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To provide the means and the means for an effective witness for Christ at home and abroad is the purpose underlying the designation of 1955 as the Year of Stewardship in the quincentennial program. The Year of Stewardship began strategically between the Year of Evangelism just closed and the Year of Mission Emphasis to follow in 1956.

This is significant because the key to success even in such widely separated activities as evangelism at home and mission work in the mission field is Stewardship. The secret of success in the evangelistic mission of last year was the consecration of devoted lay visitors who were willing to go out as “partners with Christ.” Hundreds of Moravian lay men and women gave time and self for this great task. This was stewardship.

The secret of the success of our Moravian Missions is that the men and means have been available not only to continue what has been begun but to venture into new fields of service as they open before us. To provide the means for the building of new churches, schools, hospitals and clinics is stewardship. To accept Christ’s call to go in loving service to the ends of the earth is stewardship in its highest sense.

No Narrow Meaning

Christian stewardship as it will be thought of in this year of 1955 may have no narrow, restricted meaning. It is more than the setting of budgets and the giving of money. It is more than the granting of a few hours of time each week to work and service in the local church. It is more than the using of our gifts and abilities to make worship meaningful to all and to provide training for the young. It is more than the consecration of our tithe. Stewardship, as we will think of it, is the dedication of life. It is “the practice of the conviction that this is God’s world and that we are partners with Him in the building of the Kingdom.”

“Christian stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and material possessions, based on the conviction that these are a trust from God to be used in His service for the benefit of all mankind, in grateful acknowledgment of Christ’s redeeming love.” (This is the definition of stewardship developed by the United Stewardship Council.)

Opportunity for Self-Examination

The Year of Stewardship will afford us an opportunity for self-examination. Through five centuries our church has been granted the privilege to serve in many areas of the world where the need is great. That privilege is still ours and the need is still great. The year 1955 is an occasion that calls upon us for an accounting of our stewardship. One of the parables of Jesus states that “after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them” (Matthew 25:19). It may be that in some instances in the accounting of our stewardship the verdict will be “well done.” In other instances the verdict must be “you ought to have . . . ?” That hour of accounting has come.

It is because of this that in the Year of Stewardship we shall examine carefully into every phase of life and service as individual Moravians and as a Church.

Program—Southern Province

In the Southern Province the Year of Stewardship will begin with a meeting of all the ministers to study the question of what stewardship in its total meaning means to us as ministers of the Gospel and to their congregations. This meeting is scheduled for the last week in January. Also, in the last week of January will come a meeting of all the members of our provincial and congregational boards. At this meeting of the board members the program for the year will be outlined and the broad significance of stewardship discussed.

Preaching on Stewardship

For the first three Sundays in February, the program of action calls for preaching on the subjects of stewardship in every pulpit of the province. During these weeks the challenge will be made to every member to enlist in a program of tithing for the work of the Lord. For those already tithing it will be an opportunity to renew their conviction that this is scriptural and the best way to acknowledge our stewardship of possessions. For those not tithing opportunity will be given for engaging in an experimental program of tithing for the seven weeks beginning with the first Sunday in Lent, February 27 and ending on Easter Sunday, April 10.

The Church at Work

April, May and June will be a period in which the Southern Province will deal with the subject of the Moravian Church at Work. This is the period in which each congregation studies its own program and needs and plans for a more aggressive program to meet the needs of its local community and the needs of the church as a whole. In this period the local budgets are formulated and approved.

As a part of this study of the church at work, a second meeting will be held of the members of the provincial and congregational boards for those desiring to be informed of the manner in which the Southern Province works through its provincial boards elected by Synod. The meaning of the provincial budgets for 1955-1956 will be made clear.

It is urgently recommended that during May and June every congregation conduct an every member canvass for the purpose of enlisting a full participation of more members in the support of the work of the church.

Conference Theme—Stewardship of Life

In every conference held during the summer of 1955 the total meaning of the stewardship of life will be presented. Basic in these conference studies will be the challenge to the youth of our church to the dedication of life to full time service for Christ as ministers, missionaries, teachers, and nurses.

Every Member Visitation

The close of the program of the Year of Stewardship will be in the fall. The climax will come in a week of concerted, unified effort in every congregation from October 30 to November 6. Prior to October 30 visitors will be enlisted and trained to go in the homes of our members to enlist every Moravian in a program of stewardship. This enlistment will call for commitment to service in the activities of the local church, for commitment to a program for the building of spiritual, mental, and the commitment of all of life, talents, time, and possessions to the work of Christ who is the head of our Church.

On November 6 a mass meeting for the entire province will be held in one of our largest churches for the purpose of consecrating to the Lord of our life and of our church all that has been achieved for Him in the Year of Stewardship, 1955.

New Church Building at Charlotte is Dedicated

Services commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Herbert Spaugh extended over a two week period commencing November 7 and culminated in the dedication of the church building on November 21.

