was shown to both groups.

We were pleased to host to the Provincial Young People's Rally and the Provincial Stewardship Rally. Mr. Clarence S. Johnson, director of the Presbyterian Churches Program of Progress, gave an inspiring message at the latter rally. The young people's meeting was the largest rally held in a number of years.

The Board of Ushers held their annual supper meeting during the month. Newly appointed ushers were welcomed into the organization and officers were elected for the coming year.

The second Sunday in February brought to our pulpit Dr. Lloyd Ellis Foster, minister of the 283 year-old First Presbyterian Church in Newark, N. J., who was in the city in connection with the Preaching Mission. We were also happy to have Mrs. Jane Frazier Rolandi as guest soloist for our morning worship.

Notable in our morning services have been the many infant baptisms. We appreciate every opportunity to present the children of our members to the Lord.

R. GORDON SPAUGH, JAMES C. HUGHES

FRIEDBERG

Realizing the necessity for strict, Christian living in this crucial year of our world's history, we have made this a month of inventory—a time for "taking stock" of ourselves, our homes, and our church in the light of God's direct teachings concerning the same.

Particularly outstanding in this connection was the service in which we combined the observance of the opening of Youth week with an emphasis on the Christian Home. Edward Swaim, G. B. Myers, Jr., and David Lineback, members of our youth group, opened the service. Following the sermon directly to the family, certificates were presented to the heads of those families desiring to pledge themselves to the regular practice of the family altar, grace at meals, and church attendance. Fifty-six families were represented in the response.

More than sixty members of the choir and band, together with their guests, attended the oyster stew served by the Woman's Auxiliary. An annual affair, marking the beginning of another season of band rehearsals, this year's "stew" was also the occasion of a testimonial dinner to both band and choir. Many thanks to the Auxiliary for another delicious meal.

Br. George Higgins and Miss Dorothy Wooten were with us for our quarterly Sunday School Worker's Conference to present an enlightening program on teacher preparation. Br. Higgins also met with our Youth Fellowship to show the filmstrip, "How We Got Our Bible".

We are happy to have welcomed Mrs. Carl Reich, Jr. into our congregation.

Hearty congratulations go to Br. and Sr. D. C. Sides on the occasion of the birth of their third son, Robin Daryl.

C. TRUETT CHADWICK

OAK GROVE

Holy communion was observed the first Sunday in the new year.

We were pleased to receive Donald Gray and Georgie May Barney Castle into the church by adult baptism and Gray Monroe Barney Castle by transfer Sunday, January 13. We wish for them God's blessings.

The old church plant has finally been demolished and the grounds and drive are in the process of being graded.

The ladies under the direction of Mrs. Mary Whicker have made draperies for all the windows of the new church. The ladies have also purchased new lovefeast mugs for the church.

Several of our young people attended the provincial young people's rally at the Home Church.

The drive for money and clothing for our Jamaican missions met a hearty response.

JOHN H. KAPP

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Mock, Sharon Alaine, daughter of Charles Edward and Isabel m. n. Hunsucker Mock, born April 22, 1951, at Bethesda, Maryland; baptized January 1, 1952 in Winston-Salem, N. C., by the Rev. George G. Higgins.

Bowen, Timothy Hugh, son of Elhile S. and Nora m. n. Deal Bowen; born in Winston-Salem, N. C., August 30, 1951; baptized in Mizpah Church December 23, 1951, by the Rev. Walter H. Allen, Jr.

Gentry, Joseph Gaston, son of Raleigh H. and Mary Etta m. n. Hughes Gentry, born in Winston-Salem, N. C., August 14, 1951; baptized in King Church December 16, 1951, by the Rev. Walter H. Allen, Jr.

Boo, Amy Clair, daughter of Isaac A. and Mary Ella m. n. Moore Boo; born in Winston-Salem, N. C., August 11, 1951; baptized in King Church December 16, 1951, by the Rev. Walter H. Allen, Jr.


Cummings, Janet Ruth, daughter of Everett and Grace m. n. Cheeseman Cummings, born October 12, 1951 in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized January 27, 1952 at Fairview by Howard Chadwick.

Fansler, David Vaughn, son of Fred L. and Billie Ashform m. n. Luck Fansler, was born March 10, 1951, in Saltilvue, Virginia, and was baptized on January 20, 1952 at Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spahugh.

Talbert, George Deane, son of Russell and Edna m. n. Dull Talbert, was born September 13, 1951 in Winston-Salem, N. C. and was baptized on January 27, 1952 at Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spahugh.

Durham, Warren Claude, son of William M. and Kathryn m. n. Lineback Durham, was born June 8, 1951 in Winston-Salem, N. C., and baptized on February 3, 1952 at Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spahugh.

Griffin, Patricia Suzanne, daughter of John Henry and Irene m. n. Smith Griffin, born August 23, 1950, Stephenville Crossing, Newfoundland. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane, Charlotte, N. C., on December 17, 1951, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.


Wilson, Dorothy Scott, daughter of William Knox and Dorothy m. n. Spencer Wilson, born September 25, 1951, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane, Charlotte, N. C., on December 30, 1951, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

SAWYER AND BARNES SPEAK AT WCUNC

By Eleanor Rights

The Moravian Club of Woman's College sponsored the Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer and the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes as speakers for the Religious Emphasis Week held on campus February 12-15. The Moravian representatives, along with ministers from other denominations, spoke to the students and led discussions on the theme "Religion in a World of Conflict".

At the last meeting of the Moravian club the members planned ways to help with the talent project of the Young People's Union. Plans were also made to visit the Tuberculosis Sanitarium to give a devotional program for the people there.

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Christian Concept Of Suffering . . .

By MILTON A. YAECK
Pastor, Emmaus Moravian Congregation

From Rachel weeping for her children to the mass persecutions of Christians; from the starving, and barefoot children in the bitter weather of Korea to the endless pain which afflicts my neighbor suffering from a malignant growth, we come to know the realism of our concern about suffering. Every man's face is at some time creased by the sorrow of some tragic experience, and from the depths of his suffering heart is wrecked an agonized, why?

Whether suffering comes because as creatures we are subject to the natural course of things, or because obviously evil choices bear their fruit, we need to know what it is and how to make the best of it. To remind a suffering man that others are worse off may serve to increase his burden rather than ease it. The suffering man has a right to look to his Christian counselor and to expect the light of a Christian answer.

The Christian is exclusive in affirming that God is Love. Therefore, as James S. Stewart, the great Scotch preacher, reminds us, "It is only the Christian who has upon his hands and heart the terrible task of squaring the dark, tragic things in life with such a daring declaration of faith."

The insistence that all forms of suffering are tragic, and to be gotten rid of at the earliest opportunity, is strongest where the philosophy of life expresses itself in terms of the right to happiness. The insistence upon this right is a commonplace refrain of our time. But in Saxon Rosarius, Carlyle says, "There is in man a higher love than love of happiness: he can do without happiness, and instead find blessedness! . . . Love not pleasure; love God. This is the Everlasting Yes, wherein all contradiction is solved: wherein he who so walks and works, it is well with him."

Nowhere in the Scriptures do we find a statement of the human right to happiness. Jesus was frank to state the real conditions of life in the words, "In the world ye shall have tribulation."

On another occasion Jesus raised the question as to whether an evil tree could produce good fruit or whether a good tree could produce evil fruit. The clear answer was that both were possible. If we must admit that suffering often results in tolerance, patience, sympathy, power and similar good, then we may not classify it as wholly evil.

Job, in his wrestling with his personal afflictions, came to understand that they could be disciplinary, strengthening and purifying. He also learned that they were permitted by God in order that Satan's slanderous boast might be disproved and God's righteousness vindicated and his name glorified.

During the Babylonian captivity the fires of affliction separated the gold from the dross in the souls of the Hebrew people. A sensitive soul among them concluded that the suffering of the righteous adds to the redemptive forces in the world. This idea was later fully personified in Jesus Christ. Jesus, facing certain alternatives, chose the way of love, even though it might lead to a cross. It did. But he transformed the emblem of shame into a glorious symbol of the scope and quality of God's love for sinners.

And beyond the cross there was the marvelous evidence that his faithfulness toward and through that experience had the power to change the lives of men and to redeem them. Amos had thought that the way to change men was to punish them until they corrected their erring ways. Hosea and Isaiah went beyond Amos in suggesting that the way to change a sinner was to love him enough to be willing to die for him. Then Jesus became the glorious example of this idea.

The way of costly love, however, promised no quick or easy results. A brutalized, selfish and blind humanity rejected and rejects this method. Peter speaks for one segment of humanity when he says, "He cannot be the Messiah and die." The record says that another, large segment viewed it as "foolishness." But there were some who, through acceptance, found it to be the way to eternal Sonship.

If I needed a Biblical text to help me in this problem I would center my meditation upon Hebrew 5:5: "Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered." I should find further help in Hebrews 12:1-13.

In his The Cost of Discipleship Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes, "Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of the church. We are fighting for costly grace." By cheap grace he means grace without suffering. The nub of our problem seems to be that we suffer but that we do not allow the mission of suffering to be accomplished in us. We are not to resist suffering but to accept it. Each such present experience is to be used as a stepping stone, Godward.

May each one of us be spared that condition where our crosses do us no good.
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SALEM, FOREMOST

Foremost of all the Easter Services is that of the Salem Congregation for the Moravian churches within the city limits of Winston-Salem. For the 180th year this service will be held beginning in front of the Home Church. This 1952 service will be the 21st year that the service has been led by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, senior pastor of the Salem Congregation.

This year, as last, the entire service will be broadcast through station WSJS in Winston-Salem, the National Broadcasting Company net work, and the Voice of America overseas.

BETHABARA, OLDEST

The first Easter morning service held in the Southern Province was at Bethabara on Easter Day 1757, one hundred ninety-five years ago. In the early dawn of that year the settlers of Bethabara gathered on the hill to the west of their village around the first grave in their God's Acre which bore the Latin inscription, "Anna Maria Opiz, born 1757, died 1757."

Since early last fall the Bethabara congregation has been hard at work reworking its Graveyard in preparation for this 195th service. As in recent years, this service will be held in the afternoon of Easter Day beginning at 3:00. The grounds have been landscaped; the grave stones, many of them of soft stone deteriorated until the inscriptions are almost illegible, were re-set and aligned; grass was sown; and the ancient cedars trimmed.

This work of improving our Province's most historic God's Acre is being planned by a committee consisting of Mrs. R. W. Newsom, chairman, Mrs. J. N. Dull, Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell, W. C. Fox Jr., William H. Andrews, and E. T. Smith.

The Bethabara Graveyard contains over 450 graves. They include the early settlers who founded Bethabara and Matthew Steck, missionary to Greenland, and author of the hymn, "There's But a Small Beginning Made".

BETHANIA, UNCHANGED

Perhaps the least changed through the passing years of all the original Easter Sunrise services is that of Bethania. Here exactly at sunrise each Easter morning the members of this second oldest church of our province gather with their friends and neighbors in front of the church to begin the service. Led by the band the worshipers then march silently to the top of the hill where around the graves of the dead and amid the cedar trees the service is concluded.

The absence of a fixed time, the formality have kept this service almost unaltered for the 192 years that it has been held since 1760.

KERNERSVILLE and FRIEDBERG, The Unusual

The most unique early morning service among the Easter observances of the Southern Province is that of Kernersville. Here the congregation gathers at 5:00 A. M. for the reading of the Acts of Easter Sunday from the Passion Week Manual. Following the reading of the Resurrection Story, the worshipers proceed in order to the graveyard behind the church where the regular Service for Easter morning is held.

Friedberg's procedure in the holding of the Service on Easter Day is also unusual. Friedberg makes its graveyard service a part of the morning worship of the day. At 10:30 a brief service of about thirty minutes is held in the church. Then the congregation marches to the cemetery where the liturgy for Easter morning is read and the service concluded.

MANY OTHERS

These are by no means the only churches of the province to hold traditional Easter services. At Mt. Airy in recent years, with the development of a Moravian graveyard nearby, a Sunrise service has been held. This service begins and closes in front of the church with the congregation marching to and from the graveyard. At Mayodan, too, a Sunrise service is held.

For many years Friedland and Kernersville have cooperated with their combined bands playing at Kernersville in the early morning and at Friedland at 11:00 at which hour the Graveyard Service is combined with the regular church service.

The service at New Philadelphia is similar to that of Friedland, beginning in the church at ten thirty and concluding in the church's God's Acre. In 1951 about 1,000 people participated in this service in the graveyard.

Bethabara Graveyard: made ready for 195th Easter Service
The Provincial Elders Conference makes announcement of the following changes in pastorates in the Southern Province, namely:

Br. Archie W. Jones from the Enterprise-Moravvia Pastorate to the newly formed Pastorate of Bethelsa-Hope Churches. The call became effective as of March 17. Br. Jones and his family have taken residence at 1127 Ebbert Street, Winston-Salem.

Br. Egbert G. Lineback, after seven years of faithful service at Bethesda will have as his Pastorate until May 31, New Eden and Enterprise. He will continue his residence, however, at 649 West Second Street, Winston-Salem.

To the Congregations of the Southern Province the Provincial Financial Board expresses sincere appreciation for the liberal offering which their members have made for the relief of our Jamaican hurricane sufferers and the rehabilitation of their church buildings.

The largest single offering and shoes ever given in the Southern Province, 14 barrels and 4 large boxes, weighing just short of 3,000 pounds, have been forwarded from the church office to Kingston and a check for $2,200 has been sent to the Rev. W. M. O'Meally, President of the Jamaican Provincial Elders Conference.

It is our earnest wish that much beyond the intrinsic value of the articles and the money, these gifts may carry with them the warm spirit of Christian fellowship and brotherhood, together with the encouragement for the vast work of rebuilding which the Jamaican congregations are under challenge of doing.

The memoir of Br. Ellis S. Bullins, which appears elsewhere in this issue is itself witness to the loss the Southern Province and the Moravian Church at large have sustained in the wholly unexpected passing of this virile and energetic young minister, pastor of Immanuel Church, Winston-Salem. In the brief years of his ministry he had wrought well for his Lord and the cause of the Kingdom. And he will be greatly missed. May the comfort of God's grace and peace be with his young wife and children, his aged mother, and the congregation at Immanuel which he served with such zeal and devotion.

Br. Fred Pfaff has been appointed a member of the Advisory Building Committee, succeeding Br. George Flowers, deceased. The membership of this committee now consists of Ralph B. Ogburn, chairman; George G. Higgins, secretary; Paul L. Barnes; Floyd S. Burge; and Fred W. Pfaff.

APPALACHIAN STUDENTS VISITED

On March 4, 1952, the Rev. Herbert Weber and the Rev. Robert A. lobster visited the Moravian students at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, N. C.

The students met them when they arrived at the campus and after introductions and acquaintances were made plans were completed for dinner.

The dinner was enjoyed by all and much was learned about the kinds of food they have in Nicaragua. The fellowship was also enjoyed very much and will not be forgotten soon by any of us. We returned to the campus and Br. lobster showed slides of the life and Moravian Mission Fields in Nicaragua. After the slides were shown the students elected Jean Lineback, of Calvary Church, as Chairman of the Moravian students on the campus. The meeting concluded with the singing of "JESUS MAKES MY HEART REJOICE" and prayer was led by Br. lobster.

Those present were: Nancy Dickerson, Kon­noak Hills; Ruth Foltz, Trinity; Sue Hunter, Fries Memorial; Jean Lineback, Calvary; Ruth Miller, Friedberg; Edward Owster, Home Church; Gail Pul­liam, Friedland; and Jacqueline Snyder, Advent.

UNITY UNDERTAKINGS

Walter H. Allen, Jr.

When the building pictured below was photographed, only a skeleton of beams and rafters covered it. A few months later the roof of the church building in which our Herrnhut Brudergemeine gathered was completed, in November 1951. But work on the interior of the church cannot begin until this summer. Meanwhile the brethren and sisters of the mother congregation of the renewed Moravian Church must stand on the bare floor when they attend a divine service there. But they rejoice that they can still meet to worship God within the hallowed walls of their beloved Saal.

however empty it may seem. The room where they usually assemble is not empty of worshippers, though. At present all preaching services have to be held twice, as the hall (in the Sister's House) is too small. From January 17 to 24 Br. Kuehne held evangelistic services which were much blessed. The crowd was so large that it became necessary to put loud speakers in the hall and in two other rooms as well. In the afternoon they studied the Bible, in the evenings listened to lectures and sermons. Here is an example of the interesting subjects taken up: "Is there such a thing as unavoidable fate?" The final answer was, "Jesus Christ is our fate."

Our reporter also writes that they have had a real winter in Herrnhut, with much snow but without fierce cold, for which they thank God. Bishop Marx is still active. Not long ago he celebrated his eightieth birthday and gave the congregation an autobiographical sketch in the evening of that day. Doubtless he remembers better times. In Eastern Germany it is currently difficult to replace worn-out clothes or underwear. Our brethren there could purchase needed articles from Western Germany if their money had any value there. But it doesn't! CARE understands that situation. Do you?

TESCH ACCEPTS CALL TO IMMANUEL

The Rev. S. J. Tesch has accepted a call to the pastorate of Immanuel Church effective May 1, 1952, according to an announcement by the Provincial Elders Conference. Br. Tesch's acceptance of the call to Immanuel fills the pulpit vacated by the unexpected death of the Rev. Ellis S. Bullins on March 4.

Since April 22, 1945 Br. Tesch has been pastor of the Christ Church congregation. Prior to that he served at Friedberg and from 1939 to 1945 he held the pastorate of Immanuel-Friedberg.

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Memoir Of
Br. Ellis Spencer Bullins

Go to the grave in all thy glorious prime!
In full activity of zeal and power;
A Christian cannot die before his time;
The Lord's appointment is the servant's hour.

Go to the grave; at noon from labor cease;
Rest on thy sheaves, thy harvest-task is done:
Come from the heat of battle, and in peace,
Soldier! go home; with thee the fight is won.

Go to the grave? take thy seat above!
Be thy pure spirit present with the Lord,
Where thou for faith and hope hast perfect love,
And open vision for the written word:

Br. Ellis S. Bullins was born in Surry County, North Carolina on September 20, 1914, the son of Samuel and Emma Bullins. He spent his early life in Mayodan, N. C., to which community his parents had moved with their children, and there, on May 30, 1930, he made public profession of faith in Christ as his Saviour and united with the Moravian Church through the sacrament of baptism.

He graduated from the Mayodan High School in 1935, with an excellent scholarship record, and, having heard and accepted the call of his Lord to the Christian ministry he entered the University of North Carolina as a ministerial student, under sponsorship of the Moravian Church. In June 1939, he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University, and in the fall, following, began his studies in Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In three years of successful effort there, he completed his prescribed course in theology and was awarded the Bachelor of Divinity degree in June 1942.

His ordination as a Deacon of the Moravian Church followed on August 30, in his home church at Mayodan, and he was soon thereafter established in his first pastorate in Leasville. But not for long, for World War II was on, and though he might have been exempt from service, loyalty to his country and the spiritual welfare of the soldiers moved him to volunteer as a chaplain. He was sent overseas early in '43.

The first commission he received was that of first lieutenant with the 103rd Infantry Division. Later, however, he was promoted to the captaincy and, still later, he was advanced to the position of senior chaplain. He served in the European Theatre for about two years and was in the thick of the terrific fighting around the bulge, in the victorious advance of the Allies into Germany.

From the letters telling of his experiences with his "buddies" during those terrible weeks of carnage and destruction, some written from fox holes, others from hiding places where he had taken shelter while the battle raged nearby, there is abundant evidence that he was a chaplain who held his position as no sinecure. His interest was with his men and he was ever on the alert to serve them spiritually and otherwise. And often it was night and day service, long sustained. The tension of those weeks must have been very great indeed, particularly for one of his highly sensitive and sympathetic temperament, and, it may be, that even then already there began that weakening of vital organs which under the further strain of the years, led to his surprisingly early demise.

Returning home in March 1946, after an honorable discharge from the Army, our Brother was appointed pastor of the Advent Congregation and entered upon his church service with new zest. It was the form of service he loved most and, with the Lord's evident blessing, he gave a good account of himself, both as pastor and preacher. The work prospered, the membership increased and the new Advent Church was dedicated under his pastorate in August 1947.

On January 31, 1948, Br. Bullins was happily united in marriage with Miss Berletta Snyder, a daughter of the Advent Congregation and one on whom he had come to depend heavily in young people's activities.

In the month following, he was transferred by the Provincial Elders Conference to the pastorate of Immanuel Church of Salem Congregation, and the young couple came to reside in the new and commodious parsonage which the congregation had provided for its first full-time resident pastor.

Here, again, the blessing of the Lord rested upon our Brother's labors from the very beginning, and, during the four years that followed, a strong foundation was laid for large and extending work. The young minister and his wife were greatly beloved by the membership. He was earnest and evangelistic in his preaching and had a deep yearning for soul saving. In pastoral services he was diligent and faithful; and with young people and children he was both friend and counsellor-companion. He won, too, the confidence and cooperation of the official boards. And the community gave him hearty welcome also.

On January 9, 1949 by order of the Provincial Elders Conference he was advanced to the order of Presbyter.

Not only did the congregation grow in membership, but better and fuller organization was achieved. Plans were made ready, too, for an extensive building project, that the work might be properly housed and the house of Christ advanced in one of the most rapidly growing sections of the city.

Then, the unexpected happened—On the morning of Tuesday, October 23, our Brother experienced a severe heart attack which incapacitated him completely for service. For long weeks he lay in the hospital under care of physicians and nurses, while loved ones and friends and congregation prayed that if it were the Lord's will he might recover and resume his important service.

For a brief season he did return and was even granted the happy privilege of one Sunday morning's hour of worship and fellowship with the congregation. But there was another attack which hurried him again to the hospital for further treatment. There was no improvement, however, but increased suffering. And on Tuesday, March 4, 1952 at 8:15 a. m. a wise and ever-loving Lord, who 'never yet mistake has made in His vast government' gave him blessed release and called him to Himself and that higher service of heaven, of which the great Revelation speaks: "His servants shall serve Him; and they shall see His face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads."—

His age was 37 years, 5 months and 14 days. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Amanda Bullins, one son, Ellis S. Bullins Jr., his mother, Mrs. Emma Bullins of Mayodan; one sister, Mrs. Howard Atkins of Mayodan; five brothers, Mallory, Paul, Ernest, and Silas Bullins, all of Mayodan, and Grover Bullins of Greensboro.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

BETHESDA
Under the leadership of several laymen the prayer meeting services have been revived. Recent mid-week services have been well attended. Sixteen Sunday school officers and teachers attended a workers conference hour to study the Sunday school program and make plans for improvement. It was decided both advisable and necessary to hold these conferences regularly. The Youth Fellowship has been earnestly trying to strengthen the quality of its work with greater stress on the importance of well prepared programs.

EGBERT G. LINEBACK

RURAL HALL
An instruction class was started in the Junior Department on Sunday, February 3. The Rural Hall Civic Club was served in the church parlor on February 18 by a group from the Ladies’ Auxiliary, the proceeds of which went to the Auxiliary budget. We welcomed Dr. Douglas L. Rights as guest preacher for the evening service of February 24. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stauber who observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary February 12.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD JR.

FULP
A group of young people attended the preaching mission youth rally on February 9. Several church improvements were noted this month. On February 10, the Sunday school hymn book fund was completed and enough money was raised to resume work on the yard. Grass was sown on February 23, just before the snow and rain came upon us. We hope to get a good stand of grass on our yard this year.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD JR.

CALVARY
The young people conducted a morning service featuring “The Call”, a national young people’s emphasis. Tommie Ann Poindexter led in a specially prepared liturgical service. Shirley Conrad, Albert Griffin and Albert Atwood gave pointed talks on the significance of “The Call” for themselves and the congregation. A senior young people’s choir composed of twenty-seven voices sang, “Be Thou My Vision,” and the newly formed chapel choir sang an arrangement of “Fairest Lord Jesus.” A candlelight consecration service, on the same evening provided the occasion for the intermediates and seniors to come forward and re-dedicate their lives to Christ. Each member of the group responded by coming forward to light a white candle and place it on a large white cross. In a later meeting the young people discussed “What Christ Means To Me.” This program was not taken from any material, but was the personal statements of what Christ’s cross meant to each member. Here most of the group responded by making their testimony.

The third Family Night, featured on George Washington’s birthday, found families gathered in one large group for a supper. After singing gospel hymns, the new sound projector was used to show the film, “For Good or Evil.” New dippers in the fellowship hall were seen for the first time on this night.

A register of the attendance at the morning service has been introduced. The purpose is to provide a means of discovering our visitors. To our surprise as many as fifteen visitors have registered in one service. These are being sent a leaflet on the Moravian Church and a copy of the next Sunday’s bulletin. Those who return a second time are visited.

Dr. Edmund Schwarze preached February 24, and our people expressed much hearty appreciation.

JOHN W. FULTON

UNION CROSS
The months of January and February have been very pleasant for Union Cross. Our Sunday school reached an all-time high of 201. We have been looking for the 200 mark for some time. Now summer is coming and we should reach 225 by June.

Our parsonage is progressing as well as expected. The interior is about complete. The Auxiliary met in January with Mrs. Thurman Johnson, and in February with Mrs. Willie Reid.

G. E. BREWER.

KONNOAK HILLS
A small but interested group of young people have been in weekly training sessions since January preparing for church membership. Two of the number, Elizabeth Griggs and Shirley Day will be received on Palm Sunday by Adult Baptism, but are with the class to secure the fundamentals for their profession. Others are Janet Thomas, Connie Carlberg, David Carter, and Bud Dickerson.

At the recent general meeting of the Women of the Church, a special resolution was adopted with the purpose of making more the church members’ individual work. The purpose of the resolution was to provide a means of discovering our visitors. To our surprise as many as fifteen visitors have registered in one service. These are being sent a leaflet on the Moravian Church and a copy of the next Sunday’s bulletin. Those who return a second time are visited.

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officially organized, the group not only made exhaustive searches for furnishings of the best kind, but also found itself obligated to the raising of funds for its own work. As already mentioned, a good job was done all the way around. The new committee finds itself in somewhat different character. It is essentially a "screening board". Of itself it will not have the power of purchase of any interest, attendance averaging funds for its own work. As already mentioned, a is being attended by four boys. At the same time, articles still needed, but it will make recommendations to the trustees, and this official board will accept, or file such for future reference. It is hoped members of the congregation will feel free to offer suggestions to the persons on the committee as to what they think is still needed for the Church. This way the trustees will have a better all-around look at the situation. Members of the group are: Grover Fisheal, chairman, Mrs. Paul Everhart, Mrs. Virgil Joyce, Mr. D. I. White and Mr. C. F. Thomas.

A fine time of fellowship and greater spiritual strength was, too, was experienced by the members of the congregation at a fellowship supper Tuesday, February 19.

The choir is working hard on its part in preparation for a performance of Stainer's sacred cantata, "The Crucifixion", which is to be presented by the combined choirs of the Fairview Moravian Church and ours. All look for a rich spiritual experience to come from it.

JOHN GOSERUD.

FRIEDBERG

Dr. Edmund Schwarze concluded this month a series of six Wednesday night discussions on "The Person and Work of Jesus Christ." Evidence of our people's interest in these discussions could be seen quite clearly in the increased attendance, reaching 87 on one occasion. We shall long remain deeply indebted to Dr. Schwarze for his clear, concise interpretation of our Saviour's Person and Work.

Thirty-one families were represented in the response to the pastor's sermon and invitation to undertake the practice of tithing for the remainder of the year, at least. While this still leaves much to be desired, we feel we have cause for rejoicing in the sizable increase in the number of tithers in our midst.

Our Youth Fellowship sponsored a Sunday evening musical service by the Central Terrace Methodist Junior Choir, directed by Mrs. Samuel Pruett and accompanied by our organist, Mrs. Ralph Conrad, a member of Central Terrace and regular organist for their Junior Choir. The work of this group of youngsters was a credit to their leaders and an inspiration to their hearers. It was a pleasure to have them.

The Men's Bible Class, in conjunction with the Woman's Auxiliary, has begun the "facelifting" of their downstairs classrooms, the kitchen, and serving room. New plaster, paint, and an asphalt tile floor will go a long way toward transforming what has been the "church basement" into an adequate "fellowship hall."

Our sincere thanks go to the Mr. George Higgins and Edmund Schwarze for their capable Sunday supply during the month.

C. TRUETT CHADWICK

MAYODAN

The short month of February brought us much sadness. Death struck six times in the homes of our members. Our congregation hereby expresses Christian sympathy with all the bereaved.

With the Lenten season approaching, the pastor began an instruction class for the young, which is being attended by four boys. At the same time, the nine chapters of the Moravian Catechism are being used as the basis of the mid-week prayer meeting messages. Members have shown a keen interest, attendance averaging 45 and the members all purchasing their own copies of the Catechism for home study. The many reference verses are being used for daily Bible readings during the effort.

A Young Married Couples Fellowship was organized Saturday night, February 23, with 17 couples present and much enthusiasm. Frank Price was elected president. With a possible 50 couples in our church and Sunday school, this should grow to a much larger group. We wish them much success.

The pastor conducted the devotions in the Mayodon P. T. A. meeting Thursday night, February 21. This was a very fine occasion, marking the 25th Anniversary of P. T. A. work in Mayodon. All past presidents are still living and most were present for the celebration. The pastor noted that a large portion of the 25 years was directed by Moravian presidents, first of whom was Mrs. Margaret McCulston, who organized the work in 1927. This is typical of the share our Moravian people take in all community work here.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

FAIRVIEW

A fellowship supper on February 22, sponsored by the Blum Memorial Class, highlighted the month of February. An excellent program, including a most inspiring address by Dr. Kenneth R. Goodson of First Methodist Church in High Point was enjoyed by over 200 people who attended. Two hundred dollars was raised toward a mission project making the grand total of $1,175.00 raised in the last three months in excess of the regular mission budget. An increased zeal for missions is evidenced throughout the congregation.

On February 17 Dr. Edmund Schwarze was guest speaker for our annual Missionary Lovefeast.
Our band, under the direction of J. B. Snyder, Jr., played for this occasion.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitlow upon the birth of a son, Michael Worth, born January 28; and to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Roberts on the birth of a daughter, Karen Faust, born March 3.

Two of our members are new among the list of "Fairview's Men in Service," making a total of 22. They are: Richard Morgan and C. B. Kane.

David Harrison is reported missing in action in Korea.

HOWARD CHADWICK

FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH
GREENSBORO

This month we received eleven members: Barbara Anne Bailey, Mary Catherine Bailey, and Russell Brock Gordon as non-communicants; and as communicants Dorothy Sharpe Hartley by the sacrament of adult baptism; William David Bailey, Jr., by re affirmation of faith; Gladys Smith Bailey, Sarah Dot Call, Harry Lee Garrett, Conrad Edwards Gordon, Jr., Virginia Brock Gordon, and Harold Eugene Hartley by letter of transfer.

Our young people sponsored the showing of the film "A Wonderful Life" on February 3 and a fish supper on March 1. Both projects were successful and the talents are growing!

On February 10 the Young Adult Class from Providence visited us. The 27 wonderful people spread a bountiful supper in the Scout Hut and invited the pastor and his family.

The Holy Communion service the first Sunday in Lent was attended by 161 persons—even though the weather was adverse.

We are looking forward to a great "in-gathering" of souls on Palm Sunday and we are happy that the Lord has blessed us with the presence of His Spirit.

J. CALVIN BARNES

MOUNT AIRY

Two Deluxe Pedestal tables have been added to the equipment of our social room. Four circles of the Auxiliary brought about the purchase of these tables. Thanks again, ladies.

In the absence of the pastor of First Baptist Church our pastor filled the pulpit there on Sunday morning, February 3.

The entire Auxiliary observed the birthday anniversary of the mistress of the manse on Tuesday, February 12. She was well pleased with gifts and good wishes.

Valentine parties were much enjoyed by the primary and junior departments of our Sunday school. Attendances ran up to 54 and 32 respectively.

Hospitalized recently were Mrs. J. D. Atkins, Mrs. J. C. Dillon, Mary Louise Boyd, Mrs. R. L. Boyd and Frances Chandler.

Sympathy is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McHone, whose little son died at birth. We also express our sympathy to Mesdams J. C. Dillon and W. H. Sumner on the passing of their mother, Mrs. W. S. Duncan. The funeral was held in our church, with Elder David L. Hiatt assisting our pastor.

Installation of Youth Fellowship officers featured our evening service on February 24. Our Youth Fellowship is meeting on Tuesday nights in the homes of the young people.

The First Sunday in Lent was a red letter day for us. Holy communion was observed in the morn-

in, with C. Jackson Griffith receiving adult baptism. Mrs. Griffith united with us by transfer. In the afternoon their two sons were dedicated to the Lord in Holy Baptism. That evening we enjoyed Salem College Night. Professor Paul Peter- son brought up the Choral Ensemble and gave an excellent program of sacred singing. Carol Storitz of Nicaragua opened the service with the Call to Worship. Brief addresses were made by President Dale Gramley and by Chaplain Edwin Sawyer. The offering was given to the Salem College Scholarship Fund. Before the service our Woman's Auxiliary regaled our visitors with a dainty, but substantial, buffet supper. Former Salem College girls, who were present, were requested to stand in the audience and be recognized. Mount Airy is the home of several such persons.

H. B. JOHNSON

TRINITY

The Intermediate League had a large and enthusiastic attendance at the annual banquet. The Rev. Roy E. Bell of Kernersville was the speaker, giving unusual emphasis in his message by mixing liquids in milk bottles.

Sunday school reached 404 on a Sunday in February. At the Sunday School Council meeting, Douglas Carter surveyed materials and methods. Douglas is now an assistant to Superintendent R. W. Lawcon.

We regret that much of this month Mrs. Henry Taylor, our church secretary, has been confined to her home on account of illness.

We are grateful to Dr. Francis Anncombe for supplying when the pastor was detained at home with a cold. Welcome visiting ministers also were the Rev. Egbert Lineback, the Rev. William Cranford, Jr., and the Rev. Robert A. Iobst. Br. Iobst brought us an instructive and entertaining message illustrated with film slides showing scenes of his labors in Nicaragua.

A member of the Gideon's Band, Ernest L. Pannel, Sr., of Charlotte, S. C., spoke at a morning service.

The ushers invited the ladies to their annual supper, at which Mr. Ayers, a layman of Burkhead Methodist Church, was the speaker.

A fine representation of young people from the First Moravian Church in Greensboro visited us for a vesper service and later joined with our Youth Fellowship, presenting an interesting program.

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Fine interest marked all of the business meetings of the various organized groups, and we are grateful for the fine work they are doing all along through the months.

The Women’s Bible Class met with Mrs. Troy Ellington for its business meeting. This class also had charge of the worship program of the Sunday school on the third Sunday. Circle 1 of the Woman’s Auxiliary met with Mrs. R. A. Turner and Mrs. Kermit Martin was hostess to Circle 2 in her home. Two meetings were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richardson, the first was that of the Official Board of the Church and the other was the Good Fellowship Class meeting.

Mrs. B. A. Rickman’s Intermediate Class had charge of the opening of the Sunday school on the last Sunday. It is encouraging to see these young people taking a definite part in a worship service like this. We appreciate the fine work behind the scenes by the teachers and officers of the intermediate and primary department of the Sunday school. Br. Herbert E. Marlow, general superintendent of the Sunday school for his second year, is showing fine leadership at his post. This good leadership on the part of a number makes for a better all around work in the Sunday school and church. Br. Troy Ellington has been elected church usher in the church, succeeding Br. L. N. Reynolds who asked to be relieved of this work. We have continued to use the lessons in the Moravian Catechism as the basis of study in our mid-week services.

Our people are rejoicing with Br. Jack Berrier and his family that he is back home again and in the best of health and spirit after his eight or ten weeks stay in the Western North Carolina Sanitarium at Black Mountain, N. C. Br. W. K. Frith, our church treasurer, continues to improve in health nicely.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

CLEMMONS

Members of Boy Scout Troop 31 and their parents attended the special meeting on 11:00 o’clock on February 10 when Boy Scout Sunday was observed. The scout troop attended church in a body and served as ushers for the morning.

The last Sunday in February was observed as Mission Sunday at Clemmons. Br. Robert lobst brought a very instructive and challenging message to the congregation at the lovefeast in the afternoon. At the lovefeast a special offering for Jamaica hurricane relief was received.

The mission theme was continued when Mrs. George Heath spoke to the regular meeting of the Young Ladies’ Bible School Class.

March is being observed as “Go To Church Month” by the churches of Clemmons. The weather and flu epidemic combined to give an unfavorable beginning on the first Sunday. But we are in hopes that church attendance can be given a real boost in all of the churches during the remainder of the month.

A reverent congregation gathered on March 2 for the Communion for the first Sunday in Lent. We are confident that this Lenten season will bring a strengthening of the spiritual life of the congregation.

F. HERBERT WEBER

CROOKED OAK

In order to protect the church from vandals the windows of the church have been nailed shut.

Such measures, however, have been ineffective for parties are still being held in one of the back rooms of the church. The need for the spreading of the Gospel throughout this section of Carroll County is overwhelming.

Our group is small but faithful. Br. Will MacMillian, as Sunday school superintendent, is doing a fine work.

PAUL A. SNIDER

WILLOW HILL

The fellowship which has accompanied the Church Committee meetings has become a great source of inspiration. On Monday, January 7, the committee met at the home of Hobert Hiatt, and on Friday, February 22, the group conducted its business meeting at the home of Mrs. Harvey Leonard.

Our mid-week service continues to grow. During the past two months meetings have been held in the following homes: Harvey Leonard’s, Aunt Belle Hiatt’s, Aunt Hassie Edwards’, Bob Hiatt’s, Hobert Hiatt’s, and Mrs. Joe Bowman’s.

On Sunday evening, February 24, the women of the church conducted the World Day of Prayer service. Mrs. S. R. Levering presided. Those taking part in the service, in addition to the pastor, were Phyllis Baum, Jerusha Dawson, Betsy Levering, Mrs. Clarence Coulson, and Mrs. Harvey Leonard.

PAUL A. SNIDER

MOUNT BETHEL

The first full week of the New Year united the mountain churches in a series of cottage prayer meetings which were held at the homes of the Brs. Hobert Hiatt, Harvey Puckett, Tom R. Hiatt, Bill Bondurant, Russell Utt, and Clyde Puckett. While few attended all the meetings, often the homes were filled to capacity.

On January 5 the Church Committee met at the home of Ralph Ayers. An organization of the men of the church who will serve as ushers has been attempted. The committee met at the home of Russell Utt on February 2.

While the pastor was on vacation Br. Alfred Dawson and the Rev. Cablet Bowman brought inspiring messages to the congregation. The gratitude of the congregation and the deep appreciation of the pastor is extended to these brethren.

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organized with Mrs. Nell Puckett's Sunday school class as the nucleus. Officers are: president, Doug Dawson; vice-president, David Jones; chaplain, Jack Dawson; and secretary-treasurer, Ken Tilley. Monthly meetings have increased the interest of the boys in the work of the Church. Text books were sent by them to three of our young men in the armed forces. As their contribution to the Youth Fellowship's mission budget the boys spent one Saturday morning cutting pulp wood. The hot dogs and pork and beans following the morning’s work tasted mighty good!

The women of the church met at the home of Mrs. Nell Puckett on January 4 and at the home of Mrs. Carl Westmoreland on February 1.

PAUL A. SNIDER

OAK GROVE

February has been a busy and fruitful month. The church lawn has been graded, surplus dirt hauled away, and a driveway made around the church. The state has hauled a large amount of crushed rock for the drive and parking area.

The young adult class closed its three months membership and building fund drive last of the month with a net increase of 19 new members and $3,622.42 for the building fund indebtedness. This is a record of which the church should be proud. There was an intensive amount of work. Sale of rags, scrap metal, logs, household items, suppers, and generous contributions by the members themselves all enabled them to raise that amount. There is an approximate class membership of 100 now. We hope, with the aid of the Building and Expansion Program, to pay off the building indebtedness within the next several months, although this will require much work and sacrifice.

Congratulations are extended to Br. and Sr. Ralph Bowman who are proud parents of a baby boy.

JOHN H. KAPP

PROVIDENCE

The amount in the parsonage building fund has climbed to over $7,000. More detailed plans are being worked out and we hope construction will begin shortly.

The Woman’s Auxiliary met at the home of the pastor at which time a sale was held for the parsonage building fund.

JOHN H. KAPP

ADVENT

For many of us, February will be remembered as a month of rededication to God and his work. In one of our Sunday morning services about 200 of our members came forward and pledged their lives anew to the Lord. Many walked down the aisle for the first time in their lives taking Christ into their hearts. The meeting proved to be such a blessing and inspiration to our people that many stood on their feet to verbally testify for Christ, a new experience for some of them.

A mong the young people too there has been a vital spiritual awakening. We believe that God will use their transforming experience to bring forth an abundance of Christian fruit in this community and congregation.

The Elders and Trustees, 18 in number, have undertaken a community survey to determine how many people living in the community do not go to church. As soon as the survey is completed, we expect to have an enormous prospect list. Our plan then is for laymen and women to help the pastor visit these people and win them for Christ and his Church.

This year instead of having the pastor’s class on Sunday afternoon for those young people who are preparing for church membership, the class is held during the instruction period of the Sunday school hour. The results are better from the attendance point of view.

VERNON E. DAETYWYLER

CHRIST CHURCH

Comments throughout the congregation testify to the value of the annual Preaching Mission to the spiritual life of our community. It was a delight to have the Transa-Moravia group attend the Saturday evening service in a body. Later the group met with Toby and Harold Phillips for a brief business session.

Workers conference was a profitable effort. The attendance was good, the Rev. Richard F. Amos gave us a stimulating and inspiring address, the food was good and the after meetings in departmental groups brought forth some new ideas for the immediate future.

At this particular time there appears to be more interest and concern for the future of our work in this community than at any time recently. There is no doubt in any one’s mind about what ought to be done. The question is, have we the courage to do what we know should be done?

The Youth Fellowship conducted the evening service on the last Sunday in the month and presented a thought-provoking program.

Confined to the hospital during the month were: E. F. Collins, Joseph Denny, Mrs. Herman Durham, Mrs. Mamie Duke and Harry Lee Collins, Jr.

SAMUEL J. TESCH

KING

The chief event which claimed our interest during February was the observance of our 26th anniversary as a congregation. We celebrated the occasion with a lovefeast service, at which our guest preacher was the Rev. Frank E. McKenzie, Assistant to the Rector of Grace Church Parish (Episcopal), Morganton, N. C. Br. McKenzie brought us a most appropriate and challenging message.

The following Sunday our recently-appointed corps of ushers began to serve. Acting as chief usher is Br. J. E. Stone, Jr. His assistant in that capacity is Br. R. Holton Gentry. Ushers for the first Sunday in the month are Br. Paul Lewis and Br. Burke Meadows; for the second Sunday, Br. S. B. Brandon and Br. O. O. Grabs, Jr.; for the third Sunday, Br. Paul Kiser and Br. Harold Boyles; for the fourth Sunday, Br. Simpson Garner and Br. Donald Brown; and for the fifth Sunday, Br. Reed Griffin and Br. David Petree.

On Sunday morning, February 10, the Rev. George Higgins, Mrs. John Ingle, and Mrs. A. S. Johnson demonstrated to the children’s and junior department instructors of our Sunday school staff how they might best employ improved meth-
ods of Christian Education. Their visit to us was most helpful.

The month began with a fellowship supper enjoyed by many of our members. Afterwards some others joined them for a Church Council meeting, at which the congregation approved several important forward steps intended to expand the physical facilities and increase the pastoral services the church offers to our congregation and the community of King. The month closed with the first of our Lenten mid-week Bible study and prayer circle meetings.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

MIZPAH


On Saturday night, February 16, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary prepared a delicious ham supper which patrons enjoyed to the last bite. This was the first of the monthly suppers which our ladies are planning to put on throughout this year for the benefit of our building fund.

Another project which we launched this month in favor of the building fund was the distribution of self-denial dime folders to be filled day by day during the Lenten season. We are hoping that all of the folders will be returned check full of dimes.

The Rev. George G. Higgins and Miss Dorothy Wootten presented a very effective program on "The Teacher Prepares" to those who attended the Christian Education workers supper on Saturday night, Feb. 23. The ladies present served tasty oyster stew and sugar cake to around twenty Sunday school teachers and officers, and members of the Christian Education committee.

We began a Lenten series of Bible studies in the book of Mark on Thursday night after Ash Wednesday. The Sunday before we were privileged to have the Rev. and Mrs. Robert lobst in our midst. Br. lobst of Nicaragua won and inspired his audience at Immanuel, as he has just about everywhere he has gone during his furlough. The red box missionary effort, spearheaded by Henry Masten, brought in $823 for the Colegio Moravo in Bluefields, Nicaragua.

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Preparations have included instruction classes in the meaning of Christianity and church membership for our young people, rehearsals of the Religious Drama Club for their Easter play, March 30, and music rehearsals for the Vesper of Lenten Music by the adult choir.

Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl is again leading our Bible studies during the season. The five studies, entitled "to Christ, the Upper Room" are being sponsored by Mrs. Pfohl’s Bible Class. Special music is being arranged by the class as an added feature for the Wednesday evening meetings.

The Teachers and Officers Council Supper, which boasted the largest reservation in many meetings, was drastically reduced in attendance by the five-inch snowfall. The Rev. George Staples, pastor of Highland Presbyterian Church was our inspiring speaker.

The Youth Week Program of our young people was commendable. Participating in the program were the Chorister, Manfred Johnson, Bill Gramley and Ralph Siewers III. Talks on the theme "A Charge to Keep" were presented by Lynn Hamrick, Gordon Bondurant, Mary Helen Palmore and Bill Peters.

Two religious movies of exceptional quality have been presented at vesper programs. These have included "The Great Commandment" and "Ruth". The latter was actually filmed in Transjordania and presents a striking picture of life and customs in Biblical times.

R. GORDON SPAUGH
JAMES C. HUGHES

ARDMORE

The month opened with the pastor eleven hundred miles away in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, where he was guest preacher in a week’s preaching mission at the Moravian Church of which Br. Vernon I. Graf is pastor. Br. Graf was formerly pastor of Christ Church, Winston-Salem. The week was marked with a heartening response to the preaching and gracious hospitality to the preacher. We wish to thank Br. Edwin A. Sawyer, chaplain of Salem College, for preaching on the first Sunday of our absence, and to the Men’s Bible Class who moved their “Homecoming Day” service into the second Sunday, on which occasion the Rev. Clifford Peace, pastor-counselor of the R. J. Reynolds Company, preached at the morning service which was also the annual Boy Scout observance. Our three Boy Scout units participated in the service.

On Sunday, February 17, the local Civitan Club held its annual “Civitan Sunday” service as part of our morning worship. Statements have been made to the effect that it was an inspiring occasion, but the pastor was so addlebrained from influenza that he has only hazy memories of the service.

On Sunday night, February 24, the Foreign Missionary Society was in charge of the service, featuring an illustrated message by Br. Robert A. Lobst, missionary to Nicaragua. Later comments from the congregation indicated that it was one of the most effective missionary presentations we have had in a long time. Prior to this service, Br. Lobst spoke to the Senior Group of the Youth Fellowship, Mrs. Lobst to the Junior Group, and Mrs. Joe Gray, Sr., mother of one of our missionaries to Nicaragua, spoke to the Intermediate Group.

The Woman’s Auxiliary had a very well planned Day of Prayer on March 5, based on the theme: “The Fruit of the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:22, 23.)

The ladies were in charge of the morning and afternoon sessions and the luncheon between, while the Men’s Fellowship presided over the night service.

CHAS. B. ADAMS

FRIEDLAND

Services of special interest for the young people were held in February. Two young Moravian women spoke to the combined Kemersville and Friedland senior groups on February 10. Miss Carol Storz and Miss Raghild Worr spoke of youth life in Central America and Germany. Refreshments were served by the Laura Reed Class. On February 24 the Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer and Br. Herman Coble, of High Point College, led the discussion of religion and federal money in the public school.

Illness and bad weather brought our attendance below 200 for the first time in several months.

A leaflet is used for the Holy Communion service. The Young Men’s Class purchased copies printed expressly for the Congregation.

Br. Henry Reed had a brief and successful visit at City Hospital.

The nursery, beginner, and primary departments of the Sunday school have moved into the new building. It is a joy to see the increased interest and activity.

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Rebuilding in Jamaica. Br. Patrick Craig writes:

"You may very well say, 'What are the members in Jamaica doing? And I will try to give you a little inkling of the picture, typical, I believe, of the whole.

A day or two after the hurricane I went to Bethany to find some three hundred zinc sheets blown off the roof, rafters, doors, and windows smashed, and the organ badly damaged. But already the members had not been idle. On the Monday following the hurricane they had banded together to search far and wide for the missing sheets, each one costing about £1. The Church is at the top of a very steep, long wooded hill, and the sheets were scattered over a wide area to the very bottom of the valley. By sheer hard, persevering labor, the search party had collected all but about fifteen, representing nearly £300 in value. The next thing was to get them put on again. It was a good thing to find in the list of members a skilled carpenter, who was ready to take the work in hand. The rains would be due in a month or so, and the urgency of the task called out the best in them. But even the most willing workmen cannot do a job without materials, and we soon found that zinc nails had 'gone under the counter,' and in fact not a single nail could be bought for love or money.

