Year Of Remembering Becomes Year Of Opportunity

The year 1953, the bi-centenary of the Southern Province, is a year for remembering. Our remembering should not be of the past alone, but primarily a remembering of our duty to God today.

Someone has said that every church steeple admonishes us to remember: "Remember his will for you and your duty to him!" In two hundred years, Moravians have raised 41 "spires of remembering" in North Carolina and Virginia. Each one of them should speak to us of our duty to God. That duty is ever to grow and expand, to enlarge our influence for Christ, our Savior.

It is in this manner of remembering that our opportunity lies. 1953 should witness the founding of one, surely; if not two, new churches in our province.

That this is a possibility, under God, is already suggested for us in events now taking shape. One of them was a service held in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Sunday afternoon, December 7. The Rev. E. T. Mickey, director of extension, describes the service which was held in the parish house of the First Presbyterian Church:

"More than one hundred were present at the Lovefeast and Candle service. Forty of them were Moravians from Raleigh. Twelve were students from State College. This service was made possible by the enthusiastic work of the Young Adults of the Province, who took charge of all the arrangements for holding the service, supplying ushers, dieners, buns, coffee, candles, and a band.

President Bill Park and committee chairman, Austin Burke, with half-a-score of sub-committees, rendered invaluable service to the Church and their Lord in caring for all details without a flaw. The service was made the more real in the spiritual values of Christmas in the bringing of four of the children of Br. and Sr. George T. Smith, members of the Little Church on the Lane in Charlotte, to the Lord in Infant Baptism."

To continue study of the possibilities of a Moravian work in Raleigh, a committee was appointed consisting of the following: P. M. Michael, (Kernersville), chairman; G. T. Smith, (Charlotte), vice-chairman; W. A. Diehl, (Home Church); H. E. Powers, (Home Church); and Mrs. E. G. Manning, (Bethlehem Central).

The Church Aid and Extension Board at its meeting on December 15 took an additional step toward exploring the opportunities in Raleigh by authorizing the holding of monthly services from January through June.

While Raleigh is the only city where a service such as this has been held, there are other places in the state that offer us opportunity for expansion. Some of them have already been explored by our director of church extension. There are places especially in the rapidly growing urban areas of North Carolina where our church may serve if we have the courage to enter them.

To observe the 200th anniversary of our province by launching a new era of expansion will make of 1953 not only a year of remembering, but a year to be remembered.

In favor of our ability to do this is the fact that we have the organization for growth already established in the Extension Committee of the Church Aid and Extension Board led by Br. Mickey and the Building and Expansion Program led by Br. C. L. Ray which is now at the half way point in its ten year program.

This latter program needs to be strengthened by a wider acceptance of the principles of stewardship on the part of our membership. Likewise more and more of the resources of this program need to be directed toward projects of expansion between now and 1957.

Most important of all in any forward moving program for our province is the demand for a continuing effort of evangelism. The Provincial Committee on Evangelism of which the Rev. William A. Kaltreider is the chairman has called upon our older established churches in 1953 to "make personal evangelism a definite part of their program."

The Committee on Evangelism has also called for a crusade for increased enrollment in our Sunday schools with a goal of 10% increase by September 30. No church has the spiritual power to expand abroad that is not fired with a spirit of evangelism at home. By the same token it is our concern for winning to Christ those near us that will drive us to such new fields where we may witness for Him.

Nineteen-hundred-fifty-three, a year of remembering, may become a year long to be remembered if, relying upon God, we remember that our duty is ever to grow in His service. This is our opportunity.
FAMILYSIDE
O. E. Stimpson, Th. M.

An article in a current magazine tells us that a man is never too old to change. What may be a more important fact to Christian families is that we cannot live without change. And we mean not in the body only, but change in spirit and personality.

Many sincere people do not understand this law of constant change in themselves and their loved ones. They think of themselves and those they love in terms of what they were at some happy moment which they cherish in their memories. This explains how a husband and wife, who are Christians and are loyal to each other, can suddenly discover that they have drifted apart. In fact they may realize they are almost strangers.

This law of change is not limited to married persons. It is important that we observe this law in all stages of close relationship. The experience of a young couple will illustrate. During the summer of a three-year courtship this couple felt sure God would bless their marriage, and they planned their wedding for the following June. In September he traveled to a distant school for extra study and she pursued her work. Through regular correspondence they planned to share Christmas in a friend’s home located between the school and the girl’s residence.

When the young man returned to the campus he was so disturbed he invited me to his study and told me how disappointing his visit was. After only a few questions were answered it was evident that he was unaware of the constant change in himself and the girl he loved. At the end of two hours of discussion he felt confident the problems could be solved for he now realized that a time for “catching up” must be provided when we have been absent only a few days from one of close relationship. And he did it, even by letter-writing. Later they were happily married and they have served as valuable missionaries in their Church.

This change is constantly operating among members of a family, and we should observe measures which will prevent the loss of treasured fellowship. A father, under the weight of financial responsibility for his family, may become so absorbed in his business that he is a stranger to his wife and children. A wife can be ensnared in a “spotted house” and sacrifice her husband’s love and her children’s confidence. Any of the activities which we are told will broaden and enrich our personalities for a more satisfactory marriage and family, may destroy what we treasure unless we share it with those in our homes.

Every Christian home should have a time when the experiences of the day are shared. Husband and wife should exchange the thoughts they have entertained. Trivial matters can be of great importance in better understanding the person with whom we live in the closest possible relationship.

When the child goes out from his home he should be encouraged to discuss his experiences at the sharing-time. Children quickly learn and appreciate such a practice. At the evening meal or just following the meal, a suitable time for most families is to do their “catching up.” The after-dinner period is given real meaning when a portion of the Bible is read and a family prayer-sharing is observed. Our disappointments, weaknesses, victories, and differences are all made perfect in God’s love.

STEWARDSHIP LOVEFEAST

Edwin Jones, president of the J. A. Jones Construction Company of Charlotte, N. C., will be the speaker at the annual Stewardship Lovefeast on January 25 at the Home Church. Mr. Jones is a leading layman of the Methodist Church. By his own personal example, he is a strong advocate of the principles of Christian Stewardship in every day life.

The service which begins at 3:00 P. M. will be preceded over by the Rev. John W. Fulton, Chairman of the Board of Christian Education.

LIFE OF JESUS PRESENTED IN NEW FILM SERIES

The Life of Jesus in a series of thirteen fifteen minute films has been released by Family Films. Produced in 16mm. sound with color, this series is available by special arrangement for Moravian Churches through Radio Electronics in Winston-Salem.

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SERVICE HELD FOR RETIRING SEXTON AT BLUEFIELDS

On Sunday evening, August 3, a special service was held in the Central Church at Bluefields, Nicaragua, to commemorate fifty years of faithful service rendered to the mission by Br. Obadiah St. Clair, Br. “Obi,” as he affectionately known, was seated on the pulpit platform of the church he has long served as sexton. At his side were representatives of the mission, the missionaries, and the congregation, who presented him with appropriate gifts, one being a gold scarf holder, on which was engraved the seal of the Moravian Church. There also was special music by the church choir and the minister preached a short sermon on Luke 16:10. The attendance at this service was 471, all of whom knew and honored Br. “Obi.” It will be difficult to fill the place of this loyal servant of God and the church when the time comes for his retirement, next year.

BAPTISMS


Norman, Martha Louise, infant daughter of Albert Lee and Martha m. n. Lawrence Norman, born May 10, 1952, in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized November 30, 1952, at Calvary Moravian Church, by the Rev. John W. Fulton.

Bridges, Anthony Lee, son of L. Lee and Nan­ncy m. n. Lawson Bridges; born July 16, 1952, in Winston-Salem; baptized November 16, 1952, at Trinity Church by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.


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THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas is the most joyful season of the Church Year. Around it and Easter other festival days are arranged. Christmas is more than a one-day observance — it is a season commencing on Christmas Eve and continuing twelve days through the Epiphany Festival.

We moderns have been prone to hurry Christmas along like we do everything else. We commence it early by putting up the Christmas tree and decorations many days before Christmas, and then take them down immediately following Christmas, because they have become old and dry. This is not following the Moravian tradition of observing Christmas as a season. In older Moravian centers the custom was not to put up the Christmas tree until Christmas Eve. It was then fresh in every way for Christmas and could be kept up until Epiphany.

Christmas is the Festival of the Incarnation — God coming to earth in human flesh. The doctrine of the Incarnation is symbolized in churches where a cross and two candle sticks on the altar or the communion table. The other two candles represent the divinity and humanity of Christ. In the Moravian Christmas Candle there is the dual symbolism of the Incarnation and the Atonement. The beeswax in the candle, which is a product of living creation represents the humanity of Christ, the lighted wick His divinity, the red paper His atonement.

During the Christmas season comes the Festival of the Holy Innocents on December 28. This commemorates the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt and the slaughter by King Herod of the children of Bethlehem. The liturgical color for the day is red, indicating martyrdom, as these children were the first Christian martyrs. This is really a memorial day which draws attention to the events which took place following the coming of the Magi or Wise Men, as recorded in the Book of Matthew. Careful reading of the account will reveal that they came later than the shepherds, after the Holy Family had moved into a house. Tradition says this was many months later. As this memorial day is observed on December 28, it would indicate that these events took place almost a year, or perhaps two, after the birth of Jesus.

The Festival of the Circumcision or the naming of Christ falls on January 1. It draws attention to the power of the name of Christ in the name Christian. “His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”

The Festival of Epiphany falls on January 6 and commemorates the Coming of the Wise Men or Magi. In well arranged Christmas decorations where nativity scenes are used, the Magi and their camels are not introduced until the Epiphany Festival. Epiphany is a Missionary Festival, as it commemorates the coming of the first Gentiles to worship the Christ. The liturgical color is white.

The Church Year
By Herbert Spaugh

January, 1953

THE WACHOVIA MORAVIAN

UNITY UNDERTAKINGS
By W. H. ALLEN, JR.

This column would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of The Wachovia Moravian, to bring heartiest New Year's greetings to Moravian brethren and sisters throughout the Unity. May God's richest blessing encourage you to serve Him more faithfully throughout 1953, wherever your appointed field of labor may be.

Bishop C. H. Shawe of our English Province wrote at the beginning of 1952: "The same unchangeable God goes with us into the New Year. Nobody knows what will happen to us. There are plenty of reasons for any one to feel doubtful and apprehensive about what may come. But whatever it may be, the best of all is, God is with us. (On his death-bed John Wesley declared: "The best of all is God is with us.")." Even though in the world we have flabbergastation, as our Lord said, "be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” With this same faith let us face the future in full confidence that the God of our fathers will foster and further every unselfish undertaking of the venerable Unita Fratrum to the glory of His own name!

It was recently announced that Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh will represent the Provincial Elders Conference of the Southern Province at the next Unity Elders Conference, which will convene in Zeist, Holland, this coming May. This writer is moved to look forward and backward simultaneously: forward in prayer that Dr. Spaugh, Bishop Kenneth Hamilton, Bishop Shawe and the other members of the Conference may be divinely directed in all the momentous decisions they must make; and backward in memory of the delightful visit he enjoyed with our Dutch brethren at Zeist during the New Year's season of 1950. The most unforgettable hour of the sojourn there was the traditional Watchnight service when your columnist joined with brethren of another land and tongue in singing "Now thank we all our God," to the tune known in American Moravian circles as 146 A (Marenzo). The words were Dutch, and the tune included slight variations on the theme so familiar in the U. S.; but the spirit of fellowship and depth of faith were both the same.

The next morning the day dawned clear and bright for Sunday, January the 1st. Though not a word could be interpreted by an untrained American ear, one of the most eloquent sermons ever to reach that ear was delivered that Lord's Day by a native minister of our mission field in Surinam (Dutch Guiana). Die Brudergemeine—as we are known in Europe—and other Protestants in the Netherlands support our extensive missionary enterprises in that Dutch colony.

Without detracting from the picturesque beauty and charm of Salem, Bethlehem, and other Moravian settlements around the world, this writer gives it as his considered opinion that there is nowhere a more attractive, colorful, immediate, and symmetrical square of Moravian buildings than the Zusterplein and Broederplein of Zeist, Holland. Surely no more fitting spot for a gathering of the governing body of the Moravian Unity could be found.
The heroic and sacrificial devotion of the followers of John Hus is stirringly described in this inspiring record of faith and fortitude, of loyalties and labors, which even more is a narration of the spirit and aim of the men and women who were moved by the zealous passion for Christ and the spread of his Gospel.

For 5 centuries, from ancient Bohemia through much of the world to North Carolina the record carries us. The past lives illuminated in the present ways of Old Salem where the living spirit of faith still walks.

ANNOUNCING REPUBLICATION OF "HOUSES OF PEACE"

by Dr. Ernest M. Eller

Being a historical, legendary, and contemporary account of the Moravians and their settlement of Salem in North Carolina.

KIDUGALO IN AFRICA
MINISTERS TO LEPROSERS

In East Central Africa at Kidugalo, which significantly means the End of the Journey, is a large Moravian medical center for the treatment of lepers. With the closing in 1950 of the Moravian Mission hospital for lepers in Palestine near Bethlehem, Sr. Martha Pederson volunteered to go to Kidugalo.

Kidugalo, administered by the British Mission Board with help from friends in Denmark, is in the care of a doctor and five sisters who serve as nurses. A great forward step in the treatment of leprosy was the discovery of the new drug, "pulphetrone" which works wonders in some patients. Where there was once only hopelessness, many now can say, "We begin again to feel that we are human beings."

A recent letter from Sr. Pederson appearing in the English paper, Moravian Missions, tells the story of her work there: "Time is flying very quickly, and beside all the work of the leper settlement I am trying to study the Kinyamwesi language, hoping to take the examination next month."

"It breaks my heart to go on turning people away who need help so badly. At the time of writing we have 70 in-patients and about 30 out-patients who live near Kidugalo. Some have built houses for themselves; others live with friends."

"A few weeks ago a woman with her baby on her back came to my house and begged for admission to Kidugalo; she had very severe nodular leprosy. When I told her that we had no houses at Kidugalo—not even a spare room, every corner full up—she started crying, lifted her baby up, and signed: 'Look at my child, she too has got leprosy.' A pale spot on the child's face told me that she was most likely right. I did not know what to do."

"While we were talking, one of the lepers from Kidugalo brought another new leper. When he heard our conversation, he said: 'Mama, the mother and child may stay in my kitchen.' This leper has already a large family in his house; a wife, a mother, and an adopted boy with leprosy. I asked him: 'Where will you cook your food?' He answered: 'In our chicken-house. I will make it into a room.'"

"It is touching to see and hear how willing they are to help one another, and it was a very thankful mother that walked back to Kidugalo. This case is just one of the many that come and ask for help."

"A young man who had walked 200 miles—a five day's journey—on his feet, was sitting on my verenda. When I told him that we had no room at Kidulago, the tears rained down his face, and he said: 'I had heard you had come to help us. I had heard about the new medicine that can cure leprosy, and now you tell me you have no room.' He was just a boy, perhaps seventeen years old. I had to go into the house, I could not help crying myself; it is hard, very hard. Now this young fellow has built himself a little house at Kidugalo, and his face is shining with happiness.

"Sunday, September 21, was a day of rejoicing in Kidugalo. Four of the lepers were to be baptized, and nine couples to be married. The Baptism was conducted by Dr. Peterson."

"It was touching to see the candidates kneel down—some with difficulty—and hear their husbands and wives say, 'I baptize you, in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.'"

"The past lives illuminated in the present ways of Old Salem where the living spirit of faith still walks.
...Foreign Mission Briefs...

Visitation Planned

In a recent meeting the Mission Board voted to have an official visit made in Alaska during the coming summer by its president, the Rev. Edwin Kortz. Six years will have passed since a representative of the Board came to this field. Br. Kortz will be the first official visitor to inspect the Clark’s Point station.

Furlough Begun

The Rev and Mrs Douglas Schattenschneider have "come out" from the Kuskokwim area for a well deserved furlough, reaching home on November 22. For the present their address will be: c/o Mrs Charles S. Miller, Route 4, Allentown, Penn.

Hospital Extension

A wing dedicated to the care of tuberculous patient is to be added to the Ruth C. S. Thealer Hospital at Bilwaskarma. This forward step has been strongly recommended by the Provincial Hospital Board, because of the growing incidence of the disease on the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua. It is hoped that the addition to the hospital will become part of an extensive program to combat tuberculosis.

"Auf der Hut des Herrn"

The third edition of Bishop Baudert’s story of Moravian missions has recently appeared in Germany. It is an authoritative account of Moravian work all over the world. The new edition is a book of 166 pages, with unusually clear print and attractive illustrations. It can be warmly recommended to all who read German with profit.

Epidemics in our Fields

Superintendent Peacock, in a letter dated October 20, reports that the year has been marked by a series of epidemics. As a consequence the newly arrived nurse, Dorothy Jupp, S.R.N., S.C. M., has had her hands more than full. Twice influenza struck the Labrador coast, followed by measles. In some people quiescent tuberculosis flared up as a result. The most seriously ill were flown out by the R.F.C. for hospitalization. In Alaska the diphtheria scare was followed by an epidemic of food poisoning. In Honduras our missionary doctor has carried out extensive vaccination and inoculation against smallpox and yellow fever, by way of precaution. We are glad to announce the safe arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Werner Muller at Bilwaskarma on November 11.

The Bethesda Leper Home

A recent communication from Surinam brings an item of good news. One of the patients, who had served as a teacher in the leper home for many years, has so improved under treatment that he is free to leave Bethesda, though he must remain under medical supervision. He has also earned his teacher’s certificate. But he plans to continue teaching in the school for children in the hospital compound.

A Tragic Accident

The Rev. and Mrs. George Sach, who had served for a number of years as Moravian missionaries both in Labrador and Jamaica, recently lost two of their three children as the result of an automobile accident in Canada, where Br. Sach is now a minister of the United Church of Canada.

Of the two other young people in the car at the time, one lost her life and the other was gravely injured.

RURAL HALL PARSONAGE IS OCCUPIED

By William A. Cranford, Jr.

On December 2, 1951, at a church council meeting it was voted to start a fund for a parsonage. On December 9, 1952 the new parsonage was occupied.

This action was taken after an initial gift of $100.00 had been made to the church for this purpose. At a church council meeting held on April 20, 1952, it was decided that we should build the parsonage. At the same time it was also decided to survey the property behind the church.

A building committee was appointed consisting of Br. Carls Fulk as chairman and included Br. Wallace Warren, Mrs. Alfred Stultz, Mrs. Tom Petty, Br. B. E. Wilson, and the pastor. A parsonage finance committee was appointed consisting of Br. Kenneth Kiger, Br. Hugh L. Key, Mrs. W. E. Stauber, Br. Frank Vogler & Sons

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

CHRIST CHURCH

A church filled to overflowing witnessed the installation on November 16 of Dr. John H. Johansen, as the ninth pastor of Christ Church. The impressive service and installation were conducted by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl.

A two thousand dollar re-decorating and renovation project has been made on the parsonage and the sincere thanks of the new parsonage family is extended to the board of elders and trustees and the Women of the Church for all this work. A formal reception welcoming the new pastor and his family was held in the fellowship building on November 20. On this occasion it was our privilege to greet, not only Christ Church members and friends, but also many of the pastors and their wives, of the Southern Province.

Work has begun on a project to enlarge our Sunday school facilities. The basement under the sanctuary is being enlarged to provide additional classroom space, and when this is completed the church will be entirely redecorated.

Although without a pastor for six months, the work at Christ Church has been carried forward with vigor and enthusiasm by consecrated lay workers of the congregation. We are grateful for the services of the ordained brethren who helped so willingly in the interim between pastorates.

JOHN H. JOHANSEN

ARDMORE

Foreign missions interest has been dominant for several months, continuing from our Annual Foreign Missionary Lovefeast when we had Br. and Sr. Lorenz W. Adam, new missionary couple who inspired our congregation while en route from their home in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to Nicaragua.

C. A. The retiring Foreign Missionary Society officers were in charge of the service: Mrs. F. S. Burge, Jr., president; Mrs. W. J. Whicker, vice-president; Mrs. C. B. Adams, secretary; Mrs. E. F. Hanes, treasurer, and Mrs. J. W. Dalton, advocate. Mrs. Whicker presided, assisted by Mrs. J. J. McManus.

At the annual election meeting the Missionary Society elected the following officers: Br. Charles A. Peterson, president; Miss Margie McManus, vice-president; Mrs. C. B. Adams, secretary; Mrs. J. J. McManus.

The following have been welcomed into the communicant fellowship of this church recently: Mrs. B. L. Hine, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Darsey, Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wall, and son, Emerson, and Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Gobble, Jr. The Brn. Evans and Jackson were received by baptism upon profession of faith. The others were received by the Right Hand of Fellowship upon transfer from other churches. We thank the Lord for these evidences of growth and vitality in this corner of His Kingdom.

The combined junior, chapel and senior choirs led the congregation in worship on the first Sunday in Advent. On the preceding Sunday, the chapel choir had been in charge of the morning service for the first time this fall. The choirs have been growing under the direction of William E. Waters, and we are looking forward to even further improvement.

CHARLES B. ADAMS

KING

Six teams of workers from our congregation were trained for the work of visitation evangelism which they attended meetings held both in our church and in the Rural Hall Moravian Church in preparation for the united evangelistic crusade which we took part in during October. The effects of the visits these teams have made in our community are still being felt. But first of all they

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served as a focal point for the increased spiritual activity among our members this fall which culminated in the week of special services which began on Sunday night, October 19.

Br. G. Edward Brewer, pastor of the Union Cross Moravian Church, brought a series of forthright, powerful, and challenging messages to us during the services of revival. We were fortunate to have Br. and Sr. Brewer with us through the following Sunday evening, October 26, when a large congregation gathered for his last sermon to us. His presence and witness in our midst provided a genuine blessing to all who seized the opportunity to hear the Word of God expounded.

The Women of the Church were well represented at the annual fall rally of the women of the Southern Province on October 30. Some of our ladies look forward to this event from year to year. All the women of our congregation joined in to put on a turkey supper Saturday night, November 8 in the church basement. A considerable sum was netted from this enterprise, yet the perfect cooperation shown throughout the undertaking also served to mark it as most successful.

The next evening, our worship service featured a talk by Miss Elizabeth Krauss of Holland in observance of Salem College Day. Her highlights of life in the Netherlands and in Indonesia interested both old and young alike.

WALER H. ALLEN, JR.

HOPE

We are happy to announce that our attendance for worship services has more than doubled during the past month, due to a change in time and the use of our modern nursery. Thanks to Mrs. Billy Jones in caring for the children at this service.

The annual offering of foodstuffs was received and presented to the Salem Home. A similar offering was arranged by the ladies for our Thanksgiving Service; the pastor and family received these gifts with much surprise and thankfulness.

The pastor can sit at ease now that our old pulpit furniture has been replaced by new. Thanks again to the ladies who have worked so hard for this achievement.

Outside improvements have kept pace with the inside in the completing of walks, fence and the sowing of grass in the graveyard and on the church lawn. This project was sponsored by the Ella Mae Johnson Class.

ARCHIE W. JONES

HOPEWELL

Evangelism and Christian Fellowship have been the theme of our church during the months of October and November. Br. J. George Bruner of Macedonia prepared our hearts for the former in a series of successful meetings from October 13 to 19.

On October 12, we observed our 20th anniversary with a lovefeast, with Dr. Douglas L. Rights delivering the address. Our congregation enjoyed learning its early history.

The Young Married Couples Class held their annual Halloween party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Satterfield.

The Intermediate young people gathered at the home of Mrs. Ray Lambeth for a weiner roast. Annual with a lovefeast, with Dr. Douglas Johnson Class.

OAK GROVE

Worldwide communion service was observed the first Sunday in October. Br. Taylor Loflin brought the morning message the last Sunday in that month at the regular service.

Our traditional Thanksgiving lovefeast service was held Thanksgiving morning at 7:00 o'clock. It was interesting to note that we had more visitors than usual from neighboring churches present. Offerings of money and food for Salem Home were received.

The grounds committee, headed by Robert Whicker and Bill Sell and working with the Board of Trustees, had concrete walks laid in front of the church, graded and leveled the lawn further, and sowed grass.

There is a special drive underway to liquidate the indebtedness on the new educational plant. The Board of Trustees hopes to accomplish this by Christmas. People are working hard. In addition to personal contributions, classes and organizations are sponsoring various activities to help realize this goal.

The Sunday school is supplementing its lessons with graded study courses which are being carried on in the class period.

The pastor and his wife appreciate the nice birthday presents presented them by the women of the church.

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Revival in October, anniversary in November. This would probably sum up the main activities of our church during the period under review.

Br. J. Calvin Barnes, Greensboro pastor, was our revival preacher during the latter half of October. With a prospect list of 150, we felt that this year there might be a large ingathering. However, after long waiting, the time does not yet seem ripe for the reap. We do hope that sometime we may see this large group who are constantly in our services make their decision for the Lord. Br. Barnes preached with zeal but attendance from the very start was not what we had hoped for. We pray that a warmer revival spirit may soon come.

In the anniversary observance on November 23, the increase noted recently in attendance upon the Holy Communion was again seen. We have increased in this respect. Br. J. H. Kapp brought a profound and impressive message in the anniversary lovefeast and we felt greatly enriched through his efforts among us.

Our church now has four choirs, a youth-age group having been inaugurated during the revival. They sing once a month in the morning service and have been well received. All other choirs continue to render faithful service and there is well rendered special music in every service.

A moving picture film of the entire Sunday school turned out very nicely and all were pleased in the showing of it in our mission gathering in November.

The Parsonage Committee continues to make progress and looks forward to the beginning of construction work in the spring of 1953.

Sunday school has taken on a fall spurt, second noticeable increase for the year. If the present trend continues until the close of the year, we will have broken every attendance record of the past eleven years.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

FRIES MEMORIAL

The fall season has been most encouraging. October and November Communion services were well attended, and a source of much blessing. The Communion on the First Sunday in Advent was the third largest in this pastorate.

Sunday school attendances for the period, July- November, are up 14% above the same period a year ago. Church attendance in the morning, up 10%. A highlight in the morning services came on Girl Scout Sunday when there were more people in the services than in any service since August, 1951. The ten Brownie and Girl Scout groups and their leaders made up 88 of the 288 in the service.

Young People’s Union meetings on Sunday evenings have been from 75% to 100% above the same period of last year. The groups are much more active than before.

Four circles of the Women of the Church are hard at work and succeeding. The annual turkey supper and bazaar brought returns of near $400—a large amount for this event.

Thanksgiving service, though not as well attended as that of last year, was a blessed occasion in which a large offering for Salem Home was brought.

Men of the Church have been hard at work finishing up various small projects which had been begun and needed completion. Not the least of these is the “dumb-waiter” which was planned for when the church was built but never installed. We hope to have it by Christmas Lovefeast when it will be a great help.

Kindergarten remains full, though at the present writing there is a 50% lag in attendance caused by sickness among the little folk.

Evening services have been lagging in attendance. This part of our program needs work and interest on the part of our people. Special services have been planned for the Advent season.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

UNION CROSS

We were glad to have Br. George G. Higgins with us on October 12 and our people enjoyed his message very much. We are always glad to have him visit us.

November 2 was the beginning of our revival with Br. I. Howard Chadwick from Fairview Moravian Church as our evangelist. We are sure our people were richly blessed by his inspiring messages, and we hope to have him with us again for a longer period of time.

On October 31 Miss Rachel Weavil was united in marriage to Derris Haywood Smith at the parsonage. We wish for them a happy married life.

At this writing we are busy getting ready for our Christmas program.

G. E. BREWER

RURAL HALL

A week of revival services were conducted by Br. Henry A. Lewis October 19-26. The pastor was to have been the song leader but was ill during the revival week. We appreciate Br. Lewis carrying on without any help. Special music was arranged for each service.

The November 13 festival was observed with a communion service on November 16.

A community Thanksgiving service was held on Thanksgiving Eve at the Methodist Church with the Rev. A. Howard Beard as a guest speaker. Spe...
cial music was furnished by the Rural Hall High School glee club.

A special offering of approximately $14.00 was sent to CROP. An offering of foodstuffs was sent to the Salem Home. The church was decorated for the Thanksgiving season by Mrs. W. E. Stauber and Phillip Covington.

Painting in the parsage has been carried on by several of the men of the church under the direction of Mr. Mack Smith. This was completed on December 3.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

KERNERSVILLE

We were surprised and happy to learn that an anonymous friend had offered to pay for the equipment and installation of our stage curtains and lighting. We had hoped that the work could be completed by Christmas, and although some of the equipment has been installed, we have found that some of it will not come from the manufacturer until after the first of the year. We are now laying plans for some kind of a Lenten presentation.

The Open House for our new Christian Education Building was an occasion of fine fellowship, but the weather—rain and fog—was such that only the bravest ventured out. We were much encouraged by those who were able to attend.

Our Auxiliary worked hard and long for their bazaar and supper. Proceeds from both went to our foreign missions. The seed has been carried on, but the weather—rain and fog—was such that it only the bravest ventured out. We were much encouraged by those who were able to attend.

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The Greensboro Community Chorus, under the direction of Donald Tucker, presented The Requiem, by Mozart, in our church as a vesper service the first Sunday in November. We looked forward to a concert to be presented by the Salem Band, under the direction of Austin Burke, in our Fellowship Hall on December 12. The music, appropriately, will be that of the Advent and Christmas Season.

CLAYTON H. PERSONS

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

CLAYTON H. PERSONS

Charlotte

Beautiful new altar vases and candelabra were dedicated and presented to the Church on Sunday, October 5, by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Vaughn in memory of their daughter, Frances, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo B. Vaughn, Sr.

Congratulations—To Mr. and Mrs. Francis Libes upon the birth of a daughter, Zoe Marie, on November 11; to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dale Robertson who were married in this church on Friday, October 10. Mrs. Robertson is the former Marjorie Katz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Katz; to Mr. and Mrs. Russell G. Holder, Jr., upon their marriage on October 25. Mrs. Holder is the former Nancy Jo Sanders, daughter of Mrs. R. M. Sanders and the late Mr. Sanders.

Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh was our speaker for the 32nd Congregation Anniversary service on November 9.

The following were elected to our Vestry at the 32nd Annual Congregation Council meeting held in fellowship hall following a family night supper on October 24: Board of Elders—C. E. Blythe, D. F. Caldwell, Mrs. W. H. Heidenreich, Sr., Roland B. Jones, Ray D. Kinell, C. L. Konner and Herbert S. Thomas, Jr.; Board of Trustees—Weyland Catto, Jr., E. M. Coe, Walter Hogan, Jr., Hugo Heidenreich, Sr., Frank Law, T. B. McGimpsey, and Richard Pitts.

New members: We welcome into our fellowship Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith and daughter, Gerri, 2216 Crescent Avenue, Charlotte; Mrs. Herbert Spaugh, Jr., 170 Bagley Drive, Chapel Hill, and Mrs. Thelma Underhill, 1819 Arnold Drive, Charlotte.

The 18th Annual Bazaar by our "Women of the Church" was held November 5. It was most successful with hundreds of our friends attending.

Mr. George Wooten has been re-elected general superintendent of the Sunday school department. The following were elected to serve with him: associate superintendent, Willey Crouse; associate superintendent in charge of audio-visual aids, James Hatfield; secretary, Mrs. Thelma Underhill; treasurer, Mrs. Charles B. Laws.

The congregation was saddened by the death of November 8 of Chief Sacristan Wilbur ("Bill") F. Harwell. Br. Harwell was stricken with a severe cerebral hemorrhage on December 8, 1946, from which he never fully recovered.

HERBERT SPAUGH

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Sunday school attendance in October averaged 293 for a gain of 51 over the previous year. Church attendance averaged 244 which was also a gain over last year, so we called the October attendance drive a success. Ribbons for perfect attendance at one or more services per Sunday were awarded to more than 100 persons. Though the drive ended with the last Sunday in October the high averages were sustained during November.

Our Thanksgiving service was moved up to 8 A. M. this year, being held at 10 A. M. last year. The attendance was just one short of double last year's service. The cash offering for our foreign missions. The seed has been carried on, but the weather—rain and fog—was such that only the bravest ventured out. We were much encouraged by those who were able to attend.

Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, speaking at our 101st anniversary, described New Philadelphia as "an alert congregation." He followed this sweet-sounding praise with a challenge to us to do more for our foreign missions. The seed fell on good soil. Late this month the Sunday school raised funds for a fine camera, slide projector and a good supply of film which was delivered to the Rev. Joe Gray, Jr., by Dr. David Thaeler.

A highlight of the month of October was our "Day of Prayer", attended by more than 250 persons. Speakers were the Brn. Truett Chadwick, Vernon Daetwyler and Howard Chadwick. As this and other Fall events tax our facilities to the limit, the talk about a new sanctuary and an enlarged fellowship hall gains momentum. Following a very successful but overcrowded supper and bazaar on November 22 many women were heard to say, "We just have to enlarge our building."

HENRY A. LEWIS

BETHABARA

The observance of our 199th Anniversary on November 16, was an occasion for much rejoicing with three well attended services comprising the day's program. There were 90 in attendance at Sunday school. The Kindergarten class, taught by Mrs. C. D. English, reported perfect attendance. This class as well as the primary children have been meeting in the basement of the parsonage for the past year. At morning worship Holy Communion was administered by the pastor with 94 worshipers present. The annual fellowship luncheon was served following morning worship. Mrs. H. H. Hailey, church hostess, assisted by members of the fellowship committee, again this year made ample arrangements for a delicious meal.

The afternoon program for this anniversary had special significance in that it began with a Ground-Breaking ceremony marking the beginning of construction for Bethabara's new church and Christian education building. At 2:00 P. M. Old Town valley resounded with music as the Fries Memorial Church Band played chorales preceding the service. At 3:00 P. M. the Doxology, sung by the assembled congregation, rang forth a "joyous note" for the actual Ground-Breaking. The ceremony with its special Liturgy, responsive readings and hymns of praise was one of solemnity. Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, president of the Provincial Elders Conference, was given the new spade adorned with a white satin bow and purchased especially for this historic occasion with which he turned the first spade-full of dirt and we knew that a good work was begun. Following Bishop Pfohl in the breaking of the ground were: the pastor; the Brn. E. T. Smith, vice-chairman of the Church Committee; C. P. Snyder, chairman of the Building Committee; C. Truett Chadwick, E. T. Mickey, Jr., Charles B. Adams, former pastors of the congregation; H. B. Johnson, H. M. Brandon, members of the Provincial Elders Conference; Kenneth L. Greenfield, of the Provincial Board and Herbert Weber, pastor Clemmons congregation.

At the conclusion of the ground-breaking ceremony, the congregation assembled in the church.
for lovefeast. The anniversary message brought by Bishop Pfohl challenged us to a more fruitful witness for Jesus Christ and the Church. We regret that his message was not recorded for in it were given "cures" for many of our ills. God used our Bishop mightily during the service and we pray that his message will bear fruit amongst us.

During the lovefeast greetings were read from Dr. Walter H. Allen, Sr., pastor of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pa., and former pastor of Bethabara; Mrs. J. F. McGuiston, widow of a former pastor, and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Pratt, Sr., members now residing in Washington, D.C.

Much interest was manifested in the offering received at the lovefeast because it represented the effort of many weeks work on the part of the Building Fund Campaign Committee. It totaled $1,254.54 and was consecrated by Bishop Pfohl at the close of the service. Thus, the curtain closed on the efforts of 199 years but at the same time it was raised on a new work which has great promise.

K. EDWIN FUSELL

HOME CHURCH

Dr. A. David Thaepler, medical missionary to Nicaragua, was our special guest for the 181st anniversary occasions during the week of November 16-23. His visit to us became possible when it was learned that he was to be in Galveston, Texas, for a report to the Medical Association there on the malaria research that has taken place under his supervision at the hospital in Bilwaskarma. The congregation was grateful that he could accept our invitation to return to the mission field.

Dr. Thaepler spoke first to a large congregation gathered for the anniversary lovefeast. On the evening of anniversary Sunday he spoke to a large youth rally gathered in fellowship hall. Our young people had invited young people of the province to attend. Approximately 300 youth heard his challenging address. On Monday evening Dr. Thaepler spoke to the church women. They were particularly grateful to see a movie and slides taken by Dr. F. L. Gobble and Mr. Lewis Kanoy on their recent visit to Nicaragua. Wednesday night was family night and the largest group of church families to attend in many years assembled for the supper meeting. Some 430 members of all ages were present.

In addition to his meetings at the Home Church, Dr. Thaepler also spoke to a group of doctors on the malaria research at Baptist Hospital. To say that his visit with us was the highlight of our entire program would be an understatement. The response which Dr. Thaepler receives from this congregation and the affection and esteem in which he is held is exceeded by none.

Credit for a large share in the inspiration of our anniversary observance must also go to the Rev. George G. Higgins for his challenging sermon "We Think of Our Tomorrows."

The Season of Advent was marked by three lovely services presented by the beginners band, the adult choir and the Salem College Choral Ensemble, and young people of the Religious Drama Club. Children and youth of our beginners, junior and chorister choirs have added greatly to the beauty of our services.

On December 14 a large silver offering plate was presented to the church by the Lend-a-Hand Circle. This represents the final gift of an organization which has made many worthy contributions to our church equipment and furnishings over a period of 37 years. Officially disbanded as a separate women's organization in 1947 the group still held some funds in its treasury. It is fitting that the final gift of such a worth-while organization should be the replacement of an article of equipment that has been needed for so long. Names of the charter members and its last president, Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl, are inscribed inside the plate.

DR. R. GORDON SPAUGH,
THE REV. JAMES C. HUGHES
ADVENT

Santa Claus arrived a day early this year at the home of the Advent pastor. Instead of going into the parsonage, he went directly to the garage. There he left the pastor and his family a new, bright, shiny, late 1953 Meadowbrook Dodge. The role of Santa was actually played by five different men—Beri C. Snyder, Fred N. Snyder, John W. Snyder, W. LeRoy Snyder, and Edward R. Snyder. The pastor's family could not remember when they had gotten such a large gift that it could not be put under the Christmas tree. The thrill of receiving such a practical present will be long remembered. Needless to say, the congregation will profit too since this vehicle will take the pastor from home to home in his visitations.

J. Taylor Loftin was ordained a deacon the last Sunday of the year by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Br. Loftin had been serving as pastor of Moravia congregation since last July. He has done outstanding work there even though he was giving only part time service. His theological training was received at Toccoa Falls Institute in Georgia. Prior to his preparation for service he was for eighteen years the teacher of the Young Married Men's Class of the Sunday school. A call has now been issued to Br. Loftin to become full-time pastor of Moravia. A "Call-to-Christian-Sunday" was observed on January 4 with two theological students doing the preaching. George Chiddie in his last year of study at Moravian Theological Seminary spoke at the 11:00 o'clock service. Norman Byerly in his third year of preparation at Toccoa Falls spoke at the 7:30 service. At this latter service texts were drawn for the new year, and every individual present was invited to light a candle and place it in one of two white crosses as a sign of personal recons- ceration. Both services were inspirational and helpful.

VERNON E. DAETWYLER

LAST NURSE TO LEPERS AT JERUSALEM DIES

The December 1952 issue of our Danish Moravian Missionblad carries the following obituary of Miss Oggeline Norgaard, until recently one of the outstanding present-day missionaries of the Moravian Church.

"On November 3, 1952, Sr. Oggeline Norgaard was called to God after a long and severe sickness. She returned home from Jerusalem to Denmark a year ago, and immediately underwent a physical examination before submitting to radium treatment. Thereupon her friends suspected the nature of her illness. Repeatedly did she undergo this treatment, with visits to kinsfolk intervening. Her most outstanding present-day missionaries of the Moravian Church.

"Now she has found her final resting place in the God's Acre at Christiansfeld. Wherever she was known she is held in high esteem and with gratitude. At her funeral a nurse uttered this tribute, 'She was not only our patient, but she was a splendid co-worker. We are thankful that the lot was ours to share in the last of her labors.'"
Hundredth Anniversary Observed
With Services At Mount Bethel

by Paul A. Snider

Mount Bethel, the oldest of our Virginia churches, observed the 100th anniversary of its organization November 25, 1952 with a special lovefeast. The Rev. John H. Kapp, a former pastor, addressed the centennial congregation. The Rt. Rev. J. Kenneth Pfohl delivered greetings from the Provincial Elders Conference. Visiting ministers, H. B. Johnson of Grace Church and K. Edwin Fussell of Bethabara and Wachovia Arbor, brought the best wishes of their respective congregations. The Rev. J. C. Hughes, associate pastor of the Home Church, provided the special music for the occasion.

A WEEK OF SERVICES

Services in honor of the centennial anniversary were held at the church during the entire week of November 23 through November 30. The Rev. George G. Higgins preached the key note sermon on Sunday morning, November 23. He challenged the congregation to look first at themselves and then at the Church. On Monday evening the Rev. S. J. Tesch spoke concerning the "Marks of Discipleship" and the Mount Airy High School Choir under the direction of Charles H. Johnson sang three special numbers. Wednesday evening the Rev. Archie Jones discussed the incident in the life of the Lord where the ten lepers were cleansed but only one returned to give thanks. On Thursday evening, the Rev. Walter H. Allen, Jr. delivered the special Thanksgiving message. Dr. Douglas L. Rights discussed the meaning of "Faith" at the service on Friday evening.

The centennial communion service was held Sunday morning, November 30, with Bishop Pfohl presiding. In the sermon he discussed the significance of the Advent Season and the Holy Communion Service as they were related to the church's anniversary. Mrs. Pfohl assisted at the piano. It was special music indeed when she played "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring".

ZEVELY, FOUNDER

When in 1832 Van N. Zevely, a cabinet-maker by trade and the founder of the mountain mission, traveled past Pilot Mountain into the Blue Ridge he was fifty-two years old. Many of the warm-hearted mountain folk received him with open arms; most of them, however, mocked him and hooted at his message. The God who had filled his heart with the desire to bring the message of salvation to the neglected mountaineers also opened the hearts of those who came "to scoff and remained to pray." Gradually the work progressed. When the "United Brethren's Home Missionary Society of North Carolina" was organized on November 11, 1835, it commissioned him as Home Missionary.

At first the meetings were held in a log house erected by the people of the region for that purpose. In his work Zevely was assisted by John Vogler and other interested members of the Salem Congregation. In his visitation Van Zevely was approached by several families who wanted to have their children baptized. Zevely, however, was not an ordained minister. Consequently, at his request Bishop W. H. Van Vleck, with Br. John Vogler as his guide, visited the mountain work. For several weeks they toured the country—preaching, baptizing, exhorting, encouraging, and distributing tracts. New roads were even built in order that their carriage might pass. All received great blessing from the meetings which were held.

TO YOUNGER SHOULDERS

Because of his age Br. Zevely soon had to entrust the work to younger shoulders. From 1845 to 1854 the work was carried on by the Brn. Rights, Rude, and Hagen. In 1852 the congregation was organized. Still, however, there was no permanent meeting place where regular services could be held and the holy sacraments rightly administered. As usual several sites were considered before a suitable locality on the Ward's Gap road about nine miles north of Mount Airy was selected. Gifts from Salem as well as contributions from the neighborhood financed the building which was consecrated to the service of the Lord by Bishop Herman on November 24 and 25, 1852. On the 25th the Holy Communion was served for the first time in the new church.

FIRST RESIDENT PASTOR

The missionary Jacob Sweyers, having returned from an unsuccessful attempt to found a church among the negroes on the estate of a Mr. Alberti in Florida, came to Mt. Bethel as the first resident pastor in the spring of 1854. He and his family found a temporary dwelling in the church building and then moved in June, 1855, into the log house, the "mission house", at the foot of the hill.

A congregation, a church building, and a parsonage were the visible fruits of his labor when Van N. Zevely at the age of seventy-six made his farewell journey to the mountains in 1925. There were then 37 communicant members of the Mount Bethel Moravian Church.

From the seed which Br. Van N. Zevely sowed in the mountains four Moravian Churches have grown: Willow Hill, organized in 1895 by Br. J. F. McCuiston; Crooked Oak, organized in 1825 by Br. Alfred Dawson; Grace Church, organized in 1925 by Br. Charles D. Crouch.

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The viewpoint of the interest and service of the Christian Church has been one that which guided the preparation of the Memorabilia of Salem Congregation through the long period of their presentation on the last night of the old year.

Its special concern is not the great events of the year, the leading news items or the listing of outstanding world problems which have been successfully or unsuccessfully dealt with. No, nothing of that sort. Such is for the historian or staff editor.

The interest of the Memorabilia lies deeper and may be expressed in such questions as—How fares the cause of Christ and the Kingdom? What has the Church in general, and the Moravian Church in particular, been doing during another cycle, to advance the great program of human redemption to which Christ commissioned it? How evaluate its service in establishing the Christian way as the way of life for the people of America and of the world? And, What are the conditions of life which obtain and are to be reckoned with or taken advantage of as we enter upon a new year of service for our Lord and Saviour?

To say of 1952 that it was

A Difficult Year For Spiritual Advance

is to state only what those will readily accept who have given thought to the situation or have themselves been engaged in such effort. It has in fact been one of the most trying of years and for reasons not difficult to recognize. Other concerns have held first place in the thoughts of multitudes of the people. There was a deep spirit of unrest and insecurity abroad: fear and dread forebodings were widespread; the distraction and excitement of a national election year were present in intensified degree; and the world with its dual spirit of secularism and materialism made of its power of allurement to entice all classes of society wasteful indulgence and sin. And the appalling crime wave which was bequeathed it by 1951 was not only not abated, but has been continued in increased and expanded measure, evidencing itself even in high government circles and among the trusted employees of the nation.

Abroad in the wider areas, where it was formerly possible to exert Christian influence there was tense opposition and persecution of religious workers. Awful warfare continued with mounting casualty list and inhuman treatment of prisoners and wounded. Race hatred ran riot; religious barriers were thrown up and even religious wars were declared. Seldom, if ever, has there been such seething unrest and fierce racial upheavals. The very powers of darkness have seemed at times to be unloosed and, allied with a determined and crafty Communism, have sought the overthrow of all things Christian.

Nor shall we face better conditions as the result of a mere swing of the pendulum or the turning of a leaf of the calendar to indicate that a new year has arrived. Man’s bad living is not changed in that way. As out of the heart come the issues of life, so must the changes we hope for be wrought within man himself by the grace and transforming power of God.

That is

The Church’s Task and The World’s Hope

To her the Lord gave commission—“Go ye disciple the nations.” That is, lead them to Jesus, that they may learn of Him and follow Him. The order still stands.

So does the promise—“Lo, I am with you always.” And let it be made the more real and personal to us as well as the Church as we hear the Lord speak in the familiar words of George Keith’s beloved hymn—

“For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand.

Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

Contrary to the views of many, there are not a few definite

Signs of Christian Progress to the Credit of 1952

The enemy has not triumphed over us. We may not have put him to flight, banished his strongholds of evil, silenced his blasphemous boastings or stopped his assaults on our Christian living and the teachings of the Holy Scriptures. But the fact remains, there has been real progress towards the better things to which Christ has pointed us.

God has not been asleep. He never is. And, even in far off Korea where the costly struggle and sacrifice have shown little or no gain, we are now learning that, as of old,

God Is Making the Wrath of Man to Praise Him

and is working His purpose out and bringing results little dreamed of. Latest word coming to us from that war-torn and bleeding land, tells us that whereas the Communists boasted that they would destroy the Christian Church and rid the land of its hampering influence, they are now finding it quite disconcerting to observe that there are approximately ten times as many congregations in South Korea as there were before the war began. Some of these are of course the result of the great flow of North Korean refugees into the South. But very many of them, we are told, are made up of those who, finding no interest in Christianity before the war, are now turning to the Church and the gospel as their only hope in a world which appears to be crumbling.

Perhaps the most interesting fact concerning the church life of America has been brought to light through the general Church Statistics for 1951, the most recent available to us. They show

Church Growth Rapidly Out-distancing Nation Growth

a new experience in American life. The total membership of our 252 religious bodies, Protestant,
Hours for Prayer
For Unity Suggested

Translated from The Bruderbote, the German Moravian Church paper, by D. L. Rights

The doctrinal text for August 27 in the Text Book each year has reference to prayer. In the German edition the note is added for the day: "August 27, 1727—Beginning of the hourly intercession in Herrnhut." Just fourteen days after August 13 this was a fruit of this day of blessing.

The little congregation in Herrnhut would never have dared to hope that 225 years later, congregations and mission stations of the Brethren would exist scattered around the globe so that without interruption there is prayer in Brethren’s congregations, in meetings, in morning and evening family devotions, in small circles, and by individuals in the quiet of a room or at work. Also, the prayers will have the same elements: thanksgiving, worship, petition, and intercession.

In old Herrnhut subjects for prayer were given to the Brothers and Sisters. This is not lacking in our time, for example in the appendix to the Text Book and in church and mission publications.

Indeed, it would be wonderful if as an expression of thankfulness for the survival of the Unity after two world wars and as a sign of union of our members in east and west, north and south, a Unity Prayer Circle should be formed, if at certain times in the day, according to the geographical location of the provinces or mission fields, hands be folded in prayer.

The accompanying list is an attempt to set forth hours for the individual regions of the Unity. They are so chosen that as far as possible they come before and after work hours. Together they form an uninterrupted whole, twenty-four hours as “Greenwich time” (longitude 0° shows. For the European-Continental province, for example the “Prayer Time” is 7 to 9 in the morning and 7 to 9 at night, thus including four hours. It is thought that these four hours should not be further divided among the individual congregations, but that in every congregation, without announcing the names to the minister, members will be willing to spend some minutes, or a quarter-hour, quietly in prayer. Thus there will be “voluntary interest” without further organization.

Place of Prayer

Time of Prayer

Local Greenwich

Labrador Demarara, Surinam 18-21 22-1
West Indian Islands

Himalaya 6-7 1-2
U.S.A., Honduras, and Nicaragua 19-22 12-3
Canada 19-21 2-4
Alaska 18-19 4-5
South Africa 6-7 4-6
Europea-Continental (M.E.time) 7-9 6-8
British Province 8-10 8-10

Suggested

(“Summer time to be changed)

Himalaya 6-7 1-2
U.S.A., Honduras, and Nicaragua 7-10 12-15
East Africa 19-21 15-17
South Africa 19-21 17-19
Europea-Continental M.E.time 19-21 18-20
British Province 20-22 20-22

BAPTISMS


Rolandi, Carol Jane, daughter of Enrico J. and Jane m. n. Frazier Rolandi. Born August 16, 1952 at New York City; baptized December 28, 1952, by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.


Fry, Eric Eugene, son of John Frank and Edith Grey m. n. West Fry. Born December 27, 1951 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized January 4, 1953 at Macedonia Church, by the Rev. J. George Bruner.


Butner, Frances Elizabeth, daughter of Kenneth Miller and Helen m. n. Jones Butner. Born September 19, 1952, was baptized at Macedonia Church January 4, 1953, by the Rev. J. George Bruner.

Sparks, John Edwin, son of John Frank and Madeleine m. n. Smoot Sparks. Born December 26, 1949, Mocksville, N. C., was baptized January 4, 1953 in Macedonia Church, by the Rev. J. George Bruner.

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Miller, Paula Elizabeth, daughter of Paul Edward and Gwendolyn m. n. Burns Miller, born August 7, 1952, in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized October 12, 1952 at Fairview Moravian Church by the Rev. Howard Chadwick.

Fontress, Curtis Worth, son of Paul Worth and Hazel Izula m. n. Terrall Fontress, born October 26, 1947; baptized on January 4, 1953 at Moravia by the Rev. J. Taylor Loftin.


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DAY OF PRAYER

Provincial Days of Prayer which are sponsored in many of our local congregations by the Women of the Church are announced as follows:

February 18 (Ash Wednesday), Home Church February 25, Trinity
March 4, Ardmore
March 11, Calvary
March 18, Fairview

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Catholic, and Jew, has now climbed to 88,673,005 members or 58% of the estimated population of the United States now given at 152,000,000. And the net gain for the year was 1,842,515, almost a full 2%, and considerable the fact that 1,000,000 loss by death had first to be made up in these figures, it was a virtual 3%. The figures show that in the increase, the Protestant gain was double that of the Catholic, and in the relative gain as between Church and nation, while the population increase was 1.7%, the Church's membership gain was 1.8 million or 2.5%. This latest count also shows the membership figures of the three major faiths to be Protestant 52 million; Catholics 29 million; Jews 5 million.

It can now be said, on the basis of this last survey, that "more people are members of more and larger churches than ever before in the history of America," though in saying it we are quite aware that statistics cannot "gauge the warmth of a member's heart, the degree of his love for his brother that actually determine his zeal," and that statistics cannot "gauge members or 58% of the estimated population of the United States has ever had." With the addition of the Greek Orthodox Church and its 1,000,000 members, just admitted, it now consists of 30 denominations with 34 million members.

Though widely misunderstood and, alas, often maligned, this organization is due the appreciation and support of all those who believe in and hope for the wider fellowship of Christians and the necessity, as well as desirability of church cooperation for the accomplishment of its great task.

"The Council has demonstrated that the churches can operate effectively upon the basis of their faith in Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Saviour, without waiting to reach agreement upon divisive issues of faith and order." It has shown that unity and united service are possible without uniformity of denominational forms and practices. And through its well organized and efficiently directed departments of service, it stimulates interest in and formulates lines of procedure which, adopted by its constituent member denominations and used by them in their own way and for the advancement of their own work, nevertheless fit themselves into and promote the general good.

Unquestionably it is such influence and effort of the National Council, without pressure of any sort, which has brought about the large and notable increase of Church Councils throughout the country, extending the spirit of Christian unity into many communities, touching churches at their "grass roots" and bringing the individual Christian into the wider fellowship and service. It is interesting to note that the large advance in the development of new church councils has in especial manner made itself felt in the south and southeast. Throughout the nation there are now 1,927 Ministerial Associations, 1,917 Councils of Church Women and 960 Councils of Churches. We are evidently in the period of wider Christian fellowship and service for which we should be devoutly thankful.

One of the major benefits which the National Council made available to the Churches and their membership during 1952, was the official presentation on September 30th of the complete Standard Revised Version Of The Bible, a monumental work, in the preparation of which thirty-two of America's leading Biblical scholars had labored for fifteen years. The interest of this service was not, as many, alas, have thought, to give English-speaking Christianity a new Bible, but rather a new version of the same loved Bible.

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in use for almost three and a half centuries and known as "The King James Version," yet with its many textual errors and inaccuracies corrected, its phraseology and form of expression changed to the modern idiom and speaking the living language of today.

So widely was the appearance of this new version proclaimed and so great the interest of the people generally in its reception that more than 3,400 community services were reported held in the United States and Canada in recognition of it, with an attendance of 1,500,000. In addition there were many, many times that number of services held in local churches throughout the land. All this, with the result that America, generally speaking, has been made more Bible conscious than ever before.

We pray God it may all be productive of great good and that, through the wider study of the Scriptures and their earnest, prayerful searching, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, an increasing number of souls may find the Christ of Whom they testify and, through Him, lay hold on eternal life. That is its highest purpose.

Nor should any review of the service of the Christian forces of America omit to mention, year after year, the steady stream of Bible Distribution Of The American Bible Society. Though many of its benefactions go far beyond the boundaries of our own country, the Society itself is an expression of the continuing will and purpose of Protestant American Christendom to provide the people of earth with the Word of God which giveth light and truth upon which to build their citizenship as well as their civilization. And more and more the churches are giving to the annual support of its work.

In our 1952 review of its service we made reference only to its service abroad and to those forces and countries where special need has arisen. We refer to Japan where, ever since its defeat in World War II there has been an insistent cry for "More copies of the Book." Helping the Japan Bible Society to answer the appeal our American Society has made it possible to reach a goal of 8,357,811 volumes of the Scriptures in the space of three years. For Brazil, a strongly Catholic country, her circulation of the priceless Book reached the total of 1,510,000; the largest number ever furnished in a single year. And for the Armed Forces of the United States were given more than 940,000, bringing the number supplied by the Society since 1940 to more than ten million.

Coming to the consideration of The Area Of Individual Denominational Service to which we are naturally led in the sequence of our review and the question which arises touching the measure of accomplishment of the several groups over against each other, that is happily not within the scope of our purpose. Were it so, the field would be too vast, detailed knowledge wholly insufficient and capacity sadly lacking to deal justly with its presentation. Besides, comparisons are often as inopportune as they may be obvious.

Our preference is, in strict accord with the doctrinal position of the ancient Unitas Fratrum, as well as that of the Renewed Brethren's Church called "Moravian," to think of the life and activities of the many so-called "churches of America" in 1952, as applying to one Church, one faith body of believers in Christ Jesus, suffering under His direction as His Exalted Head and Saviour in such areas and after such manner as He Himself suggests or approves, and all for the same ends—The Salvation of Immortal Souls: The Building Up of the Spiritual Body in Faith and Love and Grace: The Further Establishment of the Kingdom in the Hearts of Men: and all To the Glory of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

The heroic and sacrificial devotion of the followers of John Hus is stirringly described in this inspiring record of faith and fortitude, of loyalties and labors, which even more is a narration of the spirit and aim of the men and women who were moved by the zealous passion for Christ and the spread of his Gospel.

For 5 centuries, from ancient Bohemia through much of the world to North Carolina the record carries us. The past lives illumined in the present ways of Old Salem where the living spirit of faith still walks.

PART II

In the wide and highly important service of the Churches which we have held in review in Part I of the Memorabilia,

The Moravian Church has again had a real, if not a widely noticeable, part. As one of the oldest Protestant churches doing service in America, dating her first effort from 1735, when a settlement was made in Oglethorpe's Georgia Colony, this has been her 217th year of continuous service. And while she finds her forces much occupied with her immediate responsibilities in the maintenance of her congregations and the development of her areas of service, yet she seeks ever to stress also the importance of cooperation with her sister churches and to be true to her well-nigh 500 year heritage and practice of "Christian Fellowship with Other Denominations."

As she was one of the charter members of the Federal Council of Churches, so she now holds membership with the National Council and promotes wherever possible the great ecumenical movement, believing it to be pleasing and acceptable to Christ, the Head of the Church, as well as a portent of the new day which is near at hand.

In our Southern Province the year 1952 has been marked by vigorous and sustained effort, directed towards the achieving of definite goals established by the Program of Christian Progress and adopted by the Synod of 1944.

Outstanding among the year's achievements was that of The Building And Expansion Program now in the fourth of its ten-year effort. To its credit, and that of the cooperating churches, the

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year testifies to the completion and occupancy of three new and splendidly equipped Christian Education Buildings—Bethania, Oak Grove and Immanuel; two modern and conveniently arranged parsonages, Rural Hall and Providence, and, at the very close of the year, the completion of the commodious and beautiful Sanctuary of the Friedland Congregation.

It is quite notable that this Program, built on the principle of “Each for All and All for Each,” has, through the contributions made over a four-year period, of $169,000, to the aid of 16 congregations, inspired and encouraged them to the improvement and erection of needed buildings totaling a cost in excess of $763,000.

There has, however, been

Other Provincial Building
than that to which we have just made reference and which well deserves recognition. We refer to such as has been done on individual congregational initiative and financing, without asking aid of the Building Program, though contributing to the same. The large and well-furnished Christian Education Building of the Kernersville Congregation, opened for service in the early spring (May 4) belongs in this category. So too the more recently begun Bethesda parsonage, completed in the last days of the year, and built to serve both Bethesda and Hope Churches. Each of these is a credit to both congregations and Province.

And, as evidence of the further extent to which the spirit of building is showing itself in all portions of the Province and projecting itself into the future, we call attention to the recent purchase of properties for the erection both of a new Mayodan parsonage and the first of the buildings which is to be built for the young and vigorous Messiah Congregation.

Nor should the important Bethabara project be lost sight of. This old “Mother Church” of the Province in the observance of her 199th Anniversary November 16 symbolized the occasion with a ground-breaking ceremony on the large and adequate property acquired for her proposed Church Sanctuary and Education Building, plans for which have received official approval. It is purposed that with the early spring, the foundations may be laid and the building be begun, with the hope of completing the first portion in time for the bicentenary observance on November 17, 1953, and the entire project be completed as a part of the Quincentenary Observance of our Unitas Fratrum by 1957.

The year has witnessed, too, a major effort in the work for children and youth, through a greatly enlarged program of Vacation Bible Schools and Summer Conferences. The extent to which such effort has grown is evidenced by the carefully tabulated statistics which show 34 such Schools and 3 Conferences held, with enrollment of 1,911, under the instruction and counseling of 345 adult ministers and teachers, making a total of 2,256 participants.

In the important work of Evangelism, also, the year registers notable progress and gives promise of still more. Under leadership of the Church’s Provincial Committee on Evangelism, following a rally appointed for laymen, many churches of the Province held simultaneous meetings, through which many members experienced spiritual reviving, souls were added to the Church and congregations made conscious that evangelism must continue to have prominent place on the program of each, if our Lord’s purpose is to be accomplished, America be more fully won for Christ and His Kingdom be established.

Definite Church Extension has taken place also during the twelve months and promising preparations made for further advance. One new center of service begun on March 16, added the name of “Happy Hill Gardens” to our list of Sunday Schools and gave us a prospective congregation among the negroes of Winston-Salem. And a “first service” held in the city of Raleigh on December 7th for Moravians resident there and their friends, gave encouragement for the establishment of a church in our capital city which might serve also as a center for service among the colleges and universities of central North Carolina in which we have large and promising representation of our young men and women, prospective leaders of the “Church of Tomorrow.”

In our educational service

Salem Academy and College our link, on the one hand, with the educational work of the Ancient Unitas Fratrum and the Church of John Amos Comenius, and with the present Church-Supported College movement, on the other hand, has fared remarkably well in a difficult year. Through its President, we are able to report, that “It has had a busy, active year, a year marked by budgetary problems, but also by a broadening and enriching of service to individuals, to the church and to society generally. Improved quality of program has been the aim of the institution, and the faculty and other personnel have responded nobly in this respect.” Establishment of a Choral Library for use of church choirs of the Province and continuation of

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the Summer Choir School have been efforts designed to serve the Church and its program. The Church, in turn, has responded well by budgeting support for the Department of Religion and by observing more widely the annual Salem College Day program on behalf of scholarship aid for serving Moravian students.

Enrollments were higher at both Salem Academy and Salem College in the Fall semester; many improvements were made to plant and equipment; and gifts brought the institution’s total endowment to within $7,500 of $1,000,000 as calendar 1952 came to a close. The institution, like all institutions of the Church, needs the constant prayers and the enthusiastic interest of all Moravians.

Further gains which the year under review have brought us have come from

A Deepening Of Experience Of The Grace Of Giving

and more liberal financial support of the Church and its varied agencies. "June 30, 1952" is a date to be written large in the long history of the Southern Province. It marks a record year, in which all congregations of the Province met in full, in addition to their local budgets, their pledges to the seven departments of the Church’s wider service. And this, in the face of the advancing increase in the cost of living and the support of their local building projects. In addition, there was

Generous Response To Special Needs

This was the case in the appeal for the churches in Jamaica, for relief of the damage wrought by the two terrible hurricanes of ’51, and in the oversubscribing of the pledge of additional assistance for Moravian College and Theological Seminary.

All in all, it marked the

High Peak Of Giving For The Southern Province

A summary of the year reveals—

Provincial Offering..........................$113,957.25
Foreign Mission..............................61,426.92
Inter-Denominational Causes................1,226.85

Total.........................................$176,611.02

Budgeted items for Local Church..............246,750.80

Total.........................................$423,361.82

Analysis of which shows 42% given for benevolences and 58% for local church expenses. The over-all average per communicant member was $32.35. For this we thank God and take courage. In the matter of

Membership Gains

the service of the year has been fruitful, though we are still falling by far the mark of our wide opportunity in an area where there is a steady growth in population and the harvest is ever plentiful in prospect.

The membership of the Province as of June 30, showed

13,099 Communicants
2,191 Non-Communicants
3,083 Children
18,363 Grand Total

A communicant gain of 335, a gross gain of 594.

The statistics of the Sunday Schools show:

1,012 Officers and Teachers
10,167 Scholars
11,179 Total

A gain of 522.

To this we add, as is our custom, the statistical summaries of the wider areas of life and service in which our World-Wide Moravian Unity has been permitted to seek the further advancement of the Cause of Christ.

Membership Of Moravian Church In America

Communicants.........................35,480
Non-Communicants...............2,990
Children..........................10,980
Total..............................49,450

Membership Of The Unity

Home Provinces..................72,686
Foreign Missions.............179,654
Total...........................252,340
Congregations..............1,256

In addition we would note

The Spirit And Achievement Of Our Provincial Organizations

The enthusiastic and purposeful work of the Young Peoples Union which oversubscribed its budget to various mission causes by more than $1,600; the ready service of the Young Adult Group, which, having given Konnoak Hills such loyal support and now assisting the Messiah Congregation in its effort for a "first" building for their new church plant, offers to give aid to the Raleigh effort when once begun: the Board of Provincial Women which, having organized the auxiliaries of the Province into a strong fellowship and service organization, is now, through its helpful "workshop" gatherings, not only gaining increasing support for its projects but is improving steadily the efficiency of the local organizations and adding greatly to their personal interest and effective service.