On Dedication Sunday, November 21, Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders Conference, delivered the dedication sermon at eleven o’clock service. At four o’clock the new sanctuary was dedicated by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl and Bishop Howard Rondthaler, who also delivered brief addresses. Mayor Pro-tetm of Charlotte, James S. Smith, and Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church and president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Ministerial Association, also participated in the service. The dedication was preceded by a lovefeast.

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Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders’ Conference
Word has been received from Holland of the passing of Br. P. M. Legene of November 24. Br. Legene was a life-long mission enthusiast. He served for many years as president of the Zeist Mission Board and only recently visited our Surinam mission in South America. During recent months he was mission advocate in Holland for our Surinam field.

The sympathy of our Province is extended to the family and fellow-workers of our departed brother.

Members of the World Peace Committee representing our Province on the Interprovincial Committee were named at the last meeting of the Conference. The committee is composed of the Br. J. Calvin Barnes, chairman Southern committee; Christian D. Weber and J. Taylor Loftin.

Moravian College Prayer Day was observed on November 21 in a number of the churches in our Province. Four students and Br. Edwin W. Kortz spoke in ten of our churches. Those students participating were: Richard Goodman, John Gilliland, Robert Lewis and Arthur Nehring.

The activities of the president of the Conference for the month are as follows: Met with official boards at Moravia on November 11, and with the official board and building committee of Raleigh on November 16. Preached the anniversary sermon at Home Church in the morning and the anniversary lovefeast sermon at Calvary in the afternoon on November 14; addressed Kiwanis Club on November 18; preached dedication sermon at Charlotte in the morning and anniversary lovefeast sermon at Connoak Hills on December 5.

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Humphries, Della Pfaff, daughter of Francis and Sarah m. n. Miller Pfaff; born in Forsyth County, July 7, 1880; died in Winston-Salem, November 29, 1954; Charter member of Christ Church. Funeral was conducted at the church by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfahl and the Rev. John H. Johansen, with interment in the Moravian graveyard.

North Carolina C. R. O. P.
Sends Cattle To Haiti
Carl R. Key, Director

A shipment of twenty-one head of bulls, hogs, goats and jacks left the Raleigh-Durham Airport November 19 bound for Haiti under the joint auspices of North Carolina CROP and the Heifer Project. The Project is designed to improve the stock in Haiti which was hard hit by the recent Hurricane Hazel. A brief ceremony was held at the airport involving representatives of the agencies involved along with press and radio persons. Those taking part included Mr. L. Y. Balentine, State Commissioner of Agriculture and Honorary Chairman of North Carolina CROP, Mr. Thurl Metzger, Executive Secretary of the Heifer Project; and Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, State Director of the North Carolina Council of Churches, representing B. Tarr Bell, State CROP Chairman who unable to be present. Rev. Carl R. Key, State CROP Director presided at the ceremony, Mr. Key accompanied the cattle shipment on the plane to Haiti helping to supervise the loading and unloading details.

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BOOK REVIEW


This is the third book by Dr. Rolston in the field of Pauline study, and it is by far his best one. To read it is to have an introduction to much of the history of the New Testament and to come closer to the man Paul and to those men and women who stood with him or who stood against him.

The author's preface introduces the reader to the variety of personalities around the figure of Paul. There are no fewer than 36 of these personalities who are portrayed in succeeding chapters, among them being Barnabas, Elymas, Lydia, Gaius, Apollos, Agabus, and Epaphroditus, to mention a few. Each chapter has a text or texts which set forth the main characteristic of the personality portrayed. And for each there is a full discussion of the relevant Scripture background, and in some cases, of the material from secular sources. Obviously there is more material about some of these personalities than about others, and this makes for a thinness of treatment in certain cases. But, as Clovis Chappell says in the Preface of the book: "The author "flashes fresh light into the faces of men and women with whom every Bible student is familiar. He also lights up for us other faces that were so vague they hardly seemed human." This is a book to read, ponder, and refer to often.

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Palestine Is Still The Land Where Jesus Walked Among Men

Gethsemane: "We knelt in prayer beneath the ancient olive trees." The group with which Br. and Sr. Kaltreider toured the Holy Land is shown. Br. Kaltreider with Mrs. Kaltreider behind him is shown in first row the seventh from the left.

William A. Kaltreider

"Two of everything! Two tombs where Lazarus came forth; two places where John the Baptist was beheaded; two transfiguration mounts; two Golgothas; two open tombs—two of everything!" So we sigh as we make our pilgrimage. And each holy place far underground, covered by sanctuaries built on ruins of three or four previous shrines—Heathen temples, Mohammedan mosques! The history of each spot in the Holy Land is bewildering. One turns away each time perplexed, disappointed. But with the full pilgrimage completed, one is impressed with this marvelous thought, that, in spite of what foolish tradition has added and centuries have erased, there are still uncontradictory signs that this is the land where Jesus walked among men.