One Station Helps Another. Br. Patrick Craig continues: "I was at the point of despair, when Br. Basil McLeevy unexpectedly arrived on a hasty visit. 'Zinc nails?' he said; 'there are plenty in Malvern.' I begged him to get as many as he could. He was as good as his word, and in a very short time he sent a message to say that the nails were safely at Mandeville in care of his wife, who was staying there for a few days. One of the helpers at Bethany promised to make the journey of fourteen miles to fetch them. On the day he went there was another hurricane warning, and Sr. McLeevy was rushed off to the shelter of a less damaged building, leaving the nails in the care of the boy. When our helper arrived he was given the nails, but the boy completely forgot to tell Sr. McLeevy. I was therefore somewhat mystified when Sr. McLeevy sent an agonized message to say the nails had been stolen! I was able to assure him that they were in fact already being used on the Church roof. Meanwhile, to supply the rafters and other woodwork, two hardwood trees on the estate were felled and prepared, another great saving, for such good native lumber costs about £5 a 100 feet. In less than four weeks our carpenter, with his team, had replaced the roof at a total cost of £120, instead of the £500-£600 originally estimated. A very excellent job in this hot climate. I cannot describe our joy and gratitude to God at this event. 'Zinc nails?' he said, 'there are plenty in Malvern.' I begged him to get as many as he could. He was as good as his word, and in a very short time he sent a message to say that the nails were safely at Mandeville in care of his wife, who was staying there for a few days. One of the helpers at Bethany promised to make the journey of fourteen miles to fetch them. On the day he went there was another hurricane warning, and Sr. McLeevy was rushed off to the shelter of a less damaged building, leaving the nails in the care of the boy. When our helper arrived he was given the nails, but the boy completely forgot to tell Sr. McLeevy. I was therefore somewhat mystified when Sr. McLeevy sent an agonized message to say the nails had been stolen! I was able to assure him that they were in fact already being used on the Church roof. Meanwhile, to supply the rafters and other woodwork, two hardwood trees on the estate were felled and prepared, another great saving, for such good native lumber costs about £5 a 100 feet. In less than four weeks our carpenter, with his team, had replaced the roof at a total cost of £120, instead of the £500-£600 originally estimated. A very excellent job in this hot climate. I cannot describe our joy and gratitude to God at this event."

Artists Pay to Hear Themselves. Br. Patrick Craig concludes: "When we have paid all the present debt of £120, and done our best to raise our Church subscriptions for the year, and other dues, we shall feel free to go ahead with the rest of our tasks. These are, mainly, the decoration of the Church still stained from the rains of the hurricane, the repair of the organ which has not sounded since that disastrous day, and the repair of the Mission House and the teacher's cottage. These are not big jobs, except the organ, which we fear is in a very bad condition.

But the members are in good heart. Bethany has had some hard knocks in recent years, and suffered many trials and temptations. There are various sectors in the neighborhood fishing in troubled waters, and there are gaps where once there were worshippers. But, thank God, those who are left are putting their shoulders manfully to the wheel. The hurricane, instead of being the final disaster it might so easily have been, has been taken as a challenge and a call from God to arise and in His strength to labor and toil. This indeed could be said of all the Churches that have suffered damage, some far more serious and devastating."

Work on the Colegio Moravo. Under date of February 19, Br. Wilfred Dreger reports that work on the floors and baseboards has been completed. Over half of the doors have been fitted and hinged, and locks are being installed. Most of the sashes and quite a bit of the floor have been cleaned."

KENNETH G. HAMILTON, Executive Officer.

CONFERENCE DATES

The Young Adult Conference will be held at Camp Hanes the first week end of June with the Rev. J. C. Hughes, dean.

The conference will begin with the evening meal at 6:30 Friday, June 6 and close after lunch at 12:30 on Sunday, June 8.

The cost of the conference will be $10.00 per adult and children under 12 years of age $5.00.

Dates of the other camps are Junior, July 21 to 25; Intermediate, July 25 to July 31; and Senior at Transylvania, August 25 to August 31.

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The Rev. Carl J. Helmich, D.D., pastor of the Moravian Church at Lititz, Pennsylvania, has been elected a bishop of the Moravian Church, it was announced March 23 in all churches of the Northern Province. An official letter from Dr. F. P. Stocker, president of the denomination's executive board, stated that Dr. Helmich had received the necessary two-thirds majority in a special churchwide election. The vote was counted by a special committee of laymen on March 15. Dr. Helmich will become the 253rd bishop since the founding of the Church in 1457.

The new bishop-elect has served pastorates in both the Northern and Southern Provinces of the Church and has for years been a leader in the denomination's program of Christian education, having served at various times as chairman of the Board of Christian Education of both the Northern and Southern Provinces. He is also a trustee of Moravian College and Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Mr. Helmich was born on August 13, 1897, in Northfield, Minnesota, where his father, the Rev. Edward F. Helmich, was pastor of the Moravian Church. After attending Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin, for two years, young Helmich entered Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, graduating from the College in 1919 and from the Seminary in 1921. After a pastorate of three years at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, he was called to the Christ Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he served until 1938.

During his years of service in the Southern Province he organized and was president of the Southern Moravian Young People's Union. He was also secretary and leader in the Leadership Training School of the Southern Province from 1927 to 1935 and chairman of the Provincial-Board of Christian Education from 1935 to 1937.

Mrs. Helmich is the former Dorothy Caroline Briggs of Philadelphia. Before her marriage she was a member of the faculty of Temple University for six years. The Helmiches have three children. The two boys, Carl John and Andrew Edward, are both students at Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Their daughter, Ruth Johanna, attends the public school in Lititz.

No date has yet been set for the consecration of the new bishop.
THE CHURCH-RELATED COLLEGE STRENGTHENS WORK OF THE CHURCH IN PROMOTING Christian Family Life

BY MISS E. S. COVINGTON
Head of Department of Sociology and Economics, Salem College

Our country will never rise above our homes
Our homes will never rise above our girls
Therefore what I would do for my country
I must do for our girls

These wise words of a philanthropist are inscribed on the plaque in a woman's dormitory of a church-related college in North Carolina. The donor of the building realized that if we are to have peace in this war-sick world it must come through the educated Christian family, in which the wife and mother plays such a vital role.

A PRIMARY MEANS OF PEACE

Throughout the years Moravians have placed great emphasis on the church, family life, and Christian education of the heart and mind. They have continually felt that, since the primary purpose of the Moravian Church is to produce Christian men and women, they must lay the foundations for family life capable of producing such men and women.

Today, especially, Moravians look upon Christian education of the family as a primary means of attaining peace—both the universal peace so long sought by the world, and that deep, personal, inner peace which passeth all understanding.

Although we should and do look to the church for guidance in the conduct of family life, we all realize that it is in the home that the child must learn to respect the rights of others, to serve, to make sacrifices, and to develop all the virtues which are prompted by love. For it has well been said that "family affection is the natural root of Christian character," and hence nothing can take the place of good family life. Parents should be the first teachers of religion.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

What, then, are the responsibilities of parents in the home? A Christian couple should set up a family altar at the beginning of marriage; where possible, parents should take their children to Sunday school—not send them; they should teach them to go to church by going themselves; they should ask the blessing at every meal; and, finally, they should foster a close and continuing connection between the home and the church by participating in all church activities.

SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE AND CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Dr. Harvey J. Locke, sociologist of the University of Southern California, published the results of a study of more than 500 married couples in the "American Sociological Review" for April, 1947, and reported what had been found in several earlier and more extensive studies. Church attendance was observed to be markedly associated with successful marriage and family life. The study also showed that of those subsequently divorced, one fourth were married by a justice of the peace, while only one eighth of the happy marriages came from the justice court. This is what we might have expected; for it is not difficult to conceive of a couple brought up in a Christian home who would not wish to be married by their pastor? The facts revealed by Dr. Locke's survey point to the importance of a close connection between the church and the home, and challenge the church to take an ever-increasing part in promoting successful marriage and in preventing family break-ups.

ROLL OF CHURCH RELATED COLLEGE

One of the most effective means at the church's disposal for the promotion of successful marriages and, more generally, for the education of prospective Christian home-makers, is the church-related college. It is indeed an irony of history that makes it necessary for us to speak of a college as "church-related." Two hundred, or even a hundred years ago, this distinction would have been meaningless. The primary purpose in the founding of our early American universities and colleges was a religious one; they were organized especially for ministerial training. They included not only such schools as the one established by the Moravians in Nazareth, Pennsylvania, but also larger institutions such as Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. Today, however, we must carefully distinguish our church-related colleges, where religion has an important role, from other colleges, where there is a tacit assumption on the part of faculty and administration that religion does not exist for scholastic purposes, or, at best, where courses in religion are offered as electives for those who wish to round out their humanistic education.

Patronizing the church-related college is an excellent way to preserve and strengthen the tie between the church and the home. A church-related institution such as Salem College realizes her responsibility and the importance of providing a Christian atmosphere for her students. Accordingly, she selects a Christian faculty of church-going members, whose example (and hence influence) is of the best. Early morning devotions are held in the Home Moravian Church three times each week, and the regular assembly twice a week is opened with scripture reading. Religious emphasis week has been a source of inspiration and help to Salem students for many years. The College YWCA, of which every student is a member, promotes interest in the religious life of the community, and in many worthwhile activities at the orphanages, the homes for the aged, and the ill.

FAMILY LIFE COURSES

Salem offers many credit courses designed to strengthen Christian family life. Among these are courses in Religion, Religious Music, Home Economics, and Family Relationships. The courses in Home Economics are on the level of professional training for those who wish them as a paid vocation, but courses are also offered for those girls who wish them primarily to function efficiently in their own homes. The primary purpose of the course in Family Relationships is to lay the foundation for a satisfactory marriage, the cornerstone of which is Christian character. It seeks the development of a view of marriage (Continued on Page 2)
IN THIS ISSUE

Our feature article in this issue comes out of the fact that the first full week in May is designated as National Family Week. Its author, Miss Evabelle Covington, has for many years taught Salem girls the course in Family Relationships which aims "to lay the foundation for a satisfactory and enduring marriage."

A new venture in our province is announced in this issue in the article on the coming Evangelism Rally at Calvary Church on May 18.

Many interesting items of congregational news are to be found in the church reports. We mention a few.

New Philadelphia: "Fellowship Friend" plan helped attendance.

Immanuel: First dirt for new addition flown on March 28...so did the city's water.

Mayodan: Mrs. Robert Lobst is honored by her home congregation.

Olivet: Modern application of Parable of the Talents turns $500 into $2068.00.


Greensboro: Attendance records are broken and 42 new members are received.

Mt. Bethel: To multiply their talent the boys are cutting pulp wood.

Providence: Goal of $8,000 for parsonage fund is oversubscribed; building is begun.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Always Singing. Brother Howard Stortz writes the following from Bilwaskarma: "This week was the close of the Instituto Biblico. All the boys left on Monday. Some went to the lumber camps to work. Fortunately I was able to get work for them. Two of them will serve places in two of the villages conducting services. This year we only had two graduates. There was one other student, an older man, who had two years, we decided to put him into the work without his finishing the school work. So all last week I was busy giving examinations and correcting papers. Also getting the report cards ready. We miss the boys, because when they are here they are always singing."

Wings For The Reformed Church. Christian workers in isolated outposts have reason to give thanks for Christian aviators who serve the Lord through the Missionary Aviation Fellowship. It is a Christian organization with headquarters in England and the United States. Its purpose is to facilitate the spread of the gospel in areas where transportation is a problem.

Last year, the members of this one station spent a total of 366 days in traveling. The same distances, had the MAF been available then, could have been covered in a total of thirty-six hours—24 hours per day.

The Missionary Aviation Fellowship provides the plane and supports the aviators, and the missionaries using the service pay only the running cost of each trip they make.

We are all thankful that God has sent us wings so that we may serve him better.

Mission Aviation Fellowship is about to begin service in Honduras for our Mission in conjunction with other missions in the vicinity. This service will be a blessing to the missionaries and the people in this remote area.

KENNETH G. HAMILTON, Executive Officer.

SALEM SCHEDULES SUMMER CHOIR SCHOOL

Salem College will hold its third annual summer choir school the week of June 15 to 22. The school will offer specialized training courses for choir directors, organists, and choir singers, both men and women.

Mr. Pete

The faculty will consist of Paul Peterson, head of the Voice Department of Salem College School of Music and director of the choir of Home Moravian Church; Henry Pohl, director of music, Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and James Hart, minister of music of the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem.

Information about the school may be secured by writing the Salem Summer Choir School, Salem College, Winston-Salem, N. C. Accommodations are available to out-of-town students in the college dormitories.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE (Continued from Page 1)

as a co-operative enterprise in Christian homemaking, rather than mere "romance"; a home where both father and mother stay on the job, and neither leaves the rearing of the children to the other alone; a home which makes wise use of community organizations such as the YWCA, YMCA, Scouts, and all organizations where children are taught to live in harmony with others; a home where there is full appreciation and utilization of the wholesome influences of the church, the school, and the community.

No substitute has been found for a Christian home and good family life, the function of which is to build a better world based on love. Is not then the purpose of the church and the Christian home the same, and are not the two working together with this as their goal?

THE ECUMENICAL CORNER

Walter H. Allen Jr.

Did you know that Bad Ball, the headquarters of our Moravian Church in Europe, is also an ecumenical training center? The "Kurhaus" at Bad Ball houses an Evangelical Academy which offers a wide variety of courses to Protestants. Some of them for this year are for the following groups: Workers and Industrial Administrators, and Nurses (January); Farmers, and Young Workers (February); Students of the Christian Press Academy (March); Students of Society and Politics (April); Bookellers, Publishers, Librarians, Industrialists, Commercial and Technical Employees (May); Railway and Post-Office Clerks and Housewives (June).

According to statistics recently released by the Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., the Church has grown twice as fast as the United States during the past quarter century. Sixty-seven religious bodies that have more than 50,000 members each and together represent 98 per cent of all members of 256 religious groups in the environmental U. S., increased from 53,397,575 to 85,319,274 in the 24 years ending in 1950. This means that religiously-affiliated Americans constitute a majority of the nation's population, representing 57 per cent. This is reported to be the highest percentage in the nation's history.

Protestants now outnumber Roman Catholics about 2 to 1. It is probable that in 1950 there were approximately 60,000,000 Protestants, including baptized children, compared with some 28,500,000 Catholics. During the previous 24 years covered by the National Council's survey, the churches as a whole expanded their membership 59.8 per cent. But they grew in about the same proportion to each other.


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DEATHS

Collins, Ernest Franklin, entered into rest March 8, 1952. Funeral services conducted by the Revs. J. P. Crouch and Samuel J. Tesch. Interment in Salem Graveyard. Member of Christ Church.


Thomas, Miss Mabel Eleanor, born April 23, 1886, Salem, N. C.; daughter of William Thomas and Lula m. n. Thomas; died December 25, 1951, at City Hospital. Funeral held from Vogler’s Funeral Home on December 27, 1951, by Rev. H. B. Johnson and Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer. Interment in Salem Graveyard.

Padgett, Edward Gilbert, died December 20, 1952, Charlotte, N. C. Funeral services conducted from The Little Church on the Lane by Dr. Herbert Spaugh. Interment in Moravian Graveyard, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dellinger, Peggy Stewart, died January 25, 1952, Charlotte, N. C. Funeral services conducted from The Little Church on the Lane by Dr. Herbert Spaugh. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Charlotte, N. C.


Reich, Lewis Philip, died January 20, 1952, member of Enterprise Church. Funeral conducted by Bishop J. K. Pfohl, the Rev. Clyde Davis and the Rev. Archie Jones. Interment in church graveyard.

Shaffner, John Francis, died February 11, 1952 at Winston-Salem, N. C. Funeral service was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Interment was in Salem Cemetery. A member of Home Church.

Reid, Joseph W., son of Samuel and Elizabeth m. n. Green Reid, born August 10, 1869 Forsyth County, died February 1952, a life-long member of Friedland. Interment at Friedland, service conducted by the Rev. O. E. Stimpson.

Spaugh, Elizabeth Celeste m. n. Reich, died February 3, 1952. Funeral services conducted by Dr. D. L. Rights, Dr. Paul O. Raker and the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch. Interment in Friedberg Graveyard. Member of Christ Church.

Poole, George Allen, died February 16, 1952. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch. Interment in Pine Grove Cemetery. Member of Christ Church.


Smith, Dovie Tillet 70 years, died February 29, 1952, from auto accident. Funeral conducted from the home and from Macedonia Church by the Rev. G. E. Brewer, the Rev. Vernon E. Daetwyler and the Rev. J. George Bruner. Interment in the Church Graveyard. A member of Macedonia Church.

Fry, George E. born in Davie County October 10, 1888 and entered into rest March 5, 1952. Funeral services conducted from the home and from Macedonia Church by the Rev. G. E. Brewer, the Rev. Vernon E. Daetwyler and the Rev. J. George Bruner. Interment in Church Graveyard. Member of Macedonia Church and Superintendent of the Sunday school for 21 years.


Butner, Mrs. Annie Moser, born March 8, 1867 in Forsyth County; died March 31, 1952. Funeral services conducted from the home and Bethania Church by the Revs. George G. Higgins and Richard F. Amos. Interment in Bethania Graveyard. A member of Bethania Moravian Church.

BAPTISMS


Reed, John Phillip, son of Christian H. Reed Jr. and Louise m. n. Hine Reed, born October 4, 1951 in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized March 2, 1952 in Friedland Church by the Rev. O. E. Stimpson.

Joyce, Fred Morris, son of Fred Morris and Dorothy m. n. Brown Joyce, born May 15, 1951 in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized February 10, 1952 at Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Blackburn, Stephen Edward, son of Virgil Lee and Louise m. n. Whitehead, born in Winston-Salem, November 4, 1951; baptized at Clemmons Church April 6, 1952 by the Rev. F. Herbert Weber.

Blackburn, Phyllis Sue, daughter of Milton Virgil and Elsie m. n. Gabard Blackburn, born in Winston-Salem, May 26, 1951; baptized at Clemmons Church April 6, 1952 by the Rev. F. Herbert Weber.


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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

MOUNT AIRY

The acceptance of new duties marks the month under review. Donald Pruettt has undertaken the directing of the choir, Curtis Simmons is now the superintendent of our Sunday school, Herbert Hall has become our chief usher, with Harry C. Hiatt as assistant chief usher, Harry P. Childress is chairman of our transportation committee, and Mrs. James Goad will shoulder the responsibility of church treasurer when Mrs. James Middkiff retires from that office at the end of April.

Our anniversary lovefeast on March 16 was featured with the annual visit of Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, who brought an excellent message, and Mrs. Pfohl, who favored us with a beautiful organ recital.

Br. and Sr. Robert lobst of Nicaragua made our Auxiliary meeting on March 18 a memorable occasion by their visit and their presentation by word and by picture of missionary activities in Central America.

Br. George Higgins and Miss Dorothy Wooten gave our Sunday school work a fine boost by means of their visit and their conference on methods of church school activities.

The owner of the building which we have been using for our services at Gospel Ridge ordered us to vacate the premises, which are to be used for other purposes. Because we have no other place of meeting available in the community our work there has been discontinued. However, we hope to be able to transport persons, who wish to worship with us, to Sunday morning services and Sunday school at Grace Church.

H. B. JOHNSON

KERNERSVILLE

Our Auxiliary, in cooperation with the women of the other churches in the community, planned an observance in our church on the World Day of Prayer on February 29. This service proved to be an excellent means of getting the women of the community together in worship and united prayer.

Br. Robert lobst was the guest speaker for our Missionary Lovefeast. His previous visit to our congregation last August had so interested our people that there was an unusually large attendance for his lecture and showing of slides of the work in Nicaragua.

As we near the completion of our building project we are looking toward our opening service in the new building. Present plans call for that service the last Sunday in April at 11:00 a.m. The building itself is now virtually completed, but much needs to be done in arranging and moving the furnishings. We plan to serve the band their breakfast in the fellowship hall before the Early Easter Service.

Our young people have been sponsoring the series of moving pictures on the Life of St. Paul on Sunday nights. The offerings, above the rental cost of the film, are for the Young People's Provincial Mission Project.

CLAYTON H. PERSONS

FRIES MEMORIAL

The Lenten Season began happily for us with much blessing in the Communion hour. Instruction class has numbered 26, some few of whom are continuing instruction after having become members of the church on last Palm Sunday. Others are as yet young for church membership so that they are to wait a year or two for their profession.

Our Young People's Union has been doing good work. We have been and are working on the "Talents" for the Provincial Union. We only wish that it were possible for us to interest more of our scattered young people in the Sunday meetings.

The Men's Class and the Women's Class have been busy fixing up their class-rooms. Paint and asphalt tile flooring have added greatly to the attractiveness of these rooms. The kitchen floor has been laid and the group is now busy getting ready to lay the same type floor in our fellowship hall.

Our kindergarten, which must operate on its own and which has no reserve funds, has been hard hit financially by the closing of the schools during the flu epidemic. This is a work in which we are very happy and a little proud that we can serve the community. Quite a few requests have come for us to open a first grade. This seems at present quite impossible.

Primary and beginners departments are growing out of their quarters. What to do when there is no more available space? We are the more convinced that the planning of Christian Education buildings should be done with an eye on the future and its needs—not just the present.

E. T. MICKEY JR.

NEW PHILADELPHIA

There were over thirty members received into our church during the Lenten season. Twenty of these came to us on Palm Sunday.

The "Fellowship Friend" plan helped us to get new members and has also helped our attendance to keep ahead of last year. This is a plan in which fifty active couples have been assigned to fifty inactive or prospective couples. They are pledged to make contact by phone, mail or in person on their assigned couple each week that they miss church for an entire year. Beginning with Palm Sunday, each new person who joins the church will be assigned a Fellowship Friend to help them find an active place in the church work and get them established as regular attendants.

New choir gowns have been ordered and will be dedicated the end of this month as the gift of the Faithful Worker's class.

A full size reproduction of Sallman's head of Christ has been presented to our church by Mrs. H. SIMMONS

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A new A. B. Dick Mimeograph machine has been presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Templeton in memory of their daughter, the late Vivian Roberts Templeton.

Bona Vita Class, Mother’s Class, and Faithful Worker’s class completely redecorated their rooms this month with volunteer labor. The floors of the hall in the Sunday school annex were refinished this month by the same method.  

HENRY A. LEWIS

MESSIAH

Our Sunday school roll has now grown to 58 members. Church attendance has reached 50 persons, and held in the high forties, even during the epidemic.

Bishop J. Kenneth Pohl met with our board on March 30, gave us valuable suggestions in building our work, and outlined tentative plans for fuller pastoral service.

The men have completed the lovefeast trays and one couple has donated 100 lovefeast mugs. Circle two of the Women of the Church is providing baskets.

Circle one of the Women of the Church gave a successful chicken pie supper at the Belo Home this month. Our building fund has grown to well over $1200.

Pulpit Bible bookmarks were given by the junior class taught by Mrs. Charles Smith and were dedicated on Palm Sunday when a number of new members united with the church.

The Rev. George G. Higgins helped us to have our first Passion Week series with service each night. The church has purchased Passion Week Manuals for each member.

A large group met with New Philadelphia on April 2 for a mission address by the Rev. Robert A. Iobst.

HENRY A. LEWIS

IMMANUEL

The first dirt to be moved for our new addition flew on March 28. Several trees to the south of the present building were removed, and a water pipe was broken by mistake. Barring other similar difficulties, the next few months should witness real progress toward the development of the new addition: a fellowship hall and a larger sanctuary.

Attendances continue to be encouraging, and a full schedule was maintained over Easter, with confirmation, adult baptism and reception of new members. Those added to our communicant fellowship include Harvey Brooks Jr., Mrs. Harvey Brooks Sr., Eugene Hall, Mrs. Clarence Hall, Linda Krites and Barbara Garwood.

Immanuel’s Wednesday night program works very well: prayer meeting, followed by the rehearsal of the senior choir. In the early part of the evening we have been studying the book of Galatians. Miss Mary Sink has been playing the piano in the absence of Mrs. Ralph Bell, who became the mother of a third child, Karen, during March.

The great anticipation of the congregation now is toward the coming of its new pastor, the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch. Br. Tesch will receive a warm welcome and can start with the large advantage of having known this membership during a previous half-time pastorate.

EDWIN A. SAWYER

KING

The largest attendance at any of our Lenten mid-week services greeted the Rev. Robert A. Iobst when Br. Iobst showed colored slides of his missionary endeavors in Nicaragua. Br. Iobst’s strong appeal for volunteers and humorous comments combined to make his illustrated lecture both challenging and entertaining. During the remainder of our Lenten services on Wednesday evenings we have met at the parsonage for studies in the Gospel according to St. Mark, followed by a prayer circle.

On the first Sunday of March the Holy Communion was administered to a larger-than-average congregation which gathered for the commencement of the season of Lent. On the last Sunday of the month, the Rev. William A. Cranford Jr., filled our pulpit in the absence of the pastor. We are grateful to Br. Cranford for the service he rendered.

WALSER H. ALLEN JR.

MIZPAH

On the first Sunday in Lent a large congregation celebrated the Holy Communion, administered by the pastor. Attendance has also been encouraging at our Lenten mid-week Bible studies. At the last one of these held in March, we had the pleasure of journeying to Nicaragua by means of the beautiful colored slides presented by the Rev. Robert A. Iobst, Moravian missionary to Central America. Everyone who took the trip through the eyes of Br. Iobst enjoyed it very much. The Women’s Auxiliary also appreciated the chance to travel to Nicaragua through the eyes of Sr. Iobst, who gave the program for their March meeting, which took place in Winston-Salem at the home of Mrs. LaVerne Speas, with Mrs. Wallace Joyce as co-hostess.

The ladies also served another supper this month, proceeds from which were applied to our building fund. Most of their 150 patrons were

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The young people gathered on Saturday, March 22, to give the church a good spring house-cleaning. The next day sparkling windows testified to the thoroughness of their work. The premises outside of the church were also left in splendid condition.

Sunday, March 23, a surprise birthday dinner was spread in honor of Professor J. W. Daniel, veteran teacher of the Men's Bible class. Br. Daniel was quite taken aback but recovered his wits quickly enough to declare, "This is the happiest moment in my life."

WALSER H. ALLEN JR.

MAYODAN

Our trustees have succeeded during the month of March to effect considerable improvement in the appearance of our church, chiefly by free labor. For two weeks these men met nightly to sand and revarnish the floor of the church auditorium and prayer meeting room. They did first class work and probably saved the treasury $300. At the same time a few of the young men reshaped and sodded the terraces, ruined by the recent street curbing and paving. This effected an additional saving of $100. We are glad to know that members still love their church enough to work for it. As we write, some thirty members are giving the entire church a thorough cleaning following the midweek prayer meeting.

Our Sunday school classes undertook as a project the payment of the bill for street paving in front of the church, amounting to $260. Given some eight weeks to complete the project, they finished it in four weeks, in addition bringing a joyous and enthusiastic spirit in the Sunday school.

On March 16, Br. Iobst showed his pictures of Nicaragua in our evening service. The Women of the Church sponsored a fellowship supper at 5:30 p.m., honoring Br. and Sr., Iobst and their children and Mrs. Stoufer, Mrs. Iobst's mother. It was a delightful occasion and an inspiring evening, attended by some 150 people. Offering for missions was $40. It helped greatly in our monthly effort to keep missions before our people.

A Committee for Good Government was organized in Rockingham County March 10. Our pastor was elected president and Br. Harvey Price, one of our members, was elected secretary.

On Sunday night, March 23, our evening service was cancelled and pastor and choir conducted the evening service at Delta Methodist Church, Stokes County, some ten miles from Mayodan.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER.

BETHANIA

This congregation is fortunate in that the church is situated in a place where it is easy for a majority of its members to arrive at the church ten minutes after leaving home. This fact was brought to light during our Sunday evening Lenten services when we averaged better than 100 for five evening services. This is unusual in a day when evening services seem to be a thing of the past.

Br. Robert Iobst was our missionary guest during March. His appeal to the young people in particular left a lasting impression on this congregation. In preparation for the Easter season the exterior of the church is receiving a badly needed painting.

RICHARD F. AMOS.

OLIVET

For the past nine weeks members of this congregation were engaged in a modern application of Jesus' Parable of the Talents. In February five dollar bills were given to each adult member of the congregation. Each member was asked to increase his talent in any way he saw fit. The project worked admirably. On the last Sunday in March we had the accounting and found we had increased $500.00 to $2,068.00. The money is to be used for the building fund.

Our senior choir is now "robbed". The new vests were used for the first time the third Sunday in March. We may be prejudiced but we think the gowns even help the quality of the choral work. Is this possible?

During the Season of Lent the pastor preached a series of sermons each Wednesday evening on "The Last Words from the Cross." Our attendances fell considerably below our expectations and hopes.

RICHARD F. AMOS.

FULP

New Sunday school hymnals were put into use on Sunday, March 9. A group of young people attended the showing of the Billy Graham movie "Mr. Texas" on March 6. The group would have been larger but for the flu epidemic at the time.

Br. Walser Allen Jr., showed his European slides on the evening of March 16 to a large group of young people. We also welcomed as guests Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pharo, from Bethlehem, Pa.

The church lawn has taken on a new appearance since the grass came up.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD JR.

RURAL HALL

The Ladies Auxiliary held a Stanley party on March 3. About $30.00 was realized toward the parsonage fund and choir loft renovation project. On the evening of March 10, a group of men from the young adult class waxed the floor in the church auditorium, the wax having been donated.

We welcomed Br. E. T. Mickey Jr., to a community youth rally held at the Baptist Church. A selection was rendered by the high school glee club.

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Splendid interest was shown in the Sunday evening services which were sponsored by different classes of the Sunday school. The Good Fellowship class had charge of the service on the first Sunday. The Ladies Bible class conducted the service on the second Sunday and had Mrs. W. J. Gordon of Spray as the speaker. Mrs. Gordon related some of her experiences and observations of her recent trip to Alaska and the mission work there as carried on by the Episcopal Church under the direction of her son who is the Episcopal Bishop of the Alaska Mission field. The Young People of the church arranged and conducted the third Sunday evening service and had as a special feature the sound film, "Talents!". On the fourth Sunday evening the Men’s Class was in charge and had Mr. Paul Peterson as guest speaker. Mr. Peterson is the General Secretary of the Tri-City Y. M. C. A. organization.

Encouraging business meetings were held by the several organizations of the church and Sunday school. The Good Fellowship class meeting and the quarterly meeting of the Workers Council were held at the parsonage. The Ladies Bible class met with Mrs. Roscoe Richardson and planned a plate supper which was given at the local "Y" on the fourth Sunday evening with around 140 people attending. Circle one of the Woman’s Auxiliary held its meeting with Mrs. W. K. Frith and circle two met with Mrs. Harold Berrier.

The pastor united in marriage Bobby Saul and Margaret Turner Saturday evening, March 1.

HOwARD G. FOLTZ.

TRINITY

A notable musical occasion was the visit of the Sunnyside Choral Club to Trinity with the oratorio "The Holy City," conducted by Douglas Kimel.

Our annual Day of Prayer held March 5 was well attended and inspiring. Speakers were the Rev. John Goshen, the Rev. George Higgins, the Rev. William Kaltreider, the Rev. Walter Allen Jr., Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, and Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. Women of the Church sponsored the day.

Our vesper services have brought us interesting speakers, among them the Rev. Edgar A. Holton, the Rev. Robert A. Tobst, and the Rev. Walter Allen Jr.

The Men’s Class attended church in a body for a morning service.

Our church secretary, Mrs. Henry Taylor, has been absent from her office on account of illness and her Trinity associates are looking forward eagerly to her return.

Married this month: J. Edward Calder and Phyllis Newcomb; Henry Pfohl Highsmith and Ruth Frances Hege.

Three of our members were awarded honors in the school music contest: William Campbell, Carol Sloan, and Fred Stovall.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS.

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE
(Charlotte)

Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl was our pulpit guest on February 17 at which time he administered the Rite of Confirmation, to the following: Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Boynt, Mrs. Hugo Heidenreich Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Roland Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. McCorkle, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McGimpsey, Miss Mary Sessions, Vance Tesh and Mrs. Charlie Walters.

New officers recently elected for the John Hus Bible Class are: C. O. Fulp, president; Herbert Thompson, vice-president; Hazel Porter, secretary; Mrs. Louis Lineback, treasurer. Roland Jones, a member of our Board of Elders, is the class teacher.

A Charlotte United Preaching Mission was held throughout the week of March 2. The Rev. Howard Chadwick of Fairview Moravian Church was the song leader and was instrumental in the great success of this Mission. This pastor also had a share in this "Crusade to win Charlotte to Christ" serving as chairman of the Music Committee.

On Sunday evening March 16 our new organ was dedicated with a beautiful recital by Hugh Harrison, talented organist and organ engineer who helped install it.

The pastor is giving a new series of Sunday evening "Everyday Counselor" lectures. These will extend through Palm Sunday. As part of these services, it was our good fortune to have the Angelus Choir of Wadesboro with us on March 23. This lovely choir is composed of 104 children ranging in age from five through high school. It was founded and is directed by Mrs. Herman H. Hardison of Wadesboro.

Cottage prayer meetings and special Bible study continue throughout this parish during the Lenten season.

Preparations are going forward for the 25th annual Charlotte Easter Sunrise Service to be held in Freedom Park. This pastor, one of the three co-founders, will deliver the address.

HERBERT SPAUGH.

ADVENT

The month of March emphasized visitation evangelism in our community. Every Elder and Trustee, eighteen in all, made a rapid community survey. They gathered information about the residents, the children, and church affiliation of every home in two miles or more from the church. Their effort indicated the homes that ought to be visited by visitation workers. Following this gathering of facts, interested members of the congregation went out by twos to the homes of the unchurched...
and the church delinquents. As a result many new faces can be seen in our congregation each Sunday. We hope that these people will make decisions for the Lord and unite with our congregation.

Our Sunday school now is in the process of raising $8,000 to complete new class rooms on the third floor and renovate fellowship hall. In the latter section, which is used by the beginners and primaries, separate class rooms are to be constructed.

During the month four new daughters were born into the congregation. Our congratulations to the proud parents: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Haupt, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shoffner, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hodgecock, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brann.

VERNON E. DAETWYLER

CALVARY

A Day of Prayer was held for the first time in a number of years on a week day. The theme for the day was "Prayers of the Passion". The Rev. Samuel J. Tett spoke on "The Prayer of Intercession", the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler on "The Prayer of Submission," and the Rev. Charles B. Adams on "The Prayers from the Cross". A luncheon was served between the sessions to 150 members and friends. The Rev. Robert A. lobst, missionary to Nicaragua, showed Kodachrome slides of the mission center in Puerto Cabezas and its outlying stations, in the evening service on the Day of Prayer.

These services were sponsored by the Women of the Church and the Brotherhood. Mrs. P. L. Thorpe presided for the women and C. E. Scott presided for the men. Mrs. Dell Walker extended greetings and a welcome to the visitors of the women. Mrs. E. H. Pittman and President elect, Mrs. Paul Minish offered invocations. Mrs. Mildred Sutfin sang in the morning hour and the Rev. J. C. Hughes in the afternoon. A season of prayer evidenced a remarkable response in number, depth and warmth of the petitions offered. This spirit pervaded the entire meeting.

The Rev. Robert A. lobst showed slides to the young people following the Sunday evening fellowship supper. He preached on Palm Sunday, after the reception of members, emphasizing the work of evangelization.

Getty Ann Horton was united in marriage with Harold Reid Hoke March 29. We wish them God's blessing in their new home.

JOHN W. FULTON.

FIRST CHURCH

(Greensboro)

Since our last report our Church Family has grown to 42 more members. On Palm Sunday, March 29, Bishop Pfohl officiating, the following were received: As non-communicants—Patsy Kale Allison, John Smith Jr., and Gary Michael Smith by the sacrament of the baptism of children; and William Devant Walter, Pamela Rae Caldwell, and Susan Louise Barnes by transfer. As communicants: Raymond Franklin Reddick Jr., Carrie Flinchum Kate, Glynelle Austin Smith, Vonnie Herlingle Bryson, Winifred Gail McNeill, Jerry Leo Welker, Earl David Welker, William Howell Bright, Charles Columbus Shoffner III, Ellen Burton Shoffner, John Cleavous Stuart, Mary Jeanie Bullock, and Janet Lee Peterson by the sacrament of adult baptism.

Rachel Virginia Wall, Barry Lynn Cook, Rhoda Eugenia Turner, Curry Anna Kirk, John Paul Masten Jr., Barbara Anne Bailey, and Margaret Anne Barnes, by the rite of confirmation.

George Washington Sutton and Roberta Roe Sutton, reinstated.

Louis Lynn Allison, Elizabeth Kale Allison, Miriam Howell Bright, Betty Perry Kirk, Myrtle Oakes Welker, Leo Long Welker, Oliver Tchenor Caldwell, Frances Williams Caldwell, Jack Fletcher Weatherman, John Paul Masten Sr., Margaret Grubbs Masten, John Martin Smith Sr., Helen Dishil Barnes, and Jack Calvin Barnes, by letter of transfer.

On two consecutive Sunday mornings we broke attendance records in Sunday school: 152 and 153.

The Rev. Robert A. lobst, missionary to Nicaragua and classmate of the pastor, brought us an inspiring message on March 9.

The Moravia Class has been active this past month. They presented new offering plates for the church, metal folding chairs, a table, a lecture and lights, and placed metal rods in the cloak rooms for the choir robes.

The Ladies Auxiliary has added two more sinks, another gas stove, cabinets, and new linoleum to the church kitchen.

J. CALVIN BARNES

WILLLOW HILL

This little mountain church was filled almost to the "bursting at the seams" point on Sunday afternoon, March 30. Br. Robert lobst presented his colored slides of the mission work in Nicaragua. Our people will never forget that "the one on the left is his wife". The need evidenced by the photographs made more vivid to our people the urgent request for more medicine, schools and churches for the mission work. We are grateful to Br. lobst and his wife for their visit among us.

The Church Committee met at the home of Mrs. Ellen Smith on March 17. Prayer meetings were held during the past month at the homes of the Rev. Cabble Bowman, Roscoe Smith, John Ellis Hiatt, and Glenn J. Hiatt.

PAUL A. SNIDER.

MOUNT BETHEL

On March 11 at about 6:00 a.m. the home of Thomas Montgomery burned to the ground. He, his wife, and grand-child escaped with their lives...
but little else. For the time being they are residing in the grainery and smoke-house which have been converted into reasonably comfortable living quarters. In conjunction with the prayer meeting on March 19 at the home of George Puckett a pouding was held for the Montgomery's.

The recently organized Youth Fellowship held its first supper meeting on Sunday evening, March 23. The supper was prepared by Miss Marie Boyd, Billie Nell Ayers, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Puckett.

In an effort to multiply their talent the young people have been selling cup cakes and pot scrubbers, and the boys are still cutting pulp wood.

The visit of Br. Robert lobat on March 30 brought to us a challenge to invest in human happiness and the spiritual advancement of God's kingdom.

PAUL A. SNIDER.

OAK GROVE

A study course on the Moravian Church and its doctrine was given in connection with the young people's meetings the first four Sunday evenings in March. The young people participated in the program and the members of the church were invited to attend.

The building fund indebtedness is decreasing remarkably. The monthly Bible class is launching a building fund drive at present.

The church lawn has been transformed as a number of men have been working hard to improve it before Easter. The graveyard has also been cleaned for that occasion.

JOHN H. KAPP.

PROVIDENCE

The goal of $8,000.00 for the parsonage building fund that had been set to be reached by March 15 was oversubscribed and several more hundred dollars have come in since. The picture, "The Talents", was presented last Sunday evening in March at which time a substantial offering was received for the building fund. Mr. R. D. Grubbs has been authorized by the joint church boards to proceed with the construction of the building. The basement has now been dug.

The woman's auxiliary gave the church plant a thorough spring cleaning, and the young married people's class has cleaned the windows. The church yard and graveyard have also been cleaned in preparation for Easter.

JOHN H. KAPP.

FRIEDBERG

The activity spotlight during March has centered on the Woman's Auxiliary. Early in the month this industrious group responded to a suggestion by the Board of Trustees and placed a new Kelvinator electric range in the parsonage kitchen. Pastor and family express heart-filled thanks.

The Auxiliary sponsored a special, missionary service, at which time Br. Robert lobat brought us to a more adequate understanding of our mission work in Nicaragua with the presentation of his excellent set of colored slides. Br. lobat and his message definitely aroused a new wave of missionary interest among our people.

Finally, together with the Men's Bible Class, the women have completed the renovation of the downstairs rooms and kitchen. Thanks to this combined effort, we now feel that we have a "fellowship hall" worthy of the name and even greater improvements are in sight.

Br. and Sr. Donald Johnson and Br. and Sr. Russel Kimel are to be congratulated on the birth of a daughter and son, respectively.

C. TRUETT CHADWICK

MORAVIA

Although the weather for the month was bad, we are happy to announce that all regular services were held with encouraging attendance.

The Ladies sponsored a Brunswick stew at Oak Ridge with proceeds going to their fund, hoping soon to be able to finish the basement for kitchen use.

The church was filled for the close of the present pastorate of 33 months of successful service. With increased improvements, budget, and membership, we pray that God will richly bless this congregation as it moves forward.

ARCHIE W. JONES.

CHRIST CHURCH

The season of Lent was fittingly begun in our congregation with a Day of Prayer sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary. At the morning hour of worship a large congregation assembled about the Lord's Table. At two-thirty in the afternoon the Rev. Clifford H. Peace, chaplain-counselor of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, spoke impressively on the Lord's Prayer. At the evening service the Rev. O. E. Stimpson, of Friedland Moravian Church, led us in our thinking and consecration as he spoke on the theme "In His Presence."

Two aspects of our Missionary Lovefeast are noteworthy of comment: the inspiring address of the Rev. Robert A. lobat of Puerto Cabezas, Nica-
ragua, and the offering for the Schwalbe Memorial Chapel.

Youth Week was observed with special services each evening, March 10-14 and we are most grateful for the very splendid messages brought by the Rev. Walter H. Allen Jr., William A. Cranford Jr., James C. Hughes, F. Herbert Weber and Paul A. Snider. Special thanks are due the staff of the intermediate department for making possible the dinner on Thursday evening.

Trans-Moravia was quite successful in its efforts to arouse new interest in the work of the group. More power to you!

In the hospital and now recuperating are Mrs. Leon Wilson, Mrs. Edwin S. Pratt, Mr. Harold May, Mrs. Fannie Nifong, Walter G. Crouch, John Sink, and Richard Saunders.

S. J. TESCH

FAIRVIEW

March was a month of many meals, and our ladies took countless numbers of steps in and out of our newly decorated kitchen. Altogether one luncheon and eight suppers were prepared and served during the month.

March 19, the date of our annual Day of Prayer, was truly a memorable one.

Sir John Stainer's "The Crucifixion", was presented by the joint choirs of Konnoak Hills and Fairview on Sunday, March 30, under the direction of Mr. Paul Peterson of Salem College. Soloists were the Rev. John S. Gosenud and the Rev. Howard Chadwick. The same program was presented at Fairview on Palm Sunday at 4 p.m.

The Youth Fellowship and Young Adult Group held their now traditional Easter morning breakfast and Holy Communion Service. Approximately forty young people gathered at the church at 7:45 Easter morning for a fellowship breakfast. This was followed by a most impressive Communion Service as they walked in silence from the dining room into an especially prepared "chapel room" for this occasion. During the service the presence of our risen Lord was felt very keenly by each participant, an experience which literally climaxes the real meaning of Easter.

HOWARD CHADWICK

FRIEDLAND

Br. Henry Reed and Br. Frank Brewer have been patients in City Hospital. Br. Clifton Hastings has not been well.

The Rev. Robert lobst preached the sermon on March 23. We thank him for his warm and meaningful message.

The senior Young People conducted the Missionary Lovefeast on March 30 when Br. lobst presented pictures. Roger Kimball and James Johnson presided, and Mary Alice Martin, Mary Ellen White, Jonnie Ellen Hine, Janet Kimball, Julia Thomason, Harvey Hines, Donald Kimball, Harold Grey Reid, Aubrey Smith, Nancy Williams, James Rothrock, John Craver, and Bobby Sweatman were dieners.

We received by adult baptism Tony Kimball and Donald Robbins. Phyllis Reid and Eugene Williams were confirmed. Mrs. W. L. Grimes joined our fellowship by re-affirmation of faith. We welcome each one of these into our Church Family. Attendance for the period averaged 221.

O. E. STIMPSON

Clemmons

The Mission theme continued to be emphasized during the month of March. Mrs. Robert lobst was the speaker for the monthly meeting of the Young Ladies Class.

During Lent a drive was conducted to pay off the $500.00 indebtedness remaining on the extensive renovation work that was done on the church hall a year ago. This effort was brought to a successful close on Palm Sunday.

New members received on Palm Sunday and Easter were Shirley Holton and Joe Cumby by adult baptism; Murianne Linker and Eddie Meadows by confirmation, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones by the right hand of fellowship.

F. HERBERT WEBER.

ARDMORE

The general theme for the Lenten sermons during the month of March was "The Meaning of the Cross," leading up to the "Decision Day" service on March 30. As an additional preparation for "Decision Day" the sound film: "The Rich Young Ruler" was shown on the previous Sunday night.

March is also "Day of Prayer Month" and the pastor had the privilege of assisting in three of these days: at Konnoak Hills, Fairview, and Calvary.

On Sunday afternoon, March 16, the Winston-Salem Chapter, Order of DeMolay, held their 25th anniversary service in our sanctuary.

Our local chapter of the Foreign Missionary Society conducted the service on the last Sunday night of the month with a message by the pastor: "Names Make News".

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Moravian Emergency Fund Planned

Dr. Raymond S. Haupert will be the principal speaker at a dinner meeting at Ardmore Church on May 2 at which time an effort will be launched to raise among individuals and churches of the Southern Province the sum of $10,000 to prevent a deficit in this year's operation of Moravian College and Theological Seminary.

Mr. F. F. Willingham, who is serving as chairman of the Emergency Fund Campaign, points out that the anticipated deficit in the institution this year is $30,000. Of this amount the Northern Province is attempting to raise the remaining $20,000.

Mr. Willingham, in announcing the campaign, emphasized that the College and Seminary had operated with a balanced budget. This year's deficit situation is created primarily by the fact that so many young men are being drafted into the armed services. The emergency therefore is a temporary one over which the college administration had no control.

CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS IS PLANNED

Plans for the Young Adult Conference to be held at Camp Hanes June 6, 7, and 8 are announced by the Rev. J. C. Hughes, dean.

According to Dean Hughes, the conference will contain many new features this year, all of which are built around the theme “The Church and the Home.”

On Saturday the Rev. Howard Chadwick will lead the men of the conference in an all morning discussion of the work of the young adult layman in his local church. At the same time Mrs. John J. Ingle will lead the women of the conference in a discussion and work shop on such subjects as “What Books Children Should Read,” “How to Use the Bible with Children,” and “The place of the young adult woman in the life of the church.”

The Rev. Henry A. Lewis and the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes will team for the vespers and the two evening addresses. Mr. Douglas Carter will be in charge of the recreation and campfire programs.

Cost of the conference has been set at $10 per adult plus a registration fee of $1.00. Children may attend with their parents for a fee of $5.00.

MATT HOWELL SPEAKS AT YOUNG ADULT DINNER

The spring rally of the Young Adult Fellowship will be held at the Home Church, Friday evening, May 9 at 6:30. Matt Howell, well known leader in local lay evangelism circles, will be the speaker.

Robert Yates of the Home Church, chairman of the Rally Committee will be the toastmaster. William C. Park of Trinity, vice-president of the Young Adult Fellowship this year, will conduct the business session.

As a feature of the rally the officers who were elected by the council on April 25 will be installed by the Rev. C. H. Persons of Kernersville.

YOUNG ADULTS ELECT OFFICERS

The spring council meeting of the Moravian Young Adult Fellowship was held Friday night, April 25, at Christ Church Fellowship Hall. Vice-president William C. Park presided.

Charles Isgett gave the report of the nominating committee and officers for the coming year were elected. They are William C. Park, Trinity, president; Austin E. Burke, Calvary, first vice­president; John Rogers, New Philadelphia, second vice­president; Mrs. Bruce Plowman, Messiah, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Paul R. Johnson, Konnoak Hills, recording secretary; and Francis Bryant, Home Church treasurer. Officers elected at the council meeting will be installed at the Spring Rally at Home Church, May 9.

The Young Adult Constitution was reviewed and several amendments made. The revised constitution will be presented at the Spring Rally.

The Young Adult Conference to be held June 6, 7, and 8 at Camp Hanes was discussed. The theme of the conference is “The Church and the Home.”
Layman’s Evangelism Rally
Will Be Held At Calvary

W. A. KALTREIDER, Will Preside

A Layman’s Evangelism Rally will be held at Calvary Church, Sunday afternoon, May 18 at 3:00. Walter Meloon of Titusville, Florida, will be the speaker.

The rally is sponsored by the Provincial Evangelism Committee of which the Rev. W. A. Kaltreider is chairman. Other members of the committee are R. Gordon Spaugh, I. Howard Chadwick, George G. Higgins, Clyde Barber, Sr., Hege Hamilton, Raymond Ebert, Guy T. Funk, Paul Kinnaman, and Ernest Idol.

The purpose of the meeting is to emphasize the basic need of our day for lay participation in the church’s program of personal and visitation evangelism.

It is the hope of the Evangelism Committee to initiate with this service a program of evangelism in the Southern Province that will parallel what is already being done in a material way by the Building and Expansion Program.