For the more adequate pastoral care of our growing congregations and expanding service, the year has brought us

Encouraging Increase Of Ministerial Staff of the Province. Three brethren have entered the service as deacons, the Brn. W. Norwood Green, assigned to serve the Enterprise-Hopewell pastorate; Br. J. Taylor Lofflin, who as lay-pastor of Moravia since July assumes the full pastorate as an ordained minister with the beginning of the new calendar year; and Br. W. T. Marshall who, while awaiting definite placement has rendered valuable supply service under direction of the Provincial Elders Conference.

In the month of November, Br. John G. Johnson of the Northern Province assumed the pastorate of our large Christ Church Congregation.

There have been also.

Two Promotions In Church Orders And One Death

To be noted in our official record. The Brn. C. Truett Chadwick and John S. Geserud were on
order of the Provincial Elders Conference advanced to the Order of Presbyter; and on March 4th the Immanuel Congregation suffered the loss by death of its faithful and energetic young pastor, Br. Ellis S. Bullins.

As the year closes, the Southern Province has in its service

The Largest Ministerial Staff

in its 199 years of effort in Wachovia, a staff totaling 47 ordained brethren. In classified service, there are 37 assigned to pastorates of congregations: 2 serve in official positions as heads of departments of provincial service: three are in foreign service as missionary or chaplains for United States armed forces: there are three who are released for other employment, but may be had for supply service as occasion requires: and four comprise our retired group but are also ready to respond to special calls.

From the standpoint of comparative growth—this shows one of our greatest gains through the years—400 per cent in five decades. For which we are profoundly grateful. It gives both comfort for the present and hope for the future as we enter upon our wider and urgent extension service.

Conclusion

This then is our record for 1952, not perfect, far from it; yet a record of earnest and cooperative effort for the advancement of God’s great enterprise of human redemption, in a world of sin and sorrow and fierce battling of the forces of evil.

As followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and members of His body, the Church, we are glad to have had some little part in it. We have sought to serve with faithfulness, with devotion, with effectiveness.

For the high privilege of fellowship and service we give praise: for sins and neglect we seek forgiveness: and for whatever of good fruitage has or may come, we express deep gratitude to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And, for the New Year—What? This brief covenant and pledge to Christ the Chief Elder and Shepherd of our Church “As another year we enter, We renew our vows of love, All for Thee resolved to venture. Our belligerent conductor prove.”

REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

MORAVIA

Our revival held in November with Br. Vernon Daetwyler doing the preaching was very successful. The messages brought to us were very powerful and challenging. Our people have shown a new and vigorous interest since the close of these meetings.

We are happy to report that our Sunday school rooms have been completed and paid for. This room was needed very much, and they were used for the first time on Sunday, January 4.

We are also happy to report that for the first time since the organization of the Moravia congregation, fifty-six years ago, we have a bulletin board in front of the church.

Our Sunday school and Church attendance has increased very noticeably in the past few weeks, and we are looking forward to further increases in attendance as well as in spiritual blessings.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kallam, faithful members of our church, have donated a lot joining the church property for the erection of a parsonage.

We are certainly grateful to them for this generous gift. Sunday, January 4, we launched our drive for the parsonage building fund, and were very well pleased with the results achieved.

The pastor wishes to thank the members of the Sunday school for the very nice gifts received by him and his family at Christmas.

On Sunday, January 4, the pastor received by Adult Baptism Gorrell Dixon Terrall and Wallace Calvin Elliott.

J. TAYLOR LOFLIN.

IMMANUEL

The little white church just off Waughtown Street at Peachtree is no more. Those who formerly looked for and found not as they passed through our city will no more be troubled in that respect. Immanuel is quite distinguishable from the street. Where did the congregation worship during the renovation period? They worshipped beneath the old roof and partially within the walls of the former sanctuary, in the midst of stacks of building materials, wherever Br. Henry Brown, the most devoted and patient sexton in these parts, could find a spot large enough to accommodate a chair or pew.

Now we are in full possession and the only activity omitted was the Vacation Bible School, which was cancelled because of danger to the children. A full program with picnic, organization meetings, and field trips was carried on without interruption. Promotion was delayed till December but finally held in an enthusiastic assembly of the school. Attendances have held up remarkably well considering the difficulties under which some gatherings were held.

Soon we shall be ready to throw open the doors to our friends and permit them to see what has been accomplished in the transformation. Immanuel members and the entire community are proud of the splendid appearance presented by our structure.

SAMUEL J. TESCH.

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thirty-four groups on Tuesday nights through the coming months. At least two neighborhood groups will be brought together in each instance and the entire congregation will be covered with these fellowships "get togethers". An Elder, a Trustee and the pastor will be present at each of the meetings to comments briefly on the work of our congregation. The purpose of the meetings is to bring us into a close fellowship within the church.

Boy Scout Troop Seven has been re-organized and a troop committee appointed by the Board of Elders. Active leaders in the Scout Troop are Howard Myers, Sidney Disher and James Williams. The troop has excellent possibilities for membership here in this downtown area where there are no play grounds and where there are many boys who need constructive activity.

Miss Virginia Marsh, Mrs. Hazel Pach and Mrs. Dovie Little were received into communicant membership January 4. Dr. Edmund Schwarze and the Rev. Clyde Davis assisted in serving the Holy Communion to 377 members on that day. Two new items of equipment came to us as the year closed—a power lift for the dumb waiter, and a sound system to carry the church services and the kitchen. The lift eliminates carrying coffee two flights of stairs for lovefeast and the sound system is helpful both for love feast workers and women who stay in the nursery.

JOHN W. FULTON

ENTERPRISE

The attendance at our church has been a little off this fall. This has been due to much sickness in the community. Two of our number, Ray Craver and Claude Walser, were confined at the Lexington Hospital for major operations. It is a pleasure to have them back with us.

Two new gas heaters now heat our basement. These are the gifts of the Young Men's class. This class has shown such generosity on many other occasions.

Our Thanksgiving service was held the Sunday before the holiday. The church was decorated by Dale Tesh. The young people had charge of the nursery and the kitchen. The lift eliminates carrying coffee two flights of stairs for lovefeast and the sound system is helpful both for lovefeast workers and women who stay in the nursery.

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On the second Sunday we were privileged to hear a vivid and powerful message by the Rev. S. U. Hastings, Secretary of the Provincial Elders Conference of the Jamaica Province of our Moravian Church. An offering received for the work in Jamaica amounted to $30.00.

An excellent Christmas pageant was produced by our young people under the direction of Mrs. Burton Winfrey on Sunday night December 21. The Junior Choir, conducted by Mrs. Wallace Joyce, sang the solo part of "Morning Star" for our Christmas eve lovefeast and candle service. These two occasions made our Christmas celebration memorable.

Br. George Chiddle supplied the pulpit in the absence of the pastor on December 28. We were very grateful to him for his efforts and presence.

WALTER H. ALLEN, JR.
Fairview
A total offering of over $400 to purchase shoes for orphaned Korean children was received at the Christmas Eve lovefeast and candle services. Fairview member, Carl Barnes, a veteran of the war in Korea, presented a vivid and stirring appeal that provoked hundreds to respond to the true spirit of Him who gave so much for all mankind.

A keen missionary interest continues to pervade several of the Fairview groups as the Webe Memorial class and the Young Adult Sunday evening Fellowship sponsored supper, and the members of the Claire V. Warren class dug a little deeper into their purses to raise money for special projects adopted for the year.

The most attractive and best issue of the yearbook, THE FAIRVIEW MARAVIAN, was received from the printer and mailed to the entire membership the week prior to Christmas. Much credit is due Committee Chairman V. R. Snider and the members of the Elders and Trustees for their tireless efforts in the promotion and preparation of this most helpful and profitable project.

Prayers for lasting happiness follow Jacqueline Jenkins and Robert Williamson who were united in holy matrimony by the pastor on December 20.

Howard Chadwick

First Moravian Church
Since our last report seven new members have been received: Elizabeth Barry Whitlow, daughter of James D. and Marynette Whitlow, as a noncommunicant by the sacrament of infant baptism; Mildred G. Alford, Charles Calvin Gladwell, Hugh Latham Ross, Sallie Morris Ross, Pollyanna Evans Wall, and Robert Allen Wall by letter of transfer. We lost one member by death, George Washington Sutton. Our sympathy is expressed to his family.

The Dogwood Chapter of A. A. presented the church with a nice mimeographing machine (A. B. Dick—Model 90) and the church presented the parsonage family with a $100 bill. Many thanks!

The Bethania young people were our guests on November 19 and the Advent Choir, directed by Douglas Kimel, presented a fine program of music on November 16. Our choir prepared supper for them.

One of our members, Billy Sides, was presented the Eagle Scout Award, on November 24. Since the last report the pastor has participated in five funerals, conducted morning devotions at Belk’s Department Store, made anniversary talk at Providence, spoke at Aycock School on “The Moravians in N. C.,” spoke at Masonic banquet at Kernersville Moravian Church, conducted worship service at Masonic Home, and made the opening year address at the Sertoma Club.

Starmount Presbyterian Church, a newly organized congregation in our community, will use our church plant on Sunday afternoons—until its building is completed.

J. Calvin Barnes

Providence
The church anniversary, the third Sunday in November, was one of the greatest occasions in the history of the church, for at that time the church completed raising enough money to finish paying for its parsonage, with the exception of the $2,500.00 allocated in the Building and Expansion budget for it. The house cost $13,064.63. The special offering for the fund taken at the afternoon lovefeast amounted to $1,400.94. It certainly was a happy occasion for us all. Bishop H. E. Rondthal spoke at the morning service and Br. J. C. Barnes at the afternoon lovefeast. An inspection of the parsonage preceded the latter service. The church was filled to the overflowing. We thank God for His guiding spirit.

A Thanksgiving service was held the fourth Sunday morning with special offerings of money and food for Salem Home received.

The children presented a fine Christmas program the Sunday before Christmas day and the traditional lovefeast and candle service was held on Christmas Eve. Lighted homemade candles were brought in on new trays in the shape of a cross. Recorded carols in choruses and choral singing preceded the candle service.

The pastor and his family appreciated very much the cards and presents they received from the members of the church.

John H. Kapp

New Eden
By request of congregation and unanimous decision of the elders preaching services are being conducted in the evenings. We are delighted to report that attendance has greatly increased.

Since last reporting in this column the following new members have been received: Jerry Lane Whiteshun, Fayrine Goforth, by Adult Baptism; and Elmeta Rominger, Charles Rominger, Rosa H. Algood, by letter of transfer.

A Christmas play entitled “The Christmas Candle” was presented so attractively by the Youth Fellowship and received with such enthusiasm that plans are being made for another play on a larger scale during the Easter Season. The church was almost filled to capacity for the lovefeast and candle service.

The new year will be launched by a special dedication service and followed up by a series of sermons to encourage deeper Christian consecration.

Robert G. Lineback

Mount Airy
Our Christmas program by the children of our Sunday school, the cantata by our choir, the lovefeast and the candle service were enjoyed by large audiences. Br. George Higgins’ address at Christ-
white Advent candle which burns on the Communion table during the Christmas season. On the morning of December 21 the children of the Sunday school presented their Christmas program to a record congregation for this service. The always beautiful Christmas Eve candle service and lovefeast climaxed the Christmas observance for us. The choir rendered fine service in providing a candle service for the residents of the Clemmons nursing home and in singing Christmas carols for the sick and shut-ins on Christmas Eve.

During the period under review a new Young People's group has been started with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph VanLehn serving as counselors. They meet on Sunday nights.

Nineteen hundred fifty-three had an auspicious beginning for us when the attendance for the New Year Communion service set a new record for this service.

F. HERBERT WEBER

OLIVET

December was a month of important decisions for the Olivet congregation. First, we decided to begin the second phase of our building and remodeling program which was started in 1951. This project should be completed by early summer. Second, our membership voted to adopt the Unified Budget System which is rapidly growing in popularity in other churches of the province. The first Sunday it was used (January 4) the offerings more than doubled for a regular Sunday. Third, the congregation purchased a house and lot immediately across the street from the church for $6,500. This is the first step in a long-range plan to make it possible for Olivet to have a full-time pastor, which she needs so badly.

RICHARD F. AMOS

LEAKSVILLE

An outstanding and happy event of our congregation was that of the ordination of William T. Marshall to the ministry in the Moravian Church by Bishop J. K. Pfohl on the fourth Sunday morning in November. Bishop Pfohl was assisted by the Brn. Foltz and McConnell in the ordination service. Br. Marshall is the first young man of the Leaksville congregation to prepare himself for full time work in the ministry. The congregation wishes for him a long and fruitful life in the service of the Lord.

On the second Sunday in December general Sunday school officers were elected for the new year 1953. Br. Claude L. Fagge was elected as superintendent and Br. "Jack" Richardson as his assistant. Br. Harold Berrier was given the place as secretary-treasurer of the Sunday school and Br. Kermit Martin will be the assistant in this office. Other officers and teachers of the various departments and classes of the Sunday school were filled in due time to take over on the first Sunday of the new year.

The annual council of the congregation was held on the second Sunday evening of December. Along with the other business transacted the following men were elected to serve on the Official board of the church: the Brn. Thomas C. Ealy, W. C. Dunivant and Kermit Martin for a full term of three years. Br. W. K. Frith was elected to fill out two years of the term of Br. Herbert B. Marlow who resigned due to living out of town and being unable to attend.

The Christmas lovefeast and candle service was held on Sunday evening December 21 with the largest attendance in a number of years. The Rev. William P. Price, minister of the Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, was the guest speaker at this service. The Children's program along with Christmas tree gifts and treat was held Christmas Eve. For our people the special season and services afforded much happiness, and as we come to the close of 1952 we can say that it has been a good year for us. We can look to the new year with much encouragement and high hopes of an even better year.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

FULP

A chicken stew was held at the church on September 27 with the proceeds going to the women of the church. The services of Br. C. M. Hedrick on September 28 and Br. W. Clyde Davis on October 26 were greatly appreciated.

Dr. Douglas Rights was the speaker at the anniversary lovefeast on November 16, marking the 59th anniversary of the congregation. In the evening a group of the young people went to hear Dr. Thaeler.

The Children's Christmas program was held on the morning of December 21 and the Christmas lovefeast at 5:00 p.m. We appreciate Br. Ralph Morgan removing the tree that had blown down near the graveyard as well as some others which were taken out of the way.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.
The traditional Christmas Eve program was presented in the form of a pageant and recitations to a full house. The evening was then spent in caroling with about 40 adults participating. Br. and Sr. Pride Saylor again invited this hungry crowd into their home for doughnuts and coffee. This congregation got the spirit of Christmas, which is the spirit of giving. Thanks again for one hundred dollars which made a happier Christmas.

ARCHIE W. JONES

... Foreign Mission Briefs ...

LEGACY ANNOUNCED

Official notification has reached the Mission Board that the late Mary V. Jones of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, had designated the Orphanage in Alaska—now known as the Moravian Children's Home—a beneficiary under her will. This is evidence of her deep interest in the work of the Home as an encouragement to all connected with it. Both for this and for the continuing help represented by the legacy the Mission Board is grateful indeed.

A MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR

Before this notice can appear a new venture in printing should have made its bow. Friends in the Berea, Minnesota, congregation, led by their pastor plan to make a calendar available, which will supply information formerly found in the Moravian Missionary. The calendar will indicate the birthdays of all missionaries under appointment of the American Moravian Board together with those of as many other Moravian missionaries as are known to us. Each month will also carry prayer suggestions. The Rev. Karl F. Bregenzer is the printer and plans to produce two thousand copies. As long as the stock lasts they can be secured free of charge from the Mission Board.

EMERGENCY MEASURES AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME

The following description was written by one of the children in the Home. "A sickness called diphtheria has been going around in some villages. Most of the children at the Children's Home were sick with sore throats or stomach aches and were put to bed in the infirmary at the Boys' Dorm and the Girls' Dorm. The infirmary was so full that some sick girls were put to bed in the nurses' room. Eight little girls were down at a time. Two of the older girls and ten boys were also ill. Miss Huber, Mr. Trodahl and Mr. Henkelman added nursing to their other duties. The lower grade school room was closed for two days and Miss Moser helped with the cooking."

The Rev. Ferdinand Drebert, in a letter dated December 11, reported eight deaths all told at Akiachak. The health authorities took active measures to isolate the outbreak and bring it under control.

APPOINTMENT ACCEPTED

The Rev. John Befus has been requested by the Mission Board to serve as acting superintendent of the mission in Nicaragua during the period of the Stortz's furlough, which is to commence in March. Br. Befus requests the intercession of the Stortzes for their furlough, which is to commence in March. Br. Befus requests the intercession of the Stortzes in their furlough, which is to commence in March. Br. Befus requests the intercession of the Stortzes in their furlough, which is to commence in March.

HARTMUT BECK SENDS GREETINGS

In a letter written at Rungwe the Rev. Hart-
AS A CLIMAX TO THREE YEARS OF EFFORT

Friedland Occupies Sanctuary

by Mrs. Engene Reed

December 21, 1952 will be a day long remembered in the hearts and minds of members and friends of Friedland Moravian Church. This day brought to a climax our three years of hard work and financial giving toward the completion of our new church.

The day began with a short service in the old church which was filled to overflowing with people whose hearts were equally filled with happiness. Bishop J. Kenneth Pföhl and Bishop Howard E. Rontheimer were our guests and, along with our minister, the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick, the choir, the band, the Board, the Building Committee, and a group of older people who have been members of Friedland for fifty years and more, led the procession up the brick walk to the front door of the new sanctuary. Br. Thomas A. Kimball, chairman of the Building Committee, inserted the key in the lock and our church was formally opened. As the congregation moved through the doors of the sanctuary, many hearts sent a prayer of “thanks” heavenward for God's guidance in this undertaking.

The quietness of our steps on the lovely wine-colored carpet and the rich tones of the organ, which was played by Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl, assured us of the nearness of His Presence. As we took our places in the pews, it was a pleasant thought to know that the walnut trees given by the Creator to beautify the world about us could also be used in our church to help us worship more devoutly.

Bishop Pföhl, who delivered the morning address, urged us to follow the leadership of our minister as we go forward with all future undertakings at Friedland.

It is our prayer that all our efforts will be united as we begin the new year together in our new building and that the spirit of love and devotion to our Church and our God which has led us thus far, continue with us.

DEATHS


Holmes, John Henry, son of Alex and Mittie Mitchell Holmes; born in Franklin County, N. C., December 3, 1873; member of Trinity Church; died in Winston-Salem, December 24, 1952. Funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas Rights and the Rev. Truett Chadwick.


FIRST OF THREE ARTICLES DISCUSSES CLARITY AND READABILITY OF THE NEW VERSION

JAMES J. HELLER

Anyone who has followed the unprecedented publicity campaign for the Revised Standard Version of the Bible (RSV) has no doubt learned that there is also a considerable undercurrent of opposition ranging all the way from a rather hesitant preference for the literary excellence and liturgical traditions of the King James Version (KJV) to such sensational designations as "Modernists' Bible," "The Unholy Bible," and "A Devil-inspired Attempt to Destroy the Bible." These last expressions have come from groups which are using the RSV simply as one more tool in their crusade against the National Council of Churches, which is sponsoring it. As such they do not reflect a serious attempt to consider the merits and defects of the translation itself. It is not the purpose of this series to defend or attack the sponsoring agent, but to consider some of the controversial issues which have arisen out of the many honest and well-intended efforts to evaluate the RSV. This first article will deal with the readability and clarity of the new version while subsequent articles will discuss its accuracy and theological tendency.

The need for a new translation

It is important to note that the RSV is a revision of the King James Version. This means that it is in no sense a rival version. The translators acknowledged their indebtedness to the KJV by their decision to revise it rather than to attempt a completely independent translation of the Bible. Their purpose then was not to replace a poor version of the Bible with a good one, but rather to clarify and improve one for which they hold the highest regard. For this reason many passages from the KJV have been taken over into the RSV virtually without change (e. g. Psalm 23). Where change does occur it is most frequently due to the fact that words and phrases which were once familiar to English speaking people are now strange and obscure (e. g. must needs, would fain, behooved, to youward, etc.). Even more important changes have to do with words still current in our language whose meanings are now very different from what they were in 1611. There are over three hundred words of this type occurring many times throughout the Bible (e. g. present meaning "go before," outlandish--"foreign," let, "hinder," as well as "allow," and by, and by, "at once," etc.). The problem, of course, was to find modern words and phrases which would express for us with clarity and dignity what the older renderings did for readers in the 17th century.

Excessive conservatism

By and large, two criticisms have been made of the RSV from the standpoint of its style and readability. In the judgment of some scholars the translators were excessively conservative in retaining words and phrases from the KJV—especially in the cherished and familiar passages. Occasionally the traditionally rendered has been retained at the expense of accuracy. For example, the sixth commandment actually means, "You shall not commit murder" (the Hebrew root is RSH—"slay," not QTL—"kill"), but the RSV continues to use the word "kill." Other instances of this kind could be noted. Thus it is interesting to observe that in spite of all the allegations of radical modernism there are some who criticize the RSV for its excessive conservatism.

Literary quality

The second criticism comes from those who approach the Bible primarily as literature. Comparing the RSV with the grandeur and elegance of the KJV, they feel definitely that "the old is better." It is unfortunate that the revision committee did not include some competent specialist in the field of English literature, for it was evidently too much to assume that proficiency in ancient languages carries with it the ability to write good English. While the RSV does at times rise to the heights of literary expression, there are also other places where it is sub-standard and quite inferior to the KJV. Why, for example, does the RSV reject the vivid and familiar word 'wonders' and make Joel 2:30 say "Behold I will give portents in the heavens and on the earth? Or again how many average readers will have a clear idea of the meaning of "fall of... quickly" in Matthew 22:25?

A word of caution, however, should be given to those who would make literary excellence the primary criterion in their evaluation of the RSV. The writers of the Bible seldom aimed deliberately to produce an artistic style. The Greek of the New Testament is in fact often crude and very unliterary (e. g. II Peter), and any translation which would turn such passages into refined, elegant English would at the same time detract from their rugged forcefulness.

Conclusion

Although the RSV may be too traditional in some of its renderings to please the most advanced biblical scholarship, and perhaps does fall a bit short of the literary excellence of the KJV in quite a number of passages, when taken as a whole it is the clearest and most readable version of the Bible which we have. This is especially evident in the Old Testament, which, with the exception of a few choice stories and favorite Psalms, has been a closed book to many people. Previously obscure passages from the prophets will now be read with understanding, and new light will break upon the often devious and complicated arguments of the Apostle Paul.

The limitations and weaknesses of the RSV are many (as in the case of all versions) but most critics are in accord that for this generation no translation of the Bible is more understandable and readable. With regard, however, to the issues of accuracy and theological tendency there is much less agreement.

(The second article in this series will discuss the accuracy of the RSV.)

Debt Paid, Oak Grove Dedicates New Building

The new Christian Education Building of the Oak Grove Church was dedicated in impressive services on January 18. Bishop J. Kenneth Pohl presided over the service of dedication and preached the dedicatory sermon.

The dedication was made possible, when on the Sunday before Christmas, the congregation in a special offering oversubscribed by $500.00 the final payment on the indebtedness. This $500.00, according to the pastor, the Rev. John H. Kapp, will be used to start a new fund for the erection of the church sanctuary.

Construction of the new building was begun in March of 1951. By late summer the work was finished and the first service was held on September...
The January issue of The Wachovia Moravian carried a report of the passing of Sr. Ogeline Noraard, who served for thirty-eight years as head of the Jesus Help Laper Home just outside Jerusalem. Her death recalls the visit to the Home in 1936, of the Rev. J. George Bruner and Dr. Walter H. Allen. During their sojourn in Palestine the Br. Bruner and Allen stayed with a friend from Guilford College, Mr. Braxton, who was a teacher at the Quaker Boys’ School at Ramallah.

Dr. T. Robert Bassett, who spent a year at Ramallah, as the principal of this same Quaker school, reports in The Moravian, November, 1952, that the Israeli government no longer operates a laper home on the premises purchased from the Moravian Church. Br. Bassett proposes that this important missionary work not be ignored but be re-established, perhaps in the Sileam district where Arab lapers exist without adequate medical, social, or religious care. He states that “the cost of a fine, new Home, fully equipped, would be little more than a fourth of the money realized from the sale of the former Home.”

“It would be a great pity indeed if the Moravian Church, with the means at its disposal and with the respect and encouragement of all who have known its long and honorable record of service in this field, should forfeit its acknowledged right to have known its long and honorable record of service in this field,” writes Dr. Bassett.

Sincerely,

HENRY A. LEWIS.

ORGANIZER OF 110 SUNDAY SCHOOLS DIES

News has been received of the passing, on December 26, 1952, of Harry K. Lineback, retired Sunday school missionary, of West Monroe, La. Mr. Lineback was the son of Benjamin and Alice Rights Lineback. Benjamin Lineback, in the period following the Civil War, served in the ministry of the Southern Province and held pastorates at Mt. Bethel, Bethabara, and Friedberg.

The funeral home of Monroe, La., reported that the elderly man submitted a copy of his memoir to them several months before his death. A part of his obituary in his own words follows:

“Mr. Lineback was born in the parsonage of the Bethabara Moravian Church at Old Town near Winston-Salem, North Carolina, May 19, 1876. In early days the Mission Board moved the family to Missouri, then on to the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma. Later they settled in Silvia Springs, Arkansas.

“In 1900, Mr. Lineback, being a young man of adventure, came to Louisiana in interest of the lumbering business. He settled in Manfield, La., in 1903. In 1917 he was commissioned by the American Sunday School Union to serve as Sunday School missionary and was stationed at Monroe in a field of eight parishes.

“He labored in this capacity 29 years, organizing 110 Sunday schools in rural and industrial centers out of which grew many churches.

“In the Southern Province, members of the family of the late Edgar Lineback are his nearest relatives. His maternal grandfather was Christian Lewis Rights who served as pastor of many churches of the Southern Province.”

BAPTISMS


Blythe, Charles Herbert, son of Floyd Eubanks and Marion m. n. Stovall Blythe, born September 30, 1952 Charlotte, N. C.; baptized January 25, 1953 in The Little Church on the Lane by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Nicholls, James David, son of Gilbert E. Jr. and Grace m. n. Crawford Nicholls, born December 3, 1952 Charlotte, N. C.; baptized December 28, 1952 in The Little Church on the Lane by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.


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The Archives

D. L. Rights

The latest publication of family history received by the archives was compiled by Mrs. Gertrude Jenkins Howell, of Wilmington, N. C., titled "History of the Clewell-Grabs-Schultz Families in the United States 1685-1953; Sketch of the Howell-Jenkins Families in North Carolina 1740-1953."

Mrs. Howell was a member of the class of girls who began the mission Sunday school in Centerville in 1886 which has developed into Trinity Church. Miss Claudia Winkler is another surviving member of the class.

Mrs. Howell's husband was the Rev. Andrew J. Howell, a Presbyterian minister. Her daughter, Mrs. Laura Howell Norden, is a musician and author.

A letter from Gustav Winter, Sr., in Herrnhut, brings friendly greeting. Br. Winter entertained the archivist at dinner in his home in Herrnhut in the year 1927. Much has happened since then. Br. Winter is still printer in his home town and states that he will publish this year "Theologische Literaturzeitung." Enclosed in the letter were a couple of photos of archival interest; one of them was taken by the archives was compiled by Mrs. Gertrude Jenkins Howell, of Wilmington, N. C., titled "History of the Clewell-Grabs-Schultz Families in the United States 1685-1953; Sketch of the Howell-Jenkins Families in North Carolina 1740-1953."

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Zinzendorf's Lot Bag

of Count Zinzendorf's watch, which he probably carried on his journey in America, and the other shows a small bag, Zinzendorf's "lot bag", with two small plates carried therein marked "Ja" and "Nein."

---Something new in Moravian architecture is shown in a picture accompanying a 1953 calendar printed for distribution by Upton Manor Moravian Church, London, England.

The old church was badly damaged by bombs in World War II. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Edgar Brown, notes that "after the war, when the extensive repairs and replacements could be considered, Upton Manor members took the bold step of deciding to use what had been their church for the growing youth work and to build on the site of the destroyed hall a church to reach the new population that had come in from more badly blitzed parts of West Ham."

"Essential points of the new design are the expression of a Moravian sense of welcome and an appeal to the eye of both passers-by and worshipper, through show-cases and wide windows under the arcades and films from a projection room inside."

War damage money due the historic Fetter Lane Moravian Church, destroyed and not to be rebuilt in the City of London, has been generously offered to help in the construction of Upton Manor's new church.

INFANT BAPTISMS


Hooker, Gerry Lynn, infant daughter of Gerald Wilbur and Dorothy Mae m. n. Coe Hooker, born September 16, 1952 in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized January 18, 1953 in King Church, by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.

Hartgrove, Joyce Elizabeth, infant daughter of Robert Dean and Sally Jane m. n. Meadows Hartgrove, born September 9, 1952 in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized November 30, 1952 at Trinity Church, by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.


Mickey, Molly Fogle, daughter of James S. and Betty m. n. Withers Mickey. Born May 27, 1952 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized January 4, 1953 by the Rev. E. T. Mickey, Jr.

Self, David Barry, son of Everett W. and Joann m. n. Combs Self. Born October 4, 1952 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized January 18, 1953 by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.


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School in Honduras has Growing Pains

by Werner G. Marx

In off hours I had just dropped into our dispensary shack for some pills when our school principal came and said that some of his school boys wanted to give their hearts to Jesus. "Ask them to come here," I said, and right there I had the joy of leading seven boys into the New Life in Christ. Would it have happened in your local school?

This Mission School in Brus Laguna, in Honduras, is what it is because of two Moravian congregations in the Southern Province.

"Honduras?" asks Brother John Amos Moravian, "Nicaragua I know, but where is Honduras?"

Brother John, Honduras is a country in Central America, to the north of Nicaragua, just like Canada is to the north of the United States. In the northeastern corner of this country is an Indian territory called La Mosquitia, and we Moravians are responsible for the souls of the people in that area. Most of them are Miskito Indians but many of them speak Spanish.

Our missionaries saw that in order to do their work in the way that God wants it done, they had to obey Jesus when He said, "Go... teaching... all things whatsoever I commanded you." (Matt. 28:19, 20.) They would have liked to see Christian schools in all our big villages, but instead they asked the folks back home for only two, one in each District of this Province. It was decided to develop the beginnings of a congregational school which had been started in Brus Laguna.

In the first year all the children from seven to fifteen years of age started on the same footing, learning to read the Indian language. Next, we began with first grade, using the Spanish language, and this year we have our first sixth grade. From sixth grade the children in this country go to Secondary School, so you can see that it took us all of seven years to get our first graduating class. If any of these five students in sixth grade pass, we have the promise of several government scholarships for them and our hope is that they will some day return to be Christian leaders in our communities. Three of them are church members and the other two are in the catechumens' class.

An official inspector from the Capital of Honduras, Tegucigalpa, visited our school on September 16, 1952. Here is what he says in his official report:

"On the afternoon of this day I visited the school which the Moravian Sect supports in the village of Brus Laguna, with a staff of three teachers, Eufiero Alema'n, Frank Goff, and Stanley Goff, the first mentioned being the Principal. This school has a preparatory department in which one begins reading in the Miskito dialect and a beginning is made in reading Spanish. Thereafter the pupils pass to the first grade, which usually takes two years to cover because of the language difficulty... The enrollment of the Primary School is 90 pupils plus 39 who are in the preparatory department. The school is very well kept, has a good building, and magnificent furniture.

About this time our friend, Brother John Amos Moravian, wants to ask a 3-in-1 question: Why do you insist in calling this a Christian school? Because Christians pay the bill? Why not let the government run the school?

1. In the first place, we try to get only believers as teachers. In the other schools are teachers about whom it must suffice to say that the example of the lives they live is just the opposite of the kind of life Christ wants us to live.

2. Whatever subjects our teachers may be presenting, they keep in mind that this is a Christian school. In other schools bad words and foul language go unpunished; cheating and lying are condoned, and the child who tries to be good receives little encouragement.

3. Each school is begun in our church with hymns, prayer, and a message from God's Word. "Where, back home, can you hear children singing choruses before going home for dinner?" exclaimed Miss Lorraine Sampert, while she was staying in Brus for language study.

4. Fourthly, and most important, we earnestly try to win the souls of our school children for Christ. There is no more effective way of evangelization than through a Christian school. Day after day we have contact with the children. No soul-winner knows the person he is working with better than a Christian teacher. Once a child gives his heart to Christ, he is not left at the mercy of the cold world, but day by day he continues with...
his Christian teachers, being fed the Word and nurtured in the faith.

Do our people appreciate this kind of a school? In answer, let me tell you of some other official visits we had. They were astounded that this village, which is known as the "Capital" of the Miskito towns, should not have a public school. So they ordered one built, mostly by impressed labor, using tar-stained driftwood lumber. However, before the building was finished, all the children had enrolled in the Mission school with the exception of about six, and the Government did not wish to pay a teacher for six pupils, so in the end the building was turned over to our Mission and we are now using it for our preparatory department and for manual training classes.

Because of its boarding department, our Brus School can be justly called a Provincial School. We have 19 boys from eight different villages of our field. Among them are five sons of native lay pastors and two brothers of a pastor. Most of the boys are pitifully poor. They have to go into the jungle to cut firewood with which their food is prepared. They also have to hunt the thirty-odd bunches of bananas they consume each week. Most of them have to wash their own clothing and on Saturdays come to ask for needles, thread, and bits of cloth with which to patch their clothing. Another of their chores is shelling rice in the big wooden mortar, the rice with which their parents pay their board of $20 a year.

The reasons why I said that this is a Southern Province school is because it was with the aid of a $500 gift from Immanuel that the Brus parents built our 75 feet by 22 feet school building. With a gift from Fairview we are getting furniture made for the school rooms. However, the salary of our school teachers comes almost entirely from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Moravian Church in America.

We have now spoken about the school. What about the growing pains? In order to give a true picture of so important a way of doing the Lord's work, it is necessary to state the not-so-good as well as the ever-so-good. Perhaps the best way will be to ask Brother John (if he is still with us) some questions, keeping in mind that we are interested only in Christian education:

1. Are you satisfied that only one such school is enough for our entire Honduras field?
2. If you were in charge would you be happy to see the school buildings continue in their unpainted condition?
3. How is it possible to get good Christian teachers to come to this out-of-the-way village in Indian territory, as long as we pay less than they can get in other more attractive towns?
4. Since the rule in other schools is one teacher to a grade, are we right in expecting our two teachers to teach five grades between them?
5. We can get three times as many boys from other villages to come to our boarding school. Are we right in limiting ourselves to only twenty boys?
6. We have found that the $20 per year that they pay is not enough to cover their food, kerosene, soap, and cook's pay. Their parents cannot afford to pay more. What shall we do?
7. Since our local people are too poor on the whole to pay tuition fees, who is going to be responsible for making this Moravian school become what it ought to be?

Please study the pictures. Seven boys in one day come and want to give their hearts to the Lord Jesus. They are not the only ones. There in the picture of all those who have already come to Christ you can see the Church of tomorrow. The boy with growing pains needs understanding and special attention. Down in Brus Laguna, in Honduras, there is a little Moravian school that wants to grow.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

UNION CROSS

On December 7 we were happy to welcome into our church the following: Mrs. Vernie Lawson and Mr. York Tucker by Adult Baptism and Vickie Vlawayson by Infant Baptism. Mr. Thurman Merrell and Mrs. York Tucker by letter of transfer. Our Holy Communion service on this day was over the 100 mark of which we are very grateful.

December 21 we had our children's program for the first time at 10:30 A.M. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed the program. At 7:30 P.M. was our lovefeast and candle service. Br. Samuel Teacn was our guest speaker. We enjoyed his visit with us and also his message.

At 7:30 on December 23 our church was filled for an adult program. "A Gift to the Christ Child" was presented and it was a message that we will long remember. We thank Mrs. Early Leonard who is our program leader and those who helped her to make all this possible.

Our largest Holy Communion service with 104 partaking was on January 4. We are hoping that our people will attend these services more this year than last.

G. E. BREWER

KING

The new year opened with an observance of the Lord's Supper on January 4. This service enabled us all to take up our tasks in the kingdom of God with a fresh zeal and greater conviction.

The Women of the Church have already given evidence of their vigorous activity by serving a baked ham supper on the last Saturday night of the month. The young people of our church are selling copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible to make money for their contribution to the mission projects of the Southern Moravian Young People's Union.

In the past two months Gerald Hooker, Dorothy Coe Hooker, and Ray Horner have come into the communicant membership of our congregation. We wish them God's blessing as they enjoy fellowship with other Moravians and Christians everywhere.

The pastor is grateful to Br. Alan Barnes, student at Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pa., for filling his pulpit on the last Sunday in the month, and to the congregation for supporting Br. Barnes, whose message was well received.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

OAK GROVE

The Christmas season this year was a time of unusual rejoicing, for it marked the complete payment on the indebtedness on the over $51,000.00 educational plant that was erected the previous year. The board of trustees had set December 21 as the deadline in a special drive to liquidate that debt. When the classes and organizations turned in their money at that time it was discovered that we went over the top by $500.00. We could really give the Lord a present (a debt-free building) on His birthday. We now have over $500.00 toward the second unit of our building program, namely the sanctuary and several more rooms.

The new educational plant was dedicated by Bishop J. K. Pfohl at a special service Sunday, January 18, 1953 at the 11 o'clock hour. Bishop Pfohl pointed out in his message that there can't really be a dedication of a church without a dedication of self. The cancelled note was burned at that service. Tears of joy came to the eyes of many of those who had labored so earnestly and sacrificed so much for this venture. The boards, committees, and members could be highly praised for what they have done. The ladies and men worked hard to clear the church and wax the floor in preparation for this big event.

The young married people's class who had challenged the men's Bible class to a fund raising contest for the building fund was host to the members of that class and their families at a supper in the Walkertown school cafeteria the last Saturday in January. A grand fellowship was enjoyed by all.

JOHN H. KAPP

RURAL HALL

Even though it was getting close to the busier part of the Christmas season, we were glad that the new parsonage could be occupied on December 9, a step which had been looked forward to for several months.

Several gifts from the women of the church and individuals have helped to improve the interior of the parsonage. A new rug for the living room was given by the Women of the Church together with drapes for living room and dining room. Mrs. W. N. Trivette donated a rug for the dining room to match the living room rug. Mrs. L. P. Covington gave two attractive pictures for the living room and Mrs. Tom Petty gave a floor lamp and a re-
conditioned sofa for the living room. Most of the household equipment which has been placed in the parsonage apartment was usable in the parsonage except the shades which were replaced by venetian blinds and the oil circulator which was not needed because of the oil furnace.

A Children’s Christmas program was presented on the morning of December 21 and that evening we welcomed back Mrs. R. H. Chambers as guest pianist for the Christmas lovefeast.

Mr. Clyde H. Freeman was received into the fellowship of the church by Adult Baptism preceding the Communion service for the opening year and Epiphany on January 4.

MAYODAN

One report covers the closing of the old year and the beginning of the new, both bright with encouragement.

The annual report presented to the congregation on the first Sunday in January revealed that we had operated in 1952 on a budget of nearly $15,000, of which more than a third was for missions and benevolences. This marked an increase of $2,700 in contributions over the previous year. The Sunday school recorded continued gain in attendance, breaking all attendance records back to and including 1941.

As the new year began the congregation was eager to get started on the construction of a new parsonage. The boards called for a show of practical support and the congregation quickly responded with enough pledges to justify the construction this year. The effort has aroused much interest in the church generally and has united both enthusiasts and doubters in a common cause.

Building operations will no doubt get under way during the early summer.

Our Married Couples Fellowship celebrated its first anniversary in January with a banquet in the new school cafeteria. Election of new officers and a fifteen minute musical program by a visiting quartet were the chief features of the evening. This group inspired recently by Mr. Matt Howell’s address at a Young Adult Rally, sponsored the annual service in Korea, spoke on “The need for Christ in the Far East.”

The New Year began with the administration of the Holy Communion at 11 o’clock and a sound film from “The Living Bible” series at night. This series of films has continued through the month, vividly illustrating the life of our Lord.

An increased attendance has been noted at the Wednesday night Prayer Services which were sponsored by the Men’s Bible Class during January.

Plans have been completed for our “Day of Prayer” March 4, sponsored by the Women of the Church, with morning, afternoon and evening services.

Dr. C. Excelle Rozelle will be the guest speaker for our Lenten revival, March 15-22.

NETTIE M. EBERT,
Church Secretary.

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE
(Charlotte)

A lovely new altar and communion rail which were installed in our renovated chapel were dedicated December 14 during the Sunday school hour. They are the gifts of Mrs. Edna Leak of Wadesboro, who also presented the altar cloth, C. E. Blythe, and another member who prefers to remain anonymous.

The following have successfully completed courses in the Queen-Charlotte Leadership Training School: A. C. Thomasson in “Counseling in Christian Education”; Mrs. A. C. Thomasson in “Teaching Children”; Miss Janet Pierczynski and Mrs. Thelma Underhill in “Planning for Nursery Children.”

Wiley Crouse has been elected president of our Men of the Church; Frank Law, vice president; Rupert McCorkle, secretary; Edgar Wohlford, treasurer.

Congratulations to Lt. and Mrs. Ray Loftin of “Light of the World.”

The combined Senior, Chapel and Junior choirs under the direction of William E. Waters, presented the Christmas story in music on the night of the twenty-first. This program was beautifully rendered, and we say “thank you” to our three choirs for their faithful and uniring service.

Cub Scout Pack and Den meetings have been resumed under the direction of Wilson E. Edwards as cub master.

Our Foreign Missionary Society was in charge of the night service December 28 when Miss Ann Dills, recently returned from our Children’s Home in Alaska gave an illustrated lecture on the work at the Home; and on January 25, when Lieut. John G. Rittenburg, recently returned from military service in Korea, spoke on “The need for Christ in the Far East.” Both messages were most informative and were received with enthusiasm by all people.

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who were married in this church on December 28. Mrs. Loflin is the former Jerry Long. The vestry has appointed Fred C. Fischrupp as Custodian of Buildings and James Winfield as Custodian of Grounds. Two handsome candlesticks were dedicated on January 4 as the gift of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Vaughn, Jr. in memory of Mrs. Vaughn's brother, Lt. James William Ennis, who gave his life for his country in World War II. These match the candelabra and vases which they presented several months ago in memory of their daughter Frances, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Vaughn, Sr. New members: Mr. and Mrs. George W. Crews, Jr., and children, Rebecca and "Mac." Dr. Douglas Right, pastor of Trinity Moravian Church, was our pulpit guest on January 11 during our pastor's absence. The congregation was saddened by the sudden and unexpected passing of James S. Hatfield on January 27th. Mr. Hatfield was a member of our Sunday School Board.

HERBERT SPAUGH

HOPEWELL

The attendance for worship services during the months of December and January has been very encouraging. During these months the following persons were received into the church: by confirmation: Mildred White; by Adult Baptism: David Everheart, Wayne Pope, and John McCowan; by reception: Mrs. Harold Lambeth and Tommy Lambeth. The Christmas Spirit prevailed over the Little Church on the Hill. Practically all of the Sunday school classes held entertainment programs. Christian fellowship and consecrated living were stressed. The young people are working towards getting a mimeograph machine for the church. At the last two board meetings the Brn. B. J. Kimball and Allan Perryman spoke for us. The Christian conviction and the definite interest in the Moravian Church that were shown by these men were appreciated.

W. NORWOOD GREEN.

KERNERSVILLE

The Men's Bible Class gave us the impetus for reorganizing the Men Of The Church. They had made arrangements last Fall to have a steak supper for this occasion. Then on January 29 the big day came with seventy men gathered for the hour of fellowship. Elected as officers of the Men of the Church were: president, Joyner Burns; vice president, Joseph Phillips; and secretary-treasurer, C. J. Swaim. Dr. Edmund Schwarze showed pictures of the western part of our country which made us all more conscious of a wonderful creation. During the building period there had been no place to meet for a supper of this kind, but now such groups can meet and be sure of having ample space. Another benefit of the new building can be seen in the rise of Sunday School attendance. The last quarter of 1952 had the largest average attendance in the history of the Sunday School. The stage equipment, except for the electrical connections, has all been installed. This gift, by an anonymous donor, is much appreciated and will give us an opportunity for much better use of our Fellowship Hall. A Lenten play is now being planned.

A Religious Census, recently taken in Kernersville, shows that much work needs to be done by all the churches in our town to reach a large number of people who have no church affiliation. This census taking was done on an inter-denominational basis.

Under the direction of Austin E. Burke, Jr. the Salem Band rendered a very fine Sacred Concert in our Fellowship Hall on December 12. Our thanks to the members of the band and the Auxiliary Circle that sponsored the concert.

CLAYTON H. PERSONS.

CHRIST CHURCH

The project uppermost in the minds of all our members at present is that of adding additional space for our growing Sunday school. Tons and tons of dirt have been removed from under the north end of the church and in a space measuring more than eight hundred square feet, a modern up-to-date Beginners department is in the process of taking shape. It is hoped that this new room will be ready for occupancy very shortly, and then redecorating and renovating work will proceed in the other departments and class rooms of the Sunday school. After Easter it is planned to re-decorate the church sanctuary. Hal Nifong, B. O. Disher, and Alton F. Paff make up the committee in charge of this work. Mr. and Mrs. James Hinshaw and William H. Shields were received into communicant membership on the first Sunday of the year. Two hundred ten partook of the Holy Communion on that day.

At a recent meeting of Trans-Moravia, our young adult group, the following were elected to office for the second half of the year: president, Donald Sloan; vice president, Mrs. Jessie Saunders; Secretary, Mrs. Charles Burchette Jr.; treasurer, Harry L. Collins Jr. Robert B. Smith, Charles F. Ebert, and Mrs. Glimer Ebert were elected to

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NEW PHILADELPHIA

The Rev. James C. Hughes, associate pastor of Home Church and a son of this congregation, was guest preacher for a most successful week of services during the national Week of Prayer, January 4 to 11. Attendance for the eight services averaged 203. Lowest was the Tuesday evening service with 158 present, highest was Sunday morning, January 11, with 336 present. There were seven accessions to membership in all, with five joining Sunday, January 18, and two young people preparing to join Palm Sunday. Two young people of Junior age declared their intention to enter full-time Christian work, and scores of people rededicated themselves to Christ and many others pledged themselves to daily devotions in the home. The faithful work of our "telephone brigade" brought many new faces in to many of the services. A number of women made four phone calls each day for that purpose.

We have just completed mailing "Our Lenten Calendar" to announce the 28 services to be held during Lent. We have a Sunday evening series of guest ministers planned with five different denominations represented. The pastor will preach on the general theme "My Jesus" on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings.

There is a total of eight young people in the pastor's instruction class preparing for membership on Palm Sunday. A new record Sunday school attendance was set on December 20 when there were 341 present.

HENRY A. LEWIS.

DAYS OF PRAYER

Days of Prayer that have been scheduled for the latter part of Lent are as follows:
March 4—Ardmore
March 11—Calvary
March 15—Christ Church

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What Is A Congregation?

EMIL P. SIMON

If someone outside the fellowship of the Church asked you what you meant when you said you were a member of a Christian congregation, how would you answer? Would you describe a congregation as being a group of people who worship in a certain church building? Would you compare it to a club that keeps members on the roll as long as they pay their dues? Or would you put the emphasis some other place?

The New Testament viewpoint

The Bible tells us that a congregation is essentially a fellowship. It is not, however, primarily a fellowship of thinkers or of workers—or even of worshippers. A Christian congregation is, first and foremost, a fellowship of believers. It consists of a group of people who are united by their common faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Because of this faith, which they hold in common, they have become a "community belonging to the Lord."

The New Testament says, for example, that "all who believed were together." (Acts 2:44); and "Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul" (Acts 4:32). It was this relationship that each of them had to a personal Saviour that related them, in turn, to one another. They had become the individual members of the body of Christ on earth. They were true branches of the True Vine. Their fellowship was of a divine-human character. This is still true today. Believers are not to be thought of as those who only SAY they accept the statement that Christ is Lord and Saviour, but rather, as those who entrust their hopes and aspirations, their entire life to the guidance and care of the Saviour.

Gracious Lord, may we believe:
Venture things on thy free grace;
Boldly things not seem achievable,
Trusting in thy promises:
Fruit thy people's stronghold is,
Their employment daily this:
To proceed on paths unknown
Leaning on thy arm alone.

A Christian congregation is also a fellowship of committed believers. We must remember, also, that those whose lives and minds are in close harmony with the life and mind of the Christ are to give outward expression of their inward convictions.

Something is definitely out of order when the outward expression is of a different nature. A young woman touched on this when she commented on the young adult program in her congregation.

"You know," she said, "I hesitate to invite anyone into our group because there is so much gossip and some of the jokes passed around get a little off color and I just don't think a newcomer would get a proper impression of the Church."

This group may have had good intentions and a fine statement of purpose, but what took place indicated rather clearly that their real attitudes were not truly in harmony with the mind and life of the Saviour. The witness of this group, then, was essentially negative. Commitment to Christ on the part of too many of its members did not carry through into their normal work and conversation. All of us certainly need to make the following hymn verse our daily prayer:

Give me a faithful heart—
Likeness to Thee—
That each departing day
Henceforth may see
Some work of love begun,
Some deed of kindness done,
Some wanderer sought and won,
Something for Thee.

Participating believers

In the third place, a congregation is a fellowship of PARTICIPATING believers. It is essential that each congregation become a real fellowship through the acceptance by all of full responsibility for Christian service. There are two main areas of participation. First of all, every member must be faithful to the Great Commission, to spread the Gospel at home and abroad. All must work at realizing the main object of the Church, which is to bring unbelievers to Christ and to build up believers in the faith. It is at this point that everyone in the congregation is called upon to be a co-worker with God. There are no silent partners, no inactive partners. Each has his special talent to use and to share.

The second area of participation is the mutual

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assistance given to each member of the congregation. The Apostle Paul has written: "Bear ye one another's burdens" and "If one member suffers, all suffer together." This is not always the case, however. A family faced a crisis when a young son once got into trouble. The Christian parents found it hard to go to church because they knew their situation had become a subject for gossip in the various groups of the congregation.

Instead of feeling that they would find Christian understanding and help, they felt that the attitude of the congregation would make it harder, not easier, for them to bear their trouble. Again, there was something lacking in that congregation's life, for a true Christian congregation should be a participating fellowship of believers who act according to the Lord's command, "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them." In that way each sustains and nurtures the other.

What is a congregation? It is a fellowship of committed, participating believers in Christ. It is a community belonging to the Lord. It is a part of the body of Christ.

Does that describe your congregation? And are you, in this sense, a true member of "a community belonging to the Lord?"

MORAVIAN CHRISTMAS PRESENTED ON TV

Traditional Moravian customs and music were presented by the Moravians of the Metropolitan Area of New York City by approximately 100 members representing the denomination's churches on Staten Island, Manhattan and the Bronx over station WOR-TV, Channel 9 on December 21.

As far as records can be traced, this seems to be the first time that an all-Moravian television program has taken place from a major television station's studio. The WOR-TV range in Metropolitan New York reaches about 13,000,000 persons.

Milo Boulton, famous radio and TV personality, donated his time as the interviewer and had as guest Mrs. A. D. Thaeler, who is well known to Moravians everywhere.

In spite of the fact that the program was arranged on such short notice that there was little time for rehearsal, there were many favorable comments on the telecast. One of the best came from a studio official who said that "if you had taken a group of professionals to the station management and told them that you were going to stage such a show in such a short time without preparation, they would have said it was impossible."

The program was arranged by Brother Suemper and the Rev. A. S. Hedgecock with the cooperation of the National Council of Churches under whose auspices it was held.

DEATHS

Laugeneau, Jesse D., died January 19, 1953. Funeral was conducted at Woodland, California. A member of Home Church.


Elane, Mrs. John H. (Lola), daughter of Thom...
Calvert Courses Allow Mission Children To Study At Home

A new service being rendered by our Board of Foreign Missions to the missionaries on the field is to provide their younger children with the Calvert Course of home studies. This enables isolated missionaries living where there is no school to keep their children with them and at the same time provide for their education through the first grades of the school years.

Barbara Housman is spending the winter at Brus with the Werner Marx family to study with the Marx children where she will have a companion in Martita Marx with Mrs. Marx as the teacher.

"John is in his kindergarten course and likes it very much," writes Br. Housman. "He had felt left out because Barbara went to school and he didn't. But now every morning Martha teaches him. The books are really beautiful and I enjoy looking at them myself."

Br. Robert Iobst writes that he stopped in Baltimore, Maryland on the way back to Nicaragua to pick up Cindy Lou's course at the Calvert School. "They call her course, 'The Fun to Learn Course,'" Br. Iobst writes. "It is about equivalent to First Grade." Cindy Lou was six on February 4.

Br. Iobst describes the method used by Mrs. Iobst in teaching their daughter as follows: "Helena started teaching the Calvert course to Cindy Lou as soon as we returned here and were settled. Upstairs there was a large space, unused except when I am mimeographing, but which was rather dark and hot. We cut out a large portion of the wall and fitted it with a wooden window and now lots of air and light enter this room. We also had a long, low table made for teacher and pupil and have a blackboard hanging at the back on the wall."

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The Young People's Union of the Southern Province in order to help make this service possible is providing the cost of these courses for David Michael in Alaska, Cindy Lou Iobst in Nicaragua, and Barbara and John Housman in Honduras.

Br. Howard Housman in writing of the Calvert Course says, "It is very fine. They send everything. They send a manual for the mother or teacher and all the pencils, paper, finger paint, crayons, moulding clay, etc. that is needed. They explain everything for the teacher and it is really very easy to follow. They also will send a test at the end of the year. Any child who passes his grades will be easily accepted in a school in the states. Barbara's teacher last year in the states told her frankly that the Calvert course covers more ground than can be covered in a public school."

David Michael: His first catch of smelt.

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Cindy Lou Iobst in teaching their daughter as follows: "Helena started teaching the Calvert course to Cindy Lou as soon as we returned here and were settled. Upstairs there was a large space, unused except when I am mimeographing, but which was rather dark and hot. We cut out a large portion of the wall and fitted it with a wooden window and now lots of air and light enter this room. We also had a long, low table made for teacher and pupil and have a blackboard hanging at the back on the wall."

Up in Alaska David Michael, son of Br. and Sr. Marx, is in his kindergarten course and likes it very fine. They send every-thing, paper, finger paint, per-cils, and the best, by far, that she has seen anywhere."

Martiita Marx and Barbara Anne Housman on the landing of Mission House at Brus. With them is Tad Marx.

The Young People's Union of the Southern Province in order to help make this service possible is providing the cost of these courses for David Michael in Alaska, Cindy Lou Iobst in Nicaragua, and Barbara and John Housman in Honduras.

Br. Howard Housman in writing of the Calvert Course says, "It is very fine. They send everything. They send a manual for the mother or teacher and all the pencils, paper, finger paint, crayons, moulding clay, etc. that is needed. They explain everything for the teacher and it is really very easy to follow. They also will send a test at the end of the year. Any child who passes his grades will be easily accepted in a school in the states. Barbara's teacher last year in the states told her frankly that the Calvert course covers more ground than can be covered in a public school."

David Michael: His first catch of smelt.

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SECOND OF THREE ARTICLES DISCUSSES

Accuracy Of The New Version

James J. Heller

In the first article of this series it was pointed out that reviewers of the Revised Standard Version are in general agreement that it is the most readable and understandable translation of the Bible in the English language. When we turn, however, to the question of the accuracy of the RSV in translating the original languages of Scripture quite a number of dissenting voices can be heard—some with only mild criticisms of particular verses, others with drastic charges of unfaithfulness to the Greek and Hebrew texts.

The Problems of a Translator

Anyone who has some acquaintance with a foreign language knows that word for word translations are not necessarily the most accurate. Frequently an extended paraphrase captures the true meaning of the writer much more faithfully. But while a paraphrase can be the most accurate type of translation, it is also in danger of becoming the means by which quite erroneous notions may be introduced. Everything depends on how well the translator has understood the mind of the original writer and how skillfully he can employ his own language. If he fails on either count the result may be much inferior to a literal rendering of the text. The KJV and even more the American Revised Version (ARV) of 1901 leaned heavily in the direction of literal translation. Such modern versions as those by Moffatt, Weymouth, and Phillips are more in the nature of paraphrases. The RSV strikes a medium between these two in that it is not nearly as free as the modern versions, but is much more so than the KJV and the ARV. Its obvious intent is to translate thoughts, not words. This can readily be seen in the fact that while the latter two versions used italics wherever it was necessary to supply words in English which are not in the original text in order to clarify the meaning, the RSV has departed so far from literal renderings as to make this use of italics wholly impracticable.

Examples of “Free” Translation

Romans 2:28 may serve as a good example of the different kinds of translation possible. A strictly literal rendering of the Greek is out of the question. The KJV has already taken some liberties when it renders the verse: “For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh.” The RSV introduces two words which are not in the Greek—‘real’ and ‘true’—and completely re-writes the second part of the verse: “For he is not a real Jew who is one outwardly nor is true circumcision something external and physical. Unquestionably the RSV is a clearer expression of the mind of Paul and better English, too. However, the English reader will no longer know that ‘outwardly’ and ‘external’ are identical in the original nor that this verse is another example of Paul’s use of the word ‘true’.” We have got a more meaningful translation but it has cost us something. Some no doubt will think the price too high. Others will feel that the paraphrastic tendencies of the RSV are simply justified by the fuller insight which often gives into the meaning of the text, and will no doubt agree with a reviewer of an earlier version, who said: “The revisers were not appointed to prepare an interlinear translation for incompetent schoolboys.”

Yet, even when we allow for the freedom this kind of translation requires, there are some instances where literary fancy rather than the demands of clarity seem to have been responsible for an annoying inconsistency in translating identical words and phrases. There is also an unnecessary tendency to discard the figures and images of the original Greek and Hebrew. Is it not the business of the commentator rather than the translator to tell us that the expression ‘gates of hell’ (Matt. 16:18 KJV) means ‘powers of death’ (RSV)? Furthermore, when ‘first fruits’ in 1 Corinthians 15:20 KJV means ‘first converts’ (RSV) a vital link with the Old Testament is obscured and an important evidence of the unity of the Old and New Testaments disappears for the English reader.

Omissions And Additions

Some readers of the RSV may be concerned at the omission of a number of passages in the NT (e. g. Mark 16:9-20, John 7:53-8:11, the last phrase of the Lord’s Prayer in Matt. 6:13). On the whole these deletions have the support of the oldest and most reliable manuscripts. In regard, however, to John 7:53-8:11 (the story of the woman taken in adultery) it should be pointed out that while this passage does not belong at that location and probably is not even a part of John’s gospel, it does have all the marks of genuine gospel tradition and should be regarded as part of the inspired record. Again while the better manuscripts fully substantiate “And his father and mother marvelled” (RSV) as a translation of Luke 2:33 instead of the KJV’s “and Joseph and his mother, etc.”, it was quite unjustifiable for the RSV to introduce in a footnote the otherwise unsupported sinaitic Syriac variant a Mtr. 1:16: “Joseph . . . was the father of Jesus who is called Christ.”

Use Of Conjecture

In the Old Testament the problem of the original text is much more difficult. Some passages have become hopelessly corrupt through the process of transmission, and where the Hebrew as it stands yields no sensible meaning (Continued on page 3)
Installation

On Sunday, March 15, Br. William T. Marshall, active in supply service of the Province since his graduation from the Theological Seminary in June, 1952, was installed as pastor of the large Friedberg Congregation, Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl officiating.

Double Disasters To Moravian Work Abroad

The loss of one of the large buildings of our Zinzendorf School at Koenigsfeld, Germany is reported on page one. In connection with this disaster there has come an urgent appeal for help. There is desperate need for boys clothing and money to aid in the restoration.

The Zeist Missionary Society of Holland makes appeal also to Moravian brothers and sisters for financial aid for the Surinam Mission which is under its direct care and support. Through the terrible inundation suffered in early February by which one sixth of their country’s land area was flooded at incalculable loss to its residents, little or no support can be expected from the many auxiliary societies for years to come and mission gifts must be sought from other sources.

Says the letter of appeal, “Our work is severely threatened. If you and your congregations and friends are able and willing to help us, we beg you to send whatever amount you can spare.”

N.B.—Sanctioning both these appeals the Provincial Elders Conference asks that gifts from congregations, mission societies, Sunday school classes, auxiliary circles and individuals be sent to the Provincial Office, 500 S. Church St., care of Br. Edwin L. Stockton, Treasurer. Prompt dispatch is promised to both Germany and Holland.

J. Kenneth Pfohl, President

Easter Service Broadcast

The annual Easter morning service of the Salem Congregation will be broadcast this year over the three Winston-Salem stations, WSJS, WAIR, and WTOB and over WBT in Charlotte. For the first time in a number of years it will not be carried over a national radio network.

According to Bishop Pfohl, who will again lead the service, it is the great cost involved in a national broadcast that has caused the cancellation.

The service will also be carried by WPFE Raleigh, Raleigh (680) and WBT (1110) are 50,000 watt clear channel stations and are capable of being heard at great distances.

Messiah Ground Breaking

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new Messiah Moravian Church building will be held Sunday, April 12, which is the Sunday after Easter.

There will be a brief service in the temporary Church headquarters at 3:00 P. M. The congregation will move to the new church site at approximately 3:30 P. M. The site is located in Sherwood Forest on Peace Haven Road. It is reached best by proceeding our Robin Hood Road to Peace Haven, then turning left (south) for three tenths of a mile.

The Archives

D. L. Rights

Our German Moravian publication, “The Bruderbote,” reported for the past year a “Dia­pora and Congregation Festival in Herrnhut.” Visitors came by train, truck, auto, bicycle, and on foot. Six hundred guests were fed by the hospitable members of Herrnhut and about 1,350 enjoyed lovefeast at which tea and buns were served. “It was a heart-quickening sight to behold this great crowd from town and city, old and young, peasants and scholars, with one accord. Lutheran, Reformed, United, members of Evangelical and of State Church, Baptist and Darbyist, sat side by side with our members.” A Herrnhut Brother spoke of the occasion: “It was truly a day of preparation to help the church to be true to its commission in a day of affliction, restriction, suffering, and need.”

In Holland last year the congregation at Haarlem celebrated the 77th anniversary of its church. About fifty members from Zeist, a number from Amsterdam, and other friends attended. The Bruderbote reported, “In the beautiful festal hall, decorated with cypress and dhalias (Haarlem is indeed the Flower City), there was preaching, followed in the afternoon by the lovefeast, at which several Surinam Sisters served. It was a blessed day, too soon ended.”

In Amsterdam a new church building was bought. It makes a favorable impression. In the style of the Brethren’s Church the interior is all white, with white curtains, unfortunately with no white benches but with brightly-colored chairs.

ECUMENICAL CORNER

Walter H. Allen, Jr.

Dr. H. H. Walz, Secretary for Laymen’s Work in the World Council of Churches, with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, spent a few days at the University of North Carolina last month while on a five week tour of the United States and Canada.

This column had the privilege of interviewing Dr. Walz, who is also the Assistant Director of the Ecumenical Institute at Chateau de Bossey, near Geneva, where your reporter once shared the Christian fellowship of a theological students’ conference which brought together young men from various parts of the world.

Dr. Walz’s trip to America is being sponsored by the North American office of the World Council of Churches and by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. through its Division of Christian Life and Work and Department of the Church and Economic Life.

The purpose of the strenuous speaking schedule Dr. Walz has undertaken on this his first journey to the United States is to make contacts between the European Laymen’s Movement and the corresponding organizations of the laity in Christian churches of America. Dr. Walz is convinced that European and American laymen of the Church universal have much to learn from one another. In Europe churchmen feel the proper field of witness and endeavor for the laity is outside the church, i. e., in the other professions, in business, in trade, and so on. Whereas here in the States lay activity is centered around the organized life of the church.

Auction of Pews

Pews and Pulpit furniture of old Friedland church will be offered for sale at a public auction Easter Monday afternoon at 2:00 P. M.

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ACCURACY OF NEW BIBLE
(Continued from page 1)

it becomes necessary for the translator to hazard a reasonable guess as to what the original may have been. Sometimes he will follow one of the ancient versions of the Old Testament, while in other cases he may have to make an independent reconstruction of the text. Since by this use of conjecture there is always the possibility of introducing new errors, the method should be used only when absolutely necessary. At this point many reviewers feel that the translators of the RSV have been a bit incautious, inasmuch as they have made such corrections of the text in somewhat more than a thousand different places in the Old Testament. It should, however, be pointed out that the translators of the KJV also employed the method of conjecture but gave no indication of having done so, and also that some of the members of the present committee felt that conjecture had been used much too sparingly in the RSV.