Mrs. Kaltreider and I had the privilege during November of making a tour of the Holy Land with thirty-two other Christians. The fellowship of such a consecrated group, worshipping sincerely at each holy place, was a rare treat in itself. Before reaching Palestine, we saw Rome—Paul’s prison, the Appian Way, the catacombs; Mars’ Hill in Athens; Corinth—standing on the very pavement where Paul was arraigned before the judgment seat for preaching Christ and Him crucified. We visited Egypt and the pyramids and we thought of the patriarchs back as far as Abraham. We went to Mt. Sinai and climbed to the top of this 7300 foot peak, thinking of Moses every step of the three hour climb. In the channel house of St. Catherine’s Monastery (Mt. Sinai) we saw heaped in neat piles, like cordwood, arms and legs—about fifteen cords in all—the bones of all the monks who lived and died at St. Catherine’s since its founding in 342. The skulls, perhaps a thousand of them, lay in a separate heap. Popped up rattling in a corner were the bones of St. Stephen, a specially revered monk. Visualize the channel house and get the creeps.

We began to relive the experiences of Jesus as we came from Damascus to the Jordan, where six of our party were baptized where Jesus was baptized. Then, entering Jericho, we snapped a picture of an ancient sycamore like the one which Zacchaeus climbed. To the left, as we journeyed past the excavated ruins of Joshua’s Jericho, was the Mount of Christ’s Temptation. Halfway up the steep, winding road to Jerusalem, we paused at the Good Samaritan Inn, built by the Crusaders. Then, just before coming round the hill for our first view of the holy city, we arrived at Bethany, peaceful habitation.

Bethany thrilled us as we entered the beautiful new church of St. Lazarus, on the spot of three previous churches, marking the site of the home of Martha and Mary. Nearby, the tomb of Lazarus, some twenty steps deep in the earth, for the centuries that have passed have seen other towns raised on the ruins of the Bethany of Christ’s time. At the entrance sat a dwarfish, little man, quietly repeating, “Lazarus, come forth!” and selling post cards of himself and the open tomb.

Barbed wire entanglements divide Jerusalem into Arab and Jewish sectors, and for six days we lived on the border of No Man’s Land at the American Colony Hotel. We remained on our side of the street so encountered no difficulties. These days were crammed with touching experiences for most of the holy places are in the Arab sector.

Entering the old city wall at St. Stephen’s Gate (the sheep gate of Jesus’ time) we came first to the Pool of Bethesda, excavated in 1875, in the entrance the story of John 5 posted in 125 different languages. Not far from this is the site of the temple. The Dome of the Rock or the Mosque of Omar now dominates the spot but the history of all the centuries is buried beneath its pavements. Site of the rock where Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac, David bought it from Araunah for a place of sacrifice and here were built in succession Solomon’s temple, Zerubabel’s temple, Herod’s temple, Roman temple to Jupiter, a Christian temple, a Mohammedan mosque. In spite of so many changes, forty-seven steps beneath can be seen the vast remnants of Solomon’s stables, and the corner parapet of the wall toward Kidron Valley 280 feet below is still pointed out as the pinnacle of the temple, where Satan tempted Jesus.

From the temple site, traditions say Mohammed ascended to heaven on a flying horse and here too will be hung the scales for the final judgment. The Dome of the Rock gives Mohammedan atmosphere yet its size is small in relation to the vast one square mile area of pavement which marks the whole temple area. The emptiness speaks of a past glory when Jesus taught daily in the temple. The ancient stones of the Wailing Wall, to which the Jews until the time of the armistice came to weep and pray for the rebuilding of the temple, reminded us of the hope of some Christians that Christ will again reign on earth from this same temple area, to be restored again (Ezekiel 43:1-7). The Gate Beautiful to the east, where Jesus made His triumphant entry, was sealed with masonry but Jerusalem tradition has it that when Jesus comes again this gate will be opened to receive Him.

Pilate’s Judgment Hall is marked by the Ecce Homo Basilica near the temple area. Within, nine steps below the floor, we saw what we believe is the Place of the Pavement, (John 19:13). Recently, we remembered Jesus and the crown of thorns. From here, St. Helena removed the sacred stairs to the Church of the Scala Sancta in Rome where we saw penitents ascending on their knees, praying, like Martin Luther, to subtract with each step ten years from their time in purgatory.

Gethsemane, of course, was a sacred spot to us all. The Church of All Nations is built over the rock where Jesus prayed, the rock itself surrounded by an iron rail in the form of a crown of thorns. In the adjoining garden, beautiful with more than forty varieties of flowers, we knelt in prayer beneath the ancient olive trees. No one...
doubts but that this is the spot where Jesus came to pray.

A bit farther up the Mount of Olives is the Church of the Ascension, framing in its floor a bit of the rock from which Jesus ascended. Some set their own feet on this sacred spot. From here one gets that grand panoramic view of Jerusalem, still a wonderful sight and reminiscent of when Jesus first caught sight of the city and wept over it. Sprays of olive leaves from the Mt. of Olives were given us to remember our visit.

There is much to support the belief that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre marks the site of Golgotha and the garden tomb. Desecrated early by a heathen Temple to Venus, St. Helena built a Christian church here as early as 340. The present church, buttressed with unsightly steel girders since the earthquake of 1927, was built by the Crusaders. It marks the site of the open tomb in the center of the church and also the site of Golgotha, reached by a steep stairway into a higher wing of the building. Under framed glass and lighted is shown a cleft in the rock caused by earthquake on the day of the crucifixion. Catholics, Greek, Coptic and Armenian churches have shrines here and Lutherners and Episcopalians accept this as the sacred place.