As a beginning in this, according to Br. Kaltreider, the Chairman of the Committee, it is expected that groups of lay men and women will be organized in many local churches throughout the province for the purpose of undertaking an aggressive program of visitation evangelism.

The Evangelism Committee has been organized now for over a year during which time it has developed a program of quarterly emphasis as a suggestion to the churches. The emphasis of the present quarter is one which seeks to win back to Christ and the church those members who have become inactive and who are in danger of being lost.

Br. Kaltreider will preside over the meeting with Br. Howard Chadwick leading the congregational singing. Music for the service will be furnished by the Calvary Church choir and Matt Howell will introduce the speaker.

All, both men and women, who are interested in the work of evangelism are invited to attend the meeting.

BUILDING AND EXPANSION MEETING

The fifth annual Building and Expansion dinner will be served at Union Cross Church on May 15 beginning at 6:30. Officials of the province, ministers, and local board members are invited.

SERVICE DAY FUND

Forty-two auxiliaries contributed $480.02 to the Service Day Fund which together with $91.00 from individuals brought the fund to $571.02 for the year. Mrs. W. E. Stauber of Rural Hall is chairman of the Service Day Committee.

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By I. RICHARD MEWALDT

The term "Conversion" is neither one of the most familiar nor one of the most favorite in the vernacular of modern church-life. There are a number of reasons for this.

The word has fallen into dispute because of its flagrant misuse. All too often we have counted as converts those who had merely experienced an emotional upheaval, without having undergone a definite change. Results were moved but not actually converted. When the impact of the emotional experience had spent itself, their lives continued very largely along former lines; and frequently "the latter state of that man was worse than the first."

Again, it is contrary to the nature of man to recognize and admit his errors; and to make an about-face. His ego suffers injury when he is told that he is wrong and that he must turn to be right. He would rather develop into a Christian than be changed into one. Conversion clearly means reversing oneself, or changing one's course; and that idea is obnoxious to man. Hence he is inclined to avoid the experience and shun the word.

All too often the church of today is content to create "decent men," rather than insist on "converted men." Dr. Elmer Hanrighausen, in his Choose Ye This Day, charges that "there are those in our churches who show more interest in the pursuit of happiness and comfort than in the pursuit of truth and righteousness." If such is the chief objective of our religion, then there will naturally be a great depth of converted members. Christ's goal however is not a "decent man," but a "converted man"; not a man of great attainments, but one who has been cleansed, purified, and has been clothed in the garment of Christ's righteousness.

To assume that men need no more than the right kind of training and a favorable environment, is based upon a false premise. It discounts the existence of "original sin," and assumes that God's image in man has never been marred. Both revelation and human experience clearly indicate that there is at least a tendency toward perverseness in man's make-up. He tends to drift downward; and is not by nature "a heavenly being."

This trend must be changed, if a person is to become that which God intends him to be. In short, he must be converted.

Conversion, however, need not necessarily be an emotional upheaval that can readily be designated and dated. In instances conversion certainly is such a cataclysmic experience; but in other instances it may well be a process, the start of which is difficult to determine. Zinzendorf claimed that he could recall no time that he didn't love the Saviour. But there were never-the-less experiences of crisis even in the life of the godly count, that helped definitely to further the process. Though unkneknown to him, there must have been a time of personal encounter with the Christ when he turned to the Lord and recognized him as his Saviour. He may not be able to designate the experience and determine the date; but the experience was actual all the same.

Theologians generally speak of conversion, regeneration and sanctification as three distinct doctrines. And they speak of conversion as the human response to the divine encounter; and of regeneration and sanctification as definitely divine. For the purpose of systematizing Christian doctrine it may be well to designate them thus. But the three are so interdependent upon one another, that they are as merely three phases of one great experience in which the divine and human co-operate to bring about a truly converted Christian character.

Dr. Augustus Strong in his momentous work on Christian doctrine states: "Regeneration and conversion are but the divine and human side or aspects of the same fact—but man turns only as God turns him."

The Term—and the experience

What is conversion?

Without attempting to give a philosophically sound definition or of presenting a theological thesis that might be accepted as an authentic tenet of Moravian doctrine, I venture to reply, that conversion is an experience as a result of which a natural trend downward is changed into an upward climb. That experience may be one of emotional upheaval; or it may be one of gradual process, in which the human ego is replaced by the divine impulse; the sinful self surrenders to the compassionate Saviour; self-seeking man gives way to the divine Lord.

Egoism is an age-old human malady, which can be cured only when Christ and his way of life become dominant. Self is at the heart of natural man and must be supplanted by the Christ before man can become truly Christian. Self-centeredness must give way to Christ-centeredness. Conversion is a change from selfish authority, ambition and aim to the acceptance of Christ's authority and of a truly Christian aim and ambition. Our Lord's most frequently quoted words emphasize that need, when he reiterates: "He that would save his life—his personal self—shall lose it but he that loseth his life—himself—for my sake, he shall find it."

The surrender of self to Christ is needed for personal salvation. Dr. George A. Buttrick, in his Christ and Man's Dilemma put it aptly by saying: "There is a cleft in our nature which we ourselves cannot heal. On one side of the cleft is a perversity, as long as history, and as wide as the world, called 'original sin'; and on the other side of the cleft is 'the image of God,' without which we could not know the sin. The bane of sin, both in its inner tyranny and in its outer ruin, is beyond our power to cure. Only God can redeem our wickedness. God alone can solve the dilemma of our sin; but his (God's) grace is thwarted unless we place our hand in his proffered hand." Faith, an essential to salvation, is a falling before the Cross and an absolute dependence upon Christ's redemptive grace. Real redemption is not the result of reformation, but of regeneration. Reformation is self-assertion; but regeneration is the work of God's Holy Spirit in the soul of him, who has yielded himself wholly to God and to his grace.

Sanctification too, is not primarily the product of personal effort in behalf of holiness; but it comes as a result of having opened one's heart to Christ. Having admitted the Christ into the center of our being, the circumference shows forth his glory. One becomes so completely identified with the perfect Son of God, that one is able to declare with Paul: "Nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and give Himself for me." It was only after Zinzendorf was able to declare: "I have but one passion; it is He," that Zinzendorf was truly converted.

The entire process of complete conversion is beautifully and correctly outlined in the verses of Theodore Monod, in which he says:

O bitter shame and sorrow,
That a time could ever be
When I let the Saviour's pity
Plead in vain, and proudly answered,
'All of self, and none of Thee.'

Yet he found me; I beheld him
Bleeding on the accursed Tree,
Heard him pray, 'Forgive them, Father!'
And my wistful heart said faintly,
'Some of self, and some of thee.'

Day by day his tender mercy,
Healing, helping, full and free,
Sweet and strong, and ah! so patient,
Brought me lower, while I whispered,
'Less of self, and more of thee.'

Higher than the highest heavens,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
Lord, thy love at last has conquered;
Grant me now my soul's desire,
'None of self, and all of thee.'

Workshop For Women

The Provincial Workshop for Women of the Church will be held Wednesday, June 11 at Fairview Church at 11:30. A potluck luncheon will be served. The Workshop is being held in June this year rather than in the fall in order that before the year begins the budget may be presented and the mission and Bible study material explained.
THREE APPEALS FROM THE UNITY

Walser H. Allen, Jr.

This month three letters received by Bishop Pfohl merit our attention—and action! The first one, from our Moravian congregation at Ockbrook, in Jamaica, brings us greetings as fellow brothers in Christ and emphasizes the desperate need of an organ with a hand-pump for the Ockbrook Church. Br. N. S. Neil is the pastor. If anybody can offer such an organ to our Jamaica brethren, they will be most grateful for the gift.

The second letter bears the signature of Br. B. Krueger, Director of the newly-opened (January 13, 1952) Moravian Theological Seminary at Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Br. Krueger states that now, for the first time, full theological training can be offered students for the ministry from both the Western and Eastern Provinces of our church in South Africa. A course for teachers is also conducted. And a third course for evangelists is being taught. The financial burden of the new seminary will be great, but Br. Krueger’s chief appeal to us is for good theological books and several volumes of Moravian history!

The third one comes from the Rev. Conway Pruitt, a minister of our province who is now serving as a chaplain with the U. S. Army in Germany. Br. Pruitt feels that his work with American soldiers and their dependents is very important and necessary, because of the conditions under which they must live. Consequently he has recently signed up for two additional years of duty in the chaplaincy. Br. and Sr. Pruitt would welcome more correspondence from their brethren and sisters of the Moravian Church in America. They are now located at Kitzingen, Germany. Incidentally, Br. Pruitt’s former college roommate, the Rev. Joe H. Gray, Jr., who is the only Moravian minister from the Southern Province now serving on the mission field, would also get a boost from extra epistles winged his way by Moravian friends.

IN THIS ISSUE

In this issue we begin a new policy in the publication of reports from the churches. In the future there will be a report from each church every two months instead of every month as in the past. If your church does not have a report in this issue, there should be one in the July issue.

A digest of the memoir of Mrs. Howard Rondthaler appears on page 3. This memoir is the church’s tribute to one who contributed much to the boys and girls of our Southern Province as well as to the students of Salem Academy and College.

The feature article on the meaning of conversion is a timely follow-up to our first provincial rally for laymen in Evangelism.

Its writer, Bishop I. Richard Mewaldt, is executive head of the Western District of the Northern Province with headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin.

The make-up of pages 6 and 7 is called to the readers’ attention. These two pages comprise a composite advertisement of the three youth groups sponsored by the Southern Province. Information is given there which should be a guide to those planning to go to conference.
MEMOIR
Katharine B. Rondthaler
By Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh

Katharine Boring Rondthaler was the daughter of Edwin McCurdy and Elizabeth Farrigues m. n. Truman Boring. She was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on May 8, 1877. Four months later, on September 18, 1877, she was presented to the Lord in holy baptism by her parents. The sacrament was administered by the Reverend Edward Rondthaler who was at that time pastor of the First Moravian Church in Philadelphia. Hers was the last infant baptism he performed before he left that parish to become the pastor of the Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, N. C.

On Palm Sunday, April 10, 1892, she confirmed her covenant and became a communicant member of the First Moravian Church in Philadelphia. She was fortunate in her home training where the atmosphere of Christian love predominated. She graduated from the Friend's Central School of Philadelphia and attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Later she studied piano and organ at the Gilchrist School under Massah Warner and voice under Martha Barry and William Gilchrist.

On September 29, 1898, she was married to Howard Edward Rondthaler in the First Moravian Church, Philadelphia, by the late Rt. Reverend Edward Rondthaler and the Reverend Charles Nagel.

Following her marriage she came to Salem to make her home where her husband was pastor of Christ Moravian Church. Five years later their field of service was transferred to Bethlehem, Pa., where she added to her home duties the responsibility of the position of "house mother" at Moravian College and Theological Seminary.

In 1909 the family moved once again, returning south to North Carolina where her husband was called to the presidency of Salem Academy and College. For forty years under their leadership this institution experienced the greatest and most notable progress of its long history. In 1949 their retirement was made possible. But it could hardly be called "retirement" for she continued her wide sphere of service throughout the community and remained active and interested in the life of her adopted home.

Katharine Boring Rondthaler was an outstanding Christian possessing many wonderful gifts. She was utterly unselfish in the use of her talents. But throughout her busy life she never neglected her home.

She put into practice there the principles that she taught publicly. Family prayers at the breakfast table were not just an exercise to hurry through but an experience to linger over. Many guests who were privileged to share in these hours found their days brightened and their lives changed. She was a perfect hostess. It made little outward difference if a visitor interrupted her full schedule. She always made her guests feel that they were the ones she had been hoping most to see.

She was thoughtful of the welfare of her loved ones, too. It was her great desire to protect them from the annoying details of routine. Her "work corner" where she spent many hours at her typewriter became the center for her

CHURCH WORK.

For nearly forty years she served the children of the Home Church as superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday School. Under her direction the department not only increased in size but it became one of model Primary Departments in this section of the country. She was constantly sought as consultant in children's work by other churches.

Her Sunday School worship stories were classics in church history and customs. They were adapted in church history and customs. They were adapted to the child's understanding. It was to be expected, therefore, that she was urged to put these stories into book form. This she reluctantly did, fearing it "Tell Me a Story." Children loved her. It was not unusual for a Junior or Intermediate or even a Senior to slip quietly into her Department on a Sunday morning just to hear "Mrs. Rondthaler." As children loved her, so did parents and grandparents.

She was active in the women's work of the church. When the Ladies' Aid Society became the Woman's Auxiliary she was elected its first president. She was almost constantly a member of the Executive Board of this organization throughout the years. She served, too, as a member of the Provincial Board of Christian Education.

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She was a woman of noble faith who believed in living that faith day by day. Among her papers there was found a statement of “her creed.” It expresses her Christian faith. She wrote:

“I believe in Jesus Christ and trust Him with my life. And this is what He does for me: He gives me strength to fight against sin. He gives me power to make moral and social decisions on the right side. He gives me ability to surrender my will to His. He gives me confidence, patience and peace and a sense of closeness to Him through prayer. He gives me freedom from fear. He flashes for me the inner meaning of His word. He gives me the grace to try to love all others. He gives me me the spiritual uplift for meditation. He gives me freedom from worry. He gives me the intellectual life by giving me an understanding of His breadth of view and of His own tolerance. He takes away all fear of death. He gives me the stabilizing certainty of life after death. Not that I have attained, I have struggled towards. But all this is His abundance.”

When one thinks of Katharine Boring Rondthaler, he thinks of a person of tremendous power; a person gracious and thoughtful of others; he thinks of a strong Christian witness who helped many a young girl find the Christian way in her problems; he thinks of little children whom she taught to pray, putting her lessons into practice during her long illness and asking God to make Mrs. Rondthaler well again.

God heard those prayers. He made her well again. He has taken her unto himself “where there is no more death, neither sorrow, nor pain.”

On Saturday morning, May 3rd, 1952, she heard her Lord’s words of welcome to the heavenly home “well done thou good and faithful servant . . . thou hast been faithful . . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

She is survived by her husband; by two sons, Theodore Rondthaler and Edward Rondthaler; by two daughters, Elizabeth Rondthaler Pfohl, and Jane Rondthaler McFagan; by two sisters, Lydia T. Boring and Alice M. Boring; by one brother, Edwin G. Boring; and by five grandchildren.

“Servant of God, well done Rest from thy loved employ The battle fought, the victory won Enter thy Master’s joy.”

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**MISSIONS**

**Supply Pastor at Bluefields.** Brother Edwin Kortz and his wife will spend the summer in the mission field of Nicaragua. The major part of their visit will be given over to the Bluefields Congregation in the absence of the Conrad Shimer, whose furlough will begin this spring. Toward the end of the summer they will visit the rest of the Nicaraguan field.

**Communism in South Africa.** Brother Hartmann reports: “It can not be denied that the doctrines of Communism are willingly accepted by the Natives. The double character of Communism, which challenges the world also calls the Churches and Missions to action. There is much dissatisfaction among the people concerning the present circumstances, economic as well as political. This finds attentive hearers among the Communists and gives more emphasis to their propaganda. Our people here in the country do not hear much thereof, all the more the workers in the industrial centres, and they are not able to sort and digest these phrases of political hatred. On coming home these talk the biggest nonsense and get their people totally confused. That is where the Mission comes in and has to explain things. It would be quite wrong to keep quiet and say: Politics are not our business. My own experience has shown me, that it is easy to explain away these misunderstood phrases. The environment of home and the traditional conserva­tion of the tribes helps as well.”

**Moravians in Industrial South Africa.** Brother Hartmann relates: “Ever more and more our male youth concentrates in the big towns, where they can find work. They have begun to organize congregations, as in Durban, Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. But looking after these young communities gives much trouble. In Durban dear old father Bourquin is always ready to serve that big congregation. Unfortunately we have not got our own church yet. Building sites at suitable places are very scarce and the reigning bureaucratism with the municipal authorities makes things still more difficult. At Port Elizabeth this problem is solved. Thanks to the help from our Western Province this young Bantu congregation has now got a beautiful new church building, but we still need a house for the minister. Germiston, a town halfway between Pretoria and Johannesburg, would be the suitable place to have a church for all our members working in the gold mines on the Rand. Also Cape Town has many Bantus nowadays. We shall have to send a minister there as soon as possible. One may question the necessity of starting this new work in the towns, as there are so many other Denominations already working among the Natives, who could take care of our people. What about the Ekumene? One is quite entitled to this question. We do not willingly add...
to their great number, if we may count on loyal cooperation on their part. But there are several points to think of. There is for instance the language. In matters or religion people do not like to be addressed in a foreign language. The Lutheran churches on the Rand, with whom we like to cooperate, work among the Basutu, Buthunas and Zulus who speak a totally different language. The Methodists and Anglicans work among the Xhosas, but our people don’t like to go there, and they have good reasons for that. In practical work the Ekumene seems something very different from what is said at Conferences. Therefore we think it right to follow our young Christians."

Nicaraguan General Church Conference. This periodical official meeting of the Missionary Brethren and Sisters, the native ordained ministers, and of duly elected delegates from the native church, will be held at Bilwakarma this month. The conference is one more step toward self-government and affords an opportunity for free discussion of all matters that concern the spiritual and temporal welfare of the work of the Field. Superintendent Stortz writes: "This first church conference will be quite an experience. The conference was supposed to have been held in Spanish but quite a number do not understand Spanish and so the sessions will be in Miskito and translated into English. We are happy that Bishop and Mrs. Hamilton can be with us." One who has attended a Synod will appreciate the task of a parliamentarian who must use two languages. Pray for this conference and the servants of the Lord who saw His will.

KENNETH G. HAMILTON.

BAPTISMS


Clary, Robert Allen, infant son of Edward Lonzo and Margaret Celia m. n. Brewer Clary born in Winston-Salem, N. C., December 16, 1951 baptized at Calvary Moravian Church April 6, 1952 by the Rev. John W. Fulton.


Pitts, Newton Montagnet, infant son of Clayton Edward and Marie m. n. Hollifield Pitts born in Winston-Salem, N. C., March 31, 1949 baptized at Calvary Moravian Church April 6, 1952 by the Rev. John W. Fulton.


Stinson, Pamela White, daughter of Mr and Mrs. L. K. Stinson baptized Palm Sunday, April 6, 1952 by John Gosenrud.

Jackson, Regina Gay, daughter of James B. and Allene m. n. Williams Jackson born October 14, 1951 in Mount Airy, N. C., and baptized in Grave Moravian Church, Mount Airy, on Palm Sunday, April 6, 1952 by the Rev. Herbert B. Johnson.

Church, Mary Forest, daughter of Forest H. and Mary Evelyn m. n. Beroth Church, born October 16, 1951 in North Wilkesboro, N. C. and baptized in Grace Moravian Church, Mount Airy, on Palm Sunday, April 6, 1952 by the Rev. Herbert B. Johnson.


Kimel, Mary Tanya, daughter of Ralph and Mary m. n. Delapp Kimel, born in Lexington, N. C., November 17, 1951 and baptized April 6, 1952 in Friedberg Church by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.

Boettzi, Edward Joyner, son of Herbert and Claudine m. n. Joynr Boettzi, born in Winston-Salem, N. C., January 14, 1951 and baptized April 6, 1952 in Friedberg Church by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.

Sides, Robin Daryl, son of Daniel and Mary m. n. Reich Sides, born in Winston-Salem, N. C., January 20, 1952 and baptized April 6, 1952 in Friedberg Church by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.

Scott, Jill Lynette, daughter of Robert and Louise m. n. Stone Street Scott, born in Winston-Salem, U. C., August 29, 1951 and baptized in Friedberg Church April 6, 1952 by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.

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For six days the Junior-High boys and girls will be led in their quest to discover for themselves the meaning of the life of Jesus in terms of today. In their quests they will seek to find out how Jesus used His Bible, what He taught about possessions, how He meant for people to live the abundant life. They will also see how Jesus was always concerned with the welfare of others.

In their quest there will be time for worship by the lakeside, fun at the camp fire, and recreation such as swimming, boating, hiking, and games.

---FOR SENIORS---

AGES 16 AND OLDER

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The Rev. George G. Higgins
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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

WILLOW HILL

Even in this somewhat remote section of southwestern Virginia the dawn of Easter Sunday was heralded by the music of the Salem band. From records of the 1950 Easter morning service in Salem, Ralph Epperson, owner of WPAQ, Mt. Airy, made reproduction of four chorals. At 2:30 a.m. the pastor, a visiting friend, 2nd Lieut. Lou Neilsen; Connor Ayers; and Jack Hall began a tour of the countryside which continued until 5:00 a.m. Over twenty stops were made between the home of Edward Smith and Levering's bend in the Orchard Gap road. The records were played over an amplifying system installed in the pastor's car by Robert Hitt. To all who assisted in bringing the music to the mountains heartfelt thanks are extended!

Despite the adverse weather conditions the sun rise service at 5:30 a.m. and the fellowship breakfast which followed it were well attended. For the afternoon service at 2:30 p.m. the church was filled.

On April 20 Bald Rock Mountain (the mountaintop church facade) was covered at its base by a beautiful cloud of Apple Blossoms. For the first time in several years the apple trees were in full bloom for the Apple Blossom Festival. Br. George Higgins brought the message for the day. Visiting ministers included the Bm. H. B. Johnson and W. Clyde Davis.

Our prayer meeting this month was held at the home of Bill Bondurant on April 4. Passion week services were well attended. With the return of warm weather our group is now meeting in the church again. Having concluded the book of Mark we have begun the study of the Epistle to the Galatians.

PAUL A. SNIDER.

FRIEDBERG

For the first time in twelve years inclement weather necessitated our holding the Easter Graveyard Service indoors. However, a congregation of over 500 united hearts and voices in the traditional litany, asserting anew their faith in, and devotion to, the risen Lord Jesus.

A busy and blessed week led up to the climax of Easter Sunday. Attendance at Passion Week Services averaged exactly ten more than last year, which was an all-time record. An innovation this year was the observance of Lovefeast on Thursday night, followed by the Candlelight Communion Friday night.

We are duly grateful to God for the harvest of souls which was ours Palm Sunday. Receiving the sacrament of Adult Baptism were: Alton Teague, Richard Teague, Richard Mandenhall, and Jasper Younts. Confirmations included Bobby Rierson, Richard Byerly, Lula Mae Hartman, Glenn Craver, Manly Fishe, Ray Tesh, Leon Tesh, and Roy Mandenhall. Mrs. Herbert Foltz, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Padgett, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Padgett were received by the right hand of fellowship.

Sincere wishes for sustained happiness are extended to Mary Alice Reich and Gray Jackson, who were married in an impressive church ceremony Easter Saturday night.

We pray, too, our Lord's continued blessing on the following couples who boast recent additions to the family circle: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sides, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brewer, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hartman.

C. TRUETT CHADWICK.

BETHESDA

The pastor was installed in an empassive service, led by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, on March 23. We find a most interested and forward-looking group of people in this congregation. The regular services of the month were well attended and we have hopes of the work growing in the months ahead of us.

The Easter lovefeast was the outstanding service of the month. The sanctuary was filled to its capacity and served as an opportunity for many in the community to get acquainted with the new pastor and his family.

On Wednesday evening of the 2nd the church board and the pastor met in their first meeting at the church. General conditions and arrangement of services were gone over at this time.

The monthly meeting of the ladies of the church was held at the home of Mrs. Paul Sappenfield; and the Ladies Bible Class at the home of Mrs. Fred Shutt. Interest and fine spirit marked the meetings.

Thanks again for sharing the expenses of the new electric range and refrigerator with the Hope Congregation, and for the “filling of the pantry shelves” with food.

ARCHIE W. JONES.

FRIEDLAND

The smallest number of persons attended the Easter Service at Friedland in seven years. This was caused by a heavy shower at the time people would be leaving their homes to attend. About 800 were present. A delicious meal was spread on tables in the new church.

Wanda Lee Sowers became the bride of John O'Brien in the church April 18. We wish for them a long and useful life together.

The pews are being delivered. The chairs for the children's departments in the Sunday school are almost finished. Finishing the pews is now started.

A large congregation gathered for the annual May Lovefeast when Dr. D. L. Rights brought a message of challenge to respond to God's call.

O. E. STIMPSON.

NEW EDEN

During the past two months our church program has been filled with intense activity. As a result the spiritual life has been awakened, attendance greatly increased, many new members added to our fellowship and there flows through our congregation a spirit of enthusiasm and joy.

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with the pastor on each Thursday night for the study of scriptures and the Christian way of life. This group has raised through various methods around $40.00 for the Young People’s Union. Through the kindness and generosity of Mrs. Fred Zimmerman, Mrs. Treva Shore, Mrs. Walter Hewitt, and Mrs. A.L. Robertson delicious refreshments have been served following the study sessions.

During passion week the pastor read brief excerpts from the manual and delivered a series of 6 sermons on “The Meaning and the Application of the Cross.” These services were well attended and received with many expressions that Easter was made more meaningful.

Members of the congregation engaged in a fruitful visitation campaign. No one knows how many visits were made but the community was thoroughly covered.

Dr. Edmund Schwarze lifted our congregation into new life with God with the preaching of 9 powerful sermons. We can see the evidence of changed lives and new souls were converted into the Kingdom of Heaven.

EGBERT G. LINEBACK.

GREENSBORO

Since our last report three more have joined our church family, Douglas Edwin Wilson, Hell Lucille Fagan and Jane Louise Grant (all first cousins!) were received as non-communicants by the sacrament of baptism. We pray God’s blessing upon him in our fellowship.

MIZPAH

Palm Sunday and Easter brought out large congregations of worshippers to our church. On the former Sunday we received Br. Marvin Hauser as a communicant member, by the sacrament of baptism. We pray God’s blessing upon him in our fellowship.

“The Gardner”, a two-act Easter play, was presented by our young people on Palm Sunday night. They enjoyed producing it so much that they requested and were granted permission to put it on in the King Moravian Church on Easter Sunday night.

A full schedule of Passion Week services were conducted in our church this year, including the administration of the Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday night and a lovefeast on Good Friday evening. Both of these services were well-attended.

The Easter egg hunt on the afternoon of Easter Eve seemed to draw almost as many boys and girls as eggs. Mrs. Dallas Helsabeck, Miss Viola Speas, Mrs. Wallace Joyce, and Mrs. June Robertson rewarded the children with candy, cookies, and soft drinks for their efforts.

On the Saturday evening after Easter the men of the Young Adult Class prepared and served fried country ham and eggs to 70 or 80 men at a bachelor supper, for the benefit of the Building Fund. Our brethren apparently got as much pleasure out of fixing the food as our guests got out of eating it.

The Woman’s Auxiliary met with Mrs. Joe Talley, planned to serve a supper at Old Richmond School, and decided to have a cake sale in Rural Hall. More than thirty women were present for the meeting. Mrs. Russell Speas was associate hostess.

April was also a month of marriages in our church. On April 5th Br. Calvin Shore took as his bride Miss Mattie Bell Truitt of Winston-Salem, N.C. And on April the 18th Sr. Rosa Briggs was united in holy matrimony with Mr. Eben Alspaugh, also of Winston-Salem, N. C. We wish godspeed and happiness to both of these couples who were wed with the blessings of the church.

WALTER H. ALLEN, JR.

KONNOAK HILLS

We have been looking for the appearance of a green and velvety carpet in our church yard since the trustees arranged to have the ground prepared and grass planted. The search is being rewarded, too, since gentle rains and a warm sun have brought the hoped-for results to pass. This will improve the looks of our church site immeasurably.

The young people have been very active lately —so long as their energy holds out. The group did a very commendable job in improving “talent money” given by the young people of the Province. A recent supper sponsored by the group was tastefully prepared and efficiently served, the latter being all the more commendable considering the lack of space in our small fellowship hall. We said above, however, that the pace slackened somewhat at times. This was evident on Easter morning. The group was to assemble for breakfast after the early morning service. Preparations were made for thirty, but only between seven and ten were able to follow through! It was a choice between bacon, eggs and grits or dreamland—Mr. Sandman won! A hood and ventilating fan for the kitchen stove have been installed by the Men’s Bible Class. Our men were able to handle all the work. The hood was mounted by Grover Fisher—piping was well-covered.

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At the present writing we are looking ahead to some important dates. Our Church Council will meet on Wednesday, May 14. Our Loyalty Day will be held the following Sunday, May 18, and our second anniversary celebration will be Sunday, May 25. We will have a service of Holy Communion in the morning. At 3:00 p.m. we shall have a lovefeast, and a special address by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

JOHN GOSERUD.

MOUNT AIRY

The biggest crowd ever to attend Easter Sunrise Service at Grace Church, Mount Airy, was gathering this year when rain caused several to leave. The first portion of the litany was read on the front lawn, but the latter part was read in the church. Our ushers report nearly four hundred persons stayed the service through.

Palm Sunday brought four adults into our church membership and two infants were received by christenings.

Our Auxiliary sponsored a Get Acquainted Party on Easter Monday night. A program of refreshments, singings, music, recitations, stunts, and magic was enjoyed in the lower auditorium. Then we went upstairs for the spiritual portion. A group presented a radio skit, entitled "The Cause and Cure of Bitterness in the Church." The evening was brought to a close with an excellent message by Br. Paul Snider. He spoke on "Moving Forward With Christ."

Br. and Sr. George Higgins and daughter Margaret were Sunday morning visitors on April 20. We hope they will come again soon.

The kinsfolk of Joe Thomas Jackson and Steve Williams, whose funerals were conducted by the pastor during the month, are again extended the sympathy of the congregation.

Police Captain W. H. Sumner is chairman of our Boy Scout Committee. Other members are Moir Clark, Fred Pruett, J. J. Brown, James Good, Curtis Simmons and Herbert Hall.

Our pastor will deliver the address at the Commencement of Mount Airy High School on June 6. He will also participate in the commencement program of Mount Airy High School on June 6.

H. B. JOHNSON.

IMMANUEL

The beginning of May marked the beginning of a new era for Immanuel Church. The Rev. Edwin Sawyer concluded his supply pastorate on April 27, while the Rev. Samuel Tesch was installed on Sunday, May 4.

The month's beginning also found real progress on the first work on our church addition. Difficulties of excavation and water seepage have been overcome, and Contractor Floyd Burge promises steady progress during the next few months.

A committee of faithful hands painted the interior of the parsonage before the arrival of the Tesches. The outside of the house is also scheduled for redecoration. Various items of furnishings have also been added to give the parsonage a warm and welcoming appearance.

Attendance over Easter set something of a new record. More than 200 persons crowded our little sanctuary on Palm Sunday morning, and 165 returned for Holy Communion service at night. Attendances from Monday through Thursday were strong, followed by near capacity again on Good Friday night. We had 197 at the Easter session of the Sunday school, when a kind of united service was held and the supply pastor taught six of the older classes together.

The undersigned feels deep appreciation for all the cooperation given him through five months of mingled sorrow and joy. He also foresees a bright future for a congregation so loyal, so devoted, and so bent on advancing Christ's cause in their neighborhood.

EDWIN A. SAWYER.

MESSIAH

We rejoiced to receive twelve new members into our fellowship on Palm Sunday, April 6. With the help of Rev. George Higgins, we were able to have a complete roster of services during the Passion Week. The church purchased 50 Passion Week manuals for use in these and future services. All Moravian customs seem to be the delight of the Messiah people, though most of the membership is of non-Moravian background.

The Men of the Church have finished six beautiful lovefeast trays. Circle two of the Women of the Church have donated lovefeast baskets. Mr. and Mrs. James Peeples, a Presbyterian couple who attend our adult Sunday school class, donated 100 heavy china coffee mugs.

Circle one of the Women of the Church sponsored a chicken pie supper at the Belo Home recently. The Faithful Alpha Class sponsored a showing of the "King of Kings" film during the Lenten season at New Philadelphia.

The junior class, taught by Mrs. Charles Smith, has donated a set of white pulpit Bible bookmarks of the finest grosgrain ribbon.

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A group gathered at the church on the afternoon of April 5 to clean off the church grounds and graveyard. Some work was also done inside the church on this spring cleaning project. Theological Student George Chiddie conducted the Easter service at 3:30 p.m. Easter Sunday in the absence of the pastor. The Oak Grove Band also assisted. The services of both were greatly appreciated. Br. Henry Lewis was guest speaker at the young people’s meeting of April 20. A good group was present to hear his message on “Christian Service.”

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

CALVARY

The Rev. Robert Lobst spoke to the congregation on Palm Sunday. This emphasis on foreign mission work was made the more impressive by its setting on a day when we engaged in receiving members. More than 350 were in attendance and it was the first occasion when the balcony has been used for a preaching service during the pastorate. This day also marked the attaining of our goal of 350 in the morning worship hour.

A new procedure was begun during Lent for counting visitors present in the services. Cards are placed in the pew racks to be signed by visitors and members while the offering is being received. No record is made of the members who attend, but the names of all visitors are kept. Each new visitor is sent a leaflet on the Moravian Church and a copy of the next Sunday’s bulletin. Calls are made to visitors who return to our services a second time. We have been pleased to find that as many as twenty-five visitors attend worship on a given Sunday. The emphasis as a whole has called attention to church attendance.

A new “rinkle” has been added to our Fisherman’s Club. Attendance at night brought out only half of the group. The April meeting was held downtown during the lunch hour and every member was present. Each team in the Club is working with prospective members.

We express appreciation to our member Austin E. Burke, Jr., for his work with our and Salem Congregation Band. We also recognize the service of Dr. Edmund Schwarze and the Rev. Clyde Davis in the Maundy Thursday Holy Communion.

Officers of the Women of the Church for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Paul Minish; first vice-president, Mrs. E. H. Schults; second vice-president, Mrs. W. N. Shoos; recording secretary, Mrs. I. W. McLeod; assistant secretary, Miss Della Walker; treasurer, Miss Sallie Burge; assistant treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Dizer.

Members received on Palm Sunday were: Clara Elizabeth Fordham, Garrison Evans Pitts, Martha Susan Thorpe, Frances Jean Lewis, Archie Lee Whiteley, Jr., Mrs. James W. Holland, Mr. Kenneth Roy McLe, Mrs. C. E. Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. John Booker, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ferr, Miss Coleen Green, Mr. James W. Holland, Dr. J. D. Redding, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Swan, Mr. L. V. Landreth, Mrs. W. T. Alsop, Jr., and Mr. Glenn Ray.

JOHN W. FULTON.

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MACEDONIA

With the reading from the Passion Week Manual during Holy Week and the observance of the Lord’s Supper on Good Friday we came to Easter Sunday with joyful hearts to greet anew our Risen Lord. A cold drizzle of rain kept some from marching with the Band to God’s Acre, but most of the faithful braved the elements and were richly blessed. We are grateful to Christ Church Band again this year which led the services and march to the graveyard that was a veritable flower garden.

Death hath taken its toll from Macedonia recently! Within 43 days five of our older members and one who formerly was a member passed away. We miss them and especially Br. George E. Fry, who had been like a father to our congregation for more than twenty years, serving as Sunday school superintendent for 21 years and also on various boards of the church.

Mrs. John Sparks entertained the Auxiliary at her home April 16. Mrs. Joe Gray, Sr., had been invited as our guest speaker. Having recently visited her missionary son, Joe and family in La Paz, Nicaragua, she spoke at length of the work and conditions as she found them among the native Indians, illustrating her talk with various articles she had been given while there.

Our weekly prayer meetings continue to be the “bright spot” in our Christian life and the laymen take their turn in leading these services. J. GEORGE BRUNER.

PROVIDENCE

We were glad to receive into our fellowship by Adult Baptism mمسسه Lehman Doss and Ruben William Clayton Jr. on Palm Sunday.

Passion Week reading services were held by Mrs. Besse Phelps. Holy Communion was held on Good Friday evening.

The Easter graveyard service was conducted in the afternoon of April 13 with the Rev. Milton Frazer assisting the pastor. The first part of the program consisting primarily of hymns and anthems by the congregation and choir was carried out in the church; then the congregation, led by the choir and the Oak Grove Moravian church band proceeded to God’s Acre where the Easter Litany was read. We appreciate the Oak Grove band members participation in the service again this year.

A very helpful series of evangelistic services were held the week beginning April 27 with the Rev. Henry A. Lewis bringing very forceful and inspiring messages.

The building program is progressing very nicely. The house is already taking definite shape.

JOHN H. KAPP

CHRIST CHURCH

With the reception of J. Ralph and Lillian Lott Alford, Kenneth R. Brown, Julia Hannah Carr, Harry L. and Byla Lewellyn Collins, Harry Lee and Frances Norman Collins, Harvey E. Cook, Helen I. Denny, Mary Katherine Johnson, Amos C. Myers J. Peggy Blalock Rengar, Retha Dale Saunders, Emily Carol Sheppard, Martha Turner Talley, Mary Anna Tatum, Dora Tatum Simmons and Jane Gray Truelove into the communicant fellowship of the congregation on Palm Sunday and the Passion Week services, and with record breaking attendances upon most of the services of these seasons, we were able to bring our seven years of work in the congregation to a happy close. The association has been most helpful to the retiring pastor and it is our fervent hope that some permanent contribution has been made to the spiritual life of congregation. To the many who have given unstintingly of their loyalty, love, support and cooperation we express a hearty “thank you” and shall treasure our experiences together in the Lord’s vineyard.

The church band again did yeoman service “on foot” throughout west Salem as the announcement of the Risen Christ was proclaimed.

Workers of the Sunday school, Trans-Moravia and the Woman’s Auxiliary were most kind in the manner by which they sought to send us on our way and our grateful “thanks” will continue to reverberate in our minds and hearts.

SAMAUEL J. TESCH

Leave Of Absence Granted; Call Accepted

The Provincial Elders Conference announce the acceptance of a call by Br. Norwood Green, seminary student graduating on May 25, to the pastorate of Enterprise and Hopewell Congregations. His installation will take place early in June.

Br. Edwin A. Sawyer, Chaplain of Salem Academy and College and Head of the Christian Education Department, has been granted a leave of absence from provincial service for fifteen months, to pursue a special course of study at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Br. Sawyer’s major interest will be the New Testament with Old Testament as minor study.

DEATHS

Snyder, Robah Lee, son of George D. and Mary E. m. n. Banner Snyder, born May 15, 1884 in Forsyth County, N. C.; died March 8, 1952 in Winston-Salem, N. C.; place of burial, Moravian Cemetery.


Allen, Mrs. Lydia West, 75 years old, daughter of Giles and Nancy Bowen West died in Crawfordsville, Ind. Funeral conducted there. A member of Macedonia.


Nicaragua Accepts Program
Leading To Native Church

By Jack M. Coleman

The acceptance by the field itself of the position of a "Province in the state of transition" was the outstanding achievement of the first General Church Conference to be held in Nicaragua. The conference was held April 21 to 25 at Bilwaskarma on the Wangks River.

THE CATHEDRAL ON THE WANGKS:

Bilwaskarma Church, the scene of the first General Church Conference in Nicaragua.

The adoption of the condition of a state of transition from a mission field to a Province of the Moravian Worldwide Unity established certain goals for development between now and 1980. The General Church Conference took the place of the General Mission Conference, which in the past had been attended only by ordained brethren and some of their wives. Now it is become more of a native affair. Missionaries, native ministers, and some of their wives are shown their quarters and the dining hall and elected of a native affair. Missionaries, native ministers, and some of their wives. Now it is become more of a native affair. Missionaries, native ministers, and some of their wives.

 sessions. At the outset the Superintendent read letters of greetings and good wishes from societies and individuals in the United States and Sweden. After the ordained brethren, the head of the Col- legio Moravo, and Dr. David Traerl each read a report of the inter-conference period, the resolutions brought from the various District Church Conferences, held previous to this one, were presented for discussion. These resolutions showed that our people are becoming more Native Church conscious than ever. There seemed to be much concern over finding better ways and means of financing the work; there were requests for establishing training centers for Miskito girls, and Creole boys with a view to selection of candidates for the ministry; or other works; for finding ways to have more and better day school work to be done in the Province; for a system of granting vacations to ordained native pastors; for starting to raise funds to meet the expenses of succeeding General Church Conferences; for translating of the Book of Order, which to date is only in English, into Miskito, and putting out in printed form the many portions of the Old Testament already translated into that language. Both Bishop Hamilton and the Superintendent reminded us that if we passed any resolutions involving expenses, such as establishing training centers, etc., we must also discuss ways of financing them, so some of the proposals had to be dropped.

GOALS FOR DEVELOPMENT

Then came what seemed to us natives the most important item in the list for discussion and decision. An open letter from the Provincial Elders Conference of the Moravian Church in America, North and South, to the Chairman of the General Directory in London, was read to the gathering. This letter, among other things, asks that body to grant the Mission in Nicaragua the recognition of a "Province in the state of transition", on condition that this General Church Conference subscribe to stated goals for further development between now and 1980. These goals, roughly speaking, are: (1) the number of ordained native men is to be increased and that of foreign missionaries decreased gradually so that by 1980 only the Warden, the heads of the Training School, the Hospital, and the Colegio Moravo, and the Superintendent are to be foreigners; (2) that the Native Church's share of the cost of the work be increased by 10 percent each decade; (3) that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Moravian Church in America shall nominate and the General Church Council shall elect the superintendent from among the nominees proposed.

Plenty of courage and strong faith in the Chief Shepherd and Head of the Church was needed to subscribe these goals. The question most of us had in mind was whether we should be able to raise the necessary amount of money annually to meet the cost of the work. Some thought that a decision as important as this one should be made by the entire membership at each station. Thereupon one of our native ministers, H. E. Wilson, called the attention of the group to the fact that what was lacking was not money in the country, but faith in Jesus Christ to carry us through; that if our spiritual fathers, though much smaller in number, trusting in Him, dared to begin a world-wide Mission, there was no reason why we should show less faith in deciding to keep up the work in our country alone. Everyone seemed to have been convinced of his "infirmity". Then the question was put to a vote and carried unanimously. Hence this field, in the state of transition, assumes greater responsibility towards full independence within the framework of the constitution of the Unity.

As most of the elected members were Miskitos or Creoles, every proposal read, or opinion expressed by anyone was explained in the other language by Superintendent Stotts or one of the native ministers.

OLDEST AND YOUNGEST SERVE

Tuesday evening the Rev. Linkemann delivered a sermon on the spreading of the Word of God among all peoples, in which he gave much light on the preparation, publication and distribution of the Bible. Wednesday evening Bishop Hamilton was in charge of a Missionary Meeting, at which he gave of his extensive knowledge of the fields served by our Church, their problems, and needs. (Continued on page 3)
Provincial Announcements

IN THIS ISSUE

The report of the first General Church Conference in Nicaragua which appears on page 1 was written by the Rev. Jack M. Coleman. Br. Coleman, a native of Nicaragua, was educated in Winston-Salem and is a graduate of Columbia Heights High School of this city.

Also in this issue, as we enlarge our coverage of mission news, is an article by Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton on his recent visit to Honduras.

PROVINCIAL ELDERS CONFERENCE

Br. Worth Norwood Green, recent graduate of the Theological Seminary, was ordained to the Ministry as a Deacon, on Sunday, June 15. The cere­mony took place in Pina Chapel’s recently enlarged sanctuary, and was performed by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. A capacity congregation was present, including delegations from both Hopewell and Enterprise Churches, which Br. Green has been called to serve.

He will enter upon his pastoral duties with the month of July, occupying the Enterprise parsonage. His many friends will be praying God’s rich blessing upon his ministry.

J. KENNETH PFohl, President.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

At its May meeting the Board of Christian Education granted a leave of absence until the Synod of 1953 to the Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer, who for the next fifteen months will be studying at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Since 1950 Br. Sawyer had been serving the Board as chairman. This post now is being filled by the Rev. John W. Fulton, vice-chairman.

To fill the vacancy created by Br. Sawyer’s leave­ing the Rev. Richard F. Amos has been elected by the Board to serve until the Synod of 1953.

Twenty-six Vacation Bible Schools are scheduled this summer under the direction of five provincial workers. These workers are Christian D. Weber, R. T. Troutman, Glenn Craver, George Criddle, and Lewis Swaim.

J. W. FULTON.

INTERPROVINCIAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The 1952 meeting of the Interprovincial Board of Christian Education was held June 4 and 5 at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin A. Sawyer at Marshalls Creek, Pennsylvania. In addition to Br. Sawyer, the Rev. William A. Kaltreider, and the Rev. George G. Higgins attended as representatives from the Southern Province. Northern Province representatives were the Rev. Milton A. Yasek, chairman; the Rev. John S. Groenfeldt, the Rev. Emil P. Simon, and Mr. James H. Clause, treasurer of the Northern Board.

One of the decisions made at this meeting was to publish as soon as possible a third edition of “Tell Me A Story”, by Katharine Boring Rondell. Announcement was made of the publication of a “Travel Guide” of the Moravian Church in America which will be available in the fall of this year. Also to be published shortly is a “Popular History of the Moravian Church” by Dr. Allen Schattschneider. This latter volume will be one of the “Know Your Church” series.

GEORGE G. HIGGINS, Secretary

BAPTISMS

Conrad, Jeffrey Rea, son of Joseph E. and Maxine m. n. Barton Conrad. Born October 6, 1951 was baptized April 13, 1952 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Conrad, Judith Ellen, daughter of James M. and Elizabeth m. n. Shelter. Born January 12, 1949 was baptized April 13, 1952 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Couch, Marian Blair, daughter of Paul deS. and Marian m. n. McCuscoin Couch. Born December 30, 1951 was baptized in the Home Church on April 13, 1952 by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Teague, Bonnie Cornelia, daughter of O. M. and Suzanne m. n. Norman Teague. Born December 20, 1951 was baptized April 20, 1952 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Elam, Mary Ann, daughter of Douglas B. and June m. n. Reid Elam. Born January 3, 1952 was baptized April 27, 1952 in the Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Petree, Patricia Ellen, daughter of James Wil­burn and Helena m. n. Upshaw Petree. Born September 27, 1951 was baptized May 4, 1952 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Shaffner, David Emerson, son of Louis deS. and Jane m. n. Ayars Shaffner. Born July 19, 1951 was baptized May 4, 1952 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Spangler, Katrina Brown, daughter of John Thomas and Katherine m. n. Brown Spangler. Born September 20, 1951 was baptized May 4, 1952 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Davis, George Franklin Teague, son of Thomas H. and Nancy m. n. Teague Davis. Born December 12, 1951 was baptized June 8, 1952 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Rose, Keith Clinton, son of Jack C. and Ann m. n. Voss Rose. Born March 6, 1952 was baptized June 8, 1952 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Sink, Clyde Edward III, son of Clyde and Clara m. n. Tesh Sink, born in Winston-Salem, N. C., August 6, 1950 and baptized April 6, 1952 in Friedberg Church by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.

Fishel, Minehardt Hugh, son of Cromer and Virginia m. n. Nifong Fishel, born June 26, 1951 in Winston-Salem, N. C., and baptized April 6, 1952 in Friedberg Church by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.

Fishel, Sanford Henry III, son of S. H. Jr. and Ruby m. n. Sink Fishel, born December 14, 1951 in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized March 2, in Friedberg Church by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.

(More Baptisms, page 10)

The oldest bishop of our Moravian Church has relinquished his mortal frame and gone to live with the Lord! The Rt. Rev. Vaclav Vancura, the first Czech bishop of the Unitas Fratrum since John Amos Comenius, died on Monday, May 26, 1952, in his son’s home at Podebrady, Czechoslovakia, at the age of 95.

He was born January 6, 1857, in Caslav, Bohemia. During his life Bishop Vancura served seventeen years as a school master and thirty-five years as a minister. In the latter period he founded the congregation at Mlada Boleslav, where stands the ancient “Zbor”, a house of worship used by our Bohemian brethren in the early years of the Unitas Fratrum. In this hallowed sanctuary, on July 20, 1946, Br. Vancura was consecrated a bishop of the Moravian Unity by Bishops C. H. Shawe, G. W. MacLeavy, and S. H. Gap at assisted by Dr. Walter H. Allen, who represented the Southern Province in the service.

To this same place, the old “Zbor”, the body of our late brother was brought for his last rites, which were held on May 31. A trombone quartet played; the choir from Prague sang a setting of Psalm 91; Br. Kallus spoke; and prayer was offered by Br. Adolf Ulrich, whose letter to Bishop Pfohl bore us the sad tidings of our beloved eldest bishop’s departure from this life. Bishop Karel Reichel delivered a sermon prior to the interment in the old cemetery at Mlada Boleslav. Many ministers of our and other Christian churches were also in attendance, together with officials of the government and various schools.

In Br. Ulrich’s words Bishop Vancura was until the end a “paternal friend, faithful in prayer, a true watchman of the wall.”

The opening service in the fellowship hall of the new Christian Education Building of the Kammers­ville Church was held Sunday, May 4 at 11:00 A. M. Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl delivered the mes­sage of the day.
Kernersville Occupies New Christian Education Building

The opening service was the climax of a long period of planning for the Kernersville people. As early as 1939 it was realized that more space was needed for the growing congregation and Sunday school. Plans were drawn at that time but the construction was prevented by the Second World War. To relieve the crowded situation a house adjoining the church property was purchased in 1947 and converted into Sunday school class rooms a year later.

As the need for more space became more urgent, a Building Committee was appointed consisting of the following: Fred Vance, chairman; John Flynt, vice-chairman, Theodore C. Kern, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Fred Linville, Mrs. Robert D. Shore, Ray Atkins, Kenneth L. Greenfield, Roscoe Smith, E. E. Shore, and the Rev. Clayton H. Persons.