It would seem that the practice invoking authorities and variant readings is not altogether consistent. In the Old Testament the ancient versions are specifically indicated in the footnotes, but in the New Testament one finds only the general phrase "Other ancient authorities read . . . " In some instances, where a non-literal reading has been adopted in the text, a footnote indicates a literal translation of the Greek or Hebrew. This is a very helpful procedure and could go a long way towards overcoming some of the disadvantages attached to free or paraphrastic translation. Unfortunately, however, this type of notation was not used rather sparingly and there are a number of instances where failure to employ it has occasioned unnecessary confusion. In Galatians 3:16 the Apostle Paul interprets an Old Testament passage in a way frequently used by Jews in his day and which he hopes will have special appeal for them. Referring to Genesis 12:7 he notes that the promises were made to Abraham and his seed: not seeds, Paul observes, but seed. Since the promises are fulfilled in Christ this singular use of the word seed is said to refer to Him. In the RSV the Greek was rendered off-spring. The word seed is transliterated descendants plural in Galatians while the Hebrew word in Genesis is translated descendants singular and that the literal meaning behind off-spring is also seed, Paul's argument will be quite meaningless. This is one instance where the literalism of the KJV and the ARV provided a much more satisfactory translation than does the RSV.

Examples Of Greater Accuracy

Fortunately such slips as the foregoing are quite infrequent, and throughout the RSV one can find renderings which are more accurate than in the KJV or in the ARV. Matthew 8:27 is a good example. According to the KJV Jesus says, "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature (helikia)?" Now people may wish to be a few inches taller than they are, but who would really want to add a foot and a half (one cubit) to his height? Jesus' words take on new meaning when we learn that helikia in New Testament times also meant span of life. What man has not wished that he might add a year or so to the course of his life? Thus the RSV with greater probability translated this verse: "And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life?" A more obvious instance of greater accuracy in the RSV is found at Luke 23:35 where the KJV oddly has Pilate say concerning Jesus, "nothing worthy of death is done unto him." The proper translation is, of course, "nothing deserving of death has been done by him." (RSV)

Conclusion

To sum up this estimate of the accuracy of the RSV, the following observations may be made: (1) the RSV shares both the merits and defects of the more free type of translation which it has adopted; (2) in the New Testament it is certainly based upon a more accurate Greek text than any previous version, while in the Old Testament it tends to rely a bit too heavily on what scholars think the original Hebrew text of obscure passages may have been, i.e. on conjecture; (3) footnotes to the RSV, while generally very helpful, are frequently inconsistent and in some places unaccountably lacking; (4) while some Old Testament scholars have expressed some disappointment that the RSV did not make more use of the recently discovered Ugritic texts, by and large most of the rich new wealth of information which has shed so much light on the meaning of the Old and New Testaments has been admirably incorporated into this translation.

Thus the claim that the RSV is more accurate than any previous translation is, on the whole, a true one. The third and last article of this series will deal with the theological tendency of the RSV.

IN THIS ISSUE

On the last page of this issue is a final appeal for the completion of the Schwabre Memorial Chapel Fund. Mrs. Kenneth Greenfield, the author is chairman of the committee in charge of the project. Pictures of the orphanage grounds were provided by Miss Ann Dills.

The second article appraising the Revised Standard Version of the Bible by Professor James Heller begins on page 1. Next month the final article on the theological tendencies of the new version will complete the series.

Dr. Samuel Marx writes in the mission section pages 4 and 5, of the treatment of a young woman bitten by a poisonous snake. Dr. Marx is the missionary pastor of our Christ Church congregation.

The list of stations carrying the Easter morning service in Winston-Salem was incomplete as this issue went to press. A partial list appears on page 2. Stations such as WBT of Charlotte and WPFT of Raleigh will carry the service over both AM and FM channels.

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Ernestina was saved both from the venom of the snake and the venom of the serpent's master, the devil. A young Miskito mother of four, she was carried to the Auas clinic writhing in pain, with fear written on her face. While working in her red bean plantation she was bitten on her right foot by a snake. Her family ferried her over the Patuca river in a pitan and carried her two miles to the clinic hill.

Her leg was tremendously swollen above and below the crude tourniquet the family had applied, but the generalized symptoms harassed Ernestina more, for she had begun to cough up blood. Nurse Lenore Forbes began to prepare specific antivenom injections (against the Bothrops) and with prayer we began treatment. With other general and local measures her condition improved but she continued to have severe pain and swelling in her foot and leg. It was only then that we inquired more closely and found that the tourniquet had been applied at the time of the snake bite and had not been released until she arrived at the clinic about two and a half hours later.

It was conference time so the patient was left in the care of Jane Wedman for a week, and then upon Lenore's return from Wanpo Sirpi young people's conference, in her hands. From Wanpo Sirpi, meanwhile, I went on to the Auka young people's conference and then to Kaurkira to hold clinics there. In Kaurkira a message from Grace arrived saying Ernestina needed an amputation for gangrene of the foot.

The Mission Aviation Fellowship plane came and took me back to Aucas where we found her condition as described but Ernestina firmly set against any operation. We spoke to her of the Lord's dealings with her and during our absence the Auas lay pastor, Moses Bendles, made repeated visits.

On my return from a communion trip to Wanpo Sirpi I found Ernestina much the same. Then one evening her husband (to whom she had never been married) came to see that she would like to have me come to see Ernestina again. Now she was ready to admit that the bush medicine would not cure her foot or restore the gangrenous part. So once again she was brought back to the "Sp Apia Watla"—our little one room hut for patients that must stay over night. She was then a sorrowful, worried, much aged young woman, some twenty or thirty pounds lighter than on her first arrival. Miss Forbes gave the anesthetic, Grace was my assistant as we did a conservative amputation, trying to save all we possibly could.

The stump healed slowly and meanwhile the lay pastor and others of us continued to witness for her. On the day of her discharge we reminded husband and wife again of God's saving love and shortly afterwards Ernestina sent us this note: "A lady desired to go home and she greeted me by saying, 'I'm turning to the Lord.' Pointing to her amputation stump she observed that she had had two good legs and good health but now she was returning home partly crippled. She saw that God was speaking to her. As we prayed together she asked the Lord to have mercy on her and receive her. At home are four small children, a husband, still unconverted, also many temptations. Let us pray that she may permit the Lord to continue to work in her so that rescued from the snake and the serpent she may live to be an honor to our Lord Jesus' saving name.

SUNSHINE IN QUINHAGAK
Mrs. Charles B. Michael

Annie Crow and Jane Roberts have just heard stories about how much Jesus loves them. We like to think that their faces reflect the joy of the knowledge of salvation.

That they love to come to Bible School we know, for they were two of a large group who had perfect attendance records. Our attendance last summer was eighty boys and girls. The two in the background are Walter Carter's children from Eck.

Family side

By O. E. Stimpson

THE FAMILY AND SORROW

There is no love without sorrow. To each family sorrow has or must come. But not all families know how to accept and to use sorrow. Some time ago a young person, who had experienced a shocking sorrow some months previously, came to discuss the problem of the lingering shadow in his life. Nothing had helped to relieve the anguish in his life. Family life, school friends, dating, parties — all seemed flat and meaningless, empty. Without apparent reason sudden and overwhelming waves of sorrow swept over him, so that food and sleep were undeeded and work was undone or poorly carried out.

A few quite simple rules will prepare each of us for the experience of sorrow or help us in a present one. First we must realize that we cannot love a memory. Not really. Here is where most of us who love a beloved member of the family fail. We think we must hold close the memory of the loved one, exclude other people, cut down activity, and draw apart. Thus we try to love a memory and it is impossible. We can love only persons, people. That love we had given to the lost one cries out for continued expression, it longing to be released in action, in words of kindness, compassion. This requires most often the development of a close friendship or the finding of a new person to receive your love. A wife who becomes a widow need not make immediate plans for a new marriage, but the aching emptiness will be eased only by loving others. And love is itself only when expressed.

To those who may feel this is disloyal or unkind to the lost one is pointed out: 1. The lost one would most desire that you be happy. You rather cast a doubt upon the quality of his love if you indicate that only seclusion, a sad countenance, and loneliness honor his love. The finest tribute you can pay one whom you have loved and lost is to consciously set about giving to others in some measure the same happiness and love he gave you.

2. We should think of those who remain and love us. There are few people who are not loved by more than one person. Indeed most of us are blessed by having persons outside our families who love us. And of these people we should be thankful. We best show the strength and quality of our faith in God's love by bearing personal sorrow with patience and confidence. Much we can do for others, who may have a much greater load than we think, if we regain the evidence of joy and love after a deep sorrow.

3. We Christians feel that God has us here for a purpose. At times we may not feel sure just what His plan is for us. But if a loved one is taken and we remain, let us not forget our duty, our responsibility to Him. We are not good messengers of God if we are gloomy, resentful. Knowing that Christ suffered so deeply to show us the power and extent of the Father's love, with confidence we can face any tomorrow with hope and joy.

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WORKERS NEEDED

Under God's blessing the foreign missionary undertaking committed to our American Moravian churches has grown during the past years. One penalty of growth is steadily increasing demand for workers, to replace men and women of whose terms of service come to an end. The Mission Board makes known here-with two openings which should be filled by competent missionaries without delay. The 'Children's Home in Alaska needs an assistant matron. Details regarding the requirements of this position will be gladly furnished to interested parties. In our Honduras Mission there is an opening for a registered nurse, to work in the Kaurkira station clinic. Here again further details will be gladly provided by the Board.

THANKS FROM JAMAICA

The Reverend B. Muncaster, treasurer of the Jamaica Province, has asked that thanks be conveyed, to all who through past months have helped to relieve the distress caused in that field by the hurricane of 1951. Readers of these Notes will be glad to know: "that at Claremont a new church building is rising, which is a credit to Brother Morrison. He was to have retired, but asked permission to remain in service until he had replaced the building that the hurricane had destroyed. At Carriacou a new mission house has been completed under the guidance of its young minister. Other extensive repairs have also been carried out."

SURINAM FEELS THE EFFECTS OF HOLLAND'S FLOOD

An appeal has recently been received from Zeist, Holland, seeking financial aid from America for the Moravian Mission in Surinam. The floods in Holland have inundated one-sixth of that country. Many friends of Moravian missions lived in the devastated area, on whose contributions our Dutch Mission Board relied for support for the extensive work carried on by them in Surinam. The loss of this support will make acute a situation which is already most difficult.

The Provincial Elders Conference, North, has voted a grant of $1,000 from the Unity Offering Account in reply to this plea. The Provincial Treasurer will be happy to forward any other gifts for this cause. Our Dutch Brethren and Sisters, though not suffering directly through the floods, are in real distress because of its effect upon the mission enterprise they sponsor.

CHILDREN AND STAFF LAID LOW

In a letter dated February 17, the Reverend Harry Trodahl writes graphically of the way in which the recent influenza epidemic disrupted life at the Home in Alaska. One person after another has had to give in to the disease. Members of the staff stayed on their feet so long as they could, struggling to carry on their duties and those of others who had a give up. In response to an S. O. S. the Reverend Earl Shay brought a field nurse and medicines from Bethel. With the party came two native Samaritans to stay on at the Home and give help while it was needed: a young man named Jack Snyder and Eliza Wasslie, a former resident in the Home. This help saved the day.

EMERGENCY JOURNEYS

Because of illnesses which could not be treated in our hospital at Bilwakarmara, the Board recently authorized Dr. Thaeler to send both Mrs. Thaeler and Mrs. John Befus to this country for examination by specialists and for necessary treatment. For the sake of the patients, their families, and the work of our Church in Nicaragua, our prayers are that these steps may prove successful in restoring them to health.

LABRADOR NOT IMMUNE

Last December 26, Superintendent Pesceck wrote from Nain, Labrador: "Sister Dorothy Jupp, our nurse, has had plenty to do since she arrived. Following the German measles epidemic of whooping cough which is not yet over. We are thankful that she was able to come to us, and we are praying that she may be greatly blessed in her work here. She was formerly an Angelic communion and worked for the Grenfell Mission, but always wanted to come north to serve with us; now she is here and is a great help."

A YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE IN NICARAGUA

Both Superintendent Storitz and the Rev. Robert Iobst have sent enthusiastic reports on the Young People's Conference held at Puerto Cabezas during the latter part of January. Including the staff, 198 persons attended. The Central Moravian Church could not hold all who wished to be present in the special services held in connection with the gathering. Twenty-six people made profession of faith in the closing session and three young men offered themselves as candidates for life service in the ministry. As a group, the young people pledged to support four lay pastors during the coming year.

KIDUGALO, HOSPITAL FOR LEPERS TO BE MOVED

Translated from "Danish Missionblad" by H. B. Johnson

Plans have at last been completed for the removal of Kidugalo, our leper colony, from the vicinity of Sikonge southward a score of kilometers to Ipole. This is the result of Bishop Ibsen's conferences with the civil authorities. An inspection of the water supply at Ipole seems to have disclosed a satisfactory condition.

The intention is to locate the main hospital near our mission station. This will make it easy for our nurses to attend patients. They will be able to make several visits daily, because the distance will be short. The cottages for the lepers will be on the far side of the main building. The exact site will be determined by the source of the water supply. The authorities have set aside 5000 pounds for the setting up of the plan this year. The project, it is hoped, will be completed by the close of the year.

The new colony will provide shelter and treatment for 500 patients. This will be a large increase over the present number at Kidugalo. However, the new colony will be filled to capacity immediately upon completion because there are about 8000 lepers in this part of Africa.
REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

FRIENDS MEMORIAL

The New Year Communion and the Communion of the First Sunday in Lent were for us blessed and happy occasions, both being among the largest attended and most deeply spiritual in our church during the present pastorate. The presence of the Lord in our midst was very real to us.

The winter has been a time of illness for our congregation as for others. This has been most noticeable in our Sunday school attendance among the children. There has been an upsurge, however, in these departments as people have once more been able to be out and about again. On the first Sunday in March the total attendance was third from the highest of the past two years.

Our new organ has been installed and throughout the Lenten period has been rendering much needed service, adding to the spirit of worship in our services. This project of the Young Adult Class brings to realization the hopes of years past that we might have an organ.

The two groups of our Young People’s Union have made great progress during the year. When in the fall we began this year’s work with twice the number of a year ago, we had hopes that such increases would not be merely a spurt, but would continue to prove the worth of the work and to be real growth on our part. Our prayers have been answered and our hopes upheld, for the groups have remained near double those of last year. The senior group has taken as its local project the purchase of a moving picture projector for the congregation. With the help of friends in the church they have progressed nicely with the project.

Improvements about the building have continued. A dumb-waiter has been installed and additional tile laid on the floors by the men of the church and the young adults class. The Women of the Church have been busy with projects for the improvement of the kitchen.

Our supper meeting of the Men of the Church with Br. John Johansen as guest speaker was the largest of its kind during the present pastorate.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

FULP

A group of the young people attended the winter young people’s rally in January, also a delegation went down to attend the closing session of the Winston-Salem preaching mission.

Someone has said that a dish sale is when you bring a dish that you don’t want and buy a dish that you don’t need. But the Women of the Church seem to have a good time doing it at their last meeting and some of the dishes bought have been used. The Women were able to report that the oil circulator in the church has now been paid for, a project toward which they had been working for some time.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mrs. Hartsoe upon the loss of her mother. There seems to have been more sickness than usual in the congregation during the winter months but the situation has been greatly improved.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

ADVENT

A Community Revival was held March 1-8 that was spiritually profitable to all the participating churches. The preachers were the Rev. C. E. Ridge of Mt. Carmel Methodist; the Rev. Archie Jones of Bethesda and Hope Churches; the Rev. John Goserud of Konnoak Hills; the Rev. Norwood Green of Enterprise and Hopewell; and the Rev. R. O. McAlpine of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Some fine gospel preaching was heard by better than average congregations each night.

The Board of Trustees authorized the painting of the outside of the church and the parsonage. The beauty of both structures was substantially enhanced by the trim white coat.

So far this year all efforts to increase the Sunday school average attendance by 10% have not borne fruit. Perhaps the inclement weather and the many cases of flu have been the deterring factors.

The Sunday school is varying its program during the month of March. Families of the congregation have been asked to be in charge of the opening exercises. The family of Junius Spach, with all its musical ability, were in charge of the first interesting program.

Our Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday school has been divided into two groups. The children two and three years of age are in one group and those under two in another. Mrs. G. C. Gilley, assisted by Mrs. Burton Whitsett are in charge of the infants, and Mrs. Roger Snyder, assisted by Mrs. Jack Walters...
and Mrs. Reed Russell, are in charge of the older children.

Our church nursery is under the direction of the Women of the Church. Each of the three circles is in charge for one month at a time.

VERNON E. DAETWYLER

PROVIDENCE

Attendance is on the increase at Sunday school and worship services. Offerings seem better held and there is evidence of a need for an additional classroom for the primaries. This is very encouraging.

Flower pedestals to correspond with the pulpit furniture were given by one who wants to remain anonymous. We certainly appreciate this gift.

At a joint board meeting the young married people's class was given permission to solicit funds for new pews and a pew committee was appointed to select them. A number of pews have been promised as memorials.

Shrubbery has been planted around the new parsonage and rearranged and trimmed around the church.

Dr. George Heath was warmly welcomed at the meeting of the Women of the Church at the home of Mrs. R. D. Grubbs. Dr. Heath spoke on the people of Nicaragua.

Realizing that there is need for improved rules and regulations and landscaping of the graveyard, the chairman of the board of trustees invited Br. E. L. Stockton to speak to the joint boards on this and offer suggestions. We appreciate Br. Stockton's helpfulness.

We were glad to have Br. Egbert Lineback conduct the service the third Sunday in January in the absence of the pastor.

JOHN H. KAPP

MOUNT AIRY

During the hospitalization of the pastor services were conducted as usual. Pulpit guests were the Rev. William Marshall, George Higgins, Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl and Edmund Schwarze and the Revs. A. C. Waggner, Methodist, and D. S. McCarty, Presbyterian. Br. Clayton Persons and the Rev. Mark Boeser, Jr., Episcopal, assisted in other ways, as did members and friends of the congregation. Even J. Frank Carter, Jr., Mayor of Mount Airy, came to offer his assistance. For this overwhelming manifestation of Christian sympathy and interest the pastor gives thanks to God and to the people.

The churches of Mount Airy entertained Foreign Exchange students in institutions of learning in North Carolina. Miss Hedwig Stoltzower of Austria and Salem College was the guest of the John Walkers. She spoke to our people at the morning service on February 1. Present that morning were also Miss Yoyo Ishikawa of Japan, the guest of Timmy and Linda Cox, and Miss Lee Ming Chow of China, the guest of Polly, Frances and Wilma Lee King.

The response to the proposal of our Trustees that new choir chairs be given as a memorial to Shirley Jane Peters was so general and liberal that thirty-four such chairs have been ordered. In addition, so many other pledges were made that a new carpet for the choir loft will likewise be laid in the near future.

The local observance of World Day of Prayer was observed in our church and sponsored by our Woman's Auxiliary.

Holy Communion on the first Sunday in Lent brought a large company to the Lord's Table and the blessing was very evident. James T. Jarvis was received by letter into the fellowship of the congregation.

The good wishes of the congregation are with Joseph Greenwood and Lena Coleman who were united in marriage in the church on February 8.

Little Mary Ann Miller came to brighten the home of James and Erline Miller. Congratulations! Hospitalized recently were Jack Smith, Harry Burton and Miss Frances Chandler. May they be well again soon.

H. B. JOHNSON

MESSIAH

The three-and-one-half acre site in Sherwood Forest on Peace Haven Road on which we have held option for some time has been purchased from the Pilot Real Estate Co., for the sum of $6,000.

Plans for the erection of our first unit of a proposed three unit building have undergone several changes to try to keep the cost down to $40,000. This all-purpose building will have a temporary sanctuary, Sunday school assembly, and kitchen on the first floor, and nine rooms upstairs. It will eventually be all class room space.

Our Sunday school enrollment has now gone over 80, and the present temporary quarters will not permit further growth. We have rented two additional store units joining the one we originally rented, but we are still greatly handicapped for proper space. There was some decline in attendance in February due to illness, but the first two Sundays in Lent found us again filled to capacity.

The Adult Class has organized a visitation effort, anticipating our removal to larger quarters. Mr. Jack Luper, class president, is general chairman with Mr. Weldon Tavis and Mrs. B. H. Newsom as team captains. Results of early visitations have been most encouraging.

Circle One held an auction sale at their last meeting for the organ fund and raised $57, bringing the total in this recently established fund to around $150. We recently purchased eight additional primary and six junior chairs in solid oak. Women of the Church are getting bids on dishes. We have $5,900 in our Building Fund.

Laymen of the church conduct regular Sunday evening prayer services. There were 22

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HENRY A. LEWIS.

CLEMMONS

Attendance at our services has suffered greatly from the recent flu epidemic. However, it was encouraging to note that a larger number of members participated in the elements at our Lenten Communion than ever before for this particular Communion. At this service Joseph A. Huff was received as a new member by letter of transfer from Pisgah Methodist Church. The first Sunday night in Lent marked the beginning of a special series of Sunday evening services which will continue through the season of Lent. The attendance at these services has been very encouraging.

The Rev. E. T. Mickey met with our Church Board at their February meeting to explain the work of the Church Aid and Extension Board. This continues a series of meetings which began in November when the Rev. George Higgins was there to explain the organization and administration of the Southern Province. We plan to continue until a representative from each of the Provincial Boards has met with our board.

A mimeograph machine, a slide projector and screen, and nine new church hymnals have been provided through special gifts received from members of the church. A copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible has also been presented to the Sunday school in memory of P. L. Quinn.

It has been our privilege to welcome another German Moravian family into our community. This is the Theodor Ziegler family which came originally from New Gnadenfeld, Germany.

A combined observance of Boy Scout Sunday and Youth Sunday was held at the 11:00 service on February 8. Members of the Scout Troop and several of our young people had parts in the service.

F. HERBERT WEBER.

NEW EDEN

The most significant accomplishment of the past two months has been the organization of a Boy Scout Troop. A group of enthusiastic boys are working diligently to master tenderfoot requirements and we hope to have a vestiture service in the near future with every member ready to receive his tenderfoot badge. Mitchell Shore and Otis Everhart are serving as scout masters. The adult committee is composed of Charles E. Ferguson, Egbert G. Lineback, Walter Hewitt, Manie Williams, Lester Allgood, William Cranford, William Knopf, and Kenneth Yontz. We are grateful to William Russell, A. B. Phillips, and Charles Adel for their help in the details of organization.

At present the congregation is engaged in the project of having our church connected with the city water system. A kitchen sink and a water fountain will also be installed.

We are happy to have Donald Yontz back with us after two years of service in the Armed Forces. Recently he was elected a member of the Board of Trustees to replace the expired term of one of our members who moved out of the community to another city.

Plans have been formulated for the Easter and spring seasons with the central emphasis on evangelism.

EGBERT G. LINEBACK.

CALVARY

The young people took complete charge of the morning service on February 1. Albert Griffin, Tommie Poindexter, and Albert Atwood spoke on a theme centering in the Christian's experience of the Bible, the Church and Christ. Shirley Conrad presided and Emily Atwood read the scripture. The choir was made up entirely of senior young people and was directed by Richard Henderson in two anthems. Miss Margaret Vandell who was our guest organist declared, "The service was one of the most inspiring I have ever attended. I didn't know that young people could do that."

Miss Ann Dills, R.N., Calvary member and retiring nurse from the Children's Home in Alaska spoke to our family night group and illustrated her talk with color slides. These pictures demonstrated the need for the orphanage and held the interest of our people. We are delighted to have "Miss Ann" back with us tonight.

The Calvary "Visitor" has been revived as a monthly news sheet of the congregation's activities. Two issues have already appeared as edited by Alyce Value, Mrs. T. K. Conrad and Miss Coleen Green are serving as reporters. Letters of thanks have come in from as far as California and comments like, "I read it before my newspaper", have made us feel that the efforts to mimeograph the news-sheet are appreciated.

The Christian Education Board of our congregation has launched a program to increase the attendance of the Sunday school by 10 per cent by the end of 1953. Ten detailed steps to this end have been worked out by a committee of three members, Mrs. Lawrence Dalton, V. L. Davis and Wilburn Carter. The program was presented to the teachers of the Sunday school on March 9.

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basement of the fellowship hall, replacing a recent but dry-rotting tile covered wood floor. This unexpected expenditure indicates that we may be faced with replacing much of our flooring on the ground floor. A supper sponsored by a number of women, led by Mrs. Lillyan Flayt, netted $225.00. The proceeds are to go into a floor fund.

JOHN W. FULTON.

FAIRVIEW

Increasing interest in and support of missions continues to be outstanding in the news from Fairview. In addition to the regular quotas included in the budget, numerous classes in the church school are taking on special projects. Small groups can be seen and heard talking spontaneously and enthusiastically about a missionary or station in Alaska, Nicaragua, or Honduras. The Men’s Class, as one group, sets aside five cents per Sunday for each member present—for missions. The Missionary Lovefeast, on February 22, with the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler proclaiming the Christian conscience of those assembled, brought forth an offering of $175. Thus the local Missionary Chaperon was able to pay four months in advance the first installment of $710 on a $1100 pledge to the Foreign Mission Board to defray expenses of the printing of the Passion Week Manual in the Miskito language.

The High School Fellowship group was in charge of the service for Youth Sunday, January 25, Reitzel Snider and Phyllis Jeffries presided, and the Rev. Clifford Peace, pastor-counselor of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company was the preacher.

The congregation extended deepest sympathy to the families of two faithful members, Mrs. P. G. McGee and J. H. Cobb who entered the larger life during the past two months, and to Mrs. H. J. Ledwell and George Reece upon the passing of their mother, Mrs. Carrie Reece, and to O. M. Warren upon the passing of his father, J. E. Warren.

The potential communicant membership was swelled with the advent during the past few months of infants into the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Warren and Mrs. Wallace Revels, Mr. nd Mrs. William Oehman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tuttle, and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Spear.

Mr. Glenn Berger and Cpl. Charlie Cone were welcomed into the congregation by the right hand of fellowship.

HOWARD CHADWICK.

TRINITY

Midweek service has met its goal of fifty attendants once this season. Douglas Carter is president of this group and has some faithful helpers in promotion.

Willie Perryman, of Enterprise, has transformed the kitchen of the parsonage. You should see it now.

Scoutmasters Herbert Foltz and Herbert Caudle keep the Boy Scouts busy with the spring program.

The Brotherhood had one of its most delightful meetings when it invited the women of the church to a dinner. President Sanford Mendenhall, of the Brotherhood, directed the program.

Four German families were guests for vesper service.

Members of the Junior Department set up a miniature Alaska village as an exhibit on a table.

The Sunday School Council brought about forty-six members to the quarterly meeting, Miss Dorothy Wooten brought the picture lesson for the evening.

Day of Prayer was attended by about two hundred members and visitors. We are indebted to the musicians for their excellent service, Mrs. J. K. Pfohl and Mrs. Ralph Conrad at the organ, and singers Mrs. Lindsay Hoover, the Rev. and Mrs. John Gower, Miss Carol Sloan, Miss Jean Miller, and Douglas Rimpl. Ministers assisting were the Revs. George Chidsey, William T. Marshall, G. E. Brewer, John H. Johansen, Herbert Weber, and Norwood Green.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS.

LEAKSVILLE

The new year had a most encouraging beginning. Sunday school attendances set some of the highest records seen in a number of years. Church attendance was also above the average and a big increase in prayer meeting attendance over recent months. Quite a bit of sickness among our people kept them from attending some of the services, but by the end of February general conditions were much better. Holy Communion was observed at the morning service of the first Sunday in the new year and a large congregation was present for this service.

The Men of the Church held two fine supper and inspirational meetings during the period under review. An outstanding event for the Ladies Bible Class was their celebration of the beginning of their class work of nearly thirty years. The program was given on Saturday evening, February 21. A number of former members were present, greetings and brief talks were given by former teachers and pastors. Mrs. John H. Kipp gave the main inspirational and helpful talk of the evening after which all enjoyed a social hour and refreshments.

Circles of the Woman’s Auxiliary were entertained by Mrs. A. G. Smith, Miss Margaret’s Kirk, Mrs. Lena McConnell and Mrs. Lester Brown. The Good Fellowship Class held two fine meetings in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ealy and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steiner. Meetings of the official Church Board were held in the homes of the Brn. Edward Richardson and W. K. Frith. Two meetings of the Ladies Bible Class were held in the homes of Mrs. Roscoe Richardson, Mrs. W. S. Sedberry, and Mrs. J. A. Lovick.

The Men’s Bible Class was responsible for the placing of new carpet in the vestibule entrance to the church auditorium for which we thank the class. At the January meeting of the Men of the Church Br. Robert A. Turner was elected to head this work for the new year. A most worthwhile meeting of the Sunday school workers was held at the church the last Saturday evening in January.

The pastor united in marriage Miss Mrie Berrier of Leaksville and Douglas G. Glesman of Houston, Texas, on Saturday evening, January 31.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ.

KONNOAK HILLS

We are very pleased that an almost spontaneous interest has arisen and formed a Lay Visitation group in our church. At the present time it is centered chiefly in the Men’s Bible Class. Mr. Allie Foltz, the teacher, has given the original impetus and now Mr. R. E. Nance as active chairman has done a thor-
and we are grateful for his conscientious service. Our thanks, also, to Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl, Miss Margaret Chadwick, and Mrs. Ralph Conrad for their splendid supply work.

We are happy to have received into our church family during the period covered by this report the following: Mrs. Robert Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. James Spach, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Reid, Billy Wooley, Tommy Wooley, James Mostinger, Mrs. Frank Hicks, Mrs. Delbert Morgan, and Mrs. Hubert Talley.

Our "infant congregation" continues to increase, also, Mr. and Mrs. Richrd Reed now have a son, Frederick Richard, and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Branch, a daughter, Barbara Ann. Henry congratulations to both families!

The first wedding in the new sanctuary was a private ceremony, uniting one of our service men home on leave, Charles Reid, to Miss Norma Carol Freeman.

C. TRUETT CHADWICK.

IMMANUEL

The "shake-down" and adjustment experience has revealed many things to many minds and hearts as we have sought to reorganize our work around our more adequate quarters. Opportunities multiply so fast that we find ourselves tempted to wait for the next "big one" that is sure to come along.

Much time has been spent on our program for the next fiscal year, seeking ways and means to improve our stewardship. The "Unified Budget" has been the major topic of conversation in group and individual gatherings and has reached the stage of final adjustment. With this in mind our Boards have adopted a plan of tithing by which to challenge the entire congregation to join them during the final quarter of this present fiscal year.

Two significant events of the post-Easter period will be the "Family Night" with the Rev. and Mrs. Dittmer, our missionary couple, as guests of the congregation, on April 15; and the formal opening of our new and reno-

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The expanded administration of the Holy Communion has met with a hearty response. Revival plans for the fall season have been completed which call for the presence of Dr. Walser H. Allen, pastor of the congregation for seventeen years.

SAMUEL J. TESCH.

MIZPAH

The Building Committee recently met and approved a re-arrangement of the classroom space in plans for our proposed Christian Education Building. At the same meeting, Br. Dallas E. Helsabeck was chosen chairman of the group, which also decided to distribute Lenox self-denial dime folders for the benefit of the Building Fund.

The Women of the Church met with Mrs. Charlie Shore and Mrs. Bobby Long in January, and with Mrs. Ernest Speas and Mrs. Bill West in February. Working in teams the Shovers and Pushers, they have begun special efforts in behalf of the Building Fund, with Mrs. Tom Long and Mrs. Spencer Newsome as team leaders. A box supper January 31 started the ball rolling.

The young people elected officers the first Sunday in February. Janie Long was re-elected to serve as president. Mrs. Burton Winfrey and the pastor are alternately conducting programs for the Sunday night meetings.

Our choir, under the capable direction of Br. Arthur Arthur A. Helsabeck, has been contributing a great deal to the spirit of worship in our Sunday morning services. Mrs. Joe Talley is our accomplished accompanist.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

INFANT BAPTISMS


Thrift, Graylyn Elizabeth, daughter of Bobby G. and Nancy m. n. Ingle Thrift; born October 16, 1952; baptized at Fries Memorial Church, December 28, 1952, by E. T. Mickey, Jr., pastor.


Perryman—William David II, son of Reid J. and Marie m. n. Craver Perryman; born November 30, 1952; baptized at Trinity Church, March 1, 1953, by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Miller, Paula Elizabeth, daughter of Paul E. Jr. and Gwendolyn m. n. Burns Miller, born August 7, 1952 and baptized October 12, 1952 at Fairview Moravian Church by the Rev. Howard Chadwick.


Quate, Michael Bernard, son of C. Homer and Patsy m. n. Patterson Quate, born October 11, 1952, and baptized January 11, 1953 at Fairview Church by the Rev. Howard Chadwick.

Jones, Douglas Reid, infant son of Joseph Reid, Jr. and Carolyn m. n. Turner Jones, born November 27, 1952, in Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized March 1, 1953, in King Church, by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.

DEATHS


Unger, Clifford M., son of Charles J. and Mary m. n. Bevins Unger; member of Trinity Church; died in Winston-Salem February 8, 1953. Funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Dobbs, Mrs. Monroe B., daughter of A. E. and Nevada Banner Pfaff; member of Trinity Church; died in Winston-Salem February 27, 1953. Funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.


Chatham, Maggie E., daughter of John Madison and Sallie A. Perkins; wife of the late Edgar H. Chatham; born July 9, 1877 in Homp­tonville, Yadkin County; died March 2, 1953 in Winston-Salem, N. C. A member of Christ Church. Funeral services conducted at the church Wednesday, March 4 by the Rev. John H. Johansen and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfehl. Interment was in the Moravian Graveyard.


Houck, Charles Herbert, born September 9, 1816 in Marion, N. C.; died December 24, 1912, in Beckley, West Va. Funeral conducted by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick. Inter­ment in Friedland Graveyard. A member of Friedland.
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Schwalbe Memorial Chapel

MRS. KENNETH L. GREENFIELD

The last days of Mrs. Anna Buxbaum Schwalbe’s life were busy days. On Sunday, May 6, 1951 she had gone to Bethabara to speak about the Lord’s work in Alaska. The day before she had completed her last revision on her book, “Dayspring on the Kuskokwim.” Then “the pen of a ready writer” laid aside and her work done, she was called home on the morning of May 7.

Not long after Mrs. Schwalbe’s death, at a Provincial Woman’s meeting it was felt very strongly by those present that something should be done in loving memory of her and of her husband both of whom had given their lives “to them that sit in darkness.” She had long dreamed of a Chapel for the Children’s Home in Alaska. A fund was started at that meeting. An initial gift of 55 has now grown to $3,085.28.

CHILDREN CANNOT WAIT

The sentiment among the women of the province has been, “whatever we are going to do let us do it now.” Children cannot wait, whatever is done for this generation must be done now. The Children’s Home in Alaska is the only Moravian orphanage which our church in America is called upon to support.

Miss Ann Dills who recently returned after ten years of service as nurse in the Children’s Home and who is Matron at Salem Home has this to say about a chapel.

“The trouble now is that there is not enough space in the present building to seat more than about 45 or less. I fully believe the children as well as the native people who visit us often for services, need to have a real place of worship. I personally believe “Church” will mean much more to the children especially if they have a separate place of worship. As I have seen it since first going to Alaska, the children have to use the school room for everything: parties, church, Sunday school, day school. I think it would be very hard to go to the same room for all this. One cannot feel worship minded, as it were, when all this must come from in the same room.

“Many times, during the winter especially, the native people from nearby Kbethluh come up for services in the evenings and during Christmas and other holidays. The room is so crowded that one can scarcely breathe.”

COMPOSIT PICTURE of the Children’s Home in Alaska. At the left is seen the Trodahl home looking toward the Boy’s Dormitory. Below is a general view with the same Boy’s Dormitory at the extreme right.

The following items are from the January 1953 “Nunapitsinghak News”, the little news sheet from the Orphanage, tell of some of the services that are held at the Home:

LOVEFEAST AND CANDLE SERVICE

“Our annual Lovefeast and Candle Service was held on the 21st of December. We had prepared for about 200 people and served about 130. Most of visitors come from Kbethluh but there were a few from Akiak.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

“The pageant, “The Promised Messiah”, was presented by the Sunday school under the direction of Miss Moser. It was the Christmas story but began with a scene in the home of an Old Testament Hebrew family reading prophecies. Near the close of the pageant a world wide emphasis was given by depicting the peoples of the world receiving the gift of Life through Jesus.

“Every child and a number of the staff members participated. (We made good use of our many bathrobes). A back drop of navy denim covered with gilt stars was very effective as an evening sky, and we were able to have colored spotlights this year by using the slide projector and colored cellophane slides.

“Mr. Henkelman led the service which was very well attended. There were people from Akiak, Akiachuk, Bethel and Kbethluh.”

Thus we see that a chapel would not only serve those at the Home but also those who come from other villages.

GOAL: $5,000

The Chapel fund raising committee is making a final request. The goal is $5000 by June 30, 1953. Recently someone interested and concerned asked:

“But what will five thousand dollars build now?” It was an arresting question. So was Andrew’s question concerning the five barley loaves and two small fishes. "But what are they among so many?" Jesus’ answer was, "Bring them hither to me."

A Chapel at the Children’s Home in Alaska will be a living memorial to the Schwalbes. In a wider sense it will be in memory of every Alaskan missionary who has written a page in the Lamb’s Book of Life.
On Sunday afternoon, April 12, the annual Apple Blossom Festival brought many friends and members of the congregation together for worship at Willow Hill Church. Warm weather the week preceding the service had brought the orchards immediately in front of the church on Bald Rock Mountain into full bloom. Other orchards, however, were still in the “pink”.

At the festival Br. H. B. Johnson, representing the Provincial Elders Conference, presented to Br. Alfred M. Dawson a certificate licensing him as a lay-minister of the Moravian Church in American, Southern Province. The certificate, the first of its kind in our province, states in part that Br. Dawson has been “for more than thirty-five years an active and devoted Christian layman, serving, under the successive pastors, as a faithful and dependable worker as lay preacher and evangelist, as Sunday School teacher and superintendent, as an ever ready and trusted helper in all lines of religious and church activity, and as the founder of the Crooked Oak project...” Following the presentation of the certificate Br. Dawson delivered the sermon for the afternoon.

Earlier in the afternoon at the meeting of the Sunday School a beautiful, leather-bound Holy Bible was presented to Br. Dawson in appreciation of his faithful service as Sunday School superintendent and teacher of the Men’s Bible Class.

Br. Dawson was born on September 14, 1880 in Carroll County, Va. On April 8, 1900 he was united in Holy Matrimony with the former Emma Hall. During the pastorate of the late Charles Crouch in October, 1904 he entered the church through the sacrament of baptism. In 1925 the Lord called him to carry the gospel to the neglected people along the old Bear Trail and the work at Crooked Oak began.

In a little cabin between the old volunteer Gap Road and the Vince Hill road, sheltered from the wind in a deep hollow far from the sounds of traffic, Br. Dawson and his wife live together alone; their children are all married with families of their own.

The recognition of the ministry of Br. Dawson carries with it not only the sincere appreciation of his Church for his past service, but, also the earnest hope and prayer for its long continuance under the rich blessing of Christ the Church’s Head and, at last, the words of supreme benediction, “Well done, Good and Faithful Servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

Willow Hill Church, located approximately twelve miles north of Mount Airy, N. C., was organized in 1895 by the late John F. McCauley who was then serving Mount Bethel Church. In writing of the beginning of Willow Hill Church he stated, “In making frequent visits to our members living at the foot of the mountain on the old Volunteer Gap Road, the pastor observed that the four miles walk to Mt. Bethel was too long for the older people, and small children; and God moved him to suggest having services in the community and eventually a Church building. The suggestion met with favor, and frequent preaching services were held under the shade of Chestnut trees, the first one being Sunday afternoon 14 Oct. 1894. (Continued to page 3)

The members of the revision committee evidently anticipated this sort of attack, for on page 11 of their booklet, An Introduction to the Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament, these words appear: “Linguistic science knows no theology; those of most contradictory views can meet on common ground devoid of polemic, agreed that Hebrew words mean such and such, and their inflection and syntactical relations imply this or that... The Bible translator is not an expositor; however pronounced his views about Biblical doctrines, he has no right whatever to intrude his opinions into the translation, or to permit his dogmatic convictions to qualify or shape its wording. His one responsibility is to render the Biblical meaning as accurately and effectively as is possible into appropriate English.”

This is a splendid statement but it is possible that the committee may have overstated its case. Few would deny that this is the ideal scientific translation, and that in large measure it can be achieved. It is when one is confronted by two equally possible alternatives in translation that one’s personal preference may unconsciously become the guiding factor. Indeed any translation involves a certain degree of interpretation. This interpretation, however, should be controlled by sound (Continued to page 9)
In accordance with its official duties, prescribed in The Constitution of the Southern Province, Article I, Section 5, The Provincial Elders Conference hereby issues a call for the convening of the Triennial Synod of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, on Tuesday, November 17, 1953, at 10:00 A. M. in the Home Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Detailed instructions to all Official Boards or Committees of the Church will be issued promptly for their guidance in the elections of delegates and the preparation of essential reports and statistics.

On Sunday, April 12, in Advent Church, Br. George Amos Chiddie, recent graduate of Moravian Theological Seminary, received ordination as Deacon, the rite being administered by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. The brother, whose entrance into our ministerial ranks brings our number of active ministers in the Province to thirty-eight, has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Providence Congregation, and will enter upon his service with the month of May.

The Provincial Elders Conference announces, with a deep sense of regret from the standpoint of the Southern Province, the removal of Br. and Sr. Charles B. Adams and family from our Ardmore Church neighborhood to York, Penna., where Br. Adams will be installed on April 19, as pastor of the First Moravian Church of that city. The nineteen years and more of efficient, faithful, and consecrated service which our Brother and his wife have given to churches to which they were called and to the Province have endeared them to us. Their efforts have been highly appreciated and they will be greatly missed. For these reasons, and many more, we are wishing them the Lord's blessing in heart and home in their enlarged and promising church activities.

J. KENETH PFOHL, PRESIDENT

ARCHIVES HOUSE
Douglas L. Rights, archivist

Within a month's time two of the Bishops of the Moravian Church in Germany were called from the earthly to the heavenly home.

At Herrnhut, Bishop Walther Hermann Baudert conducted the Christmas Eve service of the church and spent the remainder of the evening happily with his family. He died suddenly early on the morning of Christmas Day.

On January 29, 1953, Bishop Paul Gerhard Reichel died at Neuwied am Rhein. He was a distinguished writer and his book "August 13, 1727" was written in 1927 for the bicentennial of the renewed church. This book was translated into English and published by the archivist.

We here in America join in sympathy with our Brethren across the sea in this grievous loss.

Charles B. Adams: To York, Pennsylvania

The above illustration shows the front-piece of the Moravian Church publication edited by the Rev. P. Vrtovz and his co-workers. Bro. Vrtovz is the Swiss Moravian missionary to the Tibetans. He gives this explanation of the illustrated portion:

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Under the lamp: Price 2 annas (10 cts.).
Above the horizontal bar: Thibetan date: "9th month of the year of the water serpent," and "Edited by the church at Ladakh."
For distribution, 45 copies are taken by subscribers, and 25 more are offered for sale.

The following letter has been received from Theodore Ronthaler, Ocracoke, N. C.: "Many thanks for putting the little photo of Zinzendorf's lot bag into the Wachovia Moravian. I was fascinated by it, and by the wholly apropos reference to Isaiah,—which until I looked it up I supposed must be twisted out of context. Also, I can now stop making up tales about the methods used to consult the lot, of which I have manufactured quite a number through the years!"

Prof. and Mrs. Theodore Ronthaler are doing a great work in education of children on the picturesque and romantic sand bar of Ocracoke at the extreme eastern end of North Carolina.

To embellish the column that emanates from the archives house, students of the art department of Salem College, directed by Prof. E. F. Shewmake, were asked to make sketches of the historic building, also known as the Warden's House. The students, on a bright spring day, making their sketches. Results were favorable. Selected from the number submitted was the drawing by Miss Ruth Derrick, of Plymouth, N. C.

We are pleased to head this column now with a cut made from Miss Derrick's sketch and to congratulate her for this adornment.

SALEM CHOIR SCHOOL

The fourth annual Summer Choir School will be held at Salem College June 14-21 with Paul W. Peterson, director. The school is planned to meet the needs of church organists, choir directors, and singers.

Members of the faculty in addition to Mr. Peterson, are Henry Pfohl, Clemens Sandresky, James Hart, and Mrs. Nell Starr.

Accommodations for out-of-town students will be provided in Salem College dormitories. Bed linens and towels must be supplied by the students. Meals will be served by the college.

The traditional choir school picnic and swimming party will be held Saturday afternoon, June 20, at Hanging Rock State Park. The Summer Choir School will be the guest choir for the Sunday morning service in the Home Moravian Church, June 21 at 11:00 A. M.

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Lay-Minister Honored
(Continued from page 1)

"During the winter of 1894 and 1895 no further efforts could be put forth. But, Saturday night 4 May 1895 a prayer meeting was held in the home of Br. Anderson Hiatt, and the need of a building for preaching, and Sunday School was talked over, and the following committee elected to select a suitable location, and make preliminary plans. The committee was the following—William Young, Van Boyd and Augustus Utt."

In June of 1895 an out-door Sunday School was organized with Lafayette McMillan, superintendent; James W. Utt, assistant superintendent; and William, Marion Hiatt secretary. In October the building of the Church began. However, it was not until 1898 that the building was finished. The present building was erected in 1938.

In the concluding sentences of his sketch of the history of Willow Hill Church Br. Custin wrote, "In deep humility and with thankfulness may we all say, Praise God for Willow Hill, and may the present generation get a vision of greater things for the future."

At present the vision of the future includes the finishing and remodeling of the basement of the church and an "Apple Tree for God" project, a variation of the Lord's acre idea, which was presented at the Apple Blossom Festival by Br. Samuel R. Levering. Funds are also being raised for the purchase of new Moravian Hymnals and a special offering was taken at the festival for that purpose.

In the Hills the sky is near the earth
And the earth is nearer God;
And the leaves of life grow richer
As each falls to the sod.

Kingdom Is Like An Apple Tree
Paul A. Snider

The Kingdom of God is like unto the man who went out into his orchard to care for his apple trees. In his hand he carried a pruning saw. The useless, the dead, and the injured limbs were cut away. Occasionally a tree was topped. All this was done that the tree might bear better fruit.

There followed other men. They collected the brush and cast it into the fire. The wood was carried into their homes and there it was burned on the cold winter days and evenings. This, too, was done that the apple trees might bear better fruit.

In the spring other men came into the orchard. With them came the smell of lime and sulphur and the acrid odor of oil for they came to spray the trees. Their visits continued until the bright red and golden apples were ready for the market. The spraying of the trees was also done that they might bear better fruit.

Later in the summer and early fall men and boys with ladders and apple boxes entered the orchard. The fruit was gathered and the harvest was complete.

So is the Kingdom of God. The Lord prunes every tree in His Kingdom. Into the orchard of our lives He comes, not with a pruning saw, but the Sword of the Spirit. He cuts away that which is displeasing in His sight and "every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that is may bear more fruit." The apple tree does not complain when the dead and useless limbs are cut and cast away. Ought we not also to respond with joy to the promptings of the Spirit as He reveals the decayed and useless in our lives.

West, Molly Ryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb W. West Jr., born August 21, 1952 and baptized March 29, 1953 at Hope Church by the Rev. Archie W. Jones.

Bodford, Carl Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bodford, born October 19, 1950 and baptized March 29, 1953 at Bethesda Church by the Rev. Archie W. Jones.

Bodford, John Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Herbert Bodford, born March 21, 1952 and baptized March 29, 1953 at Bethesda Church by the Rev. Archie W. Jones.

Jarvis, Beverly Sharon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Jarvis, born March 3, 1953 and baptized March 29, 1953 at Bethesda Church by the Rev. Archie W. Jones.

(More Baptisms, page 11)
need for help in west indian mission field

GERHARD and EDNA MILLER
(Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Miller are members of the Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, congregation.)

Since the war there has been a tremendous increase in the number of Americans who travel to the West Indies for a winter vacation, and the tourist agencies seem never to tire telling of the mild climate, the good beaches and other attractions. But one of the high points of our vacation trip to the West Indies was not listed on any travel folder: as Moravians we had an opportunity to see our Church's oldest mission field at work.

We had read about our mission work in the West Indies, of course, but much of what we learned of this work during last year's visit was new to us, so we were glad to accept the editor's invitation to share some of our insights with other readers of The Wachovia Moravian.

Our West Indies mission fields are administered by our British Province and that is one reason we are not so familiar with them as we are with the Alaska and Nicaragua-Honduras fields, for which our American Moravian Church is directly responsible. But since the West Indies are only a few hours by air from the United States and so many Americans are now visiting one or another of these islands, we had special reason for wanting to know more about the work our Church has been carrying on there for over two hundred years.

Our trip took us to the Virgin Islands. The United States bought these islands in 1917 in order to protect the Panama Canal but the mission work there continues to be administered by our British Province as one part of the work in the West Indies. While the problems we found are similar to those faced in other parts of the West Indies, the situation is very much the same over that entire area.

Elementary Economics

It does not take a visitor long to see the need for additional financial help. Because of the great economic losses suffered by Great Britain from the World Wars, the British Province has not been able to continue the annual grants to the budget of the Virgin Islands mission and the missionaries have had to get along with what could be raised locally.

This has not been easy to do. The salaries paid to missionary couples in our Moravian work in 1952 were a little more than half what is paid to unmarried Lutheran pastors and less than half the salary paid to African Methodist Episcopal married couples. Many of our people in the islands have been giving very generously but helping every member to see full responsibilities is something that is not accomplished in just a few months, or even a few years.

The ability of our people in the West Indies to support their own work has been handicapped because of the general economic situation in almost every one of the islands. The small farmers do not know how to work their land properly, so both the yield and the income is low. There is little manufacturing, and employment is hard to secure. The Virgin Islands—like Puerto Rico—are U. S. possessions so the people can come to this country without waiting for immigration quotas. As a result many of the most aggressive young men have come to the U. S. in the hope of finding jobs.

This is one reason for the current emphasis on the vacation business in the West Indies and there is no doubt that tourist have helped improve the economic situation in many of the islands. But it is also true that the entertainment provided for the tourists—such as Sun-city—gave rise to problem of upkeep of buildings a serious problem

Nisky Station, Virgin Islands: upkeep of buildings a serious problem

day games—and the example set by many of the visitors have weakened the spiritual life of many of our church members. Our missionaries sometimes wonder whether the cure may not be worse than the disease but the situation is present and must be met.

Mission Buildings

The upkeep of mission buildings also presents a serious problem. There are a number of reasons for this. First of all, the buildings are very old—some of them dating from the early days of the mission (before our own Revolutionary War). Naturally these old buildings now demand almost constant repair and this is very costly. In addition, most of the older mission buildings are much larger than present conditions of the West Indies require. The church buildings were erected in a day when the missionaries could gather converts into a number of fairly sizeable settlements and there were no other denominations competing with us. New conditions demand that we have a larger number of smaller church buildings to serve the people where they are living (and that is usually where they can find the best employment).

The mission houses, likewise, were built for a different pattern of life. Most of them were planned for a number of missionary couples, who would use the settlement as a base of operations. In the early days the mission usually operated a trading business and this, too, was assigned space in the mission house. Now much of this space is not used regularly, but it must nevertheless be kept in good repair as long as the house is being occupied. Add to this the special difficulties caused by termites, earthquakes and hurricanes in this area and you can see why the upkeep of mission buildings poses such a problem.

The underlying problem

"Manpower shortages" are also limiting the work in our West Indies mission fields. The British Province has sent out a number of missionaries since the war even though they do not have enough pastors to supply the congregations at home. Efforts are being made, with some success, to increase the number of native West Indian men who prepare for the ministry. But still more men are needed if the work is to go forward. In the Virgin Islands...
one of the staff is over 70 years of age and two others will reach retirement age within the next five years. As a missionary put it, "Someone somewhere will be needed to carry the love of the Moravian Church overseas."

But deeper than either of these problems, and the key to both of them, the missionaries agree, is the need for a more vital spiritual life among the people: Only a closer walk with our Lord will give the people the power they need to resist the many temptations that surround them. Only a deeper and more vital love for Him will give them the desire to have a greater share in His work by giving more generously of their time and money. Only hearts that are open to the Holy Spirit will respond to a call to service in the ministry in spite of opportunities to gain richer material rewards elsewhere.

It sounds pretty much like a reflection of our own needs, here at home, doesn't it? As we pray for our brethren in the West Indies let us pray for our own churches and for ourselves, that the Lord might find all of us ready to do what we can to make the Gospel known.

...Foreign Mission Briefs...

Mildred Siebke, writing from our outpost station of Kwigillingok, tells of the conversion of an old Eskimo from Kipnuk. The man reported that years ago, when missionary John Hinz was traveling in the area and had begun to conduct a service in the local kutch'og, or town hall, he himself had driven him out. Brother Hinz, overcome by the thought of the hopeless condition of their souls, stood without and wept.—Brother Hinz's voice can still be heard in Kwigillingok, though he is now retired.

A very impressive service, with Brother Hedley Wilson as guest speaker, marked the graduation exercises of the Colegio Moravo in Bilwaskarma.

A well-known medico, or medicine man, recently came as a patient to our hospital in Bilwaskarma. The doctor had several talks with him about his spiritual life. However, the conclusion reached by the man was that he could not turn to the Lord, because he did not possess any white parts in which to appear when he would be received into the church!

Graduation Exercises in Bilwaskarma

The 1953 class of the Colegio Moravo in Bluefields, a class of fourteen, has published an attractive year book of sixty-six pages, the first venture of its kind. Printed locally by La Informacion and dedicated to Thelma Good, the class advisor, the book uses Spanish and English impartially on its pages. It presents a good conception of the progress made by this institution since its beginning, a little more than thirty years ago.

Brus Lagoon as Host to the Inter-Mission Group

From February 28 to March 3 the representatives of the Protestant missions in Honduras held their annual meeting in Brus. Thanks to the little Missionary Aviation Fellowship plane our missionary friends were able to get in to area where our Miskito Indians live. Brother Marx reports that sixteen professions of faith were made at Brus in the conference's Sunday evening service.

Christian Leadership Developed at our Home

On Sunday, March 8, Fred Otto and Jacob Wastie were the guest preachers for the morning service in the Children's Home in Alaska. Staff members and children alike expressed their joy that two former members of the Home family have been attending the Training School in Bethel, preparing to serve their Master in the Alaska Moravian Church.

A third student in the Training School also received a year's preparatory schooling in the Home.

Missionaries and Operations

We are happy to report that Mrs. A. D. Thaeler and Mrs. John Befus have returned to Bilwaskarma, greatly benefited by their recent operations. In this connection the thanks of the Church is due to the kindness and generosity of the doctors and hospital authorities in Winston-Salem and New Orleans.

Word has come to our office that on March 24 Dr. Thaeler performed an appendectomy on Dr. Werner Mueller, who had only recently joined the hospital staff.—Even more recently came the information that Mrs. C. C. Shimer will have to submit to an operation before returning to Nicaragua.

On Furlough

The Rev. Howard Stortz and Mrs. Stortz have begun their furlough, arriving at New Orleans on March 20. For the present they can be reached at 426 Heckenwelder Place, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.—Miss Mary Jean Mosler expects to begin her furlough during the second half of May. During her furlough she plans to complete her college work and is registered in Moravian Seminary and College for Women for the 1953-54 term.

New Wards at the Children's Home

The Rev. Harry Trodahl reports having recently received four new orphans at the Home. They are all members of the Ouya family, from Goodnews Bay, aged five to thirteen. Beszie, the oldest is blind in one eye and partially deaf. Any group wishing to become responsible for their clothing or their support is invited to correspond with the Board.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

UNION CROSS

On February 1 Mr. A. H. Bahnson was with us to tell of his trip to Europe and show the pictures he had taken. We appreciate his being with us very much.

Mrs. Pansy Gammons was laid to rest at Union Cross Church on February 8. The family has our heartfelt sympathy.

On March 4 we began our prayer meetings. Our average attendance is just over 42 and we are hoping it will increase as the weeks go by. March 8 we were very happy to have as our guest Br. Dittmer and his family. We enjoyed his message on missions. Holy Communion was observed March 29 with 96 partaking.

We welcome into our church fellowship Miss Barbara Jean Sells. We hope our church will be a great help to her in her life.

March 29 we began our Passion Week services with 33 present the first night. This is about one out of every five of our membership. Our early Easter service was held April 5 with around 200 present. We want to thank the band, the ushers, and the ladies who supplied the fine breakfast of ham and eggs.

G. E. BREWER

RURAL HALL

Holy communion for the season of Lent was observed on Sunday, March 1. On March 13, several of the men of the church did some work on the parsonage. More insulation was installed and some rock lath was put up in the attic. Plans are now underway to complete the work needed on the parsonage and parsonage grounds and it is hoped that this can be done by the end of the fiscal year.

Passion week services were well attended this year. The Maundy Thursday communion was observed and also a death hour service at 2:30 P. M. on Good Friday followed by the "ninth hour" tolling of the church bell which ended the service.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

CHRIST CHURCH

A number of significant events took place during the month of March at Christ Church. Early in the month the Woman's Auxiliary had election of officers for the 1953- 54 year, and named the following to office: Nanniger, president; Mrs. Norman Brewer, first vice-president; Mrs. Donald Sloan, second vice-president; Mrs. Alvin Disher recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Smith, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Fred Hoffman, treasurer.

The annual Day of Prayer, sponsored by the Woman's of the Church, was held on the third Sunday in March, with the general theme, "With the Master on the Mount of Prayer," Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, Rev. Edgar A. Holton, and Rev. James C. Hughes, were the speakers at the afternoon and evening services.

On March 19 the first supper-meeting of the Men of the Church was held in the Fellowship building, with 79 men in attendance. Rev. G. E. Brewer, pastor of the Moravian Church at Union Cross, challenged the men with a talk on "Men And the Church," and at the business session which followed the follow-

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baby daughters. The Passion Week Services and the Easter Graveyard Service left a challenging message in the hearts of our congregation.

The pastor wishes to thank Robert Spaugh and Mildred Snyder for leading prayer meeting services in his absence.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE
CHARLOTTE

By unanimous resolution of The Vestry, the newly designed and renovated Chapel in the Parish House has been officially designated as the Wohlford Memorial Chapel in honor of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wohlford. Their affectionate planning, unstinting efforts, and property gifts upon which the Parrish House and Parsonage stand, gave the major impetus to the beginnings of this church and congregation. The Chapel was dedicated at the conclusion of the morning service, February 15, with members of the Wohlford family as special guests.

Bobby Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Walters, is the most recent of our young men to enter military service. He is now stationed at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

Jerry H. Simpson, Jr., son of Mrs. E. G. Padgett, has recently been promoted to the rank of sergeant while on active duty in Korea.

Dr. Douglas Rights, pastor of Trinity Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, spoke to "The Women of the Church" at their quarterly meeting on March 10.

Special Lenten Prayer and Bible Study services were held in the Chapel each Friday night during Lent, followed by a Lovefeast on Palm Sunday in the main sanctuary, and readings from the Passion Week Manual during Holy Week.

The 26th Annual Community Crucifixion Service for the people of Charlotte was held at 6:30 A.M. Easter Sunday morning in Freedom Park. This service was broadcast over radio station WSOC. Dr. Spaugh, one of the co-founders of this service was appointed by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Ministers Association as Chairman of the Easter and Good Friday Committee. He led in the reading of the Easter Liturgical Service and also acted as presiding officer in the absence of the president of the Ministers Association.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward upon the birth of a son, David Wayne, February 23 at Presbyterian Hospital. Confirmation Instruction Classes for young people preparing to enter the Church are being held each Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour. Dr. Spaugh is teaching the class.

HOPE

A fine spirit was manifested as we approached and entered into the Easter season.

A large number of members were present for our Palm Sunday service and communion at which time Judy Kay James, Deborah Clyde Walker, and Molly Ryan West were presented in Infant Baptism. Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Walker were received by letter of transfer.

Thanks to members of the Clemmons and New Philadelphia bands for the chorales rendered at our Friday night lovefeast. At the conclusion of the reading for the acts of Friday, Donna Jane Jones beautifully sang, "O Sacred Head now Wounded" as crucifixion scenes were flashed upon the wall in moments of quiet meditation.

Easter Sunday morning found a group of reverent worshipers present to proclaim their hope and trust in the risen Lord. Thanks again for the assistance of the Clemmons band.

The Young People of Bethesda and Hope met together for their evening discussion, such interest was received that a motion was made that these two groups meet together the first and third Sunday nights with refreshments being served. Both groups were well represented at the Spring Rally.

Mr. Joe Henry Vance and Miss Mary Johnson were united in marriage on Easter Monday in an impressive church ceremony.

ARCHIE W. JONES

KING

After many months required to complete our plans, the formal ground-breaking service for our new Christian Education Building was held on Sunday afternoon, March 8. Bishop Pfohl and other Provincial officials brought us words of felicitation and encouragement, then helped us begin—with involvements of the blessing of God—the actual excavation of earth on the site of the proposed edifice.

Among the number of Moravian ministers who also served as ministers in the King church, the Brethren D. L. Rights, E. A. Holton, C. B. Adams, and J. C. Barnes. In addition, letters of congratulation were received from the Ministers Association and other Provincial officials brought us words of felicitation and encouragement, then helped us begin—with involvements of the blessing of God—the actual excavation of earth on the site of the proposed edifice.

Officers of our congregation who assisted in turning over the virgin soil included heads of the various departments of the Sunday School, chairmen of church boards and committees, and the pastor. Special thanks are due to the Bethania Moravian band which was on hand to add an instrumental note to our rejoicing, to Mrs. Paul Meadows who was there to lend a vocal note with her solo, "The Holy City," and to Mrs. Kenneth Pfohl, our organist for the occasion.

Mrs. Pfohl was also present to play for us when Bishop Pfohl delivered the address at the lovefeast celebration of our 28th anniversary on Sunday afternoon, February 8. Several non-resident members and friends joined to make the celebration the most memorable one.
this a memorable service. And the Lord blessed us with weather almost as clear and pretty as that which prevailed for our ground-breaking ceremony one month later.

On Palm Sunday four young people committed their lives to God: Louis Pearson Newson, Leslie Gray Tuttle, and Betty Lucille Wall by Adult Baptism; and Holton Hughes Gentry by confirmation.

WALSER A. ALLEN, JR.

OAK GROVE

There was a favorable response to a meeting on personal evangelism held the first Sunday evening in Lent. Br. George Higgins, using the flip chart, spoke to the group. Twenty-two signed a pledge to help in this personal work.

The young people's society sponsored the sound religious motion picture entitled "Dust or Destiny" the fourth Sunday in March. A short program by the young people preceded the picture.

We were glad to receive Harold Elliot into the church by Adult Baptism. We wish for him God's blessings.

The graveyard and grounds committees worked hard in preparation for Easter. They did a grand job.

Our Palm Sunday, Passion week, and Easter services were well attended. The latter is thought to have been the largest attendance we have had for such a service with approximately 400 present.

JOHN H. KAPP

NEW PHILADELPHIA

The response to our appeal to increase the Sunday School attendance by ten per cent was terrific. The first Sunday of our "Maroon versus Blue" school-wide contest the attendance jumped to 349, which was an all time record. Last Sunday the figures were still going up.

At the Maundy Thursday Communion, with Trinity Methodist congregation as our guests, the church was filled. The Rev. L. A. Chott and the Rev. C. J. Richard Meinert of Mt. Vernon, N. Y. joined the pastor in conducting the service. Brother Meinert, who is now retired, assists his wife in the direction of the King's Daughters Home for the Aged. Their presence with us, resulting from a friendship formed while the pastor was on Staten Island, greatly enhanced the spiritual tone of our Passion Week Services.

Good Friday Communion was attended by 17 persons as compared with 10 when it was started a year ago. The appreciation expressed by our church by Adult Baptism; and Holton Hughes Gentry by confirmation.

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tion; two youths, Nelda Joyce and Billy Watkins; ex-officio from organizations, Emory Joyce, Mrs. Donald Gann, Mrs. Harvey Price, Sonja Watson and the pastor. Officers elected chairman, Billy Watkins, secretary. This Committee has already successfully sponsored the showing of the film strip, "Seek Ye First," on April 8, and has planned a church attendance campaign to cover the remainder of the second quarter.

Our campaign for 10 per cent. Sunday School increase is also running in high gear. New scholars are all over the place and fast approaching the goal of 70. An attendance record of new scholars shows that most of them are going to stick. Attendance on Easter reached 285, as compared with a previous high of 246 during the present pastorate.

The new parsonage campaign has awakened to life. A call for pledges of $30 units met with such enthusiastic response that we shall have sufficient funds in hand to begin construction July 1. Only the completion of building plans stands in the way of making the start.