Personally, we gave more credence as we visited the Calvary and tomb in Gordan's Garden near the Damascus gate. Equally distant from Pilate's Hall and outside the city gate, both spots remained undecorated by shrines and chandeliers, being simply natural places excavated from the debris of intervening years. We posed for a group picture at Golgotha though we later denied entrance to the Mohammedan graveyard which now occupies the place of execution. Early Sunday, we rose to go for devotion to the open tomb. Surrounded by an ancient garden, complete with oil press, the tomb is now completely excavated and exposed. The stone is gone but the groove in which it rolled is still preserved. A peaceful joy filled our hearts as we came away, feeling that we had been with the women to the place where Jesus had lain.

Of course, we visited Bethlehem, now fourteen miles from Jerusalem, not five, because of war conditions. The exact spot of Christ's birth is authentic, though its simplicity spoiled by the shrines of many denominations. Here Constantine was converted and here in 325 his mother, St. Helena, built the Church of the Nativity, one of the oldest churches in the world. We were surprised to learn that there are graves of certain devout saints in the cave of the Saviour's birth.

Now we must hasten to close these remarks as we had to hastily conclude our tour of the Holy Land. Crossing No Man's Land brought a breath of fresh air as we entered the more progressive Jewish sector. Here in just a few days we covered the remainder of Jerusalem and visited the sacred places of Galilee—Capernaum, Cana, Nazareth, Mt. Carmel. The Sea of Galilee was as beautiful as in the days of Christ and now we saw with His eyes, not buildings and shrines, but fields and hills where He walked and taught. Rain spoiled much of these days but left us with a more hopeful impression of the land in general and confirmed us in the conviction that the Promised land, so ravaged by the neglect of centuries will again some day rejoice and blossom as the rose.

BAPTISM

Davis, Karen Lane, daughter of Gilbert E. and Helen m. n. Stutts Davis, born April 29, 1954 in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized September 5, 1954 at Hopewell Church by the Rev. W. Norwood Green.

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Jones, Cynthia Leigh, daughter of Samuel Rowan and Lola m. n. Lawing Jones, born April 2, 1954, in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized September 19, 1954 at Hopewell Church by the Rev. W. Norwood Green.

Snyder, Terry Richard, son of Ira F. and Ruby m. n. Cockeram Snyder, born August 8, 1954 in Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized August 29, 1954 at Hopewell Church by the Rev. W. Norwood Green.

Swener, Charles Robert, son of Christian F. and Mary m. n. Garvey Swener, born August 7, 1954; was baptized October 3, 1954 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Disher, Anthony, Hamilton, Jr., son of A. H. and Eva m. n. Wall Disher, born April 25, 1954; was baptized October 17, 1954 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Teague, Suzan Monroe, daughter of O. M. and Suzanne m. n. Norman Teague, Jr. Born March 31, 1954; was baptized October 17, 1954 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


Goslen, Martha Ann, daughter of J. B. and Martha m. n. Wells Goslen, Jr. Born April 22, 1954; was baptized October 31, 1954 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Draughon, Ronald Dean, son of Gilbert A. and Lillie Draughon, m. n. Worrell, born June 23, 1954; was baptized at Trinity Church, Mount Airy, by the Rev. Herbert B. Johnson on September 19, 1954.

King, Denise Lynn, son of William A. King, Jr. and Margaret King, m. n. Tilley, born July 9, 1954, baptized in Grace Church, Mount Airy, on September 19, 1954 by the Rev. Herbert B. Johnson.

Wilson, Richard Kevin, son of Edward Russel and Mary Elizabeth Ledbetter Wilson, born July 12, 1954; baptized at Trinity October 10, 1954 by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.


A Missionary for One Year

Earl E. Stephan, a member of the Hebron, Minnesota, Moravian Church and a Middler in the Theological Seminary, has been willing to interrupt his studies so as to serve for a year as assistant minister in the Bluefields, Nicaragua, congregation. This was done in response to an urgent appeal for help from the field. During the Rev. Wilfred Dregger’s furlough the Rev. G. Conrad Shimer has undertaken to carry on the essential work of the office of the mission treasurer in Nicaragua in addition to responsibility for his large congregation. The Board is grateful to Br. Stephan for his willingness thus to step into the breach. He arrived in Bluefields on November 16 and was there received as an acolyte of the Moravian Church on November 21.

A Second Son

The Board is happy to announce the birth on November 24 in the Wangki Lumber Hospital of Brian James, second son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lorenz Adam. Both mother and child were doing well when the announcement was sent out.

Birthday Calendar

The first additions and revisions of the missionary birthday calendar for 1955 are published herewith:


June 5—Jeanne E. Cribbs, R. N., Mission Evangelica Morava, Caraqua, La Mosquitia, Honduras, Central America, Via Trujillo and Iriano.