After considerable study and planning through the help of Mr. O. V. Caudill, Church Building Consultant of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Kenneth Burge of the Burge Construction Company, drawings were presented to the Church Council on January 22, 1951. This council approved the general plan with a few suggested changes. Final approval was given by the Church Council on April 9, 1951, and after consulting with six individuals and firms to get estimates of the construction cost, the work was given to the Wilson-Covington Construction Company of Winston-Salem on April 5.

The service of Ground Breaking was held on May 6 following the morning service with Bishop H. E. Rondthaler as the guest speaker and the first to turn a shovelful of dirt. A little more than a week after the ground-breaking the excavation was begun. The footings were poured in June and the masonry work began immediately after the week of the Fourth of July.

Much devoted and energetic work was carried on by the members themselves, the chief part of which was the cutting and sawing of about 36,000 board feet of lumber.

Because of the expense involved, it will take some time before all of the needed Sunday school furniture will be secured.

NICARAGUA ACCEPTS
(Continued from page 1)

Thursday evening the nurses presented a two-part play depicting student life under Dr. Thaeler, and everyday scenes at the clinic. After this the guests were treated to delicious refreshments.

The last gathering took place the evening of Friday, April 25, when the Conference was called together for the Lord's Supper. Bishop Hamilton presided at this and the Bm. Dannery Downs and Mendiola Taylor, the oldest and the youngest of native ministers, served the elements. This brought the first General Church Conference in Nicaragua to a close. Now everybody looked forward to leaving for their respective stations the next day, some up and others down the mighty Waingks river, and still others by truck and planes to more distant destinations, happy for having made definite decisions on the future of the Lord's work in our country, for having acquainted themselves with formerly less known coworkers, and above all the sweet fellowship we had had together.

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Visitor To Honduras Sees Change, Growth In Mission

By Kenneth G. Hamilton

Five years ago I had paid an official visit to our mission in Honduras. This March I was again sent to Central America and spent a month in this field, in which our church has now been at work for just twenty-two years. It may be instructive to compare observations and experiences made on these two occasions.

With gratitude to God let me report that there has been real progress in our work. The record has not been an unbroken series of victories, of course. One of our most promising lay pastors "went out from us," to use St. John's poignant phrase. The lack of spiritual awareness and consecration on the part of many of our members causes our missionaries deep concern. The problem of the self-support of the Moravian Church in Honduras is by no means solved. Yet, admitting these and other regrettable facts, there is evidence of growth along many lines.

MOST STRIKING CHANGE

Perhaps the most striking change we met with is the service made possible in this field by a little "Piper Pacer" plane, recently located in Honduras by the Missionary Aviation Fellowship. Mrs. Hamilton and the writer were taken from Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, to our station in Butukauas in less than three hours. Five years ago we spent over a week of hard travel to cover the same distance. During our short stay in Honduras the plane enabled Dr. Samuel Marx to make a quick trip back to the clinic to examine a patient who was reported to be in a serious condition. It carried nurse Jane Wedman from her station in Kaurkira to Trujillo over the first and hardest portion of her journey back to Canada; on the same occasion it flew the superintendent of the field to Trujillo to attend to emergency matters there.

EVIDENCES OF GROWTH

I saw many other material evidences of growth. Kokobila has a fine new church building, erected largely by labor freely given to this congregation by fellow Indians from other villages who had skill as carpenters. Though the split cabbage palms make rough boards when contrasted with the product of our saw mills, this neat, white church is a very fine edifice when compared with the average Indian hut in that same village. I found a splendid new mission house in Brus, which has now become the home of the superintendent of the field. In Brus, too, I saw four mission schools, the buildings for all but one of which had been erected or purchased in this five-year interval. I could inspect the clinic plant at Butukauas, which still was far from finished five years ago. I visited new church centers in Laka and Pakaksa established under the leadership of the Rev. Howard Houseman and also a fine new clinic building at Kaurkira; the people of the community completed this by their own effort with Brother Housman's help and encouragement. A new kitchen had been added to the Kaurkira mission house as well; it is a decided improvement over the old.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

There have been advances of other kinds too. The coming of Dr. Marx to Honduras and the medical service which this provides in La Mosquitia represent the fulfillment of a hope long cherished. The medical work stresses the central motive that underlies all of the ministry of Christian missions.

The educational program of our mission in Honduras centers in Brus; it has made strides in these past years. In this period the Rev. Werner Marx has prepared a reader for our people based on the Laubach method. He has organized a school where children from Brus and from other villages as well can acquire sufficient knowledge to prepare them for more advanced instruction in other parts of the republic. He has supervised the opening of a small boarding school for boys. He has begun a training school for men and women who are capable of becoming leaders in their own congregations. He has arranged for refresher courses for lay pastors.

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS

There are evidences of spiritual growth in this field, too, despite the disappointments referred to earlier. In one station, where I held a service in the absence of the missionary, the people participated...
freely and earnestly in prayer. After its close four
Sunday school teachers came to me—quite as a
matter of course—to discuss the lesson for the fol-
lowing Sunday, so as to prepare themselves for
teaching it. As I could observe when Sunday came,
they had understood and remembered and improv-
et their teaching. As a matter of fact, during my visit was marked by zealous heart-
searching and concern on the part of those who attended. The evening camp fire meetings were de-

ting voluntary week-day classes for Bible study to
which the young people are especially urged to come faithfully.

Do not think that our lot is done in Honduras. Remember the mission, its workers and people alike in your intercession. Those who represent us as our missionaries face hardship and trial. They need the sense of vital spiritual fellowship with the Church in the homeland. Support generously with your time and your gifts the efforts of our Church to make the Gospel known and obeyed and loved in this corner of the world.

ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENTS

Two other, more general evidences of progress in

La Mosquitia should also be noted. The economic condition of our Indians has improved. Five years ago they were poverty stricken. Now, thanks to their having a market for their rice, conditions seem considerably better. The improvement is reflected in better health conditions. The second forward step is the introduction of public schools by the government. This has brought its problems for us, since formerly our schools represented the only source of learning open to our children; we could provide religious training in them as well as other instruction. The Rev. and Mrs. Benson are stressing
voluntary weekly classes for Bible study to which the young people are especially urged to come faithfully.

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... Foreign Mission Briefs ...

The Board of Foreign Missions is again arrang-
ing to forward to mission stations in Labrador gifts
from our members in America. Especially clothing,
band instruments, school supplies and toys are re-
quested. Those able to make such donations are
asked to forward them to the First Moravian
Church, Packer Avenue and Wester Street, Beth-
lehem, Pa., by July 20th at the latest. A letter
should accompany each package listing its con-
tents.

Service Terminated

Helen Miller has requested and received per-
mission to leave her position at the Children’s Home
in Alaska. She has accepted a teaching post in the
Mount Edgecomb High School by appointment of the
Alaska Native Service.

Jane Wedman, R.N., who has completed her three-year appointment as missionary nurse in Cen-
tral America, has not seen her way clear to accept reappointment.

The Board accepts these resignations with real regret but with gratitude for the past services of these missionary workers.

New Appointments

Lorraine Sampert, R.N., of Edmonton, Canada, has accepted an appointment to serve as mis-

sionary nurse at our clinic in Butukaus, Honduras, under the direction of Dr. Samuel Marx. She plans to leave for her new post approximately the end of July.

Constance Sautebin, of Fargo, North Dakota, has agreed to return to the Children’s Home at Kweth-
luh, Alaska, and resume her position as teacher there.

Dr. Werner Muller, a member of the Moravian congregation of Hamburg, Germany, and a recent graduate of the University of Tubingen, has indicated his willingness to accept a call to service as the associate doctor at our hospital in Bilwaskarma, Nicaragua. It is hoped that the new doctor will take up his work in a month or so. His coming will make it possible for the hospital to serve the Mis-
kito population in the area of the Wangks River by more regular medical visits. The Board wel-
comes the cooperation of our German Province which Dr. Miller’s coming will represent.

Movements of Missionaries

After a furlough in this country, the Rev. E.
Howard Houseman and his family plan to resume
their work in Kaurkira, Honduras. They expect to sail on June 14th from New Orleans to La Celba. They plan to return to the field the Rev. and Mrs. Clark Benson, who have been supplying the Kau-
kira station, will resume their work in Kokobila, thus moving from the coast to the interior of our field in Hon-
duras to its western extremity.

The Rev. Charles Michael and his family plan to spend the winter at Goodnews Bay, one of their outstations, from which post they will continue to supervise the work in Quinshagak.

Mrs. Douglas Schattschneider expected to re-
join her husband in Bethel, Alaska, by the middle

of June, after an emergency visit in her home at
Allentown, Pa.

Early in May, the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth No-
wack completed their study of Spanish in San Jose, Costa Rico. The Nowacks are now staying with the
Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Gray in La Luz, Siuna, in order to acquire a knowledge of Miskito prepara-
tory to their assuming charge of the station of
Bonanza in the gold mining area of Nicaragua.

In May, also, the Rev. and Mrs. C. Conrad Shimer left their work in Bluefields, Nicaragua, to
begin a furlough at home. For the present they are staying with Mrs. Shimer’s mother at 2202 Fox
Avenue, Madison 5, Wisconsin.

Colegio Moravo, Bluefields, Nicaragua

Elizabeth Marx, principal of the Colegio, reports
that the institution began its new term in May
with a registration of forty more than last year’s
high of 360 in the primary and 106 in the sec-
dary school. The rooms in the new building, which seemed more than ample at the construction of the building, are full.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

BETHABARA

Our Building Program which is daily gathering momentum has been spurred to even greater endeavor by the gift of an $8,000 pipe organ for the new sanctuary. The organ, plus installation, is given to the congregation by Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer C. Thomas of Charlotte, N. C., and placed in memory of Mr. Thomas’ parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory A. Thomas and their children, Gilmer C., Freeman J., William D., Mrs. Carl Hine, and Mrs. J. F. Saunders, all of whom are members of Bethabara with the exception of the donors who are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte. Mr. Thomas’ interest in Bethabara stems from his boyhood days when he attended Sunday school and church with his parents. While residing in Winston-Salem Mr. Thomas was engaged in the automobile business. At present he is president of the Cadillac-Oldsmobile Agency in Charlotte and is regarded as one of that city’s most beneficent citizens.

The acceptance of this gift is a real challenge to our congregation since the donors expressed the desire to see the organ installed in the new church within two years. In reference to the challenge Mr. Thomas said, “The thing I am most interested in is to get the work started because once it is started I know the good people who belong to that church will push it right through.” The congregation, confident also that this can and will be done, voted in congregation council to proceed with plans for building on our recently acquired property which was dedicated on our 198th Anniversary. Br. C. P. Snyder, chairman of the Building Committee reports that our architect, Mr. Henry T. Gurley of Burlington, N. C., will begin work on final plans and specifications this month and that work on the new building will begin as soon thereafter as possible.

In concluding this report we would pause to thank our Heavenly Father not only for these friends and their generosity, but also for the many others who are continuing to help our Building Program. Let us be mindful of the words of the Apostle Paul, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

K. EDWIN FUSSELL

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

CHARLOTTE

The Spiritual Life Program of this church has been strengthened by the addition of the prayer circle on Wednesday night and a discussion and instruction group on Sunday night. These are in addition to the Sunday morning worship service, the Sunday church school program, the activities of the “Women of the Church” and the “Men of the Church.” At the Sunday night “Lessons in Living” group, problems in everyday living are discussed and questions are answered.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barefoot upon the birth of a daughter on April 18 and to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hogan, Jr., upon the birth of a daughter on May 16.

Miss Betty Abernethy has joined the church staff as Assistant to the Pastor and Director of Christian Education. She will deal primarily with administrative work of the church, Sunday school, and young people’s programs, including music. She has had excellent training in organ, piano, voice, and in Christian education work.

Mrs. Robert A. Katz and Mrs. H. K. Callis were received into the fellowship of this church on Palm Sunday, April 6, at the time their infant children were baptized; thus completing the family membership for both families. Mr. Andrew Hudson was received on April 20.

Cottage prayer meetings and a family night supper, held in fellowship hall on Friday, May 23, at 6:30 P. M. were held to prepare for Loyalty Sunday, May 25. When Sunday evening came the budget was three-fourths covered by pledges.

Congratulations are being extended to Carolyn Spaugh and Michael Simpson upon their graduation from Myers Park High School.

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We were glad to receive into our membership of this church has...
by confirmation Kay Evelyn Fulp the first Sunday in April and Mrs. Frances Ziglar Disher by letter of transfer the last Sunday in May.

The young people sponsored a family night program which included the motion picture "A Wonderful Life." Hamburgers, "hot dogs", and cold drinks were sold and the proceeds from the sale of the food and the offering went toward the mission projects. The young people also participated in the Mother's Day program at the close of the Sunday school the second Sunday in May.

Much work has been done on the church yard to prepare it for sowing grass this fall.

The pastor and his wife are grateful for the rest by the Board of Trustees and the repainting of the garage by members of the Men's Bible Class.

The women of the church sponsored a fried chicken supper to help pay off the indebtedness on the new educational building. It is encouraging to see the debt dwindling so rapidly.

The Boy Scouts renewed their charter for the coming year. David West is the scout master and is assisted by Joe Bill VanHoy and James Marshall. The scouts have had two outings recently.

Most of the building members of the church attended the meeting of the Building and Expansion Program at Union Cross.

The pastor and his wife greatly appreciate the kind thoughts and deeds shown by the members of the church during the recent illness of the pastor's wife.

JOHN H. KAPP.

CLEMMONS

Easter morning in Clemmons began with the notes of the Moravian chorales as played by the Clemmons band as they made their way from house to house beginning at 2:30 a.m. Then for the second time an Easter sunrise service was held in Clemmons at 6:00. The service began in front of the church and was concluded on the church graveyard. A large congregation also assembled at 11:00 for the regular Sunday morning worship service. The band had a busy day beginning with the community tour, followed by the sunrise service, then the graveyard service at Hope at 10:00 a.m., and finally the Hunter funeral in the afternoon.

The chancel of the church has been greatly beautified. A dossal cloth has been hung filling the arch in the front of the church. In the center of the cloth has been placed a beautiful cross. These fine aids to the worshipful atmosphere of the church have been made possible by friends of the congregation. In addition new chairs have been purchased for the choir and other changes in the choir loft have been made in keeping with the new chancel arrangement.

At the service on May 18 a special offering was received for the emergency needs of Moravian College and Seminary.

The pastor is grateful to Ralph E. VanLoh for conducting the entire service on May 25 during the pastor's absence.

We have been happy to welcome home one of our service men. Corporal Sanford Stimpson has recently received his discharge after serving for several months with the armed forces in Germany.

Congratulations to Miss Nancy Quinn, Miss Marilyn Johnson, and Roger Green, all of whom have successfully completed their high school work.

HERBERT WEBER.

HOPE

The pastor was installed on March 23, with Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl presiding. We received a most cordial welcome and are looking forward to a happy fellowship with this congregation.

Palm Sunday Lovefeast and Communion was observed with Br. C. M. Hedrick and Br. Clyde Barber bringing greetings to those to whom they had formerly served. Janet Gale Jones, by confirmation, became a communicant member of this church.

Because of inclement weather, our Easter Yard Service was held indoors. We again express heartfelt thanks for the assistance of the Clemmons band.

The choir is now rendering anthems from the newly purchased anthem books which indeed add to the worship of our services.

A joint meeting of the ladies was held at the church in May when collecting of funds and arranging for the new pulpit furniture was discussed.

ARCHIE W. JONES.

ARDMORE

Palm Sunday, the Passion Week and Easter were a time of blessing with new members and heightened spiritual experience in evidence.

The missionary highlight of the month occurred on Sunday night, April 20, when Br. Robert Isbist was with us again. Our Foreign Missionary Society sponsored the service, with Br. B. L. Hine, past president of the society, presiding.

April 27 was "Salem College Day" with Salem College Ensemble presenting nine selections at the morning service, and with a challenging message by Salem's president, Dr. Dale Gramley. We are looking forward to Br. Paul Peterson bringing his singers back again next year.

That same night our Senior Choir presented a service of sacred music, including ten anthems and two solos. We express our thanks to our guest soloists, Mrs. Walter Baynes, Jr., Miss Mary Frances Patton, Br. William Hutchins; and to our own Nancy Whicker, violonist, and Kenneth Burge, baritone; also the solo quartet, Mrs. George McCracken, Connie Wester, William Brown and Kenneth Burge. This was the last service directed by Bro. Kenneth Fansler who has now gone to a full time position as director of music and religious education with a church in Concord, N. C. Our thoughts and prayers go with him, and congratulations to both him and to our Senior Choir for a wonderful service.

Mr. Furney G. Baker, Salem College's first graduate in religious music, will become our Senior Choir director on June 1.

"Christian Family Week" opened with the Holy Communion at the morning service, and a showing of the sound filmstrip: "Seek Ye First", at the night service, continuing on Wednesday night with our annual Christian Family Lovefeast and reception for all new members of the past year, at which time the sound film: "Bible On The Table", was shown.

CHARLES B. ADAMS.

TRINITY

The following new members have been received at Trinity: Samuel Lee Tesch III, Montie Mullis, Alice Mullis, Patsy Lou Newsome, Judith Harlow, Patricia Ann Merriman, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Casey, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Fuchs, Jr., J. Edward Calder, Mrs. J. D. Gardner, Mrs. James Fishel, and Mrs. Herbert H. Foltz. A reception was held for these new members a midweek service.
Our speaker at the annual "Flower and Song Service" was the Rev. O. E. Stimpson.
Mr. Bray’s class of young men has a winning team in the church softball league.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook, Sr., with an able corps of helpers, entertained the congregation at a fish fry in Washington Park.
We welcome the Rev. K. Edwin Fussell as a guest preacher. Preceding evening service the Youth Fellowship had supper at Ankanati Farm with the Rev. and Mrs. Fussell as guests.
Sterlyn Hennis and Burton Rights graduated at the University of North Carolina, where Sam Long obtained his master’s degree.
Married: Robert L. Pardue and Audrey Carter; Frank Hartman and Gladys Ingram.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS.

MAYODAN

The months of April and May at Mayodan witnessed record attendances instead of the usual after-Easter slump. Joining heartily with a church attendance campaign including all the churches of Madison and Mayodan, our people took a lively interest in the effort. As a result we have had the best sustained church attendance in the present pastorate and the Sunday school has averaged 235 over the two month period. Only once before in the past eight years have we seen as many as 235 in the Sunday school. Our attendance campaign will continue until the end of June.

Mother’s Day this year was marked by the usual very special program by the Young People’s Society. This is one of their projects to obtain funds for their mission project. This year the Junior Christian Endeavor Society, now showing some strength, assisted in the program and shared in the offering.

The Joint Board Meeting on May 12 saw considerable interest in the building of a new parsonage in Mayodan. This has been a growing need for some years. A Parsonage Committee was appointed consisting of Emory Joyce, chairman; Mrs. A. G. Farris, Rutley Barham, Robert Grogan and John Vaughn. They are to put the effort in shape so that the congregation can visualize the task and proceed with the work of raising funds and beginning construction.

We were much pleased with our many young people who graduated from high school this year and more still who had part in the piano recitals at the school. These young people, in learning to play, have also dedicated their talents for use in the church so that we have quite a number who can play for the church services and the various departments of the Sunday school. We are much pleased over this work on the part of the young people.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER.

UNION CROSS

We were happy to receive into our fellowship on April 6 the following by baptism—Miss Elizabeth Bodenhamer and Miss Norma Ruth Weavil; by letter—Mr. and Mrs. Veech Bodenhamer, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Early Leonard. Mr. and Mrs. Wood also presented their infant daughter, Susan, to the Lord in baptism. We wish for all of them the Lord’s blessings and hope by their uniting with our church that we will be a help to them in their Christian life.

On April 20 C. C. Reid united with our church by Adult Baptism, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hine presented their infant daughter, Dorcas Gay, to the Lord in baptism.

Mr. and Mrs. Masten Phillips also brought their little ones, Janice Carol and James Edward and presented them to the Lord in baptism.

Our attendance reached an all-time high of 209 with a low for the month of 183. We hope to reach the 225 mark before summer is gone.

Miss Norma Ruth Weavil and Thurman Merrell on May 2 were united in marriage, the first in the new parsonage. We wish for them everything that goes to make a happy married life.

Br. Holton was our guest speaker for the morning service on May 18. It is always a treat to have him with us and hear him bring one of his inspiring messages. He is always a welcome visitor at Union Cross.

The work on the parsonage is coming to a close. The front lawn is about all that is left to do then we can call it finished. Our people have worked hard for one year but we believe everyone, including the ladies that have been so faithful in preparing lunch, will say that all our labor has been worth while.

G. E. BREWER.

FRIES MEMORIAL

April and May have been months for looking ahead. The Easter season brought us to great spiritual experiences in preparation for renewed efforts for the Master. Seven new members were added to our church membership, two by adult baptism, two by confirmation, and three by transfer, brought our membership to 397 communicants.

Passion Week services were held in the church auditorium throughout the week and the choir added much to the worship and spirit of these services by faithful participation in each one. The climax of the season in the Resurrection Service and the Easter sermon at 11:00 a. m. gave each of us a new vision of the glory of God.

Election of officers in organizations has been going on steadily. Soon the entire new leadership will have been chosen.

During this period the fellowship hall has been re-painted by the men and a new floor is in the process of being laid. The primary department has also acquired a new floor.

Kindergarten has had a most successful year. The closing exercises on Thursday, May 29, were proof of the worth of the teaching and the quality of work done in this department. Registrations for next year are almost full.

Whit-Sunday brought the largest Communion of the year. This was also our Loyalty Day. A large number of pledges for the support of church finance than has been the case heretofore were brought to the Lord on that day. We are indebted to Br. R. F. Amos, pastor of Bethania and Olivet churches, for a most inspiring message at the Anniversary Lovefeast.

The new parsonage has been purchased and occupied. It is the purpose of the Auxiliary and the pastor’s family to hold “open house” within the near future.

NEW PHILADELPHIA

The joint board has set the new budget at $16,646. They granted the pastor permission to serve Messiah congregation for several more months. When Messiah’s board offered to pay for this service, they set a figure, then said, “Don’t give it to us, though. Put it in your building fund as a gift from New Philadelphia!”

Record attendance for a morning service was set when there were 495 in the church on Easter Day,
and the highest number in Sunday school in fifteen years was recorded when there were 318 present for Mother's Day.

We were overwhelmed when we finished counting the money from the baby contest which the Youth Fellowship sponsored on behalf of the young people's mission project. Total proceeds were $328, with Berry Jane Rock having the highest number of votes.

The church council elected Albert Crater and G. W. Jarvis to the board of elders and placed Rueben Hughes, O. C. Hauser and Albert Tucker on the board of trustees.

Week-end school closed its fourth successful season with fourteen graduates. There are eighteen enrolled so far for kindergarten and first grade for next year.

The Woman of the Church served a sumptuous steak dinner to over forty members of the junior and church choirs. The women, under the leadership of Mrs. W. F. Brown, also served at a reception to honor the forty-four members who joined the church this year.

Rev. W. Clyde Davis assisted the pastor in serving the congregation of 254 present for Whitunday Communion. Dr. George Heath and the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr., were speakers for our recent mission festival.

HENRY A. LEWIS

RURAL HALL

A series of services were held March 30-April 4 with Dr. Edmund Schwarze bringing the messages. During this week, all of the churches of the community were having special services in a cooperative effort to center the attention of the community upon Christ.

Dr. Schwarze returned on Easter Sunday morning to conduct the morning worship service in the absence of the pastor who became ill the night before. We were glad that Dr. Schwarze was able to be with us for this service.

A church council was called for Sunday, April 20 at which time it was voted to build a parsonage on the property immediately behind the church, thus changing the former plans of purchasing a parsonage.

Br. E. A. Holton was with us as guest speaker for the May feast observed on May 4, marking the twenty-first anniversary of the organization of the congregation, which was organized on May 3, 1931.

The women have been busy with a number of projects to raise money for the parsonage fund. An old-fashioned social was held at the church, refreshments were sold at the Democratic primary, a Stanley party was held, and the Rural Hall Civic Fellowship sponsored a tape recording let us by Br. Richard Pfohl, a tape recording machine with built-in amplifier loaned to us by a local citizen, and the loud speaker of an elaborate sound projection unit, property of the King Baptist Church, which was used to re-amplify the beautiful chorals of our early morning Easter service. An encouraging crowd had scarcely left the graveyard when rain began to fall. Later on it descended in sheets but failed to dampen the spirits of a full congregation which gathered for the regular Sunday worship and Easter sermon at 10 o'clock.

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Congratulations to O. O. Grabs, Jr., Harold Boyles, Gaynell Bennett, and Mrs. Merivale Newton Johnson who graduated from King high school May 26. The day before, our service was changed from the evening to the morning so that we could join in the baccalaureate service at the high school that night. As the pastor could not be present in the morning, Dr. Francis Anscombe graciously consented to fill his pulpit. His message proved helpful. Best wishes also to Mrs. Paul Lewis, who received her B. A. degree from High Point College at the school's commencement exercises.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

ADVENT

Twenty-four new members were united with the congregation on Palm Sunday. By Adult Baptism: John C. Aldridge, Michael Lee Bowen, Jerry Lee Cole, Richard Culler, Philip Fisher, Jr., Ben Hege, Edith Hege, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Parks, Jerry Pope, Jr., Patricia Ann Snyder, Jill Walters, and Larry Young. By Confirmation: Phillip Bargoll, Milton Crofts, Barbara Harrison, Sarah Jane Kime, Stephen Long, Dorothy Myers, and Phyllis Snyder. By Reception: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kennedy, Miss Jo Elizabeth Green-Ernest, and Mr. Charles Pitts.

The church building program is well under way. The two large rooms on the third floor are about completed. Now the carpenters are renovating fellowship hall to provide classrooms for the beginner and primary classes of the Sunday school.

The parsonage also has undergone some extensive repairs. Fred Tesh and Ed Snow, authorized by the trustees, have replaced the oak supporting posts in the basement with steel ones to halt the progress of termites, new screening has been put on windows and doors, and several new electrical outlets have been installed.

The parsonage family was surprised and happy when a new Hot Point electric stove was installed in the kitchen by Circle No. 1 with Mrs. Robert Zimmerman as leader.

The Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer, Chaplain of Salem College, was our guest preacher on Mother's Day. In the evening Br. Roy Snyder showed films which he had taken of Advent Sunday school members about 13 years ago.

VERNON E. DAETWYLER

KING

The band of Salem Congregation furnished music for our sunrise service this year, by means of a tape recording let us by Br. Richard Pfohl, a tape recording machine with built-in amplifier loaned to us by a local citizen, and the loud speaker of an elaborate sound projection unit, property of the King Baptist Church, which was used to re-amplify the beautiful chorals of our early morning Easter service. An encouraging crowd had scarcely left the graveyard when rain began to fall. Later on it descended in sheets but failed to dampen the spirits of a full congregation which gathered for the regular Sunday worship and Easter sermon at 10 o'clock.

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MOUNT BETHEL

On Palm Sunday evening we were happy to welcome to our fellowship Robert Martin Hiatt through the sacrament of baptism. The following Saturday, April 12, Miss Billie Nell Westmoreland and Robert Martin (Bobby) Hiatt were united in Holy Wedlock. A congregation numbering more than 300 witnessed the ceremony. Mrs. Bernard McHone and Mrs. Paul Snider presented a program of wedding music prior to the service.

With the help of Foy Hiatt's truck the boys of our Youth Fellowship carried to town two loads of pulp-wood which added $36.00 to our talent money. Another $6.30 was earned through a bike
race from the church to Hillary Jones' store and back. Clark Tilley won the race. Second and third prizes were received by Jessie Thomas and Eugene Flemming.

On Friday, May 2, the women of the church met at the Mission House for their monthly meeting. The church committee met at the home of Edward Smith on May 3rd.

On Mother's Day awards were presented to Mrs. W. M. Ayers, the oldest mother present; Mrs. Franklin Boyd, the mother with the most children present; and Mrs. Paul Snider, the youngest mother present.

With the advent of warm weather our attendance has continued to increase. Top attendance during the month was 95. With eager anticipation we look toward the busy summer months ahead!  

Paul A. Snider.

Crooked Oak

Services on Easter Sunday were conducted by Will MacMillian and Jess Flemming. Despite continued opposition and indifference Sunday school and church services are continuing. We are happy to report that not a Sunday was missed throughout the year and the prospects for the coming months is encouraging.

Paul A. Snider.

Home Church

Loyalty Day results have been encouraging. At this writing, all but $4,588.00 of our $83,837.00 budget has been subscribed. We feel confident that members who have not yet had opportunity to pledge, will cover the remaining balance with their subscriptions.

The Family Night Dinner in preparation for Loyalty Day brought the largest attendance in a number of years. "All That I Have", a religious movie, challenged our membership to loyalty to Christ and His Church. The Board of Trustees and the Pastor outlined the church's financial program for the year ahead.

Young People of the Senior Department presented a variety musical talent program, "Say It With Music!", as their effort to increase the $10.00 talent presented them by the Young People's Union. The percentage of increase overwhelmed them, when final results were tabulated. They are keeping the final total secret for the Summer Rally. We congratulate our young people for an enjoyable program, made brighter by their stage decoration and their imaginative presentation.

We appreciated the services of the brethren Edwin A. Sawyer and Clayton H. Persons in our Whitunday observance of the Holy Communion.

Salem College Commencement brought to our church Dr. Julian Lake who preached a challenging Baccalaureate Sermon to the graduates of the College and Academy.

Daily Vacation Bible School plans are laid for three departments, June 16-27. The Family Picnic Program is scheduled for the 18th, with recreation, the picnic supper, and a vesper service on the Salem Campus.

R. Gordon Spaugh, James C. Hughes.

Conference dates at Camp Hanes—Juniors, July 21 to 25; Intermediates, July 25 to August 1.

Baptisms

Myers, Debra Kaye, infant daughter of A. C. Myers, and Iris Raker Myers, born December 25, 1951, in Winston-Salem; baptized in Christ Moravian Church April 6, 1952 by the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch.


Pope, Marilyn Ann, infant daughter of Bobby G. and Ruby Pope, m. n. Binkley, born December 21, 1951, in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized in Amand Moravian Church, April 6, 1952 by the Rev. Charles B. Adams.


Transou, Robert Harntss, son of Gaither C. Transou, Jr., and Helen Harntss Transou, born August 27, 1951, baptized April 6, 1952 in New Philadelphia Church by the Rev. Henry A. Lewis.


Fulk, Donna Lynne, daughter of Jack Z. and Mildred m. n. Hart Fulk, born February 9, 1952, and baptized Sunday, April 6, 1952 in Oak Grove Moravian Church by the Rev. John H. Kapp.

Lewis, Georganne, daughter of Charlie D. and Georgia m. n. Matthews Lewis, born July 31, 1951 and baptized Sunday, April 6, 1952, in Oak Grove Moravian Church by the Rev. John H. Kapp.

Callis, Lola Kathryn, daughter of Hillman J. and Dorothy m. n. Yandell Callis, born January 4, 1952, in Charlotte, N. C., baptized in The Little Church on the Lane April 6, 1952 by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Sims, Nina Frances, daughter of Richard J. and Juanita m. n. Spainhour Sims, born October 18, 1951, Charlotte, N. C., baptized in The Little Church on the Lane April 6, 1952 by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.


Abnerthly, Kenneth Furman, son of Charles F. and Thelma m. n. Swearingen Abnerthly, born December 14, 1951, Charlotte, N. C., baptized in The Little Church on the Lane April 13, 1952 by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.
EXCERPTS FROM NEW POPULAR HISTORY TELLS

**Story of Death Of Hus**

**By A. W. Schattschneider**

(This description of the death of John Hus on July 6, 1415 is an excerpt from "The Popular History of the Moravian Church" by Dr. Allen D. Schattschneider which is soon to go to press and should be ready for release near the end of the year.)

"On the morning of July 6, Hus was ushered into the cathedral. There sat Prince Sigismund who had been false to his own solemn promise; there were the cardinals and the bishops in their glorious robes. Hus was placed in the middle of the huge building, upon a high stool. The bishop of Lodí preached a funeral sermon saying that the blotting out of heretics was one of the works most pleasing to God. Thirty charges of heresy were then read; when Hus attempted to speak he was ordered to remain silent. The vestments of a priest were hung upon his shoulders and the Communion Cup was placed in his hands; thereupon the priestly garments were removed one by one; the Communion Cup was taken from his fingers with the words: 'We take from thee, thou Judas, this cup of salvation.' Hus replied: 'but God does not take it from me, and I shall drink of it today in His Kingdom.'

TO AN OPEN FIELD

"At length the proceedings came to an end; attendants placed upon Hus' head a tall fool's cap upon which had been drawn three devils fighting for his soul, and the march to the place of execution began. A thousand soldiers cleared the way. As he was led past the city square Hus saw the huge bonfire in which his books were being burned. Aeneas Sylvius, who later became Pope Pius II, admits that 'Not a word escaped him which gave indication of the least weakness.' Over the bridge went the procession, to an open field outside the city. Here a post had been firmly driven into the ground. To this stake Hus was bound with wet ropes. Then the straw and the wood were piled up around him. Once more he was asked if he would recent. He replied: 'I shall die with joy in the faith of the Gospel which I have preached.' An officed clapped his hands, and the burning torch was applied to the straw. As the flames flared up around him, Hus began to sing, in Latin, one of the chants of the Church beginning 'Christ, Thou Son of the Living God, have mercy upon me!' And so, upon 'a chariot of fire' the soul of John Hus went to heaven.

ASHES CAST INTO THE RHINE

"When the fire had consumed the martyr's body, the soldiers gathered up the ashes and tossed them into the Rhine river, so that his friends might find nothing which could be kept as a relic of the man. But a few of his countrymen came nevertheless, when the soldiers had gone away, and dug up a bit of the ground where the stake had planted, and carried that ground all the way back to Bohemia with them. Jerome of Prague, a nobleman who came from Bohemia to plead for Hus before the Council, was seized upon his journey home, dragged back to Constance, condemned to death, and burned on the same spot on May 30, 1416. Today there stands upon this spot, an ivy covered boulder upon which is graven the names of the two friends and the dates upon which they died."

**FOR JOHN HUS DAY**

By Douglas L. Rights

(John Hus, the Bohemian martyr, was burned at the stake on July 6, 1415, in the city of Constance.)

The meadow green beside the river Rhine
Lay fair and bright beneath the summer sun,
A scene of tranquill beauty undisturbed
Except where cruel men had there begun
To gather fagots and to build a pyre,
Whereon to slay a godly man with fire.

This man had dared to preach that all mankind
Might worship God, and unmolested be;
To eager, listening throngs he gladly taught
That men might know the truth that makes them free.

Arrested, brought before the council high,
He was accused by craft, condemned to die.

From out the gates of Constance, city old,
There stormed a furious crowd with taunts and jeers,
And in their midst the prisoner calmly strode,
This man who found no pity, knew no fears—
John Hus—who for his faith and conscience's sake
Did suffer thus. They bound him to the stake.

The fire was lighted and the flames leaped high;
The angry crowd drew back in silence then,
And in the awful stillness they could hear
His prayers, his pleading for these heartless men:
"Forgive them, Father!" Thus in pain he cried;

The fire burned out, the dying embers cooled;
The enemies of John Hus gathered round.
Their kindled flames had vanished, not their hate;
They gathered up his ashes from the ground,
And to destroy of him the faintest sign,
They cast his ashes in the river Rhine.

But truth, like scattered ashes borne afar,
Truth will not be destroyed by wave or flame;
It journeys on, it overleaps the bounds,
And passing years will find it still the same.
The truth for which John Hus lived and died
Would be for generations hence their guide.

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Thaeler Family Bible Is
Given To Southern Archives

A Luther Bible, printed in Germany in 1564, has been presented to the Moravian Archives, Southern Province, by Albert H. Thaeler, of Greensboro, N. C.

The printer of this Bible was Hans Lufft (1545-1584), of Wittenberg, who is credited with printing the first complete translation of the Bible by Martin Luther under date of 1534, just thirty years before the publication of the copy donated by Mr. Thaeler. Although the cover has been somewhat damaged, the volume is otherwise in good condition. The paper is well preserved and the printing is excellent.

Mr. Thaeler wrote: "My grandfather, Charles Edward Gruhl, had the Bible before 1851 when he came to America to make a home for his wife and children. Six years later he was followed by his family, and they undoubtedly brought the book with them. They settled in Hope, Indiana. Things were rather primitive in Hope, and the Bible was damaged to a certain extent. While our home was being remodeled after mother's death, the Bible got wet and the binding was further damaged. I present the Bible in the name of my mother, Marie Louise Gruhl, my brother, Clarence W. Thaeler, and myself."

DEATHS


Burge, Nancy Louise Elizabeth, entered into rest Friday, April 4, 1952. Funeral services conducted from Christ Moravian Church by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl and the Reverend Samuel J. Tesch. Interment in Salem Graveyard. Member of Christ Moravian Church.

McGees, Pansy Hicks, entered into rest April 14, 1952. Funeral services conducted by the Reverends Elmo Renigar, Edwin A. Sawyer and Samuel J. Tesch from Immanuel Moravian Church. Interment in Waughtown Cemetery. Member of Immanuel Moravian Church.

Hendrix, Nancy Elaine, infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Hendrix. Born June 29, 1951, died April 12, 1952. Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. Interment in the Graveyard. A baptized baby of Home Church.

Miller, Mrs. Katherine T., died April 21, 1952. Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Interment in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

Rondthaler, Mrs. Katherine B., died May 3, 1952. Funeral was conducted by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh and the Rev. J. C. Hughes. Interment was in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

Paddycar, Mrs. Rose Lee, died May 23, 1952. Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. Interment in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

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Immanuel, located in a fast growing community, faces a promising future. The building of the first two units of an adequate church plant, made possible by the Building and Expansion Program, is essential to this growth and service.

Plans for the new building were drawn by Architect Henry T. Gurley of Burlington, N. C. Supervising the program is a building committee consisting of John F. Cole, chairman; W. Frank Sink, vice chairman; J. S. Teague, treasurer; the Rev. S. J. Tesch, pastor; Edsel Brown, D. C. Butner, George L. Cass, Raymond Couch, David E. Day, Jr., C. E. Gordon, Sr., A. J. Hammons, C. L. Houston, Julian K. Long, C. B. Martin, Sr.

FIVE CHURCHES SHARE IN EXPANSION BUDGET IN 1952-53

The fifth year of the Building and Expansion Program was launched with the annual dinner meeting of the boards of the congregations at the Union Cross Church in May. In meeting at Union Cross the officials of the Province and the local churches were able to inspect one of the many new church buildings which have been erected during the life of this program.

The distribution of the $50,000 to be raised in 1952-53, as announced by Br. Alton Pfaff, Chairman of the Steering Committee, will be as follows:

King—For education building $10,000.00
Providence—For new parsonage 2,500.00
Immanuel—For education building and fellowship hall 20,000.00
Messiah—For the purchase of a church site 6,000.00
Friedland—Additional appropriation for their new building $10,000 appropriated last year, total appropriation over two year period $17,500 7,500.00
Rondthalier Chair of Practical Theology 3,000.00
Expenses of the Campaign 1,000.00
IN THIS ISSUE

We continue our wider coverage of mission news with an article by Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton on his visit in April to Nicaragua. Bishop Hamilton gives a description of the dedication of our COLEGIO MORAVO in Bluefields.

The major effort of the Building and Expansion Program for 1952-53 will be directed toward Immanuel whose building program is described on page 1. One of the achievements of last year's Building and Expansion Program is pictured in an article by the Rev. Richard F. Amos, pastor of the Bethania Congregation.

so far that even persons who have solemnly vowed to be and live as one person, strongly object to assuming any responsibility for an act of the mate which is disapproved by society.

What each one must do, who is married or who is considering the choice of a partner, is to realize that he brings assets to the one he marries, but he also brings liabilities. Even the best adjusted persons have weaknesses, irritating habits, or strange prejudices. He must rejoice in, use to the limit, the strength of his mate; he must think in terms of that strength being his very own. This makes one aware of being able to accomplish deeds, influence people, and win recognition which alone it would be impossible to do.

It would seem that people of intellect would readily see this and have the strongest and happiest marriage. But intellect is not enough. Two very brilliant people are often the most unhappy in marriage until the spirit of success creeps in. One is embarrassed or tries to be superior to the other. Here the spirit of Christ becomes all-important. Husband and wife must love each other as Christ loved the Church. He gave his life for the Church.

THE EUCUMENICAL CORNER

By Walser H. Allen, Jr.

This month marks the close of one of the most unique and amazing missionary careers of this century. Dr. Frank Laubach, who has spoken in the Southern Province, is resigning his post with the National Council of Churches' Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature. Famous for his simplified literacy teaching system, Dr. Laubach has spent more than 23 years working with missionaries and governments in 64 countries, and prepared literacy lessons in 239 languages and dialects, some of them never before reduced to writing.

Though this pioneer missionary educator is retiring, others are stepping forward to fill his shoes. For, according to a recent survey, the total number of Protestant foreign missionaries stands at an all time high. There are over 15,000 missionaries serving abroad under the auspices of mission boards and societies of the U. S. and Canada. This figure compares favorably with 11,151 in 1936 and 13,555 in 1925, previously considered the peak year of mission activity. The survey shows the "missionary task force" distributed on a percentage basis as follows: 25% in Africa south of the Sahara; 23% in Latin America; 21% in East Asia; 14% in India, Pakistan and Ceylon; 7% in Southeast Asia; 5% in the Near East and North Africa and 3% in the Pacific Islands and Australia.

Here at home, Protestant church leaders were unanimous in their enthusiasm for the Supreme Court ruling last month upholding New York State's released-time plan. Church leaders hailed the 6 to 3 decision of the Court as a victory for the right of parents to supervise their children's education and confidently predicted that released-time religious education would gain fresh impetus throughout the country.

DEATHS

Hudspeth, Jack Gray, killed in action in Korea on, or about, August 16, 1950. Funeral services conducted on June 25, 1952 by the Rev. Howard Foltz and the Rev. J. C. Hughes, assisted at the interment in Salem Graveyard by Major James P. Hornbuckle, Jr., Chaplain's Reserve, who presided over the military rites. A member of Ardmore Church.

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Bethania Completes Rebuilding Program After Fire Of 1942

On June 8 of this year the Bethania congregation observed its 193rd anniversary of the beginning of work in this community. This anniversary had special significance for it marked the successful completion of the second and final part of a long-range building program, necessitated by a fire which destroyed the church plant on November 3, 1942.

The first part of the rebuilding of the church was begun immediately after the fire. After great effort and many hardships due to the scarcity of building materials during World War II, the beautiful and worshipful sanctuary was completed in 1943.

On the main floor are the nursery, a rest room; and the Pastor’s study which is the home office of the church. The first floor is a fully equipped kitchen, two休息 rooms, ample storage space and closet space, a fellowship hall with a seating capacity of over 200, (150 may be seated at tables), a stage and two dressing rooms. The color scheme is April green, grey and gold. Only the halls, nursery, kindergarten, study and church parlor are carpeted at the moment.

The cost of the building and furnishings will total approximately $60,000 of which amount the Building and Expansion Program from its budget of this past year made a grant of $11,000.00.

DEATHS

Davis, Dr. Thomas W. died June 3, 1952. Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaulgh and Bishop J. K. Pfohl. Interment was in Salem Cemetery, a member of the Home Church.

Mayner, Jesse Smith, died June 24, 1952. Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaulgh and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Interment was in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

Kimel, Mrs. Leila L. died June 25, 1952. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. Sam J. Tesch and Bishop J. K. Pfohl, Interment was in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

Foltz, Mrs. Addie Elizabeth, daughter of Leonard and Susan Evans m. n. Hege; born August 5, 1874; died in Winston-Salem June 23, 1952; member of Trinity Church. Funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights and the Rev. J. P. Crouch.


Mendenhall, Mrs. Lewis F. died May 12, 1952. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. Paul A. Raker and the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick. Interment in Friedberg Graveyard. A member of Friedberg.

Lawson, William Robert, died June 6, 1952. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. John H. Kapp. Interment was in the Providence Graveyard. A member of Providence.

Transeau, Timothy Benton, died June 11, 1952. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. F. Herbert Weber. Interment in the New Philadelphia graveyard. A member of Clemmons Church.

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Colegio Moravo In Nicaragua Is Consecrated...  

Kenneth G. Hamilton

Those who visit a Moravian mission field can count on a warm welcome and on diversified and stimulating experiences. The writer and his wife found that to be true this spring, during their two months stay in Nicaragua.

Tropical life and tropical food have a zest of their own. Tropical travel runs the gamut from conventional airplanes and modern cars to the old Puerto Cabezas station wagon, which defies description, to Indian dugouts—now motor driven, now hauled by long ropes up the boiling rapids—and sea-going boats of various kinds.

There was one unforgettable trip, when we carried the Haulover church bell to be repaired in the ried the warmth of their welcome. by various teachers, Br. Shimer and Br. Harrison, this was a day of vindication. Their faith in the willingness and the ability of Nicaraguan Moravians and friends to support this work had been strikingly sustained. For the whole mission, represented by the superintendent, Br. Stortz, this was an important forward step in the development of Moravian activity in this field.

MISS ELIZABETH MARX: for the principal the fulfillment of hopes and labours.

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laymen who had been elected by their church councils. Since then each district in Nicaragua had repeatedly held such gatherings. But not till 1952 was the first representative legislative body convened on a province-wide level.

There were real difficulties to overcome. The forty-four delegates came from most diverse backgrounds; that meant practical problems. For instance, the ladies in charge of the meals had to try to please many palates—all on a very modest budget. They worked hard and achieved marvels; everyone was delighted with the arrangements. Then there was a language problem. Many present understood little English, others no Miskito at all. So all reports were typed and distributed to the English-speaking delegates; later they were read from the floor in Miskito. All discussions and motions had to be translated from one language into the other. Finally many present had never attended a gathering which followed parliamentary procedure.

NO END OF DEBATE
But the conference achieved a degree of unanimity that was gratifying. This does not mean there was a lack of warm debate at times. The Miskito delegates took their part far more fully than past experience had led us to expect. All in all, it was an encouraging conference; those who shared in it humbly recognized the presence of the Lord again and again.

The conference voted to have Nicaragua qualify as a "Province in a state of transition." Conditions to be met for such recognition include a steady increase in the proportion of the cost of the work to be met by members of the church in Nicaragua, and a constant increase in the ratio of native ministers in comparison to foreign missionaries.

The elections carried out by the conference also reflect this stress upon the goal of self-dependence. Br. Hedley Wilson was chosen as the third member of the Provincial Board and Br. Inborg the alternate; Br. Stortz, delegate to General Synod; Br. Coleman the alternate.

Trinity Sunday at Hunsaptinghak
Five girls were confirmed and another professed faith in the sacrament of Adult Baptism at our Children's Home in Alaska on Trinity Sunday. Br. Drebert, the superintendent of the field, shared in this service with Br. Todahl, the superintendent of the Home.

Potatoes at 20 Cents a Pound
So reports Mildred Siebke on June 16. These potatoes had been brought to Bethel, Alaska, among other "fresh stuff," by the pilot boat. Mildred Siebke writes of other things as well: of people from Akiak village visiting Bethel, bringing a good report of the work in their village during their missionary's absence last winter; of fish "running" in the Kuskokwim; of king salmon canned and garden work done in hours after the children had been dismissed from D. V. B. S.; of regular Bible broadcasts from Br. Shag's amateur station.

A Fish Makes History
A report from Bluefields—a most reliably attested report—brings word of an historic catch by Edwin Kortz, president of the mission board. On a recent outing in Wilfred Dreger's little boat Br. Kortz caught a 75-pound tarpon on a hand line. The prize was landed after an hour's fight. Not in the memory of man has such a fish been caught in the Bluefields Lagoon. Br. Kortz and his wife are entering whole-heartedly into the life and work of the Bluefields congregation.

A Strike Ended in Alaska
On June 4 the superintendent of our Alaska mission wrote: "We are thankful that at long last the canny and fishermen's strike in the Bristol Bay area is settled and the people will again have employment. Plane loads of canny workers are leaving Bethel every day. Miss Burgardt plans to go to Dillingham in the near future. There she is to teach the three "R's" and the Bible to children of canny workers, children who have no school advantages in their home villages.

Gifts for the Bethesda Lepers Home
We are happy to report that a most generous shipment of hospital supplies and other gifts left New York for Paramaribo on the S. S. Hecuba during the second week in July. The gifts filled twenty containers and weighed over four thousand pounds. Once again the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company has placed our Church in its debt by carrying this consignment free of charge, which is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

Jamaica Hurricane Relief
Recent gifts to Jamaica have brought the total of contributions for the hurricane damage to $5,110.99 from the North, $3,200 from the South, and $1,000 from the Board of Foreign Missions, which sum includes contributions from both provinces. This aid has been most gratefully received. But friends of missions are reminded that the damage suffered in Jamaica is still far in excess of the help received from all sources. Additional gifts for this cause would encourage our hard-pressed brethren on the island.

"Outpost Mission in a Storm-Swept World"
This is the title of a full page article by Lloyd Lockhart in The Star Weekly, Toronto, April 5, 1952. It contains a well written account of the work of the Peacocks in Labrador. According to Rev. Percy Henkelman, who sent the article to our office, The Star Weekly probably has the largest circulation of any Canadian newspaper.

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PROVIDENCE

There has been very good interest and attendance at church during the months of May and June. In addition to the regular services a special study course on the history and doctrine of the Moravian Church was given on four Sunday evenings.