The Married Couples Fellowship has spent two busy months on their project of modernizing the church kitchen. To date, new cabinets, a hot water heater, new electric range and new refrigerator have been installed. A completed paint job and asphalt tile floor are in the plans.

Two delegations attended services in a group during the past two months. They were the local Boy Scouts and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

We wish to thank Bro. W. T. Marshall for ably conducting our night service on February 22, while the pastor addressed a city-wide rally of young people in Martinsville, Virginia.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

ARDMORE

The annual Day of Prayer sponsored by the Women-of-the-Church on March 4 had as its theme: "Seeking God's Kingdom—through Regentance, Faith, and Love." Congratulations to the ladies for their fine preparations and the excellent attendance, and our thanks to the brethren Norwood Green, E. T. Mickey, and George G. Higgins for their messages.

On their annual Homecoming Sunday on March 8, the Men's Bible Class opened the day with a 7:00 A.M., meditation and breakfast, with a message by Br. G. E. Brewer. They also conducted the opening assembly in Sunday School and the morning church worship service, with three messages on the general theme: "Our Responsibility to Our Church" by the Brethren Guy T. Funk, Douglas Angel, and C. C. Fussell.

During the following week a beginning was made in organizing and training a "Fishermen's Club" for visitation evangelism in preparation for the revival that began on March 15 with sermons preached by Dr. C. Excelle Rozelle, superintendent of the Winston-Salem district of the Methodist Church.

Twelve of our young people made their profession of faith on Palm Sunday and were received into the church by baptism and confirmation. At this same service, Mrs. Arthur H. Benhoff was received by the Right Hand of Fellowship. She was the 292nd soul added to this congregation during the present pastorate.

Attendance at all Passion Week services averaged 20% over last year. At the close of the Easter service the pastor announced his acceptance of a call to the First Moravian Church of York, Pennsylvania, bringing this pastorate to a close on April 15 after a duration of 9 years, 5 months. In addition to the 292 accessions mentioned above, the budget schedule has grown from $5,000 to $29,000 annually, including mortgage amortization. The church has been completely renovated and an adequate education building has been added at a cost of $145,000.

Many precious memories will be taken with us, and this congregation will remain in our interest and prayers, even as we cover yours.

CHARLES B. ADAMS

Theology Discussed

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principles of linguistic science. A man may be completely honest with himself and yet not be absolutely certain that he has executed his translation with complete impartiality. All this being so, the suggestion that reputable biblical scholars would consciously and deliberately mistranslate the Bible so that it would conform more closely to their own personal beliefs reveals a total lack of appreciation for the deep yearning for truth for truth's sake which characterizes modern scientific scholarship. To whatever extent the RSV reflects the theological tendencies of its translators, fairness demands that we acknowledge this to be unintentional.

It must be admitted that many of the members on the revision committee are somewhat to the left of what we Moravians would regard as theological center. Yet if we can have confidence in their basic honesty and Christian integrity this fact should not cause us great concern. Actually the more liberal-minded scholar who feels free to exclude from his personal belief any doctrine which does not appeal to him may be far less subject to the temptation of modifying his translation than the person who comes to his task already committed to the absolute truthfulness of every word he must translate. I say this guardedly for I do not believe what my words may seem to imply, that the less committed one is to the truth of the Bible the more accurate his translation will be. It is rather this, that the scholar who comes to the Bible with rigidly defined theories of its inspiration and interpretation will be laboring under greater pressures than the man whose beliefs are more or less open to modification if the evidence requires it.

"Young Woman" or "Virgin"?

We turn now to the most controversial passage in the RSV—Isaiah 7:14. Since the general reading public has already been exposed to more technical discussion and superficial erudition on this subject than it can possibly absorb or properly evaluate, it will be sufficient here to point out that the evidence is not all on one side of the question or the other, but is rather sharply divided. On the basis of the root meaning of the Hebrew word almah, its use in the Old Testament and in languages closely related to Hebrew, and the manner in which it was translated in certain early Greek versions of the Old Testament, the RSV committee thought that "young woman" was the most accurate rendering. Other students of the Bible point out that one important ancient version of the Old Testament (also Greek)
understood the word to mean 'virgin' (the traditional KJV rendering) and that the New Testament follows this translation when it quotes this verse in Matt. 1:23.

When the above evidence is considered in connection with the meaning of the prophecy in a historical setting, most scholars (a number of 'conservatives' included) believe that the RSV was right in translating the word 'young woman.' In any event the doctrine of our Lord's Virgin Birth is not affected. Matthew does not quote from Isaiah to prove that Jesus was born of a virgin. This he already knew. Rather he seeks to illustrate from Isaiah the Christian assurance that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Prophets. The Virgin Birth led him to Isaiah, not Isaiah to the Virgin Birth. In both Matthew and Luke of the RSV the Virgin Birth of Jesus is told with unmistakable clarity. Now some may still differ with the RSV about its translation of Isaiah 7:14, but it should be understood that the issue is one of linguistic science and interpretation, not deception, fraud, or liberal bias.

On the Use of Pronouns

Another point of sharp contention concerns the use of pronouns. The decision of the committee after much discussion and sampling of opinions was to retain 'thou' with its correlating forms, 'thy' and 'thine' and the verbal endings 'est' and 'edst', only in language addressed to God. The question then arises, how is Jesus to be addressed?

The committee's decision was to use you where people address Jesus during his earthly life and resurrection appearances, and to employ the reverential forms of the pronoun only when he is addressed at the eternal Son of God, outside of his earthly life and appearances (e.g. Matt. 23:37). Sometimes we are apt to forget that the denial of the real humanity of Jesus is just as serious an error as the denial of his deity. When the Son of God became man his earthly contemporaries spoke to him just as they did to other men, and to represent them as addressing Jesus in language used only in prayer to God would cast an air of unreality over the true incarnation of Jesus. Thus the RSV, far from being motivated by some sinister desire to undermine the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, has actually safeguarded for us the central affirmation of our faith—

I believe . . . in one Lord Jesus Christ . . .
Who for us men and our salvation
Came down from heaven
And was incarnate . . .
And was made man. (The Nicene Creed)

Doctrines Taught More Clearly in RSV

Most reviewers have missed the frequent passages in the RSV where evangelical doctrines are taught with much greater precision than in previous version. For example the KJV of Titus 2:13 bids us look for the "appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" while the RSV indicates the true force of the Greek when it renders the phrase in such a way that "God" and "Saviour" are seen as referring to the same person: "our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ." (A similar instance occurs in II Peter 1:1.) The KJV of Galatians 2:21 says, 'Christ is dead' as though he still remains in that state, while the RSV rightly translates the Greek verb "Christ died." Liberals are supposed to have a strong distaste for predictive prophecy, but Acts 11:28 of the RSV says that Agabus 'foretold' the famine, whereas in the KJV he merely 'signified' it.

Conclusion

Can we say then that the RSV is completely free from any theological tendency or subjective influence? Certainly not. Indeed such a thing would be humanly impossible for men who are deeply committed to a personal faith in some sense dependent upon the text they are translating. Nevertheless, the faithfulness of the translators to the standards of scientific scholarship and their personal integrity assure us that the intrusion of subjective views has been kept to a minimum. There are mistakes and weaknesses in the RSV as there have been in all versions of the Bible. Some of these will no doubt be corrected in future editions. The revision committee will continue to function, not only as it goes on now to prepare a new translation of the Apocrypha, but also to consider the criticisms and suggestions which are being made with reference to their work on the Old and New Testaments.

Thus we conclude that in spite of any shortcomings, the translators of the RSV have most certainly rendered a valuable service to all Christian men and women who read the Word of God in the English language. Although their work may not prove to possess the enduring qualities of the KJV, they have given us a translation of the Bible which is "direct and plain and meaningful to people today", and we may be certain that it will "be used by God to speak to men in these momentous times, and to help them to understand and believe and obey His Word."
DEATHS


Turner, Edward Evans, born June 2, 1890, at Hillsboro, N. C.; son of Theodore and Mary Turner m. n. Hooker; member of Trinity Church; died in Winston-Salem April 2, 1953; burial in Salem Graveyard. Funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights and the Rev. James P. Crouch.

Spaugh, Rufus Ammius, born November 3, 1867, in Forsyth County, N. C.; son of Thomas and Melvina Spaugh m. n. Lash; charter member of Trinity Church; died in Winston-Salem April 6, 1953; burial in Salem graveyard. Funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.


BAPTISMS

Jarvis, Spencer James, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Jarvis, born December 4, 1912 and baptized March 29, 1953 at Bethesda Church by the Rev. Archie W. Jones.

Jones, Forrest Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Jones, born July 17, 1952 and baptized March 29, 1953 at Bethesda Church by the Rev. Archie W. Jones.

May, Harrison Elmon, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. May, Jr., born August 2, 1952 and baptized March 29, 1953 at Bethesda Church by the Rev. Archie W. Jones.

Underwood, Linda Marie, daughter of Robert L. and Dorothy m. n. Baynes Underwood, born February 18, 1953 at Winston-Salem and baptized Palm Sunday, March 29, 1953 at Konnoak Hills Church.

Yow, Lawrence Curtis, Jr., son of Lawrence and Joan m. n. Pfaff Yow, born September 28, 1952 at Winston-Salem and baptized Palm Sunday, March 29, 1953 at Konnoak Hills Church.

Floyd, Thomas Clyde, infant son of Arch Clyde and Doris Vivian m. n. Grubbs Floyd Jr., born in Winston-Salem November 2, 1952; baptized at Trinity Church March 15, 1953 by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Highsmith, Carolyn Anita, infant daughter of Henry Pfohl and Ruth Frances m. n. Hege Highsmith, born in Winston-Salem December 19, 1952; baptized at Trinity Church March 15, 1953 by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Wall, Thomas Glenn, infant son of Raleigh Thomas and Nellie (m. n. Burrow) Wall, born March 8, 1951, in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized March 29, 1951, in King Moravian Church, by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.

Bowen, Lisa Dawn, infant daughter of Ellihu Solomon and Nora Alice (m. n. Deal) Bowen, born January 28, 1951, in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized March 29, 1951, in Mizpah Moravian Church, by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.


Bruce, Mary Virginia, infant daughter of Luther Columbus and Mary (Miller) Bruce, born November 4, 1951 in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized March 29, 1953 at Calvary Church, by the Rev. John W. Fulton.


Bethesda Congregation Completes Parsonage

Miss Mabel Jarvis

Have you ever owned a piece of property and would pass it week after week and try to visualize having a home of your own on that lot? Then we would continue to pray and dream of that home. Our prayers and dreams have now materialized for us at Bethesda Moravian Church in the form of a beautiful parsonage sitting on this lovely wooded lot we were fortunate to have next door, to the south of our church plant.

On January 15, 1953 our beloved pastor, the Rev. Archie W. Jones and his family moved to Maplewood Ave. Extension to their new home and our parsonage. Open house was held on Sunday afternoon, April 6, when many members and friends from the entire Southern Province were shown through the house. Members of the Woman's Auxiliary who sponsored the open house acted as guides to our visitors and served the refreshments.

But all this didn't just happen over night. There has been lots of planning and hard labor since July 13, 1952. On that day as we met to celebrate our Anniversary it was planned that pledge cards be distributed and a parsonage fund be started. An initial gift of $3,005.39 has been received and other pledges still to come in.

The result of all this labor can now be admired for now we have a splendid seven rooms with bath, brick veneered parsonage, with all rooms on one floor. The pastor's study features a panelled West Coast knotty white pine wall, with all built in book shelves and cabinets of the same material. The study can be entered either through the living room or by a private entrance from off a tiled open porch.

The large cement basement is complete with garage, shower room, laundry and the oil furnace.

The total cost is estimated at $15,000. With the money thus received and with an expected appropriation we will be carrying a balance of about $9,500.

We have labored and sacrificed that our prayers and dreams might come true, but as we come to the completion of this our largest undertaking we come rejoicing in God's love and goodness and giving Him all praise for these accomplishments.

**UNITY UNDERTAKINGS**

By W. H. Allen, Jr.

On May the first Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Spaugh and Bishop and Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton sailed for Europe on the U. S. S. America. Their first destination is the beautiful and spotless old Moravian settlement at Ziest, Holland, where the Unity Elders Conference will convene May 13-20. Dr. Spaugh will represent the Southern Province and Bishop Hamilton the Northern Province at this conference, which will be composed of one voting member from each self-governing home province of the Moravian Unity, plus several advisory delegates.

Both of our American Moravian ambassadors plan to visit Moravian congregations in the Western Sector of Berlin, Hamburg, and Neugnadelfeld in Germany. Then Bishop and Mrs. Hamilton will go to London, England, to attend the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, while the Spaughs will continue their travels to Moravian centers in Western Germany, including Neuwied on the Rhine, Bad Boll (headquarters of the Continental Province of our church), and Koelnagel. After that Dr. and Mrs. Spaugh will take a tour of Switzerland which will bring them in touch with various groups of Moravian brethren in that mountain-locked land of scenic grandeur.

Br. and Sr. Spaugh will sojourn with Bishop and Mrs. C. H. Shawe while in London, where they will join Br. and Sr. Hamilton, who will be staying with the Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Britton. (Br. Shawe is President, Br. Britton Secretary of the P. E. C. of our British Province.) After a brief visitation of a number of English Moravian congregations, the itinerary of our representatives will carry them across the North Sea to Scandinavia, where they will call on Moravian brethren in Stockholm, Sweden, and Christiansfeld, Denmark, before they embark on a home-bound boat on July the 13th at Bremerhaven, Germany.

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Old Salem Restoration
Preserves Spiritual Values

The Old Salem Restoration Campaign now underway to raise $500,000 for the restoration of the Old Salem Community is a project in which the Moravians have a vital stake.

The object of the campaign is to provide funds for the preservation and restoration of Salem Tavern, the Wachovia Museum, the Lick-Boner House, the Community Store, the Reuter House and Salem Square. Four of these buildings, the Tavern, the Museum, the John Vogler and Lick-Boner Houses are to be placed on a year round exhibition basis.

In the midst of this area of restoration around Salem Square are other Moravian structures such as the historic buildings of Salem College, the Home Church and the Brother's House. A major asset of Old Salem also is the Moravian Cemetery, our own God's Acre.

THE HAGEN HOUSE

Perhaps of primary interest to Moravians everywhere is the inclusion in the program for future restoration of the Hagen House. This house, located on South Liberty Street next door to the Lick-Boner House, was the birthplace of F. F. Hagen who wrote the music to the Moravian Christmas anthem, "Morning Star," in 1842. Originally a clapboard log house, one and one half stories, the Hagen House will be restored on the exterior and remodeled for rent to a "suitable tenant.

Also to be rebuilt from original timbers is the house of Christian Reuter, the surveyor of Bethabara, Bethania and Salem, and his wife, Anna Catharina, the heroine of Dr. Adelaide Fries' historical novel, "The Road to Salem.

PLACE OF MORAVIAN CHURCH

As the final restoration of Old Salem is contemplated, the question naturally arises what will be the place of the Moravian Church and particularly of the Home Church in the over-all program. This question was answered by Mr. Chester Davis in his article in the Journal-Sentinel on April 19. Mr. Davis wrote: "The restored village will, of course, remain a spiritual center of the Moravian Church. In the love-feasts, where people of all sorts mingle together and break bread with one another, and in God's Acre, where the stones of the equal dead are all of a size, the humble, simple life of Salem will continue. The Easter sunrise service and the year-end reading of the Memorabilia will be as much a part of the Old Salem project as the museum.

"On January 6, 1766, the day that work was begun on Salem village, the founders join-

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With all its Age and its interesting History, with all its hooded Doorways, its Foot-Scrapers, its beautiful Brick, its interesting Interiors, its museum Pieces, its garden Spots, and its white Clapboards, Old Salem is alive and vibrant. It is of the Present, as it has always been through seven Wars and alternating Periods of good and hard Times. It is lived in and livable. It is, in essence, a symbol of the type of People who built North Carolina and the Nation. It symbolizes now, as in its frontier Days, religious Freedom, Hard Work, Sincerity, Hospitality, Craftsmanship, Education, Music, and through the meaning of the word Salem, PEACE.

(From the leaflet "Old Salem in North Carolina.")

their way of life is broader than any single church.

"It is the decent, Christian way of life that all men seek. As an expression of that way of life Old Salem is a rare and a valuable heritage that must be preserved."

NOT A MUSEUM

As a preface to this statement Mr. Davis answered a question which for Moravians was most perplexing of all when he said: "Seen in something like its original setting, Old Salem will charm any visitor. And it is worth remembering that this setting is a living thing. Salem, even when it is restored completely, will not be a museum. It will have warmth in the place of the cold museum-like atmosphere which mars many restorations.

It would appear then that the Moravian Church in general and Salem College and the Home Church in particular have much to gain from this farsighted program to preserve the spiritual heritage in Old Salem that belongs to us and to the city of Winston-Salem.

Program For Summer Conferences Completed

The summer conference program for young adults, young people, junior high (intermediate) and juniors is announced as complete by the Board of Christian Education. All conferences will this year be held at Camp Hanes near King, North Carolina.

YOUNG ADULT FIRST

First of the conferences to be held is that of the Young Adults which will meet June 5, 6, and 7. The Young Adults led by their dean, the Rev. E. T. Mickey, will come to Camp Hanes during the afternoon of Friday, June 5, with the first meal being served at 6:00 P. M. After dinner at 12:30 on Sunday the conference will close.

A conference program on the theme, "The Church and Its Youth," will be followed. Leaders of all conference periods will be Dr. Richard Young, Chaplain of the Baptist Hospital.

Vespers and morning watch will be directed by the Rev. S. J. Tesch with the Rev. William T. Marshall in charge of camp fire.

JUNIORS, JULY 20-24

First of the youth groups will be the Junior Conference, ages 9, 10, 11.

The Rev. Paul A. Smotherman, dean, has assembled a competent staff and planned an interesting program on the theme, "We Learn to Know God Better."

Daily Quest periods will be conducted. Quest subjects are "We Learn of God from the Bible," taught by Dr. Snider; "We Learn of God from our Hymns," Mrs. Clayton H. Persons; "We Learn of God from People," Dr. Douglas L. Rights; "We Learn of God from Jesus," Mrs. D. F. Stillwell.

The Rev. George A. Chiddie will lead the vesper hour each evening with his meditations based on the general subject, "We Learn of God from People of Bible Times." Burton Rights will direct campfire.

The staff of cabin counselors will include Miss Betty Claire Warren, Miss Edith Tesch, and Mrs. George A. Chiddie.

JUNIOR HIGH, JULY 24-30

Following the close of the Junior Conference the Junior High group age 12, 13, 14, and 15 will come to Camp Hanes for a week of activity. The Rev. Walter H. Allen, Jr. will serve as dean.

The subject around which the activities of this group will center is "An Old Church-A Church for Youth." Individual daily Quest periods will be on the themes "My Church and Its History," the Rev. William A. Cranford; "My Church and Its Mission," the Rev. Henry A. Lewis; "My Church and the Bible," the Rev. W. Norwood Green; "My Church and Its Schools," Dr. Christian Weber.

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**Provincial Announcements**

**Consolidation At Moravian**

Plans for the eventual consolidation of Moravian College for Women with the Moravian College for Men were made at an emergency meeting of the boards of trustees of the two institutions at Bethlehem, Pa., Monday, May 11.

Dr. Raymond S. Haupert, who becomes president of both schools summarized the results of the action of the boards when he said, "We will operate two colleges, separate student bodies, faculties, and campuses under one administration."

To make way for the consolidation Dr. David E. Weinland resigned as president of Moravian Seminary and College for Women effective with commencement early in June. Dr. Weinland served in the Southern Province as pastor of the King-Mizpah charge from 1942 to 1948 was assistant to the president of Salem Academy and College.

The consolidation of the two Bethlehem Moravian Colleges has long been advocated. It is a move that cannot help but strengthen Moravian higher education both from the academic and financial standpoint.

**PROVINCIAL ELDERS CONFERENCE**

On May 16 a letter from the Rev. L. Howard Chadwick, requesting release from the ministerial service of the Moravian Church in order that he might accept a call to the pastorate of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, N. C., was considered by the Provincial Elders Conference.

Notification had been given the conference previously that the call had been received and that he had it "under prayerful consideration." It had been the earnest hope and prayer of each member of the conference that the Lord's leading might continue Br. Chadwick with us for further service in carrying forward as one of our leaders, the wide expansion program on which we have entered and for which we had confidently counted on his strong support and service. It is needless to say, therefore, that we learned of his decision with deep regret.

Inasmuch however, as Br. Chadwick had taken this step "with the confidence of the definite guidance of the Lord Jesus Christ," there is neither argument nor hindrance of any sort that we would seek to place in his way, but, the rather, pray him God-speed and blessing in what he is led to believe is "a wider service for the Kingdom of God."

The Provincial Elders Conference thanks Br. Chadwick very sincerely for his past service, in which he has wrought well for Church and Province, and in many areas. His work has been of a high order and under the Lord's blessing. We have confidence to believe that it will continue to be in the Presbyterian fellowship.

But we shall miss him, his wife and the children, in our life and service, which though seemingly much restricted in comparison with other denominations, has nevertheless, through the almost five centuries of stress and strain, borne evidence that it was "chosen of God and precious" and that He still has purpose for it in His ever expanding and growing Kingdom.

As of June 1 Br. Chadwick's name will be placed on the list of "Ministers Released for Service with other Churches" until, such time as he may find it desirable and necessary to ask for a transfer.

**RUFUS A. SPAUGH**

The death of Rufus A. Spaugh on April 8, 1953 brought to a close the story of a life linked in a remarkable way with the growth and development of the Southern Province.

Born in 1865 he had an active part in the life of the Southern Province. His parents, both Moravians, were early members of the Southern Province and the ancestor of many who have given service to the Moravian Church in the Southern Province and throughout the world. His mother, Mrs. Belle Roberts Spaugh, was a charter member of the Mountain Home Church where he served many years on its home mission work in Centerville in 1886 and organized Centerville Chapel, he entered into this work with enthusiasm becoming Sunday school superintendent. He continued this activity until Centerville Chapel grew into Trinity Moravian Church in 1912. He and his family transferred their membership to this new church as charter members and took an active part. He served on official boards and was superintendent of the Sunday School for 25 years. Following this, he conducted the Teacher Training Class for 20 years. He was a leading spirit in the planning and construction of the large educational building of Trinity Church, which was built and occupied during the difficult days of the depression and was the first such building of the Moravian Church in the South.

"He served on the Board of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Moravian Church South, the Board of Elders of the Home Moravian Church, the Board of Elders of Trinity Moravian Church, and the Board of Elders of Salem Congregation. He was an active advocate of Christian stewardship and was an ardent tither."

Br. Spaugh is survived by three sons, Dr. Herbert Spaugh, of Charlotte, R. Arthur Spaugh, Jr., and Ralph E. Spaugh, of Winston-Salem.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

The Rev. and Mrs. Egbert G. Lineback are to be congratulated on the birth of a son, Alan Roberts, on April 13, 1953. Br. and Sr. Lineback have a second son, Richard Gray, who was born in 1951.

The Wachovia Moravian would also extend the best wishes for happiness and success to the Rev. and Mrs. George A. Chidde who were married in the Bethesda Church on April 18. Mrs. Chidde is the former Miss Jean Oehman.
Archives House welcomes a new book for its shelves this month. It is the history of "The Salem Band." The author is Bernard J. Pfohl, veteran director of the band.

Mr. Pfohl gives a brief outline of the history of the Moravian Church and remarks on early music. He does not attempt a full history of the band, Mr. Pfohl mentions interesting incidents and developments. With a background of the early period, Mr. Pfohl narrates the story in detail, following the band through its experiences until the present. In addition, music of the band, Mr. Pfohl has described instrumental and vocal music of other organizations and has given numerous personal references to performers.

Included in the book also is the account of the Salem Band at the Battle of Gettysburg, by Julian A. Leinbach.

The manuscript was read with interest by several members of the band and two members, Clarence T. Leinbach, Sr., and John D. Stockton, volunteered to guarantee financial support for publication as a tribute to Mr. Pfohl. The Winston Printing Company has given close attention in effort to produce an attractive volume. The Piedmont Engraving Company has furnished cuts for the many illustrations.

The publication appears appropriately in the year of the 200th anniversary of the beginning of music in Wachovia.

"Is Zinzendorf's hymn 'Christi Blut und Gerechtigkeit' found in French? If so, can you furnish a copy?"

In English this is the hymn "The Saviour's Blood and Righteousness."

This request came to Archives House from Bishop Clement Hoyler, Northfield, Minnesota.

As an indication of international collaboration, the request was forwarded to Dr. Waldemar Reichel, principal of the Zinzendorf School, in the Black Forest, Germany.

Dr. Reichel sent the requested translation of the hymn, adding the note that the translation was made by Zinzendorf "in bad French."

Inaugural prayer of President Washington:

"Almighty God: we make our earnest prayer that thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and that thou wilt nourish a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Inaugural prayer of President Eisenhower:

"Almighty God, as we stand here, at this moment, my future associates in the executive branch of the government join me in beseeching that Thou wilt make full and complete our dedication to the service of the people in this throned and their fellow citizens everywhere. "Give us, we pray, the power to discern clearly right from wrong and allow all our works and actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of this land. "Especially we pray that our concern shall be for all people, regardless of station, race or calling. May co-operation be permitted and be the mutual aim of those who, under the concept of our constitution, hold to differing political beliefs, so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and for Thy Glory. Amen."

BAPTISMS


Sides, Susan Ellen, daughter of Stanley Eugene and Dorothy Aldridge Sides, born March 29, 1948 in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized March 29, 1953 at Calvary Church, by the Rev. John W. Fulton.


Clodfelter, Denise, daughter of Aubrey V. Clodfelter and Phyllis m. n. Brewer, born November 1, 1951 in Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized March 29, 1953 at Christ Church by the Rev. John H. Johansen.


Manning, Janie Catherine, daughter of Thomas W. and Martha m. n. Prevost Manning, born September 18, 1952 in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized March 29, 1953 at Arndmore Church, by the Rev. Charles B. Adams.


What? . . . . . No Telephones!

Translated by Herbert B. Johnson

The telephone has justly been called "the great interrupter." In an article published in the MISSIONSBLAD and written by Br. Daniel Dirksen, Moravian missionary to Africa and at present on furlough in Denmark, Br. Dirksen tells of the unceasing interruption in the work of a busy missionary in that land. But he makes no mention of telephones! Instead, the great interrupter in East Africa is the Bantu shout, Hodi, hodi. Let the door be open or shut the African does not knock; he stands outside and shouts, "Hodi."

In Africa one cannot shut himself in his study and work uninterruptedly. Times without end the missionary is interrupted by persons who wish to talk with him. Sometimes it is a native evangelist who has come from a great distance to converse about the work at an outstation. Everything else must then give way to this conference. Or again, it may be a purchaser of paper, envelope and stamps. Or there are important papers to be drawn up and signed. Even so, the proceedings are often interrupted by the shout, Hodi. Yes, yes, it is some one who wishes to procure a book. He is ready to buy it, but he discovers that he has left his money at home. So home he goes. In the meanwhile the missionary finishes the letter he had in his typewriter and is composing his thoughts for a second letter when Hodi, hodi, rings out again. It is the man with the typewriter for his book. Making the payment is an extended affair because he has the money tied tightly in the corner of a piece of cloth lying next to his skin. This requires the removal of his outer clothing to get at the money. Finally he succeeds, and the price is paid. But precious time has been consumed in the transaction. The remaining money is again tied up in the corner of the cloth, the man resumes his clothing and we return to the living room. But, just as he is about to say thank you and goodbye, he recalls his need of paper and an envelope. So there is a return to the office and the process of disrobing, finding the money, paying the amount of the cost, tying up the change and the resuming of the wearing apparel is repeated; and we are again leaving the office when the customer realizes suddenly that he will have to have a stamp when he mails the contemplated letter. He is very apologetic about the whole matter; but we must return to the office to repeat the entire performance once more and, finally, he takes his leave.

The missionary returns to his typewriter. Once again is heard, hodi, hodi. Now it is Samuel a schoolteacher. He has recently bought an alarm clock. It is a good timepiece, except that the hands will not move. The missionary discovers that the tiny spring which connects the hands with the sprocket wheel is broken. They put the clock together again and Samuel sends it back to the clockmaker. Of course it is up to the missionary to see to it that the clock is safely packaged and made ready for placing in the mail.

Time marches on; and now Joseph, another schoolteacher, arrives. He is having trouble with the pedal on his bicycle. For two days he has been trying to fasten nut which holds the pedal fast to the crank; but the nut will not run on the thread. The missionary sees at a glance that the bolt and the nut have a left-hand thread; so it takes but a moment to fasten the nut securely, although Joseph had worked for two days trying to fasten the nut by turning it to the right.

Hodi, hodi. This time it is a man with a badly lacerated ear. What on earth is the matter now? "It is my wife," he says, "We had a little argument, and she nearly chewed my ear off. Now she is planning to leave me." So the man and the missionary go to talk things over with the gentle woman. They find her in tears. When both have had their say the missionary gives them both a lecture. Then they pray. As a result the couple become reconciled. Next day the missionary pays them a pastoral visit. Long before he reaches the house he hears the sound of singing and laughter. Life in that home is once again sweet and lovely.

Does evening bring surcease from the shout of hodi, hodi? By no means. The missionary family has just finished supper and coffee is being enjoyed in the living room when hodi, hodi, is heard again. The missionary pays them a pastoral visit. Long before he reaches the house he hears the sound of singing and laughter. Life in that home is once again sweet and lovely.

The Moravian Travel Guide contains descriptions of the location of every Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Province, as well as descriptions and locations of many historic Moravian sites.

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The map above is found on page 58 of the guide as a sample of the many helpful illustrations it contains.
nances of these earnest visitors. Finally they declare, "Now we understand why Roman Catholics speak and do as they do."

On another evening is heard the cry, hodi, hodi; only this time it is not a shout but a cry in anguish. The man is welcomed into the house. He sits very quietly for a time, unable to speak. The missionaries wait in sympathetic understanding. At last he speaks and opens his heart to them. "The little son, who was born to us a few days ago, is about to die. Will you come and baptize him? We want to lay him in the arms of the Savior before he is taken from us."

The missionary makes ready his surplice and christening bowl, along with a tallow candle or lantern. They hasten to the little hut where sorrow is knocking at the door. A table, with the light on it, is set in the middle of the tiny room. The family and the elders of the church arrange themselves about the walls. The baby, in his mother's arms, lies gasping for breath and whimpering so pathetically that all hearts are deeply moved with compassion. The hymn sung together is accompanied with sobbing and flowing tears. As the Scriptures are read the presence of the Lord is wondrously real, and by the Word tears are stanch and sorrowing hearts are healed.

The parents arise with the baby in their hands to lay him by Holy Baptism in the blessed, loving arms of the Savior. The missionary raises his hands in benediction and pronounces the blessing of God upon the parents and the baby in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Quietness reigns, a holy quietness. The little tallow candle lights up the room; darkness gives way to its light. In the gleam of that tiny taper is revealed the glory of the Lord. The occupants of the room behold His glory; and their faith is strengthened.

At last the child is resting in the best of all hands, the arms of the Savior. From those Almighty arms no power can now remove him. Heaven and the Kingdom are for ever his.

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**Foreign Mission Briefs**

**The Leprosy Problem in Unyamwezi**

Plans are in the making to move our leper colony in Unyamwezi, East Africa, from Kidugalo to Ipole, if the water supply proves ample there. The proposed new settlement would house five hundred lepers and would receive government support. The local medical officer estimates that eight thousand lepers live in Western Tanganyika alone.

**Mission Interest among Barbados Moravians**

The Rev. E. E. New recently reported on the outcome of the Annual Church Fair held in Barbados last year. It reached a record figure of seventy pounds. The missionary meetings in his congregation realized a total of about 225 pounds, much of it coming from very poor members. During the past year the congregation completed a long cherished project, when the floor of the church was concreted in an effort to protect the building against termites. The work is a testimonial to the devotion of the church carpenter, now seventy, but still hard at work, a devout Christian who has the interests of his church at heart. The project took five years; some aid was received from the government. With its gallery, the building seats about twelve hundred people, so this improvement represented no small task.

**Honor Where Honor is Due**

Word has come from Alaska telling of the late Mrs. Schwalte's book, Dayspring on the Kuskokwim, having been given an award from the Anchorage, Alaska, Press Club.

Readers are reminded that this valuable account of our mission in Alaska sells for $2.50.

**Adrift at Sea**

Superintendent Drebert writes from Bethel, Alaska, on April 15: "three men from Quinnaqak had again drifted out to sea in a boat, and we were greatly concerned about them. Many prayers went up on their behalf. This afternoon we heard that the men walked in after two days absence. We have no details but a year before it is completed, but when it is finished, the opportunity for supervising the work in the vicinity of Alamikangban will be greater. Now it is so expensive and uncertain to have to make the trips by plane."

At Mukurung

The Rev. Howard Houman wrote on April 8 as follows: "From March 5 to 12 we had the Honduran Eastern District Young People's Conference in Mukurung. Although we expected only about thirty delegates, we had sixty-seven. Seventeen accepted Christ and forty-two dedicated their talents to God's service. The little town of seventeen houses fed the group well and joyfully." Ten years ago Mukurung village was one hundred per cent heathen!

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

FRIEDBERG

The new pastor began his work at Friedberg just as the busy Easter season was upon us. Our services of the season were well attended. On Palm Sunday we received eight young people into the church and two infants were baptized. Easter Sunday brought many relatives and friends back to Friedberg. While 300 of our people gathered inside the church almost 500 others waited outside for the procession to the graveyard.

The Auxiliary has been busy planning and executing several projects. Circle 1 met at the home of Mrs. James Dickerson, Circle 2 at the home of Mrs. Clyde Davis, and Circle 4 at the home of Mrs. A. M. Folts. The women sponsored a fried chicken supper at the church on Saturday evening, April 25. The Auxiliary also held an open house at the parsonage to honor the new pastor.

The Young People sponsored our evening service on April 26. Miss Wanda Fishel led the devotional exercises, and after the showing of an inspiring film an offering was received for the young people’s mission project. The young people have also published two issues of our newsletter, “The Friedberger”.

Br. Frank Clark, our Sunday School superintendent, had an excellent response when requesting different classes to hold the opening exercises at the Sunday School session. The executive board of the Sunday School held meetings at the homes of Br. Irvin Fishel and Miss Mary Crouse. The pastor spoke to a fine group of workers at the Sunday evening service on May 5.

Single Brothers and Sisters Covenant Day was celebrated May 13 with Lovefeast for everyone and celebration for single people.

WILLIAM T. MARSHALL

GREENSBORO

Wonderful things have been happening to us since our last report. Perhaps the most encouraging thing that has happened in the history of the congregation is the fact that we have assumed the status of a self-supporting congregation! This will go into effect on July 1.

We have also received 22 new members into our congregation: Karen Rebecca Daniel, Harvey Landon Smith, Jr., and Sue Fan Smith, as non-comunicants; Hubert Lee Bass, Evelyn Gertrude Flynn, Roger Graham Holbrook, and Maxine C. Lewis, by the sacrament of Adult Baptism; Tony Wayne Frazier, Rebecca Jean Kirk, Michael Anthony Masten, and Mary Kathleen McCuiston, by the rite of Confirmation; Marian M. Hancock, Thomas W. Hancock, Jr., Edgar G. Lewis, Myrtle J. McCuiston, Phyllis Jean McCuiston, William Ralph McCuiston, William Thomas McCuiston, Rosa L. Potts, Edith A. Sims, Cleo L. Smith, and Harvey L. Smith, Sr., by letter of transfer and the right hand of fellowship. We welcome these wonderful people into our fellowship. On April 7 our new members were honored at the annual reception, sponsored by the Women of the Church.

It was our privilege to be host congregation to the Moravian student corps from colleges in the State. Dr. Charles M. Ramsay, associate Professor of Religion at Greensboro College was our guest speaker.

Our thanks to Jack King who directed a host of willing workers in “putting on” our most successful barbecue. Proceeds from this and other efforts will go into ‘the Church Auditorium Painting Fund’. We hope to complete this project within a few months.

J. CALVIN BARNES

CLEMMONS

Br. Kenneth Greensfield met with our Church Board at the April meeting to explain the work of the Provincial Financial Board. The meeting proved to be most informative and interesting. We highly recommend such meetings for any church group interested in gaining a better understanding of our provincial work.

The regular Palm Sunday, Passion Week, and Easter sunrise services were held with each showing a moderate gain in attendance. One change was made this year in that the Passion Week Lovefeast was held on Wednesday night instead of Friday. It proved to be a very satisfactory arrangement. A special vote of appreciation should go to our band and choir. Both groups did yeoman service during the Easter season.

New members received on Palm Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Theodor Ziegler, Berthold Ziegler, and Helene Ziegler, who came to us by the right hand of fellowship from the Moravian Church in Neugnadenfeldt, Germany; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tesh; and Mrs. M. V. Blackburn, Jr.

Br. Vernon Daetwyler conducted a week of special services for us during the last week in April. We feel that these services have greatly enriched the spiritual life of our congregation. Many words of appreciation have been expressed for the challenging and uplifting messages brought to us by Br. Daetwyler.

One very encouraging feature of the new calendar year has been that thus far each Communion service has set a new record for the number of members partaking of the elements.
for that particular Communion.
F. HERBERT WEBER

MESSIAH

The ground-breaking ceremony for Messiah’s new building was held on Sunday, April 12. Twelve ministers, one Bishop, and a host of members and friends took part in the joyful occasion. Music was led by the New Philadelphia Band, directed by C. Vestal Whitt. The next day, April 11, the construction began and by now the exterior has risen past the second floor windows. The roughing in of the heating and wiring is under way at present. Occupancy of the new building has been promised for September 1 and so far things are moving ahead of schedule.

We invite you to drive out and watch the progress. Proceed out Robin Hood Road to the Drive-In-Theater, turn left on Peace Haven Rd. for three tenths of a mile, and you will see the church on the left.

George Chiddie led the Messiah congregation in the services of the Passion Week and Easter season and did a very creditable job.

There were five accessions to membership on Palm Sunday, including two young people and three adults.

One member has promised to donate the new pulpit furnishings for our new building and another has donated a good used piano.

The Women of The Church are raising funds for an electronic Organ and the fund now has reached more than $400.

We had a grand surprise when we were able to get our complete water system, including the digging of the well for a little more than $700 and have an almost inexhaustible supply of water.

HENRY A. LEWIS

ADVENT

A fine group of girls and boys was received into the church on Palm Sunday after many weeks of instruction and a personal decision to accept Jesus Christ. The baptized were: Faye Harris, Mariah Hill, Clifford Long, Loretta Pope, and Almeda Tesh. The confirmed were: Dorothy Fishel and Alan Long. Mrs. Berletta Bullins was received by transfer from Immanuel Moravian Church.

George Chiddie, after graduation from Moravian Theological Seminary in January, was ordained as a deacon in the Moravian Church on April 12. Bishop Pfohl preached an effective and challenging sermon setting forth the work and responsibilities of a minister. The following week Br. Chiddie was married to Miss Jean Oehman of Bethania Church, and on May 3 was installed as pastor of Providence Church.

Three infants were born to Advent parents since the last report: a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willard; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gibson; and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fishel, Jr.

Carmel Long and Joe Donaldson, both of this congregation, were united in marriage on Palm Sunday afternoon in the church.

Under the direction of C. Vestal Whitt, the Band presented an excellent concert at Griffith School. Although not many people were present, it was greatly appreciated by those who did come.

VERNON E. DAETWYLER

TRINITY

Easter guests at the parsonage were Helmut Bintz, of Germany, and Fred Linyard, of England, students at Moravian Seminary, and the Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Henkelman, of Canada, who are to be residents of Bethlehem, Pa.

The Intermediate and Youth Fellowship took 57 members in a bus to Mount Bethel for a meeting with the young people of the Rev. Paul Snider’s church.

The Mother and Daughter Banquet this year was attended by more than two hundred and a good time was had by all.

We thank Dr. Ancombe for supplying pulpit service in absence of the pastor.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS

FULP

On March 8, the Salem Chapel congregation started meeting with Fulp while some building repairs and renovations are being made on their church. Fulp is in charge of the Sunday School program on the second and fourth Sundays while Salem Chapel is in charge on the first and third Sundays.

On March 15, the filmstrip “First Missionary Journey” was presented at the young people’s service. Several of the members gathered at the church on Saturday, March 21 to work on the graveyard and the grounds around the church. Gravel has been placed in front of the church and there is much of the mud and sand that had been there formerly.

A special Palm Sunday program was arranged by Br. Abe Gerry, with both Fulp and Salem Chapel members taking part.

The services of those band members from the Home Church and Calvary Church were appreciated for our Easter service.

During the week of April 12-19 a week of revival services was held with the Rev. G. E. Brewer as evangelist. Attendance ran a little low at the beginning of the meeting but more than doubled before the meeting was over.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

IMMANUEL

The Lenten and Passion Week services were accorded a hearty response by our people with increased attendances above that of former years. The presence and participation of our Missionary Pastor, the Rev. James P. Dittmer, and family, made a distinct and happy contribution to the services. Our missionary love-feast with the Dittmers as our guests enabled us to exceed all former gifts to missions as the “Red Box” offering for the salary of

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Brother Dittmer amounted to $1,022.32, in spite of a special offering for our building fund on that day.

Our first "Family Night" was an overwhelming success as more than one hundred gathered about the tables in the Scout Room for our last occasion of fellowship with the Dittmers before their return to Alaska. They have endeared themselves to us in many ways and they can return with the confidence and assurance that they shall be much in our thoughts and prayers as they resume their duties.

The "Formal Opening" of our new and renovated quarters brought together many members and friends in a most happy and joyful occasion. Remarks were made by Floyd S. Burge, builder; John F. Cude, chairman of the building committee; C. L. Ray, chairman of the Steering Committee of the Building and Expansion program; Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, provincial administrator and former pastor; the Rev. O. E. Stimpson, former pastor, and greetings were read from former pastors, Dr. Edwin J. Heath, the Rev. W. A. Kaltreider, Dr. Walter H. Allen, and the Rev. Edwin A. Sudduth. Even though we counted 374 in the sanctuary "yet there was room". The day's offering added $1,004.08 to our building fund.

Received into our church family on Palm Sunday were Christopher Lee Cass, Lawrence Emmett Everhart, Janet Louise Groce, Kenneth Wayne Long, Thomas Moyer Long, Ruth Virginia Long, and Ruth Ellen Stanley. May they find abundant opportunity to serve the Lord at Immanuel.

SAMUEL J. TESCH

PROVIDENCE

The end of April marked the termination of the present pastorate, and the church which had been on half-time basis assumed the responsibility of a full-time minister.

For the past seven and a half years the church has continued to make progress. Substantial improvements have been made in connection with the church building and grounds. The erection of the approximately $13,100.00 parsonage was a crowning achievement. Some equipment and furniture have also been added.

The church is clear of indebtedness and has some reserve in the treasury.

During these past years the church has also grown in membership. The last to come in were Marsha Lynn, Phyllis Jean, and Anthony Hayden Hartman, children of Avery and Edith Wooten Hartman, who came in Palm Sunday by infant baptism; Donna Kay Moore by adult baptism on April 19; and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Munday, Jr. by transfer on April 26.

The outgoing pastor, who is becoming the first full-time pastor of Oak Grove, wishes to express his appreciation along with that of his wife to the congregation for their efforts, cooperation, and love offering; and wishes for them God's continued blessings under their new and full-time pastor, Br. George Chiddie.

JOHN H. KAPP

MOUNT AIRY

Salem College Night was observed on March 8. Professor Paul Peterson directed eight Moravian girls in a concert of vocal selections, the singing of which brought great blessing to the large company present. President Dale Gramley and Miss Elizabeth Krauss of Holland brought interesting messages. Our Auxiliary was hostess to the group at a buffet supper.

Br. James Dittmer exhibited motion pictures of Alaska at the joint Auxiliary meeting on March 17. Much was learned about life in that mission field.

Br. Howard Chadwick was our evangelist in a Community Revival sponsored by our local Ministerial Association. Br. Chadwick acquitted himself well in the preaching of the Word and in his leadership in this program for the reviving of the Church.

Palm Sunday witnessed a filled auditorium and the christening of an infant; the baptism of six adults, the confirmation of three young persons and the reception of two others. Holy Communion on Holy Thursday was unusually well attended. Easter Sunrise service brought out a crowd of four hundred persons, including our mayor, W. Frank Carter, Jr. The twenty-piece band played beautifully in leading the service and the procession. A most reverent spirit of worship prevailed.

 worthy of note was the observance of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the organization of Grace congregation on March 15, when Bishop Pfohl brought an inspiring message at the love feast that evening.

Our Auxiliary again entertained the congregation at a Camp Fire and Get Acquainted party on Easter Monday evening.

Our good wishes go with R. D. Tesch and Miss Patricia Fizett, who were united in marriage by our pastor on Easter Sunday afternoon.

To Oscar S. Vernon and Miss Audrey Queerberry we extend our good wishes for a bright and happy future. They were united in marriage at the parsonage by our pastor on April 24.

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FRIELAND

"Open House" at the church, sponsored jointly by the Woman's Auxiliary and the Official Board, brought approximately 180 of our friends to Frieland to tour our practically-completed Sanctuary and Christian Education Building. We sincerely appreciate this magnificent response on the part of so many, and especially are we grateful for the numerous comments and kind words of encouragement which were heard on every hand. For what God has accomplished here we are humbly grateful, and consistently we bow our heads and give Him the glory.

Attendance at the morning worship services during the Lenten season averaged 274. We feel this substantial increase can be attributed largely to the efforts of our Visitations Committee, which is continuing its work with sustained interest and enthusiasm.

A record attendance was noted this year at our Easter Sunday service, which was recorded in its entirety by Br. Arthur Reid. Both 78 and 33 rpm discs of either the church or graveyard service (or both) may be obtained from him. Br. Reid has kindly donated a set of these recordings to our record library.

We are happy to have received into our communicant membership several new families. Congratulations to the following: Sylvia Simmons, Virginia Rothrock, Gay Sharon Sink, Charlotte Maie Hine, Rebecca Mosteller, James Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hegre, and Mr. Frank Hicks.

In the first public wedding in the new sanctuary, Jane Hine was united in marriage to James Motsinger. Also, we report this month the marriage of Edward Hine to Barbara Swanson, at Augsburg Lutheran Church. To both couples we extend sincere wishes for continued happiness.

We rejoice to welcome home from the armed forces Charles Craver and Bobby Weavil. At the same time, however, Wayne Hiatt, Charles Thomason, and Lewis Hine have left us to begin their terms of service.

Arriving on the "Infant Scene" since our last report are: Shoffe, to Sgt. and Mrs. John O'Brien; Gary Gray, to Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge James; and Harold Denny, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Venable. Congratulations to all these families.

C. TRUETT CHADWICK

MIZPAH

One Wednesday evening early in March we were pleased to have Br. and Sr. James Dittmer drive up to visit our church and talk about their life among the native Eskimos of Alaska. Br. Dittmer showed us colorful and realistic scenes of the natural habitat of the people he works with so faithfully. His lecture replaced a night of the series of studies on the Sermon on the Mount which the pastor conducted weekly throughout the season of Lent.

On the third Sunday night in March everyone enjoyed another fine evening of fellowship and inspiration during "Family Night." After an old-fashioned hymn sing, the move "The First Disciples" provided the feature attraction, which was followed by refreshments.

On Palm Sunday four young people united with the Church. They are Ann Conrad, John Conrad, Mary Carolyn Long, and Larry Griffin.

The pastor was pleased to have Br. Fred Linyard of Oldham, near Manchester, England, as his guest for Passion Week. Br. Linyard, a B. A. and B. D. graduate of the University of Manchester, is at our Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, this year for an extra year of study prior to entering the ministry of the British Province of the Moravian Church. He more than earned his board and room by helping to conduct the Passion Week services at Mizpah and King churches. Moreover, on Easter Sunday he brought us a special message of Easter-side significance, together with greetings from our British Moravian brethren. Many thanks to all the good folk of our congregation who invited Br. Linyard and the pastor to share the well-spread tables and Christian fellowship of their homes during the former's visit.

On the Saturday night after Easter the Women of the Church served a ham supper to a large number of patrons. Proceeds have helped to boost the Building Fund, which also contributed by all who attended a splendid congregational fellowship supper the night before Palm Sunday.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

BETHESDA

The Easter season was entered into with a fine spirit of reverence.

On Palm Sunday the sanctuary was filled to capacity giving to us a record attendance both in Sunday school and church. Two hundred was our goal—201 was our attendance.

Thanks to the ladies who successfully held "Open House" at the parsonage on March 29. This date completed one year of progress under the present pastorate. In addition to completing the parsonage for material growth, 10 have entered into our fellowship by letters of transfer and by confessions of faith in the Lord.

Our congregation was blessed by having Br. Oswald Stimpson's stirring message at our Easter Lovefeast. Our prayers are with Br. Stimpson who so faithfully served the church and the Lord.

The young people's work is progressing under the leadership of Mrs. Margaret Kimel; the choir is getting the sour notes sweetered with the help of Mrs. Gibson Hicks; the intermediate class has been warmed by a new coat of paint; and the Robert Shore Class has been strengthened by a new oak floor.

ARCHIE W. JONES

LEAKSVILLE

An interesting experience in "itching" was made on the first Sunday in March. The people of the congregation were asked to tithe their wages of the preceding week on that Sunday, this to be done voluntarily, and the experiment was so successful that the first Sunday of each month has been set aside as "Itie Sunday" and in this way train our people in this spiritual way of supporting the work of the church.

The Young People sponsored the evening service on the second Sunday evening in March and had for their guest speaker Billy Martin who is a local young man and who is preparing himself for the ministry in the Baptist denomination.

Good attendances marked all of our Passion

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Week services. Holy Communion was observed on Maundy Thursday evening and the Love-feast was held on Good Friday evening. The early service on Easter Sunday morning was one of the best and most encouraging of any in a number of years. The band this year was under the direction of Mr. Jesse Griggs and did a fine piece of assistance in the service. Easter Sunday morning our Church Choir rendered the "Hymn Time" program over radio station WLOE at 9 o'clock. This program is sponsored jointly by the YMCA and the local Ministers Association and their congregations.

Our Revival services were held during the month of April beginning on Wednesday evening the 15th and extending through Friday evening the 24th. For the first four evenings we had the following visiting speakers, Br. C. M. Hedrick and Br. Clyde G. Barber of Winston-Salem; the Rev. William A. Kaltreider of Mayodan, and Mayor Archie Daniels of Spray. On Sunday the 19th the Rev. Norwood Green, pastor of the Enterprise and Hopewell congregations, came to be with us and continued through the closing service on Friday evening the 24th. All of the speakers brought fine messages and the attendance, interest and spirit were most encouraging.

All of the various organizations of the Church and Sunday School have continued to be very active during the period under review and the attendances at all of the regular services of the church and sessions of the Sunday School have shown some increase. We feel that all of our work is definitely on the up trend this spring.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

FRIES MEMORIAL

The Lenten and Easter seasons have been sources of great inspiration and blessing to us all. Attendances have grown in the morning services and in the two Communion services. Passion Week Services were attended in numbers some ten percent higher than those of the previous year. In all, throughout the season, seventeen new members were added to our rolls and our fellowship.

A new feature of this year was the informal evening and reception held for our new members of the year on Wednesday night, April 12. Sponsored by the Women of the Church and their various committees, the occasion was one of good fellowship for all. A program of entertainment under the direction of Br. Hal G. Worley was closed with a serious thought and prayer by the pastor.

Our Kindergarten has opened its registrations for the coming September and the season of 1953-1954. We regret that our two former teachers, Mrs. B. Carson French and Mrs. A. T. Carlee, will not be teaching with us next year. However, we are fortunate to have Mrs. French remain as manager and substitute and Mrs. E. Bryce Parker who will come to us as a teacher with considerable experience. Our School has a reputation in community and city of which we are justly proud. We are glad to maintain its high standards.

A word is in season for our Boy Scout Troop, which, under the able leadership of Br. Charles Morgan and Br. Shelby Boger, has more than doubled its membership during the present year. Last, but not least, a word of appreciation is due to the Band, the Choir, Ushers, Women of the Church, and all of those who so faithfully and well cooperated to help make the Easter season and these last months the success which they have certainly been for us.

May our happiness in these things contribute to our further happy service of Christ in His Kingdom, and may we never forget the first business of the church—the ministering to souls in His name.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

DEATHS

Jarrell, Albert Franklin, born in Patrick County, Va., February 21, 1887; died in Mount Airy, N. C., April 24, 1953. Services held at Grace Church, internment in Salem Methodist Graveyard. Rev. Herbert B. Johnson officiated.

Peterson, Mrs. Adelaide Longworth died April 6, 1953, member of Calvary Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. John W. Fulton. Internment in Salem Cemetery.


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BAPTISMS

Jordan, Sanford Raymond, Jr., son of Sanford Raymond and Margaret m. n. Wohlford Jordan, born November 14, 1947, Charlotte, N. C., baptized February 15, 1953 in the Chapel of The Little Church on the Lane by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Merritt, William Teig, son of Harry Avant and Adeline m. n. Wohlford Merritt, born January 7, 1948 Charlotte, N. C., baptized February 15, 1953, in the Chapel of The Little Church on the Lane by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Piner, William David, infant son of William H. and Jean m. n. Stockton Piner. Born August 27, 1952 in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized March 8, 1953 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Young, Thomas Dillworth, son of Thomas W. and Frances m. n. Dillworth Young. Born September 25, 1949 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized March 15, 1953 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Gallacher, John R., Jr. infant son of John K. and Christine m. n. Gray Gallacher, born July 19, 1952 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized March 22, 1953 by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Hicks, Larry Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hicks, born in Winston-Salem, N. C. August 7, 1948; baptized at Friedland Church by The Rev. C. Truett Chadwick, March 29, 1953.

Hicks, Janet Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hicks, born in Winston-Salem, N. C. April 5, 1950 and baptized at Friedland Church by The Rev. C. Truett Chadwick, March 29, 1953.

Miller, Mary Ann, infant daughter of James and Eline (King) Miller, born February 12, 1953 at Mount Airy, N. C., baptized in Grace Church on Palm Sunday, March 29, 1953 by the Rev. Herbert B. Johnson.

Tanner, Harry Michael, son of Harry and Isabelle m. n. L. Turner, born February 3, 1953, baptized at Immanuel Sunday, April 19, 1953 by the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch.


Bujak, Brigitte Sigrid, daughter of Artur and Gertrude m. n. Oldach Bujak, born February 3, 1953 in Winston-Salem; baptized March 29, 1953 at Clemmons.

Greene, Donna Marie, daughter of James Richard and Kathleen m. n. Large Green, born December 16, 1952 at Savannah, Ga.; baptized April 3, 1953 at Clemmons.


Redden, infant children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roy Redden; Jane Evelyn, born August 21, 1946; Robert Roy, Jr., born February 23, 1948; Kay Lorraine, born July 12, 1949; Thomas Henry, born December 20, 1950; Judith Ann and John Vann born April 27th, 1952 and baptized April 12th, 1953 at Macedonia Church, by the Rev. J. George Bruner.

WOMEN OF PROVINCE ATTEND SPRING WORKSHOP

The Spring Workshop of the Women of the Church was held at Kernersville on Wednesday, May 27. There were approximately two hundred fifty people present.

Prior to the business session Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl presented an Organ Meditation.

Mrs. T. Holz Haywood, Chairman of the Provincial Woman's Board, presided and the Rev. Clayton H. Persons welcomed the guests on behalf of the Kernersville Church. Reports of committee chairman were heard and it appeared that forty churches have participated in the support of the provincial causes in the amount of more than $4,500.

It was reported that the fund for the Schwabke Memorial Chapel for the Children's Home in Alaska has grown to $3,911 and a generous offering was received for that purpose.

Thirty-seven hymn books have been provided and chairs have been purchased. An organ is waiting in Seattle, Washington, to be sent, and a bell given by the Southern Railway Company is to be sent without expense to the church.

It was announced that the book "Portraits of the Master," by Robert A. Lapsley, Jr. will be used as Bible Study for the coming year. The Mission Study theme is "Great Women of the Moravian Church Mission" and will feature stories of native women who have rendered service in the mission fields.

Mrs. Karl Kerner president of the Kernersville Women of the Church, invited the guests to inspect the beautiful new education building and have lunch in the fellowship hall.

After lunch the members of the Kernersville group presented an effective pageant showing the customs of the Moravian Church.

My Lord, how full of sweet content
I pass my years of banishment!
Where'er I dwell, I dwell with thee,
In heaven, in earth, or on the sea.
From the Outlook comes an article entitled "Christian Solidarity at Denver." It constitutes a fine summary report on the second General Assembly of the National Council of Churches. According to the reporter, the Assembly, in an atmosphere both worshipful and workmanlike, "(1) took into membership the million-member Greek Orthodox Church, 10th constituent communion, fifth Orthodox member of the Council; (2) heard a report on the thorny question of the choice of a Christian center for American churches—a problem discussed in Denver by 22 denominational leaders and members of the Council's Committee of Ten; (3) learned that the Council's financial condition is 'basically sound,' with receipts of $5,354,000 during the first 11 months of 1952; (4) urged revision of immigration laws to remove 'unjust and discriminatory provisions' and passage of special laws to permit entry of a fair share of refugees for permanent residence; (5) reaffirmed their opposition to diplomatic relations with the Vatican; (6) revised the Council's Constitution and By-Laws to give greater representation to the laity, after hearing a report of a two-year appraisal of Council structure and program; and (7) issued a 3,000-word 'Letter to the Christians of America,' a commentary on the churches' stand on public issues and their redemptive mission to the millions who 'need desperately our material, political, and spiritual help.'"

Further excerpts from the "Letter" include the following declarations: "This Council... is not a church, but a council of churches. Neither is it a super-church, and does not aspire to become one. It does not legislate for the constituent bodies which compose it, each of which retains its full autonomy... The Council does, however, afford a unique medium whereby churches which differ in many respects from one another can meet together, worship together, think, plan and act together."

Helen burst into the room. "Boh, will you take Edward to the hospital, or shall I? Why, what's wrong?" "Someone stabbed him! I was out of the room in no time and backed the red mission station wagon out of the garage and drove slowly, so the young fellow would not be jarred too much, to the doctor. Edward had gotten into a quarrel with another Creole boy.

"Another day, I drove down the street rather slowly—pigs and chickens and children dart across the road unexpectedly and frequently—and saw just ahead, about two blocks from the mission, a small crowd of people. In the midst of the crowd a man had fallen. A Guardia asked me to help. We loaded the groaning man into the mission station wagon, the second stabbed person I'd taken to the doctor in the last few days. This one had been in a canteen brawl. "For a long time after we'd left him at the doctor, my ears rang with his drunken shouts: 'Get me a pistol, I'll finish him!' And the words of the Spanish speaking people who had crowded into the car telling him to be quiet, didn't he know he was in the Padre's car?

"A few days ago I conducted the funeral of a Miskito lad. After the service, they prepared to nail down the lid on the pine coffin—but nobody in the house had any nails. Finally one man was located who had five used nails and the lid was precariously nailed on. No arrangements had been made by the family for a truck. So we let down the back of the station wagon, put in the coffin, jammed the car full of mourners, and went off to the cemetery.

**Two Moravians Reported to Be Political Prisoners**

A recent notice in MISSIONBLAD, a Moravian periodical published in Denmark, called attention to the imprisonment of two Moravians in the Eastern Zone of Germany. This notice as translated by Br. Herbert B. Johnson is as follows:

"From East Germany we have recently heard of ministers of the gospel who are in prison. This includes one of our Moravian traveling evangelists, whose name is Erich Schumann. He has been sentenced to six years in the house of correction for 'boycotting.' The Lutheran authorities in Saxony have approached the highest common courts with a petition on Br. Schumann's behalf for a review of his case in which they might prove his innocence. The request, however, has been denied.

"One of our Moravian diaconesses, Sister Margareta Ribbach, has already spent several years in prison in the Eastern Zone."

To this Br. Johnson adds: "So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church." (Acts 12:1)

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Bethabara And Messiah With New Buildings

Aid to Bethabara, the oldest, and Messiah, the newest congregation in the Southern Province, was announced at the rally of church boards at Bethania on May 28 launching the sixth year of the Building and Expansion Program. A total of 334 attended the rally which featured an address by Dr. C. Lloyd Daugherty, Jr. of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, W. E. Shore, vice chairman of the Steering Committee, presided.

Prior to the service in the church the board members were served a bounteous picnic style dinner in the recently completed Christian Education Building and fellowship hall of the Bethania Congregation. Toward the construction of this building the Building and Expansion Program had appropriated $11,000.00 in 1951-52.

Largest Grant, $23,500

Largest grant for the coming year—$23,100.00—goes to the Messiah Congregation for the erection of a building to be used for church and Sunday school. This building which will be one of a three unit structure is now nearing completion on Peace Haven Road.

The lot on which the Messiah building is being erected—a beautiful wooded four acre site—was purchased earlier in the year with the aid of a $6,000.00 grant from the Building and Expansion budget of 1952-53. Thus the Building and Expansion Program is investing a total of $29,500.00 in this newest expansion project of the province.

Since its organization in November of 1951, the Messiah group has raised over $6,000.00 toward its building project and in addition has purchased $1,700.00 in equipment which will be used in its new plant.

The Rev. Henry A. Lewis, the founder of Messiah and its only pastor until June of this year, estimates that the total cost of the building will be $44,000.00 and that when completed will carry a debt of about $18,000.00.

Br. Lewis will be succeeded as pastor the end of June by Raymond T. Troutman, a recent graduate of Moravian Theological Seminary.

Bethabara, $15,000

The Bethabara Congregation, which celebrates its two hundredth anniversary this fall, was given the second sizeable grant in this year's budget the sum of $15,000.00, toward a new building. This building is now being erected located about 300 yards south of the present historic church on a lot at the intersection of Old Town and Bethabara Roads.

The erection of the new church plant on the new site will leave the “old fort area” around the church free should there be a desire to restore it. It will also provide more space for future buildings and for parking.

Toward this building Bethabara has raised over a period of years the sum of $17,000.00. The building when finished will cost approximately $90,000.00 of which it is estimated that over $65,000.00 will be spent in getting it ready for the first service. This first service, according to the pastor, the Rev. K. Edwin Fussell, will, it is hoped, be the 200 anniversary lovefeast on November 15.

Br. Fussell stated that Bethabara was looking toward the future in the erection of their “all purpose building.” It will provide class rooms, fellowship hall, and a sanctuary. The sanctuary can be extended at any time and more class space provided as the needs for the growing congregation demand.

The completion of the first phase of the new building program for Bethabara will provide the background for a suitable observance of the beginning of the Southern Province. This beginning came with the arrival on November 17, 1753 of the first group of Moravian settlers in Wachovia which had been chosen the year before by Bishop Spangenberg.

The Steering Committee of the Building and Expansion Program has wisely chosen this year not only to aid Bethabara, but also to launch on its way with a permanent building the Messiah group.

Three Parsonages Included

Aid in the amount of $2,100.00 is also provided three congregations for the erection of parsonages. They are Bethesda, which completed its parsonage just before Easter of this year; Moravia, which has its parsonage almost ready for occupancy; and Mayodan, for whose parsonage plans are now being drawn.

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Provincial Announcements

PROVINCIAL ELDERS CONFERENCE

The Board of Provincial Elders take pleasure in announcing that with the beginning of the new fiscal year, the congregations of Bethabara, Oak Grove, and Providence become full-time pastors. We wish for their pastors, Brn. Fussell, Kapp, and Chiddle, and the official boards a year of aggressive service and blessing.

ORDINATION

Announcement is made of the ordination on June 20, of Br. Raymond T. Troutman, Jr., recent graduate of Moravian College and Theological Seminary as a deacon of the Moravian Church. The ceremony, conducted by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, took place in Pine Chapel with which Br. Troutman had been connected since childhood. Present for the service, in addition to the large number of members of the local congregation, were delegations from Messiah and Wachovia Arbor, which congregations Br. Troutman will serve as pastor beginning July 1. With this ordination the number of active ministers in the Southern Province is twenty-eight.

LETTER

June 1, 1953

Dear Editor:

It is the desire of the joint boards of Fairview Moravian church to have the enclosed letter printed in the next issue of the WACHOVIA MORAVIAN as a copy of a letter sent to Rev. Chadwick.

Yours truly,

FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN CHURCH

Jane Mendenhall

Secretary

The Rev. I. Howard Chadwick

2000 Beverly Drive

Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Howard:

During the past two weeks as you made preparations to leave Fairview to assume your new call in Charlotte, the members of Fairview and of the joint boards of the church have had an opportunity to bid you farewell in person. It now seems appropriate that the two boards who represent the people of Fairview church should confirm in a somewhat more formal way the feelings of Fairview as you leave its leadership.