August 21—Mrs. William Allen, retired (2530 Radcliffe Avenue, Roslyn, Pennsylvania.

September 7—Theodore Reinke, retired (Gradenhutten, Ohio.

The Schwalbe Memorial Chapel

The chapel that has been erected at the Children’s Home in memory of the late Rev. and Mrs. F. T. Schwalbe is nearing completion. A letter from the Rev. H. J. Trodahl dated November 1 expressed the hope that most of the interior work on it would be done before the end of the month. The same letter stated: “I was authorized to tell you that the congregation at Nunapitsingh (the Children’s Home) would assume upkeep expenses of the chapel.” The building has been made possible by special gifts from the Women of the Southern Province.

Miskito Textbook for 1955

Another edition of the textbook in Miskito has been sent to Central America. Cordial thanks are hereewith expressed to Mrs. Pearl Bishop and Mrs. Flora Dannenberger for preparing both the manuscript and the stencils, to Dr. George R. Heath for assistance in this to the Rev. Karl Bregner for supervising the mimeographing and the shipping of the book; and to the Winona County Moravian Youth Fellowship in Minnesota for doing the work.

A Sad Accident

Superintendent Storz of our Nicaraguan Mission has sent word of an accident in Managua which involved Ellerton Watson, son of the Rev. Rinkart Watson of San Carlos, Nicaragua. Ellerton was driving to work, lost control of the car and ran into a house, injuring seriously a woman in it. Ellerton appears to have escaped with minor bruises. The car of course was wrecked.

Growth of the Church in Nicaragua

The quarterly report recently compiled by Superintendent Stortz contains the following encouraging paragraph: “Again at the close of another quarter we must render thanks to God for the continued progress in the work. Reports have been received from all places. They show that during the quarter 96 children were baptized, 159 confirmed, 19 received by the right hand of fellowship, 1 adult baptized and 11 couples married. The reports also show that at present there are 156 people under instruction most of whom will be ready to be admitted into the various churches in November.”

A Young People’s Conference in Nicaragua

“The latter part of August the Wangki District held its Young People’s Conference in Bilwaskarma. It was attended by 166. It was one of the best conferences we have had. One could not but feel elated with the fine talks that were given by some of the lay pastors. The district exceeded the goal set for the support of a native worker in the Bocay district. The young people pledged 2500 cordobas for the support of this work for another year. They also contributed 100 cordobas to the work in Honduras and a collection was taken to buy some medicines for the worker in this district. It was inspiring to hear the two workers of the Bocay district render their report to the conference. At the closing evangelistic service fourteen made decisions for Christ.”

New Chapels

“A new chapel was dedicated at Mississippi lumber camp, where quite a number of our Miskito Indian members are at work. A love feast and also Communion service were conducted in connection with this dedication. Another Chapel was dedicated at Wilder’s Lumber Camp. The owner of still another lumber camp and saw mill is also planning to build a chapel in the very near future for the men working there. In many of these camps the Christians and others who attend the services support the native church workers. A sum is deducted from their wages for this. In some of the camps we have full time workers; in others a Christian makes himself responsible for the services. We are happy to see this interest in religion and are also very grateful that the Moravian Church has the opportunity to serve in these camps. A new church was also dedicated in Waunata.”

The Budget Adopted in the Mission Field

“Several years ago it was decided that instead of asking each church member to give a set sum each year towards meeting our local Nicaraguan budget, we would draw up an estimated budget for a given year and then assign quotas to the various districts. Last year we were able to raise 94% of the estimated budget. This year in spite of crop failures and other calamities which affected the financial status of our members we were able to raise 91% of the estimated budget. Because of this we were able to raise all the salaries of our Native workers by 5%. We have also been able to begin a salary surplus fund which should tide us over in case the income of a certain year would fall short of our needs. The first year the quotas were small but they were increased last year.”

Bonanza Church Dedication

The following is a brief condensation of a recent letter from the Rev. Kenneth Nowack. “On October 31 the long looked for day arrived when our new church could be dedicated. The service was conducted in three languages, with brief addresses by the president of the building committee, the carpenter, and representatives of the congregations and its various organizations. It lasted less than two hours, for all that. The building is not yet complete. The windows failed to arrive from Bluefields, and a bell is still needed. But the church does contain a hand rubbed mahogany and cedar pulpit with three matching chairs, two banks of choir benches, and a beautiful large painting of Christ in Gethsemane. "We are making some progress in our effort to secure gifts for the pick-up truck. How we could have used it these last weeks!” Special gifts for this truck will be gratefully received by Br. Nowack or the Mission Board.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

KING

The outstanding spiritual event of the past two months was our week of revival services October 17-24. Mr. Thomas Johnson of King High School faculty gave a rousing message on the opening night and Br. Henry Lewis came for the remaining nights filled with zeal and sincerity of purpose. We feel that the extensive plans made by the Church Board helped greatly to make this effort outstanding and we were conscious of an effective work being accomplished all through the week. Attendance averaged 65 with a high of 95, which was good for King. The offering of $98 of the closing night showed that our people had received a blessing. Many dedicated themselves to greater Christian effort in the home, in giving and in other specific ways.