The annual church council was held the second Sunday in June. Mrs. Edith Grubbs was elected church secretary. W. A. Fulp and Samuel Mickey were elected to the Board of Elders and William Keller, Bernice Marshall, and Coy William Grubbs to the Board of Trustees.

Work is continuing to progress on the parsonage and it is hoped that before long the building will be completed.

The Women of the Church have been busy as usual. Among the various activities they have sponsored were a successful fried chicken supper; games, and climaxing with a brief worship service was so successful that action has been taken to sponsor at least four during the year.

The response from the people on Loyalty Day was quite encouraging. May the Lord guide those who have not yet responded.

Due to sickness and hot weather, our Vacation Bible School was held only eight days, June 16-25. However, we had excellent attendance and much was gained from it. We were more than grateful to those who graciously helped with it: B. O. Disher was in charge of the school. The heads of the departments were Mrs. Leroy Chitty, beginners; Mrs. Donald Sloan, primary; and Mrs. Bill Barber, junior and intermediate.

The Women’s Auxiliary held its regular June meeting at the fellowship building. The meeting was held in the form of a potluck supper with an unusually large number attending. Mrs. W. W. Barber was installed as president for the coming year.

Being without a pastor we are grateful to the following ministers who have rendered willing and faithful service during the month of June: Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, Br. Christian Weber, the Rev. Edgar Holton, the Rev. George Higgins, Dr. Francis Anscombe, and Br. George Chaddie.

B. O. DISHER
Supt. of Sunday School

NEW EDEN

The past two months were marked by events that have made us deeply grateful to God and filled us with the new hope for the future. On the second Sunday in May nineteen new members (four adults and four) were received into the fellowship of our congregation. John Joseph Everhart, Raymond Edward Brown, Randy Burton Brown, Bobby Joe Knowse, Avril Eugene Robertson, Evelyn Bernice Robertson, Larry Eugene Bodenheimer, Sylvia Louise Nance, Walter Edward Hewitt, John Anderson Logan, Robert Earl Bush, Mrs. Isabel Iris Baker, Mrs. Gracie Marie Bodenheimer and Mrs. Edith Emmalise Moore were received by Adult Baptism. The following by letter of transfer: Mrs. Marie Ethel Hewitt, Mitchell Fillmore Shore, Mary Virginia Beard, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Horton Yontz, and Mrs. Lula Logan. In addition six children were presented to the Lord in the sacrament of Infant Baptism: Janice Lynn Shore, John Geoffrey Hewitt, Iris Emily Baker, Henry Lee Moody, Kathy Lynn Moody and Richard Gray Lineback.

One of the adult candidates of the above group has offered to furnish all of the lumber for a new parsonage and plans are being formed to start this project as soon as possible.

A family night program consisting of a fellowship supper, games, and climaxing with a brief worship service was so well attended and received with such enthusiasm that action has been taken to sponsor at least four during the year.

The budget for the new fiscal year has been completed with an increase of more than $1,000. The members of the Board of Trustees deserve high praise for a splendid job of wise planning and canvassing. We feel confident that our people will oversubscribe the new budget.

EGBERT G. LINEBACK

FRIEDLAND

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Reid, Gilbert N. Hine, Jr., was confirmed, and Mr.
and Mrs. T. Avery Woosley, and Jean Yates Pruitt
were received by letter. Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt pre­
vented their son for Infant Baptist.

The interest and work of the Young Married
Couples is an inspiration. With deep regret we lost
temporarily a valuable member to the armed ser­
vice. Robert C. Snipes who is at Fort Jackson, S. C.
The youth groups have been active. The juniors were
under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Colon Hine
whose service ended June 30. The gratitude of the
congregation and Boards is hereby expressed to
them. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crews are giving notable
service as counsellors for the senior group.

Roger Kimball, Carolyn Hlatt, Norma Sue Hine,
Harvey Hines, Willie Mae Stewart graduated from
Glenn High School; Wayne Hiatt, James L. John­
son completed their work at Gray High School;
Jerry Berrier and Henry L. Dixon graduated from
State College at Raleigh. Heartly congratulations
to these young people!

Members recently in the hospital: Br. Frank
Brewer, Srs. Nora Fergusson and Cassie Mae Branch.
The congregation was pleased to have Roger
Kimball report on his trip to Lake Cheek Young
People’s Conference as a representative from the
Southern Province.

O. E. STIMPSON

MIZPAH

The months of May and June brought forth sev­
eral Sunday school class parties. At one of them
a special guest was Miss Ragnhild Wurr of Herm­
shut, Germany, who studied at Salem College in the
past year. The glimpses of European life which
she gave and her description of German Moravian
people interested the group all evening, at the
home of Mrs. D. E. Heisabeck, class teacher, Mrs.
K. P. Long, Donald and Janie Long, and Mr. and
Mrs. C. E. Robertson entertained two other classes
which enjoyed extra fellowship together.

The Woman’s Auxiliary continues to be active
and energetic in its efforts to increase our building
fund. In May they conducted a successful cake
sale in Rural Hall. And in June they served chicken
supper—picnic style—and homemade ice cream to
a large crowd which assembled on the church lawn
during the evening of Saturday, June 21. Prior to
the supper, a crew of men put our premises in the
best of shape for the big occasion.

On Whit-sunday we had a very moving service
as the Holy Spirit entered our hearts during the
administration of the Holy Communion. That was
also the day when two children were baptized and
we received two new members by letter of trans­
fer. We wish every blessing for Mrs. James R.
Speas and Miss Mary Winnfrey as they join in the
work of our congregation.

The following Sunday, Loyalty Day, we had the
privilege of hearing a sermon by the pastor’s fa­
ther, Dr. Walter H. Allen, of Bethlehem, Pa. The
understatement was especially happy to share in a
service with his father, with other members of his
family sitting in the congregation.

Our young people enjoyed an afternoon and a
picnic supper at Hanging Rock State Park, as well as
the Summer Rally at Kernersville.

WALSER H. ALLEN

ADVENT
June has been a very busy month in our church
program. Vacation Bible School was held from June
9-20 with Lewis Swaim serving as the provincial
worker. Approximately 100 children were present
each morning. More was accomplished and more
was learned this year than ever before. Perhaps this
was true because the children were more attentive
and responsive than ever before.

Dr. Edmund Schwarz presented a week of very
inspirational messages on the general theme of
“Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Many of our people
were blessed by his earnest preaching and exposition
of the Scriptures.

June 22 marked the 28th anniversary of the or­
ceration or the congregation. Several out-of­
town members were present for the occasion in­
cluding Mr. and Mrs. Will Joyce of Stuart, Va.
The anniversary basket luncheon was enjoyed in
Fellowship Hall even though renovations have not
been completed yet.

On the last week-end in June, Marie Brewer and
Lt. Paul Nifong, as well as Mitzie Loflin and Charlie
Sapp, were united in marriage. Both of these wed­
dings were held in the church; for the former on Sat­
urday and the latter on Sunday.

Newly elected Trustees are Henry Snyder,
Junius Spach and W. J. Gibson; new Elders are
Johnny Davis, David Burkette and Ernest Long.
Sunday school officers are: B. C. Snyder, re-elected
superintendent; Ila Brewer, secretary; Junius Spach,
treasurer; Mrs. Irvin Ebert, beginner-primary super­
intendent; and Mrs. Roger Snyder, Cradle Roll su­
perintendent. The new officers of the Ladies Aux­
iliary are: Mrs. Bill Harrison, president; Mrs. Rob­
ert Zimmerman, vice-president; Mrs. Burton Whit­
sett, secretary; and Mrs. Roger Snyder, treasurer.
The leader of Circle 1 is Mrs. Ed Snow; Circle 2,
Mrs. Roger Snyder; and Circle 3, Mrs. Ray Jones.

VERNON E. DAETWYLER

MESSIAH
The adult class meeting on June 14 was an out­
door meeting at which 66 persons were present,
including children of members. The meeting was
held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Plowman
when we received two new members by letter of trans­
fer.
and the theme was “Echoes of Young Adult Camp.”

The eight persons from our church who attended this camp gave a camp fire program, which was followed by a very moving farewell service. Picnic supper was served to the entire group by the Powersmans and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Luper.

Messiah now has $2,100 in its building fund and plans are going forward to build our new church. A record offering was set this month when the 47 persons present presented an offering of $143.50. Our record attendance came on Mother’s Day when 62 persons jammed into our store-church which seats 50 comfortably.

Circle two of the Women of the Church gave a picnic for its members’ families and friends at Miller Park on June 5. There were 45 present for this gathering. Both circles are working hard to increase the building fund.

A couple belonging to the Reformed Church recently pledged $100 to our building fund, and the first $25 part of this pledge has been received. The children of Bethania Bible school sent a check for $22.70 toward the building fund. These gifts from outside sources are most heart-warming and encouraging to the Messiah people.

HENRY A. LEWIS

FULP

New church hymnals were put into use on Sunday, May 11. Most of the church hymnals were given to the church by Mrs. John E. Pfaff and Mr. Alton F. Pfaff in memory of Mr. John E. Pfaff. We appreciate the gift of these hymnals which help so much in the morning worship service.

The Women of the Church met at Mrs. Roy Fitchum’s home on the evening of June 5 at which time new officers for the coming year were elected. Mrs. Mary Dunlap was chosen as president.

Vacation Bible school was held June 9-20 under the able leadership of theological student, George Chidie. The school was very well attended.

We congratulate Miss Mildred Hartsoe upon her graduation from Walkertown High School, also Lois J. Morgan and Paul Hartsoe who were united in marriage at the church on June 14.

A piano recital was presented by the students of Mrs. Mary Dunlap on the evening of June 13 with a good group present.

The Women of the Church held a lawn party on Saturday, June 21. About $60 was made for various projects. The church appreciates the paint job done by Mr. Jones Morgan on the back part of the church.

The Salem Chapel Sunday school joined us in a sing-a-long on June 29. We were also glad to have Mr. Abe Gerry with us as guest soloist for the morning worship service.

James and Jerry Fulp, Helen Ziglar, and Thelma Hartsoe attended the Summer Young People’s Rally in Kernersville.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

MOUNT AIRY

The observance of Pentecost found a record attendance at our Lord’s Table. In addition we could receive John Wolfe by the sacrament at Adult Baptism and the Misses Tommye and Linda Cox by right hand of fellowship. In the afternoon four infants were presented to the Lord in baptism.

Recognition of graduates took place on June 8. Participating in the church service were Millie Sue Pratt, Jacqueline Coleman, Barbara Eldridge, Carolyn Westmoreland, Lucille King, Polly King, Jack Palmer, Lewis Brannock and William Coblé.

In a community-wide exchange of pulpits on June 15, our guest was the Rev. R. C. Pooley of Flat Rock Presbyterian Church. Our pastor preached at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Officers of our Auxiliary for the new year are Mrs. J. D. Atkins, president; Mrs. Curtis Simmons, vice-president; Mrs. Harry C. Hlatt, treasurer; Mary Louise Boyd, secretary; and Mrs. W. M. Williams, assistant secretary.

Our congregation was well represented at the Provincial Young People’s Rally at Kernersville.

The construction of a tennis court on our church grounds and the laying of a cement walk along Grace Street, from the church to the parsonage driveway, are improvements engaging our attention. A new oil-burning furnace will be placed in the parsonage this summer. The old one has finished its course. The gift of a 550 gallon tank by S. Kern Harrell and the installation of the furnace at no cost for the labor by R. H. Creasy, along with financial gifts by others, makes this necessary improvement possible.

Estelle Woods assisted in the preparation of the envelopes for the new fiscal year. Our people have responded to the annual Pledge and Pay Up Days splendidly. As we face the new year we “thank God and take courage.”

Mary Louise Boyd and Julia Pruett are receiving instruction in playing our pipe organ.

H. B. JOHNSON

PINE CHAPEL

On May 19 we began a two-weeks revival with Evangelist Harold Loman doing the preaching. We had a very good attendance and trust that much good was accomplished.

Our mid-week prayer meeting has grown somewhat, and we now have an average attendance of around fifty.

On Saturday evening, May 17 the Bible Class held a fellowship supper with about 80 members present. It was a very enjoyable occasion for all.

June has been a very hot month and attendance has dropped somewhat, but some very notable things have happened. As a result of the sermon

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by the Pastor on the subject "Decision Determines Directions, and Directions Determine Destiny," we trust that many souls that were headed in the wrong direction were guided in changing their course. Also, at the 11:00 o'clock service, June 15, Br. W. Norwood Green was ordained in the church as a Deacon of the Moravian Church, after which Bishop J. K. Polhí gave a very inspiring message. Br. Green is one of our boys and we wish him well.

The Men of the Church had charge of the Sunday night services June 29. Br. Paul Green conducted the song service and testimony meeting, after which Br. Ernest Parks brought the message. The service was greatly appreciated by all. J. P. CROUCH

LEAKSVILLE

Whit-sunday Holy Communion at the 11 o'clock service on the third Sunday in June was well attended. This was an added Communion service as we have not been accustomed to holding one on this Sunday heretofore. June found a number of our young people graduating from several schools.

Douglas Tucker, Joe Tullioch, Patricia Wilkins and Evelyn Turner finished their work at the Leakesville High School. Basil Tucker received his Doctor's degree from the Illinois College of Chiropody and Foot surgery. Bill Marshall finished his theological work at Moravian College and Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pa., and will enter the ministry of the Moravian Church this summer. We extend our best wishes to all these young people for a successful future.

Our people had the opportunity of hearing two other speakers during the month. R. T. Troutman, Jr., Theological Student, in charge and assisted by a number of local helpers. It was a most successful school and the attendance averaged more than 40 for the two weeks. During this time the Sunday school attendance reached a new high record on June 15 with 115 present.

A number of the women folk attended the provincial work-shop meeting at Fairview on Wednesday the 11th. Ten of our Young People attended the June rally held at Kennersville and contributed about $80 to their provincial budget.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Jack and Virginia) Richardson on the birth of a son, Jimmy Chipp, Friday, June 6.

The pastor attended the funeral service of the Rev. Walter G. Hughes of Aston, Va., held in Martinsville on the 9th. Rev. Hughes has assisted the pastor in a number of Revival campaigns over a period of 25 years. The pastor and son, Maurice, had the privilege of attending the Father and Son Banquet at Trinity Moravian Church.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ
FRIEDBERG

A successful series of revival services were held during May with Dr. John R. Church bringing the messages and Br. Johnny Maynard leading the singing. The power and presence of the Holy Spirit was quite in evidence throughout the week. Prayers were answered, souls were saved, and faith was re-kindled and nurtured in the hearts of believers. In addition to the nightly services, two morning services were held, at which time Dr. Church presented a helpful solution to the age-old question, "Why Do The Righteous Suffer?" Attendance, good at all services, reached a climax the closing night when 425 were present.

Our Young People used their "talent money" to wise advantage in the purchase and presentation of the play, "The Lost Church", by Dorothy Clark Wilson. So well was it received that invitations have come from other churches to present it to their congregations. One such church already to have had the group is Central Terrace Methodist in Winston-Salem. We are justifiably proud of our Young People's contribution of $374.25 to the Youth Fellowship Budget.

Daily vacation Bible school, conducted by our own Lewis Swaim, was a thrilling success. Enrollment reached 113, and the spirit of interest and co-operation on the part of pupils and teachers alike was marvelous.

Our thanks to Br. Clyde Davis, who occupied the pulpit the Sunday the pastor was afflicted with—of all things—measles!

In the "hats off" department, we congratulate: Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Younts and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Foltz, Jr., on the birth of sons; Erna Foltz, on her marriage to Travis Hanes; Paul Nifong, on his marriage to Ma-...
The annual Church Council provided the occasion for the review of a most successful fiscal year. All classes and organizations closed their books with a balance on hand, large missions contributions in excess of items contained in the budget were reported, occasions of communicant members were the largest recorded in the past ten years, and average attendance for the morning worship service increased to 303. New officers elected by the Council were: Elders, Roland L. Bennett, Robert Van Horn, and Ed Mendenhall; Central Elder, Glenn Joyce; Trustees, S. B. Byerly, Garland Robbins, J. J. Hardie, and Raymer Faust. Sincere gratitude for devoted service were expressed to retiring Elders R. R. Kinney, Louis Reich, and James L. Fulk and retiring Trustees H. M. Yarbrough and Otis E. Morgan.

A cordial welcome into our fellowship is extended to Mrs. Wilson A. Van Hoy, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Marlow, William B. Clifford, Hoyt S. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Moser, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Peoples, Robert B. Rascoe, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Bell, Mrs. R. L. Carroll, Jr., Jack Hartness, and Ben P. Bennett.

Our earnest prayers for lasting happiness follow newlyweds Betty Peete and Ben P. Bennett who were united by the pastor in holy matrimony on May 17 in the church.

I. HOWARD CHADWICK

H. Chadwick Elected Chaplain Of Civilian

The "Wachovia Moravian is happy to note the recognition that has come to Br. I. Howard Chadwick, pastor of our Fairview congregation, in his appointment as chaplain of Civilian International, as announced June 25 at the Civilian convention in Detroit, Michigan.

He will be editor of the Chaplain's Page in the monthly Civilian magazine, and will be in charge of the opening devotional service of the international convention to be held in Los Angeles, California, next June.

As we congratulate Br. Chadwick, we rejoice in this recognition that has come through him to our Moravian Church. Twice, in less than a decade, our small denomination has provided the International Chaplain for Civilian. Br. Herbert Spaugh, pastor of our Charlotte church, was the first one.
THEY ATE TOGETHER IN LOVE

Origin Of Lovefeast, 225 Years Ago, Is Described

This article, written by Wilhelm Bettermann, former archivist of the Moravian Church at Herrnhut, was translated from the German by Miss Regina Furr, a student at Salem College last year.

The first lovefeast was held on August 13, 1727. Spangenberg reported it in his biography of Zinzendorf as follows: "On August 13, when the congregation had come back from the Holy Communion held at Berthelsdorf, seven different little groups came together without being appointed. In order for them to be able to stay undisturbed together, our Count sent to each of them something from his kitchen for lunch which they ate together in love."

From this origin of the lovefeast we find that they did not want to enliven a custom from the Saviour's days. Different from some other Pietists they did not believe at Herrnhut that original and heathen people. At the beginning of the year there was some disagreement with the Rev. Mr. Rothe. But it was settled again, and on February 10, Pastor Rothe came up from Berthelsdorf to Herrnhut to take part in the lovefeast, for which about 150 brothers and sisters had gathered. "He attended the beautiful lovefeast with us, and he spoke about the words: 'Ye are the chosen people. The Lord has united us.'" They were sitting in two adjoining rooms, the one for the Brothers and the other for the Sisters, and they drank water. The resia Leupold, who was still an unconverted Catholic woman and therefore not allowed to join the others, looked through the window: "Seeing them reverently and happily sitting together in the name of the Lord, she from this hour on was wholly converted to God!"

Very seldom the whole congregation took part in the lovefeast; it was mostly held by smaller groups, for men or for women only, or by the Single Brothers, by the Single Sisters, and especially by the children. Or people who belonged to a group or a society united for such a feast. Likewise weddings, birthdays, and other festivals were celebrated in this way and sometimes the departure of the Brothers who went to the mission fields.

We mentioned already the people at Berthelsdorf, and on April 4 the people at Oderwitz and the lovefeast. This lovefeast was no ecclesiastical affair and you can barely call it an edifying meeting, but it was some kind of Christian fellowship with which they wanted to fight against secular society and the often luxurious parties. Certainly it was not always as simple as on February 10, when they drank mostly wine and ate one or two dishes with it as Christian David reported (1735). The wine often was paid for by the common treasury or was given by the Count. It was a whole meal which really served as a meal. As the close connection between the Saviour and his disciples was shown by His eating and drinking with them, they wanted to enjoy the fellowship given by the Lord in eating and drinking together.

Also on the days when they took the Holy Communion in the church at Berthelsdorf they held a lovefeast at Herrnhut before communion. Besides the communion-lovefeast, however, Zinzendorf instituted another regular lovefeast on the first Sunday in Advent, 1728. From this day on he called all his fellow-workers together on each Sunday after all church-meetings (this was not before 6 o'clock, and often even later) and he had a closer fellowship with them. This Sunday-lovefeast in a select group remained for a long time as an established institution but later on it was changed to Saturday and it was called Sabbath-lovefeast. Zinzendorf used it to discuss diverse questions, to sing new hymns, and to tell the news. One time a verse was translated into all the languages the individual Brothers of the Pilgrim Congregation knew and then they sang together in this way at the Sabbath-lovefeast. There were more than twenty languages and they still regretted that three Indian languages were missed.

The lovefeast took place also in the open air, for instance at Choir festivals in the Brothers House courtyard, which was changed into a garden by rich green decorations from the forests. As the Single Sisters at Herrnhut did not have a suitable house yet, they borrowed for this occasion the Brothers' courtyard. They went there through the back yards in a solemn procession, and it is told with satisfaction that they did not meet one single Brother. Only gradually the lovefeast developed from this free form into an ecclesiastical feast. The most solemn was the one on the first anniversary day when the communion-lovefeast and the Holy Communion were no longer held in different places like at Herrnhut but often in the same room and sometimes not even of the other. Another drink was substituted for wine and within fifty years gradually the present form with tea and buns was reached. Certainly, until 1780 reports and announcements were still made.

The lovefeast has become an ecclesiastical feast where one celebrates the fellowship by eating and drinking together. The eating serves no longer as a meal but it expresses the spirit of fellowship and it has a symbolic character. The lovefeast differs from the Holy Communion in not being a sacrament. Its object is not communion with the Lord but communion one with another in the Lord.
The Wachovia Moravian

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

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THE EDITOR INCIDENTALLY WRITES A NEW CHAPTER AS HE

Travels With The Moravian Travel Guide

By George G. Higgins

Finding the second historical site, the Colonial Cemetery, one block south of Oglethorpe Square, was easy. Not so easy, however, was the task of locating the memorial stone to the eight Moravians who died in Savannah from 1735 to 1739. We parked near the main arched gateway and after walking twice over the large graveyard and reading scores of markers we came back ready to leave in failure only to discover that the stone nearest where our car was parked was the one we had been seeking. The granite slab, placed there jointly by the Moravian Historical Societies of Winston-Salem and Bethlehem, Pa., is in the form of an up-right tombstone and is rather small and unimpressive. It is to be found near the main gate about twenty feet from the sidewalk along Oglethorpe Avenue.

Locating the third historical site in Savannah consisted of many fruitless inquiries and ended fi-

missionary enterprises. The climax to that jour-

ney of exploration came as we stood by the grave

of John Gambold, neglected and apparently by

his Church forgotten for one hundred and four-

ten years.

HISTORIC SAVANNAH

The last chapter of the GUIDE entitled "other historical sites" lists three such sites in historic Savannah. One was Oglethorpe Square where is to be found a historical marker commemorating the coming to Georgia of the Moravian colonists in 1735. Our one night in Savannah was spent at Savannah Beach on Tybee Island. Early the next morning we saw the sun rise out of the ocean off the mouth of the Savannah River, the portal through which the first Moravians came to America.

Arriving back in the city later the same morn-

ning we began looking for Oglethorpe Square. This proved difficult for what we had not known was that there are twenty-four such public squares in Savannah. Securing a map from the Chamber of Commerce made finding the square a simple matter. In a matter of minutes we were standing by the marker placed there by the Wachovia Historical Society as a gift to the city of Savannah.
Provincial Announcements

IN THIS ISSUE

On this page is the announcement that the Rev. O. E. Stimpson has with regrets been granted leave by our Provincial Elders Conference to accept a position in the public school system of Forsyth County. A program of guidance counseling is an innovation in the county school system. To initiate this program Superintendent Brimley has wisely chosen a minister.

While we regret the loss of Br. Stimpson from the ranks of the ministry of our province, we wish him success in his new undertaking.

On pages two and three is a remarkable story of a man who turned a hobby into a real contribution to a missionary. Br. Lewis Kanoy, who wrote the article, and his friend, Dr. F. L. Gobble, leave in a few days for Bilwaskarma and a visit to Dr. A. D. Thaeler.

In this issue the editor turns feature writer. Being himself a native of the hill country to the west, he had long anticipated the journey, which he describes, of exploration into one of the little known stories of the history of our province.

O. E. STIMPSON IS GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO TEACH

The Rev. O. E. Stimpson, pastor of Friedland Church since April 1945, will become a member of the faculty of Rural Hall High School with the opening of the fall term about September 1.

At Rural Hall he will conduct a course in Guidance Counseling and in addition will teach a few classes in English.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Dr. Ralph Brimley, superintendent of Forsyth County Schools. No announcement has yet come from the Provincial Elders Conference of the Southern Province as Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl is away on vacation.

It was learned, however, that Br. Stimpson had asked for and received a leave of absence from his pastoral duties by the Provincial Elders Conference in order to accept the appointment. His services as pastor of Friedland will be concluded as of August 31 after which the family will move to their new residence at Rural Hall.

Br. Stimpson has served during the past fourteen years the Mayodan, Immanuel, and Friedland Churches. During his pastorate at Friedland, a new church and Christian Education Building, one of the finest plants in our province, were erected. He holds the degrees of A.B. and B.D. from Moravian, and Th.M. from Princeton University.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH FALL OUTING.

The women of the Southern Province are invited to First Moravian Church in Greensboro for their fall outing on Wednesday, September 24. Buses will leave the Provincial Office, 500 South Church Street, Winston-Salem, at 10:30 A.M. and will return at 3:00 P.M. Bus fare is $1.00 per person.

A pot luck luncheon will be served at the Greensboro church at noon. Those going by private car are asked to meet at the church.

MESSIAH AND YOUNG ADULTS CO-SPONSORS FOR DINNER

The Young Adult Fellowship of the province will join with the members of Messiah Moravian Church to sponsor a premium price dinner in the fellowship hall of Christ Moravian Church on Saturday, September 13. The net proceeds from the dinner will go to the Messiah Building Fund.

Tickets are on sale by the young adults at $5.00 and up. Southern fried chicken will be the main dish on the menu. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

The Messiah Church, which began with eight people a year ago now has 51 members and has raised $2,500 for their building fund.

Local Radio Technician,
Doctor Visit Nicaragua

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It proved to be not just a toy. Mrs. Thaeler was in the U. S. at that time for a rest from her recurrent malaria, and heretofore her only contact with her husband had been by mail. Now Mrs. Thaeler would go down the street from where she lived in Pennsylvania to a radio amateur's home and talk to Dave. He told me that he talked with her every week for seven months and only missed one schedule. Once when the Thaelers were at our home she told us that she could visualize him sitting at the table in the dining room of the Bilwaskarma home, where the radio equipment was set up, and at those times he seemed close to her. They still wrote letters, but they were outdistanced by the conversations on the radio.

We have talked with Dave from time to time but it has been mostly at random, as our schedules never did work out so well.

These things started by wife and me to thinking of how we could help out this phase of the church program in which we have now become so vitally interested. We feel that with these missionaries so far away we are apt to remember them less than we should and we wanted to help as much as we can in our limited way. Our way is limited too, for I have just an ordinary job and income and two children. We look at it this way: we're just one small family in a world where evil is rampant. What can we do? We can't fight communism, wars, and the like single-handed. What can one family do? It seems to us that our Moravian Church affords an excellent opportunity. We have our men of God in the field spreading the Word, as God commanded that we do. We can support those men in every possible way. Letters from Dave, as we read between the lines, indicate that he spends almost half of his time being a handy man, fixing things that break and doing building and installation work that any reasonably handyman could do.

This takes time from the doctor - missionary work that is his prime purpose for being there.

Here is one thing I decided I could do. My high school friend, Dr. F. L. Gobble, now an obstetrician, and I decided to take off all the time we could possibly afford and go to Nicaragua to help out in any way we could. We agreed that it may not have to do radio work, nor he doctor work, but we will do anything that comes up. At least, there should be many odd repair jobs that we could do, jobs that would greatly relieve Dr.

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Travels With Travel Guide

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The editor's interest in the Moravian mission to the Cherokee was peculiarly personal and goes back to college days when he first heard the name Gambold. One of his own great-grandparents was John Gambill, the pronunciation of which is very similar to the name John Gambold. The study of Dr. Schwartz's book mentioned above only intensified this interest. To visit this area had long been a determination. The plans of this dream became a reality when home-ward bound from Alabama we reached Calhoun on the afternoon of August 12.

A GREAT TRIBUTE

There was time that afternoon before dark only for a drive out to New Echota located 3.7 miles north of Calhoun on a county road which turns right off highway 41. There on a corner of the Sequoyah Golf Course at the fourth hole stands a large monument erected in 1931 by the United States Government to the Cherokee Nation. One of the local citizens stated that at the dedication of this monument Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl spoke as a representative of the Moravian Church.

A bronze plaque on the face of this monument reads:

"Cherokee Indian Memorial. Erected in honor of the Cherokee Nation by the United States Government in 1931 on the site of the New Echota, last capital of the Cherokee Indians east of the Mississippi River.

The Cherokee Nation, composed of 20,000 people occupied territory in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. It was recognized by the Supreme Court of the United States as an independent community and was the only group of American Indians to adopt a republican form of government based on a written constitution.

"John Ross was elected principal chief. Under the influence of Moravian missionaries, the Cherokee Nation became Christianized, and attained a high degree of civilization."

The last paragraph is one of the greatest tributes ever paid to the unselfish labours of Moravian missions.

A GREAT CONVERT

The far reaching influence of our mission to the Cherokee can be illustrated no better than in the life of the man mentioned on this plaque, Chief John Ross. John Ross, chief of his nation for forty years, always attended public worship, was a friend and patron of the Moravian Mission, and in 1852 made a public profession of faith. His second wife, a white woman from New Jersey, was a graduate of the Moravian Seminary in Bethlehem. In 1867 a daughter, Mrs. Jane Ross Nave, who had been educated at Salem, sought refuge from the Civil War in Bethlehem, Pa. While there she was received as a member of the church and three of her children were baptized.

After spending the night at a small, excellent hotel at Calhoun, we were up at day break in search of the location of our second mission station, Oochgelogy, which we knew had been somewhere south of Calhoun. No one with whom we talked, including the county register of deeds, knew anything about such a place. Finally one farmer working in his yard before breakfast referred us to Miss B. Hall of Calhoun.

Miss Hall, a retired school teacher, was most helpful. She was willing to go with us and direct us not only to the site of Oochgelogy, but to the grave of John Gambold. Oochgelogy where we had begun a mission and a school in 1821 and

MONUMENT TO THE CHEROKEE: gives credit to Moravian Missionaries.

the first editor of the Cherokee newspaper. The site is marked by a simple stone which says, "The Moravian Mission to the Cherokee Indians was erected near this spot on the New Echota Trail 1801." THE VANN HOUSE

Up the highway toward Dalton, less than one half mile away, is still standing the large two-story brick house of Chief James Vann which was there when Missionaries Steiner and Byhan arrived in the spring of 1801. It was built of brick brought all the way from Savannah. We found the Vann house unoccupied and in ruins. Still intact were the massive mantles over the fire places and

the great stair case climbing two stories to the attic. We were told that it just been purchased by the Georgia Historical Society for preservation, and, we must add, not a day too soon.

Here the first missionaries lived for three months while their own house was being built. Chief Vann was a warm friend and benefactor of our mission, but as a man he was a drunkard and unspeakably cruel. Like most Indian Chiefs he was very wealthy and owned a large plantation and many slaves. When he was murdered in 1809 the missionaries grieved that they had lost a friend, but most of all that they had failed to win him for Christ.

Besides the simple marker and the Vann House nothing of Springplace remains. Gone are all traces even of the cemetery where were the last resting places of Anna Gambold and many more whom she and those who laboured there had won for their Lord. Nothing remains, that is, except the rich land, the towering hill of the Blue Ridge to the east, and the memories, for the Moravian Church at least, of battles fought and victories won for Christ.

SPRINGPLACE: Nothing beside remains

Where Gambold had died in 1827 is on a dirt road to the right off highway 53 near Bellwood Consolidated School. The dirt road is a part of the old Great Tennessee road from Knoxville to Atlanta.

IN A THICKET OF PINES

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The final object of our exploration was to search out the site of the first mission of the Cherokee at Springplace.

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Expansion In East Africa

Translated by H. B. Johnson

Br. E. N. Peterson, warden of the Umyamwesi District of Tanganikya Territory, Africa, writes in the MISSIONBLAD of a series of jubilees being held year by year in that mission field observing the fiftieth anniversaries of the founding of a string of mission stations at the beginning of the present century.

The first jubilee was held in 1951 at Kitunka, founded in 1901 to the south of Urambo the original station at which our work in Umyamwesi was begun in 1898. This year the jubilee festivities are being held at Sikinge, yet further south in 1902. Next year Ipole will observe its jubilee, and the following year festivities will center at Kipembawe, founded in 1904. Then a break will occur until 1907, when Urambo will celebrate its jubilee.

In these fifty years great changes have taken place. The attitude of the people toward many things has experienced a great change. These great events have brought many blessings and improvements into their manner of life. They are looking to you to tell them that it is the missionaries who have brought this great change to pass. Just one little sample must suffice. Take, for example, the imported mango tree. Fifty years ago this tree with its juicy, delicious fruit was unknown in Tanganikya Territory; now it grows everywhere. It is rarely one finds a village without a mango tree.

The spread of the Gospel has always been the matter of first importance. As with the mango tree, so it can be said of the Kingdom of Christ, it has been planted everywhere. It was Kitunda above all other stations which gave the greatest development to the training of faithful native assistants for the mission field.

But Satan and his hosts have not been driven from the field. Our missionaries and our people must still “fight the good fight of faith.” A pressing need at all our stations is a reviving of our members, especially among those who are our spiritual leaders in the various congregations. The times demand not merely fruit but MORE fruit and MUCH fruit for the Master’s vineyard. For at some places it has become customary for some people to use Sunday for visiting kinsfolk and friends in other communities. And all too many are making it a practice to find in beer parlors their customary meeting place.

But there are likewise pleasant things to report. New mission stations are being opened, and new houses of worship are being built. The church in Kahama was built by the Africans themselves; twenty-five earnest Christians have met the cost with a gift of almost one thousand shillings.

With the exception of Tabora our churches have received less financial assistance from mission board than ever before. Already in 1949 Kitunda came up with a small surplus, and in this past year Kitunda came out with a surplus of 2360 shillings. Ipole and Sikonoge have also come up with small surpluses, while Usoke and Ichemba received less financial assistance. Tabora alone has required greater assistance, and that was because of that congregation’s church building campaign.

... Foreign Mission Briefs ...

"Ice Broken" for the Bethel Hospital

Moravians are keenly interested in the rebuilding of the Bethel Hospital in Alaska, destroyed by fire in November, 1950. Superintendent Drebert reported recently that work has begun on the foundations of the new building. Holes are being drilled in the permafrost so as to sink pilings for the foundations of the new building.

Planning In Honduras

Early this June the Moravian Church in Honduras met for its tenth annual legislative assembly. The roll call was answered by thirty-two elected delegates, seventeen native workers, and six foreign staff members. The last mentioned included the Rev. Robert Atwood, who had come by invitation and made a fine contribution to the gathering. Plans were discussed for increased participation by native workers in guiding and governing this field in the future.

The Plane To The Rescue

Just a few days after the return of the Housman family to Honduras, little Ruth Helen fractured her leg. Since the plane was at Kaukira at the time, her father and she flew to Tegucigalpa, where the injury was X-rayed and the bone set. Almost the same time little Benno Marx developed a severe case of bacillary dysentery. His doctor father, having used up the sterile fluids he had on hand, sent the child on with his mother to the hospital in Siguatepeke. This could not have been done without the Missionary Aviation Fellowship plane. At the time of writing, reports concerning these patients were encouraging.

Accessions In Nicaragua

The April to June quarterly report from Nicaragua includes the following statistics for this three month period: confirmations, 144; adult baptisms, 120; readmissions, 49; weddings, 36; candidates under instruction, 81. That statistics represent more than mere figures, these two quotations will show. Karawala: "The day after the confirmation the missionary met a fifty-two year old man on the street. He said, with tears in his eyes, that he had hardly been able to sleep the night before, because of sorrow for not having given his heart to the Lord sooner. He is now taking instruction." Sandy Bay: "Among those baptized on Palm Sunday was an old man. He had formerly been very hard-hearted, indeed, ready to abuse any who suggested his giving his heart to the Lord. His wife did not dare to suggest his going to church with her. But prayer was made for him. Now he has become mild in his speech, kind and forgiving to his people, and wears a smiling countenance.

A Friend Removed By Death

For many years Dr. Dolores Arana was honored and loved as a leading physician and surgeon in Bluefields. In his professional capacity he often proved a friend to our missionaries and our people.
VISIT NICARAGUA
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Thaeler.

When we wrote Dr. Thaeler and asked if he thought our trip would be worthwhile to him, his reply was "By all means, come."

This is the fulfillment of a long-cherished dream. I am not financially ready. I don't know where the money is coming from, but am not worried about it, for the Lord usually provides! But my doctor friend is ready to go at his own expense and it seems to me this is a fine time to accomplish more than if I go alone at some future time.

By using my two weeks vacation, a few days off, and with a leave of absence without pay for an additional two weeks, I have 35 days in which to go. The doctor has arranged his schedule so that he will be off the same time and we are going during September and October. My pastor, the Rev. Howard Chadwick, is very pleased with the plan. Rev. Samuel Tesch of the Mission Board is also enthusiastic.

After this trip we will be able to report on the needs of the Bilwaskarma and perhaps Puerto Cabezas Missions, and maybe tell of the good work our men are doing there that they themselves are too modest to report.

In the meantime, where is my birth certificate? What inoculations will I need before they will give me a passport? Are there really alligators there? We will answer these for the "small fry" one of these days.

REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

MOUNT AIRY

Ground was broken for the new parsonage of Grace Church in Mount Airy on Monday, December 8, 1941. That was the day before Pearl Harbor. As the building of the house progressed construction materials became harder to obtain. Finally, when it came to the securing of a heating system, Br. Mickey, the pastor, found a way out of the difficulty by purchasing and installing a discarded stoker, coal-burning furnace, radiators and a hot water heating system.

This spring the stoker and furnace became weary in well-doing and practically ceased to function. A new oil-burning Esso furnace, purchased at cost from Mr. R. H. Creasy, has been installed by him without charge. The $550 gallon fuel tank is a gift from Br. S. Kern Harrell, who also set it in the furnace room. Our Auxiliary has pledged one-third of the cost, an individual member has contributed one hundred dollars, and we have plenty of faith that the balance will come in due season.

Early this summer the living-room and dining-room were redecorated and the hall and stairway were painted and papered. For good measure our Auxiliary made possible new slip covers for two large chairs adorning the living-room. A cement walk has been laid from our church corner along Grace Street to the parsonage driveway. Drive up, friends, and visit our church, parsonage, grove, tennis court and graveyard. Our view of the Blue Ridge Mountains alone is worth the journey.

H. B. JOHNSON.

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl was with us on Sunday afternoon, June 15 at 5:30 P. M. service, at which time he confirmed into full membership the following: Mildred Eugenia Blythe, Mary Lynn Caldwell, Betsy Cruse Guerrant, Thomas Connally Guerrant, III, Sarah Frances Libes, Edward P. Sendler, Herbert Stanley Thompson, J., Marcia Harding Vosburgh, Judith Gail Wooten, Mrs. J. Reece Daniel, Andy Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Laws, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edgar Mullis, Mrs. Martha Hilton Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Thomasson. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert E. Nichols and Sandra Gail Swett were confirmed by the pastor on Wednesday evening, June 11.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Rich, who were united in marriage in our church on June 7. Mrs. Rich is the former Constance Vosburgh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Vosburgh.

The Good Fellowship Sunday School Class held a picnic on the church lawn on Sunday afternoon, June 22. Members of the class and their families were present. Newly elected officers of the class are: Richard Pitts, president; Howard Sutton, first vice-president; Wayland Cato, Jr., second vice-president; Mrs. Herbert Schof, secretary, and Herbert Schof, treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Katz, Sr. entertained the Good Fellowship Class at a picnic at their home on July 19. Mr. Katz is the teacher of this class. The occasion was his birthday.

A program of graded choirs is being installed as a part of our children's activities. The choir for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 11, and the chapel choir for boys and girls between the ages of 12 through 15, meet each Friday morning at the church for rehearsal.

Juniors attending Camp Hanes were: Judy and Barbara Blythe, Nancy Abernethy, Harriet McMillan, Ann Pitts, Tommy Dellinger, and Susan H. Pfohl.

Service: A new oil-burning Esso furnace, purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Rich.

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first Sunday in July and Br. Lewis Swaim occupied
the pulpit in the absence of the pastor the fourth
month. Both received favorable

responses.

Hills Whicker, one of our very active young
people and general church treasurer for the past
year, and Martha Mae Spaugh were married in the
church July 12. This was the first wedding
in the new building.

The Women of the Church sponsored a suc­cess­ful
old fashioned lawn supper at the picnic shelter to raise money for the building fund. They
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Faithful attendance is still noticeable in our Sunday school. Sixty-five awards for perfect attendance were given to members at the end of the second quarter.

Officers leading us in a new year for the Missionary Society will be Mrs. Donald Gann, president; Mrs. Tom Tilley, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Via, secretary; Mrs. John Vaughn, treasurer.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

TRINITY

The Vacation Bible School was conducted by Burton Rights with an average attendance of 94.

We had the privilege of greeting children of the late Major Thomas B. Smothers, Jr., for whom the new armory has been named. Major Smothers was a regular attendant at Trinity in his youth. He died as a prisoner of the Japanese in World War II.

Central Terrace Methodist and Memorial Reformed Church have united with Trinity for summer Sunday evening services, a happy combination.

Trinity picnic was held in old fashioned style at Washington Park. Rain kept some of our members away, but there was a large attendance around the table at supper time. Jack Fisher brought the watermelons and he and R. V. Campboll poured out the lemonade.

The pastor made use of three vacation Sundays by attending church at Greensboro and Bethania and by conducting a service at Camp Lasater. Supplying in his absence were R. T. Troutman, Christian Weber, and Glenn Craver.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS

RURAL HALL

Daily Vacation Bible School was held June 9-20 at the church with a goodly number of children attending. Toward the end of the Bible School, attendance was cut by an outbreak of measles among the children.

Excavation for the new parsonage began on June 11 and construction work was begun the following week. Since then the work on the parsonage has gone along very well.

A union service was held at the church on the evening of June 29 with the Rev. J. L. Dial as the guest preacher.

At a church council meeting on July 6, Mr. Wallace Warren and Mr. L. E. Stauber were elected to serve on the church board.

The July feast, held on July 27, marked the 29th anniversary of the Woman’s Auxiliary. Flowers were placed in the church by Mrs. Tom Petty and Mrs. W. E. Stauber. A band prelude was furnished by the Bethania band. The speaker for the occasion was Br. Truett Chadwick. Quite a number of visitors and former members of the auxiliary were welcomed to the lovefeast.

We congratulate Allen Payne upon his graduation from N. C. State College and Bill Wilson, who finished at the University of North Carolina.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

NEW PHILADELPHIA

It was reported at a recent council meeting that more than $25,000 has been raised in all departments for all causes this fiscal year. Average attendance for the year was 213 for morning services, 233 for Holy Communion and 242 for Sunday school. The membership has increased to 468 communicants and a grand total of 665.

The men of the Bona Vista class furnished all the labor for the installation of a complete bath and hot water system at the caretaker’s house. In addition they have installed a water fountain at the back of the church, and laid underground cable to the graveyard for the use of the electric grass clipper which their class purchased.

We joined with Trinity Methodist for union evening services during July. The first three were well attended, but the heat finally overcame us and the fourth was very small.

Br. George Childs led our Bible School this year with Mrs. D. F. Stillwell, Mrs. L. D. Spaugh, Jr., and Miss Lou Brown as department heads, and with a number of others giving valuable assistance. Enrollment reached a total of 115 and the average daily attendance was 97.

Circle 3, Women of the Church, and the band each gave successful lawn parties recently to swell their respective treasuries.

Miss Mary Sue Strupe was united in marriage to William H. Neal, Jr., in the church on June 28. On June 29 Jacqueline Marie Holder became the bride of Bruce Bailey Beck.

The volunteer fire department has about completed its new building on the upper corner of the church property.

Twelve juniors and one intermediate reported rich fruits from the recent conferences at Camp Hanes.

HENRY A. LEWIS

HOPE

Attendance at our services has increased and we are anticipating a greater increase with the coming of more favorable weather and the completion of vacation time.

The teachers and officers held their monthly meeting at the church. Plans were discussed concerning Sunday school and church work for the coming months. The cottage prayer meetings now being held are proving a blessing to our people and their homes. By this effort we are hop-
ing to strengthen our church.

The annual congregation council was held at which time Everette James and Zeb West were elected to the church committee. Br. Dean Spaugh was elected to serve as superintendent of the Sunday school.

At the monthly meeting of the Women of the Church plans were made for the coming year. The officers elected were as follows: Mrs. Estelle Jones, president; Mrs. Ella Mae Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Avis Spach, secretary; Mrs. Pauline Spach, treasurer; Mrs. Ruby James, and Mrs. Billy Jones, circle leaders.

Bible school, with an average attendance of 61, ended with what we term success. Assisting the pastor were the following capable leaders: Mrs. Larry Walker, Mrs. Avis Spach, Mrs. Edith Crav­er, Mrs. Doris Todd, Mrs. Ruby James, Mrs. J. T. Jones, Mrs. Estelle Jones, Miss Jewel Foster, Miss Grace Myers, and Miss Donna Jane Jones.

The Sunday school picnic was held at Gordon's Grove with a large number enjoying the outing. The well prepared supper was the best yet, and really hit the spot after an afternoon of games.

ARCHIE W. JONES.

HOPEWELL

June and July were busy and sad months for our congregation, for we saw the retirement of our Pastor, Br. J. P. Crouch, who served the Church so faithfully for twenty years. A supper was given in his honor at Washington Park along with a presentation of a gift.

On June 22, Bishop Pfohl installed the pastor at the 11:00 service. Following the installation a homescoming dinner was enjoyed on the grounds.

Our young people continue to amaze us. At the youth rally in Kernersville, they announced that they had increased their talent money of ten dollars to $222.50.

During the past month three of our number were hospitalized for operations. We are thankful one is back with us and the other two are doing nicely. They were J. C. Morton, Arthur Ever- heart and Mrs. Etta Shu.

Members of the church signed a petition to get the West Old Lexington Road paved. Bishop Pfohl and Mr. C. T. Leinbach presented it to the highway commission.

The Bible school this summer was a success. The enrollment was ninety-five. Br. Robert Spaugh, a member of our church, and Br. Glenn Craver of Moravian Theological Seminary held services while the pastor was at Camp Hanes. Both services were appreciated by all.

W. M. GREEN, Sr.

LEAKSVILLE

The first two weeks in July found our people on their annual vacation and many of them were out of the community during that time. Attend­ances upon the Sunday school and church ser­vices are always somewhat lower during the vacation period. Then, too, the unusual hot weather afforded others an excuse for not attending regularly.

Encouraging business meetings were held by a number of the organized groups. Circle one of the Woman’s Auxiliary held its meeting with Mrs. Roscoe Richardson, and circle two met with Mrs. Foltz at the parsonage. The Ladies Bible Class met with Mrs. Troy Ellington and the Good Fellowship Class held its meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit R. Martin. The Men of the Church—a newly organized group—held a supper meeting at the church on the last Friday evening of the month. The Sunday school teachers and officers enjoyed a covered dish supper in the basement of the parsonage the third Saturday evening which was followed by the business meeting. At this meeting $75.00 was donated toward sending our young people to camp.

We began our new fiscal year, July 1, in an encouraging way. All bills for the past year were paid in full and a nice sum in the treasury for the beginning of another year’s work.

Our thanks to the Men’s Bible Class for having the floors of the church auditorium sanded and refinished. This improvement is quite noticeable and is greatly appreciated by our people.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ.

HOME CHURCH

Youth conferences have attracted a large number of our young people this year, bringing the highest registrations ever for the Junior and Ju­nior High camps. At this writing, sixteen young people are anticipating the Pennsylvania Conference. We express our most sincere appreci­ation to the individuals and organizations who have contributed to our scholarship aid fund and to the enrichment of our youth.

Out-of-door evening services have been marked by somewhat higher attendances during the sum­mer months. Not a single service, to date, has been postponed because of weather conditions.

We have been grateful, also, that Morning Wor­ship services have shown summer attendances around the 400 mark.

Members of the adult choir have again re­sponded to the private voice instruction given by our director, Paul W. Peterson. This instruction is made possible through the church budget. At the conclusion of the lessons, a very fine musical program was presented to the congregation, after which a reception was held honoring members of the adult choir. We express heartfelt thanks to the choir for their year-round faithfulness and for the beauty and reverence they lend to our worship through their ministry of music.

Our observance of the Thirteenth of August Festival brought to our pulpit the Rev. Edward T. Mickey, Jr., in an inspiring lovefeast address. Children’s Covenant Day plans are laid for August 24 with anticipations of the usual bright-eyed interest in their lovefeast and lantern services.

R. GORDON SPAUGH,
JAMES C. HUGHES.

KING

The month of June began with a celebration of the Holy Communion on Whit Sunday. The following Sunday evening we had the privilege of hearing a sermon by the pastor’s father, Dr. Walter H. Allen, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Prior to the service Dr. Allen spoke to the young people of our congregation, whose meet­ing was held on the attractive rear lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boyles’ home, where cooling re­

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ssey Lilly, counsellors for the young people’s group. 
Following the evening worship, Dr. and Mrs. Al 
en, and daughter Barbara were honored at a re 
ception attended by the entire congregation. This 
proved to be a very pleasant occasion of food and 
fellowship, which we shared with several visitors
from the Kernersville Moravian church.