Fairview wants to thank you and express its deep appreciation for all that you have done during the past six years and ten months as its pastor. Your splendid service, cooperation, and pastoral leadership has led each Fairview member to a close spirit of cooperation which you have brought about among us will surely enable Fairview to serve God and this community in a fuller way in the future. In the meantime we wish you every success in your new pastorate and the prayers of Fairview will continue in your behalf as you work to bring the word of God to the good people of Charlotte.

Sincerely yours,

O. Melvin Warren

Vice Chairman—Board of Elders

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We are all looking forward to a complete report from Br. R. Gordon Spaugh upon his return from the official visitation he and Mrs. Spaugh together with Bishop and Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton are making to our Moravian congregations in the British and Continental provinces of Europe. At this writing no detailed announcement has been forthcoming which would shed light on the important decisions reached by Br. Spaugh and the other members of the Unity's Directory in their conference at Zeist, Holland early in May. But the hopeful word from our Southern Province representative is that some very harmonious meetings were held in Zeist, despite the many knotty problems which faced the Unity's Elders.

The voting delegate of the British Province at the sessions in Zeist was Bishop C. H. Shawe, President of the British P. E. C. According to the April issue of The Moravian Messenger, however, Br. Shawe has indicated his intention of retiring from active service in the Moravian Church sometime during the autumn of 1953. As he prepares to enjoy a well-earned rest, Br. Shawe is deserving of high praise for his continuous, faithful, and herculean labors in behalf of the entire Moravian Unity as well as the Brethren's church in England and Ireland. May God reward him for his long life of loving and sacrificial service to our fellowship.

The German Moravian delegate to the Unity's Elders Conference was Br. H. Renkewitz of Bad Boll, near Stuttgart. A letter from Br. T. Kolar, Bratislava, reminds us that Br. Renkewitz and Br. L. J. Britton, a member of the British P. E. C., travelled to the Middle East last December to study the possibility of the re-establishment of the Jesus Help Lepre Home in Arab territory in order to report on the situation to the gathering at Zeist. Br. Bassett also states that he mis-informed Moravians in America in telling us that the Lepre Home had been converted to other uses. He later discovered that the Israeli government was still operating it as a leprosarium for Jewish lepers. To quote Br. Bassett, however, "the essential facts still stand. . . . The Arab lepers, for whom the Jesus Help Home originally and always existed, are now inadequately cared for. When the Moravian Church sold the property to the Israeli government, the Arab lepers crossed over into Jordan territory and settled in the miserable quarters in the Silwan (Silosam) valley outside the Old City. Their condition is pitiable in the extreme. Everyone looks to the Moravian Church to step into the situation and provide the kind of Christian service which had for nearly a century made the name Moravian respected and admired in the Holy Land."

IN THIS ISSUE

In this issue announcement is made of the gift to the Salem Congregation of the Moravian Church of the Belo Home Association properties located near the south entrance of our God's Acre at Bank and Main Streets and Cedar Avenue. In the light of their strategic location as well as of their material worth, the acquisition of these buildings is an event of great significance.

Also in this issue announcement is made of the budget of the Building and Expansion Program for the year which begins on July 1.

The story of the Young Adult Conference is written by Mrs. Bruce Plowman, a member of the Messiah Congregation and for the past two years registrar.

In this issue, on page 3, we report two significant events among the churches of the Northern Province. This presents a wider coverage of news from our Moravian Church which will be continued in the future.

We are grateful to the editor of the MORAVIAN for the cuts which were used in this column.

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NEWS FROM THE NORTHERN PROVINCE

Eighty-eight year old member of Riverside Church gives building

The Riverside New Jersey, Moravian Church has received from its oldest member, Christian F. Hahle, the gift of a new Christian Education Building. Announcement of the gift was made in March and erection of the building was scheduled to begin this spring. It will contain a large fellowship room and classrooms for Sunday school purposes.

Br. Hahle, a life time member of Riverside, celebrated his eighty-eight birthday this past May.

In addition to his gift of the badly needed building Br. Hahle has provided that after his death his lovely home will be turned over to the church for use as a parsonage.

From 1947 to 1953 the pastor of the Riverside Congregation was the Rev. Ralph C. Bassett. On February 1, Br. Bassett entered upon his duties as the pastor of the Midway Manor Church of Allentown, Pa.

Lititz Church Employs Helper in Christian Education

The Lititz Pennsylvania, Moravian Church, of which Bishop Carl J. Helmiich is pastor, announces the appointment of an assistant for Christian Education. Miss Ruth Sonnenberg of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, has accepted the appointment and will begin her work on August 1. Miss Sonnenberg graduated from St. Olaf College in the class of 1953 with a degree in Christian Education.

New York Churches Hold Mission Festival

Moravian missions in three countries was emphasized at the annual spring mission festival held for New York City and Staten Island Moravians Sunday, May 3.

INFANT BAPTISMS

Long, George Michael, infant son of Jack Dumont and Doris Lucille m. n. Choplin Long, born January 12, 1953, in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized May 24, 1953, in Mizpah Moravian Church by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.

Owen, Rose Patrice, infant daughter of Roy Edmond and Alma m. n. Goodrich Owen, born December 4, 1952, Charlotte, N. C., baptized April 12, 1953 in The Little Church on the Lane by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.


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The telephone number of the Providence parsonage is 5-1920. The address of the pastor, Br. George Chiddie, is Route 3, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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Destiny Of Northern Labrador

By Louise Travelsted

(Miss Travelsted is a teacher in the Newark, New Jersey, Central High School. Last fall she took a trip through Labrador and visited some of our Moravian mission stations. The article below was written for THE MORAVIAN.)

I arrived at Nain late one Saturday night in September, and while the sky was bright with the shimmering colors of the northern lights, it was not until the next morning that I could see all the beauty about me. The hills in the distance were purple, while those near at hand took on the color of the red berries and vines creeping over their sides. The mission has succeeded in preserving the water-shed and there was a wooded area with paths bordered by grass and moss, and the brightness of autumn itself. Most of the trees were evergreens whose cones provided a feast for the grosbeak, pine siskin, and other migrating birds, but here and there one saw a slender, golden larch.

Facing the harbor is the church, whose beltry gleams at night with a light that is a symbol and a beacon; and just back of the church, also facing the harbor, is the mission house in which the Rev. F. W. Peacock, head of the Moravian mission on the Labrador coast, lives.

Before going on to Nain, while we were waiting for the mission's motor boat, Servko, I spent a few days at Hopedale with the Hettasch family, the Moravian missionaries there. After observing their many duties and activities it was no surprise to find the mission at Nain a very busy place.

On Sunday morning, Mrs. Peacock said to me, "The girls (the two teachers) will take you to church. I'm on the radio." Each Sunday both the morning service in Eskimo and the afternoon one in English are broadcast from the mission station. Often when a family returned to the village from fishing in one of the bays, they reported on how clearly they had heard the sermon of the preceding week.

Besides the spiritual work of the mission the Peacocks, until October 1952 when the Newfoundland government sent a splendidly qualified nurse to Nain have been entirely responsible for the medical welfare of the people in their village. The educational work, which I shall take up later, forms another important part of their program.

It seems that no task is too large or too small for the mission to undertake. More than once I came in from a walk to find a little Eskimo school boy waiting for one of Mrs. Peacock's expert haircuts. My friends at home were astonished to learn of the mission vegetable gardens. Fine lettuce, carrots, beets, potatoes and rhubarb were grown at Hopedale and Nain. Flowers also play an important part in the lives of the people. Both Mrs. Hettasch and Mrs. Peacock had beautiful house plants which flourished after the frost had killed the flowers growing outside. In practically every Eskimo home that I visited with Mrs. Peacock, I noticed a tin can or other container which held a little growing plant. I was told that this practice goes back to the days when Mrs. Hettasch, mother of the Rev. S. P. Hettasch at Hopedale was at Nain, and gave "slips" from her plants to the Eskimos.

It was my good fortune to travel from St. John's, Newfoundland to Hopedale, and from there to Nain with Ray Iviney, a school supervisor, who was making a survey of mission schools for the Newfoundland Department of Education. He visited Moravian schools at Makkovik, Hopedale and Nain, spending much time in the school at Nain and in conference with Mr. Peacock—and Mrs. Peacock, who is director of all the mission schools, and who does practically full time teaching at Nain. I was not present at the conferences, but I was able to get the feeling of them and it was most heartening to know that the three educators were working out ways in which the Department of Education could help the teachers and children on the north coast.

Both Mr. Iviney and I were especially interested in one of the teachers at Nain, Beatrice Ford, because she herself, of mixed Eskimo and English descent, is a product of the mission school. Coming there as a little girl, she completed the work offered, went to the Grenfell mission school at North West River for four years, and had one year at Memorial College St. John's. I have never seen anyone else bridge so completely and easily, the gap between two backgrounds. A person of rare charm, she is also an excellent teacher. (Mr. Iviney remarked to me that he wished all students at Memorial College could profit from a year's training, as Miss Ford had). There are, of course, other good teachers in the mission.

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schools but, with perhaps one exception, they were educated in Europe.

While the boarding school pupils did not come in until October, we saw the dormitory which was in complete readiness for them. When I admired the colorful wool blankets on the bunks, I was told they came from Moravians in the United States. The children who were in school in September were happy, responsive youngsters, whose pride in their school was very evident. One afternoon they sang the Canadian National Anthem in Eskimo, and as I watched them, standing erect and singing from the heart, I felt strangely moved.

It seems to me that throughout much of the world people are giving lip service to the idea of working together, but never have I seen this idea carried to such an extent as it is on the Labrador coast.

The Grenfell medical mission sends its hospital ship The Maraval all along the Labrador coast. (She called at Nain while I was there).

Father Cyr, whose mission for Indians is at Davis Inlet, and Mr. Peacock, talk over the radio at stated hours daily, and each is always ready to help the other.

The two members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police stationed at Nain, young men of exceptional personality and ability, work closely with the mission. The Royal Canadian Air Force at Goose Bay made its twenty-first mercy flight of the year during my stay. They brought in badly needed drugs during an epidemic last winter and flew in thirteen bags of Christmas mail, dropping them by parachutes. The Americans at Goose Bay have also helped, especially at Christmas time.

All of these practical applications of the Golden Rule are a tribute, not only to the traditions of the North, but to the warm hospitality, the steadfast integrity, and the unswerving courage of the Moravian missionaries who, for almost two centuries, have guarded and guided the destiny of northern Labrador.

... Foreign Mission Briefs ...

ALASKA LEADERSHIP

The 1953 Session of the Native Training School has come to a close in Bethel. Dr. Dreb­
ert, head of the school and superintendent of the mission, writes that it was the best year of their first child, Gotthold Walter. Gotthold was born on May 20, 1953 at the Ruth C. S. Thaaler Hospital where his parents are serving on the staff. The Muellers came from the German Province last year.

SEEDS FOR HONDURAS

Br. Werner Marx, the Superintendent of our mission in Honduras writes to tell us of a way in which Moravian Children in the United States can help boys and girls in the Moravian Area of Honduras. "Help us by sending garden seeds by first class mail so that our school children will have something to plant in their school garden. Seed sent in letter envelopes first class mail does not require the payment of duty. Here are our preferences: melon family, carrots, tomatoes, onions, cabbages, radishes, beets, lettuce, beans, corn, flowers. If each Moravian child in grades four, five and six would send one envelope of seeds, I believe we will have enough to make many Miskito Moravian school children happy. The address: W. G. Marx de Brus Rec. a Juan N. Kawas, La Ceiba, D. D., Republic de Honduras, Central America."

FINANCIAL PROGRESS IN NICARAGUA

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STUDENT BODY, ALASKA TRAINING SCHOOL:

Capacity is ten; two were turned away

the school has ever had. Ten young men formed the student body and two more were turned away because ten is capacity. Many of the native congregations supported the school by sending contributions of money and fish. Progress toward a native church rests on the shoulders of these men, therefore, they deserve a special place in the prayers of the church.

REBUILDING AFTER THE HURRICANE

From Tobago, the West Indies, Br. G. Al­wyn Neath writes: "Our new Montgomery Church has progressed in stages. To finish the building completely this year seems beyond the realm of possibility, but we hope by the end of August or September to get it to a stage when we can use it. We are all very anxious to move from the old school where we now worship, and which is so unsuitable, being too small (on Easter Day there were about seven hundred people trying to get into the build­ing which would hold just over three hundred when packed) and also being an old dilapidated building in which it is not easy to get the right atmosphere for worship."

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Belo Home Association

Deeds Property To Church

Historic Belo Home and three adjacent dwellings were given to the Salem Congregation by the Belo Home Association according to an announcement on June 7 by Mrs. James A. Gray, Sr., president of the association.

In addition to the Belo Home, which was erected 1849, the other buildings deeded to the Moravian Church were the Hampton House, 414 Cedar Avenue; the Agnes Belo Memorial Home, 11 Bank Street; and the Amanda House at the northwest corner of Bank and Main Streets.

The Belo Home Association was formed in 1899 with the donation by Colonel Alfred H. Belo of the Belo Home for the purpose of preserving the mansion and to provide a residence for "worthy women." The three other buildings were acquired over a period of years the last being the Hampton House which was purchased by the association in 1944.

Plans for the operation of the property are being formulated by the Central Board of Trustees of the Salem Congregation of which T. Holt Haywood is chairman. While no announcement has been made, it is assumed that the policy of the Belo Home Association of providing a residence for "worthy women" will be continued by the church according to the desires of Col. Belo.

The Belo mansion has since its erection by Edward Belo served as a store, hotel, and home for his family. Its Corinthian columns, lacework iron grills, and two iron dogs and a lion have long made it one of the best known landmarks in Old Salem.

The gift of these buildings has placed in the care of the church very valuable properties that should prove of great worth to the Moravian Church for years to come. This should be especially true as the plans for the restoration of Old Salem are carried out.

BUILDING AND EXPANSION

(Continued from page 1)

of this Chair in the amount of $125,000. During the first year of the program, 1947-48, the sum of $10,000.00 was included in the budget. That year Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Owen gave $100,000 for this purpose. The remaining $15,000.00 has been secured through the inclusion in the budget for five years of this amount of $3,000.00.

Achievement of Five Years

As a part of the service Provincial Treasurer Edwin L. Stockton gave a summary of the achievements of the Building and Expansion Program during the first five years of its operation. During this time the sum of $215,000.00 has been appropriated by the program for twenty church buildings and parsonages. The value of these buildings is estimated at $922,000.00. This represents an equity in new buildings acquired over a five year period of $706,000.00.
REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

CHRIST CHURCH

During the summer months church services are being held in the fellowship building while the church sanctuary is being renovated and redecorated. The adult department of the Sunday school is meeting there. The nursery and beginners departments have occupied the new rooms made available for them by excavation under the north end of the church. Total cost of the project will be $33,464.00, thirteen thousand of which is available in the Building Fund. The congregation has set about raising the other twenty thousand dollars, and on Sunday, May 31, $8,118.45 in cash was received at a love offering for the Building Fund. Hal B. Nifong heads the Building Committee, other members of which are Alton Pfaff and B. O. Disher. Mr. Disher is serving as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dr. Edmund P. Schwarse was the speaker for our week of revival services held from April 19 to 26. Speaking on the general theme "All Things New" or "The Privileges of God's Children," he challenged all to a new earnestness in the living of the Christian life. A total of 1644 persons were present for the nine services and the average attendance was 183. The Rev. and Mrs. John S. Goserud and the Rev. James C. Hughes sang for us at two of the services.

The re-activation of our Boy Scout troop was a significant event of the past two months. Guiding the activities of 20 boys in new troop No. 129 are Charles Conrad, scoutmaster, and Ray Estep and Harry Collins, assistant scoutmasters. Members of the troop committee are Bernard Peddycord, R. E. Peddycord Lonnie Disher, Howard Disher, Tom Shepherd, and Robert Grunert.

Carol Sue Smith and Sheila Cochrane, two girls from our church, members of Girl Scout troop No. 60 which meets in our fellowship building, received the coveted "Curved Bar" award highest award in girl scouting, at a recent Court of Awards.

The annual church council was held on June 3, with 89 members of the congregation present. Elected to the board of elders were B. B. Hoffman, A. R. Carr, Harold Phillips, and Herbert Anderson Sr. Elected to the board of trustees were H. B. Nifong, T. L. Shepherd, Horace Raker, and D. N. Hitt. Ellwood Tesh was elected to the Central Board of Trustees of the Salem congregation, while Mrs. William Brewer and Howard Tesh Sr. were elected to the local Board of Christian Education.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Beaudy upon the birth of a daughter, Jeanette Elaine, May 28, at City Hospital. Congratulations also to Barbara Anne Fultz, Richard Ned Kinney, James O. Pfaff, Marjorie M. Perryman and Libby Jean Hutchen, who graduated from high school on June 2.

JOHN H. JOHANSEN

NEW BEGINNERS DEPARTMENT: "Made available by excavation.""}

GEORGE A. CHIDDIE: Providence's first resident pastor

On May 1 the present pastor began his ministry at Providence. On the evening of May 3 Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl installed the new pastor. This is a significant step for the Prov-

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supper held in the Civic Club on Saturday, May 9. The supper was given by the Women of the Church and the proceeds were used to purchase a new communion set.

During the third week of May we held a revival meeting. The pastor brought the messages each evening. Attendance was very good and all of us were blessed in a wonderful way. The congregation presented the pastor with a love offering, which was appreciated very much.

Six of our young people attended the rally at Friedland, June 4. They were Patsy Hill, Shirley Easter, Dell Ann Crews, Jean Carol Phelps, Harold Grubbs and Jackie Mickey.

May the pastor and his wife take this opportunity to thank all of the people of Providence for the wonderful welcome they have extended to us and for the many things they have done to help us get settled in our home, particularly for the housewarming given us on June 5.

GEORGE A. CHIDDEE

KONNOAK HILLS

At a most impressive ceremony Monday, June 1, officers and leaders of the Women of the Church were installed for the new church year. A pot-luck supper and time of good fellowship preceded the service. Reports on the work for the year about to end presented a most encouraging picture of what had been accomplished.

The third annual Daily Vacation Bible School was held June 8-19. We are happy that we were again able to offer the children and young people of the community the values culled from a rich curriculum. In the concentrated hours of the two week period much can be conveyed that ordinarily is missed in the 52 week span of the Sunday school year. Many thanks are extended to a loyal corps of workers and teachers, and especially Mrs. Herbert Smith, the general superintendent, who began her organizational duties long ago to lay the groundwork for a successful school.

Our services have been much enriched with the regular playing of our organ. We feel most fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. Wallace Wilson in this capacity.

The temporary parsonage is now occupied, and the term "temporary" should not convey any meaning of inadequacy for the living quarters provided are fine in every way. Naturally our people are looking forward to the day when all organizations and groups using the facilities of the Church were represented at the eleven o'clock service.

Our congregation was privileged to have the Salem College Choral Ensemble under the direction of Paul Peterson at our Salem College Day on April 26. Dr. Dale Gramley brought the message. Substantial funds were received in connection with this program to aid in scholarships for Salem College.

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We welcome into the fellowship of our congregation Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edmond Owen, 426 Marsh Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, 704 E. Tremont Avenue.

Our Sunday school continues to grow. Some-thing new is in the air.

GEORGE A. CHIDDEE

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

The 31st Annual Birthday Meeting of The Women of the Church met with Mrs. Herbert Spaugh at the parsonage on Monday, April 6.

Unity Sunday was observed on April 12 when all organizations and groups using the facilities of the Church were represented at the eleven o'clock service.

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Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Cato, Jr. upon the birth of a daughter, Margaret Louise, on April 16; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Katz upon the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Elaine, on April 23; and to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Boyd Wilson upon the birth of a daughter, Christine Ann on May 2.

We were happy to have as our pulpit guest on April 19 the Rev. F. Herbert Weber, pastor at Clemmons. He is well known and beloved here, having served as assistant to the pastor several years ago.

The final program of our Junior—Intermediate League was held Sunday evening, May 24, with a picnic supper and recreational program on the church lawn.

Vacation Bible School for children from ages 4-15 will be held the week of June 8. The faculty will consist of Mrs. C. F. Abernethy, Mrs. George Crews, Mrs. C. E. Blythe, Mrs. Joe Simpson, Mrs. W. T. Trammel, Mrs. R. O. McCorkle, and Mrs. R. G. Holder.

Attendance is growing at our prayer services held each Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. and at 8 p.m. in our beautiful little chapel. Following a short message by our pastor, those present are invited to the altar for special prayer.

HERBERT SPAUGH

Our Christian Education building is at last becoming a reality! During the period of this report about 14 tons of steel has been hoisted into place immediately behind our present office. This thick-robed framing will form a sturdy skeleton for the block and brick Masonry walls now beginning to rise around it. Br. S. Paul Meadows is carrying on the work of the Chairman of the Building Committee,

JOHN GOSERUD

HOPSWELL

"The more folks you get to work the happier your church will be." These words were made effective on Sunday, May 1. Nine men were elected to a newly created Board of Trustees by a congregational council. The men elected were: for three years: J. C. Morton, John Hill, and C. E. Snyder; for two years: James Sayers, Bill Whit, and Lester Comer; for one year: Harold Pope, Norman Satterfield and Arthur Everheart. The council also voted to adopt the Unified Church Budget.

Cottage prayer meetings were held in various homes to prepare our people for a revival.
which Br. Holton Gentry felt unable to continue. In addition, Br. C. Ashby White, the representative of the Building Committee assigned to co-ordinate volunteer labor and to consult with the contractor, has followed through faithfully ever since the inception of the project. Br. Raleigh Wall excavated the site of the structure with his baby bull-dozer, and many others are expected to lend a hand before the building is finished.

Br. Fred Linyard, who will enter the Moravian ministry in the British Province later this year, was a parsonage visitor during Passion Week. Br. Linyard, a student at Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, during this past year, assisted the pastor in conducting the annual services based on readings from the Passion Week Manual. To climax his sojourn with us he also brought an informative and inspiring message to our congregation on Easter Sunday morning.

During the week of May 1-8 the pastor had the privilege of taking part in the United Evangelical Mission of the Methodist Church in the Charlotte Area. He had a particularly opportune assignment, since the Bethpage Church, near Kannapolis, is located in Rowan County, his mother’s native region. The Methodists of Bethpage congregation proved to be very warm-hearted and devout. In the pastor’s absence, Br. George Furst filled our pulpit, as did Br. Douglas Schattschneider on the night of May 24.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

OAK GROVE

With the beginning of the month of May, Oak Grove took another step forward, for at that time it assumed responsibility for its first full-time pastor.

Sunday evening services have been started. These services will be varied for a while by the reading of selections from the Bible by the members. The services will be conducted by the Men of the Church. About twenty-five men took an active part, and we feel it was a great blessing to our people. Br. H. A. Taylor preached a very inspiring message from the book of Philippians.

We are looking forward to winning many souls during our next church year. Also we are determined through the grace of God to stress the atonement through the blood of Jesus, and the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. 

E. W. PARKS, Reporter

NEW PHILADELPHIA

The Church Council of May 24 gave approval to the plan to launch a drive for funds for a major building program to include a new sanctuary and a number of additional class rooms, along with a complete renovation of much of our present facilities. Estimated cost is $125,000. Construction is tentatively scheduled for spring of 1955.

The need for the new building was particularly evident during May when we averaged 326 for Sunday School and 236 for church. The Sunday School was about 40 percent above the same month last year. This was helped by the school-wide contest between Maroon and Blue which showed a tie on two Sundays and a one point difference on several others. The

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Whitsunday Communion was a near-record with 265 present. Evening services showed an increase too but only because we were hosts for the South Fork Baccalaureate, which brought the average up. The regular Sunday night services are still in the doldrums.

Our week-day school turned out 24 graduates this year, who concluded their year with a lovely cap and gown commencement on May 24. Mrs. H. Bryce Parker and Mrs. W. F. Marcuson did a grand job as teachers this year.

The Women of the Church were hostesses for a complimentary banquet to 72 musicians of the church including the junior choir, church choir, band, and organists.

Circle No. 3 sponsored a "Sample Fair" under the leadership of Mrs. L. D. Spaugh Jr., which brought samples from all over the nation and netted better than $150 for their treasury.

Twenty-eight Juniors have been measured for new choir robes which are being ordered by Circle Number Four in preparation for the fall season.

HENRY A. LEWIS

MAYODAN

Our Permanent Committee on Evangelism has continued its aggressive work so well begun in March. Under their guidance a Fill-a-Pew Plan has kept up morning church attendance to a high level all through the second quarter and has kept 32 pew captains busy inviting people to church. Many new faces have been seen and a few indifferent members have made new beginnings.

Sunday School has continued to climb higher and higher. With three weeks remaining in the new membership drive we need two to complete the goal of 75 new members by June 30. We expect to report our ten per cent growth as requested by the Board of Christian Education.

Our plans for the construction of a new parsonage are going ahead. Members have over-subscribed the initial drive by $1500 and we can begin construction as soon as working plans are complete. The promise of a grant from the Expansion Program has given us much encouragement and we believe we shall carry this project through to completion with no great burden on anyone. Our congregation has shown practically one hundred per cent cooperation in the effort.

One bright spot in our church program was the personal visit of our missionary pastor and wife the Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Schattschneider, on Sunday, May 24. Mrs. Schattschneider addressed the full Sunday School and Br. Schattschneider addressed the morning congregation. The congregation remained for a fellowship luncheon and a purse and souvenir plate of the church were presented. This gave us a delightful and encouraging day and we believe has helped us as we look forward to gathering in our mission funds in June.

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ARCHIVES HOUSE

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When the cut of the Archives House first appeared at the top of the column of archives news in the Wachovia Moravian, the name of the Salem College student who drew it, Miss Ruth Derrick, was given with her address as Plymouth N. C. The address is not correct. Miss Derrick hails from Clayton, Georgia.

In conversation with Miss Derrick it was learned that she did not know that in the 1820's John Vogler and a companion halted at Clayton on their way home from the Moravian Mission to the Cherokee Indians.

The address Plymouth, N. C., should be applied to another art student of Salem College, Miss Joy Harrison, who drew the picture of the slide trombone that is used as a cover cut for E. J. Pfohl's book "The Salem Band."

The campaign for half a million dollars for Old Salem, Incorporated, was evidently successful, for the report on the closing day showed pledges of a little more than $566,000. The campaign fund is to be increased to $710,000.

Congratulations are extended from Archer House to James A. Gray, Jr., campaign director and former president of Old Salem, Incorporated, and to other members of the Campaign staff.

At a recent meeting of the directors, R. Arthur Spaugh has been elected to succeed Mr. Gray as president for the ensuing year.

In the work of restoration and preservation of the Salem area the archives have proved a valuable source of information. Already ten thousand pages of manuscript records have been microfilmed for study.

From the "Bulletin de la Mission Morave," published in Switzerland in the French language, it is noted that Hartmut Beck (a visitor in Winston-Salem two years ago) has an article, "First Impressions of Africa."

FAIRVIEW PROVIDES MANUAL

An unusual volume recently added to the Archives House is a copy of the Passion Week Manual in Miskito for use in Nicaragua. Very much like our English Manual it contains in the body of the text the hymns that are to be sung. The Rev. Robert A. Iobst who visited in the Southern Province recently contributed a great deal to the work of publication. A major part of the cost of publication was provided by the Fairview Congregation of Winston-Salem.

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Women’s Work In Africa

Herbert B. Johnson

In the May issue of the MISSIONBLAD Miss Elisabeth Brogaard, a Danish registered nurse employed as a Moravian missionary in the Maternity Clinic at Rungwe, Southern Highlands, Tanganyika Territory, East Africa, tells of some of her experiences in ministering to women in that mission field.

For relaxation from her duties in the clinic Sister Brogaard takes brief vacations in the mountains. At such times she teaches Bible in conferences for Christian women and also conducts gatherings where she and the women discuss the problems which beset them. In addition, her aid is often sought after by many sick persons.

It often happens that people who are ill accept their affliction as a punishment from God because they have displeased Him. In addition to medical care such patients must be encouraged to hold fast their faith and trust in the Lord. For the temptation is always present to seek the aid of evil spirits by offering the sacrifices of a goat to the spirits of the dead. Hence there is great need for emphasizing repeatedly that God’s love for us is eternal and unchangeable in spite of the troubles that assail us in our earthly pilgrimage.

Once, at a cottage prayer meeting, the minister and the men present unexpectedly withdrew, saying, “We are leaving now, so that you may talk with the women and strengthen them in their faith.”

Speaking in the Kinyakusa dialect is still difficult for her; so she felt led of the Lord to throw the meeting open for discussion of matters having to do with daily living. “What is your greatest difficulty?” she asked. Some one replied, “To understand the Word of God.” Another said, “We need instruction in the Scriptures to keep us from going astray, for we Christian women often face harsh treatment.”

Sister Brogaard then drew their attention to the words of Peter, “If ye suffer for righteousness’ sake, happy are ye. If any one suffer as a Christian, let her not be ashamed; but let her glorify God on this behalf.” Again the remark was made, “It is useless to hide anything from you; so we must confess that it is very difficult for us to live according to the Word of God. The scoffing we endure is so persistent, before we realize what we are saying, we reply in kind when we should remain silent. This is what so often discourages us.”

So they sat and talked for two hours. Some were women from heathen families. Many of these desired earnestly to become Christians, but they were unable to gain the permission of their husbands. Again and again such men opposed the wishes of their wives. Many women were severely whipped repeatedly for attending Christian assemblies. Then one woman told of a woman who had received many cruel blows at the hands of her husband because she persisted in her desire to become a Christian and continued to attend Christian services. The poor woman prayed to the Lord and endured the punishment. Finally, her exasperated husband demanded of her, “What can this mean? Every time I strike you I have the feeling that I am beating myself. This God of yours is stronger than I. It is impossible for me to oppose Him any longer. Hurry, and give in our names for instruction; for I, too, am going to become a Christian.”

Sister Brogaard writes: “It seems to me that I am coming to know and understand these women better. Every time I meet with them we become more tightly drawn together. I am beginning to perceive somewhat what their difficulties are.

I feel these difficulties are greater than we can comprehend. When you pray for Africa pray for these Christian women, that they may not suffer loss in the struggle, but that they may receive courage and strength to endure to the end and win the victor’s crown of life everlasting.”

TIBET MISSIONARIES SPEAK

This year the centenary of the beginning of our work in Tibet is being celebrated. Br. Nor­man Driver has been on a tour of Western Ger­many giving first-hand information about the work today. In Herrnhut the celebration took place at the yearly Mission Festival on June 21. Two missionaries, Br. Gustav Reichel and Sr. Maud Ribbach, who went out to Tibet together in 1908, were invited to speak, and give their impressions of the work in Leh as they knew it.

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Young Adult Conference

Dorothy S. Plowman

Shortly after noon on June 5, registrations began at Camp Hanes for the Young Adult Conference with the usual enthusiasm being voiced all around. Some of the conferes attending insisted upon the same cabin they have occupied from year to year. At the close of registrations Friday, 61 people were registered for the entire conference.

The Rev. E. T. Mickey was dean of the conference and he gave last minute instructions at supper as to plans for the three day schedule. Br. Mickey also stated this was the largest attendance the young adults had ever experienced.

The Rev. S. J. Tesch started the conference with a very inspirational vespers service on the hill by the lake. His theme was centered on "The Christian Home." Br. Tesch stated that unless Christ is taught in the home our children will miss the most vital part of their Christian learning, because worship services and Sunday school only provide two hours of Christian teaching a week.

Dr. Richard K. Young began a series of seminars shortly after vespers based on "Youth." Continuing through Saturday morning his topics were, "Youth in the Home," "Youth in the Schools," and "Youth and the Church." Dr. Young's classes were truly a great experience for those attending. He stressed the importance of Christian parents and Christian atmosphere in the home. He said that the beginning of a child's life, his environment, and surroundings would determine his downfall or success. He also said that this is more important now than ever before since there are many people in mental institutions. Dr. Young said that the only real way to solve the increasing number of mental cases is through Christian homes, and Christian teachings. It was said by one of the conferences afterward, "I had never realized before the great responsibility and privilege which God has bestowed to parents in being given the opportunity to raise a child."

At the close of a campers' day there is always the campfire service, which this year was under the direction of the Rev. William T. Marshall. The group gathered around the campfire to sing songs and it has truly been said, there is no time you can feel closer to God than at the closing of a wonderful day of Christian fellowship at Camp Hanes around the campfire with nothing between you and God but the sky and stars.

Saturday brought an afternoon of recreation, beginning with a soft ball game between the men and the women. The women won 24-16. The rest of the afternoon was open for swimming, fishing, and boating. Some of the campers also took advantage of the afternoon to catch up on the sleep which they lost the night before.

Br. Mickey brought the conference to a close Sunday morning with two heartwarming services. At the first service he challenged the young adults in asking them "What are you going to do about the wonderful experience you have had at Camp Hanes? Are you going home and forget it, or are you going back to your home church and let your religion show?"

The second service was the annual communion service which is always a great inspiration to everyone. An offering was received amounting to $40.00 with which the young adults will buy hymn books for the new Raleigh congregation.

The conference ended with lunch Sunday and we feel sure everyone went on his homecoming journey a more consecrated Christian man or woman than before. The final count on registrations Sunday was 86.

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The Moravian Church is an International
of our church from Germany, England, Switzer-
erland, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Surinam, and
America facing problems that affected all
parts of our Unity.

There were four voting delegates. Bishop
selected the new chairman of the General Di-
rectory, presided at all sessions with his usual
vigor, patience, and good humor. He represent-
ed the British Province. Heinz Renkewitz was
elected the new chairman of the General Di-
rectory, succeeding Bishop Shaw and will take
office July 1, 1953. He was the official rep-
resentative of the Continental Province. Bishop
Kenneth Hamilton and I represented the two
American Provinces. In addition to these four
voting delegates there were six advisory mem-
bers. The Brn. L. J. Britton, British Mission
Board; H. Furstenberger, Swiss Mission Com-
mittee; J. H. Hansen, Danish Mission Board; W.
Lutjeharms, Zeist Mission Board; K. Marx,
Continental Financial Board; H. G. Steinberg,
the Continental Mission Board.

The conference was characterized by a spirit
of perfect harmony and understanding; by long
hours and exhaustive discussions and by a
unanimous desire to arrive at conclusive de-
cisions on all matters that could not wait for
action until the next General Synod.

Synod to meet in America

The two Americans delegates extended an
invitation for the joint Provincial Elders Con-
ferences North and South, to hold the next
General Synod in America during the early
summer of 1957—the Quincentennial year.

The invitation was cordially received and the
conference recommended to the General Di-
rectory that our invitation be accepted, the
exact location to be decided upon by the two
American Provinces.

The matter of re-distribution of supervision
for mission fields was thoroughly explored. Uni-
ity Conference authorized the British Province
and the two American Provinces to proceed
with any re-assignment of fields under their
direction mutually agreeable to these three
provinces and the mission fields concerned.

The administration of South Africa, East,
which has been supervised by the Swiss Mis-
sion Board since the Second World War will
again be administered by the Continental Mis-
ion Board in co-operation with the Swiss
Board.

Leper Work Reopened

The re-opening of a leper work among
the Arabs of Palestine was given careful study. The
exhaustive reports of the Brn. Britton and
Renkewitz were examined. They had made an
official visit to Palestine during the winter of
1952 in preparation for the consideration of
this matter by the conference. It was agreed
that a temporary work be undertaken at Sil-
wan. The Continental Province will act for
the Unity in starting and administering this
effort and in providing the necessary nursing
staff of two deconesses. The work will be
started on a small scale with a maximum cap-
ital outlay of $7,000 which will be raised by
the provinces so that the capital from the sale
of the Jesus Help Home can be available for
final disposition by the General Synod of 1957.

Until that synod the interest from this capital
fund will be divided into three parts: one third
to be applied toward the operating expenses
of the newly planned work at Silwan; one third
to be divided equally between East Africa and
Surinam for leper work in these two fields;
and one third to liquidate the Unity’s obliga-
tion to the British Mission Board for accumu-
lated deficits on the old Jesus Help Home. This
division is to continue until changed by the
General Directory or General Synod.

A full day was spent by the Conference in
clarifying the respective responsibilities of the
Zeist Mission Board and the Surinam Board.

Ordination of Women Considered

The ordination of women to the ministry of
our church was carefully considered. The
following resolution was passed pending final
action of the next General Synod. Each province
is to be accorded the liberty to take such steps
as seem essential for the maintenance of the
Word and Sacraments in its congregations. At
the same time the provinces are urged to give
due weight to the hitherto prevailing practice
in our church of limiting ordination to men.

The Conference also recommended to the
provinces and mission fields that so far as may
be found possible the Sacrament of the Lord’s
Supper be observed on the day known as
“WorldWide Communion Sunday,” the first
Sunday in October.

The matter of our relations to the World
Council of Churches and the Ecumenical
Movement was given approval: “Our very
name, as well as our traditions, inherited from
our spiritual forefathers, lead us to endorse
the fundamental aim of the World Council
of Churches.”

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Provincial Announcements

PROVINCIAL ELDERS CONFERENCE

Br. Vernon E. Daetwyler, for the past five years the efficient pastor of Advent Congregation, has accepted the call of the Provincial Elders Conference to the pastorate of Fairview Church. The service of installation is announced for Sunday, August 2, 10:00 A.M., and will be conducted by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl.

A novel experience in the life of the Southern Province was the recent sale of the New Eden Chapel property to the Western Electric Company, whose mammoth plant to employ 7000 workers is being hurried towards completion. Though neither contemplated at this time nor initiated by the Moravian Church this transition has been welcomed as an opportunity offering co-operation with a great industrial enterprise which is contributing much to our city’s life, and affording too a greatly widened development of our Church’s effort in this rapidly growing southern area of the Winston-Salem community.

Possession of the property has not yet been given, but the fact that August 15 has been fixed as the date for the transfer, both local and provincial boards are under urgent necessity of prompt action in securing a temporary place for worship and continuance of congregation activity and service pending the securing of a suitable site and erection of a new and adequate building.

We bespeak for the Congregation and the faithful and devoted pastor, Br. Egbert G. Lineback, who have wrought so well together during recent years and have made such encouraging strides in membership gained and in local and benevolent contributions, the rich blessing of God as they start on this new era of endeavor. And we hope they will be given the sympathetic interest and co-operative support of the churches and membership of our entire Province.

J. KENNETH PFOHL, President

RALEIGH ASKS FOR PASTOR

A meeting of the Committee of the Moravians in Raleigh on Friday, June 26, with Br. Mickey of the Church Aid and Extension Board brought out the following facts: There are now thirty-four applications for charter membership in the new congregation to be organized there. This is four more than the required number for organization. Charter membership is to be held open before organization until September. A pastor has been asked for as of July 1, 1953, the Church Aid and Extension Board having included the necessary finances in its budget for the coming year.

The local committee has plans nearing completion for the securing of a temporary meeting place for Sunday school and church services in the morning. Sincere appreciation is due the First Presbyterian Church and White Memorial Presbyterian Church for a warm welcome and place to hold afternoon services up to the present time.

The local group is also busy in attempt to find proper location and property for the erection of a church plant. Offerings have been taken for the beginning of a local treasury to support the work.

Moravians in Raleigh are indebted to the Young Adult Fellowship of the Province for $40.00 received in the Sunday morning offering at their conference for hymnbooks for the new congregation. They have added the necessary funds from the local treasury to purchase thirty new hymnals for the group.

An outstanding example of ecumenical cooperation occurred at Camp Hanes this past month during the Intermediate Conference. One of the instructors, a student at Duke Divinity School, was assigned to us by the North Carolina Council of Church, with headquarters in Durham. About the time the dean of the conference arranged one short time for the Junior-Hi encampment, a letter arrived from the Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, Executive Director of the N. C. Council of Churches, of which the Moravian Church, Southern Province, is a member. He offered our Board of Christian Education the services of David Cowart, who was employed by his office for the summer, after having completed his first year of theology at Duke. As a result, Br. Cowart was engaged to teach a course in the Bible and to explain to the Intermediates the purposes of the UCYM (United Christian Youth Movement) which is directed by the N. C. Council’s youth department. A report from the Church Council Bulletin states that Br. Cowart “is 22 years old, the son of a Methodist minister, and makes his home, when not in school, at Elberton, Georgia. In 1932 he received his B. A. degree from Emory University, Atlanta.”

The most large-scale ecumenical effort ever undertaken personally by ministers of the Southern Province took place last May when seven of our brethren participated in the United Evangelistic Mission of the Charlotte Area of the Methodist Church. An invitation to take part, issued by Dr. Joseph Edwards, Area Mission Director, was conveyed to a special meeting of the Ministers’ Conference by Br. Howard Chadwick. Five of those who accepted, the Brn. Fulton, Lineback, Snider, and Allen, were sent to the Silsbourdy District. Two others, the Brn. Kafte reider and Fussell, were sent to the Florence-Kingtrest District in South Carolina. All seven reported experiences of spiritual awakening in the churches where they preached and wonderful fellowship with our Methodist brethren.

DEATHS:

Reich, Carl W. Sr., son of John and Mary Crouse Reich. Born March 17, 1890. Died June 14, 1953. Life-long member of Friedberg Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. William Marshall, the Rev. C. T. Chadwick, the Rev. S. J. Tesch.

Stinck, Mrs. Victoria Israel, born November 3, 1864, in Davidson County, N. C.; daughter of Charles and Emily m. n. Elliott Clinard; widow of Wm. E. Stinck; pastor of Trinity Church; died in Winston-Salem June 27, 1953; burial at Friedland. Funeral service conducted by Dr. D. L. Rights, the Rev. S. J. Tesch, and the Rev. Hiram Davis.

Spaugh, Luther David Sr., son of Lewis and Mary m. n. Johnson Spaugh; born February 16, 1888 in Forsyth County, N. C.; member of Trinity Church; died in Winston-Salem May 27, 1953. Funeral service conducted by the Rev. Henry Lewis and Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Brookes, Miss Daisy E., died June 4, 1953. Funeral was conducted by Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler and the Rev. James C. Hughes. Internment was in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

Willard, Mrs. Lelia Rempton died June 26, 1953. Funeral was conducted by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl and the Rev. James C. Hughes. Internment was in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

Brune, Augustus, died June 28, 1953. Funeral was conducted by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler and the Rev. James C. Hughes. Internment was in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

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NEWS FROM THE NORTHERN PROVINCE

Parsonage Painted in One Day

The parsonage of the Riverside, New Jersey, Moravian Church was painted a gleaming white, all on one Saturday in May by thirty-one men of the congregation. The men took time out only for lunch that was served in the church next door. By night fall the job was completed.

Dual Drive Launched by Central in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

The Central Moravian Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, launched its dual drive with a dinner on Thursday, June 4, for all campaign workers. Over a two-year period they plan to raise the sum of $65,000 to pay off the debt on the Christian education building and to buy a much-needed new organ.

Dr. Walser H. Allen, who formerly served the Kernersville and Immanuel Congregations in the Southern Province, is the pastor of the Central Church. It was early in his pastorate, which began in 1497 that the Central Christian education building was completely renovated. The final payment on this renovation is included in the dual goal of $65,000.

Services at Schoenbrunn Ohio State Park

Beginning Sunday, May 31, and continuing throughout the summer, weekly worship services will be held in the restored mission church at Schoenbrunn, Ohio. Moravian ministers of the area and theological student Richard Shamel will conduct these services Sunday afternoons at three o'clock.

Schoenbrunn is located two and a half miles southeast of New Philadelphia just west of U. S. highway 210. This site of the first town and first schoolhouse in Ohio was once a thriving mission among the Delaware Indians. In the spring of 1772, David Zeisberger led a small company of Christian Indians up the Tuscarawas to establish a village at Schoenbrunn (Beautiful Spring). A band of 300 Indians headed by John Ettwein joined the settlement in the same year, and the town was laid out in the shape of an inverted T. A church, schoolhouse and 60 huts were built.

These services are held in the church which is an exact replica of the one built by Missionary Zeisberger.

The entire Indian village including its "God's Acre" was restored under the direction of Dr. Joseph Weinland, the father of Dr. David E. Weinland, former pastor of our King-Mizpah Congregations.

Right of a Soldier to Pray is Defended

In one of his letters back home, Private Kenneth Silver of the Graceham, Maryland, congregation told of an incident that occurred in his camp. This letter was published in THE MORAVIAN of the Northern Province and should be of interest to our readers as well.

He wrote: "We noticed a colored boy out on the platform on his knees praying right in sight of a dozen barracks. One of the fellows started kidding me about going out to help him pray. He kept on telling guys to go out and help the fellow pray. Upstairs the mood wasn't so jovial and I got fed up with his joking. I didn't expect to turn the tide in the favor of prayer—only to hit back. . . I casually stated the fact that he could have gotten news from home. I said this mostly because the cracks were going on about praying to get out of going to Korea, etc. But it struck home deep and hard with some guys. The bantering kept on and before I realized it I matter-of-factly and quietly said, 'If you think it's funny, go stand beside him and laugh at him.' Before I'd closed my mouth there were shouts like 'If anybody goes out there and laughs at a guy like that I'll personally beat the heck out of him!' and 'What's wrong with praying? I pray every night before I go to sleep.' The joker was through with his laughing quick.

Family Side

By O. E. Stimpson

It has long been argued that human problems, great and small, could be solved if we should eliminate differences in the family of mankind. Differences in language, custom, government, and interest, so the argument runs, cause suspicions, hatred, and war among the people of the earth.

One does not need to be an anthropologist to recognize an element of truth in this argument. Many instances from history can be cited where needless tragedy has occurred from lack of understanding. But careful thinking leads us to the conclusion that thus we blame God for our problems, tragedies, and failure. If we agree with the argument we say that God is either unwise or unloving—or both. Differences in the created world is a manifest evidence of God's greatness. (No two things are exactly alike.)

The differences which appear to have brought heartache and suffering are to enrich and advance human life.

This is quite evident on the level of individuals in the home. The most frequently mentioned grounds for divorce is incompatibility, which nearly always means failure to resolve differences. Yet some of the happiest and richest marriages have been among couples of the greatest differences. It is not the differences but the attitude with which they are treated, which causes the problem or creates happiness.

Every marriage is blessed because of differences in husband and wife. Let us note these areas which cause much concern for immature thinkers when there are noticeable differences.

First is temperament. Because a woman is sensitive, reacts quickly, speaks and acts impulsively, a slow moving deliberate man, without an appreciation of what his disposition lacks, may find her a source of annoyance and exasperation. A wife who complains endlessly about how different her husband is only shows how self-centered she is. We ought not to attempt to make husband or wife change disposition and personality traits to match ours. Rather we should be glad to have a balancing influence in the home.

Second is the matter of taste. Some people give the impression that happiness in marriage is assured if only the man who marries a girl interested in antique furniture becomes expert in highehlights, and highboys; or the girl married to a fishing enthusiast gets her teeth and learns to put a worm on a hook! If husband and wife are interested in gathering trophies from hunting and fishing trips there might not be enough room in the home for children! It is fine for couples to have common interests which they can enjoy, but for there to be no differences in tastes would make the home far less stimulating, especially to children.

And there's the area of talents. Everyone realizes that only a few people are superior in more than one field. Usually we admire those people. But in marriage a much-talented wife may be embarrassed when her husband. It is also true that a woman may envy her gifted husband. How different it would be if the mate of every talented person would not forget that in marriage the ability or talents of one become the possession of both. Instead of allowing envy to point up the differences in ability, we can rejoice that God gave us other talents through a gifted companion. Differences should not disturb the marriage of Christians. We should welcome them as a challenge to broaden our interest and appreciation and to the enrichment of daily living. God, in His wise and wonderful love, not only permits these differences, but purposely placed them before us for our good.

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Growing Population And Overworked Land
HARTMUT BECK

The very success of the Christian missionary effort in Africa has helped to aggravate the serious problems this great continent is now facing. In the next few years we are in danger of losing much of what has been accomplished over a period of two centuries.

This may sound like a strange statement, but anyone who has had a chance to study the situation in Africa knows it to be a fact. It has come about in a number of ways. All over Africa the missionaries have taken the lead in educating the people—but some of them have learned enough to want to be independent without understanding the full meaning of the responsibility that goes with freedom.

Much could also be said about the way the "white man's civilization" has taken away the old African tribal customs without substituting anything in their place. But this article concerns another phase of our African problem—overpopulation and lack of food.

**Population growth tremendous**

The missionaries, with the help of the colonial governments, have been able to stop the frequent tribal wars and have eliminated the slave trade. Medical mission work has also saved the lives of thousands—particularly little children—who formerly died each year. As a result the population has grown at a tremendous rate. This means there is less and less land for each person to farm. Land becomes overworked, and as the soil becomes thin, it is no longer protected by a heavy "cover crop." Erosion then begins to take its toll and soon bare, red hills tell the sad story of topsoil that has been washed away into the sea. In the meantime the population continues to increase and there is even more competition for the land that is left.

Common sense as we look to the future as well as our Christian love for the people of this continent demands that we, as missionaries, give our best thought and effort to this very serious problem—a problem that has been produced in part by the very success of the educational and medical work we have carried on over two centuries of mission history in Africa. It can also be said that unless we can meet this problem successfully—and quickly—our work in Africa will face some very troubled days in the near future.

**Land wantonly exploited**

A few statistics may help us to understand the situation better.

In 1948 in the Rungwe area there were twenty-two and one-half acres of land for each family, or four and one-half for each person. Figuring on the basis of present trends, in 1980 there will be only eleven acres per family and two and two-tenths acres per person, the population having more than doubled in thirty years.

True, the Rungwe area is one of the most densely populated parts of Tanganyika as well as one of the most fertile and most of the Tanganyika Territory seems to have plenty of room for more people; however, the whole country is infested with tsetse (sleeping sickness affecting cattle) and a good deal of the country is so arid or so infertile that it can support only a limited number of people. So it is to those already overcrowded areas that we missionaries had to turn our attention.

To refer to the statistics cited, the figures mentioned are those of the total acreage of the district, only half of which is suitable for agriculture or grazing cattle. Even this fertile area seems doomed. Erosion is rampant. There is no kind of crop rotation practiced and no fertilizer of any kind is used to enrich the soil; the land, thus wantonly exploited, is yielding smaller crops each year.

It is this trend of population increase on one hand and soil deterioration on the other that makes it almost impossible for the Africans to make ends meet these difficult days. If this trend continues what shall we be facing in the next ten, twenty, or thirty years? Hard times furnish the best conditions possible for the emergence of African nationalism and anti-

**Europeanism. The rapid rise of the Mau-Mau in Kenya is a vivid illustration of this fact. The distress of the Africans themselves as well as the destructive influence upon mission work in the area makes some sort of solution to these problems absolutely necessary.**

**What the mission has done**

The Moravian missionaries in the Rungwe area decided that though the total area of the mission land is small, it is large enough to be used as a model experiment station to teach better agricultural methods. From the begin-

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The same participation is planned for the new middle school. However, this isn’t as encouraging for the improvement of African farming as it might seem: when the Class 4 boys leave school, they are usually unwilling to return to their own fields to plant crops and make a living. To encourage the boys to develop their land and to show them that there is nothing degrading in farm work we have been trying out a small-holding scheme and a model farm project for four years. The British Colonial Development Fund made it possible for us to get the first small-holdings running and start work on the farm project. Jens E. Lund, Danish agriculturist and brother of our missionary Johannes Lund, arrived in the field December, 1948, to give advice and expert help on this project, his salary being paid by the Colonial Development Corporation. We borrowed money and bought a tractor and other farm equipment plus setting aside a certain sum for running expenses. Three hundred acres of mission land were set aside for the project at Rutenbergio and five small-hold of some fifteen acres.

On these patches of land the men are taught how to fight soil erosion, do contour ditching, and to till and work their soil so that their crop yield is larger than that of their neighbors who use the old methods. In this way we hope to settle a few men on our mission land and by their example teach the other Africans to improve their ways of farming.

While these men are developing their small plots, they are helped and prodded constantly by the agricultural advisor, Brother Lund, to make sure that laziness is carelessness don’t bog down the whole project before it’s fairly started.

Suspicion

Scarcity of funds, land and adequate instruction are not the only problems we have in setting up this work. One of the major difficulties is psychological. The Africans cannot overcome the suspicion that all these land-developing schemes are aiming toward increased exploitation by the white men and in the end the land of the African will be taken away from him after he has made the effort to improve it. But at present our small-holders seem to be gaining more confidence in the scheme and are coming to believe that the small-holds really will be theirs. The general distrust, however, makes it easy for the propaganda put out by some of the politicians to slow up or stop such conservation methods advocated by the government as the terracing of hillsides in Kenya, to reduce soil erosion.

No Money for Cows

Another difficulty is that most of our prospective applicants do not have enough money to buy cows and the equipment necessary for their work. The mission has to help them further with a small loan. Six or seven cows were loaned to each of the first small-holders to give them a start in cattle breeding, but we cannot afford to help all the would-be small-holders that much.

This work is going along well and offers much hope for the future. But next month I will tell about an even more important plan that seems doomed to failure.

... Foreign Mission Briefs ...

Membership Increase: 43,999

Figures on membership in the various mission fields have been compiled which give a comparative picture of growth over the past ten years. These figures are:

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These figures indicate a total growth in membership of 43,999. Only three fields showed a loss. They were Jamaica, Tibet, and California.

A Miserable Night for All

After the celebration of the National Independence Day a group of teachers and young people from the Colegio Moravo went for a rally to Tasapauinie, a pretty village on the sea coast about 60 miles from Bluefields. The trip was made by a banana barge and was most enjoyable, apart from the first night. The party had reached Pearl Island, and after having a service decided to stay aboard, as the start next day was at 2 a.m. Just after all had settled for the night the rain started. The whole party had to sit up all night in the confined space under cover, with no room to stretch their legs. It was a long, miserable night for all concerned. Reaching Tasapauinie, the discomforts were forgotten. There were classes, a service, a camp fire and, in between, sea bathing enjoyed by all.

A Long Waiting List

To Sr. Martha Pedersen it has been a year of joy and sadness; of joy to see the wonderful effect the sulphone drugs produce on her patients, of sadness because she was obliged to turn away so many through lack of accommodation. The Government has decided to build a leprosarium for the Western Province of Tanganyika, but the water experts were not satisfied that the site at Ipole could provide an adequate water supply for a big settlement, so it appears that a site over Sikonge hill, not far from the present site, may be chosen, though no final decision has yet been reached. Sr. Martha had 77 inmates at Kidugala, 34 out-patients and a long waiting list.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

LEAKSVILLE

At the morning service the first Sunday in May two new members were received into our church membership by adult baptism—Mrs. Beverly Barnes and Gail Fagg. On the third Sunday we were happy to have the Rev. and Mrs. Douglas C. Schattschneider with us for the morning and evening services. The Schattschneiders have been missionaries to Alaska for a number of years and they gave us a fine account of their work in that particular field. Our people do not have the opportunity very often to hear from our mission fields in such a direct and personal way and we thank them for their visit, messages, pictures, etc. We were also happy to have Mr. Horace Dean of Chicago, Ill., with us for a special Thursday evening service. Mr. Dean is President of Christ For America organization. It was his second visit to our congregation in the past two years.

Regular monthly meetings of the circles of the Woman’s Auxiliary were held in the homes of Mrs. Jack Richardson, Mrs. Troy Ellington, Mrs. Stella Martin and Mrs. Robert Turner. The quarterly meeting of the whole Auxiliary was held at the parsonage on the last Friday evening with Mrs. W. H. Bellin of Mayodan as the guest speaker. Mrs. Jesse Ellington and Mrs. Foltz also entertained the Ladies Bible Class for two of its monthly business meetings.

The parsonage was the scene of a nice home wedding Friday evening the 19th of June when Miss Shirley Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smith, was united in marriage to Mr. William Mack Lyman of Raleigh, N. C., the pastor performing the usual Moravian Ring ceremony. Three of our Young People were among the High School graduates in June, namely, Barbara Rodgers, Judy Martin and Maurice Foltz.

The end of June brought vacation to most of our people and many of them left for “parts unknown” and of course this accounts for the smallest attendances in Sunday School and church services during the whole year. We hope all will be anxious to get back to their churches as well as to work in the mills. We are looking forward to more encouraging work and church attendances after vacation time.

NEW EDEN

Attendance for the summer months has been above average and several new people have been worshipping with us. We add these to our prospect list with the prayerful hope that they may become a part of our fellowship.

Our plans to have Dr. Edmund Schwarze in a series of spring revival services had to be postponed due to the sudden illness of Mrs. Schwarze, requiring prolonged hospital treatment. Our earnest prayers go up to God for her speedy recovery. If circumstances permit these meetings will be held during the fall season. In the meanwhile our Evangelism and Membership Committee continues to receive weekly instructions from the pastor as a vital part of our efforts to reach new souls and new members.

Another step in the improvement of our church facilities has been achieved with the installation of a large kitchen sink and a drinking fountain.

One of the main high-lights of the past month was the conducting of a highly successful Bible School with the enrollment of nearly one hundred children. The school was under the supervision of Burton Rights. We are much indebted to the following staff workers: Mrs. Treva Shore, Mrs. Lois Martin, Mrs. Lucille Zimmermann, Mrs. John Moody, Miss Irma Gatwood, Mrs. H. H. Smith, and Mrs. Helen Bailey.

EGBERT G. LINEBACK

FULP

We congratulate Miss Sue Grubbs and Mr. Robert Lee Hale who were united in marriage on June 6 by the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes assisted by the pastor. This was the first formal wedding, as far as we know, that had ever been held in Fulp.

Vacation Bible School ran from June 8-19 under the able leadership of Miss Edith Tesch who was in charge of the junior department. Mrs. James Rayburn was in charge of the smaller children, assisted by Miss Thelma Hartsoe, Mrs. William Marshall, and Miss. Rebecca Fagg. The Woman’s Auxiliary assisted in providing water and refreshments for the school which closed with a picnic on June 19 to which the parents were invited.

The annual auxiliary picnic was held at the church on June 11. A recital presenting the students of Mrs. Norman Dunlap was given at the church on June 12.

On Sunday evening, June 21, Miss Ann Dills was to have given an illustrated talk on Alaska but just as she started talking the current went off, so she talked to the congregation which was left in the dark.

The annual church council was held on June 26. Mr. Alton Paff was guest speaker for the morning and spoke on “Christian Stewardship”. The budget for the coming year was approved. Mrs. Melvin T. Marshall was elected to be the Fulp delegate to the triennial synod with Mr. Melvin T. Marshall as alternate delegate. As all of the business of the council was not completed, it was decided to continue
our council at the next worship service.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

MOUNT AIRY

Our Youth Fellowship conferred upon Mrs. J. D. Atkins, president of other Women of the Church and teacher of our senior girls class in Sunday school, the title "Grace Moravian's Woman of the Year." Sr. Atkins is well qualified for this honor.

Attendance upon the Holy Communion on Whitsunday equalled our record attendance for the present pastorate. Mrs. Lettie Cox was received into our fellowship and Eddie C. Dorse, Jr., was received by letter on June 28.

Recognition of graduates took place on Sunday morning, May 31. Those participating in the service were the Misses Bonnie Dare Childress and DeLane Coble, and Hugh Talley and James Gilbert.

Thirty-four choir chairs were dedicated as a memorial to Shirley Jane Peters on Sunday, June 7. Br. George Higgins brought the sermon that evening while our pastor was delivering the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of Blue Ridge High School at Ararat, Virginia.

Auxiliary officers for the new fiscal year are Mrs. A. S. Williams, president; Mrs. Frank McHone, Vice-president; Mrs. Forrest Church, treasurer; Miss Mary Louise Boyd, secretary; and Mrs. W. M. Williamson, assistant secretary.

Jacqueline Coleman is a patient at Baptist Hospital, recuperating from an emergency appendectomy.

"Dust or Destiny", a Moody Bible Institute production in motion pictures, was shown in the church on Sunday, June 28, under the auspices of our Youth Fellowship.

Our Young Adult Class organized late in June, electing officers and planning for a fine project as well as for much social life among the members of the class.

The choir has recently been reorganized under the leadership of W. F. Harrell and meets each Wednesday evening at 7:30 for practice.

With the beginning of the new church year, other organizations have announced their new officers: for the Sunday school, superintendent, Francis Bose; assistant superintendent, Royce Bungardner; secretary and treasurer, Miss Bessie Bose. The officers of the Women's Auxiliary are as follows: president, Mrs. Roy Fansler; vice-president, Mrs. David Bose; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Billy Bungardner.

Beginning with July the congregation added to its regular weekly services a Thursday night Bible study and prayer meeting session.

The pastor and his wife wish to thank the members and friends of Wachovia Arbor for the warm welcome received. Our prayers are that the ministry will be dedicated to bringing men, women, boys, and girls to know Christ, whom to know is life eternal.

R. T. TROUTMAN

CALVARY

A series of twelve neighborhood meetings have been completed in the areas of the city and county where our congregation lives. These meetings have been sponsored by the Elders under the direction of Albert Foltz, Jr., and Ray Burgess. The work of the boards of the congregation has been discussed at each meeting, a period has been given to discussing questions raised by the group and future steps in the life of the congregation have been presented. The attendance upon the meetings, never large, has ranged between five and twenty. Interest in each meeting has been so vital as to make the question of undertaking another such series almost a necessity in the fall months.

Daily Vacation Bible School closed here June 19 with fine results. Two outstanding displays of Palestinian villages were made by the primary and junior departments. The junior village was placed in the vestibule of the church where each could see the detailed work in homes, synagogue and fisherman's boat. Mrs. W. J. Dizer was in charge of the Bible School committee and of the junior department during the school. Mrs. Oscar Hege was superintendent of the beginners, and Mrs. P. T. Watts was superintendent of the beginners, and Mrs. P. T. Watts was superintendent of the primary work. Mrs. P. W. Blum, Jr., was in charge of the handwork and Miss Betty Claire Warren was the provincial worker. Many other persons assisted in making the school an experience in which our boys and girls grow in wisdom and knowledge.

The Women of the Church elected officers on June 15 at a picnic dinner meeting. Officers are: Mrs. H. C. Horton, president; Mrs. V. R. Hodgin, first vice-president; Mrs. Paul G. Minish, second vice-president; Mrs. I. B. McLeod, recording secretary; Miss Sallie Burge, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Fordham, assistant secretary; Mrs. Ruth Brown Strickler, assistant treasurer.


Mrs. L. W. Balfour spoke to the entire congregation June 28 on our stewardship obligation. This effort was made in the 11:00 am service to increase our pledges toward our church budget for the coming year.

JOHN W. FULTON

FRIES MEMORIAL

Sunday, June 14, was Loyalty Day for us. Whit Sunday Communion had been a fitting preparation, and the day was a source of much...
blessing to all. In addition to the Loyalty Day service in the morning we held Anniversary Lovefeast at the night service. This last was to have been held out-of-doors on the east lawn of the church, but cool weather prevented our doing so. The band and choir moved indoors with the congregation and a good service was held in the church.

But Loyalty Day did not stop there. June has been Loyalty Month. We were discovered to have been some $1,800.00 behind in our finances for the year. An appeal was sent out by the Board of Trustees to members, asking that all dues be paid up and a special offering be given. Results from resident and non-resident members have been heart-warming and with the result that we sang the Doxology at the service on June 28 with cash enough having been given to enable us to pay off the year in full. We must note also that it was with the generosity of the Sunday school, Men's Class, and Women of the Church that this was made possible, along with personal loyalty of our members. The Women of the Church especially were willing to sacrifice some of the funds they had set aside for improvement of our kitchen.

During the month our Young Adults have been busy also. A supper on the night of June 13 brought them a sum of more than $280.00 clear toward payment on our new organ. They furnished not only a good supper but a pleasant evening for those who attended.

Vacation Bible School, under the direction of Miss Edith Tesch has gone forward in spite of handicaps. Mrs. Ransom Weatherman who was to have taught our juniors was unable to do so because of an accident three days before. We have missed her greatly. We seem also to have found a two-week period with more vacations than usual. Attendance has been curtailed, but the school has been a good one.

E. T. MICKEY

Messian

The new pastor, after being ordained at Pine Chapel on Sunday evening, June 21, was installed at Messiah in the worship service of June 28. The entire congregation expressed heartfelt thanks to Br. Henry Lewis for the fine, devoted work he has done among us up until the present pastor’s coming.

Those joining our church recently include: Mrs. Lula Tavis, Miss Cynthia Tavis, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burke, all by reaffirmation of faith, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thrift by letter of transfer. The Burke children, Cynthia Lynn and David Christopher, have been included on our non-communicants record.

We were happy to have the Rev. George R. Heath, former missionary, who now resides in Salem, with us to serve Holy Communion on Whitsunday.

The Faithful Alpha Sunday School Class enjoyed a picnic supper at "Lewis Lodge" in Advance on Saturday, June 21. The group at this time presented to Br. and Sr. Lewis a gift in appreciation for their zealous service among them.

Four new members have been elected to serve our official board for the coming church year. They are the Brn. Vance Jones, James Peoples, Bruce Plowman, and Weldon Tavis. We express deep appreciation to the Brn. James Dockery and H. E. Sapp, the retiring members, for their labors with our board.