October 31 was observed as World Temperance Sunday and the claims of total abstinence were clearly presented. Many signed the total abstinence pledge and a plate offering at the door was received for the work of the Allied Church League. The same program was carried out at Mt. Bethel with similar response.

Our members continue to keep in mind the completion of our Christian Education Building and during the past month the choir room has been carpeted and the Jr. Department room completely furnished. We appreciate the faithful efforts of our members.

During the month of November, the pastor and his wife were privileged to make a tour of the Holy Land and during their absence, the work was carried on through the assistance of Brethren Bruner, Johnson and Higgins. The congregation showed genuine goodwill with regard to this extended vacation by presenting a farewell purse of $53 with their hearty good wishes. Pastor and wife returned on November 27 to find everything in order and the work thriving during their absence. We are grateful for this privilege and trust we shall be able to share some of our experiences with the congregation as there is opportunity.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

FRIES MEMORIAL

World Wide Communion and that of November 13 have been the two highest Communion services during the past three years. That of the First Sunday in Advent was almost as large. The spirit of consecration and seeking in these services has been a source of strength and inspiration to us all.

The services were fitting preparation and climax for our special series of services held the week of October 24 with Br. J. C. Barnes as preacher.

The entire fall season has been marked by increased attendances at the morning worship services and a steadily increasing interest in services and activity. The Sunday school is going forward under the leadership of our new superintendent, Br. J. R. Pleasants, and assistant superintendent, J. L. Rufledge, through still seriously cramped for adequate space.

Our choir has taken on new life and membership and has been doing better work than ever. Preparations are in the making for presentation on December 19, of "The Christ Child," by C. B. Hawley.

Young People’s evening meetings reached a new high mark on the last two Sundays in November with a total of 42 present in the three groups. Various new activities are being planned by these groups. They are assuming more and more responsibility for the leadership of the Sunday evening services.

Announcement has been made that beginning with the first Sunday in December we will hold Vesper Service at 5 p.m. each Sunday evening instead of the night service. This will continue during the winter months. Young People’s snack supper and meetings will be held immediately following the vesper service. The Christmas Eve Lovefeast will remain at the 7:30 p.m. hour on Christmas Eve.

Br. John Gilliland, Moravian theological student from Hope, Indiana did our young people much good and brought us an excellent message at the night service on Moravian College Day.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

CHRIST CHURCH

Special services and guest speakers have added to the life of our congregation during the past two months. On October 24 the 58th anniversary of the congregation was observed, with Br. Richard F. Amos, Pastor of the Ardmore Church, as the speaker at our lovefeast service. The presence of Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, the first and second pastors of Christ Church, added to the happiness of this occasion. A family night gathering was held during anniversary week, and included a pot-luck supper, singing of favorite hymns, and an illustrated talk by Mrs. Ray Fisher on "The Places Where Jesus Walked." This family gathering proved so successful that it is planned to have a night of this kind a number of times throughout the year.

Br. E. T. Mickey, Jr., Pastor of the Fries Memorial Church, was the speaker for the Fall Revival, held the week of November 7. Mickey served ably as trombonist during the services and aided greatly in the congregational singing. Roy Hoffman, David Johnson, Tom Shepherd, Horace Raker, and Mrs. William Brewer, made up the committee, which carried out the visitation program, conducted cottage prayer meetings, and did the hundred-and-one other jobs that such a week of services calls for.

We observed "Prayer Day" for Moravian College and Theological Seminary on November 21, and the privilege of having Professor Edwin W. Kortz, of the Seminary faculty, as our speaker. He brought us a challenging message on "The Christian’s Calling."

The Men’s Fellowship, under the leadership of Clyde Barber, has carried through a project of reseeding the church lawn, and has accepted the financial responsibility for this venture. The men have had Br. J. Taylor Loftin and Br. James J. Heller, Professor of Biblical Theology at Moravian Theological Seminary, as speakers at two of the recent meetings of the group.

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W. A. Murphy — H. D. Slank
Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Crow have united with the church. And the last two living charter members of Christ Church passed away at the end of November. Mrs. Lula Frazier Westmoreland passed away on November 29, in Wichita, Kansas, on November 28, and Mrs. Della Pfaff Humphries, a resident of Winston-Salem, passed away on November 29.

JOHN H. JOHANSEN

MESSIAH

Revival services were conducted at MESSIAH from Sunday, October 24, through Sunday, October 31, with Br. W. Norwood Green bringing the messages. We wish to express again our appreciation to Br. Green for the inspiration and fellowship of his visit among us and to the congregation and choir for the good response to these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ashburn were received into our membership by letter of transfer on November 14.

We are pleased to have had Br. Edwin Sawyer supply at MESSIAH on October 10, while the pastor conducted revival services at the Mt. Bethel Church. Br. Carl Pardee, lay pastor of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, brought our evening message on November 21. This service was sponsored by the Class of Ruth of the Sunday school.