The next day our Daily Vacation Bible School
started. Under the capable direction of Br. George 
Chiddie, this effort met with a splendid response
from the community at large as well as our con 
gregation in particular. Our fine staff consisted of Mrs. Joe Stone, Jr., Betty Meadows, Ann Lewis, Mrs. Paul Lewis, Mrs. S. B. Brandon, Miss Eloise Hutchins, Mrs. Clay Vance, Mrs. William Campbell, Elizabeth Booe, Kay Carroll, and Mrs. Dean Hartgrove. We are greatly indebted to these able and willing teachers, whose work with our boys and girls was demonstrated in the closing program, held in the church on Sunday night, June 22.

Br. William Marshall supplied our pulpit in the absence of the pastor on July 6. His message was warmly received by everyone.

At our annual Church Council in July, Br. Ashley 
White and Sr. Frances Smith Kiser were elected 
to three-year terms on our Church Board. And we ended the fiscal year well in the black!

WALER H. ALLEN, JR.

DEATHS

Tesh, Mrs. Della Garboden, died July 12, 1952. 
Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Interment was in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

Shaffner, Mrs. Margaretta, died July 18, 1952. 
Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl and Bishop Howard E. Ronthaler. Interment was in Salem Cemetery. A member of the Home Church.

White, Ralph Leon, Sr., died July 30, 1952. 
Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh and the Rev. K. Edwin Fussell. Interment was in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

Pey, Joseph T., died August 9, 1952. Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. Interment was in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

Babb, Mrs. Kate York, daughter of Jasper and Lula York of N. Lowery; born in Wake County, N. C., April 13, 1878; died in Winston-Salem July 12, 1952, member of Trinity Church; funeral conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Knight, Malcolm Augustus, died May 10, 1952, member of Calvary Church. Interment in Olive Branch Memorial Cemetery, Portsmouth, Va.


BAPTISMS

Pope, Iris Anita, daughter of Harold S. and Dorothy m. n. Leach Pope. Born May 16, 1952; baptized July 20, 1952 in the Hopewell Church by the Rev. W. N. Green, Sr.


Barefoot, Carol Lee, infant daughter of Robert D. and Johnnie m. n. Payne Barefoot, born April 18, 1952, at Charlotte, N. C., baptized July 6, 1952 in The Little Church on the Lane by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Hogan, Mary Carolyn, infant daughter of Walter L. and Carolyn m. n. Fraley Hogan, born May 16, 1952, at Charlotte, N. C., baptized July 6, 1952, in The Little Church on the Lane by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.


Mankin, Janet Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. James Wallace and Dorothea m. n. Rights Mankin. Born July 17, 1952 in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized August 1, 1952 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Lancaster, Charles Frank, son of Frank N. and Alice m. n. Parker Lancaster. Born May 13, 1952 in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized August 10, 1952 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

(More Baptisms on Page 12)
NEW RECRUITS ENTER SERVICE

By Elmer R. Stelter

Farewells are seldom pleasant and this one was no different. Yet even as a deep undercurrent directly influences the surface under which it runs so there was a real joy evident and gladness in the midst of sorrow. I am referring to the farewell that the District in general and the Edmonton congregation in particular, gave to Miss Lorraine Sampert R. N., the most recent mission recruit, on Sunday evening July 27, 1952.

The occasion might easily have applied to more people for that service was Br. Wilton Swanneke, who just one week later was to board a plane which would take him to Alaska. At the service, too, was Br. Lorenz Adam and his fiancee, Miss Nora Moffat, who within a month of Wilton's going would be going to Nicaragua. Are they going on their honeymoon? Yes, but even for a better reason. They are going to serve the Master there as a missionary couple.

It was fitting, too, that Br. and Sr. Erwin Boettcher should be at the service. Erwin Lorenz and Wilton had all three gone through College and Seminary together, had graduated together and had been ordained together at Camp Van-Es, just three Sundays previously. Br. Boettcher is spearheading the new home mission project of the Canadian District in the West Jasper Place area in the city of Edmonton. A new work has been launched in an endeavor to have foreign missions and home missions go together.

All this does not just happen as a matter of course nor by mere chance. There are many reasons for it and it would take a good sized book to give a complete and comprehensive account. For any who have followed periodic statistical releases concerning the “giving” and “going” of the Canadian District, you will realize it is a further indication of a deep-seated spiritual emphasis.

In an attempt to answer briefly the “why”, I would suggest two main reasons. The Moravians of the Canadian District are by and large only two generations removed from persecution. Many of our early settlers came to Canada as a result of religious persecution. Their religion meant enough to them to leave home and country in an effort to find a place where they might serve their Lord as conscience should dictate. This is evident in that the oldest congregations in the District, Bruderheim and Bruderfeld, are only 57 years old. This warm spirituality has wonderfully been transmitted to children and in turn to grandchildren. It is a further indication of a deep-seated spiritual emphasis.

The annual Moravian Ministers’ Retreat at Roaring Gap will be held on September 23, 24, 25 at the Clarence T. Leinbach summer homes. The speaker will be Dr. John S. Whale of England. For the past year Dr. Whale has been guest professor at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey.

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Kimmel, Mark Steven, son of Russell and Mildred m. n. Nuckolls Kimmel. Born March 5, 1952 in Forsyth County and baptized May 4, 1952 at Friedberg by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.

Fuld, Fred Knox, son of John W. and Ellane m. n. Tipton Ford Payne. Born March 26, 1946 in Forsyth County and baptized June 1, 1952 at Friedberg by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.

Hartman, Tommy Augustus, son of Ray and Borda Belle m. n. Pardue Hartman. Born April 24, 1952 in Forsyth County and baptized June 1, 1952 at Friedberg by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.
Wachovia Tract Discovered 200 Years Ago

By Christian Weber

Two hundred years ago this fall six Moravians and their successors were traveling through North Carolina seeking a plot of land which could be turned into a settlement. This was to be an important venture as the Moravian settlement in North Carolina was destined to become the largest focal point of Moravians in the world.

A conference in London on November 29, 1751, had prepared the plans for the Moravians to establish themselves in North Carolina, for it was at this conference that the Moravians decided to accept the offer of 100,000 acres of land in the Colony of North Carolina in America. Lord Granville made this offer because he was interested in having settlers open up his land.

The desire to serve the Indians in western Carolina and Virginia was one of the reasons the Brethren wished to begin a work in Carolina. The Moravian Unity had just experienced great financial losses in several of their mission fields, and it was the belief that if they would start a new settlement in America, some of their patrons in Europe would once more rally behind them with financial support.

Thomas Penn was also a factor in the new settlement in western North Carolina. After he had commended the Brethren before Parliament in 1747 many of the noblemen who owned land in North America became interested in having the Brethren as settlers. In coming to terms with Lord Granville, Count Zinzendorf, spokesman for the Brethren, felt that a Moravian settlement in North Carolina would give the Brethren opportunity to be of spiritual assistance to their neighbors as well as making them accessible to the various Indian tribes around them. Zinzendorf’s main hope, on the other hand, was “to acquire the possession of a larger tract of land where the Moravians might live undisturbed.”

As plans progressed, the Moravian leaders in London decided that Bishop Augustus Gottlieb Spangenberg, director of the Moravian work in America, should make the survey journey from Pennsylvania to North Carolina. In company with Timothy Horsefield, Joseph Mueller, Hermann Loesch, and Johann Merck, Spangenberg left Bethlehem on the twenty-fifth of August, 1752, to select a piece of land containing 100,000 acres. Henry Antes, having been delayed by illness, joined them a day or two later.

The men evidently traveled down the eastern seaboard, arriving in Edenton fifteen days later. There they met a Mr. Corbin, Lord Granville’s agent, and made plans for the survey.

In his talks with the Brethren, Mr. Corbin advised them to go into the back part of the colony near the mountains. There, he thought, they would be able to find a piece of land which had not already been surveyed. So, after a stay of seven days in Edenton, Bishop Spangenberg and his companions began their journey which was to take them far into western Carolina. Thirty-five miles from Edenton they stopped at a Tuscarrora Indian town on the Roanoke River. They had heard it was a good piece of land for the eastern coast, and they thought they might be able to use it, but the land turned out to be too poor.

Four days after the six men had left Edenton, one of them became sick with the fever, which took many lives during the hot season each year. At the time they reached the home of a Mr. Saltis in Granville County the rest of them were becoming ill, and during their stay there all had the fever except Mueller. It was fortunate that he remained well during this trying period, because he was the only one in the group who had any medical training. The sickest of the group was Bishop Spangenberg himself, and his fellow travelers even feared that he would die.

The men remained here in Granville County for two weeks. Then Spangenberg insisted that they once more take up their journey. The rest of the Brethren thought they should remain a few days longer until the Bishop regained his strength. As it was, he was so weak that as they traveled they had to lift him into and out of his saddle.

The Trading Path, which the Brethren were following, took them to the home of Captain Sennett, near Hillsboro in Orange County. There they were met by their surveyor, William Churton, and three men who were to help the surveyor and serve as hunters. The party was forced to go on without Timothy Horsefield, who had a relapse of the fever, and Joseph Mueller, who was to remain with Horsefield to nurse him.

On the twenty-seventh of October the Brethren and their helpers came to the end of the old Trading Path, having arrived at the home of Andreas Lambert, which was on the Catawba River in Iredell County. The journey thus far had not been too difficult for them, but from that time forth they would be removed from all civilization. They had come to the edge of the wilderness and the ensuing weeks would be spent in the unsettled forest of western North Carolina.

From Lambert’s they followed the Catawba up to the forks of the Lower Little River in Alexander County. There, on November the fourth, almost a month after the Brethren had departed from Edenton, they made their first survey of a plot of land.

Having made this first survey, the Brethren now realized the difficulties which would confront them in further surveys. Lord Granville’s agent had given strict orders to Churton, the surveyor, that lines would be run only north and south and west, something which proved to be difficult and inaccurate in the mountains. To add to the confusion, it was the custom to survey only three sides of a section, and the surveyor practically refused to survey a tract of land of anything under 5000 acres.

The trail took the men over into Caldwell and Burke Counties around the vicinity of Morganton. In that unsettled expanse it was not unusual for them to run across Cherokees, and in fact, for much of the way they were followed by a large band of Indians.

As the days passed and the Brethren went deeper and deeper into the mountains they became more and more discouraged, because nowhere could they find a plot of land of 100,000 acres of good land. The hills and mountains broke up all of the suitable land, and they had just about given up hope of finding any large tract. To add to their gloom, the early days of November found them lost in the mountains of Caldwell and Watauga Counties. Even their guide was completely lost. The only paths to follow were the paths which the bullaloos had made.

The small group of men decided to take a north-west route, hoping to come to the headwaters of (Continued on page 3)
IN THIS ISSUE

The beginning of the Southern Province took place exactly 200 years ago this fall. In October 1752 began the journey of exploration that was to end with the discovery of Wachovia in the three forks of the Muddy Creek. This story is written by Br. Christian Weber whose departure for England is related in the column "Unity Undertakings."

Two of our feature articles in this issue are tied together in an unusual way. On page 5 the Convocation of Moravian Ministers at Camp Hope is described. At this meeting Dr. Luther Weigle was the speaker. A summary of what Dr. Weigle said to the ministers about the new translation of the Bible is found in an article by Dr. Raymond S. Haupert on page 4.

"We felt God's nearness from morning until night," wrote Johnny Coleman of the experience of 92 young people at Camp Transylvania. For this article, on page 12, Johnny was both writer and photographer.

LETTERS

Fellow Moravians of the Southern Province:

I am writing to thank all of you who contributed to the special drive in May, 1952, for the budget of Moravian College and Theological Seminary. The announced goal for the Southern Province was $10,000. A total of $10,021.11 has been received. For this generous and wholehearted response, your College and Seminary and all associated therewith are deeply grateful.

Prospects for the incoming freshman class are brighter than previously anticipated. However, good gains here will be more than offset by the large 1952 graduating class of 93 and the upperclassmen who are being drafted during the summer. While the budget for the year beginning in September, 1952, therefore, promises to be no less than the preceding year, the size of the freshman class points to improvement for the future.

In spite of a continuing financial problem, therefore, which seriously affects most men's colleges, and particularly the smaller church institutions, we face the future with faith and confidence.

Sincerely yours,

RAYMOND S. HAUPERT.
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
September 4, 1952.

Moravian Mission
Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua
August 30, 1952

Dear Editor:

Could we usurp a little space in The Wachovia Moravian to tell all southern Moravians that we are convinced they are marvelous people. Even though Helen and I are "Born Moravians"—imagine—and Helen herself a southerner—never have we felt as proud of being Moravians as we do now since we spent two happy months in Winston-Salem around Easter time.

The happy hospitality of all southern Moravians and their sincere interest in missions and missionaries warmed our hearts wonderfully. We feel well propped up now by pleasant memories of fellowship with many wonderful personalities. How strong we feel now because you have assured us of your regular prayers!

During our year of deputation work we traveled almost the distance around the world one time. In the Mission station wagon you dear folks helped us to get, we traveled over 14,000 miles before we reached Nicaragua. For several months we averaged one mission talk per day. We got back to Nicaragua tired physically but strengthened greatly by fellowship with you all. We are grateful to God for so much and have greater confidence in God's power to do wonderful things.

We are most eager to preserve the wonderful friendships we were privileged to enjoy in our Southern Province. We do hope folks will write to us (airmail letters cost 10c and reach us in 4 or 5 days). News from home means a lot to us.

Thank you all so very, very much for your open homes and open hearts and the grand fellowship of your churches. God bless you all.

Sincerely yours,

BOB & HELEN I0BST.
Charlotte, North Carolina
September 4, 1952

Dear Editor:

In the September issue of The Wachovia Moravian, you published the Statistical Report of our Province for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952. A study of this report reveals these interesting figures, which I would like to have you mention to the readers of our church paper:

(1) The net increase of communicant members for the year was only 2.6%.
(2) The net increase of communicant members for congregations inside Winston-Salem was only 1.7%.
(3) The net increase of communicant members for congregations outside Winston-Salem was 2.4%.
(4) Greensboro reports the largest increase with 68 new members and 36% increase;
(5) There were five (5) congregations with no increase in members and thirteen (13) congregations each had less members at the end of the church year, than at the beginning of the year.

These figures present a challenge for both ministers and laymen, but I feel that the laymen are more to blame. For too long we have left the work of spreading our Lord's Kingdom to ordained leaders, and we expect the preachers to make the church grow!

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSEL G. HOLDER.

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Wachovia Tract Discovered

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As the men reached the top, Spangenberg described the view in this way: "When we reached the top we saw mountains to right and left, before and behind us, many hundreds, rising like great waves in a storm." That which was even worse than being lost was the fact that they had not been able to find water and pasturage.

As the weary party continued to stumble around in the mountainous wilderness they came upon a meadow of about 5000 acres, which they surveyed. This meadow, which is the site of the present town of Boone, Spangenberg called "Freydeck" because it was so lonesome there. While the Brethren were camped there they experienced the full blast of one of the winter blizzards. The ground was covered with snow, the wind was so strong that they could hardly stand, and the temperature was so low that water which had been placed beside the fire froze. Those early days of December were truly trying days for the Brethren and proved to be a test of their faith.

Although they were still lost, they knew by Bald Mountain, which could be seen in a distance, that they were not too far from the Virginia border. Therefore, a course to the southeast was taken in the hope that it would bring them back to civilization. Finally, they came to the Yadkin River, where they camped and surveyed a piece of land opposite Mulberry Fields, which is now Wilkesboro.

When the Brethren reached the Yadkin they knew once more where they were. The few settlers in this section of the Yadkin were warmly greeted by the Brethren, for it had been several months since they had seen anyone. Some of these settlers told Spangenberg about an excellent piece of land in the three forks of Muddy Creek.

Hoping that their surveying would soon be over and realizing that the trip was coming to an end, the Brethren traveled from the Yadkin toward the plot of land to which they had been directed. On the eighth of January, 1753, Spangenberg wrote, "It is the middle of the winter, and the ground is covered with snow; but we are camping in the forest; well and content, under the wings of the Almighty." Throughout their journey these men never forgot to thank God for His protection, and they never doubted that He was leading them at all times.

This land, which was about ten miles from the Yadkin River, was probably the best land left in North Carolina. To Spangenberg, it seemed to have been reserved by the Lord for the Brethren. The tract was ten miles long and eleven miles wide and contained around seventy-two or seventy-three thousand acres. Great must have been the joy of the Brethren when they found a section of unclaimed land in such a large piece. They carefully recorded that one-half of it was good, a fourth poor, and the other quarter medium.

Extra pieces on the south and north sides of the main tract were surveyed so that the total acreage might total around 100,000 acres, which was the amount originally agreed upon. This last survey was completed on January the thirteenth, and the Brethren immediately made plans to return to Bethlehem. Almost a month later, they arrived in Bethlehem, having completed an important and significant trip for the Moravian Church.

During the four months in western North Carolina, the Moravians and their surveyors had taken surveys of eleven tracts of land. To keep their records clear, Spangenberg gave names to each of the eleven plots. For instance, to one which they had seen when it was still green, he gave the name "Gruenen." Another was called "Richmont" because it contained rich land. The eleventh section, that one which Spangenberg hoped the Moravians would decide to take, he described as being the "richest in water of any place I have seen, and well fitted for cattle raising." He thought it would be nice to call it "Wachau," which had been the name of the part of Austria from which the Zinzendorf family had originally come.

The land had been surveyed, and it would seem that everything would be in order for the Moravians to complete the agreement with Lord Granville and buy the land. However, when Bishop Spangenberg returned to Europe in the spring of 1753, he found the Church in financial distress. The Moravian Church was still in debt and rather than plunge themselves in deeper, the Church leaders decided to ask Lord Granville to release them from the contract. This he refused to do, because he wanted them as settlers. Consequently, a new contract was made, and the 98,985 acres of the Muddy Creek tract were sold to the Moravians.

In late November of that same year, 1753, the first settlers, ten single men, arrived in Wachau to mark the beginning of the Moravian Church in North Carolina. In the two hundred years since that time the Moravians in North Carolina have increased in number from ten to over eighteen thousand. Thus, this venture of faith two hundred years ago turned out to be one of the most rewarding accomplishments the Moravian Church has ever experienced.
Greatest News In 341 Years
Describes New Bible Version

By Raymond S. Haupert

The publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible on September 30, 1952, marks the most recent great event in the long history of the greatest book in the world. This thoroughgoing revision, authorized by forty Protestant denominations, is the result of fifteen years of painstaking effort by thirty-two of America’s leading Biblical scholars. Work on this great project was begun in 1930, suspended for lack of funds in 1932 and resumed in 1937. The Revised Standard Version of the New Testament was completed and published in 1946.

Why Revision Was Necessary

The inadequacy of the King James Bible came to be widely recognized during the nineteenth century. The English Revised Version of 1881 and 1885 and the American Standard Version of 1901 were designed to correct the many textual errors and inaccuracies, estimated to number almost 6,000 which had come to be evident in the King James Version. However, the literal word-for-word reading of the nineteenth century revisions lost much of the beauty and power of the King James Bible. There remained an urgent need for an English translation which would combine accuracy with the beauty and spiritual power of the King James Version, incorporate the results of the many remarkable archeological discoveries of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and speak in a language direct and clear and meaningful to people today.

New Discoveries of Ancient Biblical Manuscripts

Because of the recent discoveries of ancient Biblical manuscripts, Biblical scholars today have more information concerning the text of the Bible than at any time in a period of more than a thousand years. For example, the discovery in 1931 of the Chester Beatty papyri included fragments of eight Old Testament manuscripts and three New Testament manuscripts, copied originally in the third century. In 1947, in a cave near the Dead Sea, Palestinian shepherds discovered manuscripts of Isaiah and Habakkuk and fragments of other books, all probably written in the time of Christ, if not earlier.

Numerous discoveries such as these have provided a rich treasurehouse of material for the study of the original text, and the elimination of the inevitable errors of the copyists.

Archeological Discoveries Provide New Knowledge About Ancient Words

Anyone who has read the Old Testament in its original Hebrew or the Aramaic portions of Daniel and Ezra, using the best available Hebrew dictionaries, is impressed again and again with the poverty of information concerning the meaning of many ancient Biblical words. Archeological discoveries of the past seventy-five years have added much to our understanding of many of these terms. It is high time, therefore, that the common reader of the Bible receive the benefit of this new information.

King James Language Out of Date

The faithful and devout reader accepts the Bible both as a heritage of the past and as God’s Word today. For those who place first emphasis on the Bible as God’s Living Word, rather than upon the fact of a great heritage, the time has come to eliminate the Elizabethan phrases which were everyday speech in 1611 but almost without meaning today, even though pleasing in sound. The Revised Standard Version, accordingly, gets rid of such words as adventrue, howbeit, holden, aforetime, and behaved.

English Words Changed in Meaning And Now Misleading

A study of the King James Version reveals an impressive list of words which have for a thousand years been still in common use, but with a totally different meaning. For example, in the King James Version, let means hinder, prevent is used in the sense of precede, allow for approve, communicate for share, conversation for conduct, ghost for spirit, take no thought for be not anxious, and the like. More than 300 English words used in the King James Version carry a meaning which today is substantially different from 1611.

Errors in Translation

Beyond all this there were misunderstandings in the King James Version which require correction. Paul did not tell the Thessalonians (1 Thess. 5:22) to “abstain from all appearance of evil!” even though this is certainly a noble admonition. He told them to avoid “every form of evil.” Another example is found in John 4:19. The version of 1611 reads: “We love him because he first loved us.” The word Him has no basis in the original. John was writing about all Christian love, and not merely love for God.

In developing our personal evaluation of the Revised Standard Version we do well to read the following, which is a part of the statement presented by the translators in the preface to the new version.

“The Bible is more than a historical document to be preserved. And it is more than a classic of English literature to be cherished and admired. It is a record of God’s dealing with men, of God’s revelation of himself and his will. It records the life and work of him in whom the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among men… It is our hope and earnest prayer that this Revised Standard Version of the Bible may be used by God to speak to men in these momentous times, and to help them to understand and believe and obey his Word.”

The history of our English Bible indicates that new translations are at first usually the center of much discussion and controversy, perhaps largely because of the difficulty most of us face in giving up something that is familiar and to which we have become emotionally attached since childhood. The prompt and widespread acceptance of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament was thus a surprise both to the publishers and to church leaders and no doubt accounts for the record-breaking orders that have been placed for the complete Bible in the new translation.

Together with other Protestant churches, the Moravian Church recognizes the Bible as the source and the standard of our doctrine. We are therefore vitally concerned to make the Bible available in a form that is both accurate and understandable. This is the reason the Protestant churches are preparing to welcome the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible with congregational and community-wide observances that lift up the unique place of the Bible in the life of the Church and in the advancement of the Faith.

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One Hundred One Ministers Assemble at Camp Hope

August 26 to 29, 1952 will be long-remembered by American Moravian missionaries. On this date, one hundred one out of approximately one hundred forty active and retired ordained clergymen of the Moravian Churches in America assembled for a Convocation at Camp Hope, New Jersey.

As each car arrived, old friends and college buddies were greeted and reminiscent episodes were recalled. Faces and personalities became attached to individuals who had been only names in "The Textbook." Before many hours had passed, men who had been apart for years had caught up on the number of children, the present parishioner, and the latest ecclesiastic endeavors of their brethren in Canada, Wisconsin, Indiana, Pennsylvania or North Carolina. East, West, North and South were soon drawn together in the living bond of brotherhood which we prize, but so seldom experience face to face.

Special guest of the Convocation was Dr. Luther A. Weigle, chairman of the committee charged with editing and translating the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which will be available in complete form to the public September 30. To hear the inside story on so monumental an undertaking was indeed a signal opportunity. To understand the careful, painstaking work of the leading Biblical scholars was a distinct challenge to all who work with The Word. A brief summation of Dr. Weigle’s five addresses can be found in our lead article on page one.

Highlighting the conference was the report of the Inter-Provincial Quincentennial Committee. Bishop I. Richard Mewaldt challenged us to the spirit with which the Committee views our Five Hundredth Anniversary—a time when we not only look through windows of the past but also march through open doors of the future. Plans were outlined for each year’s activities. The current year will be marked by an effort to acquaint Moravians with our church, at home and around the world. The year 1953 will highlight "The Church And Its Youth!"; 1954—"Winning Others for Christ"; years of evangelism); 1955—"Stewardship"; 1956—"Missions"; and 1957 will be a "Year of Rededication" beginning the anniversary celebration on March 1 and closing on the same date in 1958. Minute and detailed plans are in progress for each year’s emphasis.

Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton led our thinking toward an open door for Moravian Missions. As an evidence of their united desire ministers present pledged the sum of $1,000 in personal contributions toward a new mission endeavor by the American Church.

"Evangelism" was the theme of an address by The Rev. I. Howard Chadwick who reminded us of the rich heritage that is ours as "firsts" in Protestantism’s great soul-winning effort. His sub-committee of the Anniversary Program envisions dynamic and intensive plans to emphasize evangelism in our day.

Bishop Carl Helmich’s address on Thursday evening, followed by The Holy Communion on the last morning brought the conference to a fitting close. But the memories of our fellowship, the inspiration of our united thought, and the challenges of our common endeavor as ministers of the Moravian Church will linger on.

Another Shipment to Labrador

On August 23 a shipment of eleven fibre drums and barrels left New York on the "S. S. Fort Hamilton" bound for St. John’s Newfoundland and Labrador. The contents represent gifts from our churches, North and South, intended for our Labrador Mission stations. Again our thanks are due to Furness, Witty and Company, Ltd. for carrying this shipment at half the regular rates. We also gratefully acknowledge the courtesy of the Canadian Government in allowing this shipment to enter Labrador duty free.

Giving Way Before the Kuskokwim

The Rev. Ferdinand Drebert, superintendent of our missions in Alaska, reports that as a result of several severe storms in early August the river has cut away slices of the main street in front of the mission quadrangle at Bethel. It will be necessary to move all of the buildings within two years, at the outside. One large house may have to be rebuilt entirely. Needless to say, this will represent an unusual, heavy outlay.

Prayer and Topics

Brother Drebert requests that when we pray from calamity by fire or water—preserve us, gracious Lord and God we remember our missionaries and people in Alaska, who face constant fire hazards, from which the river takes its toll of lives every year, and who must meet the problems of this forced moving.

He also asks that when we pray Put far from thy people all deceivers whom we remember our people in the Bristol Bay area, who are constantly under pressure from zealous Seventh Day Adventists. The latter are erecting a school in the village of Toksik, which has been evangelized and served by our Church.

Reinforce by the Gasses

On August 28 the Rev. Harry Trodahl, superintendent of the Children’s Home, reported receiving a reinforcer from Nunavak Island—the last sanctuary of these animals in that part of Alaska. No wonder he added, "we were more than happy getting them camed up yesterday." Such a note provides a brief glimpse into some of the physical problems involved in maintaining our Children’s Home in the far North.

Work among Young People

The Rev. John Belus, missionary in charge of the Biliwaskarma parish in Nicaragua, wrote on June 18: "Last week camp fire services were conducted in all the outlying villages. These services are always well attended and there is good attendance. As a result of these meetings ten persons expressed a desire to serve the Lord. How happy and thankful we are over these precious souls. Pray with us that they may remain firm.

The Brus Boarding School

On July 28 Martha Marx, wife of our superintendent in Honduras, wrote describing their most recent school activities: "We received the monies for repairing the Boarding School, the salary for its house father, and funds for equipment such as Coleman lantern, Werner (the Rev. Werner G. Marx) worked during all the end of April and early May with the carpenters, getting a new roof on the Boarding School, putting in bunks and lockers, repairing the rotten flooring and the kitchen. We still have the nineteen boys we started with; they seem to be attentive and are working hard. Several have accepted Christ as their Saviour since being here, which makes us feel it is worth while."

Radios and Plane Hard at Work

Mrs. Marx writes: "We had three Missionary Aviation Fellowship men with us until July 10. When they left all our radios were operating well, and we have kept daily contact with Aas and Kaurkira. Sam (Mr. S. B. Marx) told me that little Benno would not have been with us had not the plane been here to take him where he could receive help. It is a daily thrill for us to be able to contact Kaurkira and Aas and to remember the years past when it took weeks or months for us to hear from each other."

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PROVIDENCE

The dream of about eight years has become a reality for the members of Providence Moravian Church, for it has completed a modern brick veneer parsonage.

During the latter part of the ministry of the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes, the members had a vision of having a full-time pastor sometime in the near future. In order for this to be possible they would need a parsonage. Due to limited means these could neither be done overnight nor both at the same time. The question arose "Why not start a parsonage fund?" This was done. Land was also purchased adjoining the church property. Shortly thereafter Br. Barnes accepted a call elsewhere and the Rev. John H. Kapp became pastor. It was evident that work needed to be done also on the present church plant and added space made. The plan developed to improve the present church plant, then build the parsonage, and finally procure a full-time pastor, thereby lessening the possibility of having undue financial responsibility at any one time.

Members of the church did something each year. A new combination classroom and kitchen along with modern restrooms and running water were added. The interior and exterior of the plant were painted. Carpet was laid in the auditorium, the furnace was converted to oil, and walks were laid. The church plant had been improved considerably.

Then the attention was turned toward the parsonage as the next project. Classes and organizations of the church started working hard to raise the necessary amount of money. On July 11, 1950 the joint boards of the church appointed a parsonage planning committee which consisted of Ruben Grubbs, chairman, Gray Grubbs, Edward McGuire, Mrs. Charles Phelps and Mrs. Sid Davis. Work progressed, and in October of the same year the parsonage planning committee presented two plans to the joint boards for consideration. The adopted plan was referred to the Advisory Building Committee of the Southern Province for consideration and approval.

At a meeting of the church council in the summer of 1951 the members voted to erect the parsonage, the plans of which had been approved by the church, upon the attainment of a goal of $8,000. It was hoped this would be reached by March 15, 1952, and it was. On March 23, 1952 the joint boards of the church appointed R. D. Grubbs to erect the building as early as possible.

The first floor of the parsonage, consisting of six rooms and a bath, is completed as of September 1, 1952. Plans are being made to sow grass and plant shrubbery. The total cost is approximately $13,500, of which over $9,500 has been raised. The Building and Expansion Program has allocated $2,500 in its budget this year for this project. A committee consisting of Ruben Clayton, James Southern, and B. B. Grubbs has been appointed to try to raise the additional $1,500 within the next ninety days.

The people have worked diligently and should be commended. It is hoped that before long they will be able to have a full-time minister.

John H. Kapp.

NEW EDEN

A Preliminary Council Meeting was held to review the constitution and to instruct our people in the techniques of parliamentary procedure. One week later the official annual council meeting was carried out promptly and smoothly. Mr. Charles Ferguson and Mr. Mitchell Shore were duly elected to fill expired positions on the Board of Elders. Mr. Robert Bush was elected to the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Russell Gatewood who had served faithfully and conscientiously as our church treasurer for two years found it necessary to refuse a third term. She has been replaced by Mr. Walter Hewett.

The combined boards have been carefully studying and formulating plans for the building of a new parsonage.

The major features of the fall program will include the following activities: Home Coming Day on September 28, a two-week visitation campaign, a week of evangelistic services with the Rev. I. Howard Chadwick as speaker, and a family night service consisting of a fellowship supper, games and worship.

The pastor recently presented the urgent need for a new Sunday school hymn book and promptly received sufficient pledges to purchase 125.

At the Children's Festival we substituted chocolate milk and sugar cake for the traditional coffee and bun. Children rendered special music and the service was appropriately climaxed with a movie portraying the place of Christianity between father and son.

Egbert G. Lineback.

CALVARY

A series of outdoor vespers were held this summer centering in the theme, "Highways to Happiness," as pointed out in the Beatitudes. The largest attendance was above 90 with only one night of poor attendance. Both Moravian and "gospel" hymns were used accompanied by the band. A stained glass picture window lighted from within provided the worship center. Visitors were in frequent attendance, giving us a chance to attract outsiders to our services. Neighbors on nearby porches reported that they could hear every word. A porch

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FREEMAN AND GRIFTON

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ministry is contrasted here with a drive-in-parking ministry.

Mrs. Lillian Flynn’s circle of the Women of the Church enjoyed a supper when “talent items” were handed out for resale as a money making project for the group. Mrs. Flynn brought the evidence of success in this pytest fund raising in donating $60.00 she had personally made. Mrs. J. M. Brown reported on several mission projects for which the present and future earnings could be spent. She noted that the Nicaraguan mission need a horse costing exactly $60.00. The circle voted to buy the horse, with the suggestion that it be named “John” for the pastor or “Lillian” for the circle leader.

The young people continued union summer meetings with the uptown churches, rotating to the various places for their meetings. Our attendance compared favorably with that of the larger churches. William McElveen, Moravian ministerial student at Davidson, spoke to the group on one of the evenings when our group had the program. The entire group participated in a nature program held on our vesper site. The birds sang and the squirrels cut nuts nearby during the service. Thirty young people attended conference this summer, eight juniors, eight intermediates and fourteen seniors. The seniors had members from three other denominations attend with them, pushing the total to seventeen. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Conrad have been responsible for this good work.

Elected to the Boards for the new term are: Mr. J. I. Shore and W. W. Conrad, Elders; Mr. W. E. Shore and Mr. J. Mock Doub, Sr., Trustees; Mrs. W. J. Dixon, Christian Education. Supplying the pulpit during August were: Dr. Francis Anscombe, the Rev. George G. Higgins, Seminary Graduate Christian Weber, and Bishop Howard E. Rondthalter.

JOHN W. FULTON

ENTERPRISE

During the summer months our Sunday school average was near one hundred. This is remarkable since our enrollment is one hundred nine.

Several outings were held by the different classes of the church. The intermediates and ladies Bible class used the facilities of Reynolds Park, and the men of the church gave the women a hamburger supper at Gordon’s Grove.

Groundwork for our Summer Revival was laid by making use of cottage prayer meetings. These were well attended and a good spirit prevailed. Subsequently, on August 10, our revival was begun with a lovefeast. The following Sunday it was closed with the observance of Holy Communion. Prior to the observance of the Sacrament Al Montemurro was received into our fellowship.

The annual meeting of the congregation council was held July 27. Joe Yarborough, George Tesh and Fred Fishel were re-elected as Elders of the church.

Various groups have generously given permanent furnishings for the different rooms of the parsonage.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

FAIRVIEW

Under the supervision of Seminary Student Glenn Craver and with the capable assistance of Mrs. W. W. Baynes, Jr. and a splendid staff of teachers, the Bible School, held July 7-18, was eminently successful in spite of the unfavorable time in which it was conducted. The enrollment of 86 was considered exceptionally high for this particular time of the summer.

The women of the Church oversubscribed the budget of the last fiscal year and had a balance large enough to cover the installation of venetian blinds in the parsonage. This same group has now plunged enthusiastically into the activities of a new fiscal year, and is already manifesting renewed and increasing zeal and energy. Officers directing this group for the new fiscal year are: President, Mrs. J. B. Snyder; Vice-President, Mrs. Paul L. Barnes; Secretary, Mrs. Sam R. Minor; Treasurer, Mrs. L. S. Steyns, Sr.; Chaplain, Mrs. J. B. Snyder, Jr.

Guest speaker for the July meeting of the Missionary chapter was Winston-Salem Journal reporter Bill Woestendieck who told of his efforts to provide clothing and other needed items for impoverished Koreans during his sojourn in that country as a Lieutenant of the United States Army. Hosts for this meeting were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Foster.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Miller, Jr., upon the birth of their second daughter, Paula Elizabeth, and to Commander and Mrs. Jerry Hol­land on the birth of their second daughter, Kathryn Anne.

The congregation and pastor are deeply indebted to Seminary Graduates Christian Weber and William Marshall for their able assistance in supplying the Fairview pulpit during the pastor’s absence in June and August.

HOWARD CHADWICK

FRIES MEMORIAL

Daily Vacation Bible School in July was exceptional in the high average of attendance in comparision with total enrollment. Bro. Christian Weber rendered excellent service as director of the school. Our teachers did outstanding service in their faithfulness and regularity, sometimes in the face of difficulty of transportation and distance.

Our Women of the Church group has gone forward with its organization for the coming year and is now in the midst of a program of enlargement and consolidation calculated to increase its efficiency.

The new church budget has been subscribed in larger part than in former years, though it is not yet completely covered by pledges. The year 1951-1952 was a year for gratitude on our part in that the Lord aided us wonderfully in paying all obligations in full.

On the evening of August 10 we held our Children’s Lovefeast on the east lawn of the church grounds with the Band leading the service and the choir singing special anthems for the occasion. This was the first time in some years that the entire service was held out of doors. Attendance was notably increased and the comfort and beauty of an outdoor service enabled the congregation to combine spiritual and physical resources in worship.

We are grateful to the five children of Br. and Sr. George W. Flynn for the gift of a complete system of recorded tower chimes and bells. These were installed by Br. John W. Petree and dedicated in the morning service of July 20 when Br. H. B. Johnson, pastor of Fries Memorial, in the lifetime of the Flynts brought the service, and with the pastor held the service of dedication.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

PINE CHAPEL

Five new members were added to our roll by Adult Baptism the first Sunday in July. They were Connie Mae Smith, Ancore Stout, Samuel Joseph Willard, Jr., John Thomas Spry, and Billy Gray Troutman. All were young people and we trust will become good workers for the church.

The Vacation Bible School was conducted by
Br. R. T. Troutman. The attendance was very good. A large number received certificates with the gold star. Closing exercises were held August 7.

Regular services were held each Sunday for six weeks by different members of the church doing the preaching: July 20—Br. R. T. Troutman; July 27—Br. H. A. Reynolds; August 3—Br. T. J. Sprinkle; August 10—Br. A. E. Carter; August 17—Bible School with Br. R. T. Troutman and August 24 by Br. Paul Green. All these members of our church and their messages were greatly enjoyed. We thank the boys for relieving the pastor in this way.

JAMES P. CROUCH.

GREENSBORO

Since our last report things have continued to progress here in our happy and working congregation. Our Loyalty Day was a great success and our treasurer, Br. Earl Reddinger, reports that our budget has been subscribed. This is indeed encouraging as we raised the amount of our budget by about three thousand dollars from last year.

The following members have been received since the church year began: Louis L. Lineback, Martha B. Lineback, Willard B. Piper, Mary R. Piper, Sarah Holton Melton, and Betty Murchison Oehman by letter of transfer; Paul Everett Melton by the sacrament of Adult Baptism; and as non-communiants Karen Jean Oehman and Wanda Kay Oehman by the sacrament of Infant Baptism.

We are in a city where our members are transferred at will by their employers! So many have moved away. Recently we "lost" our Sunday school superintendent, Claude Phillips. He moved to Winston-Salem and we understand several of our churches are after him. May the best man win! We appreciate the wonderful work Br. Phillips did for us and to show our love to him the members have subscribed. This is indeed encouraging.

Our Christian Education building had its "face" lifted last week. It is quite an improvement and we invite all of you to "come and take a look."

J. CALVIN BARNES.

CHRIST CHURCH

The past two months have been filled with new hope for the future of our church. On July 30th a Church Council meeting was held with Mr. Alton Pfaff presiding, with the decision to enlarge our Sunday school classrooms, and to redecorate our auditorium. God willing we hope to see this improvement completed in the near future.

On August 17th Communion found a good attendance at our Lord’s Table with Dr. Edmund Schwarze administering the Holy Sacrament. The Children’s Festival at 4:30 on August 17 was also a great inspiring service for our young people. Dr. Schwarze was our guest speaker for the evening.

Our church being without a pastor we are grateful for the following ministers who have rendered willing and faithful service during the months of July and August: Dr. Edmund Schwarze, Wm. T. Marshall of Leaksville; Raymond T. Troutman; Dr. Francis Anson; and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Phillips.

BETHESDA

Our Fifty-fifth Anniversary was observed on the second Sunday of July by gathering around the Lord’s table for Holy Communion, with Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl presiding, assisted by the pastor. The following persons were received into church membership: Miss Lou Ella Redman, Mrs. Mary Wilma Harpe, Mr. Roy E. Burke, Mr. Alvin Cundiff, Troy David Foster, and Travis Lindsey Foster by Adult Baptism; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Redman, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. H. E. May, Sr., Mrs. Roy E. Burke, Mrs. Alvin Cundiff, and Mr. J. Gibson Hicks, by letter of transfer.

After the communion service the congregation moved to the beautiful grove of Br. and Sr. G. C. Jarvis where a delicious picnic lunch was enjoyed by all. Bishop Pfohl brought a most challenging message and the service was ended by praising God for the wonderful part on the parsonage fund which amounted to over a thousand dollars.

The annual congregation council was held at which time J. L. Jones, H. D. Miller, C. V. Everhart, W. M. Ingpool, J. E. Harpe, Jr., and F. P. Shutt were elected as committee men. Report from the church treasurer, Miss Mabel Jarvis, was received and she was unanimously voted to continue her service for another year.

The Bible school this summer was a success. Assisting the pastor were the following leaders: Mrs. Priscilla Taylor, Mrs. W. A. Jarvis, Mrs. Henry Bailey, Mrs. Cleo Ruark, Mrs. Paul Sappenfield, and Miss Lou Ella Redman.

Two of our young people, Mary Jones and Carolyn Jarvis, represented our church at the Intermediate Conference at Camp Hanes.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Faircloth, who were united in marriage by the pastor in our church August 23.

ARCHIE W. JONES.

FRIEDBERG

The outstanding business of the annual Church Council was the election of new members to the official boards. Chosen as Elders for a three-year term were: E. L. Lineback, Clyde Fishel, and Clarence Livingston. Trustees newly-elected are: A. A. Foltz, W. J. Fishel, Emory Foltz, and J. A. Miller. These brethren replace Elders Carl Reich, Sr., S. H. Fishel, Jr., and Russell Kimel; and Trustees C. A. Myers, G. B. Zimmerman, Arnold Miller, and E. R. Essick.

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August Festival and the Children's Lovefeast exceeded the 300 mark. We are happy to have received into our fellowship at this latter service Mrs. Charles Payne, Jr., and the brethren Ray Pfaff and Travis Haynes.

Our Young People, working under the sponsorship of Mr. and Mrs. James Dickerson, and with the cooperation of members of the Woman's Auxiliary, served a delectable fried chicken supper to almost 200 of our members and friends. The proceeds from this effort were applied to our Youth Conference Fund. Five of our Juniors and eleven Intermediates were at Camp Hanes this year. However, only two of our seniors were able to leave their jobs and be present at Transylvania.

Friedberg's infant population continues to increase. Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Younts, who now have a second daughter.

Sincere thanks to the Brn. Clyde Davis and Clyde Barber for their capable supply ministry while the pastor was attending the Massanetta Springs Bible Conference and the Moravian Ministers' Convocation.

C. TRUETT CHADWICK.

ADVENT

Now that our building and renovating program is completed we are in the process of assigning the various classes of the Beginners and Primary Departments to their rooms. Hereafter these two groups will have separate assemblies. That meant two large assembly rooms for each and another piano. For their class sessions they will have three classrooms each.

We are also in the midst of an effort to divide the 50 members of the Cradle Roll into two groups. We will make this division on the basis of those who are old enough to learn and those who are not.

Our newly arranged kitchen with a new double sink and beautiful cabinets makes its appeal to the women of the congregation.

The Children's Lovefeast was an inspiring and helpful service. Br. J. Taylor Leflin, pastor of the Moravia congregation, brought a challenging message to children, young people and adults. We were happy to have hosts to approximately 40 Moravia members who accompanied the pastor to Advent. Together they contributed to the service by singing an inspiring hymn. After the service many of our people and the visitors looked over the fine new classrooms of our church.

One of the recent projects that has flourished here is our band. We have two groups: a Beginners band and an Advanced band which are directed by C. Vestal Whitt. On Sunday, September 7, both groups made official debuts. The Beginners Band played several chorals in the opening program of the Sunday school, and the Advanced Band, assisted by several musicians from New Philadelphia and Pine Chapel, played a half hour of chorals prior to the Children's Lovefeast.

VERNON E. DAETWYLER.

KONNOAK HILLS

By the time of publication of this report it is hoped our pipe organ will have been installed. Intensive work has gone into this project the entire summer. We are happy that some of our own men, Mr. Charlie Hicks and Mr. Clarence Day, were able to assist in the preparing and connecting of necessary piping from the blower-motor to the organ chamber. Their sheet-metal work experience proved most valuable. We are indebted, also, to Mr. Robert Fohler for enlisting the services of these men, and to his son, Larry, for being a general "handyman" on the job. On Labor Day (what an appropriate time for work!) the above-mentioned were assisted in the final installation of the pipe organ by the following: Messrs. H. L. Covington, Arnold Rannie, and Ralph Kelly. As can well be imagined, we're anxiously awaiting the first tones to come through, for the organ has been in our possession since 1950.

Rally Day in our Sunday school was observed September 28. We had the traditional department exercises, promotion, and a special address by the Rev. John Fulton which "keynoted" us for the year. At the morning worship hour special recognition was given our Sunday school teachers and officers.

Although a bit delayed for this report, it's still big news for Konnoak Hills in that the launching of a parsonage drive was officially approved at a Council meeting held on August 10.

JOHN GOSERUD.

PROVIDENCE

We were glad to have two ministerial students supply the pulpit on two different occasions. Br. George Chidie brought the message the first Sunday in July and Br. Lewis Swaim occupied the pulpit in the absence of the pastor the fourth Sunday of the same month.

A successful daily vacation Bible school under the direction of Br. R. T. Troutman, theological student, was held for two weeks in July. Br. Troutman was assisted by Miss Betty Claire Warren and a number of local church members. A fine program was presented the closing night.

The young married people's class sponsored a successful old fashioned lawn supper to raise money for the parsonage building fund.

The parsonage has been completed with the exception of sowing grass and planting shrubbery. The cost will be approximately $13,500 when everything is complete. Aside from the $2,500 expected from the Building and Expansion Program, only about $1,500 is yet needed to pay for it. A committee has been appointed to try to raise that amount immediately. D. R. Grubbs, contractor, has done a splendid job. The people of Providence should be congratulated on what they have done.

JOHN H. KAPP.

MIZPAH

On the eve of July 4 an encouragingly large group gathered for the closing exercises of our Daily Vacation Bible School, which brought out an average attendance of around 45 scholars and 12 workers. Br. George Chidie served as general superintend­ent, assisted by the pastor. Miss Cora Bowen had charge of the Intermediate Department, Mrs. Wallace Joyce of the Junior Department, Mrs. Burton Winfrey of the Primary Department, and Mrs. James Speas of the Beginners Department.

In addition to these teachers, many others helped with handwork, recreation, and the serving of refreshments which were generously provided each day by various ladies of the congregation.

At the annual Church Council, held on the second Sunday in July, satisfactory reports from the church and Sunday school treasurers were presented; and two brethren were elected to the Church Board, namely Joe E. Talley and Arthur Alec Hel­sabeck.

The first Saturday night in August found the Women's Auxiliary ready and willing to distribute delicious picnic dinners to all comers. Threatening clouds unleashed two moderate and short-lived showers on our guests, who scurried under the trees and inside the church till they stopped. But the an-
SIX CHURCHES HOLD SIMULTANEOUS REVIVAL

Simultaneous revival services will be held among six of the Moravian churches northwest of Winston-Salem beginning October 19. The services are being sponsored by the Provincial Committee on Evangelism of which the Rev. William A. Kaltreider is the chairman.

Participating churches and the evangelists are: Bethabara, The Rev. Vernon E. Daetwyler and the Rev. W. Norwood Green; King, the Rev. G. Edward Brewer; Mizpah, the Rev. Paul A. Snider; Olivet, the Rev. Egbert G. Leinbach; Providence, Br. J. Taylor Loftin; and Rural Hall, the Rev. Henry A. Lewis.

In preparation for the services, a meeting was held at Rural Hall on September 26 for laymen and women from the cooperating churches who were interested in personal and visitation evangelism. Br. Kaltreider led this group in the discussion of the task and methods of visitation evangelism.

Following this an extensive campaign of visitation is being conducted in each community in preparation for the services. A second meeting of lay workers is planned for Rural Hall on Monday, October 6, at 7:30 P. M.

Moravians in the other churches of the province who are concerned in the task of evangelism are invited to visit among these churches during the week of the services.

DEATHS

Spainhour, Charlie, died July 25, 1952. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Peeler and the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. Interment in Tabernacle Methodist Cemetery. A member of Mizpah Church.

Curran, Mrs. Elma Hege, died August 13, 1952 in Venezuela. A member of the Home Church.

Ledford, Clarence G., died September 1, 1952. Funeral was conducted by Chaplain Skelton and the Rev. James C. Hughes. Interment was in Salem Cemetery. A member of the Home Church.


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Bullard, Lona Kay, daughter of Nathaniel B. and Martha m. n. Carey Bullard. Born August 6, 1944 in Athens, Ga., was baptized August 22, 1952 by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Bullard, Paula Ramona, daughter of Nathaniel B. and Martha m. n. Carey Bullard. Born December 1, 1946 in Athens, Ga., was baptized August 22, 1952 by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Bullard, Denise Yvonne, daughter of Nathaniel G. and Martha m. n. Carey Bullard. Born July 6, 1952 in Athens, Ga., was baptized August 22, 1952 by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


Johnson, Mary Alice, daughter of Paul and Alice Johnson, born March 16, 1952 and baptized July 27, 1952 at Konnoak Hills Church by the Rev. John Goserud.