Bob Moner has returned to the V. A. Hospital in Durham, N. C. Bob expects to be back with us very shortly. We thank God that Ellis Livengood is convalescing nicely after his recent illness.

The pastor and his wife wish to thank all who have made their beginning experiences in the Christian ministry happy ones.

R. T. TROUTMAN

Friedberg

Our services of May were well attended, the service on Mother’s Day reaching the 300 mark. Each Sunday of the month carried some special significance: Covenant Day for Single People, Mother’s Day, Ascension Sunday, Whit Sunday, and 4-H Sunday. On the last Sunday of the month we welcomed 4-H members as special guests. The Children’s Day program of June 14 took us well over the 300 mark. The entire morning service was given over to the bigness, primary, and junior departments of the Sunday school.

The young people of the church have continued to be one of our most active organizations. We were made to feel very proud when our group was able to turn in $500 toward the young people’s mission project. During June, new officers were elected and a business meeting was held at the home of the new counselors, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Sides. At this time the programs for the next three months were scheduled.

The Women of the Church also elected new officers. Following a pot-luck supper in the fellowship hall, the pastor installed the officers for the coming year. The Women of the Church have had a fine year under the leadership of Mrs. Jasper Miller and are looking forward to another eventful year with Mrs. S. H. Fishel Jr. as president.

WILLIAM T. MARSHALL

Hope

Changing of the worship services to the 10 o’clock hour has more than doubled our attendance. The month of May gave us the largest attendance. In addition to the regular worship services we had a special service in the evening, June 21, was

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est number during the present pastorate with 130 present.

The following class meetings were held during the month: The men and women’s class joined together for a pot luck supper, after which plans were discussed for the improvement of the basement floor; the Ella Mae John–

son Class met for a supper meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete James, plans were discussed for a rug for the Beginners classroom; the Young People entertained themselves with a weiner roast and hamburger fry, discussion was concerning the completion of the pavilion.

The men of the church enjoyed a delicious ham supper, thanks to James Allen who furnished the ham and to Aaron Jones, Zeb West, and Dean Spaugh who served hot biscuits and fried eggs. Even though there were reports of rising blood pressure, and enjoyable evening was spent.

The Ladies meeting was held at the church with a large number present. Encouraging reports were given after which the following were elected as new officers: Mrs. E. T. Johnson, president; Mrs. Marjorie Allen, vice-pres­ident; Mrs. Edith Craver, secretary; Mrs. Polly Spach, treasurer; Mrs. Avis Spach and Mrs. Larry Walker, circle leaders. Thanks again to this group for the beautiful coffee table presented to the pastor and his wife.

Bible School was a big success under the leadership of Mr. Aaron Jones serving as superintendent. Helpers included Mrs. Frances Rys, Mrs. Edith Craver, Mrs. Doris Todd, Mrs. Ruth Spaugh, Mrs. Betty Cook, Mrs. Larry Walker, Mrs. Avis Spach, Miss Donna Jane Jones and Miss Grace Myers. Mrs. J. T. Jones was in charge of refreshments served each day.

ARCHIE W. JONES

BETHABARA

On May 14, Br. Floyd S. Burge and his assistants, staked off the foundation, brought in the huge “bulldozer” and Bethabara’s new Christian Education Building began. With this report work has reached a first floor level. It is our earnest hope that we shall be able to observe the 200th anniversary of the congregation and the beginning of Moravian work in Wachovia in the new building.

Daily Vacation Bible School was held June 8-19. Appreciation is expressed to a loyal staff of workers and teachers, and especially to Director Burton J. Rights, who brought the school to a most successful conclusion. Enrollment reached 71; average daily attendance 60.

At congregation council on June 7, M. A. Cleckley and Mrs. Myrtle Clodfelter were elected to a three-year term on the Church Committee. On Sunday evening, June 28, Women-of-the-Church held their final meeting of the year at which the pastor installed the following new executive board: Mrs. W. C. Fox, Jr., president; Mrs. Myrtle Clodfelter, vice-president; Mrs. L. Chambers, Mrs. M. J. Kudelka, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. B. Clyde Shore, devalentory life secretary; Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell, mission secretary; Mrs. E. T. Smith, fellowship secretary; Mrs. M. A. Cleckley, Mrs. R. W. Newsom and Mrs. L. W. Lackey, circle leaders.

On July 1 the pastor began full-time ministry at Bethabara In reviewing the diary of the congregation it was found the last full-time resident minister was Br. Gottlob Byhan who lived in the old parsonage annexed to the church and served the congregation from 1832-1837. This is a significant step for the congregation and one which challenges both pastor and people.

Reports at the close of the fiscal year are most encouraging: Attendance at both church and Sunday school shows an increase over the previous year; church treasurer, C. P. Snyder, reported the largest budget in the history of the congregation $5,134 paid in full, as well as 18,298.90 raised on the Building Fund.

Women-of-the-Church, under the leadership of Mrs. E. T. Smith, reported $1,668.85 raised —topping their budget by $315.85.

The Men-of-the-Church, E. L. Reich, president deserves much praise and commendation for giving of their time on Saturday afternoons. They have saved a considerable amount in labor-cost on the new building, as well as improving the appearance of the church lawn and graveyard by keeping the grass cut.

K. EDWIN FUSSELL

MIZPAH

Our congregation gave a hearty, home-like welcome to Br. and Sr. Ralph E. Van Lehn when Br. Van Lehn brought the regular morning message on the first Sunday in May. The pastor was deeply grateful for the leave of absence extended him in order that he might take part in the United Evangelistic Mission of the Methodist Church, in which he was assigned to conduct a week of evangelistic services at the Bethpage Methodist Church, just outside of Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Our Building Fund continues to climb towards the goal of $10,000 which should be in hand when we begin construction on a new Christian Education Building. The most recent campaign to boost the fund reached a climax at the end of April, as the Pushers triumphed over the Shovers in making contributions to the cause. Meanwhile, blueprints of the proposed structure are nearing completion.

We pray a rich blessing for our three high school graduates this year: Kenneth Speas, Max Briggs, and Iris Shore. May the Lord lead them into fields of useful service in His kingdom.

Another “Family Night” featured our services on the first Sunday in June. After some fine singing and a film narrated by the pastor, everyone enjoyed a cooling drink and cookies.

Loyalty Day was held June 14. The responsibility of pledging to the work of the church was emphasized. As a result, more members have already turned in pledges than did so last year.

A very capable staff volunteered to work in our Daily Vacation Bible School which ran for the last two weeks in June, with the closing program on Friday night, July 3. Department superintendents were Mrs. W. K. Joyce, Miss Cora Brown, Mrs. Burton Winfrey, and Mrs. J. R. Speas, Jr. They served under the direction of Br. Glenn Craver, sent to us by the Board of Christian Education.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.
FRIEDLAND

Father's Day took on special significance for us this year with the fathers of the congregation assuming responsibility for the morning worship service of that day. Br. Eugene Reel presided, a male quartet sang, and Br. Thomas Kimball both challenged and inspired us with his sermon on "The Shipwrecks of Life." Both junior and senior choir spaces were practically filled with fathers pledging themselves anew to the responsibilities of Christian parenthood. Numerous have been the demands for a similar service in the near future.

Our Anniversary Lovefeast this year (the first in the new Church) was a particularly joyous occasion as 163 of our members and friends gathered to hear Bishop Howard Rondthaler remind us, "...that they (our predecessors in the faith) without us should not be made perfect." (Heb. 11:40) Messages like this at anniversary occasions both eventful and worthwhile.

The month of May produced three significant musical events for us. One was an organ recital by Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl; another, a sacred concert by the Double Octor of Appalachian State Teachers' College; and the third, the presence of the Glee Club of Sedge Garden School replacing our choir in a morning worship service.

Following a fellowship supper and business meeting, new officers for the Woman's Auxiliary for the coming year were installed by the pastor in an impressive candlelight service in the church parlor. These officers are: President, Mrs. Luther Hine; Vice-president, Mrs. Doyle Chappell; Secretary, Mrs. Paul Kimball; Treasurer, Miss Ethel Thomas; and Mrs. Early Robbins, Mrs. Jack Crews, and Mrs. Clifton Sapp, Circle Leaders.

We welcome into our Communicant Membership Br. and Sr. Lewis Moore, coming to us from our Friedberg Congregation.

Congratulations are herewith extended to our high school graduates: Connie Evans, Julia Thomason, Barbara Sweetman, Nancy Williams, and Nora Idol.

We invoke our Lord's abiding blessings on Aubrey Smith and Nora Idol, who were united in marriage May 24.

The congregation expresses its sincere thanks to Br. Egbert Lineback and Br. J. L. Knott for their capable pulpit supply during the pastor's vacation.

G. TRUETT CHADWICK

HOME CHURCH

Summer months have been marked by many activities. The Home Church, Daily Vacation Bible School enrolled a large group of teachers and pupils to give us one of our finest schools in many years. We express our hearty appreciation for the fine cooperation given by the many adult leaders and young people in the day by day planning and execution of their activities.

Results from Loyalty Day indicated the highest support to the church financial program ever seen. The congregation and the boards were anxious to cable the pastor in Europe that our goal of $87,780.00 had been fully covered in pledges. On the Wednesday night following Loyalty Day, sufficient pledges were in hand and pledges from non-residents and the other residences were anticipated with such faith, that the cable was sent. To all our members and to the neighborhood chairmen, and visitors we express our deep appreciation for their loyalty with which they have responded to the new year's budget, the highest in the church's history.

Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler's lectures on Moravian History have received most favorable approval. The congregation has responded to these Wednesday night lectures in numbers ranging from 77 to 126. In his inimitable way, Moravian History has lived through 500 years during the six nights of his lectures. The studies were sponsored by the Men's Bible Class.

The Annual Congregational Picnic was held in mid-June with a fine turnout of families. Following games for all ages, tables loaded with delectables were soon reduced to plates. The service closed with a vespers service, held indoors because of the threat of rain.

Women of the Church installed their officers and circle leaders in an impressive candle-light ceremony, following a report by President Marian Blair. To the Women of this congregation, we express our congratulations and appreciation for the outstanding service that they have given in so many phases of the church's life.

Letters from the pastor and his wife, during their visits to Moravian centers in Europe, have made the congregation anxious to hear a full report first-hand. Services of the church have been conducted during their absence by the associate pastor.

We appreciate the services of Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, The Rev. Egbert Lineback and The Rev. George G. Higgins in serving the two communions during the summer.

Young people are again being offered scholarship aid for attendance upon summer conferences. Early reservations show a good delegation for each camp period.

JAMES C. HUGHES
BAPTISMS:

Hauer, Dale Robert, son of Marvin John and Dorothy Long m. n. Briggs Hauer, born April 7, 1953, at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized June 30, 1953, in Trinity Church by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.

Johnson, Sarah Catheryn, daughter of Arnold Ivan and Merivale m. n. Newton Johnson, born April 25, 1953, at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized June 21, 1953, in King Church by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.

Hicks, Janet Marie, daughter of Frank and Frances m. n. Howard Hicks. Born April 5, 1950 in Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized March 29, 1953 at Friedland Church by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.

Hicks, Larry Wayne, son of Frank and Frances m. n. Howard Hicks. Born August 7, 1948 in Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized May 24, 1953 at Friedland Church by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.

Kapp, Sherry Elaine, daughter of Archie and Hazel m. n. Leegans Kapp. Born December 24, 1950, at Raleigh, N. C., was baptized May 23, 1953, at Ardmore Church by the Rev. William Marshall.

Kapp, Sarah Frances m. n. Howard Hicks. Born April 5, 1950, at Raleigh, N. C., was baptized May 23, 1953, at Ardmore Church by the Rev. William Marshall.

Kapp, Larry Wayne, son of Frank and Frances m. n. Howard Hicks. Born December 24, 1950, at Raleigh, N. C., was baptized May 23, 1953, at Ardmore Church by the Rev. William Marshall.


Shelton, Steven Depriest, Jr., son of Earl Depriest and Mary m. n. Painter Ruth Shelton; born December 4, 1951, in Winston-Salem; baptized at Trinity Church June 14, 1953, by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Welton, Steven Depriest, son of Earl Depriest and Mary m. n. Painter Ruth Welton; born December 4, 1951, in Winston-Salem; baptized at Trinity Church June 14, 1953, by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Volz, Carol Anne, daughter of Herbert H. and Elizabeth m. n. Hedgecock; born May 29, 1948, at Staten Island, N. Y.; baptized at Trinity Church June 5, 1953, by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Pleasant, Graydon O., Jr., son of Graydon O. and Virginia m. n. Shaffner Pleasant; born August 10, 1952 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized April 26, 1953 by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Volz, Catherine Alene, daughter of Ray S. and Alene m. n. Sheets Volz, born December 2, 1952 at Raleigh, N. C., was baptized May 10, 1953 in the Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Mickey, Charles Alexander, Jr., son of Charles A. and Virginia m. n. Hill Mickey, born September 28, 1952 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized June 14, 1953 by the Rev. Edward T. Mickey, Jr.

Haitz, Robert Walter, son of Cornelius S. and Barbara m. n. Walter Haitz, born January 4, 1953 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized June 14, 1953 in the Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Leinbach, Clarence Theodore III, son of Clarence Theodore and Katherine m. n. Schwalbe Leinbach, born January 7, 1953 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized June 28, 1953 in the Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Calden, Pamela Jane, daughter of James Edward and Phillips Mae m. n. NSWome Calder, born in Winston-Salem February 12, 1953; baptized at Trinity Church May 10, 1953, by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.


DEATH

Moore, Mrs. Leelah Pulliam, born December 23, 1890, in King, N. C. died June 30, 1953, in King. Funeral services conducted in King Church by the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes and the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. Interment in King Moravian Graveyard.
Hospitality At Zeist Most Cordial

SISTER'S SQUARE, ZEIST, HOLLAND: Only a few of the magnificent buildings of the Moravian Settlement at Zeist, scene of the Unity Conference.

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The status of a Mission Province in the State of Transition was clarified. This statement will appear in printed form in the near future and will be available to all who are interested.

The hospitality of the brethren and sisters in Zeist could not have been more cordial. Every preparation had been made. The conference was perfectly organized. I had the privilege of speaking to the Zeist Congregation, of preaching the sermon at our Haarlem Church and of attending a lovefeast at the Amsterdam Chapel.

Sessions in Berlin

On the morning following the conference's adjournment, the official delegates plus Br. Britton, flew to Berlin. Sessions were continued in this bomb-shattered city for four days. In addition to the hours of official meetings, there were services in our two Berlin churches. Greetings from the Southern Province were brought at our Neukoheln and Wilhelmstrasse Churches and to a gathering on Sunday evening of one thousand "Friends of the Moravian Church" who use our Daily Text Book. This service was held in the Reformed Evangelical Church "loaned" to the Moravians for the occasion.

On Monday afternoon a unique gathering took place at the old Neukoheln Church. More than two hundred and fifty refugees came for this service. Every one of them had lost every thing he possessed. More than one hundred had lost sons or daughters, husbands, or wives. A dozen had been interned in concentration camps. They told us their stories. We tried to bring them words of encouragement. The meeting lasted more than three hours and they were reluctant to leave even then.

From Berlin Bishop Shawe, Br. Britton and I flew to Hamburg to meet with and speak to the congregation there. They are worshipping in the Barrack Church which the Southern Province contributed funds to purchase after the war.

Neugnadelfeld Visited

Then followed a day-long trip to Neugnadelfeld. We started on an Express train, transferred to a local at Munster, then to a bus at Osnabruch, after ten miles we changed to a narrow-gauge diesel car and finally rode the last two miles in a tiny European car with six adults and luggage. At six-thirty we were finally reunited with the entire party at Neugnadelfeld. The evening service was a memorable one. They had an excellent band and choir.

All of us spoke briefly. The barracks church which holds between four and five hundred was filled to capacity. One thousand refugees now live here. Wonderful progress has been made.

The next evening the official party split up. The Hamiltons, together with the British representatives, took the boat train for London and the coronation. We joined Br. Renkewitz and Br. Roland, for a visitation of our other continental churches. We were able to visit each one and meet with and speak to the various congregations. On Friday night we arrived at Neuwied at 8:05 for an 8 o'clock congregational meeting. Sunday we spent in Königsfeld where I preached at the morning service and showed slides of the Southern Province in the evening. Once again we were greeted by large congregations. There were more than five hundred at the morning service and at least half that number in the evening. Br. and Sr. Waldemar Reichel were warm in their welcome as were all the brethren and sisters.

On Monday we went to Bad Boll. There we found another royal welcome, from the Renkewitzs, Bauderts, Steinbergs, Motels, Marxes, and Grabers. An informal gathering in the evening saw our pictures.

In Switzerland we visited our headquarters in Zurich, our school at Montmirail and preached to our congregation in Basel.

New Bath Church Opened

We arrived in London on the morning of June 10 where we spent a very happy week as the guests of Bishop and Mrs. Shawe. We went by train to Bath; there I preached the sermon on the occasion of the opening of the new Bath Weston Church on Saturday afternoon. The little chapel was filled to capacity. Delegations had come from many of our churches throughout our England. There followed a tea for everybody and an informal service, when greetings were brought from all over England, the Continent and America.

On Sunday we visited Bristol where I preached again at the morning service. Then we visited Kingwood, Tytherton, and Malmesbury. I spoke at the latter place at their vesperv service.

And, now, this report must be concluded—even though our journey is not ended. We still plan to visit our congregation in Stockholm and our church in Christiansfeld.

I am convinced that our Unity is a vital, living force. God has blessed us for five hundred years. There is no sign that He is withdrawing that blessing today. There is a oneness among us. There is a brotherliness that defies description. We are still a Unity of Brethren.
In European Moravian centers work for Refugees is

**Story Of Faith In Action**

J. HERBERT WEBER

A visitor to our European congregations notices many interesting things. The first and most lasting impression is certainly the warm-hearted hospitality and friendship he encounters on every hand. He soon learns that the spirit of unity and brotherhood for which our church is famous is a very real and living spirit. He finds that ours is a church in which this spirit of Christian fellowship breaks down all possible barriers of race, nationality, or language. It is a wonderful experience to feel the strength of this bond that unites us in Christ.

The music also strikes a responsive chord. Though the words may not be understood, the tunes of the old chorales are the same we know at home. In Neugnadelfeldt the band accompanies all congregational singing since there is no organ there. Listening to the music of the band, it was not difficult to imagine that we were back home on God's Acre in the midst of the Easter Sunrise Service for the tunes were the same.

**Congregational Singing Impressive**

The beauty and excellence of the congregational singing were most impressive. In Zeist we were part of a congregation of several hundred people who gathered for the weekly "Singstunde" on Saturday night. Each person was given a slip of paper containing the numbers of the hymns to be used. Without announcement the minister began to sing the first line of the hymn. Then he was joined by the organ and the congregation. This was done without the aid of a choir. The service consisted only of the singing of the hymns and a prayer. There during the singing of the majestic chorales we experienced in a way we seldom had before the power of music to lift the soul into communion with God. In each congregation visited the congregational singing was always an outstanding feature of the service. Seldom were there choirs to assist the congregation.

**Importance of Schools**

One cannot fail to notice the importance of the schools sponsored by the Moravian Church in Europe. In Holland, Germany, and Switzerland the Moravian Church performs a fine service to the population as a whole through its excellent system of Christian schools. In this way our church is privileged to exercise an influence on the religious life of the community and nation out of all proportion to its size. Our brethren are to be commended for the courageous manner in which they have carried on the school work in the face of almost impossible difficulties during the war and post-war period. An indication of the importance of this work is the manner in which the reconstruction of the school which burned at Konigsfeld last winter was begun immediately despite the fact that the money for rebuilding was not in sight. It is a venture of faith which is only typical of the spirit of our European brethren in these difficult days.

**Refugees: the Great Problem**

The vigor and spiritual strength of our Church in Europe is striking. It is best seen perhaps in the way in which the Church has risen to meet the great challenge presented by the refugee problem. Before World War II most of the German congregations were located in what is now the Russian Zone. These included Konigsfeld which was the headquarters of our Church. There were also a number of congregations among German people in Poland. In recent years thousands of our fellow Moravians have been among the tragic group of displaced persons who have fled across the border into Western Germany. Our Church has made a noble effort to provide homes and work and places of worship for these people. Neugnadelfeldt is an entire new community that has come into existence under the sponsorship of our Church. There a former Nazi prisoner of war camp was placed on the above lot where services will be held as the church goes up.

The members of the New Eden congregation accept this sudden but favorable turn of events as a command from God to build for a larger spiritual ministry to the glory of Christ and His Kingdom. Our people are solidly united and ready to make every sacrifice within their power, but this is a task beyond our financial ability. Therefore we humbly lay our project before all the churches of the province with the feeling that God has given us a rare opportunity with great possibilities that justify and appeal for help.

**New Eden Sale Opens Door of Opportunity**

Egbert G. Linback

The sudden sale of the New Eden Church property to the Western Electric Company opens the door for a new future with promising possibilities. We find ourselves faced with an emergency situation calling for big decisions and quick actions which normally require many months of careful planning and study. In rapid succession five major steps have been taken by the Church Council—the approval of the sale of the property, the election of a Building Committee, the appointment of a Building Fund Treasurer, the decision to build our new church on the Old Eden site located 6/10 of a mile south of the present structure, and the renting of a tent to be placed on the above lot where services will be held as the church goes up.

The members of the New Eden congregation accept this sudden but favorable turn of events as a command from God to build for a larger church on the south end of Old Lexington Road. It is adjacent to a large open area of land which will be placed on the market and developed into a new residential section. We thus go back to the site which our forefathers purchased in 1876 from Thomas Fishel and where a mission was started in 1915.

First. The huge Western Electric plant now in process of being erected will bring 1000 employees into our community. This large industrial corporation is contemplating the possibilities of building another structure of similar size. This will no doubt cause many families to come into this vicinity seeking new homes.

Second. The proposed New Eden Church will be located on a beautiful two acre lot just inside the city limits on the south end of Old Lexington Road. It is adjacent to a large open area of land which will be placed on the market and developed into a new residential section. We thus go back to the site which our forefathers purchased in 1876 from Thomas Fishel and where a mission was started in 1915.

Original effort was descontinued and the present New Eden congregation was organized in 1923.

Third. A new school is being planned to meet the educational needs of this growing community.

We face this challenge from God with mingled feelings of humility, gratitude, joy, and a sense of responsibility to this generation and those that shall follow. We entreat the prayers and support of our Moravian brethren.
Provincial Announcements

PROVINCIAL ELDERS CONFERENCE

The Provincial Elders Conference announces the acceptance of their call to Br. Richard F. Amos to the pastorate of Ardmore Church, vacant since last April by the transfer of Br. Charles B. Adams to the Northern Province.

The new pastorate will become effective with the first of September and the installation service is appointed for September 6.

J. KENNETH PFOHL, President

FALL OUTING OF WOMEN OF CHURCH AT MAYODAN.

The Fall Outing of the Women of the Church will be held Wednesday, September 30, in Mayodan, N. C. A potluck luncheon will be served at Mayo Park at 12:00. Women of the Leaskville Church will assist as hostesses. After the luncheon the group will meet at the Moravian Church in Mayodan. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Fred Bahnson who will tell about her recent trip to Palestine.

UNITY UNDERTAKINGS

By W. H. ALLEN, JR.

Our guest columnist this month is Br. Fred Linyard, soon to be ordained to the Moravian ministry in England. Br. Linyard has just completed a year's study at Moravian Theological Seminary and extensive travels throughout the Moravian Church in America.

Camp fire at Van-Es in Canada, with the music of taps echoing over the still lake, red and gold in the sunset; Central Church, Bethlehem, on Christmas Eve, bright from the light of hundreds of candles; the silence of a great crowd in Salem Square as the Bishop proclaimed "The Lord is Risen"; everywhere warm fellowship and kindly hospitality to visitors from overseas; these are some of the outstanding impressions of a year spent among American Moravians. But when I return to Britain I shall take with me something even more important than a series of such impressions, wonderful as they are. That will be the conviction that the Moravian Church in America is alive, ready to go on from strength to strength in the work of our Lord. Each district, working in its own way, seems to be looking ahead, ready to take the chance which must be taken if the Church is to live and prosper.

If you begin to compare the American Provinces with the British, you find some differences, but many similarities. In America, the layman seems to play a larger part in the work of the church than with us; the average congregation is much bigger here than in Britain; and the theological position of the American Province is a little more conservative than that of the British Moravian Church. In spite of some differences, however, I have no doubt that a stranger to the Moravian Church would soon realize that the American Provinces and the British are but two parts of the same unity. The liturgies and hymns used in the provinces are very similar. You would find many of the Moravian customs which you uphold continuing in Britain: lovefeasts, Christmas candle service, early morning Easter services and so on are as much a part of our Church life as of yours. And above all you would find the same spirit of fellowship common to Moravians throughout the world.

As I have visited Moravian congregations in the two American Provinces, I have been very encouraged by what I have seen of the way in which your work is developing. If it continues to develop as it has in the past few years, and reaches out with evangelical zeal to meet those who are completely outside the churches, then, I believe the American Provinces may have a future greater even than their past.

ARCHIVES HOUSE

Douglas L. Rights, archivist

In the Jahrbuch der Brudergemeine, published at Herrnhut by Gustav Winter for 1937-1938, there is an article by Wilhelm Betterman, former archivist of the Moravian Church in Herrnhut, that tells of the origin and practice of the Cup of Covenant.

The archivist of the Southern Province was graciously received by Editor Winter and Archivist Betterman in Herrnhut when he visited there, and therefore has a personal interest in reproducing this article for The Wachovia Moravian.

As another link with our Continental Province, Fraulein Ragnhild Wurr assisted the archivist in translating. Miss Wurr has returned to Germany and has been studying in Munich. Mr. and Mrs. Agnew Bahnson visited her there last year.

The article is as follows:

The Cup of Covenant

The Cup of Covenant (Bundessekel) partly originated from the lovefeast. In 1733 Christian David described as follows the form of the lovefeast where the Cup of Covenant was included: "The outward procedure of the lovefeast is to praise and thank God: we have some edifying conversations, we have fellowship with one another, and then we drink together wine with the desire that, if we are not honest and righteous before God and the other Brethren, this wine shall be such drink as in the ancient covenant the bitter and cursed water discovered the women's deceit of hypocrisy (Numbers 31:1-31). After the preceding agreement and fellowship one of the Elders used to say this in the name of the others to the Brethren present. Then when drinking from one common chalice (cup), everyone makes a wish for his neighbor according to his condition perhaps for the dying out of his greatest desire, and with it the kiss of love is usually given."

About the same time, however, another celebration is mentioned. When the Brothers and Sisters with their destination for St. Croix took leave of the congregation on August 17, 1733, at first a lovefeast took place where they talked about the hardships of the journey, besides other things. In the following song-service they sang benediction hymns for them and then they went to the Count's (Zinzendorf) ante-chamber and there enjoyed with him the chalice of Thanksgiving. It differs from the Holy Communion in being only a celebration of fellowship without blessing the chalice. The white robe is not used for it.

The Cup of Covenant usually takes place twice a year: at the workers' dinner—stew-
ards) feast on September 16, when the workers (stewards) of the congregation meet, and on September 29 for the instructors of the youth. Thus they are bound anew to faithfulness in the service to the congregation and to youth.

FAITH IN ACTION
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the efforts of our Church. In the surrounding area are 1,000 more Moravian refugees who are ministered to from the Neuwied congregation. In Neuwied is a new industry where stoves used in the heating of homes are manufactured. This industry is operated by the Church in order to provide employment for displaced persons.

In Konigsfeld, in the heart of the beautiful Black Forest, we saw a new housing development of some 15 to 20 homes. We soon learned that these homes had been erected by the Church for the refugees. We also saw there a new apartment house being built. It will provide apartments for 10 to 12 refugee families. It, too, is being built by the Church.

Faith in Action
In each congregation in Western Germany the story is the same. Heroic efforts are being made by our brethren to care for those who have fled from the East. Berlin is an inspiring story in itself. But that will be told at a later date. The achievements thus far are marvelous, especially remembering that our German Church emerged from the war shown of most of its resources. This work for the refugees is a story of faith in action. Our brethren are very modest about this great work. They realize that though the achievements have been noteworthy, yet so much more still needs to be done.

We left our German brethren knowing that we had seen a church whose roots are firmly planted in the faith of our spiritual forefathers, yet whose face is to the future. Our brethren are tackling the problems of today with a vigor and courage and a spirit of consecration that is remarkable. They are providing an example that should be an inspiration to us as we look forward to the work that God still has for our world-wide Moravian Fellowship to accomplish.

MORAVIA PASTOR REPORTS
NEW PARSONAGE OCCUPIED

Our dream for a parsonage has finally been realized. The pastor and family moved into the new parsonage on Wednesday July 8. We have a very nice seven room brick venter house with a full basement. In the basement we have a complete kitchen as well as a large social room. We plan to have open house for the parsonage on Sunday, September 20, from two until five o'clock. We cordially invite all our friends to visit with us on this occasion. We are very grateful to all the members and friends who have helped with the work on the parsonage. We voice our heart felt thanks to the various boards of our church who have supported us in this work. Also we are grateful to the many friends in Winston-Salem, and elsewhere who have helped us on our parsonage.

BARBER
Barber was a great time of spiritual awakening for our people. We were happy to receive into our fellowship several new members following the revival. Our budget the highest in the history of the Moravia Congregation was unanimously adopted by the board and the congregation at the Church council meeting. We are looking forward to the new year as being the greatest in the history of the congregation.

The pastor had an enjoyable two weeks stay at Br. Paul Snider's home helping with a revival at the Mt. Bethel Church. We learned to love the Sniders and the people of Mt. Bethel very much. We also enjoyed the week spent at Camp Hanes at the Intermediate Conference leading the vespers services.

This has been a very good summer and we thank the Lord for the privilege of serving Him in this particular part of His vineyard. May He continue to lead and direct us in all that we try to do for Him is our prayer.

DEATHS:
Draughn, Buford Columbus, son of Rufus M. and Flera m. n. Whitt Draughn; born in Winston-Salem October 3, 1906; died in Winston-Salem July 19, 1953; member of Trinity Church; funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.
Siceloff, Mrs. Elsa Spaugh, died July 31, 1953. Funeral was conducted by Bishop, Kenneth Pfohl and Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. Interment was in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.
White, Albert Franklin, died August 1, 1953. Funeral was conducted by Bishop, Kenneth Pfohl and Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. Interment was in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

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Land Reform In Africa Is Necessary

Hartmut Beck

"The very success of the Christian missionary effort in Africa has helped to aggravate the serious problem this great continent is now facing. In the next few years we are in danger of losing much of what has been accomplished over a period of two centuries." With those puzzling words we began last month to examine one of the many complex reasons that Africa is today, as Life magazine put it, "a continent in ferment."

Our particular subject is one that is basic to an understanding of the many-sided problem of African underdevelopment. It concerns overpopulation and food. Western civilization and its Christian missions have combined to eliminate the slave trade and suicidal tribal wars and have improved health standards by teaching sanitation and providing medical care. The result has been a tremendous increase in population. This, in turn, has meant that the need for food has been increased, so land was cultivated more intensively. Even marginal land, such as the very hilly country, was plowed. The native farmers knew little or nothing about soil conservation. No attempt was made to prevent erosion by contour plowing and similar methods. Pasture land was overgrazed and also began to erode.

Naked, red hilly—denuded of topsoil—now stand in mute testimony to land that has been so misused that it is now almost unusable. This means that the growing population is crowded into less and less land. Hunger adds to their restlessness and they look with increasing resentment at the large and prosperous farms of the white man.

What responsibility do Christian missions have in all this? Our Moravian mission in Tanganyika has attempted to meet the need, to a small extent, at least, by bringing in a Danish agricultural expert to teach the natives better farming. Under his direction the "small-hold" project described in last month's issue of The Wachovia Moravian, has been developed. But the mission has an even more ambitious project.

Model farm project

At the same time we started the small-holds at Rutenganio we laid plans for a larger project at Los Angeles. The mission was willing to put 1,000 acres of farm land and 1,150 acres of forest at the disposal of the project. We built a brick cottage and some cattle sheds on the farm site. A tentative allocation of acreage was made as follows: one hundred acres each for tea, bananas, various rotation crops; sixty acres to coffee; twenty-five for stall fodder for the cattle; two hundred acres for permanent pasture.

Included in the plans for this model farm is a dairy farming project, which is eventually to have 200 head of cattle. We began with twenty animals from the mission herd and after some initial difficulties they are doing well. (Local cattle farmers have taken so much interest in our cattle-spraying facilities that each week they bring approximately fifty of their cattle to be sprayed against the East Coast fever.) There is a real local need for the crops and dairy products and this might eventually bring an income of about $120,000 after the project is under way.

We had hoped to run it either as a cooperative farm with native shareholders living as squatters on the farm land and with other Africans working there as apprentices, or as a co-operative farming school with facilities for experimentation to develop better agricultural methods suitable to the country. With either of these set-ups the Africans could have some training for farming on a large scale, now available only to Europeans.

Hard times

To our great disappointment we haven't been able to get this project going, however. Although it was highly recommended by government officials and favorably considered by the local administration officers, the plan was finally turned down, mainly on account of outside pressure. The Africans, of course, suspect—as they frankly told us—that it was defeated by the opposition of European farmers who strongly disliked the idea of having Africans involved in such large-scale farm projects except as cheap labor. Because of this, we did not get from the government the $80,000 we had hoped for and which is necessary to get the thing running.

At present the cottage and the cattle sheds are deserted except for wild pigs and monkeys who feel quite at home. Most of the bananas we planted are stolen since we cannot afford to have a watchman on duty all the time.

Possible developments

In spite of today's bleak outlook, we are still hoping for a turn for the better; since otherwise most of what we have accomplished in the line of agricultural development would be wasted, and even the scheme we have going at Rutenganio might fail.

It is absolutely clear that in order to prevent a catastrophe here in Africa some basic social changes in land usage have to take place among the Africans. Co-operative farming and the small-holds seem for the time being the only hopeful way to achieve this. There is still a slight chance the grant for our model farm might come through. Surely it is high time to start thinking along these lines if disaster is to be avoided. Unless something is done within a very short time, the whole Tutkuu District, and others like it, will change from a green and prosperous land to a devastated wasteland. The washing away of the fertile soil will take with it most of the confidence the Africans now have in the projects which the government and the missions have already started. We cannot give up so long as there is any hope that we may eventually be able to go forward. It should be plain enough now so everyone can see Africa can no longer be ruled by imperialist methods. If we want to stay and work here for a few more decades it must be on the basis of honest friendship—and the Africans will be convinced we are their friends only by our deeds. They are no longer much interested in what most white men have to say.

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Official Visit to Alaska

At the time these lines are written the Rev. Edwin W. Kortz, president of the Board of Foreign Missions, is completing a visitation of Moravian work in Alaska on the request of the Board. He left Bethlehem on June 7, spent two weeks advocating missions in the Canadian District, and flew to Alaska on June 21. He began his visit by spending a week in Clark’s Point. Bethel came next, followed by the Children’s Home. After visiting villages along the Kuskokwim he traveled to Quinhagak, Platinum and Goodnews Bay. Br. Kortz planned to return to Bethlehem the latter part of August, after sharing in the Bible Conference and General Church Conference in Bethel, and the General Mission Conference in the Children’s Home. The Board and the Church owe a debt to Brother Kortz for important work which he has accomplished during his visit.

An Additional Year of Study

Mary Jean Moser, who has served as teacher in the Children’s Home in Alaska since the fall of 1950, has been granted a leave of absence in Pennsylvania. She left her post in Alaska on May 16 and has been taking summer school work in State Teacher’s College, Stroudsburg. It is planned for her to complete her studies for a degree at Moravian College for Women in Bethlehem during the 1953-1954 school year. Her home address is 117 Center Street, East Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania.

A Wedding in Canada

The Rev. Wilton L. Schwanke, who has spent a year as a single missionary at Clark’s Point, left Alaska in July to be united in marriage to Cecilia M. Priebe, of Edmonton, on July 29. According to present plans the newly married couple is to take charge of the Kwiligok Station after a brief honeymoon. The warm wishes of many in the church will accompany them.

The Bilwaskarma Hospital adds a New Wing

Writing early in June Dr. Thaeler reported that the wing for tubercular patients would be under roof that week. This extension has been carried out upon the considered recommendation of the newly organized Provincial Hospital Board. It is hoped that the new facilities thus provided will have an important effect in combating the growing scourge of tuberculosis among the Indians of that area. The need for such a wing is tragically underlined by the news from the Instituto Bibliico, which appears in this column. On the other hand that tuberculosis can be cured by proper treatment and care is evidenced by Alice Marie Hooker’s cure. She is back in the service of the church, having accepted a post as teacher in Bilwaskarma.

Another Position Filled

It is not an easy task to provide for temporary vacancies in the mission field, particularly such as call for specialized training. Therefore with all the more greater gratitude the Board has accepted the offer of a Green Bay, Wisconsin, Moravian to serve as teacher in the Children’s Home in Alaska, during the year Mary Jean Moser is to spend back in Pennsylvania. Plans were for Frances Huetter to arrive at Bethel on July 27.

Continuing Need for a Nurse

No nurse as yet has been found for important work to be done at the clinic at Kaukura, which serves the eastern section of our mission in Honduras. There is urgent need for a nurse at this spot. The board would welcome correspondence with any qualified volunteer.

Bluefields Honored

On April 29th, Bluefields was honored by the visit of the President Somoza and cadets from the Academia Militar. The cadets were again quartered in the old Moravian School building. The Moravian circle held a reception for the President the afternoon of May 2nd in the new school building, attended only by the mission staff, the faculty of the school, the Board of Elders, the Church Committee and Provincial School Committee. President Somoza came attended only by his secretary. The President showed great interest in the building and eulogized the mission for its work.

A New Year Begins at the Colegio Moravo

Preparation for a new school term involved many things. The government requires that a list of the teaching and administrative staff be submitted before the last week in April. But some people wait to enroll their children until the very last minute, so it was not possible to know just how to make teacher assignments by the end of April. Final enrollment in the grade school made it apparent that two sections would be needed in every grade. The enrollment went up as much as sixty beyond that of the last term. Approximately 100 of the children enrolled are from out of town. Home economics classes for the sixth grade girls have been begun by Thelma Good.

The Instituto Bibliico

The 1953-54 school term began June 15. Ten young men were present for the opening exercises. After spending several days making changes and more changes to get the schedules arranged satisfactorily, we were about to feel the task was completed when everything was upset again. All the boys were sent to the hospital for chest X-ray pictures. It was discovered that two of them, Feliciano Herman and Livingstone Cuthbert, had T. B. This necessitated isolating the two boys and rearranging the schedules again. Eight of the young men who came to us this year are single. Your prayers on behalf of the Instituto Bibliico will be greatly appreciated. Pray for those who attend and those who teach. Pray for the boys who are ill that they may be restored to health.

School Work in Brus

Martha Marx wrote on July 23: “We have 25 boys in the boarding school now. There are 177 children in the school. Our five teachers are all here. If anyone asks you for some special thing to pray about, tell them to remember the teachers, the boys, all the school children and the cooks. If they should want definite information we will be glad to send it.”

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

OAK GROVE

In spite of hot weather and vacations our church has been filled with activity. We were glad to receive Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Buchanan and Hilery Ray Laramore into the church by transfer.

Our daily vacation Bible school with Glen Craver in charge and assisted by a large number of capable helpers was one of the best we have had. The total enrollment was 117. A fine closing program was given the Sunday following the two weeks of school with a large attendance.

We were glad to have theological student Burton Rights bring the message at the morning service on July 19.

Since the church has a full-time minister, Sunday evening services have been begun. Some of these services were in charge of various class and organizations. The young people's society had a musical program the first Sunday evening in June. The men's Bible class had charge of the service the second Sunday; the Katherine Spaugh class the third Sunday with John Church, one of our young people, bringing the message; the senior class the fourth Sunday with Br. J. Calvin Barnes preaching; and the young married people's class the evening of July 12 with Matt Howell speaking.

The annual church council was held the last Thursday evening in June. Noah Whicker and Marvin Mackie were elected to the board of elders and C. P. Dishier, Jr., Henry Westmoreland, and Fred Caudle to the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Dorothy Pegram was elected church secretary. Tam Church and Noah Whicker were elected delegates to synod and Mrs. Tam Church and Mrs. Beulah Idol, alternates. The reports that were given indicated that this was one of the best years we have ever had.

Phoebe Sell and Dewitt Mecum, and Ila Marshall and Joe William Saunders were united in marriage. We wish for both couples happiness and God's blessings.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Linville, Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn, and Mr. & Mrs. Davis who have had additions to their families.

JOHN H. KAPP.

KERNERSVILLE

At the recommendation of the joint-boards, the membership at our annual church council meeting in July enlarged each of the Boards, Elders and Trustees, to eight members. It was felt that this would give a wider representation from the congregation and increase the interest in the affairs of the church. Elected to the Board of Elders were: for four years, Henry Shore and Robert K. Smith; for three years, Theodore Kerner and Ray Atkins. Those elected to the Board of Trustees were: for four years, Fred F. Vance and Fred C. Hicks; for three years, Joyner Burns and R. C. Flynt, Sr. Those elected as delegates to Provincial Synod were: Mrs. C. R. Kerner, Theodore Kerner, John R. Flynt and Raymond Echols. Alternates are: Sam F. Vance, Jr., Donald Williamson, Mrs. Fred Linville and Mrs. Henry Shore.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School was unusually good this year in the high percentage of attendance as compared with enrollment. The average attendance was over 93% of the enrollment. The hand work exhibited of Palestinian houses, etc., and the closing program on June 12 showed the fine work that had been done with the children. The general superintendent was Mrs. Cornelia Adams and the department superintendents were: Beginners, Mrs. Sam F. Vance, Jr.; Primary, Miss Eugenia Stafford; and Juniors, Mrs. John F. Clink.

The congregation and pastor express appreciation for the services rendered by the brethren George G. Higgins and Egbert G. Lineback in supplying the pulpit during the pastor's vacation in June.

Our former Organist-Choir Director, brother Carl C. Bumbach, found that the distance of driving from Greensboro to Kernersville twice a week became a burden and forced him to give up his work in our congregation. Mrs. James Nelson, a local musician in public school music, was appointed to take his place beginning first week in June. The choir and congregation are not only pleased with her willingness to help but with her fine musicianship and radiant personality. It was our privilege to receive Brother and Sister Nelson into the communicant membership of the congregation the first Sunday in August.

Those, who attended the Junior Conference from our congregation were; Ann Crawford, Pamela Graham, Sheryl McCoy, Margaret Persons, Rebecca Pinnix, and Beatrice Vance. Mrs. Clayton Persons taught the music course and acted as Dean of the Girls.

CLAYTON H. PERSONS

KONNOAK HILLS

Attendance at our services has held up very well during the summer. This is a situation for which we've been most thankful. The Sunday evening and midweek services, though not attended by large groups, have maintained a consistent average.

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a starting factor. Further progress will be determined by the amount of time our own men can now give to the job.

As with most of the churches, various groups from our congregation have made full use of the summer season for projects and outings. Circles, Women of the Church, the Choir, Young People and the Young Adults are among those numbered with such.

JOHN GOSERUD

KING

At this writing the workmen have finished putting a roof on our new Christian Education Building. Construction is progressing quite satisfactorily, with the assistance of volunteer labor being contributed by several members of our congregation, including: Mr. Harry White, Paul Kiser, and R. C. Meadows. Building Committee Chairman Paul Meadows is also devoting many hours of attention to the details of our building project, as are other members of this committee. Among the latter group until her recent resignation was Miss Maxine Meadows, who dutifully served as the treasurer of the Building Committee for nearly two years. In her place the Church Board has appointed Mrs. I. A. Booe.

Br. Edwin Stockton has now turned over to our congregation the remainder of the $10,000 which was given to us by the Building and Expansion Fund Campaign of the Southern Province. We are deeply grateful for this aid, without which it would have been impossible to erect the Sunday School building we shall soon have the pleasure of occupying.

At the June meeting of the Women of the Church the outgoing president, Mrs. Alice Moser, relinquished her chair to the incoming president, Mrs. Paul Meadows. But the whole community was shocked and saddened when Mrs. Moser also relinquished this mortal life for her heavenly home on June 30, 1953, the last day of the last month of her two years of patient, untiring endeavor as the leader of the Kingdom of the Women of the Church.

Our annual Church Council brought out a good attendance for the fellowship picnic supper spread in the basement of the church. Most of the folks stayed to elect the Brn. David H. Petree and Paul B. Lewis as new members of the Church Board.

We appreciated the presence during the month of July of theological student Burton Rights and the Rev. George G. Higgins.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl was our pulpit guest on June 7 at which time he confirmed the following into full communicant membership of the Church: Nancy Abernethy, Rolland Blythe, Judith Blythe, Patricia Borden, Betty Fulp, William A. Floyd, Jr., Donald Griffin, Thomas Lever, III, Frances Ann Pitts, Mary Ann Sandler, Rhett Ross, Mrs. and Mrs. Earl R. Bruton, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Clark, Mrs. Anna Belle DeFravio, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Evans, Miss Thelma Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mahlburn, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Smith, Sr., Miss Gerri Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crews, and Mrs. Louise Ross. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McAnally were received as associate members. David Herman Boyter was confirmed into full communicant membership as our church by the Pastor on June 21.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Willard O. Brown upon the birth of a daughter, Deanna Maria, on July 11 in Charlotte.

The Pastor is conducting a service each Sunday in the Chapel for children from five to twelve at eleven o'clock. He returns to preach in the main church at 11:30 a.m. The first half of the morning worship in the Church is conducted by a lay-reader.

Nancy and Charles F. Abernethy; Judy, Barbara, and Jack Blythe, David and Douglas Caldwell, and Gretchen and Carl Schoof attended the Moravian Junior Camp at Camp Hanes, Mgie and Roxy Blythe attended the Intermediate Camp.

New officers of the Women of the Church are president, Mrs. B. V. Kelly; 1st Vice president, Mrs. C. E. Blythe; 2nd Vice president, Mrs. James Smith; recording secretary, Mrs. Ray Kimel; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frank Law; treasurer, Mrs. L. B. Vaughn, Jr.; chaplain, Mrs. Laura Hall; fellowship secretary, Mrs. T. C. Guerrett; devotional secretary, Mrs. Russell Holder; mission secretary, Mrs. W. K. Wilson; provincial secretary, Mrs. Herbert Spaugh.

HERBERT SPAUGH

MAYODAN

Our last two months have continued with encouraging attendance in all the services, our morning worship showing an average higher than for a number of years past. The Sunday School especially continues to mark up new gains. Every Sunday for the past two months has been a record breaker, showing that our efforts for a 10 per cent increase has left permanent results. At the end of the second quarter, awards for perfect attendance were given to 73, which number constitutes 20 per cent of our entire enrollment.

In our zeal during the past months to gather sufficient funds to begin construction of a new parsonage, our regular budget suffered a deficit of some $800 as of June 30. This our congregation has been able to way with a special offering on July 26. Incidentally, the parsonage goal went over the top by nearly a thousand dollars. Many of our people have shown a high degree of loyalty.

Our Men's Chorus, after three years of service is still going strong and on July 26 turned our 100 per cent strong for a vesper service at Mayo Park for the entire community. The Chorus answers about 35 calls for service each year.

Our Sunday night mission group has just closed a successful year and with new officers elected is ready to go forward with new effort. Meetings during the past year have averaged 84 in attendance and offerings have exceeded those of any other year. We thank Mrs. Donald Gann, retiring president, for her faithfulness.

New officers are Mrs. Tom Tilley, president; Mrs. Donald Gann, vice president; Mrs. Roy White, treasurer; Mrs. John Vaughan, treasurer; Mrs. Phil Lundeen, program chairman.

Our members are much in prayer for Br. C.
A. Tulloch, Mrs. Sallie Watson and Mrs. Maggie Rockel, who are experiencing long sieges of illness. We pray the Lord's blessing and healing for them all.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

ENTERPRISE

Things are moving along at Enterprise. Election of new Sunday School officers and teachers took place in June and everyone got off to a fine start on the new year.

By vote of the members we have adopted the much talked about "Unified Church Budget," effective as of July 1, 1953. We believe this will be a big step toward a more organized and smoothly run program for all concerned and the means of a better year on the whole for our church. We appreciate the fine spirit in which everyone is cooperating to iron out the wrinkles in our new plan.

The Women of The Church held another successful supper in June. Our women are to be commended for their cooperative spirit and hard work toward the future of our church. Our fund for clearing the parsonage debt is growing as a result of our "Talent Dollar" campaign sponsored by the men's class.

The youth fellowship group can be proud of the garden they are tending beside the church lot. The beans, corn, watermelons, etc., are coming along, thanks to the young folks zealously working on these Saturday mornings.

June 28 was observed as Children's Day at Enterprise, the program being in charge of Mrs. Robert Miller and Mrs. Joe Yarbrough. Our hats are off to Mrs. Miller for the play her class presented symbolizing the type study followed and enjoyed by that department. The Junior Choir did an excellent job for the worship service following the play and we hope this choir is to be a permanent organization.

Communion was observed July 4th. Attendance was good and the presence of the Holy Spirit was much in evidence as we partook of the Holy Sacrament.

Our congratulations go to Dale Tesh and Roxie Burrows who were married at the parsonage in June.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

CLEMMONS

The Church Council of May 30 may prove to be the most important held in many years. At that time the Church Board was authorized to proceed immediately with a program of major renovation and improvement to our church building and parsonage. Included in the project will be a new roof for the church, a new pump for the well, a new heating system for the church, a new kitchen and fellowship hall on the main floor of the church, and the painting and repair of the parsonage both inside and outside. Church Council also approved the new budget which will be the largest in the history of the congregation. Members elected to the Church Board for terms of three years were Joseph Huff and Jacob Cumby. They replaced retiring members Felix Hege and Lynn Johnson.

Our young people completed their first year since organizing by presenting a special service on the evening of May 17. The entire service from beginning to end was conducted by the young people. It was carried through in an excellent manner. The service featured the film "Dust or Destiny" produced by the Moody Bible Institute. A generous offering was received for the Provincial Mission Project.

A Daily Vacation Bible School was held August 3-14 with Miss Edith Tesch serving as Director. The attendance was smaller than usual but the efficient staff made it a fine school.

Br. Lynn Johnson has been elected Superintendent of the Sunday School for the coming year. He succeeds Br. O. W. Butner who had served for two years. During that period the Sunday School experienced slow but steady growth.

The congregation expresses its thanks to the Ben. VanLehn, Schwarze, and Higgins who supplied the pulpit during the pastor's absence. Appreciation is also given to Lynn Johnson, Felix Hege, and W. C. Hunter who conducted the first part of the service during this time.

We have been sorry to see our two German families leave: the Zieglers and the Bujaks. But our interest and best wishes will go with them as they make their new homes in the state of Michigan.

HERBERT WEBER

BETHANIA

One of the main projects this summer at Bethania has been the beautification and expansion of the Bethania-Olivet Graveyard which had its first interment on April 23, 1760. Good progress is being made in landscaping and in the building of a new fence around this "God's Acre." The men of the church are in charge of this large undertaking.

Church Council elected Mr. William Shouse, Mr. T. W. Hunter, Mr. Elmer Kearney and Mrs. Theo. Canter to the governing boards and designated Mr. Kenneth Leinbach, Mr. Walter Strupe and Mr. R. M. Butner to represent our church at Provincial Synod.

Officers of the Women of the Church for this fiscal year are Mrs. A. D. Wolff, Mrs. J. T. Conrad, Mrs. H. J. Conrad, Mrs. Hal Dossen, Mrs. Theo. Canter, Mrs. W. T. Strupe, Mrs. Alma Stoltz, Mrs. Charles Griffith and Mrs. E. L. Lineback.

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A Bi-Centennial Committee, with Miss Emma Elizabeth Kapp as chairwoman, has been appointed to make plans for the 200th Anniversary celebration in 1939. We are planning for the future!

RICHARD F. AMOS

OLIVET

Since our last report our congregation has been busy purchasing and placing departmentalized furniture in our recently completed Christian Education Building. Draperies have been hung at all windows. Now we are in the process of remodeling our sanctuary which, when complete, will feature a new curved ceiling, cove lighting, a new balcony and new venetian blinds. We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Beroth who have made known their desire to carpet the church as soon as the remodeling project is complete.

Church Council elected Mr. Roger Harris, Mr. A. W. Beroth and Mr. M. M. Beroth to the official board. Mr. V. M. Beroth, Mr. Oscar Doub and Mr. Conrad Stimpson will be our delegates to the Provincial Synod this fall.

New officers of the Women of the Church organization are: Mrs. Ward Hicks, president; Mrs. Conrad Stimpson, vice-president; Mrs. Roger L. Harris, secretary; Mrs. Oscar Doub, treasurer; and Mrs. V. V. Beroth, Mrs. Philip Conrad and Mrs. John McKaughn, circle leaders.

RICHARD F. AMOS

CHRIST CHURCH

In spite of some competition from carpenters and painters, a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School was held from June 8 to 19, with seminary graduate Glenn Crevier doing a splendid job as principal of the school. We had 74 pupils enrolled and 14 teachers and assistants. Mrs. Loretta Christy was in charge of the Kindergarten Department, Ruth Mellroy the Primary department, and Mrs. W. W. Barber the Junior department. Assistants and helpers were Mrs. Alvin Disher, Mrs. Morrison Bennett, Mrs. L. S. Saunder Ebert, Mrs. Lucy Conrad, Carol Sue Smith, Martha Talley, Sue Hoffman, Drama Bryant and Martha Blizzard.

The Men-of-the-Church have had two outdoor meetings in July, a watermelon party, and in August an ice cream and cake party. Both were held at Granville Park.

Members of the official boards, the Board of Christian Education, as well as newly elected officers of the Women-of-the-Church were installed at impressive services on the second Sunday in July. On the same day Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Simpson Jr., became members of the congregation.

At the time of this writing our services are still being held in the Fellowship Building but we hope to recoup the redecorated sanctuary within a short time. To date over $12,100 has been received toward a total of twenty thousand dollars needed to pay for the work done.

We extend sincere congratulations to Barbara Anne Fultz and Terry Brown who were united in marriage on June 27.

The statistics of the congregation as of June 30 showed 639 Communicants, 102 Non-Communicants and 112 Children, a total of 893. There are 374 scholars and 50 teachers and officers in the Sunday School.

JOHN H. JOHANSEN

RURAL HALL

A picnic for church and Sunday school was held on June 9 at Kiger Park. This was sponsored by the church committee and proved to be an occasion for good fellowship.

The officers for the coming year of the Women of the Church were elected on June 11 and are as follows: president, Mrs. Tom A. Petty; vice-president, Mrs. Kenneth N. Kiger; secretary, Mrs. L. P. Covington; treasurer, Mrs. Burke E. Wilson, Jr.

Dr. Douglas L. Rights was welcomed as speaker for the evening service on June 28. On the afternoon of the same day, the Women of the Church sponsored an open house at the parishon. The Women of the Church have placed some new furniture in the living room and bedroom of the parsonage which has helped the parsonage both in usefulness and appearances on the inside.

The Rev. Clifford H. Peace was the speaker at the July feast. A band prelude was presented by the Bethania Band. Flowers were placed in the church in memory of The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Grabs. This marked the 30th anniversary of the organization of the Women of the Church.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

MESSIAH

Cornerstone Laying ceremonies were conducted Sunday afternoon, August 2, at our new building on Peace Haven Road. Officiating at this service were Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, Br. Henry A. Lewis, Br. Edward T. Mickey, and the pastor. Guest ministers also participated in the ceremonies, along with Vance Jones and Jack Luper of the congregation.

Much of Messiah's recent activity has been focused on planning for the transfer to our new building. On Saturday, August 1, we had a very successful "work day." Both men and women joined together to get our grounds into shape for the opening Sunday in the new church. For the occasion, R. J. Bennett, a member of the Home Moravian Church, provided us with a "bulldozer" and a driver; this naturally was a great boost. Still later in the day Taylor Foster, a member of the Mt. Tabor Methodist Church, furnished his tractor and services to do some light grading for us.

Recent gifts for the new church include: dishes from Mr. & Mrs. Vance Jones; coffee urn, Mr. & Mrs. Harry James; refrigerator, Mr. & Mrs. Weldon Tavis; nursery register, Mrs. Emma Turner and Mrs. Nora Wood; pulpit chair, Mr. Dick Mosley; pulpit Bible, Mr. E. B. Shore.

Our first Workers' Conference was held Saturday, August 1, with a good representation from our church school workers. Br. George G. Higgins was in charge of the program for the evening, presenting a film strip, "The Growing Teacher." He concluded the program with the challenge, "The Teacher's Covenant."

Daily Vacation Bible School began August 3 and extended through August 14. We appreciate the fine work of volunteer teachers.
Mission visitor Sees Alaska as
America's Last Frontier, Land Of Change

Edwin W. Kortz

One day in July, as we were traveling down the Kuskokwim river, Superintendent Drebert pointed across the water and said, "There is the approximate place where Hans Torgersen was drowned." Brother Hans had come to Alaska as a carpenter with two young missionary couples in 1883 to begin work among the Eskimo people. I tried to imagine how lonesome those young people must have felt in a barren

land when they lost the man who was to build them a home. Now almost within sight of that spot stands the town of Bethel with a government hospital, large oil tanks, an ocean freighter at the dock, planes flying overhead, and the Moravian Church dominating the horizon. Alaska—America’s last frontier—is a land of change.

Change is to be expected in a Territory which is anticipating Statehood, where government schools are raising the sights of the native population, and where civil defense installations have brought equipment and personnel. The Kuskokwim river is a summer highway with more outboard motors per capita than I have seen anywhere. Planes—of every size and description—are commonplace. Fur clothing and sealskin footgear are giving way to manufactured products. Generators, operated by gasoline or wind power, have brought lights and radios to many homes. Civilization has moved in bringing blessings, some curses, and is overshadowing the quaintness and individuality which belongs to a primitive people.

Change is also to be expected by those who believe in the power of the Gospel. After more than 65 years of Christian witness on the part of over 80 missionaries at one time or another, something is bound to happen. The glorious story of the Alaska Mission is told by Mrs. Schwalbe in her book, Dayspring On the Kuskokwim. Her vivid descriptions of the early days of the mission accentuate the progress which has come to Alaska and to the Alaskan Church.

OFFICIAL VISITS

"In 1891 the mission received its first official visitor, the Rt. Rev. H. T. Bachman. He sailed as far as Unalaska on the steamer St. Paul... From Unalaska (he) sailed on the steamer Dora to the mouth of the Kuskokwim."

From there the Bishop traveled to Bethel in a large skin boat. My journey in 1953, as official visitor, was a matter of a few hours in a Northwest Airlines DC-4 from Edmonton, Canada, to Anchorage, Alaska. My arrival was checked by Brother Earl Shay calling from Bethel by means of radio. The Bethel mission staff was surprised to hear the report that I was in the Garden of Eden with Dr. Howard Remig, a former college roommate. (Actually it was the "Garden of Eatin'"—a restaurant.)

From Anchorage—gateway to the real Alaska—it was but a few more hours to Clark’s Point, two more hours to Bethel, and an hour and a quarter to Quinhagak, by plane. The villages along the Kuskokwim were easily reached by motorboat. In addition to the ease of summer transportation, we enjoyed the convenience of radio communications. Every morning at 8:30 a.m. and every evening at 5:30 p.m., KL7AQ (Earl Shay at Bethel) calls and stands by for the "Roger" of KL7DF (Harry Trodeli up river at the Children's Home) and KL7SG (Charles Michael down the coast at Quinhagak). The conversation is taken up with news, weather reports, freight shipments, plane movements, mission business, plans for mission...
The home is situated about twelve miles up the river from Bethel where every phase of the child's life is in the hands of the Church, from the wiping of noses to eight grades of education, from the baking of bread to religious instruction. I wish for every Moravian the privilege of a Saturday night in the Henkelman's living room with the boys, in pajamas after the Saturday night bath, reading, listening to records, and then having prayers; the fun of a pie-eating contest (blueberry pie) on the Fourth of July; or the satisfaction of joining a group of well-dressed young men, with their Bibles, in a Sunday School class.

The NEW QUINHAGAK CHURCH

"On Sept. 9, 1894... Brother Kawagaleg... was to begin work at Quinhagak. This was a notable date in that it was the going out of the first native missionary."

Fifty-nine years later, July 26, 1953, a beautiful new church building was dedicated as a tribute to the labors of missionaries and a symbol of the love of the native population for God's House. The dedication service followed the liturgy in the Moravian Hymnal provided for that purpose, and was followed, in the afternoon, by a Moravian Love Feast, correct in every detail. The buns were baked in the Michael's Kitchen and the tea was made at the church. Congregational singing and choir anthems were to the accompaniment of an organ from Yerger Brothers in Lititz, Penn., and babies were baptized from a new font given

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in memory of the pastor's mother. These, and other gifts from the States, were reminders of the unity of the Church.

The Quinahak church is a sign of progress in Christian Education. The building provides separate rooms for nine classes or departments in addition to the church auditorium. This is unusual for Alaska and no doubt will set the pattern for future building.

The church faces the Kuskokwim bay and the Bering sea. A lighted cross of glass bricks, built into the belfry, shines across the bay proclaiming to approaching ships that the message of the Cross has reached Alaska and has brought with it a great change.

### BAPTISMS:

**Meadows**, Patricia Lynn, daughter of Burke Lynn and Freddie m. n. Crissman Meadows, born March 9, 1953 in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized July 19, 1953 in King church by the Rev. Walter H. Allen, Jr.


**Joyner**, William Stafford Jr., son of William Stafford and Jane Jessup m. n. Linville Joyner, born October 25, 1912 at Durham, N. C.; was baptized April 12, 1913 in Kenmore Moravian Church by the Rev. Clayton H. Persons.
First Four Lepers To Be Cured Are Discharged

"The greatest day in the history of Kidugalo" is the definition of April 26 by Sr. Martha Pederson, nurse in charge of the Moravian leper settlement in Unyamwezi. On this date the first four lepers to be cured were discharged to return to their homes as normal, healthy people. The climax of that day which came in a service of thanksgiving and farewell in the Kidugalo Church is described by Sr. Pederson.

"Sr. Pederson took as her text Luke vii. 22, 'Go your way and tell John what things ye have seen and heard, how the lepers are cleansed...,' and remarked that it was indeed wonderful to be able to see with one's own eyes that in these days also lepers are cleansed.

"At the end of the service the four came up to the Communion table, where I presented each one with a certificate signed by Dr. Boisen, and gave each one my hand as a symbol of their cure.

"Sr. Ellen Nielsen then spoke of all the doctors and scientists who have laboured with great patience over many years, firstly to find the bacillus and then to find a cure. To them, and above all to God, we give thanks for guiding their minds and their hands, that this day of rejoicing was made possible.

A THANK OFFERING

"Then one of those who were cured, Rabele, a Christian woman, came up and laid two shillings on the Communion table — her thank-offering, which for an African woman is a very large sum.

"The other three were a Mohammedan family and the father then stood up and gave thanks to God and the Mission for their cure.

"After the service everyone surged out, bubbling over with joy, dancing, clapping their hands and making a joyful noise, not only those who have been cured and those who will soon be cured, but also those who can never be cured.

"I should like to tell you a little about the four who were cured. Rabele and her husband, also a leper, came to us in January, 1952, and have both been treated. Her husband is not yet completely cured, but they have built a house outside Kidugalo, and they will wait together until he also is cured. We are very glad that she is willing to stay with him, for her leprosy is legal ground for divorce.

A MOHAMMEDAN FAMILY

"The Mohammedan family consisted of father, mother and their little daughter who is about three years old. Surely the hand of God can be seen working for them, not only that all three could be discharged a couple of months before their next baby is to be born. Thus the new baby will stand every chance of growing up without leprosy. The only sadness which they will feel, is that they have to leave behind them their two eldest children, a son of fourteen and a daughter of eleven years, who will be staying here with friends, because of a little rain. A dear old lady, Chehu, who has been at Kidugalo for about twenty years, who has no fingers and no feet, but always walks about on her knees, brought to the church six maize cobs, and said with a very happy smile, 'They are from my own little garden.' She was so happy she had something to give our Lord Jesus. I could not help thinking of the poor widow who gave in all that she had, even all her living. May the Lord richly bless old Chehu.

This East African leper settlement at the present time consists of 85 patients and 60 out-patients with 98 names on the waiting list. Among the patients there are 16 children of different ages. Some of the children had been compelled to leave school because of the disease. "We were thankful," writes Sr. Pederson, "to be able to open a little school on June 1 so the children can continue their education. Two of our lepers are teaching them, they are getting on very well."

MISSION RALLY, OCTOBER 11

The annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Society of the Southern Province will be held at the Home Church, Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 P. M.

The speaker will be the Rev. Edwin W. Kortz, President of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Moravian Church in America and Edward Rondthaler, Professor of Practical Theology at Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pa. The Church is indebted to Dr. Kortz for the many helpful recommendations growing out of his visits to Nicaragua and Alaska the past two summers.