We commemorated our third anniversary on November 7. Br. J. George Bruner spoke for the occasion on the subject, "Go Forward." Prior to the Lovefeast Service, Mr. C. Vestal Whitt led the band in a half-hour concert of chorales.

The third annual Union Reformation Service, conducted by the churches of the Old Town district, was held at Beck's Baptist Church, October 31. Dr. John R. Weinlick, Moravian Theological Seminary, brought a very fine Reformation Day message.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Luper who are the parents of a new son, Jackie Fred, Jr., born Saturday, November 6.

We are grateful for the good work and generosity of our people in making the third quarterly supply at 9:00 a.m., for the special service of prayer and witness to our Lord and Master. We observed our thirtieth anniversary with the Ladies Auxiliary and the pastor visited in several homes.

We have been greatly encouraged by some additional help from the outside.

Sixty persons came together on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m., for the special service of prayer and witness to our Lord and Master. The offering of the day was in the form of money and food donated to the Salvation Army. The young people assisted the pastor in the service. The chapel choir, under the direction of Mrs. R. B. Plowman, sang "This Is My Father's World." Judy Campbell and Roy Jones led in the Scripture reading and liturgy.

The Women of the Church organization held its annual candle-trimming meeting at the church on Saturday, December 4. Along with the work was the fellowship in song and refreshments.

R. T. TROUTMAN

RURAL HALL

Worldwide Communion Sunday was observed on October 3, with a promotion day service being held in the Sunday school. A series of evangelistic services was held from October 31 through November 5 with the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes as evangelist.

The communion service for the November Thirteenth Festival was held on November 7. We welcomed Mrs. Bill Wilson as guest soloist for the service. We had more communicants at this service than there had been at any other communion service which has been held during the present pastorate.

John Gilliland, a student from the theological seminary, preached on November 21 as a college prayer day speaker. A community Thanksgiving service was held at the Rural Hall Baptist Church on Thanksgiving eve with Rev. Thompson of the Rural Hall Methodist Church as the guest speaker.

The following have been recently received into the membership of the church: Mr. Alfred Stultz and daughter Marie Rowena Stultz on November 5 with the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes assisting in the service and Mrs. Daphne Rutledge on November 21. The following have received new members into their families: Mr. and Mrs. Manly Smith, a son, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Fultz, a son. Mrs. Fultz is the former Barbara June Strauber. We congratulate them on these new arrivals.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

ENTERPRISE

It is a joy to announce that a number of our people at Enterprise are members of the Arcadia Grange which won the $15,000 first prize in the nation-wide Grange contest. However, this achievement of our people comes as no surprise to those who observe them in church endeavors. There is no job too large or too small for them to undertake.

Our hearts were saddened by the sickness and number of accidents that have recently occurred. Mrs. Delta Evans fell and broke an arm. Mrs. Lula Tesh has a broken leg. Emory Tesh was confined in the Lexington Hospital for an operation. Mr. W. S. Bowman is convalescing at his home from a recent heart attack.

The annual Thanksgiving service was held November 21. A special offering of $45.00 was taken and given to C.R.O.P.

The lighting of the Advent Star, the singing of "Hosanna" and the practicing of the Christmas pageant along with numerous class fellowship gatherings, always causes a sense of anticipation to come upon our people—the looking forward to the climax of the Christmas season, the Birth of our Saviour.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

MOUNT BETHEL

On October 10 our revival services began with the Rev. R. T. Troutman as guest speaker. Br. Troutman brought us messages to awaken us to our Christian duties. Also, Br. Troutman along with the pastor visited in several homes.

Hurricane Hazel came through before our last revival service taking down power lines with her, thus, leaving the power off until the next day. Yet, there was light which even Hazel did not take away, for in a cold church with candles and kerosene lamps there were gathered thirty people to witness to Christ as the light of the world.

Our community has felt and is showing the effects of Br. Troutman's work among us. The occupants of the parsonage paid a surprise visit on November 22 by the visit of Professor Kortz along with four students from our seminary.

Our Thanksgiving service was held on Thanksgiving Eve. An offering of produce and silver was brought for Salem Home in order that we may share a portion of what we have with others.

We are looking forward now to a very joyous Christmas season proclaiming Christ as the Saviour of the world.

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annual lovefeast service on Sunday evening November 14. The congregation was organized on November 16, 1924. The anniversary message was brought by the Rev. J. Taylor Loflin. We were happy that Br. J. P. Crouch was able to be with us for this service. Br. Crouch has been the faithful pastor of the congregation for the past thirty years. Other brethren present for the service were Dr. Douglas Rights, one of the men responsible for the organization of the church. The Rev. R. T. Troutman, a son of the congregation and Mr. Clyde Barber and Mr. Hard Reid, both of these brethren have been active as lay workers of the congregation.

The new pastor was installed on Sunday evening, November 23 by Dr. Gordon Spough, president of the Provincial Elders Conference. Several congregations of the province were represented at this service. The total attendance was about two hundred and seventy-five. Br. Vernon Daetwyler offered the benediction at the close of the service.