Hartley, Susan Reid, daughter of Millard and Eula Belle, m. n. Reid"Hartley, born January 27, 1952 in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized August 24, 1952 at Fairview by Howard Chadwick.

Southern, Carolyn Lynn, infant daughter of George and Jo Anne m. n. Long Southern, born June 30, 1952 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized September 7, 1952 in Mizpah Church by the Rev. Walter H. Allen, Jr.

SIX COURSES OFFERED AT TRAINING SCHOOL

The Leadership Training School for Sunday school workers and teachers of the Southern Province is being held this week beginning Monday, September 29. Six courses are being offered at all age levels with classes held in Main Hall of Salem College.

Miss Kate Crowell of the First Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C., is teaching the course for teachers of nursery children; Mrs. W. T. Moore, First Methodist Church, Salisbury, N. C. the course for teachers of Kindergarten children; Miss Elizabeth Jarrett, Director of Children's Work, Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C., the course for teachers of primary children; and Mrs. S. L. Godwin, Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., the course for teachers of juniors.

The course for adults is on the subject, CONSIDER THE BIBLE. The Rev. James J. Heller is the speaker. Dr. Heller is a Bible teacher in our Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pa.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The annual meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society will be at the Home Church on October 12 at 3:00 P.M. Dr. Charles T. Leber, an authority in the field of world missions, will be the speaker.

Music will be provided by the young people's choir of Camp Transylvania under the direction of Paul Peterson. The offering is for the Colegio Moravo in Bluefields, Nicaragua.

EXAMPLE OF KINDNESS

Moravian missions are often the recipients of many kindnesses from non-Moravian friends. The most recent example of this was the courtesy shown by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoff by Mr. George Milliken, president of Intercontinental Shipping Company, Tampa, Florida.

When the Ribots recently returned to Nicaragua, Mr. Milliken graciously sent the mission station wagon, a two wheel trailer and about three tons of organs, used clothes for Indians, personal and professional effects free of change all the way from Tampa to Nicaragua.

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Transylvania Senior Conference

By Johnny Coleman

Beneath the usual laughter and chatter, one could sense a deep desire for a new "mountaintop" experience as 92 young people and 10 faculty members boarded the buses for their senior conference at Camp Transylvania, August 25-31.

The conference, which used as its general theme "Jesus Calls Us," was headed by the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler, dean.

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Looking Glass Falls, Pisgah National Forest

Two Methodists, who gave us a greater insight on practical religion in a world of uncertainty, were added to the camp staff this year.

The Rev. Dwight B. Mullis, pastor of Central Terrace Methodist, taught a course on "Jesus Calls Us to be Victorious Followers." In his talks, Mr. Mullis stressed the importance of one listening to his own conscience, through God, in making decisions for his personal life.

The other Methodist, the Rev. Edward Roy, professor of religion at Brevard College, offered instruction on the importance of being true Christian witnesses. He cited several ways of present-day evangelism as means of letting our "light so shine before men.""

A popular feature of the camp was the course, "Jesus Calls Us to Be True Worshippers," led by Mr. Paul Peterson. In his class, which was composed of the camp choir, Mr. Peterson urged us to use our talents to further the music of our church.

The elective course for those not in the choir was taught this year by the Rev. George G. Higginbotham, pastor of First Methodist Church in Asheville. His class, which was composed of the camp choir, Mr. Peterson urged us to use our talents to further the music of our church.

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With a rich spiritual tone, Mr. Daetwyler led in the annual consecration service. The "Spirit of the Living God" graciously fell afresh on us, as at Camp Hope, New Jersey, and colored slides of our church in the world we saw an interesting "tour" of the Northern Province. Roger Kimball, who was one of our delegates to the American Moravian Youth Fellowship meeting this summer at Camp Chelek, gave a review of the work planned by that organization for the next two years.

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New Springplace, Last Cherokee Mission, Visited

By William A. Kaltreider

What began for us as a vacation trip to Texas, and possibly to Mexico, ended finally in a hunt for old Moravian mission stations in Indian Territory.

**BRAIN WAVE**

It was while driving through the cool of the Ozarks in Arkansas to escape the Texas heat wave that Mrs. Kaltreider and I decided to make the search for existing remains of Moravian Indian mission work. Sadly ignorant of the history of the work, we were greatly handicapped in our quest.

... “We had not sought in vain”

However, advice of local citizens along the way led us to the office of Indian Affairs in the Federal Building, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and to the Courthouse in Jay, the County Seat of Delaware County. Information gained in this way set us on the trail. After a search of almost a day, we found the historical marker about three miles west of Kansas, Oklahoma, on State Highway 33 which satisfied us that we had not sought in vain. A drive of three miles south on an unpaved road brought us to the site of New Springplace.

**STRANGE COINCIDENCE**

It was indeed a strange coincidence that while the George Higgins family felt the urge to visit Springplace, Georgia, on August 12, Mrs. Kaltreider and I spent the night at New Springplace, Oklahoma, just seven days later, neither one knowing of the other’s plans. Thus has come to life again a story of Moravian mission work that should never be allowed to die.

New Springplace, founded in 1842, and named for Springplace, was one of the missions established by the Southern Province to revive the work among the Cherokee Indians who had been transferred west of the Mississippi. It is now a flourishing mission of the Danish Lutheran Church, its members still for the most part full-blooded Indians.

Mrs. Kaltreider and I received an immediate and cordial welcome at this station on the afternoon of August 19. The mention of that magic word, Moravian, was the “Open Sesame!” to full hospitality among total strangers. We soon realized why such an open welcome had been extended to us. Repeatedly the Vammens, in charge of the work since 1924, expressed their great appreciation of the good foundation laid by the Moravians.

**MODERN EXPANSION**

Oaks Mission, as the work is now called, on a site one-fourth mile from the New Springplace location, constitutes a small village in itself. There is the large new church, an army chapel and the old church in L-formation, beautifully stone-veneered and seating about 400. There is an orphanage with three fine brick buildings, arranged in a quadrangle, for fifty Indian children. The day school accommodates 300 and operates like an up-to-date country school complete with buses, cafeteria, home economics department and gymnasium. The boys basketball team boasts of 34 straight wins. All has been financed by the Mission Board of the Danish Lutheran Synod and is served by two full-time workers. Rev. S. S. Kal- dah, known to some of our Green Bay Moravians, is pastor of the church, while Rev. C. A. Vammen is superintendent of the orphanage and mission school. The two dwellings for the ministers, the stores and filling station growing up at such a center of activity give the mission the aspect of a small village with its own post office, Oaks, Oklahoma. Thus the work has grown since 1902 when New Springplace with thirty-four members was transferred to the Luthernes.

**ORPHANAGE AND SCHOOL**

It was our privilege to enjoy supper at the orphanage and to address the children, to spend the night with the Vammens, and to address the opening of the public school on Wednesday, August 20. Br. Vammen spoke there of the beginnings at New Springplace and paid tribute to the valuable work of the Moravians. Older people present for the opening exercises directed us to sites of other former Moravian stations but our time was limited and we could not visit them on this trip.

**GRAVESTONE HISTORY**

A short walk past the school gym on the old military road to its junction with Spring Creek brought us to the site of New Springplace, now identified only by the graveyard, fortunately well kept because of the Indians’ great emphasis on Memorial Day each May. Here were found familiar names—Vogler, Spaug, Rights, Friedberg, Salem—an evidence of Southern contribution to the mission cause.

Arranged according to the traditional Moravian choir system, with recumbent stones, the few Moravian graves there told the usual Moravian mission story of heroism and sacrifice. Young brides, three of them, of the tender age of twenty-three, brought low by the dread fever just a few months after reaching the mission field. Heartbreak as missionaries on this lonely outpost laid to rest infant babies recently carried in arms from far-off Salem. The shallow grave of James Ward, Jr., dated 1862, was dug by a missionary wife and her young son. Here was the story of martyrdom, recalling the massacre of a faithful mission teacher by guerilla warriors called Bushwhackers.

**THE CIVIL WAR**

This last mentioned grave stands as mute evidence of how the Indian work was hindered and almost destroyed by the Civil War. The battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, most important engagement west of the Mississippi, was fought in March, 1862, just forty-five miles to the northeast, leaving the whole section in the hands of Union forces. It was only a matter of time until in September and October of the same year Union sympathizers forced the removal of workers from all our stations in Indian Territory.

**Chimney: “Last material remembrance”**

Standing at the entrance of the graveyard, looking across these hallowed graves, Br. Vammen pointed to thick forest covering the former site of numerous mission buildings that were once New Springplace. Greatly cherishing the Moravian tradition and wishing not to let New Springplace pass completely into oblivion, Br. Vammen took the last remaining stones of the church foundation and built them into a chimney in his own dwelling. The upper half of that chimney is the last material remembrance of the former glory of a great work.

The spiritual fruit, of course, remains, for it continues still in the hearts and lives of the people of Oaks Mission who are the grandchildren of the Moravians of New Springplace.
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Provincial Announcements

PROVINCIAL ELDERS CONFERENCE

The Rev. John H. Johansen, S.T.M., pastor of the Green Bay, East, Moravian Church, in Wisconsin, has accepted the call to the pastorate of Bethlehem, Penna., that decision has been reached to design and equipped for the service and completion, but a Christian Education Building wick for teaching and

William Park, president of the fellowship, will preside. Sale of tickets is being directed by Mr. Bruce Plowman, corresponding secretary.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The annual Leadership Training School for the province was held at Salem College during Christian Education Week which began September 28. The school was attended by 183 workers from 31 of our churches and Sunday schools. In all six courses were offered for all age levels.

An outstanding feature of this year's school was the introduction to the Southern Province of Professor James J. Heller of our Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Br. Heller taught the large class for adults on "Consider the Bible".

While he was in the South, Br. Heller also addressed the Ministers' Conference and spoke at the Observance for the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible at Rural Hall on Tuesday, September 30. He made a deep impression upon all who heard him and the Board of Christian Education is grateful to him and the Seminary which made him available for this service.

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Aggressive Evangelism Is Primary Task Of Church

By C. Truett Chadwick

In recent years Moravians in America have come to the realization that the Moravian Church has departed from the path of aggressive evangelism its fathers trod, and that it is if it is to justify its existence as a distinct denomination, it must hark back to earlier days and endeavor to recapture the cause of Christ throughout existence as a distinct denomination, it must hark filled with the spirit of Jesus Christ and engaged in aggressive evangelism has a definite contribution to make both to church extension and to the cause of Christ throughout all the world.

However, a thorough-going revival within the Moravian Church must be preceded by a series of conditions, the first being an earnest desire in the hearts of all members for a return to evangelism. Initial responsibility in this respect rests with the ministers. The minister is the leader of his people, and if there is to be any evangelistic action, it must begin with him. The chief obligation of the minister as a preacher is to present evangelism is not an added task of the Church. Furthermore, the ministers must consider it their duty to impress upon their people the fact that the minister is the leader of his people, and if there is to be any evangelistic action, it must begin with him. The chief obligation of the minister as a preacher is to present Christ as Saviour and Lord and appeal to the people to accept Him as such. The Reverend Ernest S. Hagen encourages his minister with the following words: "Let us cut out of our preaching so much of what is not the point, and is foreign to our business as ambassadors for Christ, and get down to the real, solemn, and urgent business of our ministry, that of lifting up Jesus Christ as the one and only Saviour of sinners, and seek to persuade them to accept Him." Furthermore, the ministers must consider it their duty to impress upon their people the fact that evangelism is not an added task of the Church. It is, without question, the primary task of the Church and of Christians. Evangelism occupied first place in the work of the Master, first place in the work of the ministers at Herrnhut, and so it must come first in the aggressive activities of Moravians today. To fail short in this endeavor is to sin against both God and fellowman.

If such a revival is to come, it must not only be earnestly desired, but fervently prayed for. As previously indicated, the chief contributing factor in the Herrnhut experience in 1727 was the prayers of the members. Indeed, diligent and important prayer has always preceded revivals. This fact is borne out not only by Moravian History, but by the history of the Apostles and the accounts of the recent Welsh and Korean revivals as well. In like manner, a revival in the present-day Moravian Church must be preceded by the ardent, effectual prayers of ministers and members. Moravians must fall on their knees before God, crying out with the prophet of Israel, "... O Lord, ... renew our days as of old." Prayer should be made without ceasing for forgiveness, spiritual quickening, the coming of God's Kingdom, and the doing of His will on earth as it is done in heaven.

Simultaneous with prayer, however, there must also be manifested in the lives of Moravians a spirit of rededication and renewed allegiance to Christ as Lord and Master. The early Moravian Brethren, as did the disciples of Christ, gave Him their all—without reservation. Realizing their own weaknesses and Incapabilities, they surrendered their lives unconditionally to His will, following wherever He led and depending on Him alone in every circumstance and situation of life. In this complete and unqualified dedication of self, this personal experience of salvation, the Moravian fathers received the boldness and power which carried their testimony throughout the world. A similar sense of sincere personal dedication and unre­ served trust and devotion in the hearts of individual members is utterly indispensable to a revived Moravian Church in the twentieth century.

The consequence of these specific conditions, once they are faithfully fulfilled, is inevitable. The long awaited revival will be at hand, and the baptism with the Holy Spirit will once more fall upon true Moravians, enlivening them with power from on high to go throughout the world proclaiming to all men everywhere the message of Jesus Christ and His ability to save to the uttermost. The smoldering embers which were once the glorious fire at Herrnhut will blaze again in all their former splendor, and the prayer for a revival of those spiritual experiences which gave us such power two hundred years ago will be fully answered.

The world has seen once what the Lord can do with a truly consecrated Church. It remains for Moravians today to cry mightily unto God, that He might arise and maintain His own cause in their midst, that by the grace of God, the Moravian Church may once again be that church.

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Is Alaskan Base Of Operation

By James P. Dittmer

Many of our Moravians back home are very much interested in our mission station at Clarks Point in the Bristol Bay area. Many are the questions which arise in their minds as they read about the work which has been started there. In this article, therefore, we shall attempt to answer some of these questions.

For a number of years the Alaska Provincial Board realized the desirability and the need for a base in the Bristol Bay area because our Eskimo villages there such as Togiah, Manokutan, and

Japhel and Carrie Anvil: Br. Anvil will be evangelist-teacher at the village of Togiah, one of the outstations of Clarks' Point

Aleknagik were far too removed from the Kuskokwim to be adequately ministered to from Bethel. Then during the last war the canneries in Bristol Bay began to use our Moravian Eskimos from the various villages on the Kuskokwim to can the salmon every summer. This practice is being continued today. The canneries found our people to be good efficient workers and less prone to cause trouble than those who had been employed formerly from the states. With many of our people there during the summer months, the board decided to send a man over there every summer during the canning season to act as the canny chaplain.

Finally in view of the growing needs and in view of the fact that some of our members from the Kuskokwim had moved to various places in that area with no contact with our church at all, it was decided that a station should be opened somewhere in Bristol Bay.

Dillingham Not Chosen

Several places were considered. Dillingham would have been the logical place for a base because it is the center of business for all of these villages. It is very similar to Bethel in this respect. Dillingham was not chosen, however, because this small village of five or six hundred people already had four churches to support. Clarks Point about twelve miles further down river had no church building at all and while many of the people claimed baptism by either the Russian Orthodox or the Roman Catholic church their spiritual needs were never met and therefore many of them did not at first, but gradually the priests brought so much pressure to bear on them that many of them did stop coming.

A Base Of Operation

Our field is therefore very limited in the village of Clarks Point itself, but the Clarks Point missionary does not limit himself to Clarks Point, but rather, using Clarks Point as a base, reaches out from there to the many camps, canneries, and villages which are scattered throughout this area, and also to the Kanakanak hospital which serves our people both from the Kuskokwim and the Bristol Bay area.

There is a reason, of course, why our people are scattered. Many of these folks during the summer months earn a part of their living in connection with the salmon industry. The remainder of their income is obtained either through hunting and trapping or through other employment where ever it can be obtained at the time. It is definitely to their advantage to be greatly scattered in connection with their hunting and trapping as game and fur are limited and therefore the further they are removed from other hunters and trappers the better are their opportunities for making a fair income. Those who seek employment will find that their employer and place of employment will vary from year to year.

Many of the people have been employed by various government agencies, to build hospitals, air fields, radar stations, roads and other similar projects. Some of them have even been employed by companies as far away as the Alaska Railroad.

People On The Move

At Clarks Point we have almost an entirely different congregation during the summer from what we have during the winter. When the salmon fishing begins some of our people move out of the village to their set-netting sites. There they remain until the fishing season closes. Others are employed in the canneries and frequently are not able to attend services. However, we do have a full church every Sunday during this time as there are usually enough people from among the cannery workers from other places who may be free at that time. So while we are not able to give the bread of life to our own people always we do have the opportunity of giving it to Moravians from the Kuskokwim and to others from many different denominations who have come to work there for the summer.

During our furlough, the work at Clarks' Point will be carried forward by Br. Winton Schwanke. Br. Schwanke reached his station on August 22. He will find the people there very friendly and helpful, yet he will miss the help of trained and experienced workers. Word has just been received that he has already made, accompanied by Superintendent Drebert, a communion trip to Aleknagik.

Br. Anvil To Togiak

A step forward in strengthening the work in this district was made this fall. This was the sending to nearby Togiak a lay pastor and teacher, Br. Japhet Anvil. He has a commission from the Alaska Native Service to teach school. They have not had school there until now. He is not a trained teacher by any means, but the A.N.S. has come to realize that a little education is better than none. The children would learn to speak English and to read and write. So there would be that much of a beginning toward the time when they can erect regular schools and man them with regular teachers.

The work at Clarks' Point and the vicinity holds out a challenge to us who minister here and therefore we ask you to help us daily with your prayers that our strength and courage do not fail us as we minister to this needy field.
**MOVEMENTS OF OUR MISSIONARIES**

We are happy to report that a new recruit has reached the field in recent weeks. Lorraine Sampert, R. N., arrived by plane in Brus, Honduras, on August 16. After a month of language study there she is to proceed to the clinic at Butukauas, her permanent station. At the same time Lenore Forbes, R. N., will move to Kaurkira to share with Martha Housman in the medical work of that large town, Wisconsin. Both mother and baby are in excellent health.

**OFFICIAL RECOGNITION.**

Dr. Samuel Marx has now received his license. On September 5 he wrote from the capital of Honduras as follows: “With thankful heart I am able to report that yesterday afternoon the Minister of Education signed the “Acuerdo de la incorporación,” the official document admitting me to the practice of medicine in Honduras. It was more than a week ago that the Faculty of Medicine held the official hearing for my thesis and passed it.”

**CONTACT BY RADIO.**

With the help of the Mission Aviation Fellowship three radio transmitting and receiving sets have been installed at Brus, Kaurkira, and Butukauas. This enables our missionaries, who are in charge of these stations, to talk to each other at least twice daily. Those problems can be discussed and solved in a few minutes which otherwise might take weeks or months to decide.

**REVIVAL AT AUAS.**

Dr. Samuel Marx writes on August 16: “Recently there have been a good number of conversions in Auas, young people turning to the Lord and old folks coming back. On three different Sundays there has been a total of over fifty who stayed after church to speak with the native workers and myself about their soul’s salvation. We are very thankful for this evidence of the Lord’s Spirit among us.”

**ALUMINUM COVERS THE ROOF.**

As a safety measure against fire hazards the roof of the girl’s dormitory at the Children’s Home has at last been covered with aluminum. The job was twice interrupted; once by the workmen going moose hunting, the second time by the supply of roofing running out. To secure additional material of this kind is a real problem at so remote a spot.

**SPEAKING OF ROOFS.**

In quite another part of this hemisphere, in Nicaragua, the Puerto Cabezas congregation has voted to build a garage so as to raise a roof over the new station wagon which many friends united to supply for the use of the Rev. Robert A. Lobst in his extended work.

**CHILDREN’S DAY IN BLUEFIELDS.**

A joint letter from Clara Dahle, Thelma Good, and Elizabeth Marx reports the following items: "Children’s Day was celebrated last Sunday, a week early so that the Kortzs could be here for the occasion. It was the largest turn-out in years. There were 931 in the Sunday Schools and the church was crowded for all services. The Sunday School in Old Bank Hall has been making rapid strides, having grown from 60 to 130. The visit of Ed and Peg Kortz to Bluefields in recent weeks was a joy and inspiration to the staff no less than to the people.”

**QUEENS IN AFRICA.**

From the Danish MISSIONSBLAD we glean the information that it is not an unusual thing to find a woman ruling a tribe or nation in Africa. The annual report from Upoke, Unyamwesi, East Central Africa, included the statement that the district in which Upoke lies is governed by a ruler who is both feminine and a Mohammedan. In Unyamwesi there are several tribes which are governed by women. These rulers have been elected by the members of the tribe because the former ruler had no male offspring to succeed him, or because one of his daughters proved herself to be superior to her brothers. The British government endorses the choice of the tribe and recognizes the chosen one as ruler. The ruler is a sort of official serving under the British government. He, or she, is responsible for the collection of taxes, serves as judge in lesser affairs while domiciled in a special courthouse, and among other duties must supervise the maintenance of roads and schools.

Some of the queens in Unyamwesi are Mohamm edans, which is so different from the Southern Highlands, where several queens are Christians, and others are heathen. In Unyamwesi heathen queens are to be found, although most of them are Mohammedans in name only.

In 1949 a party visiting our missions in Africa stayed overnight in the royal city Igalula which is west of Sikonge, sleeping in the open courthouse, which had been placed at their disposal. The party was also received in audience by the aged and decrepit queen. It was obvious that she was a heathen, for right near her house stood eleven cottages as dwellings for the spirits of her deceased ancestors. The skulls of lions hung from high poles, as did likewise some immense white snail shells, and most prominent of all was there a small chair of pine wood for the use of the chief of the departed spirits.

A queen must, according to law remain unmarried, but she is surrounded by a flock of male counsellors.

HERBERT B. JOHNSON
REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

TRINITY

The Brotherhood of Trinity Church invited to a supper members of Trinity who have entered the ministry. The supper was served on the evening of September 4. Wives of Brotherhood members also attended.

President Sanford R. Mendenhall of the Brotherhood welcomed the honor guests. Dr. Herbert Spaugh, of Charlotte, the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch, of Immanuel, the Rev. James P. Crouch, of Pine Chapel, the Rev. K. Edwin Russell, of Bethabara, and Wachovia Arbor, the Rev. Paul A. Snider, of Mount Bethel, Willow Hill, and Crooked Oak.

A student entering the seminary this year, Burton Rights, was present; another candidate for the ministry, student Sam Vaughn, had not returned from his vacation work on a ranch in Colorado.

The pastor of Trinity presided at an informal session following the supper; all ministers responded with brief remarks.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS

RURAL HALL

Some Moravian history was recalled during the month of August as the August 13 festival was observed with a communion service on August 3. The events leading up to August 13 were recalled in the service. Recognition of the Children’s Festival was made on August 17 with a message on its significance.

Work on the parsonage has steadily gone forward. Volunteer labor has been given on part of the wiring, painting, and insulating. Construction was held up for a while because some materials had not come but those have since then been supplied.

Br. James Heller spoke at a community Revised Standard Version Bible Observance service held at the Baptist Church on the evening of September 30. A copy of the new translation of the scriptures is to be given to each of the churches in Rural Hall.

The pastor is grateful for the supply service of Br. W. Clyde Davis, who conducted the service on August 10; theological student Lewis Swaim, who was here on September 7; and Br. J. K. McConnell, who supplied on August 31 and September 28.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

KERNERSVILLE

The Open House for our new Christian Education Building has been planned for October 9. We look forward to having many friends with us at that time. While this marks real material progress, the possibilities of spiritual growth and membership increase are already apparent.

A sincere appreciation has been expressed by the congregation for the services of three men, who preached in the pastor’s absence during the summer, the Bros. George Chiddie, William Marshall and Ralph Van Lehn.

The summer conferences brought real blessing to our people. Attending were: Junior Conference, Ann Crawford; Intermediate Conference, Harold Atkins, John Graves, Larry Linville, Joe Ray Ragland, Bartlett Warren and Ronnie Whicker; Senior Conference, Frances Fontaine, Sallie Greenfield, Buddy Phillips and Sarah Vance.

Elected as officers of our Board of Trustees are: chairman, Donald Williard; vice-chairman, Ralph Fagg; secretary, Philip Komor, Jr., and treasurer, E. E. Shore.

Elected as officers of our Young People’s Night Group for the next year are: president, Sarah Vance; vice-president, Jerry Smith; secretary, Gail Phillips; treasurer, Jack Hastings and social committee chairman, Buddy Phillips and Janet Crutchfield.

CLAYTON H. PERSONS

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Thirty-one children enrolled in our week-day school this fall. This made it necessary to add a second teacher, Mrs. W. F. Markussen, who is a graduate of William and Mary. She will teach a first grade section, and Mrs. H. Bryce Parker of W. C. U. N. C. will guide the activities of the kindergarten.

Pulpit guests for the vacation Sundays included Bishop K. C. Pillai of India who presented and oriental view of the scriptures; Christian Weber, recent seminary graduate; and the Rev. George G. Higgins. Rev. E. A. Holton was a guest teacher for the Bona Vista Class and was presented a gift by that group.

The parsonage renovation project has been completed. New overhead beams and ceilings were installed in five of the rooms, the exterior was painted, and the interior was painted and papered. The Faithful Worker’s Class sponsored the purchase of a beautiful set of hand-made drapes for the living room, and Mrs. C. L. Ray donated a lovely hanging mirror.

The installation of a sceptic tank and complete bathroom at the caretaker’s residence have been completed. Circle Four and Mrs. Robert Barber have screened the entire fellowship hall.

A new record was set for a summer service when there were 257 present for the August communion. The Sunday school had its best attendance for 14 years on promotion Sunday when there were 314 present. C. L. Ray was re-elected superintendent of the school with George Furches as assistant. Melvin Shields will serve as secretary and Fred P. Flynt as treasurer.

HENRY A. LEWIS
OAK GROVE

A very successful series of evangelistic services were conducted September 7-14 with Br. G. E. Brewer bringing the challenging messages. We were glad to receive the following into the church Sunday, September 28: Deanne Jane Sell, Gary William Seivers, Salem Waldo Seivers, Jr., and Thomas Berry Seivers by adult baptism; and Mrs. Lizzie S. Matthews by transfer.

The church observed its 65th anniversary Sunday, September 21 with Bishop J. K. Pohl bringing a spiritual sermon in the morning and Br. J. C. Barnes delivering an appropriate address at the afternoon lovefeast. A picnic lunch was enjoyed at the noon hour. We appreciated members of the Fries Memorial band joining our band in the rendition of the traditional chorals. A little over $250 was received for the building indebtedness, bringing the total indebtedness down to approximately $2,600.

The Women of the Church and the board of trustees repainted the interior of the parsonage and the women of the church purchased venetian blinds for the windows. The pastor and his family appreciate very much what has been done. The interior of the parsonage looks beautiful.

Speaking of the Women of the Church, they have been rather active. In addition to the aforementioned work, they sponsored an auction sale at the home of Mrs. N. L. Whicker, and Circle One had a musical program at the church. Several of the women attended the provincial rally at Greensboro.

The young people were host to the young people’s societies of the various denominations in the Walkertown area Sunday evening, August 24. A picnic followed the early evening program. The society also had a hayride on a truck driven by Foy Brewer bringing his pulpit to visit us again.

For the past month the men of the church as well as the women of the church have been working on the graveyard project, which has already beautified the church grounds. Thanks to the ladies who provided lunch for the hungry men.

UNION CROSS

We were happy to receive into our fellowship by Baptism Wilbur James Idol on the occasion of our communion on August 10. We do not have as many of our members joining in this service as we would like to see, only 85 partaking communion with us. We hope that this service will grow.

Our people enjoyed the message Br. Lewis Swaim brought to us on August 17. We hope to have him visit us again.

Thanks to Br. George Higgins for helping us out on September 14, while the pastor was at Oak Grove with Br. Kapp. Our people enjoyed his message very much as they always do.

Our 59th anniversary was on September 21. Communion was at 11:00 o’clock. We welcome Barbara Jean Weavil into the fellowship of the church by Adult Baptism.

At our lovefeast a large group was present at 7:30 to hear Bishop J. Kenneth Pohl bring an inspiring message. It is a real pleasure to have him and Mrs. Pohl to visit us.

G. E. BREWER

CHARLOTTE

During the pastor’s absence on vacation this summer his pulpit was supplied by Br. Christian Snively and Br. George Chiddie. Br. Weber also assisted in leading one of our most successful Daily Vacation Bible Schools from August 11 through 15. New births are: Sharon Rose Spaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Spaugh, Jr., born August 27 in Charlotte; Timothy William George Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Smith, born July 22 in Raleigh; Margaret Susan Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Morris, born July 30 in Charlotte; and Charles Herbert Blythe, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Blythe, born September 90, in Charlotte.

New officers for “The Women of the Church”: Mrs. E. G. Padgett, president; Mrs. T. C. Guerrier, Jr., first vice-president; Mrs. D. F. Caldwell, second vice-president; Mrs. Herbert Thompson, recording secretary; Mrs. Frank Law, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. B. Vaughn, Jr., treasurer; and Mrs. Hugo Heidenreich, Jr., chaplain.

The Junior-Intermediate League was resumed Sunday, September 28. Mr. and Mrs. Rupert McCorcle will be counselors for the leagues which are under the direction of Miss Betty Abernethy and Miss Jerry Long. Miss Abernethy is also forming a carol and chapel choir for the children.

The congregation regrets to see Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Patterson leave for Atlanta where Mr. Patterson has been transferred. Mrs. Patterson has been one of our most faithful workers for many years and will be sorely missed.

Students from this congregation now enrolled in colleges are: Russell Holder, Jr., Duke University; Alter Sandler, the University of South Carolina; Michael Simpson, the University of North Carolina; Miss Carolyn Spaugh, Salem College; and Herbert Spaugh, Jr., the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Earle Spaugh, older son of the pastor, and Miss Rebecca Holton of Belmont, N. C., were united in marriage on September 6 at the First Methodist Church in Belmont. Dr. and Mrs. Spaugh are now living in Chapel Hill where he is a Resident in Pediatrics at the new University of North Carolina Medical School Hospital.

The pastor attended the Moravian Ministers Convention at Camp Hope, N. J., and at Roaring Gap, and at Roaring Gap.

JOHN H. KAPP

HOPE

The pastor did the preaching for the evangelistic services at Hope with encouraging attendance. Mrs. Aaron Jones and Mr. Dean Spaugh led the fellowship at their meetings.

Our ladies have been very busy working toward their goals; that of purchasing pulpit furniture and an improved graveyard. A spirit of real fellowship prevails at their meetings.

For the past month the men of the church as well as the men of the community have been working on the graveyard project, which has already beautified the church grounds. Thanks to the ladies who provided lunch for the hungry men.

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Now that summer is over, our young people are hoping to get off to a big start. This group is undertaking to develop the large wooded space behind our church plant into a beautiful grove that can be used for fellowship purposes as well as for recreation.

ARCHIE W. JONES

CLEMMONS

Again we have had proof of the fact that the "summer slump" is not felt to any great degree in our attendance. August 10 brought our 52nd anniversary services and also the largest communion in the present pastorate when 91 partook of the communion elements. Br. Truett Chadwick brought a challenging message at our lovefeast that night.

New members received during this period were Mr. and Mrs. Artur Bujack who were received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moravian Church in Neugnadenfeldt, Germany and Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. McGee who transferred from the Immanuel congregation.

We have been happy to welcome home Sgt. Richard Hampton after two years of service in the U. S. Army, most of that time being spent in Korea. He has now received his discharge.

The congregation appreciates the services of the Brn. Ralph E. VanLehn and Glenn Craver who supplied the pulpit while the pastor was attending the Massaunetta Bible Conference and the Ministers' Convocation at Camp Hope.

Our Sunday school teachers and officers received a great deal of help and encouragement from their meeting with the Rev. George Higgins and Miss Dorothy Wooten on Sunday evening, September 7. Nine of our teachers and officers have also attended the Leadership Training School at Salem College.

After a lapse of two years our Sunday school picnic was held again this summer, this time at Camp Anikanati. The attendance was not large but those who did come enjoyed the occasion, especially the good food.

The largest women's meeting in the history of our church took place when more than 50 women gathered at the home of Mrs. T. Holt Haywood for the August meeting of the Women of the Church.

F. HERBERT WEBER

Macedonia

Our annual Mission Festival has grown in attendance and interest during the seven years that we have been observing such a day. Each year has shown an increase in the offerings. Our first offering was $140. The offering this year from the four services amounted to $1,112, which will be devoted to home and foreign missions. We were fortunate this year to have real honest to goodness missionaries from Nicaragua and Honduras. Something our people do not often have the opportunity of hearing. The Rev. and Mrs. George A. Heath brought us inspiring messages and information at the morning and night services. The Rev. Edgar A. Holton was our afternoon speaker, using the 6th chapter of Isaiah at his theme. Besides our choir, the Beauchamp sisters, the four girls from Neugnadenfeldt, Germany and Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Wilson, of Union Grove, N. C., sang special numbers for us during the day.

The congregational dinner afforded opportunity for fine fellowship. Our friends from sister churches encouraged us, and the special guests were Br. and Sr. Hugo Mielke, who came a year ago into our church fellowship from Germany, and are now leaving with their eight children for Gladwin, Michigan to engage in farming. The family has been faithful in attendance at the church services and we will miss them.

The pastor enjoyed a profitable and interesting vacation trip to Hope, Ind., visiting relatives and preaching in the old home Moravian Church, Sunday, August 24. The next Sunday was spent with his college mates, the Rev. H. Kant and family and his congregation of Moravians in West Salem, Ill.

Places of interest visited enroute were "The Old Kentucky Home" at Bardstown, the "Birth Cabin" of Abraham Lincoln, at Hodgenville, Ky., Lincoln's Tomb and Home at Springfield, Ill., and Lincoln's New Salem, Ill. Of peculiar interest was the "Abbey of Gethsemani," Trappist Monastery, near Bardstown, Ky. These three hundred priests and monks make it the rule of their life to live in silence. They may get permission to speak when necessary. They live in poverty, although their Abbey Church and Halls do not show much poverty. They never go outside of the walls to teach or preach.

J. G. BRUNER

King

Summer heat seems to keep people away from church rather than set them on fire for the Lord. However, the Holy Spirit moved in our midst the morning of August 17 when we witnessed the anniversary of that epoch-making service at Herrn­hut, Germany, on August 13, 1727.

The pastor was absent from his pulpit for the following two Sundays. We are grateful to Br. George Chiddie and Br. Glenn Craver for the sermons they delivered to the congregation during this period.

We warmly welcome Mrs. J. R. Jones, Jr., to the fellowship of our church. She was received by letter of transfer. However, it is a source of great regret to us that Br. and Sr. Joe E. Stone, Jr., active, capable and faithful servants of church and community for many years, have set up residence in Reidsville, where Br. Stone's business employment now requires his presence. We shall sorely miss their untiring efforts in behalf of all causes.

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in our congregation, especially the Sunday school, of which Br. Stone long served as superintendent.

The Women’s Auxiliary enjoyed an encouraging meeting in August at the home of Mrs. G. E. Stone, with Mrs. Renard Griffin as associate hostess. Plans were laid for a cake and pie sale several weeks later, which proved to be a definite success. The Ladies’ September session, which took place in the home of Mrs. N. G. Goff, with Mrs. Ernest Bysoles as co-hostess, brought forth an interest in further activities for fall programs.

Anderson Booe, Harold Bysoles and Wesley Brown have honored us with worshipful vocal solos during recent Sunday morning services, during which the pastor has been preaching on the Ten Commandments.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

ARDMORE

During the pastor’s absence at the Massanetta Springs Bible Conference, at the Moravian Ministers’ Convocation at Camp Hope, N. J., and while on vacation, the Sunday morning services were conducted by our own brethren: R. E. Foltz, Jr., and Dr. Guy T. Funk, with sermons by Br. William Marshall, recent graduate of our theological seminary, by Br. Lewis Swaim, recent graduate of Moravian College, and by Br. Christian Weber, who graduated from our theological seminary last June and is now doing graduate study in England. To all these brethren we express our hearty thanks for their fine service.

Ardmore is now operating under a unified budget plan, with the local expense budget, and the benevolence budget, the Sunday school budget, and the mortgage reduction schedule all being included in one annual pledge effort. We are looking forward to even more effective work for the Lord under this plan.

As part of this reorganization of the congregation’s structure, a Christian Education Commission has been established, taking the place of the old Sunday school Executive Committee. This new commission will perform additional functions beyond that assigned to the former committee. It is responsible for the whole Youth Fellowship program, for the Vacation Bible School, and any other phases of the educational program of the church. It consists of R. E. Foltz, Jr., chm., J. Kenneth Burge, assistant, L. E. Correll, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. R. Combs, children’s division representative, Miss Sallie Correll, youth division, and R. B. Hurst, adult division, and the pastor, ex-officio.

The local Foreign Missionary Society will hold our annual missionary lovefeast on Sunday night, October 26, with the Rev. Lorenz Adam, a native of our Canadian District and a recent graduate of our theological seminary, as guest speaker.

The new director of our three choirs is Mr. William Waters, teacher of moral music at R. J. Reynolds High School. This marks the first time that we have had the Junior, Chapel, and Senior choirs all under the same director. We are eagerly anticipating the results of Br. Waters’ leadership.

CHARLES B. ADAMS

HOME CHURCH

The fall program resumed its full swing with the second week of September. Youth Fellowship meetings, three youth choirs, the band classes, the scout meetings keep the church buzzing with youthful voices. Women of the Church have helped to keep the doors swinging with their circle meetings, classes and other organizational activity. Men of the Church held their first supper meeting October 16 to add their voices to the list. This occasion brought them as speaker Dr. John R. Hamilton, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Matthews, N. C.

Church Council elected the following brethren to first terms on the boards: Elders—Douglas B. Elam, W. Bruce Pfohl, and Charles V. Vance, Jr.; Trustees—Archie K. Davis and Francis F. Willingham. Nominated to Salem Congregation Council for election to the Central Board of Trustees for first term was Charles N. Siewers. All officials eligible for second term were re-elected.

Young people of the Senior Fellowship presented a program to the congregation on the evening of the 28th in observance of the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. We appreciated their efforts in presenting such a worthy service.

Faculty and students of Salem Academy and Salem College worshipped with us on two Sunday mornings following their respective openings. The latter service marked our observance of Salem College Day. Offerings were received for a Scholarship Aid Fund which will be used by the college to assist Moravian girls in pursuing their education. To date, this offering has totaled almost $900.00, with expectations that more members may yet contribute.

We were grateful for the opportunity of having Dr. Charles T. Leber, speaker for the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society, preach for us at the Morning Worship on October 12. The chance to hear such an outstanding leader on two occasions was doubly appreciated.

Plans have been completed by the Women of the Church for the Provincial Rally on October 30, which will bring to our midst Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton as speaker. This occasion is always a high point of the year in our women’s work, and a full house is anticipated again.

THE REV. JAMES C. HUGHES
DR. R. GORDON SPAUGH

MAYODAN

Our work for August may be covered with a report of our August 13 observance on the second Sunday. Holy Communion in the morning and the lovefeast at night showed highest attendances for these services ever recorded. In the lovefeast, Br. Wm. Cranford, Jr., our special speaker, proved himself equal to the occasion when the lights went out and he continued to speak in total darkness. The experience served to endear him greatly to our people.

Texas in August proved too hot for pastor and wife on their vacation, forcing them instead into the Ozarks of Arkansas and finally into Oklahoma where they enjoyed the thrilling experience of visiting Oaks Lutheran Indian Mission, outgrowth of New Springplace, one of our Moravian stations among the Cherokees. The Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Vammen, now in charge, showed extremely warm Christian hospitality.

Supplying in the pastor’s absence were Brm. C. M. Hedrick and J. K. McConnell, Br. John Richard­ son conducted the three midweek services, mes­sages being delivered by Mr. Norris Griffin, Bap­tist, the Rev. Roy Beard, Episcopal, and the Rev. Ralph Jacks, Methodist. We wish to thank all of these brethren.

September has found our treasury in straitened condition. It was deemed advisable to change from coal to oil heat in the church and extensive re­pairs to the belfry were found necessary. With in­creasing generosity on the part of our members,

we hope soon to meet these and all regular finan­cial commitments. We are grateful to a number of our laymen for helping to install our new heating equipment.

Our fall schedule has begun with encouraging response. The Women of the Church started with an enthusiastic general meeting in September. The Young People’s Society and Junior Christian En­deavor have begun with vigorous life. In addition, a teen age choir, giving us a fourth musical group, has been organized and we look to them for faith­ful work throughout the year.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

HOPEWELL

"The Little Church on the Hill" has buzzed with activity during the months of August and September.

A “Fishermen” group was organized and has been meeting on Saturday night. Their aim is to become proficient at personal evangelism.

The Junior and Intermediate boys and girls who have been meeting on Tuesday are now meeting on Sunday night, Mrs. James Culler and Mrs. Ilra Snyder are their instructors.

The Ladies Bible Class entertained the men with a fellowship supper. Br. James Crouch, our for­mer pastor, was the guest speaker.

The Sunday school held its annual picnic at High Point Lake.

The congregation is looking forward to our fall revival. Br. J. George Bruner is to be our guest evangelist.

Guest speakers for September were Br. George Higgins and James Culler, a layman of our church.

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Salem Congregation, an organization comprising the eleven Moravian Churches within the city of Winston-Salem, met in its annual council at the Home Church on Tuesday, October 14. A highlight of that meeting was the informative report of the Board of Trustees.

ON A BUDGET SYSTEM

In its financial affairs, the Salem Congregation operates on a budget system, much like that of a local church. In its budget it supports the joint enterprises of the Congregation as well as assisting the church extension effort of the province. Appropriations for the year ending June 30 were listed as these:

- Moravian Archives .................................... 746.99
- Moravian Church Home .................................. 278.84
- Easter Morning Service .................................. 924.39
- Salem Congregation Lovefeasts .......................... 86.20
- Graveyard Maintenance .................................. 3,877.89
- Salem Moravian Band .................................... 100.00
- Church Aid and Extension Board ......................... 800.00
- Konnoak Hills Moravian Church ......................... 800.00
- St. Philips Moravian Church ............................. 460.00
- For Graveyard Improvements ............................. 1,000.00

Total ......................................................... 9,074.31

The investments of the General Fund amounting to $338,923.42 and the Graveyard Endowment Fund amounting to $35,432.81 were listed by the Trustees as managed by the Trust Department of Wachovia Bank & Trust Company. The return on investments on these funds was virtual 4½%. This method of handling our investments has been highly satisfactory. As a matter of good business the Trustees continue to carry in its books $5,437.62 as a Reserve against Losses and Contingencies.

OLD SALEM

"During the year" the report continues "the Vogler Store Building, 614 South Main Street, known as the Arden Salem Store, was leased to Old Salem, Inc. as restoration headquarters. Several meetings have been held pertaining to our cooperating in the movement to restore Old Salem. This is a matter about which we are deeply concerned and one which requires careful consideration by all Boards and Organizations concerned. In the near future we may be called upon to lease other buildings in the Salem Area for restoration purposes. We have gone on record if and when finally confronted with the problem that no property will be deeded to anyone for this purpose. It is desirable, however, that we consider leasing wherever possible, buildings for restoration purposes. We have been assured by Old Salem, Inc., "that the requirements of the Moravian Church and Salem College, in the old Salem Area, should take precedence over any restoration work to be done". ELEVEN CHURCHES: $243,892

The budget for the eleven churches within the congregation were listed by the report as follows:

- Ardmore Church 457 28,885.28 63.21
- Calvary Church 851 31,673.85 36.51
- Christ Church 672 18,302.00 27.24
- Fairview Church 633 17,553.80 27.73
- Fries Memorial Church 398 12,427.00 31.22
- Home Church 1,938 83,837.00 42.26
- Immanuel Church 428 10,347.25 24.18
- Konnoak Hills Church 149 9,763.00 65.52
- Pine Chapel 428 7,978.00 18.64
- Trinity Church 683 19,855.00 29.07
- New Eden Church 140 3,270.50 23.36

Totals—1952 6,667 243,892.68 35.99
Totals—1951 6,667 217,704.42 32.65

INCREASE 110 26,188.26 3.34

"The increase in membership in Salem Congregation was 1.65%, the budgets increased 12% and the per capita contribution 10.22%.

"An appropriation of $800.00 to Konnoak Hills..."
war was the only church receiving direct aid towards its budget from our Board. For the new year this newest Church of Salem Congregation will be self-supporting. A marvelous piece of work has been done at Konnoak Hills. In the short time of three years the Church has been built and paid for, 149 communicant members received, and a budget of $9,763.00 adopted. All of which proves that faith in God and with our own work, much can be accomplished.

"The work at St. Philips is showing new life. During the past year a community church and Sunday school has been sponsored by St. Philips in the new Federal Housing Project known as Happy Hill Gardens. This work under the guidance of Br. and Sr. George Hall shows much promise. The Community Building is being rented for $5.00 per week. In the near future we may have to consider the erection of a new colored church in this area.

**BUILDING DEBTS.**

"A new parsonage was purchased for $35,000.00 next to the Fries Memorial Church. The former parsonage at 710 S. Sunset Drive was sold for $10,500.00. With the proceeds from the sale of this house, the sale of the former parsonage lot at the corner of Hawthorne Road and Georgia Avenue, an appropriation of $2,000.00 from the Building and Expansion Campaign, together with an amount raised by the Fries Memorial Congregation made it necessary to borrow only $17,500.00.

"Construction on an approximately $110,000.00 improvement program has been started at Immanuel Church. The Building and Expansion Campaign will appropriate $15,000.00 to this and the Immanuel Congregation has already raised approximately $15,000.00. To date $40,000.00 has been borrowed by the Immanuel Congregation. When the building is completed, there will be approximately a $75,000.00 debt on it.

"Only one other church debt remains and that is on the Education Building at Ardmore Church."

The summary of the present Church building is as follows:

- Ardmore Church ................. $50,125.00
- Fries Memorial ................. 17,500.00
- Immanuel Church ................. 40,000.00

Total ............................... $107,625.00

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**MAIL TO ALASKA**

Superintendent Drebert of Alaska writes that the item formerly used in addressing mail to Alaska, "Kuskokwim District", is not only unnecessary but is confusing. There is now a post office by the name of Kuskokwim. Br. Drebert asks that on future mail the reference to Kuskokwim District be omitted.

**SERVICE DAY.**

Thursday, November 20, has been designated as Service Day for the Women of the Church of the province. In the eight years since the beginning of the fund in 1944, a total of $5,259.72 has been raised.

This fund is used for the Mission and Bible Studies and general expenses of the Provincial Woman's Board, the upkeep of the mission rooms and for emergency causes as they may arise.

Mrs. W. E. Stauber of Rural Hall is the founder of the fund and its chairman. Other members are Mrs. J. S. Styer, Fairview; Mrs. W. E. Shore, Calvary; Mrs. A. W. Beroth, Olivet; Mrs. Wallace Joyce, Mizpah; Mrs. James Good, Mt. Aisy; Mrs. Carl Hine, Bethabara; Miss Nellie Grubbs, Providence; Miss Ruth Kapp, Bethania.

**DEATHS**

Knight, Samuel Burchard, died September 14, 1952, member of Calvary Church. Funeral conducted by Dr. Ralph Herring and Rev. John W. Fulton. Interment in Salem Cemetery.

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By J. C. Hughes

The Moravian Young People’s Union brought its “Talent Project” to a joyful climax October 13. Meeting in official session at Calvary Church, the Young People’s Council (representing the churches of the province) voted to allocate $1,500.00 to a Mission Publications Fund. This money will be used first to publish a Miskito-Spanish Dictionary, compiled by the Rev. Werner Marx, for Honduras and Nicaragua. The volume, representing several years of labor, had been approved for publication by the Moravian Mission Board. But, like some other worthy projects, the dictionary had been delayed for lack of funds. Establishment of this fund by the young people of our province will be a real boon to our mission work in Central America.

The story of the talent project of the Union is a dream come true—a dream that far exceeded the most hopeful imaginings of the young people and their officers. Credit for the idea of the talents goes largely to the Rev. Vernon Dastwyler, this year’s pastoral adviser, but the young people themselves, led by President Bill Hutchins, made the idea work.

It began last fall at the November rally when a large group of young people saw a movie called “The Talents.” It told the story of one church whose members were presented a cash gift which they were to make multiply in any way the individuals chose. At the conclusion of the film, to the surprise of all but the executive committee, each young people’s group was given $10.00 in “talents.” Every church was given the liberty of using the money in any way the group chose.

Before long, the news began to spread; competition became keen; and inspiration hit the top. “Mount Bethel girls are selling cup cakes and the boys are cutting pulp wood.” “Greensboro is having a fish fry and Hopewell is selling dish cloths, cakes, pies, and having a self-denial offering.” Minds began ticking and projects were clicking. There were fellowship suppers, dramas, musicals, movies, lovefeasts. Everything was sold from Easter egg dye to baby booties. And the climax—a total of $4,457.86 was raised by the young people of the Southern Province who had begun their year with a budget of $2500.00.

To the hundreds of young people who have been at work over the province, to the many more members who bought their wares or supported the program they sponsored, to the executive committee that conceived the idea originally, the Wachovia Moravian offers hearty congratulations! And for the blessing of God which followed your efforts, we feel the entire province joins the chorus to swell your song of gratitude “Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord!”