The offering will be for the resumption of Lepers Work in Palestine among the Arabs of Trans-Jordan. This is a joint effort of our Unity and claims our generosity, our prayers and our abiding interest.
A pastor and a layman explain the

Unified Budget System Of Church Finance

Robert L. Sparrow, Treasurer
Trinity Moravian Church

The Unified Budget is a comprehensive program of church finance. It is not restricted to any denomination. Many churches in different parts of the country have adopted the plan and it is rapidly growing in favor with pastors and congregations.

It has been generally demonstrated that where it has been given a fair trial, it has been a means of enlarging the number of givers and of increasing the amount of the individual offerings. It has worked wonders in relieving churches of burdensome debts and in extending the financial programs of the churches.

The Unified Budget seeks to relate properly the pastor to church support. Under the old haphazard system the members came to think of him as a beggar for missions, Christian education, etc. With the new program, the pastor does not solicit funds. Instead, he preaches stewardship. The system is definitely based upon teachings of the Old and New Testaments and stresses tithing for its success.

The plan is simple; it calls for only one pledge from each member. Every item of expense is included in the budget for which the pledge is made. There are no extra offerings, no appeal for funds, no passing of the hat or selling tickets for the church oyster stew.

WHAT THE UNIFIED BUDGET HAS MEANT TO MY CHURCH: Trinity Church adopted the Unified Budget on July 1, 1951, after approximately a year's study and planning. With the help of the Lord and co-operation of all departments and organizations, the plan has been in successful operation since its beginning.

For the first time in the history of Trinity, the sanctuary was completely redecorated without an appeal to the congregation for extra funds, and at present a new heating plant is being installed with the hope that it can be paid for without a word about extra funds. It seems that our needs are met through the willingness of members through this new effort.

Care has been taken to make the annual budget "flexible." No organization has asked for funds that were not granted, and no special drive has been carried on for funds.

Some twenty-four different organizations of Trinity participate in the financial program, submitting individual budgets at the beginning of the church year. These are combined with the church budget.

We believe that with God's continued help and guidance our financial program at Trinity will continue to improve each year, and hope that our program can be enlarged.

Richard F. Amos

While the Unified Budget System of church financing is not a new method of meeting the church's financial obligation, the use of such a system is comparatively recent in the Moravian Church. In the past two years several of our congregations have used the Unified Budget System and in every case it has met with almost 100 per cent approval. The Bethania-Olivet Congregations were among those churches deciding to use this plan.

Exactly what is the Unified Budget Plan? It is, strictly speaking, what the name implies—the combining of all budgets of the church and church school into one comprehensive budget under the supervision of one treasurer. There are, however, many modifications of its individual needs. The Bethania-Olivet Unified Budget is, in fact, a modification of the Trinity, or Knoyok Hills, or Ardmore Unified Budget plan. But the idea is essentially the same—"the putting of all the eggs in one basket more or less". The main budgets, the church budget, the church school budget, and the building fund budget—become one. They succeed together, or they fail together. It is a communal system of church financing. And it works, at least for us.

There are several reasons for this success. (1) The Unified Budget System gives church members a complete picture of what the church expects of them financially over a period of 12 months. (2) The church members know with a reasonable degree of assurance that they will not be asked for more money in a special financial campaign at the end of the year and so their pledges for the budget automatically are larger. They don't withhold money in anticipation of a special appeal. Our church has pointed out that this rule does not apply to Provincial Emergency Campaigns such as the Jamaica Hurricane Relief Fund or the Moravian College Deficit Drive of recent years. Anyway, such emergency campaigns are the exception rather than the rule. (3) In a church where the membership is made up predominantly of wage earners who must in these days of rising living costs live by a strict budget, the system appeals and makes them feel their money is going further than if they had to give a little here and a little there. (4) All organizations work together for one common purpose. There is a feeling of belonging to something big which appeals to human nature.

But the greatest reason for the Unified Budget is that it succeeds where other systems sometimes fail. So far no church which has adopted this plan has failed to end the year without at least a small surplus.

Three New Pastors Are Installed: The most recent changes in pastorates in the Southern Province were effected with the recent installation of the Rev. Vernon E. Daetwyler at Fairview, the Rev. Richard F. Amos at Ardmore, and the Rev. Paul A. Snider at Advent. Br. Daetwyler was installed on August 2 and both Br. Amos and Br. Snider on September 6. Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl conducted the service of installation on all three occasions.
The Southern Province of the Moravian Church has become a member in good standing of the World Council of Churches! Last February Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, General Secretary of the World Council notified Bishop Pfohl that their Central Committee had decided to admit our province to full membership in the World Council of Churches, subject to a probationary period of six months. During this period no objection to our application was registered by any member church of Christendom's outstanding ecumenical body, which was formed during the first Assembly of the World Council at Amsterdam, Holland, in 1948. Thus Dr. Visser 't Hooft, under date of July 8, 1953, was able to write Bishop Pfohl from the central headquarters of the World Council in Geneva, Switzerland, and confirm the fact that the Southern Province has actually been received into the World Council of Churches.

A pertinent paragraph from Dr. Visser 't Hooft's message is as follows: "On this occasion I may say on behalf of the World Council of Churches that we are most glad to welcome your Church among those which have entered this fellowship of ecumenical cooperation. We hope that your Church may make its full spiritual contribution to the World Council as a whole and that the World Council may also render your Church real service. We are, of course, eager that your Church should be represented at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches which is to take place in Evanston, Illinois, in August, 1954."

With the admission of the Southern Province all four "home provinces" of our Moravian Unity are now members of the World Council of Churches. In addition, the Northern and Southern Provinces automatically belong to the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches, an organization which represents the American member Churches. We in the South are entitled to have two delegates to the U. S. Conference. One is to be designated as our representative on the Executive Committee, and the other one as his alternate, if we so desire. The U. S. Conference itself meets only once a year, but the Executive Committee will be meeting every month or two from now until time for the next plenary session of the World Council, since that Assembly is to be held in this country in the late summer of 1954.
Visitor from Winston-Salem tells of

Journey Up Wangks River

Charles R. Peterson

It was April 13 when Dr. Werner Mueller of the Bilwaskarma Hospital, the Rev. John Refus, and I set out on an eight day journey up the Wangks River. Perhaps we were not wise in beginning our trip on a day which fell on the 13th. One week later we were back home, somewhat tired, but very thankful for having been privileged to see and experience so much in so short a time.

Our ultimate destination was a village called Raiti, a distance of probably 171 or more miles up-stream from Bilwaskarma. All three of us were making this trip for the first time so we were filled with enthusiasm and great expectations.

The first two days of the trip were rather uneventful with the exception of some motor trouble the latter part of the second day. Our destination for the second day was San Carlos. The river was very shallow which partly explains why we broke two propellers. Fortunately, we were approaching San Carlos, and seeing someone riding a horse along the bank of the river, we were able to send him to the village to borrow a propeller from the Rev. Watson. We had also had a little motor trouble the first day of our trip, and so were prevented from reaching our desired destination, the village of Wirapauni. Instead, we were forced to stop at Pranza, a small village a short distance below Wirapauni. Pranza is nominally Roman Catholic, but we have two members there and some sympathizers. Thus, we were well cared for in the native style. Early the next morning we continued on the trip, and were soon at San Carlos that evening. The scenery along the river was beautiful, and we also enjoyed stopping at several villages to speak with the lay-pastors or to seek a green coconut to quench our thirst.

The third day of the trip was spent in San Carlos where one of Mr. Watson's sons, a mechanically minded boy, worked on the motor. The gears were in poor condition, so we soon realized the motor couldn't make the entire trip. However, Mr. Watson had the same type of motor but the block was broken. Once it was discovered why ours didn't work properly, we lost little time making one good motor out of two poor ones, and thus, were ready to leave on the more interesting part of the trip Thursday morning, April 16.

Several hours after leaving San Carlos, the river became very narrow, running between huge rocks, often 12 or more feet high. The depth and shade of the water varied in different places, and most everywhere one had the feeling that this was certainly the marvellous handiwork of God. Often we were overtaken by a feeling of awe and wonder by the beauty of the entire scene. Between this point and Raiti we also had to force our way through a fair number of rapids, or small falls. Even though the falls were not really large as water falls go, they loomed quite large before us because we had a little boat to pull through them. Of the bigger falls there were at least eight. Generally, when we reached the foot of one of these falls, the passengers would be asked to walk along the bank of the river while our Indian boatman fought with the falls. Several times the crewmen not only asked us to get ashore, but they unloaded the boat completely, so as to make the boat lighter and to make certain our baggage wouldn't get wet, or get lost in the water. Even then, the men found themselves facing an almost impossible task on several occasions. At times such as this, we would ask the boatmen to throw the rope attached to the boat to us and we would then add our weight to that of the crew. Several times we had to walk a fair distance, I would judge a half mile or more, before we arrived at the head of the fall, and where we could safely get into the boat. If the men had found it necessary to remove the baggage, we naturally had another long wait before the boat was loaded again. Therefore progress wasn't too fast.

Thursday evening was spent at Anris Tara, a small village where the mission has a lay-pastor and also a small church. The following morning we continued on the journey arriving at Raiti about 4 P.M. We were very happy to reach our destination as the last two days had been quite strenuous even though beautiful and interesting.

The trip home took from Saturday morning until Monday evening. We didn't have much time at our disposal for the trip, so we took no time out for rest. Consequently, we were quite tired when we returned to Bilwaskarma.

It is impossible to mention the names of all the villages at which we stopped, either to spend the night, or just for a few moments during the day. At one village we were greeted at the shore of the river by about half of the village's population, a good number of them bringing large quantities of a native fruit called Mamie Apple. Unfortunately the apples were a little too green to be eaten immediately.

At Raiti, a very beautiful village, largely because some 50 or more coconut trees have been planted along the edge of the river bank, we were greeted by the school children and the lay-pastor welcoming us with songs. In all the villages where we spent the night including Raiti, Dr. Mueller did medical work, sometimes until late into the night, and once about 2 A.M. We also had services every evening but two, and on Sunday three services were conducted.

Celso Perez, the lay-pastor of Raiti is being supported by the Ardmore Moravian Church of Winston-Salem. Therefore, I desired, among other things, to meet him if possible. This was one of the chief purposes of the trip. However, it was not the only purpose, as I wanted to get a general picture of the work of the mission on the Wangks river or the Rio Coco. As mentioned above, the trip provided opportunity to conduct services in a number of villages, and also to do some much needed medical work. Generally the services were well attended, and the singing was excellent. From San Carlos to Raiti, we were accompanied by Mr. Watson, missionary at San Carlos, who then continued up the river from Raiti on his communion trip Edgar Watson, the mechanic, also accompanied us from San Carlos to Raiti and back again.

The trip was not easy, but it was well worth the effort required to make it. We are grateful for what God has done in that area and pray that even greater things will be done in the future.
... Foreign Mission Briefs ...

QUINHAGAK CHURCH DEDICATED

Brother Kortz writes:

"The new church building was dedicated on July 26, 1953, in a fine and orderly service using the liturgy, just the occasion as found in the Moravian Hymnal. The Te Deum was prayed in the native language. In the afternoon a Lovefeast was held including a children's program. The buns were baked in the mission house but the tea was prepared by the people and the Lovefeast was served in an orderly fashion. In the evening service tape recordings were used containing a sermon and greetings from Brother Drebert and greetings from Brother Shayer. The building itself is the finest Moravian Church building in Alaska. It is well built with an attractive church auditorium and with nine Sunday school classrooms—an unusual thing for Alaska."

KWIGILLINGOK MANNED AGAIN

Brother Drebert recently wrote that Kwigillingok again has a resident missionary couple. On August 21 he introduced the Rev. and Mrs. Schwankes to this their new station. He adds: "We found the house in fine shape considering that it had been vacant since the Dittmers left, three years ago. The people are very helpful and will make the Schwankes welcome. The Lord has done great things for this village since I first went there in 1915."

PROPOSED ELECTRIFICATION

The Rev. Eugene Oerter has informed us of the plan of the California Power Company to supply electric service in the Morongo Reservation where our California Mission still stands. This will be a boon to the Church as well as the people.

ANOTHER MISSION CHILD

Word has reached the homeland of the birth on August 17 in our Bilwaskarma Hospital of Murray William, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lorenz Adam. We can assure the parents of the warm interest of many friends in this happy event.

BEGINNING MORAVIAN WORK IN THE CAPITAL CITY

The Rev. C. Conrad Shimer writes on August 12: "Since more and more of our Moravian members are finding employment in Managua, we have begun regular visitation there. Traveling expenses are being paid by the Managua Moravians, and services are held in the Baptist auditorium which has kindly been made available for this purpose. Attendance at the first meeting was sixty-seven and some forty more and more of our Moravians are finding employment in Managua." Services are held in the Baptist auditorium which has kindly been made available for this purpose. Attendance at the first meeting was sixty-seven and some forty. Since then, attendance has grown significantly. The Lord has done great things for this village since I first went there in 1915."

BETHESDA LEPER HOME

Our Surinam leper home is turning to stone construction in its buildings, following the advice of government experts. It is the government's intention ultimately to organize all leper work in Surinam under its control and management, but this plan will not be put into effect for a long time to come. Brother Schunegel reports that the patients are far more healthy than formerly. The nursing staff could be reduced by one. She is to be replaced by a social worker, if a suitable person can be found.

PRESERVED FROM INJURY

On July 25 the Rev. Werner G. Marx writes: "I have just returned from a visit of the field, most of which could be done with the aid of the M. A. F. Plane. Yesterday, on the last leg of my journey, the plane had to make a forced landing between Auras and Brus on swampy terrain. It turned upside down with considerable damage to the plane. But neither the pilot nor a boy, who was coming to attend the Brus Provincial School, nor I was hurt, for which we thank the Lord over and over again. The Brus people were wonderful about searching for us. After taking the wings off, they carried them and rolled the body of the plane back to Brus. The cause is as yet undetermined."—Board of Foreign Missions.

LETTER

Burutukas, Rio Patuca
La Mosquitia, Honduras
August 29, 1953

The Editor, The Wachovia Moravian:

In the New England Medical Journal of June 25, 1953, appears a letter from the Boston Postmaster asking that the physicians of that city be more cautious about disposing drug samples in public places. Many discard samples right in the post office. The journal comments that a few samples are collected and shipped to charitable agencies but the majority are discarded.

Are there not individuals or congregation societies who would be willing to canvas and collect samples from physicians in their community for shipment to our medical workers? We for our part are in real need of just such samples—many of them being drugs we cannot purchase here and some much too expensive for the poor people of La Mosquitia.

Before making a shipment, however, collectors should communicate with the recipient or the Mission Board.

No doubt you are back in your office now after the summer's activities. Perhaps some of the church groups as they start the fall's activities and may be looking for some project could fix on such a drug sample collection as a valuable contribution to missions.

With kindest greetings,

SAMUEL B. MARX, M.D.
REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

HOPEWELL

During the month of August the following persons were received into our fellowship by adult baptism: Edna Rose Hege, Edith Adell Stafford, Shirley Ann Hege, Willie Conner Vestal, and Samuel Craig Hutchens. The following were received by transfer of letter: Etta Mae Hutchens and Woodrow Stafford. Nancy and Rachel Berrier were received by the rite of confirmation.

Our Sunday School and worship service attendance have maintained a high average during the summer months. Plans are now being made to have two hundred for Sunday School. Since there are two hundred and twenty-eight on roll we believe that we should reach the desired number.

The "Unified Church Budget" is proving to be a blessing to our church. We believe that its adoption is a big step toward a more organized and smoothly run program for the entire congregation. Everyone seems well pleased with it.

Our annual picnic was held August 15, at Miller Park. Attendance was much larger than usual. Both old and young enjoyed the fellowship on the park grounds.

The congregation wishes for our college students a very successful year. They are: Shumake Davis, William Davis, Wilburn Pope, Ivy White, and Wilma Everheart.

J. C. Robinson and Max Jones, two of our boys in the armed forces, never forget to visit with us when they are on leave. We are proud of these boys and we constantly pray for them.

The pastor wishes to thank the Brn. Glenn Craver and James Culler for pinch hitting for him while he was away at camp.

Congratulations to the Robert Spaughs and the Norman Satterfields on the birth of baby daughters.

W. NORWOOD GREEN.

FREDDEERG

The attendance at our services has held up remarkably well during the summer months, with only one or two Sundays when there was a noticeable decrease. The Youth Fellowship has reached the 40 mark several times. Besides sponsoring a religious film each month, the young people enjoyed a "kiddie" party and watermelon feast at the home of Carol Beckel as a part of their activities. Their plans also include an outdoor vesper service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Foltz.

July saw the first use of the Moravian bulletin in our services, this being made possible through the generosity of the Men's Bible Class. We were happy to welcome into our fellowship Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Myers and son Richard. The two August lovefeasts drew our largest crowds during the summer. We were glad to have Br. Ralph VanLehn speak at our children's lovefeast on August 23.

The Women of the Church held meetings in the following homes: Mrs. Burke Fishel, Miss Mary Crouse, Mrs. Ralph Reich, Mrs. Paul Graver, Mrs. Ray Hartman, and Mrs. Wayne Younts. Our choir members have continued to be faithful in their duties. Many people were very impressed by the uniformity of the all-white apparel used for the first time this summer. One of the August rehearsals was followed by an ice cream supper on the parsonage lawn. We appreciate the services of two of our members who supplied at the organ while our regular organist was on vacation: Miss Evelyn Tatum and Mrs. Irvin Fishe.

Our board members turned out "en masse" for the quarterly joint meeting to discuss the general work of the church and get to know the newly elected members better. The spirit of our congregation is good and we feel that the Lord is with us as we labor together and look forward to greater service for Him.

WILLIAM T. MARSHALL.

NEW EDEN

The contract for the sale of our Chapel to the Western Electric Company specified that we vacate by August 15. The difficult task of removing all equipment and setting up a tent for worship was speedily and promptly handled under the able supervision of A. L. Robertson, Paul Lambeth and James Byrd. Lack of space does not allow recognition of all who participated to make this possible.

A vibrant spirit of happy enthusiasm pervades our fellowship as we make preparation to build a new Church—a dream which the hand of God has now made possible. We plan with a three structural goal in mind—a departmentalized Sunday school, a fellowship and recreation hall, and a worship sanctuary. Br. Cyril Pfahl has been obtained as the Architect and work will begin as soon as possible. We hope to complete the first unit by cold weather.

The Church Council elected Charles E. Ferguson as Building Fund Treasurer, and the following to serve on the Building Committee: Mrs. C. E. Ferguson, Paul Lambeth, A. L. Robertson, Raymond Brown, Will Williams, Avery Everhart and Manie Williams. Delegates for the synod are Mr. Walter Hewitt and Mrs. C. E. Ferguson.

We rejoice in the reception of 16 new members. By profession of faith: Mrs. Dorris Car...
Our attendance for the very hot months of July and August has been above these two months of last year, but not as well as it could have been. Our average for the two months has been 183. Our prayer meetings on Wednesday night are certainly not what they should be. Our average for the two months has only been a little over 52. We are hoping to see an increase during the next two months.

On July 31 Jimmie Bodenhamer and Jeanne Gray West were united in marriage at the parsonage. Likewise, on August 28 the pastor married Joseph Wheeler and Betty Gross. We wish them all a long and happy life together.

On August 16 we were happy to welcome into our fellowship by Adult Baptism Miss Sadie Shields. We hope our church will be a help to her in her Christian life. Mr. and Mrs. Noble Tucker presented their infant daughter, Martha Kate, to the Lord in Infant Baptism. We are always glad to see parents give their children to the Lord while they are young.

At this service, after the Baptism, we observed Holy Communion. Only 78 stayed to enjoy this wonderful service, from which we are sure they received a blessing. The last Sunday our children were the choir. We enjoyed their singing very much.

G. E. BREWER.

MOUNT AIRY

This summer’s heat and dry weather has apparently had no effect upon church attendance on Sunday mornings. Attendance upon our August communion equaled the record attendance at any communion service.

Church council was held on Sunday, July 5. Br. Dewitt Coble was made an elder and the Brn. Harry P. Childress and John Wolfe were elected to the board of trustees. The treasurer’s report for the closing fiscal year was an excellent one.

Sunday evening services will be resumed on September 20.

Our congregation was well represented at summer conferences at Camp Hanes. Philip Hull attended Junior Conference, Dorothy Hull, Intermediate Conference, and Barbara Hull, James Gilbert, Wilma Lee King, Senator Golden, Julia Pruitt, Hugh Talley and Mary Louise Boyd Young, Young Peoples Conference. Their reports were heard on Sunday Sunday morning, September 6.

When our faithful organist, Virginia Poore, was absent on a vacation in Florida, Julia Pruitt served well and willingly in her stead.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Draughon were received into our fellowship on August 16 by the right hand of fellowship.

Hospitalized in recent weeks were Mrs. Herbert Burton, Mrs. Irene Palmer, James Snow, Jr., Robert Peters and James Good. All have recovered, or are recovering, nicely under the good hand of God.

Our teachers and officers met on August 26 and laid plans for Promotion Day in Sunday School on September 27. Mrs. J. C. Dillon, who had served as secretary faithfully and efficiently for several years, was presented with a beautiful piece of chinaware. She and her husband are now making their home in Winston-Salem.

We were happy to greet Chaplain and Mrs. T. T. Conway Pruitt, who, after a three-year tour of duty with the Army in Germany, are now to be stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Holly Day will be observed on Sunday, Oct. 4, with Holy Communion in the morning and a lovefeast in the evening.

HERBERT B. JOHNSON.

WACHOVIA ARBOR

Our congregation celebrated the “birthday of the Renewed Unitas Fratrum” (August 13th Festival) on Sunday, August 9, with Holy Communion in the morning and lovefeast at night. We welcomed into our midst several visitors for both these services.

The annual Sunday school picnic on the church grounds was well attended this year and there was an abundance of good food. Fred Booth and his assistants were in charge of the beverages.

Roy Fansler, teacher of the Men’s Bible Class, has volunteered to make for our church a sign which will be placed at the entrance to our church drive on Arbor Road. The sign will not only give directions to the church but also contain information about the times of services.

Donations for our new electric organ continue to come in and we expect to have this debt paid in the not-too-distant future. Miss Whiteside, visiting member, who teaches at Central School, assumes full responsibility for the church organist.

There is a small, but interested, group which gathers each Thursday night for Bible study and prayer service. We are presently studying the Book of Acts, attempting to understand the reason for the success of the first
Christian church in order to apply the same principles to ourselves.

R. T. TROUGHTMAN.

PROVIDENCE

We held Sunday evening services regularly throughout the summer and were very pleased with the attendance which averaged about 60. We are hoping that this number will increase with the coming of cool weather.

During the first two weeks in July we held our Vacation Bible School. Miss Edith Tesch was our principal worker. Our thanks to the following ladies who did such fine work with our children: Mrs. Sid Davis, Mrs. Gray Wooten, Mrs. Grace McGee, Mrs. Chester Crews, Mrs. Roy Parks, Mrs. Charles Phelps, Mrs. Roswell Phelps, Mrs. Grace Whicker, Miss Patsy Hill, Miss Jeann Carol Phelps, and Mrs. George Chidick.

On July 5 we rejoiced in the wonderful blessings our Lord has given us. On that day we dedicated to His service our new Communion Service, Baptismal set, and new pews. On August 23 the Pastor was able to announce to the congregation that the pews were paid for completely.

Three of our young men attended the Intermediate Conference at Camp Hanes: Bill Clayton, Douglas Phelps, and Garland Brooks. On the Sunday after their arrival home again they took a few minutes during the morning Worship service to tell us of their camp experiences.

On August 11 our Sunday school teachers and workers met to examine our Sunday school and teaching program. Br. Reuben Clayton succeeds Br. John Cline as superintendent.

On September 11 the Women of the Church sponsored an open house at the parsonage. Members and friends were invited to examine more closely the new parsonage. The new home is completely paid for. Members of the committee in charge of the open house were Mrs. Charles Phelps, Mrs. Bill Keller, Mrs. Roswell Phelps, Mrs. Gray Wooten, Mrs. Coy W. Grubbs, and Mrs. E. B. McGuire.

GEORGE A. CHIDDIE.

MIZPAH

Our Church Council held an important annual session on the first Sunday night in July. Many vital matters in the life of our congregation were dealt with successfully, including the selection of officers. The Brn. K. P. Long and Raymond Holston were chosen as new members of the Church Board. Br. Jesse Briggs was appointed as our delegate to the Provincial Synod this fall, and Br. Everett E. Speas was named as alternate. Since then the Church Board has selected the following to serve during the current fiscal year: Br. Jesse Briggs, Sunday School Superintendent; Br. Joe Talley, Asst. Superintendent; Br. K. P. Long, Sunday School Secretary; Br. J. R. Speas, Jr., Sunday School Treasurer; Mrs. Burton Winfrey, Children's Superintendent; Br. Everett Speas, Chief Usher; Mrs. K. P. Long, Chief Deacon; and Mrs. Joe Talley, Organist, with Mrs. A. A. Helsabeck and Mrs. LaVerne E. Speas as assistants.

During the absences of the pastor in July when he acted as dean of the Intermediate Conference at Camp Hanes and enjoyed a visit with his parents in Pennsylvania, we were privileged and grateful to have Br. Burton Rights and Br. Egbert Lineback occupy our pulpit at Mizpah.

August began with a bang! Nearly 700 suppers pleased the palates of our welcome patrons at the annual lawn party. Fair weather favored the occasion, encouraging us greatly after the misfortune of rain at supper time which had kept many people away last year.

Young People's meetings have continued through the summer. We feel they have been worthwhile despite variations in attendance. Jenny Lynn Joyce, Mary Lee Long, Carol Helsoack, and Carol Winfrey went to the Junior Conference at Camp Hanes, and Dionne Elliott to the Intermediate Conference.

The Brn. Alan Barnes and Christian Weber brought us most helpful messages, on August 9 and August 23, respectively.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

LEAKSVILLE

Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Jane Whitten, age 82, were held on Sunday afternoon, July 5, by the Revs. Foltz and McConnell. Mrs. Whitten was the mother of several of our members and was of the Baptist faith. The services were held in the Moravian Church and the burial was made in the Lawson cemetery.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from the third through the 14th of August with Br. Glenn Craver in charge and assisted by a number of workers from the congregation. While the attendance was not as large as in previous years the school meant a lot to our children and all taking a part in it.

A large congregation was present on the third Sunday evening in August for an unusual fine musical program of anthems and hymns rendered by the choir of some 20 voices from the Mount Sinai Baptist Church, colored. The program was well rendered and well received and much appreciated by all attending.

Other special services and visiting speakers featured our work the latter half of the month of August in the absence of the pastor. Special committees had charge of these services and the

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visiting speakers included Br. Clyde Davis and Bishop J. K. Pfohl for the morning services; Jack Simmons one Sunday evening service and Billy Martin and a Mr. Black the two midweek services. The last Sunday evening our congregation joined with the other churches of the community in a union service held at the First Church of the Brethren honoring their pastor, the Rev. H. W. Peters, who, after more than 30 years of service to his church and community, is leaving for another field of service.

During the two months under review in this report all regular activities of the Sunday School and Church and the various organizations were carried on, although with a smaller number of participants due to many of our people being on vacation, but we anticipate greater things for the fall and winter with the coming of September.

Pastor and people wish to thank all who assisted in the special activities and services during the time covered by this report.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ.

HOPE

The Sunday school picnic was held July 18 at Washington Park. Other than the delicious food, a softball game was the main attraction.

The congregation expresses thanks to the Brn. C. M. Hedrick and C. W. Everhart who supplied the pulpit during the pastor’s vacation.

Hope congregation observed its 173rd birthday on August 23. A full schedule commemorated the occasion which included: Sunday school, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; lunch, 12:30; and lovefeast, with greetings by former pastors, 2:30. Many friends returned to say “Happy Birthday.”

On August 16, Holy Communion was observed at which time Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Reid were received into our church fellowship by letter of transfer.

Church Council elected Mrs. Ellen Mae Johnson and Br. Fred Cook to serve on the church committee; Dean Spaugh and Everett James were elected superintendent and assistant respectively.

The congregation rejoiced that as we came to the end of the year, the budget was paid, with a surplus that enabled us to undertake greater responsibility.

ARCHIE W. JONES.

FRIES MEMORIAL

The beginnings of a new fiscal year have found us with much about which to be encouraged. In addition to gains in membership we have had gains in every phase of our work, Sunday school, worship services, Communion, Young People’s Work, and Women’s Work. Attendances and finances for the summer months have been better than formerly.

Congregation Council elected J. R. Vernon, F. J. Tatsum and S. L. Boger as Elders and John W. Petree as Central Elder. New Trustees were P. L. Hunt, G. M. Poley, and H. E. Bennett. Treasurer is C. B. Kane, and assistant to the treasurer is J. R. Vernon, Jr. Mrs. F. J. Tatsum was elected at the June meeting of the Women of the Church, as their pastor.

The budget is not yet completely subscribed in pledges for the coming year, but the amount already pledged exceeds by more than $2,000 the total pledged in former years. The two difficult summer months, July and August, have found us up to the mark financially. When our people have all returned from vacations we hope to forge ahead.

Week-day Kindergarten will be taught this year by Mrs. Bryce Parker. Registration for the school is in full and there is a waiting list. Our church will again be host to Brownie and Girl Scout troops for which there is no room at Wiley Elementary School. Our Boy Scout Troop which doubled its size during the past year will again be in full activity within the next few weeks.

There must always be problems, and ours for the fall is both difficult and encouraging. We will have to find space for more Sunday school classes. Just how we will be able to work out this difficulty is not presently foreseen. We will take the attitude of thankfulness for the necessity and set out to work it out with the Lord’s help. Complete departmentalization is a real need if we are to serve our scholars properly.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Mrs. Laura Dalton, charter member of East Salem Chapel who was laid to rest in August in Salem Graveyard.

The pastor is grateful for the faithful work of those who have helped to make the summer program a success. Our August 13 Lovefeast, held on the East Lawn of the church, was almost “raided out.” Br. Christian Weber’s pictures made the service a profitable and enjoyable one.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

FRIENDLAND

The Church Building Committee launched a plan the first Sunday in August whereby it is hoped the remaining $30,000 indebtedness on the church building can be paid off completely within the next twelve months. Thus far, $15,800 of that amount has been pledged. This effort, together with the largest regular budget in the history of the congregation, is certain to make heavy demands upon us.

An all-time attendance record for the Sunday school was set the fourth Sunday in August when the secretary’s records show 283 present. As of this writing, we are only four scholars short of our 10% increase goal.

Raleigh Ingram and Robert Thomas were elected to the Board of Elders by the annual Church Council, while Paul Kimball and Jack White were elected to the Board of Trustees. Chosen as delegates to the Provincial Synod were: Thomas Kimball, Mrs. Jack Crews, Mrs. Henry Reed, Carl Craver, and Mrs. Luther Hine. Alternates are: Jack White, Dallas Chap-Hines. Alternates are: Jack White, Dallas Chap-pell, Walter Hines, Raymond Ebert, and Raleigh Ingram.

Our Young People responded well to the Youth Conference program this year, a total of seventeen attending the respective conferences. Fired with new enthusiasm, they are ready to lead our youth into a new season of activity.

The Woman’s Auxiliary is finding increased interest in holding a general meeting every other month at the church. The individual circles meet first to discuss circle business and projects, then the circles assemble for Bible and Mission Study, general business, and refreshments. This plan results in greater unity among the members, better acquaintance with the work of the entire Auxiliary, and less necessity for called meetings. On alternate months the circles meet in homes of the members.

The weather was warm the afternoon of the Children’s Lovefeast, but the spirit that prevailed in our midst was even warmer. Dr. Douglas L. Rights inspired us with a vivid account of the Children’s Experience of 1727, and Br. and Sr. John Goerendt assisted our worship with one of their lovely duets, for which they are becoming noted throughout the province. Our Young People served the lovefeast (sugar buns and lemonade) fully as efficiently and “professionally” as the regular diners. It is our conviction that our children and young people need a day such as this, and we are already making plans for next year’s service.

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The Senior Conference for young people of the Southern Province was held at Camp Hanes, August 24-30. Young people and counselors, 106 registered, came from near and far to attend the conference.

This was the first year there has been over 100 conferences registered. One camper, Peter Eller, came from as far as Annapolis, Maryland. Jane Englehr of Asheville attended. Charlotte had a nice representation as did Leesville and Mount Airy. The majority, however, were from or around Winston-Salem.

The Rev. Richard Amos acted as dean of the conference with Mrs. Amos and the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick being dean of girls and boys, respectively.

Others on the conference staff were the Rev. John Gosnerud, camp-fire supervisor; Miss Betty Jean Cash, pianist; and Roger Kimball, recreation director.

The daily schedule was well planned and classes proved to be very profitable. Morning tryout, following breakfast was a very essential part of the day as it was a time when we all spent a few quiet moments in meditation with God.

The first class of the day was led by the Rev. John H. Johansen. Mr. Johansen spoke on "The Friendly Jesus" and taught us many ways that Jesus dealt with his friends. Mr. Chadwick was in charge of the second class. He spoke on "Through the Pages of the Hymnal" and taught many things about our Moravian hymns and other hymns.

The third period was split into three different groups. Miss Betty Abernethy of Charlotte led a group in "Building Better Youth Programs". The Rev. Howard H. Stortz, superintendent of Moravian Missions in Nicaragua, gave a first hand report of the conditions a missionary faces in Nicaragua.

Mr. Stortz shared with us a few of his interesting experiences with the people there and explained briefly their food, language, and government.

Mr. Chadwick was in charge of the choral group which did such a fine job throughout the camp.

The Rev. George G. Higgins spoke on "Foundations of the Family." He talked on the two family units that a person is a part of during his life: the first being the one of which he is a part as he grows up, and the second dealing with the family he is a part of following marriage. Mr. Higgins illustrated his talks with slides, filmstrips, and recordings.

The afternoon was set aside for rest and three hours of recreation before supper. During recreation boats, tennis, football, softball, and basketball were available. Swimming climaxed the recreation period.

As twilight faded into darkness campers began assembling at the vespers site overlooking the lake. Mr. Stortz was in charge of vespers and centered them around the theme of the camp, "Lord, We Are Ready."

Evening assemblies, which followed vespers, included a movie, a panel discussion, amateur night, and a talk by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh on his recently completed trip to Europe. Mrs. Peggy Eaton Pruett was in charge of get acquainted night.

On Saturday night Consecration Service was held and each camper felt especially close to God at this, the climax of the week's services. Campers arose early Sunday morning, the last day at Camp Hanes, for the Galilean Service. Mr. Gosnerud was the speaker. At the eleven o'clock service Mr. Amos delivered the sermon and the camp choir led by Mr. Chadwick rendered three anthems.

Camp officially adjourned around 8:30 Sunday evening. As the campers scattered to return to their homes and churches, there remained among them a stronger feeling of Christian fellowship, to be refreshed at future young people's rallies and camps.

BAPTISMS

Conner, Ricky Cletes, a son of Cletes and Wilma (Garwood) Conner, born December 3, 1952 and baptized Sunday, August 9, 1953 by the Rev. John Gosnerud.

Gilliam, Martha Lu, daughter of William Tyree and Julia Jenkins m. n. Smith Gilliam, born January 12, 1952 at Minneapolis, Minn.; was baptized June 14, 1953 in Chaska Moravian Church, Chaska, Minnesota, by the Rev. Clayton H. Persons.

Culler, Jeannette Louise, daughter of James Milton and Wilma, m. n. Pope Culler, born March 31, 1913 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized July 19, 1953 in Hopewell Church by the Rev. W. Norwood Green.

Lambeth, Janie Mae, daughter of Donald Grady and Doris Mae, m. n. Morton Lambeth, born April 11, 1953 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized July 19, 1953 in Hopewell Church by the Rev. W. Norwood Green.

Lambeth, Karen Elizabeth, daughter of Wally Lee and Edith m. n. Morton Lambeth, born May 27, 1953 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized July 19, 1953 in Hopewell Church by the Rev. W. Norwood Green.

Smith, Susan Denise, daughter of James Delango and Lurleen, m. n. Kerns Smith, born December 21, 1952 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized August 2, 1953 in Hopewell Church by the Rev. W. Norwood Green.

Vestal, Donnie Eugene, son of James Max and Willie, m. n. Conner Vestal, born October 26, 1948 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized August 2, 1953 in Hopewell Church by the Rev. W. Norwood Green.

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NEWS FROM THE NORTHERN PROVINCE
MISSION BOARD MEETS IN MADISON, WISCONSIN

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Moravian Church in America met in Madison, Wisconsin, September 10, 11, and 12. Attending from the Southern Province were the Brn. S. J. Tesch, E. L. Stockton, R. G. Spaugh, and G. G. Higgins.

On the week-day evenings during the meeting, the members of the Board advocated the cause of Missions and explained the operation of the Board in the congregations in and around Madison.

On Sunday, September 13, the members spoke at mission festivals in churches of the Western District. On this date Dr. Spaugh spoke at Madison, Br. Tesch at London, Wisconsin, and Br. Higgins at Chaska, Minnesota.

A special feature of the meeting was the consideration of the report of the president of the Board, the Rev. Edwin W. Korsa, on his trip this past summer to the Alaska field.

WEST-SIDE, BETHLEHEM, PLANS NEW BUILDING

After many years of hoping and deliberation, the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, West Side congregation is planning to enlarge its present Sunday school and church facilities. Most of the improvement will take the form of a new two-story addition to the rear of the present building. Also, a new, more functional entrance will replace the old vestibule. Estimated cost of this project is about $60,000.

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The downstairs has been made into a sanctuary seating fifty people, and a fine kitchen. Upstairs, a number of partitions were removed to make three rooms for the Sunday school. In addition there are a study and several rooms for the pastor's use. Arthur Freeman of the Moravian Theological Seminary, is the student pastor.

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Bishop Helmich is pastor of the Lititz Congregation in Pennsylvania. Others attending the homecoming came from as far away as California.

DEATHS


Long, Robert Wesley, died September 1, 1913. Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl and the Rev. Richard Amos. Interment was in Bethania Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.


Pfaff, James Wintred, son of Orville and Daisy m. o. Morris Pfaff; born in Winston-Salem August 11, 1905; died in Winston-Salem August 23, 1953; Member of Christ Church where he was a member of the band for 38 years. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. John H. Johansen, Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, and the Rev. W. J. Andes, with interment in the Moravian graveyard.

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Have you ever tried to pack everything you will need for two years? That's the problem that has the Philip N. Butner household abustle as they make ready to bid farewell to elder daughter, Lilian. "Lil," as she is affectionately called by all who know her, will leave about October 11 for Bilwaskarma, Nicaragua, to become Superintendent of Nurses at the Ruth C. S. Thaeler Hospital.

After graduation from Reynolds High in 1948, "Lil" enrolled in the two-year Pre-Nursing course at Woman's College, Greensboro. She completed her training at the Medical College of Virginia and was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing last June. Only one hurdle remains before she can board the Pan-American flight from New Orleans to Managua. She must stand the State Board examination in Virginia which is scheduled for October 6 and 7.

The story of her decision to enter Mission Service is one of many influences. As she looks back, "Lil" attributes much to the influence of Moravian Youth Conferences. The needs of our mission fields were in her mind when she elected to take three years of high school Spanish. Perhaps the one person whose influence counted for most was Miss Kathleen Hall, Senior Department Superintendent and for many years Youth Fellowship Counsellor at Home Church. Of course her parents contribution has been inestimable. His missionary heritage goes back to her maternal grandparents, who were missionaries to Japan. It was last fall that all these influences of home, church, camp and people together with divine guidance resulted in her decision. "Lil" was to have been the first young woman to have a year of training at Moravian Theological Seminary before her nursing service began. But the resignation of Miss Hope Wilson at the hospital brought a letter from Dr. A. David Thaeler saying he needed a Superintendent of Nurses as soon as possible.

Young people of the Province heard the first public announcement of her leaving. It was the occasion of their Summer Rally at Friedland. They immediately voted to contribute the surplus of their mission money above the $2,700 goal to help equip her for this service. Sister Emily rushed home to telephone "Lil" the good news. It was the night following her graduation from Nursing School.

At the hospital, she will assist Dr. and Mrs. Thaeler in the training of native student nurses. To say she is eagerly anticipating her new work is an understatement. Her vivacious enthusiasm is impossible to record. "Why, I'd stay up all night rather than miss an operation," she laughs. Although she will be teaching in English, she is anxious to study Miskito so that she can talk with the people. Church services are conducted in Miskito, and "Lil" is already hoping to sing in the choir as soon as she can handle the language.

"Lil" is the 23-year-old daughter of Dr. Philip N. and Sr. Lilian McAlpine Butner, 2005 Colonial Place, Winston-Salem. She will be supported by the Provincial Women's Board of the Southern Province.

BAPTISMS

Culler, Fred Milton, son of James Milton and Wilma m. n. Pope Culler, born August 15, 1949 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized July 19, 1953 in Hopewell Church by the Rev. Norwood Green.

Goings, Dianne Virginia, daughter of W. Weldon and Mary m. n. Burton Goings, born August 7, 1953 in Washington, D. C., and baptized in Grace Church on Sunday, August 9, 1953 by the Rev. Herbert B. Johnson.

Gilliam, Martha Lu, daughter of W. Tyree and Julia m. n. Smith Gilliam, born January 12, 1953 in Washington, D. C., was baptized June 14, 1953 in Chaska Church by the Rev. Clayton H. Person.

Odum, William Timmons, III, son of William T. and Shirley m. n. Ragland Odum, born April 27, 1953 in Winston-Salem, N.C.; was baptized August 9, 1953 in Kernersville Church by the Rev. Clayton H. Persons.

Young, Daniel Ernest, infant son of Charles G. and Marie m. n. Krum Young, born August 31, 1952 at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, was baptized August 2, 1953 in the Home Church by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Gray, Greta Marie, infant daughter of Howard and Greta m. n. Garth Gray, born December 9, 1952 in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized August 23, 1953 at Roaring Gap by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Cade, Martha Lynn, daughter of Alan and Elsa m. n. Jones Cade, born December 19, 1949 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized August 16, 1953 in Hopewell Church by the Rev. W. Norwood Green.

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McCorkle, Susan Dawn, daughter of Rupert O. and Evelyn m. n. Rummage McCorkle, born September 9, 1949 at Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane June 21, 1953 by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

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Bishop Pfohl Seeks Relief
From Administrative Duties

A letter from Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl to the Provincial Elders Conference asking that he be "relieved of the administrative duties of the Provincial Office" has been made public by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, vice-president of the Conference.

In his letter Bishop Pfohl requests also that he "should not again be elected to the Provincial Elders Conference" at the coming Synod which will convene at the Home Church on November 17. This request, which was not wholly unexpected by the Conference, was first announced to a special meeting of the ministers of the province on October 16.

Bishop Pfohl has served as President of the Provincial Elders Conference for the past twenty-four years. Prior to his becoming president he had served as a member of the conference for nine years.

While Bishop Pfohl has asked to be relieved of his duties as a member of the Provincial Elders Conference, he has made it clear that he did not desire to retire from the active ministry. "It is my hope and purpose," he said, "to continue in other useful and much needed lines of service."

Bishop Pfohl pointed out that the office of bishop carries with it a life-time commitment to spiritual service. "As Senior Pastor of Salem Congregation," he also stated, "it will be my pleasure to continue to carry on, if it is the wish of the Central Boards and of the authorities of the Province." The Salem Congregation is a collegiate organization of the Moravian Churches within the corporate boundaries of the Winston-Salem community and maintains general oversight over the twelve churches and chapels in the area.

The best known public functions of the Senior Pastor of the Salem Congregation are the leading of the Easter Morning Sunrise Service and the presentation of the Memorabilia on New Year's Eve each year.

In speaking of his desire to continue in some active form of service Bishop Pfohl wrote, "It has been a real joy to serve. Yes, I can truthfully say, that for me, service has become not only a passion, but my very life. "To live is to serve", and one of the happiest prospects which I entertain of heaven itself is that it will provide us with opportunity for continued service. "His servants shall serve Him" (Rev. 22:3). For these and other reasons which I might give, I shall miss greatly my accustomed service with my associates. For whatever of success has been achieved I express deep gratitude to God, and for failures and shortcomings I implore His gracious forgiveness."

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As Bishop of the Unity, which carries with it a life-time commitment to spiritual service, my time and my best effort, limited only by conditions of advancing years, will be at the disposal of the Provincial Board and subject to their call. And, as Senior Pastor of Salem Congregation, it will be my pleasure to continue to carry on, if it be the wish of the Central Boards and of the authorities of the Province. I offer myself too for the completion of any unfinished work which may remain after my term of office has expired, whether it be that of organization or the filing of records, etc. in connection with the Provincial office. Further still, should it be desired, again both my time and service will be at the command of the incoming Conference in establishing the new regime and projecting its programs of advance. Should you deem it advisable that an evening be appointed for the consideration of matters which I have proposed and the changes which are involved in their acceptance, I shall be glad to make myself available. For the glory of Him Whom we love and serve together and for the progress and well-being.

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Bi-centenary Synod
Meets November 17

The Bicentenary Synod of the Southern Province will be convened at the Home Church on the morning of November 17. This is the date on which two hundred years earlier, on November 17, 1753, the first Moravian settlers arrived in Wachovia.

According to Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl this will be designated, in addition to the term bi-centenary, as the "Synod of Spiritual Emphasis." Planning for the Synod is being directed toward emphasizing the spiritual purposes and foundations of the church.

This year the Southern Province will have in the Quincentennial Program will be one of the questions which will be dealt with at length. Two features of this program should demand the attention of the Synod of 1955. One is the emphasis on evangelism which was stressed in the Synod of 1954. In this connection the report of the Provincial Committee on Evangelism, the Rev. W. A. Kalfreider Chairman, should be of great significance.

The second feature of the program in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Moravian Church is the Year of Stewardship scheduled for 1955.

One of the items of business in which Synod spends much time and interest is the election of Provincial Boards. Interest this year will be centered in the Provincial Elders Conference on which two vacancies will occur among the senior ministers. The retirement from the Conference of Bishop Pfohl, Scheduled in the system of rotation to retire from the Conference is the Rev. H. B. Johnson who is not eligible for reelection. Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, the third minister, is eligible for reelection as are the two laymen, C. S. Starbuck and H. M. Brandon.

Among the many others whose term of office expires is that of Mrs. T. Holt Haywood who has served as chairman of the Provincial Woman's Board since its creation and Clarence T. Leinbach who has served for nine years on the Provincial Financial Board.
In addition to his work as pastor, Br. Allen will serve also as Chaplain of Moravian students attending State College, University of North Carolina and Duke University.

The ceremony of organization and installation was held at the First Presbyterian Church, whose pastor, Dr. James Sprunt, and other representatives were present to evidence their congregation’s interest and to express their encouragement and blessing to this new enterprise of the Kingdom. On the card attached to the lovely vase of chrysanthemums which gave fragrance and beauty to the place of worship were the words, “To our good friends, The Moravians, with the love and the prayers of the First Presbyterian Church. We rejoice in your witness in this community.” Bishop Pfohl officiated at the ceremony and presided at the Holy Communion. Surely it was a good beginning.

Br. F. Herbert Weber, who, since his graduation in 1949 had been the pastor of Clemmons, but had accepted the call to the pastorate of Bethania-Olivet Churches, succeeding Br. Richard Amos, was installed in both churches on World Wide Communion Sunday by Bishop Pfohl, with large congregations present.

The pastorates of King and Mizpah, made vacant by Br. Allen’s transfer to Raleigh, will be filled by Br. William A. Kaltreider, who closes his long and effective service at Mayodan with the month of October. The installation services at both King and Mizpah will take place on Sunday, November 1.

SAWYER ADDRESS

The Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer, who has returned after a year’s leave of absence to Salem College resides with his family at 909 South Church Street. The Sawyer’s new telephone number is 2-1818.

This year makes the fifty-third year of distinguished service that Bishop Pfohl has rendered the Southern Province of the Moravian Church. He has served pastors at Christ Church, Fairview, and the Home Church and in addition from 1900 to 1903 he was the organizer and first principal of the school at Clemmons which was formerly operated by the Church. His longest pastorate was that of the Home Church which he served from 1908 to 1934.

One of the highlights of the Synod of 1950 was the presentation to Bishop and Mrs. Pfohl of the gift of an automobile and a citation for advancing for fifty years “our church work in all phases—membership, extension, spiritual growth, and Christian fellowship.”

During this long period of service Bishop Pfohl was ably assisted by Mrs. Pfohl who before her marriage was also a teacher in the Clemmons Moravian School. For eighteen years she was organist and choir director of the Home Church. She was also the organizer of the Junior Choir work of the province and served in many other lines of musical endeavor. One of her contributions was to serve as a member of the editing committee which compiled the “Youth Hymnal.” A small booklet entitled, “Between the Covers of the Hymnal,” which is widely used especially by the Women of the Church was written by Mrs. Pfohl.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Br. and Sr. Truett Chadwick and Br. and Sr. Paul Snider are to be congratulated on the addition to their families recently of a daughter and a son respectively.

The Chadwick daughter is named Katie Louise, born September 22, while the Snider son is Kenneth Bostian, born September 20.

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NEWS FROM THE NORTHERN PROVINCE

Northfield, Minnesota, Congregation Dedicates New $65,000 Church

The Northfield, Minnesota, Moravian Church was dedicated on Sunday, September 20. The Rt. Rev. I Richard Mewaldt, president of the Western District of the Northern Province, officiated at the dedicatory service.

Northfield, located directly south of Minneapolis, is in the center of a rich dairy land. The pastor since 1945 is the Rev. Thorlief Harberg who served as a missionary to Alaska until he was forced by reasons of health to return to the States.

NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA: "the redwood cornice provides a warm sense of welcome"

The completion of this fine building at the cost, including furnishings, of $65,000 is a tribute to Northfield's 132 members who contributed much free labor in addition to money and also to the cooperative spirit of the Western District. An expansion effort, somewhat similar to the Building and Expansion Program of the Southern Province launched by the Western District Synod of 1950, contributed the sum of $10,000 toward the project.

"The design of our church," wrote Br. Harberg, "is along simple contemporary lines. It measures 87 feet long, 33 feet wide across the nave proper. The laminated trusses come to a point 31 feet from the floor. The two inch plank ceiling is covered on the outside with one inch insulation, roofing paper and asphalt shingles. The clear glass windows provide magnificent light and bespeak a Christianity which is open and unashamed. The redwood cornice extends further from the wall at the ridge than at the eaves, providing a warm sense of welcome to all. The bell from the old church still calls us to worship from its new position. A cross on the top of the belfry points us to Him who is the God of love. The top of the cross is 54 feet from the ground."

The church proper will seat 186 while 60 can be accommodated in the balcony.

ARCHIVES HOUSE

Douglas L. Rights, archivist

When Dr. Gordon Spaugh returned from his visit to Europe this year he brought with him a contribution to the Archives House. In Berlin he was given two books by Frau Else Jensen, widow of the late Bishop Jensen, with the request that they be delivered to the archivist. The books are "Ratio Discipline" (1789), and "Einige Reden des Ordinarii Fratrum" (1766).

Thank you, Mrs. Jensen, for so kindly remembering us. How well the archivist remembers his pleasant visit with you and Bishop Jensen in your home in Herrnhut! With your admirable guide service he visited the church and attended services, he was entertained in several homes including that of Br. Gustav Winter the printer, and he enjoyed the "Wanderung" with a party on foot to the old castle in Gross-Hennersdorf, ancient home of young Count Zinzendorf.

Mrs. Jensen occupies her time caring for refugees in Berlin. Her older daughter is dean of the YWCA Bible school and the younger conducts a church home for children of employed mothers.

Bishop and Mrs. Jensen visited the Southern Province about thirty years ago.

From Saint Augustine, Florida comes a donation to Archives House.

Bishop W. Vivian Moses has graciously remembered us in sending the volume of Zinzendorf's poems, "Geistliche Gedichte." The poems are printed in chronological order, beginning with youthful compositions and continuing throughout the career of this notable Moravian churchman.

This book was once the property of Robert Ramsen, and has his name inscribed with the date July 4, 1873 at Neuwied am Rhein. He was probably a student at the school there.

Thanks to you, Bishop Moses. We hear frequently of your good work in preaching, teaching, and officiating at marriage ceremonies in your southern home.

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Spending Its Energy And Man-power In Missions

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER

This year the Southern Province of the Moravian Church is celebrating its two hundredth anniversary, and four years from now the Moravian Church will be five hundred years old. As we consider these things our thoughts automatically go back to the great leaders and inspiring incidents in our remarkable history.

Memories come to us of Czechoslovakia, Herrnhut, Constanza, John Hus, John Amos Comenius, Peter Boehler, John Cennick, and many other places and names which have given to us our Moravian Church.

Many of these places of interest can still be visited. Yet, after a visit to Moravians in England and Europe, the most cherished memories are not of things in the past but of the zeal and faith with which our brethren are carrying on the traditions and the work of our Church in the face of trying difficulties. Other articles have been written on the Moravian Church in Europe so this one will be devoted to the British Province of our Church.

The first Moravian congregation in England was Fetter Lane Congregation, organized in 1742, just eleven years before Bethabara was settled. Fetter Lane is in London and is just off Fleet Street, the newspaper center of the world. Our old meeting hall and Provincial Elders Conference rooms no longer remain, as that area was completely demolished by German bombs.

The exception of one congregation in Dublin, Eire, all of the forty-four congregations of the British Province are in England and Northern Ireland. These congregations, which have a total membership of 3,300, are served by thirty-five ordained ministers.

Of these 44 congregations the largest is Fairfield, located as it is near the University of Manchester. Fairfield is attended by the Moravian theological students who study there.

Contrary to the experience of our Church in the United States, the Moravian Church in Britain knew its greatest period of expansion in the first one hundred years of its existence there. It was the period of the religious awakening in Britain, and John Cennick and Benjamin Ingham were doing for the Moravian Church what John Wesley was doing for the Methodist Church.

When an American Moravian goes to England or Europe his first reaction is the attempt to compare our Church there with our Church here. This cannot be done because of the different nature of the two and the needs to which they minister. Rather than compare, one should try to find outstanding characteristics of our Church in the different countries.

As our American Moravian Church can be characterized by its new buildings and expansion work; the Continental Province by its amazing work among the refugees and its fine schools; so it can be said that the British Province spends most of its energy and man-power in Foreign Missions. It must financially support and send missionaries to our missions in Labrador, Eastern West Indies, and British Guiana, Jamaica, Unyamwezi, and Western Himalaya. This then is the outstanding work of the three thousand Moravians in Great Britain and Eire.

After the First World War Moravian mission fields had to be divided among the Provinces, and since large funds were available in London the British took on this heavy missionary responsibility. In recent years, however, the value of British currency has been reduced, thus making it increasingly difficult to support the mission work. This added to the difficulty of finding enough young men to staff the home field and mission field presents a real problem to our brethren in Britain.

The British have been greatly interested in the expansion and building program of the American Church in recent years. Thus far the apparent religious awakening in America has not become evident in Great Britain. The number of church members there hasn't altered greatly in the last twenty or thirty years, and today a very small percentage of the population is in church on Sunday.

One of the most pressing problems there, as it also is here, is that of keeping young people in the Church and bringing new ones into the Church. Their summer conference program is much younger than ours and of a somewhat different nature, but it is drawing increasing interest from the young people each year.

Our Moravian Church in Great Britain is facing many difficulties quite a number of which are caused by the economic situation of the country. Yet, the brethren there know that there have been difficulties in the past which have been overcome, so they are looking to the future with faith and expectation. During the next four years they shall devote much of their energy in preparation for the quincentennial year of 1957.

As they prepare for this observance they hope to renew interest within our Church and to expand the Church. Already they have begun one new church, the first new congregation in thirty years. This is the beautiful new church near the University of Manchester. Fairfield is attended by the Moravian theological students who study there.

BATH-WESTON: "first new congregation in England in thirty years."

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which was opened in June in one of the suburbs of Bath. Our own Dr. Gordon Spaugh was there to preach the sermon at the opening service. This presents a wonderful opportunity to our Moravian Church because it is the only Free Church in a residential area of more than one thousand families.

Another desire our British brethren have in the preparations for the quintcentennial is the interchange of ministers between our two American Provinces and the British Province. Much could be gained from both parties in our interchange of this sort. Although many problems are involved it is hoped that something can be done to help us know each other better.

There will always be many fond memories of the ten months spent in Great Britain. I shall never forget the spring-time with the lovely green countryside, spotted with bluebells, and the summer with the hawthorne, roses, and poppies. The quaint old villages hundreds of years old, the large, smoky industrial centers, and such things as the English taxis, double-decker buses, and the bobbies, will long be remembered. Yet, the most cherished memories will be those of the British people and the Moravian Church there. Everywhere one receives a warm reception from the cordial and generous Britons. They are a well-mannered people and always very happy to help a stranger.

One custom which has almost been forgotten by our Church here is still used in many of our Moravian Churches there. Communion is served at lovefeast in 'cups and saucers, and there is no address. While the congregation partakes of tea and buns the minister takes the opportunity to discuss important church matters with them. The fine congregational singing always accompanied by a PIPE organ is another custom of the Moravian Church which is still very much alive in the Church in Great Britain.

These are only a few of the memories that will stay with me as we look forward to more contact with our British brethren and to greater united service in the Church of Jesus Christ. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

For the first time in its history the inter-provincial Board of Foreign Missions held a semi-annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, September 9 to 11. During the meeting the following officers of the Board were re-elected: president, Edwin W. Korcz; vice-president, Walter H. Allen; recording secretary, Theodore F. Hartmann; members of the executive committee, Walter H. Allen and Samuel J. Tesch.

INSTITUTO BIBLICO

The 1953-54 school term began June 15. Ten young men were present for the opening exercises. After spending several days making changes and more changes to get the schedules in order, the problem was almost forgotten. All the boys were sent to the hospital for chest X-ray pictures. It was discovered that two of the boys, Feliciano Herman and Livingston Cuthbert had TB. This necessitated isolating the two boys, and rearranging the schedules again. Eight of the boys who came to us this year are single.

No new class was accepted this year because the Rev. Howard Stortz, Dean of the Instituto, is on furlough. Miss Alice Hooker assists with the teaching. Dr. Thader also teaches a class in music.

ELECTIONS IN ALASKA

The Alaska General Mission Conference elected the Rev. Charles B. Michael the third member of the Provincial Board; Mildred Siebke, director of young people's work; Constance Saureh, chairman of the publication committee.

A TRIBUTE TO MORAVIAN WORK IN HONDURAS

Two recent developments in Honduras indicate gratifying recognition of the value of the work done by our missionaries in Honduras. The Ministry of Education of the Republic has printed at its own expense a Miskito-Spanish and Spanish-Miskito dictionary prepared by the Brethren G. R. Freeth and W. G. Marx. Further, the president of the Banco Alantida of La Ceiba, has presented our Provincial School in Brus with two units of playground equipment.

THE BETHESDA LEPER HOME SHIPMENT

Word has come of the safe arrival, sometime ago, of the annual shipment of supplies sent by the King's Daughters Order to Surinam for the Bethesda Leper Home. The bandages, which form the bulk of the shipment, had been donated by twenty-nine different church organizations. Gifts of cash financed the purchase of 106 lbs. of vaseline; 175 yards of muslin; 200 boxes of soap; and items such as thread, undershirts, bath towels, wash cloths, handkerchiefs, toys, games, etc. To all whose donations made these gifts possible cordial thanks. Special acknowledgment should be made of the help given by Mrs. Mary Weinland, the Rev. E. W. Korcz and the theologians in Hamilton Hall for getting this shipment to New York, and to the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company for carrying it to Paramaribo without charge.

THE LABRADOR GIFTS

Another shipment has gone to the far North. Twenty-one containers full of clothing, stationery, toys, etc., left New York for Labrador on September 17. The Board would express its thanks to all who made this gift possible and also to the Rev. John Morman and the members of the First Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, for shipping it. To Messrs. Forness, Withy and Company we owe warm thanks for carrying this shipment at half price. In view of its nature the Canadian Government again permitted it to enter that country duty free, an action which is also appreciated by our Board.
REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

MATODYN
Attendance at our Sunday school picnic in August was doubled through numerous plans in which we stressed a time for group singing and made special efforts to care for the children whose parents do not attend. It proved a great blessing to our work.

During the latter part of August, pastor and wife enjoyed two weeks vacation in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida during which time there was opportunity again to search for the remains of our former Moravian Indian work in Georgia. The pastor is greatly indebted to Br. D. L. Rights and to Br. E. W. Parks of Pine Chapel for Sunday services during this period. Prayer meetings were conducted by Br. J. K. McConnell and by Br. Norris Griffin, Baptist layman of Mayodan. We still remember also the fine message of Br. Herbert Weber in the August lovefeast just before the vacation began.

During September, our emphasis has been on revival, in preparation for the series of meetings to be held October 14-25. There have been a series of sermons on "Steps to Revival," emphasizing personal assurance, prayer, witnessing, faith and the open heart. In addition, our permanent Committee on Evangelism has been carrying out an organized effort of personal evangelism which is sure to bear fruit.

The Missionary Society has entered upon its fall work with Mrs. Tom Tilley as president. All members are cooperating to make the monthly meetings profitable and inspiring. Eighty attended the meeting on the first Sunday in October.

Our prayer meeting attendance for September was the highest on record and Sunday school again has broken all records for August and September. A plan for combining the efforts of church and home during the fourth quarter, using the new Standard publication "Church and Home," promises to increase home preparation of the lesson and to bring the entire family into the fellowship of the church.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

KONNOAK HILLS
New Bible bookmarks have added beauty and dignity to our sanctuary's appearance. We are happy that various donors have made it possible for us to use the colors of the Church Year.

A new department has been added to our Sunday school. Through actually existent all along it has not been completely active from the standpoint of the Church's responsibility to it. We're speaking of the "Cradle Roll" or "Home Nursery" Department. Mrs. Lawrence Yow is now heading this work and many workers have already been enlisted for the task of visiting and carrying proper materials into the homes where there are children under two years of age. We are using the Bethany Press material as do many of our churches.

Rally Day found us with the largest attendance ever in our Sunday school—182 present, and the first Sunday in October topped that mark by 7, so we are thankful to note a decided growth since last year. Growing pains were also noted by the fact that a number of seniors eligible to move into a Young People's Department were unable to do so, for at the present time we have no adequate space for such a class.

Again speaking of the Sunday school, a program is under way to form an orchestra to play at the opening assembly. It is our hope that the appeal for players will be met with an enthusiastic response.

Our young people are hard at work preparing for a Christmas play, "No Room in the Hotel," to be given in early December.

JOHN GOSERUD

RURAL HALL
Dr. B. E. Petrea, pastor of Nazareth Lutheran Church, brought the message on the evening of August 23 at the union service of the churches of Rural Hall held during the month of August. The pastor preached at the Rural Hall Baptist Church on the evening of August 9.

Communion was observed on August 16 for the August Thirteenth Festival. Miss Shelvia Jean Reeves was appointed church pianist with Miss Melinda Smith as assistant. A group of ushers were also appointed by the church committee as follows: Kenneth Kiger, Carlis Fulk, Clyde Freeman, and Wallace Warren.

The announcement was made in September that some contributions on the parsonage fund would be welcome and as a result we had more than enough to meet our financial obligations for this project.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

BETHELDA
Since adopting the "Unified Budget" our finances have doubled, thus enabling us to look forward to paying off the indebtedness of $12,000 dollars on the parsonage in 3 years instead of the 10 years arranged for. Not one chicken has been stewed. Our people are accepting God's plan for financing His work—that of tithes and offerings.

The last Sunday in September was fellowship night. A pot luck supper was served after which the men of the church organized and elected Br. J. E. Harpe, sr. leader. Their first project

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.
was discussed and now completed—that of sowing the parsonage yard. The ladies elected Miss Mabel Jarvis as their leader and are now well on their way as a successful organization. Eight members represented this group at May-

Many of our classes are outgrowing their rooms. The Junior Class has been divided into two classes. Mrs. Francis Saylor continues to teach the girls and Mr. Frank Faircloth was appointed to teach the boys. Thanks to the Young Peoples Class for meeting in the auditorium to provide an extra room.

An impressive communion service was observed on World Communion Sunday and we were happy to receive into our church the following: Miss Berry Todd, Mr. Alvis Higgins, Mr. Reece Higgins, Mr. Ed Reavis, by letters of transfer; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harbin and Miss Colleen Peoples by Adult Baptism.

ARCHIE W. JONES

CALVARY

The Women of the Church have re-organized all circles and each member of the congregation has been personally invited to become a member. Mrs. J. M. Brown is the leader of a new circle of younger women which grew out of the interest generated in last year's new circle. Miss Betty Todd is also a leader of a new circle of business women. Mrs. H. C. Horton presided at the first general meeting of the church women when the new enthusiasm brought the largest attendance in recent years. Plans for the year were mapped at this meeting.