The following is the report of the treasurer of receipts during the year just ended:

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La Luz, Nicaragua, Place Of Many Contrasts

By Joe H. Gray

As we sit in our dining room and look out the window toward the west, we can see silhouetted on the horizon the outline of Saslaya, Nicaragua’s highest mountain peak which reaches upward some 6,500 feet. This mysterious mountain, inhabited by many wild and ferocious animals according to legend, always seems to us to stand as a symbol of the great power of God.

Then we go to the other side of the house and take a look out of the study window and see man-made wooden towers that house the machinery which pounds and shakes and stirs all day in the process of extracting gold. These ugly, dusty buildings stand for man’s untiring effort to gain more wealth for himself—especially of those things that have no true value.

The people of La Luz seem to choose one or the other of these symbols for themselves. Hundreds of people have come here for no other purpose than to make money and spend it—most often in some form of riotous living. But then there are the folks who look “unto the hills” and take above the average for the country. So, although our membership is comparatively small, we are able to carry quite a large budget.

OUTSTATIONS

At Palomar, our little Sumu Indian outstation on the Uli River, the 28 members have very little in the way of earthly possessions and not much opportunity of getting more. They make their living by farming, hunting, and fishing. Once in a while they bring some of their produce to La Luz to sell to get a little money to buy salt, sugar, flour, and a little kerosene for their lamps. They have little or no knowledge of what is going on in the outside world, and only two or three of them know how to read and write. We have an unpaid, volunteer lay worker there now who is trying to teach a little and hold regular services for them.

I visit there for Communion and other services once every three months.

At our other outstation, a little Sumu village called La Boca, the people are only a little better off than their brothers at Palomar. Their village is near the airfield that serves El Salto, a nearby town where the La Luz Mining Company has built a large hydroelectric plant. So they have opportunity to earn a little money occasionally, at least when the infrequent planes land shipments of freight there. Apart from that, though, their lives would be pretty drab and unhappy if it were not for their church. They really enjoy singing and worshipping together, and to sit around the fire at night and listen to the lay pastor or parson tell Bible stories is one of their happiest experiences.

TRAVEL, MODERN OR PRIMITIVE

Travel in the La Luz district, as in most of our mission centers in Nicaragua, is usually by either the most modern or the most primitive method. Almost all of our main stations have airfields and are served by regular passenger flights, but travel to the outstations is ordinarily by dugout canoe, on horseback, or on foot. Most of my trips to the outstations in this district are made by the last-named method. As a matter of fact, on most of the roads around here cars and trucks are out of the question, and our horses and mules here are so slow on the steep, slick mountain trails that I can go faster on my own feet. The nice part of each trip, of course, is on the river. Then I can just sit back and relax while the men do the paddling and poling.

Let me describe in a little more detail the trip up to Palomar. I begin by walking—on a good gravel road—for nearly an hour out to the Matis (Mouse) Creek, from which La Luz gets part of its water supply. From there the road becomes just a cattle path for two more hours walk to the Uli River. In rainy season, this part of the road is a sight to behold. It is one long mass of deep, red mud—just exactly like the stickiest, stickiest, messiest North Carolina red mud that you have ever seen. To try to walk around it is a waste of time, so we just wade right in and make the best of it. After two hours of that, the river is a welcome sight. Now we have two more hours to go, but I have nothing to do but sit. It is upstream all the way to Palomar, and the Uuli is one of the swiftest streams in Nicaragua. The men are constantly in and out of the boat, pulling and straining to get it over the rapids. You can see how fast the river flows when I tell you that the trip back downstream takes only 50 minutes compared to the two hours upstream.

BACK TO LA LUZ

But let us get back to the main station. In the town of La Luz itself we have two distinct congregations, one composed of Creole people and one of Miskito Indians. The Creole congregation, whose services are all in English, has its own church building, school, and large mission grounds. Its organization, with Church Council, Elders, and Trustees, is pretty much like your home congregation. The Miskito congregation, too, has its own church building in another part of the town and is governed by its Council, Elders and Trustees.

In addition, there is a native lay pastor who helps with the work in the Miskito congregation, and teaches a year-round instruction class for those who have applied for church membership.

Although quite a number of older people have made La Luz their permanent home, our work is primarily among young people who are living here more or less temporarily. So the majority of our plans and projects are aimed at holding the interest of these young men and women while they are here. Our Creole young people’s group with its weekly meeting on Friday night is one attempt at serving them. There are about 40 in this group, and it is potentially the most active and important (Continued on Page 2)
Provincial Announcements

PROVINCIAL ELDERS CONFERENCE

November 16 was a “Joy Day” at Christ Church and a congregation that filled every pew in the sanctuary was present to evidence the widespread interest in the installation of the new pastor, the Rev. John H. Johansen. Bishop Pfohl, as president of the P.E.C., presided at the service and led in the installation ceremony, after which the pastor preached his initial sermon on the timely theme “The Eternal Gospel.” The large choir, the attendance of the Joint Boards of Elders and Trustees (seated in a body), the hearty responses of the Congregation pledging loyalty to the new pastor and, above all, the conscious presence of the Holy Spirit, made the service an auspicious one. The beginning, we trust, of a long and fruitful pastorate.

It is good to note that Br. and Sr. Johansen and their little daughters, Constance Vivian and Marcia Gaye found a renewed and replenished parsonage for their residence, several thousand dollars having been expended in the thorough improvement and furnishing by the Trustees.

Still further evidence of the progressive spirit of the Boards is the announcement that contracts have now been let for the important changes and enlargement of the church sanctuary and the Christian Education Building which have been long contemplated.

The spiritual possibilities of the Christ Church area of service are large and under the Lord’s guidance and blessing with the cooperative service of pastor and people a fruitful harvest may confidently be expected.

DR. SPAUGH APPOINTED

At its meeting of November 7, the Provincial Elders Conference chose Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, its vice president, to be its representative and that of the Southern Province, to the Moravian Unity Conference called to meet in Zeist, Holland, on May 13, 1953. At this Conference, many important problems of the World Wide Moravian Unity will come up for consideration, and it is of first importance that each of the four self-dependent provinces of the Church be represented at the Conference table.

The Northern Province will be represented by Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton, the British Province by Bishop Clarence E. Shew, also well known by our southern province membership. Those representing the Continental Province, now divided by the iron curtain in Eastern and Western Districts will be announced later.

BR. MARSHALL ORDAINED

Following the policy established some years ago, by the Provincial Elders Conference, of having services of ordination to the ministry take place whenever possible, in the home church of the candidate for ordination, Br. William T. Marshall was ordained a Deacon of the Moravian Church in Leasburg, N. C., on Sunday morning, November 23.

Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl presided and performed the rite of ordination after the Moravian pattern in the presence of a large and interested congregation. Assisting in the service were Rev. Howard G. Folts, Pastor of the Leasburg Congregation, and Rev. J. K. McConnell, supply minister in the Province, now released from full-time service for the chaplaincy of the Fieldcrest Mills of Spray, N. C. Br. Marshall, who completed his seminary course with high standing in June of this year, has been engaged in general supply preaching under the provincial office ever since his graduation, his service being highly evaluated. His appointment to permanent position is expected within the next few weeks.

J. Kenneth Pfohl, president.

LA LUZ

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organization that we have. But our great lack is for leaders from among our older people and for suitable material to choose from for our programs. This group is the chief social life of many of our young folks.

DECENT RECREATION

Other organizations, too, offer the La Luz people a chance for decent recreation and something worthwhile to do with their free time. There is a Boy Scout Troop (the only one in La Luz) with 45 members, which by the way is conducted in the Spanish language, giving opportunity for participation to others besides our Creole boys. There is a girls’ circle which meets once each week for Bible study and sewing or some other special project. A recently organized Men’s Glee Club gives many of the young men an opportunity to blend together their good singing voices, and also to spend an evening together in good Christian fellowship. It is amazing how quickly they have built up a repertory of songs—and without any music to look at, just learning their parts by listening to the organ. Then there is the church choir which also meets once each week and is made up of some of our young people. In addition to these special groups our day school, kindergarten through sixth grade, which keeps a full schedule through the week, and our Sunday school are aimed primarily at serving the children and young people.

In our Miskito congregation there is a young people’s group, a choir, a continual instruction class, and the Sunday school in addition to the regular services of worship. The congregation is made up mostly of young men, with the women far in the minority. It seems that in the last couple of years the proportion of women has become a little greater, but the men still far outnumber them. On a typical Sunday there will be 20 women and 70 men present for the main service. It is the lay pastor’s constant task to try to keep these men interested in the work of the church and away from the many temptations that face them in this place. We said at the beginning that La Luz is a place of many contrasts, and then we told about a few of them. But perhaps the greatest contrast of all is that same one that you find anywhere in the world—the contrast between those who truly follow after Christ and those who do not.

THE DESIRED CONTRAST

One Sunday morning not very long ago I was sitting in the study just before time to go over to Sunday school. I looked out the window and saw a man coming along the walk in front of the church yelling, stumbling, and cursing. He was drunk, on his way home from some all-night party. Coming in the other direction was one of our young men. He had his Bible under his arm, his clothes were sparkling white, and his head was held high as he came up the walk to Sunday school. That is the kind of contrast that we desire to see—our people standing on the side of Christ, above and apart from the things of this world.

THE ECUMENICAL CORNER

Walser H. Allen, Jr.

In world-wide Christian circles “Willingen, 1952” will be a name and date to be reckoned with as fully as “Wachovia, 1753” is stressed among Moravians. As Dr. John A. Mackay, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, recently wrote: “For the first time in its religious history Germany was this summer the seat of an international missionary conference. The gathering in question, an enlarged committee meeting of the International Missionary Council, took place in the little mountain village of Willingen,” in the old Duchy of Hessen. Dr. Mackay is chairman of the Council and also presided over the sessions at Willingen.

This small hamlet which was so little known even to Germans, prior to 1952, now belongs to the history. “For,” continues Dr. Mackay, “in its quiet loneliness among the hills, a meeting was held which will place this village in the great series of localities in different parts of the world which have been host to missionary assemblies in the present century. The succession runs: New York, 1900; Edinburgh, 1910; Jerusalem, 1928; Madras (India), 1933; Whittier (Canada), 1947. Each place meant something significant to the Christian missionary movement.”

The 200 delegates from about 50 countries who assembled at Willingen made ecclesiastical history. For the first time in the history of the Christian church in Germany, a Lutheran bishop of that land gave a general invitation to Christians of all denominations to participate with him in partaking of the Lord’s Supper. But the abiding significance of Willingen, 1952, according to Dr. Mackay, lay in the delegates’ declaration that the Christian church will never be the church of Christ in the truest sense unless it is also a missionary church. “The Christian church will fulfill its missionary obligation only when all Christians, corporately and individually, bear witness to Christ.”

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concluded Dr. Mackay.

The dramatic tale of a part of these millions, namely 400,000 homeless Europeans who found haven in the U. S., has now been told. The DP Story, just published by the U. S. Government Printing Office, describes how "men and women of diverse faiths and national backgrounds came to find a new life and a new hope in the United States, and to enrich our economy and culture."

The part played in the Displaced Persons program by Church World Service, relief and resettlement agency of the National Council, is a fascinating story in itself. Supported by 24 other agencies, CWS has brought to this country over 50,000 DP's and German expellees and 216 children. With the closing of its books on August 31, 1952, the Displaced Persons Commission provided the full answer of twentieth century Americans to Thomas Jefferson's question of 1801: "Shall we refuse...hospitality...to the unhappy fugitives from distress? Shall oppressed humanity find no asylum on this globe?"

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR
by Herbert Spaugh

THE ADVENT SEASON
November 30 is the first Sunday in Advent. It marks the opening of the Christian year, known also as the Church Year or the Ecclesiastical Year. It is of ancient origin, dating back to the primitive Christian Church. It was a gradual development, growing out of the custom of various churches to celebrate special memorial days and the various events of the life of Jesus Christ. The early Church passed through a period of persecution, each church having its martyrs. These different churches commemorated the anniversaries of the martyrs much in the same way as we observe John Hus Day each year.

For many centuries church calendars multiplied. Communication was limited, and the art of printing had not been developed. It was not until the middle of the 16th century that calendars were arranged according to the week and annual festivals came into use. But all of these church calendars had one thing in common—they commemorated events in the life of Christ. The two great festivals were Christmas and Easter. All others were related to them. These seasons are: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension, Whitsunday or Pentecost, and Trinity. They are interspersed with other special days, either relating to the life of Christ, or to church anniversary commemorations.

The Moravian Church, in common with the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Lutheran Church and the Roman Catholic Church, has followed the Ecclesiastical Year for centuries. In the Protestant churches in this group the same gospel and epistle lessons are appointed for the various festal observances.

The first Sunday in Advent is the beginning of the Church New Year. Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas, comparable to Lent as a period of preparation for Easter. The purpose of both seasons is self-examination and cleansing of the inner life in order that we may be able to receive the full blessing of the great festivals of Easter and Christmas.

The term is derived from the Latin "adventus" meaning arrival. The four Sundays emphasize the coming of Christ, in the flesh, in the mind, in death, in majesty.

Thus this season has a double character, preparation for the Christmas festival and contemplation of the different ways of the coming of Christ. Among Protestants the Advent Season is a two-fold character, that of Holy joy and Holy repentance. The liturgical color of the Advent Season is purple, the color of penitence and preparation.

DEATHS

Jones, Miss Mary Virginia died October 30, 1952, member of Calvary Moravian Church. Funeral conducted by Rev. John W. Fulton. Interment in Salem Cemetery.

Yarborough, Mrs. Gertrude Stockton, died October 24, 1952. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. James C. Hughes, Dr. Herbert Spaugh and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Interment was in the Graveyard.

Conrad, Robert Lash, Jr., died November 3, 1952. Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh and the Rev. James C. Hughes. Interment was in the Graveyard.

Beal, Joseph William, son of Harry F. and Hazel m. n. Lawrence Beal, born October 5, 1947 in Winston-Salem, C. C., died October 1, 1952, Winston-Salem; buried in Moravian Graveyard.

Shore, Fred Eugene, Born April 24, 1901; died October 4, 1952; funeral conducted by the Rev. Charles B. Adams. Interment in Salem Moravian Graveyard. A member of Ardmore Moravian Church.

Faircloth, Mrs. Mary, died September 17, 1952. A member of Home Church. Funeral conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, the Rev. James C. Hughes and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Interment in Moravian Graveyard.

Harrington, James O., died September 25, 1952. A member of Home Church. Funeral conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, the Rev. James C. Hughes and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Interment in Moravian Graveyard.

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Local Radio Man, Doctor Visit Mission Field

By Lewis Kanoy

Since the article in Wachovia Moravian was written two months ago, Dr. F. L. Gobble, Jr., and I have visited three of our mission stations in Nicaragua. We flew down from Miami across the Caribbean via Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to Managua, the capital of Nicaragua. As the previous article indicated, our destination was primarily our hospital in Bilwaskarma, but since planes only fly into this station on Monday and Saturday, and we arrived in Managua too late Monday to go to Bilwaskarma, we decided to accept an invitation the Rev. Robert lobst had extended to us to visit him in Puerto Cabezas.

Just before taking off from Managua an interesting thing happened. I asked at the airport if I could send a telegram ahead to Puerto Cabezas to tell Bob of our arrival time. They said they had no telegraph, but I could send a radiogram. But when the boy took me to the airport tower I was told through the interpreter that the radio was for official use only and not for the public. I told the operator that I only wanted to notify Rev. lobst of my arrival time. At this he smiled and said, "Parson lobst is a very good person. I used to go to his Sunday school. I will send your message for you." And he did so and would take no pay. This is typical of the way the natives we met feel about the Moravians there.

The flight from Managua to the interior was pleasant. La Nica, the native airline, uses DC-3's, the same type two-motoried planes that Piedmont flies out of Winston-Salem. La Nica was different in that they fly so low. After leaving Managua a great deal of the country is mountainous or jungle and it was strange to see them flying lower than the mountain peaks on occasions. We landed for a few minutes at Bonanza, where we saw the Rev. Ken Nowack. Then we landed at La Luz but since the natives called it "sierra" we did not realize we were at La Luz until later. Then we landed at Waspam and about two hours after leaving Managua we reached our destination at Puerto Cabezas. When we landed, there was the red station wagon we had seen in Winston-Salem to meet us. We gave Bob the typewriter he had asked us to bring to the Rev. Headley Wilson and went with him to the parsonage. While there we visited the day school and attended prayer meeting. At the meeting instead of speaking himself, Bob played the Joe Grays at La Luz and the nurses, wired a house for electricity, worked on one of the diesel electric plants, made curtain rods and helped Dr. Gobble spray all houses inside of the house he had painted on the outside. We attended many services and thoroughly enjoyed our stay. At once church service the Fairview service was played again. Before that we had played it for the Stortz's so this was the fourth time I had heard this sermon!

In order to leave Bilwaskarma and be sure to get back to the States on schedule we left with a few days to spare, and spent these days visiting with the Joe Grays at La Luz. La Luz is in the mountains of Nicaragua and so in seeing it we had seen another region with its different appeal. The mountains are beautiful and nights are cool but when you walk around the town you go about three feet forward and one foot either up or down. Some of the walkways through the town have steps. La Luz is a gold mining town and we were fortunate in being conducted on a tour of all operations on top of the ground by Mr. McGowan, the big boss. It was interesting to us that all machinery and supplies for the mines have to be brought in by air, as there are no roads. They mine a ton of rock to get one-tenth of an ounce of gold, for which they receive about four dollars. Gold is recovered by the "floatation method." Joe and Lahoma look fine and their little daughter, Martha Ann, provided us a constant source of company. She called me "Uncle Tink!" and F. L. "Uncle Gobbles." Here again, as in the other places, we found the people kind, courteous and helpful. We found the minister quite busy and walking up and down those hills has removed all excess from Joe and Lahoma, but they seem to be thriving on it. La Luz is a rugged place in more ways than one. The houses are jammed together and there is little for the people to do in their off hours. So the sins of any closely packed industrial town are here too.

We did not do any work here except repair one radio, as Joe really did his best to show us around in the short time we were there. He is proud of his large parish. We stayed part of three days here before boarding a plane to Managua and from there home.

The influence of the Moravians in Nicaragua has been great. Everywhere they speak well of Mr. Heath. Except for Moravians and other denominations who have poor mostly (Continued on Page 5)
DIPHTHERIA ALONG THE KUSKOKWIM.

Our superintendent of work in Alaska, writing on October 27, reports a diphtheria scare which happily has nearly passed. The Alaska Health Department and the Alaska Native Service co-operated to bring the threatened epidemic under control. God gave favorable weather so that the planes could take medical teams to the villages involved and inoculate all people living in them.

BROADCASTING THE WORD

The Rev. Ray Kay describes a year of broadcasting from Bethel. "We have now completed a year of daily broadcasts over our station. It has been a fine experience and also, I am certain, a great help to the people, since the programs are conducted in their own language. We get reports concerning the program from as far as forty miles away."

"At present we broadcast for one hour each morning. On Sundays we record the morning service in Eskimo to broadcast it at 1 P.M. A native pastor told me: 'The service is so real, I think I must shake hands with you when it is over.'"

"During the winter evenings we play classical music and lighter selections too. We would appreciate any records you will send, but I know that you will not want to part with them."

ALASKA MORAVIANS AT WORK

The Bethel congregation will soon install an electric motor in the church and a new oil furnace in the parsonage. These have been purchased with gifts received locally from the members and their friends in Bethel. The General Church Conference voted to build "The Evangelist," a boat to be used along the river. The motor for it had been purchased last year.

THE DOCTOR'S VISIT

By the time these lines can appear Dr. Thaeler will have completed a brief visit to this country. He was officially invited to share in a meeting of the Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene at Galveston from November 13 to 15, to contribute to its discussions information gathered by our hospital at Bilwaskarma. In connection with this visit Dr. Thaeler was invited to be the main speaker in the anniversary services held in the Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem.

AN INTERNATIONAL "SWAP"

Dr. Thaeler writes: "We are having lots of fun with the tape recorder which the hospital recently received. If someone in the church, or some friends of yours has a tape recorder, it would be fun sometime to swap recordings. I believe that any tape will play on my machine. Ours is a Webster Ekotape."

NEW MISKITO PUBLICATIONS

Friends of our work will rejoice to know that a new Misquito Passion Week Manual is on the press. It will contain hymn stanzas in the body of the book. The committee working on it owes much to the labor of the Rev. Robert A. Iobst, Fairview congregation, Winston-Salem, is bearing the major share of the cost. The Misquito-Spanish Dictionary prepared by the Rev. Werner G. Marx is also assured of publication. A gift from the young people of the Southern Province will enable the Board to meet such expenses in this connection as are not borne by the government of Honduras.

FAMILYSIDE

Even earnest Christians sometimes forget that the family was established by God. Many jokes have been made to ridicule the expression "marriages are made in heaven." But, as every Christian who has married according to God's will and purpose can testify, no more accurate statement can be made about marriage. Church people are generally familiar with the words "marriage was instituted by God Himself" found in the marriage ceremony. What most Christians need to emphasize in their thinking, both before and after marriage, is that God has a plan for whatever He establishes.

Young Christians who are looking forward to marriage ought to learn what God's plan is for the family and home. Why not ask: are my ideals, my plans, my standards in keeping with God's plans for a Christian marriage and family? The closest of all human relationships is the family. How can a child of God truly share life with a worldly, unchaste person whose interest is centered in self, the praise of the world, and the desires of the flesh? People who are trying now to have a Christian home often complain about discord, lack of interest, or outright opposition on the part of husband or wife. But when their days of courtship and engagement are reviewed it is almost invariably is revealed that matters most vital to a lasting marriage and a happy family were never discussed. The choice of a mate was left to accidental meetings, romantic attraction, and temporary interests. When the guidance of the Holy Spirit is sought, and God's plans are followed, couples do not experience regret and discord.

In homes where there is failure in finding happiness and satisfaction, because God has not been recognized as Master and Supreme Friend of the family, many husbands and wives are wondering what to do. The Goodness of God is that something can be done! The basic need is quite simple. The need is almost never a change in material things or in surroundings. A new house, a new car or community, even a new husband or wife will not bring the desired effect. A husband and wife can find the greatest possible happiness and satisfaction by sincerely and openly turning to God as individuals, and by striving as a couple to promote God's way of life in their home. It is never too late to give God His place in your life, in your marriage and home, if you find in your heart the desire to do so.

But for a home to be the happy place God planned it to be, both husband and wife must be in agreement that God's word rules in the home. And all who are in the family must be assisted to know and love God. For God is Love.

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LOCAL RADIO MAN

Indian section of Nicaragua there would be no church, as there is no native church as such. Many have been the people who have been helped physically and spiritually by our efforts and wherever you go in Nicaragua and ask about the people know about the Moravians and their work. If I had only one sentence to sum up the visit I would say that I only wish that if two of the people of Nicaragua could visit our own United States that they would be treated as well as we were there.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

ENTERPRISE

Our church decreased in attendance during the month of October. Many of our members took well-earned vacations following harvest. The Women of the Church continue to show that no Christian endeavor is either too large or small for them. The attendance at their meetings both local and provincial is above average. Their fall church supper was very successful.

The Men of the Church improved the appearance of the parsonage lawn by leveling and the planting of winter grass seed. Our hearts were warmed by the visit of Br. Lorenz Adams, missionary to Nicaragua, and his wife. The church wishes to thank Br. Clarence Everhart for his helpful message during the pastor's absence.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

BETHESDA

We are happy to announce that by the time of this report our parsonage will be completed. Br. W. D. Perryman of the Enterprise congregation has worked hard enabling us to build such a convenient home at a reasonable price. Thanks to our members who have given many hours of hard labor. Everyone is very encouraged over the increased attendance in both Sunday school and church. Our average for the month was 142.

World-wide Communion was held at which time Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Tyson, Hubert Todd, Jr., and Mrs. John Bodford, were received into communicant membership by letter of transfer.

While the pastor was conducting revival services at Pine Chapel, Br. C. M. Hedrick was our guest speaker. We were also happy to have Br. C. W. Everhart as a guest teacher. Thanks again to these brethren for their service.

Now that vacation time is over, our young people are resuming their meetings each Sunday evening. Although this group is small, we are endeavoring to make it a success.

ARCHIE W. JONES

KONNOAK HILLS

Our Fellowship Hall is now a more usable room thanks to the installation of acoustical tile on the ceiling. Being largely without furniture this portion of our building was plagued by a constant echoing which made the holding of any type of class or meeting a difficult thing. We are gratified by the results and even more gratified with the plan which made it possible. Recommended by the Christian Education Board of our Church and acted on favorably by the Board of Trustees, the completion of such a job might have been a long way off except for the fact that our Unified Treasury system in Church and Sunday school supplied funds which, under other circumstances, might not have been there.

The Ladies' and Men's classes collaborated recently to put on a Turkey Supper. Co-operation was fine between the groups and response to the endeavor was wonderful.

The Church's Christian Education Board has recommended plans for the development of unused space above our present Sunday school rooms. The Trustees are studying the plans and they likewise will be presented to members of the Congregation for study and approval. From many viewpoints work needs to be done, but some of the most pressing factors are: to give more room to the Ladies' Class, provide a separate classroom for the Senior Department, and have space allocated for the Young Adults, should their dream of being a Sunday morning group become a reality.

We look forward to the following services of the Christmas Season:

DECEMBER 14—Christmas Choir Concert: DECEMBER 21—Sunday school Program; DECEMBER 24—Traditional Candlelight Service

JOHN GOSERUD

MIZPAH

September and October have been busy months in our congregation. On the second Sunday in September we observed our anniversary with a special message by the pastor in the morning and an inspiring love feast address by Br. Herbert Weber in the afternoon. Both services featured lovely choral selections, rendered under the direction of our new choir director, Br. A. A. Helsabeck, with Mrs. Joe Talley at the organ.

In preparation for a revival in our church, several of us attended the two training sessions for workers desiring instruction in the methods of visitation evangelism which were conducted by Br. W. A. Kaltreider, Chairman of the Provincial Evangelism Committee, at the Rural Hall Moravian Church. Others came to similar gatherings at Mizpah, where the briefing was given by the pastor. As a result, seven visiting teams were formed, and much helpful work was done in our community prior to our special services the following month.

This series of meetings commenced on Sunday night, October 19 and closed on Friday evening, October 24. Our visiting evangelist was Br. Paul Snider, whose heart-warming sermons gripped us all and aroused many from the lethargy of a low spiritual life. In addition, on Sunday morning October 26 we received Hugh Terry Shore into communicant membership by the Sacrament of Baptism.

Br. Snider and the pastor are indeed grateful for the many invitations to dinner and supper extended to them during the week of revival. These proved to be a particular boon to the pastor, who was trying to play host to his former college roommate, Br. Snider.

The Young Adult Class of our Sunday school labored long and diligently during the week of the Forsyth County Fair. Members of this class successfully sponsored and operated a food booth on the fairgrounds with the assistance of some other folks in the congregation.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

 PROVIDENCE

Our church united with other Moravian churches in this area in a simultaneous evangelistic cam-
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paign under the direction of the Evangelistic Committee of the Moravian Church, South. Members attended the course on personal evangelism at Rural Hall and a large group carried out the visitation plan. Br. Taylor Loflin, evangelist for our series of meetings, brought challenging messages. Much blessing was gained from the services.

More work has been done on our new parsonage and grounds. The young married people's class had the windows cleaned and a group of men sodded the lawn in grass.

The Women of the Church sponsored a chicken pie supper which was very successful. Several of the ladies also attended the provincial rally at Greensboro and the annual meeting at the Home Church.

The interior of the church has been improved with the addition of new lights for the pulpit and choir which were purchased by the women of the church.

LEAKSVILLE

During the month of September our people had the opportunity of hearing several visiting speakers. Mr. Jack Simmons, a local young man who is studying for the ministry in the Baptist denomination, spoke at the evening service on the first Sunday evening. On the third Sunday evening Br. William A. Kaltreider, pastor of the Mayodan Moravian Church, gave a most interesting account of his recent visit to some of the places of former Moravian Mission work among the Indians of Oklahoma. At the monthly meeting of the men of the church Mr. Paul Hastings, a layman of the First Presbyterian Church of Reidsville, brought a helpful message on the subject, "Being a Christian Makes a Difference."

Our congregation joined in the community-wide service held at the First Baptist Church on the last Sunday evening of the month which was planned in celebration of the publication of the new edition of the American Revised Version of the Bible. Dr. Kenneth Clark of Duke University brought the special message at this service.

A number of our women attended the Provincial-wide rally of the women at the Greensboro church on the last Wednesday of the month. We also took with us the speaker at this rally who was Mrs. W. J. Gordon of Leaksville, mother of Bishop Gordon of Alaska.

Our church choir kept its appointment on "Hymn Time" over radio station WLOE on the first Sunday morning in October at 9 o'clock. This is a regular Sunday morning feature over our local radio station by the various churches of the community and sponsored by the religious activities department of the Central Y. M. C. A.

The first Sunday in October our congregation assembled for the Holy Communion which was observed in keeping with World-wide Communion Sunday. A most happy and outstanding occasion of the month was the 24th anniversary of the congregation on the second Sunday. It was an ideal day for us in the way of weather and a large attendance was present for the service at 11 o'clock. Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler was our anniversary speaker and his message was most helpful and greatly enjoyed. Following the service in the church a large crowd met on the lawn back of the church for a bounteous picnic dinner and fellowship hour. At three o'clock that same afternoon a number of our people attended the annual rally of the Foreign Missionary Society held at the Home Church.

The primary and junior departments of the Sunday school held their Halloween party in the base-ment of the parsonage on October 30.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

CHRIST CHURCH

Since our last report things have continued to progress at our church. The Rev. John Johansen has accepted the call to be our pastor. He will be installed on Sunday, November 16, at the 11:00 o'clock service.

We observed Family Covenant Day on September 21, with Holy Communion at our morning hour and lovefeast in the evening. Also on this day our young people under the sponsorship of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crouch held their installation services of officers. This service was conducted by Br. B. O. Disher, superintendent of our Sunday school. Officers were as follows: president, Ned Kenney; vice-president, Margie Perryman; secretary, Shirley Denny; assistant secretary, Jeannie Smith; treasurer, Don Hoffman; assistant treasurer, Drama Bryant.

On the first Sunday in October we observed World-wide Communion by gathering around the Lord's Table at our 11:00 o'clock service. At this service we were happy to have Mrs. Jack Lyons to unite with our congregation. Infant baptisms were as follows: James Walter Lyons; Robbyn Elaine Lyons; Rita Gail Lyons.

Christ Church observed its 56th Anniversary on Sunday, October 26, with a good attendance at the Communion Service. Anniversary Lovefeast was held at 4:30 P. M. at which time Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl brought us an interesting talk on the "Meaning of Lovefeast". On this day we honored Mrs. Della Pfaff Humphries who has been permitted to continue as an active member through the fifty-six years of service the congregation has rendered in this community.

Our church being without a pastor we are grateful for the following ministers who have rendered willing and faithful service during the months of September and October: Br. William T. Marshall, Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, the Rev. E. T. Mickey, Dr. Gordon Spaugh, and the Rev. George G. Higgins.

MRS. HAROLD PHILLIPS,
Church Secretary

FRIENDLAND

A new chapter in the lives of both pastor and people began with the installation of the undersigned by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl the second Sunday in October. The church was filled almost to capacity as pastor, Board members, and congregation pledged to one another, and to the Lord, their hearts, minds, and their strength in united service for Christ and His Kingdom.

So very much has been done to help the personage family get settled and to make them feel "at home." We remember, particularly, the faithful

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efforts of both men and women toward repairing, painting, and cleaning the parsonage, the steeple, and the grounds that aided in moving, the delicious supper on “moving night”, the “pouring”, the new refrigerator, the picnic dinner, and, by no means least of all, the warm hands and mingled with the countless expressions of welcome and allegiance. For this, and all, we voice again our sincere thanks.

“How soon do you expect to be in the new church?” That’s the question we all hear with increasing frequency from interested friends all over the country. Our “bottleneck” at present is the carpet, delayed in arrival by a strike at the mills. However, we have received a reasonably definite promise of delivery by December 1. If this holds true, we are planning our service of removal from the old church to the new for the third Sunday in December. The first complete service in the new sanctuary, then, will be the Christmas Lovefeast and Candle Service, Christmas Day.

The Sunday school teachers and officers were their own guests at a chicken stew in the Scout Cabin prepared and served by Circle 2. Following the meal, Br. George Higgins explained to the group the construction and content of the Sunday school curriculum.

Br. C. H. Reed, Jr., has been appointed by the Board of Elders to serve as Chief Usher for the current year. Br. B. L. Stewart was named assistant.

The congregation extends hearty congratulations to Br. and Sr. James Thore, now the happy parents of a third daughter, Jane Louise.

ADVENT

Homecoming Day was a very enjoyable and inspirational one for members and friends of the church. The Rev. Herbert Johnson brought a fine message to a large congregation at the 11:00 o’clock service. This was followed by a basket luncheon in the newly renovated fellowship hall. At the 2:00 P.M. service, greetings were brought by the Rev. Edgar A. Holton and another helpful message by the Rev. J. George Bruner. Thus we were blessed in having three former pastors with us for the day. The former pastors who have gone to rest with the Lord were remembered in a few moments of silence. They were the Brn. Hall, Stockton, McCuiston, and Bullins.

The speaker for our annual Missions Day service was the Rev. G. Woerner of Toccoa Valley. The Rev. and Mrs. Bullins were in attendance.

The young people have been adding members to their group. A hayride was enjoyed by 35 young people, preceding a pleasant party at the home of Miss Carmel Long.

A chicken and oyster stew proved delightful fellowship supper for the Men and Women’s Bible Classes.

The religious film of the month sponsored by the Senior Young People’s Society was “The Rim of the Wheel.”

Mrs. James Brewer, Jr., Mrs. James Long and Mrs. Fred Long headed the CROP drive which netted almost $90.00 which will be used for the carload of powdered milk which is to be sent overseas from Forsyth County.

VERNON E. DAEWTYLER

FAIRVIEW

“O ye of little faith!” Our hearts felt the sting of that rebuke when we considered how little we had expected from our Evangelistic Mission and of the great rewards our Lord granted to us. A foundation of hard and faithful labor had been laid. The laymen had conducted the morning worship on September 14 at which time Mr. Matt Howell, Methodist layman, had challenged them to dedicate service. Elders and trustees, visiting together, had canvassed the membership to enlist support for the Mission. For the week prior to the services lay members of the congregation conducted prayer services in each of the nine zones into which the congregation is divided. The pastor had prepared nine sermons on “Christ’s Message to the Church.” All efforts were directed toward making the week of September 28-October 5 one of spiritual revival in this congregation. Even our staunchest members, however, not to mention the pastor, were overwhelmed when the final accounting disclosed a total attendance of 3,006 for the nine services. In addition to the many Fairview members who gave unstintingly of their time and energy, we are also indebted to the Rev. John S. Goseud and Mr. Paul O. Pegram for their assistance with the music.

A sincere welcome is extended the following new communicant members: Mrs. Jack Hartness, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wall, David Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Harry May, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Gullodg, Mrs. Charles Spinshour, Thomas E. Scott, and Frank Crane.

O. M. Warren presided and Robert VanHorn delivered the message for the service conducted in the new Piedmont Park Housing Project by members of Fairview on Oct. 19. Music was provided by the Fairview Choir directed by Mrs. W. W. Baynes, Jr., accompanied by Miss Margaret Syers.

The Fairview Auxiliary, Mrs. J. B. Snyder, president, has announced the selection of March 18, as the date for their annual Day of Prayer.

The Fairview Sunday evening groups have resumed their meetings. This fall seven groups and their counselors meet at 6:00 each Sunday evening for supper, fellowship songs, hymns, Bible study, church history, and programs of particular interest to each age group. Attendance to date has been averaging 85. Counselors are: Mrs. C. B. Kane, Jr., Mrs. Lillian E. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. David Wall, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Baynes, Jr., Mrs. E. C. Locklear, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Goseud.

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HOWARD CHADWICK

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All who were present agreed that the 20th annual Homecoming, held this year on Sunday, October 26, was one of the finest we have ever had. The weather was ideal, making it possible to have our picnic lunch outdoors on the church lawn for the 19th time in the 20 years. The food was delicious and bountiful, as usual. The speakers were excellent. The attendance at the services was record-breaking with the attendance at the morning service being the largest for any service during the present pastorate. Our speakers for the day were Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl in the morning and the Rev. George H. Higgins in the afternoon.

On the afternoon of October 5 the members of the Church Board began a visitation program among prospective new members. This program shows great promise for the future growth of our congregation.

The ladies of the church had a bazaar and turkey and ham supper at the church on November 1. As usual the ladies worked hard. They were amply rewarded for their labor when an unusually large group came for the supper.

F. Herbert Weber

Messiah

Plans for our new building have now gone to the architect. The rough sketches submitted call for a main floor consisting of a chapel to seat about 150, joining a Sunday school assembly room or fellowship hall with opening partition between giving additional seating of over 100. Also on this floor will be a kitchen and office. The second floor will furnish us seven class rooms, one of which will double as a church parlor and another will serve as choir room. Cost of the building, allowing for the use of considerable volunteer labor is estimated at roughly $35,000.

Attendances have levelled off at an average of 45, pending the removal from our store-church to a more permanent building. Offerings continue to average more than $2 per person per Sunday including children. We now have more than $5,000 in our building fund.

The laymen of the church continue to conduct regular prayer service each Sunday evening and Bible study each Wednesday evening. Attendance for these meetings averages about 18.

The choir furnished special music for one of the revival services at Rural Hall.

Mr. W. R. Jones has provided our children’s department with a lovely rebuilt piano. The church has purchased a wide-carriage typewriter and an electric adding machine for the office. Some time ago they added 2 beautiful oak tables in the children's room.

Henry A. Lewis

Mount Airy

Sunday morning visitors from other communities often arrive shortly before eleven o'clock, only to find that we are concluding our church service. For at least ten years we have followed the unified church service for Sunday mornings; church service at ten, with Sunday school following at eleven-ten.

One Sunday morning those who had attended summer conferences gave their reports. For inter-
vised Standard Bibles were given as awards. The juniors won the Bible for the highest
percentage attendance in Sunday school and the intermediates the Bible for the best attendance in the church service.

A young woman's circle has been organized under the leadership of Mrs. O. F. Hegge. Mrs. Wilson Duggins was named assistant leader; Mrs. Fritz Luther, secretary; Mrs. James Conrad, treasurer; Mrs. Ben Cahill, Jr., Bible study leader; and Mrs. Wm. T. Alsbaugh, mission study leader.

A new choir for the primary boys and girls was organized by Miss Emily Morris. Mr. Ralph Walker, music director of Hanes High, is the choir director and Mrs. George Burke, the choir mother.

Twelve laymen began meeting once a month during the lunch hour as a "Fisherman's Group." Six teams receive prospective member's names and report on the contacts made. This is the second year during which the group has met. Though small the group proved effective in winning others last year.

Dr. Herbert Spaugh spoke at our first family night dinner of this season. His message won a wide approval and response not to mention the wry smiles which he provoked. While Dr. Spaugh spoke, the children were entertained with a color cartoon.

Dr. F. Crosley Morgan held a week of preaching here October 26-31. The morning Bible Study attracted visitors from a wide area. The evening sessions also brought more visitors to us than our own members. Attendance generally was not what it should have been.

JOHN W. FULTON

GREENSBoro

Since our last report nine persons have been received into our membership: Charles Richard Fulton, Ralph N. Beaver, Sr., and Elva M. Beaver, by letter of transfer and the right hand of fellowship; Stephen Michael Garrett, Marjorie Elaine Gordon, Ralph N. Beaver, Jr., Richard Arnold Beaver, and Donald Everett Beaver as non-communicants by the sacrament of Infant Baptism. So many things have happened in the past weeks it will be rather hard to include them in the space allotted so our account will have to be itemized: Br. Hugh Ross elected president of Men's Fellowship and over 30 men in regular attendance; several men under the supervision of Br. Ben Walters painted the outside of the Christian Education Building; a big party for the college girls at the Southern Life Club House; Women of the Province visited us and it was a great day; Moravia Class held its annual Spaghetti supper and Bazaar sponsored by the Women of the Church; Br. W. A. Kaltreider preached for us one Sunday evening while our pastor was conducting a revival at Mayodan; Religious Film "The Bible On The Table" and service conducted by Br. Leake Masten.

Three times during the month of October our attendance was over the 200 mark in church and we established an all-time high in Sunday school with 160 present on Rally Day.

J. CALVIN BARNES

BAPTISMS


Biles, Joseph Allen, son of Joseph Aycock and Peggy m. n. Sapp Biles. Born December 10, 1951 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized October 12, 1952 by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Boyd, Stephen Carston, son of Thomas M. and Betty m. n. Sapp Boyd. Born May 1, 1952 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized October 12, 1952 by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Lawrence, Susan Spach, daughter of William Ernest and Mary m. n. Spach Lawrence. Born October 18, 1949 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized October 26, 1952 by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl.

REVERENCE
By H. B. Johnson

(Reprint from the UPPER ROOM)

Last night it rained.
Upon an earth sweet, clean, and glistening,
Then the stars looked down
And saw, as did God, that it was very good.
Before long God drew aside the curtains of night.
Day dawned, and the rays of the sun poured
A glory upon the land, the sea, the sky.
Soon God gave the day to man and said,
"Rejoice and be glad in it."

But man was wilful, sinful, unthankful for it.
He took the God-given day, misused it, polluted it.
At evenside the sun gathered up
The remaining glory of the day and sank
Behind the western horizon.
Night dropped her mantel over the world
As the Creator-Father declared out of love,
"I will give mankind another good day tomorrow."

But the wicked men, men blind to God, saw
No glory of God in the air, the earth, or the sun.
Only the lovers of God, the Christlike in heart,
Humbled themselves in reverence that day.

CHURCH SERVICE FIRST
PLAN IS EXTOLLED
By H. B. Johnson

An acquaintance of former years used to give as his reason for withdrawing from the Church and for casting his lot with Socialism the fact that the Church is so hidebound in her conservatism that she affords no hope to the would-be reformer of unhappy conditions in society. Of course, I challenged him contention, but, at times the conservatism of the Church has caused me to recall to mind his declaration.

Especially does the dead hand of conservatism rest heavily upon the setting of the hour for the Sunday morning church service. Sabbath after Sabbath does the preacher of the Word undergo the distressing experience of seeing the big crowd at Sunday school shrink away into a handful of loyal souls at the hour for church worship.

Our departed Brother Christian O. Weber faced this situation at the beginning of his outstanding ministry as pastor of Fairview congregation. Fearlessly he inaugurated the UNIFIED SYSTEM wherein by the church service would be held and then the session of the Sunday school would follow. The increase in church attendance which immediately ensued and which continues and flourishes even today at Fairview testifies to the wisdom of his decision and the success of his venture.

Br. Edward Mickey took the same risk at Mount Airy during his pastorate at Grace Church and with similar results. Oak Grove and Olivet succeeded in like manner. New-born Messiah is experiencing the blessing of this same arrangement; and there are others perhaps of whom the writer is unaware. Be that as it may, the holding of the church service first has much in its favor.

The customary turmoil of a Sunday school session has no effect on the spirit of worship when all assemble quietly for the worship service before Sunday school is held. The pastor enters his pulpit unperturbed and undismayed by the exodus which all too often takes place after the usual Sunday school session. Attendances invariably increase when church service comes first and the increase holds through the years.

The people who comprise the audience at church on Sunday mornings are the members who carry the greater portion of the financial burden of the congregation. Increase the size of those audiences and you strengthen the finances of the congregation. Give the church service first place on Sunday morning and the Sunday school will be strengthened because teachers and scholars will have been spiritually nourished and enlivened by the worship of the hour and the message of the preacher. "Opening exercises" of the Sunday school can be abbreviated, if not dispensed with, and more time can be given to the teaching of the lesson when the session of the church school takes its rightful place as an adjunct to the church instead of usurping the place of the preaching service.

Should any minister or church board lack the fortitude to launch the congregation permanently upon such a venture, give the plan a trial for a three-month period. At the end of that time records and results can be compared and final action taken.

As one must often say to Christians who are treading on the brink of becoming tithers, so one can say to our congregations regarding this plan for the holding of Sunday morning services, "Give the plan a trial and let God show what He can do for you."

ADDEDUM:
Persons planning to visit Grace Church in Mount Airy will please remember that church service on Sunday morning begins at ten o'clock.

BAPTTMS
Bagby, Martha Alice, daughter of Rupert W. and Marie m. n. Reavis Bagby, Born April 20, 1952 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized September 21, 1952 by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.
STORY OF A YOUNG PEOPLE’S MISSION CONFERENCE

JESUS WON PAIWISA

(JESUS IS CALLING)

Edwin and Margaret Kortz

When 175 Miskito young people gather for a conference one sees all the proof he needs of the power of the Gospel. At San Carlos (225 river miles up the Wangkgs river from the Atlantic coast), the Rev. and Mrs. Rinkard Watson led their people as hosts to the representatives of thirteen churches. Warm hospitality began at 10 p.m. one night when the delegates from down the river and the members of the staff approached San Carlos on a banana barge. After three days and two nights of traveling against the swift current of the flooded Wangkgs there was a genuine thrill in hearing “Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice” to the accompaniment of a trombone choir, coming out of the darkness. On the hillside leading from the boat landing to the town there was a long line of delegates, each with a flashlight, and with Christian Endeavor banners. At this moment we wished that anyone who may have doubts about the value of missions could have been in our place.

Highlight was vespers

The highlight of the conference for the visitors was the vesper service program because these services were planned and conducted by the lay pastors of the district. Without understanding Miskito it was still possible to be carried away by the preaching of these men. The ring of conviction in their voices and the wrapt attention of the congregation attested to their power. Without a doubt, the materials for a native church are here and the most important work of the mission in the next decade or two is the education of this native leadership. The vesper site was as beautiful as any camp in the States. Facing a rustic cross and looking over the Wangkgs river, one could easily imagine himself at Chetek or Van-End, except for a cow or a pig occasionally strolling in from the village.

The conference program showed the work of missionaries whose lives have been influenced by the camps and conferences of the Church. For that reason any Moravian conferee from the States would feel at home, especially when he heard “Sarasponda,” “The Prodigal Son,” or the Living God,” sung in Miskito. Classes included Bible Study (John Befus), Music (Rinkard Watson and Margaret Kortz), Hygiene and Diet (Violet Befus), Christian Courtesy (Mabel Watson), and Stewardship (Howard Stortz). Stunt night at camp was the vesper service program because these services were planned and conducted by the lay pastors of the district. Without understanding Miskito it was still possible to be carried away by the preaching of these men. The ring of conviction in their voices and the wrapt attention of the congregation attested to their power. Without a doubt, the materials for a native church are here and the most important work of the mission in the next decade or two is the education of this native leadership. The vesper site was as beautiful as any camp in the States. Facing a rustic cross and looking over the Wangkgs river, one could easily imagine himself at Chetek or Van-End, except for a cow or a pig occasionally strolling in from the village.

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Music and singing

The conference was characterized by much singing. The choir was composed of twenty-six young people, young native ministers, one native minister’s wife and four boys from the Bilwaskarma training school. Perhaps half of them could read notes, thanks to the good work of the missionaries and the training school, and they were all eager to learn new music. With very little effort we were able to teach them to sing Christiansen’s “Beautiful Savior,” the Tallis Canon, and a chorale arrangement of “O Praise Jehovah.” They sang beautifully and with such joyful spirit. A boy’s octet sang to announce morning prayer and vespers.

It was our high privilege to partake of holy communion with the church members of this group, early on Thursday morning of conference week. We were thrilled to be able to follow the Miskito Communion Liturgy, to sing the unaccompanied hymns in Miskito, and to receive the elements from the hands of the native pastor, the Rev. Rinkard Watson. As we struggled with the Miskito words, many of the conferees sang our Moravian chorales without their hymnals. The service was simple and dignified, and we felt a new degree of reverence, and a new meaning to the words: “We all have one Father, and heaven is our home.”

The closing service

The little San Carlos church was crowded to the doors (several Spanish governmental officials even stood in the rear) for the closing service. Edwin (the Rev. Edwin Kortz) installed the new officers for the year in halting Miskito (the script was prepared by Howard Stortz), Brother Leopold Omeir preached a stirring sermon, and eight young people lighted candles to signify their acceptance of Christ as their Savior and to give their answer to the challenge of the conference theme: “Jesus Won Paiwisa.”

To return home, many of the young people had to travel by dory for two days, but it was all very much worthwhile for them. Their experiences in San Carlos will make a difference in the villages from which they came, and the whole mission program will feel the effect of this conference, and of others like it, all through the year.

GERMAN FAMILIES GATHER AT TRINITY

Members of four German families, who crossed the ocean within the past year to find a home in North Carolina, were guests at communion on October 5 at Trinity Church and for picnic dinner following church. The children were cared for in the nursery.

These families came from Neu Gnadenfeld, our Moravian refugee settlement in Germany. They live on farms near Winston-Salem.

Attending were Herr and Frau Hauck with son and daughter (smallest children present); Herr and Frau Ziegler with son Berthold; Herr and Frau Joerke with daughters Edith, Dietel, and Margit and son; Herr and Frau Bujack with son and daughter. Two members of the Ziegler family were unable to be present: Helen who was sick and Hanni who was away at school.

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