Thirty members of the choir, new and old, were guests of the Elders at a dinner meeting. Mr. Ellis Ashburn expressed the appreciation of the church for the services of the choir. Mr. Paul Peterson of the Salem College music department spoke to the choir of the value of giving their work and gave a demonstration lesson on how to sing.

Ten neighborhood meetings have been organized by the Elders to present the "Unified Budget System" of church finances. Both Elders and Trustees were guests of the Elders at a choir dinner. Our congregation wishes again to extend its sympathy to the families of Charles Tesh and Charles Evans, who have gone from our presence to be with their Lord.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

FAIRVIEW

The highlight of the month's activities was the week of evangelistic services held by the Rev. John Goserud. Close to 1300 people attended these services held from Sunday thru Friday night. At one of the services nearly 100% of those present came forward to reconsecrate their lives to Jesus Christ. Prior to the meetings the Elders and Trustees had set aside two nights for the visitation of prospective and inactive members. Also two nights were given to the cottage prayer meetings which were spaced on a geographical basis for the convenience of our people.

At a meeting of the Board of Elders, a Board of Christian Education was appointed. It consists of three ruling members: James Forkner, Mrs. O. M. Wrenn, Robert VanHorn; the Sunday school superintendent, Brooks Snyder, and the pastor serving as ex officio members. This board will meet monthly in an effort to determine policies and handle the problems of the Sunday school.

A delightful evening was enjoyed by more than 215 people attending the Fellowship Supper of 1953, sponsored by the Blum Memorial Class. Moravian pastors were invited as guests. The guest speaker was the Rev. Kenneth Goodson formerly of High Point, who kept everyone varying between an hilarious and serious mood. Around 1500 was realized from the supper which the Blum Class turned over to the Board of Trustees to pay for the new furniture and equipment put in the parsonage. The supper was promoted efficiently by R. Carroll Williams, teacher of the class.

Sunday school and plans to use this toward their new chapel. A stained glass medallion is soon to be installed as the first part of the new chapel.

JOHN W. FULTON

ENTERPRISE

Spiritual Fellowship has been the aim of Enterprise the last two months. Br. Paul Green, lay preacher of Pine Chapel, helped us to see its importance in a series of services that he held in August. His messages were urgent and heart-warming and were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Following the revival services the persons listed were received into the church: by Adult Baptism: Brenda Berrier and Peggy Berrier; by Confirmation: Patsy Bethea, Elizabeth Hege, Eddie Craver and Larry Hege. Mrs. Arvil Berrier was received by the right hand of fellowship.

The Men's Bible Class entertained the women with a hot dog and hamburger supper recently. Everyone present enjoyed themselves.

The Women of the Church outdid themselves again with a chicken pie and oyster supper. Folks from Lexington and Salem seemed to enjoy their cooking, for they turned out in great numbers.

Thanks to W. D. Perryman, his brother O. C. Perryman, and the Women of the Church, Enterprise now has a freshly painted roof.

Br. Kenneth Craver Jr. has left for Carolina to take up study for a pharmacist. The Church wishes his success in his endeavor.

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W. NORWOOD GREEN
The Fairview Family Fellowship began its fall program with 100 persons in attendance. Eight groups ranging from nursery to adults have been organized under the direction of the Fellowship Committee. A light meal precedes each group meeting.

VERNON DAETWYLER

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

A special Congregation Council meeting was held following services on Sunday, September 20, at which time C. L. Koyner, H. S. Thompson, and George T. Wooten were elected to serve as delegates to the forthcoming Synod. Alternate delegates selected were E. M. Coe, F. C. Fischrump, Russell Holder, L. R. Katz, Sr., and L. B. Vaughn, Jr.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Coe upon the birth of a son, Victor Wayne, on August 10; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Katz, Jr., upon the birth of a son, James Richard, on August 19; to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Robertson upon the birth of a daughter, Pamela Ann, on September 25; and to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mashburn upon the birth of a daughter, Joan Elaine, on September 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evan Knight were confirmed into the membership of this church on September 9 by the pastor as active non-resident communicant members. They will make their home in Danville, Virginia.

The congregation was saddened by the death of Frank Law on September 9. Mr. Law was a beloved member of our Vestry, a former president of the Men's Club and a member of the Board of Ushers.

The Women of the Church held a "covered dish supper" in Fellowship Hall on September 8 for their first general meeting of the new church year. Plans were made for their annual bake sale which will be held this year on December 2.

Herbert Spaugh, Jr. who received his Air Force commission at the University of North Carolina in June, has been called to active duty and is now stationed at Stallings Air Force Base in Kinston, N. C., where he is taking flight training.

Master Sergeant Jerry H. Simpson, son of Mrs. F. G. Padgett, has returned home after an extended tour of duty in Korea.

Junior-Intermediate League was resumed on September 13 and will meet each Sunday afternoon from 5 to 7 p.m. Mrs. C. E. Blythe, Mrs. D. F. Caldwell, and Miss Mary Jo Wooten will lead the Junior League, and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. McCorkle will lead the Intermediate League. We are anticipating a year of interesting programs, work, and fellowship.

HERBERT SPAUGH

CLEMMONS

The 53rd anniversary of the congregation was observed on August 16 with communion in the morning and a lovefeast at night. At the lovefeast the pastor showed kodachrome slides of his trip to England and Scotland. A new feature of the lovefeast was the serving of lemonade and a special type of bun at the lovefeast.

L. R. Wellman and Mrs. Linnaeus F. Mock were received as communicant members during the period under review. Mr. Wellman was received by Adult Baptism and Mrs. Mock by the right hand of fellowship.

At a special church council on September 13 Mrs. Carl Lutz and Mr. H. B. Stimson were elected delegates to Synod. Mr. O. W. Butner and Mrs. Ralph VanLehn will serve as alternates. Mrs. J. L. Quinlin has accepted the appointment to serve as church treasurer for the coming year. The new church officers were officially installed at the service on September 13.

A new baptismal service is now in use. It was given anonymously by one of the members of the congregation.

Two special Sunday night services were conducted by the young people. At the services the pastor showed the remainder of his European pictures. Our young people are to be commended. They conducted the entire service on each occasion except for the showing of the picture. With this report the pastor brings to a close a very happy pastorate of more than four years at Clemmons. He is deeply appreciative for the fine cooperation, help, and encouragement which he has received throughout the four years. In particular he would express his thanks for the slide projector and screen which were presented to him by the congregation at a picnic dinner held at the church immediately following his last service.

HEBERT WEBER

SEPTEMBER brought not only "back to school" for our Messiah young people, but it also brought additional worship services for our congregation. We now have a regular 7:30 p.m. worship service each Sunday conducted by the pastor. This hour is less formal as compared to the morning worship; one characteristic feature is that of suggested hymns from the congregation for singing. For the month of September our studies were from the Book of Jonah.

Also new at Messiah is the Saturday afternoon teaching session for the children of our neighborhood and church. Working with the children are James Dockery, Mrs. Harry James, Mrs. Bill Newsom, Mrs. R. T. Troutman, and the pastor.

Revival services were conducted by the pastor from Sunday through Friday night September 13-18. Different persons presented special music each night of the revival. Those participating included the Messiah choir, Mr. John Maynard and daughter, Mrs. Edward Reich, Mr. Bill Hutchins, and Mrs. James Dockery and quartet.

The delege to the Trienniel Synod of our Province to be held on Tuesday, November 17, from Messiah is Mrs. B. B. Plowman; Mrs. R. T. Troutman is the elected alternate.

Many visitors joined with the Messiah congregation for the Formal Opening service on

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Sunday afternoon, October 4, 1953. Br. Herbert Johnson was special speaker for the occasion. A part of this service consisted of dedicating new equipment which has been received into our church. A half-hour concert of Moravian chorales under the direction of Mr. C. Vestal Whitt announced this special service.

**R. T. TROUTMAN**

**ADVENT**

On September 6 at a special lovefeast Bishop J. Kenneth Pfiolh installed the new pastor of Advent. Approximately 250 members of the congregation attended the installation service. The mid-week prayer and Bible study has been a great source of encouragement during the past month. The group is studying the "Acts of the Apostles" and has found new life in the old book.

Folks around Advent really like to eat. A rash of fellowship suppers has broken out. On Saturday, September 12, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tesch gave a party for the band, their parents, and friends. Hot dogs and cold drinks were enjoyed by all. The following Saturday, September 19, the Young Married Men's Class and the Young Married Women's Class met following their business meetings for a fellowship supper. On Thursday, October 1, Mrs. Pler Childs, Mrs. R. E. Walters, Mrs. V. C. Krites, and Mrs. Ed. Brewer prepared a chicken stew for the Junior Girls. The next evening, Friday, October 2, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rierson treated the Junior Boys to a hot dog roast at Miller Park. The same evening the Young Adult Class held a hamburger fry in the fellowship hall of the church. Finally, on Saturday the Youth Fellowship travelled to the Mission House at Mount Bethel for a picnic lunch, a hike up Bald Rock mountain, a picnic supper, a softball game with the Youth Fellowship of Mount Bethel.

The quarterly Sunday School Workers' Conference was held on Friday, September 18, at the old home place of Sunday School Superintendent B. C. Snyder. Following the business meeting refreshments were served.

Attendance at the morning worship services during September averaged 249. October 4 was Rally Day and Sunday school attendance totaled 346. On the same day World Wide Communion was observed. Two hundred fifty-eight were present for the worship service and 196 received communion.

On September 17 the Joint Boards of the church met at the parsonage. The newly painted home, already approved by the pastor and his family, received hearty commendation from all present. On October 1 the Elders met at the home of Fred Long

**P. A. SNIDER**

**GREENSBORO**

Our Fall Program is in full swing, and to begin it we added seven new members to our church rolls. As non-communicants Robert Allen Wall Jr., Judy Ann Sims, Pamela Edith Sims, and Stephen Sink Masten; as communicants Charles Quitman Sims and Opal Emogene Sims by the sacrament of Adult Baptism, and Leonora S. Riddle by the right hand of fellowship.

On August 30 the Brn. Earl Armstrong, Herman Flynt and Eugene McDowell conducted the morning worship service in the absence of the pastor who was preaching at the Community Chapel in Roaring Gap, N. C.

The party for college students was well attended—but the Moravian students attending colleges in Greensboro do not support the Church as faithfully as they should. We have 18 Moravian students at W. C. and try to furnish them transportation to all services of the church.

The Moravia Class furnished the funds necessary for having the outside of the church auditorium painted. Thanks to all who helped raise the money.

October 4 was a great day for us. We broke all attendance records. Sunday school attendance was 195; attendance at Holy Communion was 205 (and for the first time we were unable to serve everyone due to a lack of communion wafers). Our forty-fifth anniversary was therefore a great day—and to climax it we had a lovefeast at the evening service with good attendance. Dr. Dubius L. Rights, former pastor, was the guest speaker.

**J. CALVIN BARNES**

**CHRIST CHURCH**

The first Sunday in September was a happy day for all at Christ Church, for on that day we re-occupied our newly renovated and redecorated church and Sunday school building. Family Covenant Day was observed on September 13, with the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the morning service and the lovefeast in the evening. There were 224 people present to partake of the sacrament and 116 attended lovefeast service.

A church Loyalty Crusade was begun on September 29, and will run through the second Sunday in October. This crusade is being conducted as a spiritual preparation for the Anniversary Home Coming services to be held on October 18, when Bishop Carl J. Helmich of Lititz, Pennsylvania, will be with us. For the first three Sundays of the Loyalty Crusade our average attendance at the morning service has been 246.

Rally Day and Promotion Sunday in the Sunday school was observed at a combined service held on September 27. At this service the nursery, beginner, primary, and junior departments presented brief programs. Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh was our guest speaker, and 39 children were promoted.

Our congratulations are extended to the following couples, who have been married since our last report. John Collett and Margaret Johnson, married at the parsonage on August 8; John Simpson Jr. and Paige Neal, married on August 28; and Allen Robert Trippeer and Dorothy Mae Miller, married September 27; both of these weddings being held in the church.

We must also report the death of our band leader, J. Winfred Pfaff who passed away suddenly on August 23. A member of the Christ Church band for 38 years, Mr. Pfaff is succeeded by Bernard Peddycord as leader of the band.

Finally we wish to thank the Brs. Egbert G. Lineback, George G. Higgins, and Howard E. Rosenthal, who conducted the services on three Sundays in August while the pastor was on vacation and attending the Young People's Conference at Camp Hanes.

**JOHN H. JOHANSEN**

**OAK GROVE**

In the absence of the pastor the first Sunday in August we were glad to have the Brethren Egbert Lineback and K. Edwin Fussell to bring the messages. Holy Communion was held the second Sunday of that month in connection with the Aug. 15th anniversary. Br. Clayton Persons brought a helpful message that evening. On the fifth Sunday a large number of the Disher families met at the church and some

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Our 66th church anniversary was held the last Sunday in September with Bishop J. Kenneth Pfahl bringing the morning message and Br. John Gostey delivering the address at the afternoon lovefeast.

We were glad to receive Pamela Louise Seivers, daughter of Harvey W. and Betty Jean Cartwright Seivers, by infant baptism in a ceremony at the parsonage. Four others of our young people, Wesley Gardner, Lewis Minter, Frank Styer, and Calvin Sievers have recently been inducted into the armed forces. Our prayers go with them.

Our hearts went out in sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. George Temple who lost their child in infancy.

JOHN H. KAPP

As it turned out, the administration of the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning, August the 23rd, marked the last time the minister, Br. Allen, had the privilege of serving communion to the King congregation. For on September the 27th it was announced that the present pastor had received and accepted a call to organize a new Moravian church in Raleigh, N. C., and to assume the duties of a chaplain to the Moravian students at State College, the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and Duke University. His pastorate of the King and Mizpah congregations concluded on the following Sunday, September the 27th.

In the month of August workers forged ahead toward completion of our Christian Education Building. Less has been accomplished in September, but at this report we are definitely "over the hump" in respect to our big building project. The plasterers have finished their job and flooring is now being laid in the new addition. A very graceful arch has been constructed at the front of our sanctuary. Beyond the arch, which was cut out of a solid brick wall, the space formerly used by two Sunday School classes was converted into a three-tiered choir loft and a concealed organ pit for the fine Baldwin instrument presented to us by the Grabs and Pulliam families.

On Saturday the 19th of September the Women of the Church conducted a bake sale. The chief offering to the public, however, was the beautiful, hand-stitched friendship quilt, which is inscribed with 890 names. We are happy to report that the quilt was bought by Br. and Sr. S. B. Brandon of our congregation and that other proceeds of the sale netted $30.00.

Our thanks to Br. Christian Weber for showing color pictures of his recent European travels and for supplying our pulpit a second time when he preached in King on Sunday night, August the 23rd.

The pastor regrets having to leave King and

will be forever grateful to all the good people of his first charge. Many happy memories of them and of King will always remain to brighten his days.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

Before he left the United States this fall to return to his native Germany, Helmut Binetz sent us the following impressions gathered during his stay at Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and his tour of Moravian congregations in America.

There are only a few days left before I have to leave America after a year of study at the Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, travel through the States, and visits to Moravians all over the country. This year has been full of exciting experiences, wonderful impressions and interesting studies. The greatest experience, however, has been to meet people who belong to the same church in which I grew up and who believe in the same Lord.

I will never forget the week before Easter and the big Easter morning service in Winston-Salem. The music of the brass choir, the tunes of the hymns, the great Easter message "The Lord is risen!" all reminded me very much of the services in our congregations at home. In Salem, however, everything was bigger and therefore in a sense more impressive.

I felt right at home in all the American churches of our Moravian Unity and particularly, of course, in the Moravian youth groups. Whether I attended Camp Hope in the East, Chetek in the West, Van-Is in the great north

land of Canada or—just for an evening—Hanes in the South, I always felt the spirit of Christian fellowship and liked the way the Moravian youth in this country see their task and stand to it. The camp facilities are marvelous and the nice thing is that so many young people are seizing the opportunity to use them.

There is another trend in the American provinces which I admire. Wherever I went I saw new churches developing. Jasper Place in Canada, Downey in California, Messiah in the Southern Province, just to mention some of them. These endeavors must be supported by all our prayers. And you can be sure that we brethren on the European continent think of and pray for your work in America, too.

DEATHS

Low, Frank Abram, born January 22, 1906, at Mt. Marion, N. Y. Died September 9, 1933. Charlotte, N. C. Funeral services conducted by Dr. Herbert Spaugh at The Little Church on the Lane on September 11, 1933 with interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

Snyder, Cletis Paul, born April 27, 1909; died September 16, 1933. Funeral conducted at Bethabara Church by the Rev. K. Edwin Fussell. Interment was in Greensboro Memorial Park.

Perrymen, Harvey Eugene, died September 28, 1953. Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh and the Rev. James C. Hughes. Interment was in the Moravian Grayyard. A member of Home Church.

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The fall rally of the Women of the Church sponsored by the Provincial Women's Board was held at Mayo Park Wednesday afternoon, September 10. Between 350 and 400 attended.

The outing closed with a service of worship in the Mayodan Church. Mrs. Kenneth Greenfield announced the completion of the fund of $5,000 for the Schwalbe Memorial Chapel at the Alaskan Children's Home. Mrs. Greenfield explained that a suitable building already erected at the Home would be converted into this chapel.

BAPTISMS

King, Charles Kenneth, son of William A. Jr., and Margaret m. n. Tilley King, born May 31, 1953 at Mount Airy, N. C., and baptized in Grace Church on Sunday, July 19, 1953 by the Rev. Herbert B. Johnson.


Vernon, Janes, daughter of Charles B. and Hazel m. n. Jones Vernon, born August 20, 1953 and baptized October 4, 1953 at Könkoek Church by the Rev. John S. Gose.ord.

Thrift, Philip Raymond, son of Raymond B. and Helen m. n. Kirkman Thrift, born March 7, 1953 in Winston-Salem, N. C., and baptized in Messiah Church on Sunday, September 13, 1953 by the Rev. R. T. Troutman.

Clowers, Daniel Gray, son of Jack Wesley and Ann m. n. Dowd Clowers; born in Winston-Salem April 17, 1953; baptized at home of parents September 20, 1953 by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Pruett, John Whidden, son of Samuel Richard, Jr., and Margaret m. n. Eason Pruett; born in Winston-Salem June 23, 1953; baptized at Trinity Church September 27, 1953 by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Mock, Michael Thomas, son of Linnaeus F. and Virginia m. n. Coltrane Mock; born May 16, 1953 in Winston-Salem, baptized August 16, 1953 at Clemmons.

Nifong, Frank Miller, Jr., son of Frank M. and Dorothy m. n. Rogal Nifong; born May 13, 1953 in Winston-Salem, baptized September 13, 1953 at Clemmons.

Cox, Victor Wayne, son of Everett Meize and Anita m. n. Williams Cox. Born August 10, 1953 at Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane on September 27, 1953 by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Ward, David Wayne, son of David Ray and Lois m. n. Hitchcock Ward. Born February 23, 1953 at Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane on September 27, 1953 by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Pruett, Carol Ellen, daughter of Chaplain (Capt.) T. Conway and Jeanette m. n. Tilley Pruett; born February 24, 1953 in Frankfurt, Germany and baptized September 6, 1953 in Advent Church by the Rev. Paul A. Snider.

Nifong, Paul Douglas, Jr., son of Paul Doug­las and Marie m. n. Brewer Nifong; born June 23, 1953 in Winston-Salem, N. C., and baptized September 27, 1953 in Advent Church by the Rev. Paul A. Snider.


Flynt, Kathryn Alice, daughter of Paul Clinton and Alice Utterback Flynt, born July 8, 1953 in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized September 20, 1953 at Calvary Church, by the Rev. John W. Fulton.
Capable Leaders Secured
For Training School

Five outstanding leaders in specialized phases of Sunday school work have been secured by the Board of Christian Education as teachers in the annual Leadership Training School. The school will again be held at Salem College. The dates are November 30, December 2 and 4.

Pre-School
Miss Sallie Thrower of Richmond, Virginia, will conduct the course for teachers and leaders of pre-school children. In most of our churches this age includes the Nursery and Kindergarten or Beginners. Miss Thrower is one of the associate editors charged with preparation of children's materials published by the Presbyterian Church, U. S. In connection with this she does extensive field work in the presentation of these materials in the local churches.

Primary
Teachers and superintendents of Primary Children will be led by Mrs. W. R. Reed of Salisbury, North Carolina. Mrs. Reed supplied for Miss Kate Crowell one night in the school last year and did such an excellent job that she has been asked to lead the primary group this year. Mrs. Reed will teach a course on storytelling entitled "Teaching the Bible through Stories."

Juniors
"Teaching the Bible to Juniors" will be the subject of the course for Junior workers to be taught by Miss Amelia Hough, director of Religious Education of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, N. C.

Adults
The Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer who has just returned to his post at Salem College will lead a Bible Study Course for teachers of Young Adults and Adults.

Sessons will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights from 7:30 to 9:30. Registrations can be made through the local Sunday school. The registration fee will be $1.00.

Youth
Miss Clarice Bowman will instruct the work-

rooms, pastor's study, church parlor, choir rooms and additional rest rooms. And the unfinished section of the third floor will also permit the addition of four more classrooms.

Plans for the new building were drawn by the late Henry T. Gurley, Church Planning Engineer of Burlington, N. C. with final supervision given by the firm of William F. Freeman, Engineers, of High Point, N. C.

In charge of the work in the local congregation is a Building Committee consisting of the following: C. P. Snyder (Deceased) Chairman; Mrs. I. K. Williams, Secretary; W. C. Fox, Jr., Treasurer; William H. Andrews; C. D. English; W. C. Fox, Sr.; O. F. Mickey; R. K. Morgan; E. L. Reich; L. K. Williams; Mrs. M. A. Cleckley; Mrs. Oscar Clodfelter; Mrs. W. R. Newsom and the pastor; Rev. K. Edwin Fussell. Contractor and builder is the Floyd W. Burge Construction Co. of Winston-Salem.

Board of Christian Education to Receive Subscriptions To Moravian Missions

Beginning January 1, 1954 subscriptions to "Moravian Missions" will be handled through the office of the Board of Christian Education, 100 South Church Street. Individual yearly subscriptions are $1.00; in clubs of 5 or more 75c.

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The bicentenary synod was held in the Rondthaler Memorial Building of the Home Church November 17, 18, and 19. The opening day was the 200th anniversary of the beginning of the Southern Province.

Beyond the observance of the founding of Bethabara on November 17, 1753, the most significant feature of the synod was the retirement of Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl from the presidency of the Provincial Elders Conference. His successor was Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, who reported to synod on his representation of the Southern Province at the Unity Conference of the world-wide Moravian Church at Zeist, Holland, this past summer.

Notable accomplishments of the synod were the approval of a quincentennial program for the Southern Province with emphasis on Evangelism in 1954 and Stewardship in 1955, the changes in the pension plan for ministers increasing benefits to $2,000 a year, and the adoption of a statement of procedures for the calling of ministers.

In addition to Dr. Spaugh and Clarkson S. Starchuck, who were re-elected, three new members were chosen to the conference. They were Alton F. Pfaff from Christ Church, Dr. Herbert Spaugh from Charlotte, and the Rev. George G. Higgins, a member of the Fairview Congregation and Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education.

The bicentenary feature of synod was the holding of a service at 3:00 in the afternoon of the opening day. It was approximately at that hour that the first settlers had arrived at Bethabara two hundred years ago. The Rev. K. Edwin Fussell presided at the commemorative service. Dr. Douglas L. Rights, archivist, told the story of the arrival and the beginning of the Southern Province.

Plans for another anniversary, the 500th of the beginning of the Unitas Fratrum or Moravian Church in 1457, occupied much of the thought and attention of synod. The plans for this observance were reviewed and approved. In addition to the emphasis on Evangelism and Stewardship, these plans call for a synod of the Worldwide Moravian Church to be held in America in 1957.

The synod also approved the gathering probably next year of a thank-offering for the five hundred years of our church's history. This offering is to be gathered in denominations of five hundred dollars such as five hundred pennies to five hundred dollars.

This fund will be used to pay for the cost of the years of Evangelism and Stewardship, all the publications, the General Synod, and general quincentennial expenses.

The synod of assemblies took note of the long years of service to the Southern Province of Bishop and Mrs. Pfohl. Bishop Pfohl served as president of Synod and Mrs. Pfohl as companion for all synodical music.

On Wednesday afternoon, in connection with the report of Dr. Dale H. Gramley on Salem Academy and College, a bouquet of flowers and a silver tray were presented to them. The tray was inscribed with a tribute from the Trustees of Salem College in recognition of Bishop Pfohl's service on the Board of Trustees since 1908 and as its president since 1929.

One of the last acts of synod was the adoption of a resolution acknowledging Bishop Pfohl's record of service to the Moravian Church covering 53 years in the active ministry. The resolution concluded:

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Provincial Announcements

PROVINCIAL ELDERS CONFERENCE

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER - - - is installed

The Rev. William A. Kaltreider was installed by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl on November 1 as pastor of the Mizpah- and King Congregations. Br. Kaltreider, former pastor of Mayodan, succeeds the Rev. Walter H. Allen, Jr.

Call Accepted
The Rev. John H. Kapp, pastor of the Oak Grove Congregation, has received and accepted a call to become the pastor of the Mayodan Congregation. He will be installed by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders Conference, on Sunday, December 3.

Ordinations
Samuel G. Vaughn was ordained a deacon of the Moravian Church at a service conducted by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl at Trinity Church Sunday evening, November 22. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Numa M. Vaughn of Winston-Salem and a graduate of Moravian Theological Seminary in May of this year.
Br. Vaughn was installed as pastor of the Clemmons Congregation Sunday morning, November 29, by Rev. George G. Higgins, vice-president of the Provincial Elders Conference.

SAMUEL G. VAUGHN - - is ordained and installed

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER - - - is ordained

Christian D. Weber, son of the late Christian O. and Dorothy Pfohl Weber, was ordained by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl as a deacon of the Moravian Church in a service held at Fairview on Sunday afternoon, November 8, at 5:00 P. M.
Br. Weber graduated from Moravian Theological Seminary in May, 1952 and spent the past year in graduate study in England.
R. GORDON SPAUGH, President

YOUNG ADULT RALLY ATTENDED BY 354

The Provincial Young Adults held their Fall Rally, Saturday, November 7, at Ardmore Church. Approximately 354 members were present. Although the individual church roll call was not held it was quite evident that practically all churches were represented, especially the out of town churches such as Greensboro who had 29 present, Mayodan 26, Oak Grove 22, and Rural Hall 17.

The meeting was started by a delicious ham supper, which everyone seemed to enjoy. After which, everyone took part in a group singing lead by Paul Peterson. After the singing the group was lead to the main auditorium for the remaining part of the program. Here, three short speeches were made in regard to the group’s “Three Prong Project” program for 1953-54. The first speech was made by LeVerne Speas, chairman of the Raleigh project in regard to the purchase of land for a church at that location. Following this, Jack Luper introduced the second project which includes visitation to all churches by the group. Henry Shore followed with a short speech on an attendance drive which will take place in the near future.

ARCHIVES HOUSE

Douglas L. Rights, archivist

Through the courtesy of Miss Marian Blair the Archives House received a copy of the program for the consecration of the restored church hall in Henderson. The program is very neatly printed and it is seen that Br. Gustav Winter is back at work in his beloved profession, printer for Herrnhut.
The date of the consecration service was August 9, and the text for the day furnished a Prelude for the program.
In the morning at 8 and 10 o’clock there was a festal service led by Br. Vogt. At 14 and 16 o’clock there was a festal assembly led by Br. Siborger. In the evening at 19:30 o’clock Br. Forster presided at Holy Communion. The trombone choir had a prominent part in the celebration.
Congratulations to our Brn. ibern Meet!

More than a century ago pastors of Friedberg Church visited preaching places in the surrounding country at Opossomtown, Rippel’s Church, Cool Spring, Charity, and Shore’s Schoolhouse. Br. Marshall and his Friedberg congregation are challenged to locate these places today.

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New Church In California

Mervin C. Weidner

Orange groves, vineyards and dairies are transformed almost overnight into vast residential neighborhoods to house the 10,000 people moving into Los Angeles County monthly, thus creating the nation's greatest mission field. Populated with nearly five million, this Los Angeles basin now is America's focal point of migration, mobility, and building, challenging the churches to accept sweeping responsibilities.

On the one hand, Christianity's responsibility is a matter of conservation of eastern families who are transplanted in ever increasing numbers from familiar surroundings and church relationships to this new frontier. On the other hand, it is a challenge for "evangelizing the process;" reaching those who have never been personally touched by Christian faith. The Moravian Church has "gone west" to minister to scores of Moravians scattered throughout Southern California and to win hundreds of those "displaced persons" now outside the Christian fellowship. In so doing our Church is only following its historical position of going to distant outposts to extend the Kingdom and attempting to move forward in celebration of its 500th Anniversary in 1957.

Opportunities on the front line of the Lord's work are never easy or cheap; our venture on the west coast is no exception. Ever since the field was entered in November, 1952, there were delays, difficulties, and disappointments. One step at a time through faith and persistence, the Lord led us through toward founding our first church.

In a sprawling metropolitan area of 45 cities integrated with dozens of un-incorporated communities, the search by a stranger for the "right spot" for a church location is an arduous task. After exploration of many communities, Downey was selected because it is centrally located for interested Moravians and it is in need of more churches to keep pace with its rapid development. This suburban city of 60,000 people is in the hub of residential sections, only ten miles from downtown Los Angeles. Its acreage is almost entirely subdivided for housing and land values unreasonable high. After personal inspection of many properties, Dr. F. P. Stocker concurred with our choice of an orange grove in a beautiful residential section of northwest Downey. It proved to be an unhappy choice, but at the time appeared to be the only one available to fulfill our requirements.

In the County of Los Angeles, churches can locate in first class residential areas only through a zone change or exception. Detailed maps, data, and a fee must accompany an application for this zone variance, a process requiring months before a public hearing is held. A bitter disappointment resulted from the action of a group of neighbors who appeared at the hearing of our case in organized opposition claiming objection on the basis of traffic congestion, noise, narrow street, and a threat to property values. When the Regional Planning Commission subsequently denied our request for zone exception, we reached our first crisis. The parsonage had already been purchased in this neighborhood.

"Much the same as it is in America" is visitor's view of

Moravian Christmas In England

Christian D. Weber

Moravian Christmas candles are called "Christingles," Santa Claus is known as "Father Christmas," and there is another holiday, Boxing Day, a day of family visiting and distribution of gifts, on December 26. Yet Christmas is celebrated much the same in England as it is in America. Turkey, plum pudding, and mince-meat pies are the mode for Christmas dinner; English boys and girls desire the same type Christmas presents as American children; and the young people look forward to the carol singing early into the morning of Christmas day.

One of the customs Moravians in England have is what is known as the "Christingle Service." The service itself is very similar to the Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service held in the Moravian Churches of North Carolina. It is the Christingle which is distinctively British Moravian in origin and use. It is used nowhere else in the world than in the Moravian Churches of Great Britain and the British Mission Fields.

The Christingle, which apparently means "Christ-light," is made with an orange as the base. A hole is cut into the top of the orange, and a goosequill, which has been split into sections, is placed in it. On the protruding points of the quill are stuck gum drops, nuts, and raisins. A candle, usually a Christmas tree candle, is then pushed down into the quill into the orange, and a red or white frill is placed around the candle and quill.

Each part of the Christingle has a symbolic meaning. The orange represents the world, and the candle symbolizes Christ the Light of the world. The goosequill represents the fowls of the air, for just as the fowls of the air fly throughout the world, so the Gospel of Christ has gone all over the world. All of the good things which have been brought into the world by the coming of Christ are represented by the nuts, raisins, and candles.

It is not known when the first Christingle was used. The first Moravian Christmas Candle was used just over two hundred years ago when the Rev. John von de Wattenwyl distributed candles.

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to a group of children in his Moravian Church in Germany. The candles which he distributed were much like those now used by Moravians in Germany and America. A red ribbon, symbolizing the Atonement, was tied around them.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES IN ENGLAND --- the orange represents the world

Sometime after this first Christmas Candle Service the Christingle came into use in England. It soon became one of the most important children’s services of the year. When Moravian missionaries left England they took the custom with them to the mission fields. In some places, such as Labrador, oranges were not obtainable, so turnips were used.

In our British Churches the Christingle Service is still considered to be a children’s service, and the children are the only ones who receive the Christingles. The service is held either on the Sunday before Christmas or on Christmas Eve afternoon. It begins with several hymns. Then the children partake of their love feast of tea and cookies, while the minister explains the origin and significance of the Christingle. After the singing of several more Christmas hymns the candles of the Christmas tree in the front of the sanctuary are lit.

The next part of the service consists of recitations and solos by most of the Sunday school children present, after which the Christingles, which have been placed on the communion table, are lit and distributed. Then the lights are dimmed, leaving only the light of the Advent star, the Christmas tree, and the Christingles. The service ends as the children sing several hymns, such as “God make my life a little light”, “Jesus bids us shine”, and “Morning Star”.

In addition to the Christingle Service, most of our churches have a Carol Service on the Sunday just before Christmas. This service, which often includes tableaux, is devoted entirely to hymns, carols, and Scripture readings. The final service of the Christmas season is the Christmas morning service, which is a service of praise and thanksgiving, including a sermon.

Perhaps the most thrilling moment of the Christmas season was that moment in the church when the sanctuary was illuminated only by the large Advent star, the glistening white light of the Christmas tree candles, and the light from the Christingles, representing Christ, the Light of the world. At that moment one was reminded that Christ is the Light of the world, and although Christmas is observed in many lands, thousands of miles apart, its central meaning and message is always the same.

A NURSE FOR KAURKIRA

In answer to the plea for a nurse for Kaurkira, Jeanne E. Cribs, R.N., of our Sharon, Ohio, congregation has volunteered for this position and has been accepted by the Mission Board. She plans to leave for her new post in January. The Board is grateful that the prayers of many have thus been answered. It is a particularly happy fact that she will serve at the same station where Mrs. Howard Houseman, a personal friend and also a member of the Sharon congregation, is located.

A NIGHT ON THE KUSKOKWIM

The Rev. Earl Shay made a trying experience on October 1. He had taken Loretta Burgardt to Akiak, planning to return the same day. The weather turned cold and windy very suddenly. His outboard motor froze. That night he slept under cover in his boat. The next day he drifted down to the village of Akiakchak. Rescue parties started in search of him but were called back when the Rev. James Ditmer sighted his boat from his plane.

OFFICIAL APPROVAL

A letter from the Department of Public Welfare, Juneau, Alaska, brings word that our Children’s Home in Nunapitchuk will be one of the first three such institutions in Alaska to qualify for a regular license under the recently enacted laws of the Territory. The superintendent, the Rev. Harry J. Trodahl, and his staff of devoted missionary workers are to be congratulated on the public recognition this represents.

A LONG STEP FORWARD

At the close of the last fiscal year the treasurer of the Moravian mission in Nicaragua wrote: “To me, at least, this last year will go down as one of the most thrilling chapters in the history of the establishment of the native church, each parish with only two exceptions met in full the quotas assigned it under the provincial budget and some even topped the quota by considerable amounts. This means that we raised $363,000.00. If I have ever doubted, I have been thoroughly rebuked and humbled many a time as I have reflected how well our people in general have responded.”

A NOTEWORTHY GRADUATION

On October 10 and 11 three new nurses graduated from the Training School connected with the Ruth C. S. Thaeler Hospital in Bilwaskarma. It was a red letter event. By truck and by chartered plane friends came from Puerto Cabezas, among them staff members of the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital in that community. Others arrived from Managua and the mines. All but four of the graduate nurses returned for a reunion and the organization of their alumnus association. During the meeting on Saturday a faithful lay pastor, Dies Barnes, was brought on a stretcher for a serious emergency operation—happily successful. The wiener roast could be held in the patio of the new T. B. wing, followed by a historical sketch by Mrs. Mullins Tellith (Laurita Wilson, R.N.), the capping exercises and a historical pageant written and produced by the nurses. The graduation exercises proper were held on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Joseph Gray delivering the address. On Monday all joined in celebrating Dr. Thaelor’s birthday.

A RECORD BROKEN

The August, 1952, issue of the Moravian carried word of the Rev. Edwin Kortz catching a seventy-five pound tarpon in the Bluefields Lagoon. The Rev. Wilfred Dreger now reports betting that catch by landing an eighty-three-pounder near Rama Cay. As yet no official confirmation of the event has been received. We wonder whether Moravian fishermen might not contemplate a vacation in Bluefields.

A NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

On Sunday, September 27, the Rev. Hedley Wilson dedicated a new church building located at a lumber camp fifty-five miles inland from Puerto Cabezas. Ned Williams, the camp manager, and the Nipco Company had donated the building. The day was a very happy one; the celebration included both a lovefeast service and a communal supper.

FIVE DAYS IN JAMAICA

The Rev. Robert Lobst had opportunity at the end of September to travel to Jamaica on a lumber ship that runs between Puerto Cabezas andMontego Bay. He had an interesting and inspiring vacation even though the boat sailed through the tail end of a hurricane.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

UNION CROSS

Miss Sue Tucker and Vernon Vanhoy were united in marriage in the church with a large group of friends attending. We wish for this young couple a long, happy life together.

September 20 was our 58th Anniversary. Bishop Pfohl was our guest speaker. We were happy to have him and Mrs. Pfohl with us on this occasion. Our Building Fund Love Offering amounted to $615.00. We thank each one that had a part in this worthy cause.

We observed World-wide Communion Sunday October 4. Only 80 of our people enjoyed this service by partaking of the bread and wine with us.

We thank Br. Clarence Everhart for helping Sunday, October 18, while the pastor went to Christ Church for their homecoming.

Our attendance at the Prayer Meetings has fallen off the last two months. Our average for the two months has dropped from 52 to 29. We hope this will be different for our next report.

G. E. BREWER

MACEDONIA

God gave us a beautiful day for our annual Mission Festival, although the rain fell all Saturday night. The attendance was off, but some former members and friends came in to encourage us. Our guest speakers were the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler of Fairview Moravian Church and the Rev. Paul Snider of Advent Moravian Church. Both ministers brought inspiring missionary messages. The choir furnished special music for the services. A "lovefeast dinner" was enjoyed at the noon hour in Fellowship Hall. The sanctuary was an array of beautiful sermons. There were re-dedications and our clergy speaker on the anniversary lovefeast at 11:00. A large attendance was present for this service and also for the fellowships hour and picnic dinner which followed. The day was one of the best our congregation has enjoyed in a number of years.

A number of our people participated in the provincial-wide rally of the Women's Work, the first one being held at Mayodan and the second at the Home Church. Our mid-week prayer meeting group participated in one of the revival services at Mayodan and enjoyed the service and fellowship.

Monthly meetings of the Ladies Bible class were held in the home of Mrs. Roscoe Richardson, Mrs. Sam Burnett and at the parsonage. The Good Fellowship class also met in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Joyce and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richardson for monthly business meetings. The Men of the Church held their October meeting at the church and after a supper and social period engaged in a business session and general discussion of their work.

Br. Roscoe Richardson has been elected to represent the congregation at the Triennial Synod to be held November 17-19 at the Home Church. Br. C. F. Tulloch is the alternate.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

WACHOVIA ARBOR

The fall services at Wachovia Arbor began on Sunday night, October 25, and extended through Sunday morning, November 1, under the able leadership of Br. Clyde Barber, member of Christ Church. Br. Barber's effectiveness stemmed from his witness to the working of God's Spirit in his own life and the lives of his associates. As a direct result of this week of services, seven persons have made known their desire to unite with our church. They are T. L. Boles, Carl Lee Bowles, Marguerite Sapp Bowles, Charles Myers, Ruby Estel Myers, Arthur Sapp, and Minnie Reich Sapp.

The church observed its "Sixtieth Anniversary-Home-Coming" services on Sunday, November 1. Br. Barber conducted the morning worship service at 11:00. At 1:00 p.m. there was a picnic luncheon on the grounds. Br. Norwood Green was speaker for the anniversary lovefeast at 3:00 p.m. Francis Boose sang "Peace, Be Still" during the partaking of the lovefeast. To add to the good things of the day, C. Vestal Whitt supplied a Moravian band which presented a chorale concert prior to the lovefeast service. Among our visitors were Br. J. George Bruner, former pastor of Wachovia Arbor, and Br. Charles Hedrick, recent supply speaker on Sunday morning; also, our two remaining charter members, Mr. R. H. Fansler and Miss Agnes Seagraves. Fred Boose, head deiner, expressed appreciation for the services of the new deiners for the occasion. They were Kenneth Boose, Ira Bumgardner, Wade Bumgardner, and Ralph Sapp. The congregation expressed "thanks"...
to all those who helped to make this a "happy" birthday.

Charles Bumgardner, member of the New Philadelphia Church, recently donated to our church a new organ lamp.

A committee is now at work with plans to purchase new hymnals for church and Sunday school.

The final selection will be made by the entire congregation.

R. T. TROUTMAN

ARDMORE

Three of the four Sundays of the month of October had a national or international flavor for those attending divine services at this church. One of the largest congregations to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the history of Ardmore Church made World-Wide Communion Sunday an outstanding day. National Laymen’s Sunday service, under the direction of our Men of the Church, (thirty-five laymen had an active part) was observed on October 18. Mr. Matt Howell was the speaker. On National Girl Scout Sunday sixty-five Girl Scouts worshiped with us. This church is sponsoring five troops this year. Other guest speakers in October included the Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer and Br. Christian Weber.

Our youth program is off to a fine start in its fall series of meetings. Br. Frank Sherrill, assistant Church School Superintendent is the director, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. V. Hylton are the Senior Fellowship Advisors; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Preston lead the Junior High group; and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson have charge of the Junior Fellowship. Average attendance for October for the three groups was 75.

The following new members were received during the month: Mr. and Mrs. Jennings C. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook by right hand of fellowship, and Mr. Maurice A. Hartman by Baptism. Mrs. Cook comes to us as our Minister of Music. Miss Bertha Hine, assisted by her brother, Richard, had been in charge of our choirs while we were without a full time director.

Our Young Married Couples’ Class realized over $1,000 profit from their food booth at the Forsyth County Fair. This money will go toward their pledge of $2,250 to the Unified Budget.

The parsonage at 1008 S. Hawthorne Road has the new 1953 look. It has been redecorated throughout in lovely pastel shades. New wall-to-wall carpet has been laid in the living room, dining room and reception hall. The kitchen has been completely remodeled; a new electric range and automatic refrigerator add to its beauty and efficiency, while the cold winds of winter will blow in vain against the new oil-fired steam heating system. We are most grateful for these fine improvements to the parsonage. An “Open House” has been planned for the near future.

RICHARD F. AMOS

MOUNT AIRY

The attendance upon the celebration of the Holy Communion on World-wide Communion Sunday was the largest ever in the history of this congregation. The winter rally lovefeast that evening was likewise well attended. Instead of the usual address seven of our members presented a panel discussion of various lines of church activities in harmony with the general theme of “Forward With Christ.” J. Curtis Simmons, “In the Sunday School”; Mrs. W. H. Sumner, “In Our Church Ser-

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to Scotland and England.

The Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships have resumed their meetings each Sunday night for the fall and winter.

The Bi-Centennial Committee continues to meet regularly and is proceeding with plans for the observance of the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Bethania in 1959.

F. HERBERT WEBER

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Church Council September 21, voted by an overwhelming majority to launch a drive for a major building program at New Philadelphia. We are working with a new sanctuary, about 10 class rooms, offices and choir rooms in mind. The goal for the fund drive is $120,000 which we propose to raise over an eight-year period. We hope that we can have enough in hand by the fall of 1955 to begin construction. In the meantime, we are beginning to study plans and consider suggestions. The first Sunday of the drive saw us with $5,674 pledged and $443.37 in hand with a major part of the congregation yet to be heard from.

Our experiment with the double morning service plan for the past five Sundays resulted in an increase of 35 persons per morning in attendance over the same period a year ago when only one service was held. The best Sunday was October 4 when there were 234 in attendance for the two Holy Communion services. The elders are meeting this week to decide whether the plan merits continuance. The average for the 8:45 service was well over a hundred to our surprise.

A cub scout unit is now being formed. This will be a welcome addition to the scouting program here which now includes three girl scout troops and a boy scout troop.

We have just completed the redecoration of the Fellowship Hall by the men of the church with materials supplied by the Faithful Workers, Primary Department and day school. The Open Door Class and trustees are now reworking the church office.

HENRY A. LEWIS

OLIVET

October has been a full month for Olivet. A large congregation was present for the Communion service on World-wide Communion Sunday at which time the new pastor was officially installed by Bishop J. K. Pfohl. This was also the first service to be held in the newly remodelled sanctuary. The work includes a new curved ceiling, cove lighting, and a remodelled balcony. We thank Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bertho for the new carpet which has been placed in the church. On October 11 at 7:00 p.m. the Children's Lovefeast was held with a "full house" present for the occasion. Our week of special services was held beginning October 18 with the Rev. Norwood Green bringing the messages. We feel that the congregation was richly blessed during the week, though the attendance was not what it should have been.

The pastor wishes to express his thanks to all those who have done so much to make him feel "at home" from the first day at Olivet.

F. HERBERT WEBER

HOPEWELL

The month of September was not a good one for our church from the standpoint of attendance. This, perhaps, is due to so many of our young people returning to school. During the month several cottage prayer meetings were held in the various homes. The last Sunday night in the month Br. Paul Green from Pine Chapel brought us a very helpful message.

The month of October brought three visiting speakers to our congregation. On October 7, Br. Edwin W. Kortz, professor of Practical Religion, at Moravian Theological Seminary, showed slides of our missions in Nicaragua. Everyone was well pleased and expressed the desire that more should have seen them. On October 10, Dr. D. L. Rights was our guest speaker at the annual chicken stew. Dr. Rights was at his best and the folks thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On October 11, Dr. George Heath was the guest speaker at our anniversary lovefeast. Br. Heath informed us of the meaning of Hopewell and challenged us to live up to the name.

The Board of Trustees is buying a piece of land adjoining our church. They plan to develop a parking lot. This Board has not been organized long, yet they handle church business like veterans. The congregation is very proud of them. The Board of Elders is planning a visitation campaign. At their monthly class meeting, the ladies are planning an auction. Each member makes little trinkets and then auctions them off to the others in the class. They do this to build up the Sunshine treasury which they operate for the benefit of the sick.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

FRIEDBERG

The month of September found Friedberg busy with many fall activities: elections, fall outings, and group meetings. Brother Herman Foltz was elected as the new Sunday school superintendent and C. C. Padgett as his assistant. In two of our October services the attendance was over the 300 mark: Worldwide Communion Sunday and Homecoming Day.

After a week of cottage prayer meetings our revival services got off to an excellent start on Sunday night, October 11 with a full house to hear Br. Paul Snider. His messages made a deep impression on us all. The services closed the following Saturday night with an unusual number present for a Saturday night service.

Our guest preacher for Homecoming Day was the Rev. Walter Miller, pastor of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church of High Point. After hearing his messages we can readily understand why he is considered one of the "big four" of North Carolina Methodism. Br. Herbert Spaugh pronounced the benediction at the morning service and Brother Lewis, neighboring Methodist pastor of the church from which Brother Miller went into the ministry, asked the blessing before the meal. The annual Spaque-Spaugh reunion was held later in the afternoon.

The first Sunday in November was Reformation Sunday and the theme was carried out in the hymns, sermon, and anthem. At the evening service Br. Truett Chadwick spoke to a large and receptive audience on the occasion of the Workers' Lovefeast. It was indeed a happy privilege to have him back at Friedberg.

Many thanks to the Women of the Church for placing the new typewriter in the parsonage study. Circle meetings were held in the homes of: Mrs. Jasper Miller, Mrs. Guy Zimmerman, Mrs. Arnold Miller, Mrs. Forrest Redden, Miss Nannie...
On November 8 we welcomed into our fellowship the following new members: Mrs. Blanche Kimel, Mrs. Rachel Hammond, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hedgcock, Jr. The infant daughter of Br. and Sr. Hedgcock was presented to the Lord in baptism.

WILLIAM T. MARSHALL

FRIEDLAND

Partly in observance of Layman's Sunday and partly because the Pastor was in Mayodan in a revival, the Men of the Church assumed responsibility for the entire morning worship service the fourth Sunday in October. Mr. ThomasKimball presided, a double male quartet furnished special music, and Mr. Clyde Barber, Sr., faithful layman from Christ Moravian, brought the message. We can't help being proud of our men at Friedland. Not only can they build a church. They can also carry out the program and services of the church after the building is completed.

Br. George Higgins, so it would seem, is something of an associate pastor at Friedland. He supplied in the pulpit once on the Sundays the pastor was in Mayodan, and earlier in the month he presented the Bible Study to our Woman's Auxiliary at their first combined supper meeting of the year. We are always happy to have Br. Higgins with us, and we appreciate the willing and capable manner in which he discharges his responsibilities in our midst.

We wish to express publicly, too, our thanks to Br. Christian Weber for presenting his pictures and account of our Moravian work in England to our Bible Study group. Our people would like to see more of Br. Weber and his pictures.

The formation of two new classes in the Sunday school furnish eloquent testimony to the growth of that phase of our work. A Cradle Roll Class and a Senior Married People's Class have recently been organized and are showing steady progress. Mr. Christian Reed is in charge of the Senior Married People. Miss Dorothy Hines has been appointed Superintendent of the Junior Department of the Sunday school, following the resignation of Mr. Eugene Reed.

Our Young People are now divided into two groups, meeting each Sunday evening for fellowship and discussion. Once each month a snack supper is served the combined groups. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Reed are Counselors for the newly-organized Pioneer group, while Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crews continue to work with the Seniors.

We are happy to announce the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Berrier.

Wedding bells rang out loud and clear in the fresh fall air for Nell Ann Yokely and Charles Craver and Joyce Meredith and Charles Dixon. Our sincere best wishes are extended to both these couples.

C. TRUDDT CHADWICK

PROVIDENCE

The most important event in the life of our congregation recently was the revival held the first week in October. The Rev. Norwood Green, pastor of Enterprise, was the preacher for the week. The messages he brought to us were a source of special blessing to all of us. Attendance was very good, Monday evening was youth night, and our young people sang a special number. Other special singers were Mr. Bill Hutchins, Miss Joan Marshall, and a trio consisting of Mrs. Cecil Stoltz, Mrs. Coy W. Grubbs, and Miss Jean Carol Phelps.

Several of our young adults attended the rally at Ardmore. They were James Southern, Leroy Edwards, Mrs. Fred L. Brann, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed McGarret. Our young adults have been very active recently, having purchased new Moravian other projects.

Providence was also well represented at the fall youth rally. Those of our young people who attended were Bill Clayton, Garland Brooks, Douglas Phelps, Barry Parks, Carolyn Parks, Barbara Grubbs, Glenda Ann Easter, Yvonne Crews, and the pastor and his wife. Our thanks to Br. Reuben Clayton for helping us to transport the young people.

On November 5 we celebrated our 73rd anniversary. Bishop Rondthaler was the speaker in the morning service. The Rev. Joseph Crews spoke at the afternoon lovefeast service. Br. Crews is a layman of the congregation, and is pastor of a Baptist congregation in Mt. Airy, N. C. It was a day of blessing for all of us.

November 8 was a special day for our Sunday school. Our class sessions were cut short so that the whole Sunday school could meet together at 10:30. Two of our young people, Douglas Phelps and Glenda Ann Easter, led the congregation as they pledged allegiance to the flag of the U. S. Then the pastor made an appeal for gifts for Moravian Brethren behind the Iron Curtain and also for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. The offering amounted to slightly more than $100.00, half to go to the Moravian Brethren and half to CROP.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tuttle, who were married in the sanctuary November 14. Mrs. Tuttle is the former Miss Shirley Easter.

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Bethabara Lays Cornerstone
Of Christian Education Building

Bethabara congregation marked its 200th anniversary observance by holding its first services in its new practically completed Christian Education Building on Sunday, November 15. Sunday school at 10:00 A. M. was followed by the reception of members and Holy Communion. The morning worship service brought a record attendance of 134 with communion being administered to 91; five new members were added to the church roll.

The principal address of the day was delivered by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl who pointed to the service as a fitting climax "which brings to a close 200 memorable years of service for Christ and the Kingdom and, at the same time, ushers us into a new era, fast dawning, with even greater opportunities and privileges.

As a prelude to the cornerstone laying, chorales were played by units of the Salem Band, under the direction of Austin E. Burke, at 2:30. Members and friends, comprising a congregation of more than 500, were led in the Te Deum Laudamus by the pastor. Following the reading of the scripture by Dr. Gordon Spaugh the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Pfohl. Participating in the service were Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler of the Southern Province, Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton of the Northern Conference, the Rev. Joe H. Gray, missionary home on leave from Nicaragua, members of the Provincial Elders Conference, the Financial Board, and 21 ministers representing the congregations of the province.

Those representing the local congregation were, M. A. Cleckley, vice-chairman of the Church Board; W. C. Fox, Jr., chairman of the Building Committee; R. K. Morgan, Sunday school superintendent; M. J. Kudelka, Jr., president of the Men of the Church; Mrs. W. C. Fox, Jr., president of the Women of the Church; Mrs. B. Clyde Shore, organist-director. Mrs. Cletis P. Snyder represented her husband who died September 16 after acting as chairman of the Building Committee during the planning and construction period.

Following the laying of the cornerstone approximately 290 crowded into the new sanctuary for the anniversary lovefeast which began with "Bless this House", the Rev. James C. Hughes, soloist. Bishop Pfohl concluded the service with an address based on the text of 200 years ago, November 17, 1953: "I know where thou dwellest, in a desert place" (Rev. 2:13) and "Ye are one mind one towards another." (Romans 12:16). (The full text of Bishop Pfohl's address is given on page 10 and 11.)

BAPTISMS

Ormsby, Marka Robin, daughter of Robert B. and Margaret m. n. Williams Ormsby, born April 2, 1953 at Bethesda, Maryland, and baptized at Home Church on Sunday, October 25, 1953 by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Purdue, Robey Lee, III, son of Rober Lee, Jr., and Audrey m. n. Carter Purdue, born in Winston-Salem, N. C., June 14, 1953; baptized at Trinity Church October 25, by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Key, Charles Andrew, son of Wade Edward and Rachel Ann m. n. Ward Key; born in Winston-Salem, N. C., June 8, 1953; baptized at Trinity Church November 1, 1953, by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Sparks, Dwight Allen, son of Johnny F. and Helen Madeleine m. n. Smoot Sparks, born April 13, 1953; baptized October 4, 1953 in the Macedonia Church by the Rev. J. George Bruner.

Fry, Ricky Charles, son of John Frank and Edith m. n. West Fry, born July 22, 1953; baptized October 4, 1953 in the Macedonia Church by the Rev. J. George Bruner.

Hendrix, Donald Wayne, son of Leroy and Mary Belle m. n. Cape Hendrix, born February 5, 1953; baptized October 4, 1953 in the Macedonia Church by the Rev. J. George Bruner.

Hendrix, Glenda Faye and Brenda Kaye, twin daughters of Leroy Vestal and Mary Belle m. n. Cape Hendrix born May 26, 1953; baptized October 4, 1953 in the Macedonia Church by the Rev. J. George Bruner.
Bethabara Lovefeast Address

J. KENNETH PFHOHL

"From the day I was asked to speak on this occasion, and during the period of my preparation, my interest has centered almost wholly on that wonderful Lovefeast that was held on the evening of the day the fifteen brethren arrived from Bethlehem after their long and tiresome forty-one days' journey and the experiences of that hour. One would scarcely have thought of them holding any sort of service, tired and worn as they must have been, but rather that each would have sought for himself some quiet spot where he could find response and physical refreshing. But they did meet for worship, and promptly, combining their service with their evening meal. Yes, they made their first meal in Wachovia a "feast of love" in gratitude and praise to God for His goodness and mercy on the 450 mile journey and for the "home in the Carolina wilderness" to which He had guided them.

The Lovefeast was held in the little hunter's cabin, with its cold, damp, mother-earth floor, where they sat closely crowded together along the walls and where their only light came from a few flickering candles. The cabin stood fifty yards north and west of the sacred and revered sanctuary and center of Christian service, still standing on yonder Knoll, in which the congregation has worshipped and waited for the Lord since 1788, and which it is hoped to restore and maintain as a provincial as well as a Bethabara memorial. A sort of "stone of remembrance" witnessing to all who worship within its walls or come to admire its architectural simplicity and beauty that, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

"Perhaps the best description ever given of the circumstances and conditions under which that Lovefeast was held and the spirit of those brave, heroic and Godfearing men, is that of Dr. J. H. Clewell in his History of Wachovia. He says: "What mattered it that the space on the ground was cramped and small, what mattered it that cold found its way through roof and wall, what mattered it that the howling of the wolves and panther's cry Greeted them as they entered their new abode To sing their hymns of gratitude to God, Whose providence had brought them safely on their way."

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a wire recording of that service, as future generations will have of this, that we might hear the hymns they sang, the impassioned prayers they offered and the words of testimony and counsel which were spoken? And, yet, though we have not these, we do have what is of far greater value and significance, we have the words of God Himself made ready for them a year in advance of their coming and through which He revealed Himself to them. Let us not call it a miracle, rather a divine revelation of His fore-knowledge of what would take place on that first evening of life in Wachovia, His attitude towards those who would be there, and a further revelation concerning them and the future of their undertaking.

"He gave that dual revelation through what we Moravians know as the 'Daily Texts of the Church,' and specifically for Tuesday, November 17, 1753. They had undoubtedly heard them read in the early morning of that last day's journeying, for their daily schedule ever since they left Bethlehem was—Breakfast 3:00 A. M., followed by devotions which always included the reading of the texts for the day. But the diary mentions them again in connection with this service. And well it might, for—Oh, hear them themselves and be your own judges, you who have never heard them before.

"The watch-word—always selected by lot and after earnest prayer for divine guidance—Rev. 2:13, 'I know where thou dwellest, in a desert place.' The doctrinal text—Rom. 12:16, 'Be ye of one mind one towards another.'

"It was Br. Adam Grube, their pastor, no doubt, who read them a second time that evening and for the most part they fitted so perfectly into the surroundings and conditions under which they were met, that they must have filled them with wonder and amazement. To me it seems that they could have had no other explanation of the situation than that it was God Himself speaking to them. And speaking out of omniscience, His foreknowledge of more than a year's standing when the Daily Texts were being made ready across the sea. Why, one reading the story and picturing the scene can all but hear some of those that Pilgrim Band calling, 'Read it again! Read it again!' And still another exclaiming, 'He is with us!' Our God is with us in our new Carolina home!'"

"And, the Triune God was there, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and in the three-fold fullness of His marvellous being and power of omniscience, omnipresence and omnipotence. They always go together. They cannot be separated. Yes, beyond all questioning, God the Father was there in His providential foreknowledge, guidance and care. And the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Head and Chief Elder of the Church was there, to aid by His grace and power this advance of His cause for freedom of worship and the saving of souls. And the Holy Spirit was there, comforting, enlightening and empowering for life and service."

"Have you ever stood on the site of that little cabin? Then you have indeed stood on holy ground as surely as did the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock of whom Felicia Hermans wrote—"Aye, call it holy ground, The land where first they trod. They have left unstooped what there they found Freedom to worship God.'"

"What of the second text—the doctrinal? 'Be ye of one mind one to another.' It was a revelation too. A revelation of God of themselves and of what they must be if they were to receive aid from Him in the carrying out of their task and in attaining the end for which they had come."

"Again God's purpose fitted perfectly into the picture; for what do you have when a company of Christians are of one mind toward each other? Why—A Unity, And that was what they claimed to be. A Company of Christian brethren, a Pilgrim Band, united in faith, in love, in fellowship and service, with one mind seeking the Glory of God and the advancement of the Kingdom of their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

"What a night that was at the beginning of Bethabara and of Wachovia! Fifteen men in a lowly cabin 'in a Carolina wilderness,' a great...
DEATHS

Evans, Charles Edward, born March 4, 1870; died September 15, 1953. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. John Johnson and the Rev. W. Norwood Green. Interment was in the Enterprise graveyard.

Talley, Mrs. Ted (Carolyn), born October 2, 1898, in Thomasville, N.C., daughter of A. Jonathan and Martha Rothrock m. n. Westmoreland; member of Trinity Church; died September 29, 1953; funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Perryman, Olin Charles, died October 23, 1953. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. James C. Hughes and Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler. Interment was in the Moravian Graveyard. A member of Home Church.

Miller, Miss Clara Jane, died October 27, 1953. Funeral was conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. Interment was in the Moravian Graveyard. A member of Home Church.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Br. and Sr. William A. Cranford, Jr. on the birth of a son, Peter Pfaff, born November 21 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

FIVE LEPPERS CURED IN ONE MONTH!

The authorities of the Bethesda Leper Home report in October that five patients could be dismissed in September; three children and two women. Praise be to God for what this means to all concerned.
DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA, MORAVIAN CHURCH: "Our Church has gone west."

CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA

(Continued from page 3)

hood in which Downey Chamber of Commerce and Ministers' Association believed was in real need of a church. Immediately, a search for land was made in the same area. Fortunately, during the intervening months a whole new housing development opened new possibilities. The one property large enough was discovered adjacent to this newly planned subdivision, but at a considerably higher cost. The price of $20,000 is unreasonable but not unusual in this "gold rush" area; for similar plots other denominations have paid even higher prices. Situated about a mile and a half from the former site and the parsonage, this improved property has 300 feet frontage and 165 feet depth, surrounded by streets on three sides and an alley to the rear. On a secondary highway linking two main traffic arteries, this site is easily accessible and convenient for a potential sector of 2,000 homes. Although opposition voices were raised again at the hearing of this zone exception case, there was a favorable decision due to our cooperation and our compliance with every regulation. One of the costly regulations, incidentally, is the required parking lot: 1 car space for every ten people to be seated in the building, paved, marked, fenced and landscaped.

The Southern California Council of Churches also granted a change of allocation to this new focal point. In agreement with cooperating denominations, our church is more than a mile from similar historic churches.

Just as there are rigid zoning laws, there are strict building codes. For example, earthquake stress calculations in terms of wind load are local requirements of no mean proportions.

This whole venture was undertaken by the Provincial Elders’ Conference of the Northern Province, with allied boards and agencies uniting to provide substantial grants and loans. The initial gift of $5,000 came from a retired Lutheran minister whose boyhood was spent in the Moravian community of Herrnhut, Germany. The Eastern District Board added $25,000 from its 500th Anniversary Advancement Program as an outright gift to purchase property. For organizational expense and pastor’s salary, the Board of Church Extension appropriated $10,000 to be spread over the first two years. With the high cost of property and construction we realized from the beginning the necessity to secure a loan. When we discovered that we could not negotiate a loan in Los Angeles County because we had no real estate or assets in the state to be considered security, The Larger Life Foundation came to our aid with a loan of $26,500. Even though the building was planned according to available funds, last minute requirements of the Department of Building and Safety increased the cost. To meet this emergency, the Board of Church Extension granted an additional loan of $7,500. This combined effort is a magnificent expression of faith and support on the part of our official family in establishing this church. This investment of man and money has been made with the hope that from this beginning other congregations will spring up in the future to form the Pacific Coast District.

The first unit of the church building now under construction is designed in a California adaptation of the Colonial, with exterior in cement plaster trimmed in redwood and flagstone. Our architect, W. W. Ache, formerly of Central Church in Bethlehem, volunteered his services and supervision as a labor of love in gratitude to the church of his youth. This first unit costing about $40,000 includes a Fellowship Hall with a seating capacity of 300, kitchen, study, kindergarten, and a large room to be divided into classrooms. The church tower will be truly representative of our tradition, for Mr. Ache designed it as a duplicate of that architectural masterpiece—the tower of Central Church in Bethlehem—reduced to half size to conform to the dimensions of our building.

At present Moravians and friends in Southern California are engaged not only in volunteer work on the edifice but on many projects to furnish and equip it for its opening—possibly by Christmas.

Of the 150 Moravians over this vast area, almost 50 have indicated their desire to become charter members. These and others meet regularly for Sunday worship in a small wedding chapel in Downey and participate actively in fellowship groups and committees in preparation for the significant event of actually founding the congregation. Moravian heritages from all parts of our American Provinces will be fused into this one church by families who came from our churches in Canada, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois (West Salem's group is our largest), Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. Through affiliation with our Moravian Mission among Indians on the Morongo Reservation near Banning, about 90 miles away, there is active mission spirit. In the charter membership of this first congregation there will be three other Moravian ministers and their families in addition to the pastor: The Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Helmich, The Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Beck, and Navy Chaplain and Mrs. Edward C. Helmich.

Because the Moravian Church is virtually unknown in California, it will require considerable time and effort to win people in the new church community. At first our Church was held in suspicion and confused with fringe sects; but gradually it is commanding attention and admiration. Our greatest potential for evangelism are the hundreds of families who will be moving into their new homes during the next six months.

As the church rises in Downey, it becomes a concrete expression of faith, sacrifice, service, and vision by the leaders of our Province, the congregations and the pastors across this country, and the devoted Moravian friends on the Pacific Coast.