The Women of the Church sponsored a reception for the new pastor and his family on Wednesday night November 24 in the fellowship hall of the church. Many friends and members of the congregation attended and expressed their good wishes to the new parsonage family. The pastor greatly appreciates the fine spirit of cooperation being shown by the entire congregation and the retired pastor. Together we can do great things for the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have enjoyed a most blessed Christmas season with a full program beginning with the first Sunday in the Advent season. Beginning with the first Sunday in January we will have both morning and evening services. We also plan to re-organize all the youth groups and youth work the first Sunday in the new year. Br. Edwin Sawyer will begin a Bible study course for us on Thursday night January 13. He will be teaching the book of I Corinthians.

We would like to express our heart felt thanks to the members of the congregation for the new venetian blinds, the new refrigerator, the automatic washer and the many other things that have been added to the parsonage. We also appreciate the fine study that has been placed in one of the rooms of the education building. The study is located directly behind the church auditorium. The new phone number for the parsonage is 2-8041.

J. TAYLOR LOFLIN

OAK GROVE

In recent weeks we have been happy to receive Mrs. James H. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fulcher, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poorman into the communicant membership of our church.

All classes in the Sunday school have been actively working toward better attendances in an effort to receive the award at the end of the attendance contest on January 2. A number of classes have won the banner for the best attendance, and the attendance has averaged 248 for the two months.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Disher, Jr., have been added to the staff of counselors for our Sunday evening youth program. A number of the young people attended the Fall Rally at Ardmore Church. In November a Weiner roast was held at the home of Loretta Snow, and now the group is concentrating on the Christmas pageant.

November 13 Communion was observed on the second Sunday in November. That night the first in the series of films on the life of St. Paul was shown. We observed Moravian College and Seminary Prayer Day on November 20, and were pleased to have as our guest for the day Br. Robert Lewis, a student at the Seminary and a member of the Glenwood Church of Madison, Wisconsin. His inspiring message made us aware of our neglect in the training of ministers.

Following the custom of past years, a 7:00 a.m. lovefeast was held on Thanksgiving morning. The large attendance and the early hour made this a very impressive service for all those who joined in this hour of fellowship and thanksgiving.

The Church Visitation Committee continues to go out two by two into various homes in the community. Also, more of the Sunday school classes have realized their obligation to visit and have begun visitation programs.

We thank God for His presence with us in recent months and the many blessings He has given us, and we trust He will make the Christmas season a time of renewed commitment for our congregation.

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER

MACEDONIA

The results of our revival, which was held from November 14 through 21, are still being seen in the life of our congregation. Many of those who attended testified to the fact of a rich experience and blessing. The attendance, in view of the disagreeable weather, was very good. The average attendance for the week from Monday night through Sunday night was estimated to have been 115. There were 28 who attended every meeting up through Saturday night when this check was made. During the week, the largest attendance was on Wednesday night when we had many visitors from the Bethlehem Methodist and Yadkin Valley Baptist churches with us. Some of these people attended almost every meeting. The attendance on November 14 when the Rev. Vernon E. Daetwyler preached at the morning and evening services was around 185 for the morning and 165 for the evening.

The messages of the revival by both the Rev. Vernon E. Daetwyler and Dr. Edmund Schwarz were of great benefit to each one of us.

Our revival began with the observance of Holy Communion on November 14, in view of our church calendar, and it proved to be a good start and blessing in preparation for the week. The pastor had given, on November 7, an exposition of the communion messages. The revival ended with a lovefeast, and we had many visitors present with us at this last service.

Special thanks are due the following people for the outward success of the revival: the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler and Dr. Edmund Schwarz, for excellent messages; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brinton, from Advent, for directing the music; Mrs. Nera Godfrey, pianist; Mr. Willie Fry, for attending to the transportation of Dr. Schwarz who was unable to drive due to eye trouble; Mr. Willie Copelton, for assisting the pastor in serving communion; Mrs. Louise Sparks, head diener; Mrs. John Sparks and Mrs. Joe Howard, for making the coffee; the Macedonia church board, for their faithful attendance.
and support; and our friends and visitors, for standing by with their prayers and attendance.

The Macedonia congregation is receiving wonderful fellowship in joining with the Bethlehem Methodist and Yadkin Valley Baptist churches for union prayer meetings each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. The services are held from one to the other systematically. In addition, the fourth Sunday evening service is a union service with the same churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rieszner have been approved by the church board to help us with our choir. They come over each Thursday, at 7:30 p.m., and practice with the choir. The choir attendance for these practices is very good.

NORMAN C. BYERLY

FAIRVIEW

The Adult Choir presented Nevin’s “The Adoration Cantata” at the evening service on the first Sunday in Advent. The choir is directed by Mrs. Paul Barnes who arranged the solo parts so that 13 different members of the choir had solo opportunities. Many comments of appreciation were made by the congregation and visitors after the service.

The Rev. Henry A. Lewis was the guest speaker at the annual Thanksgiving Eve Service. Canned goods, vegetables and an offering of money were laid on the chancel for the Salem Home.

The Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer was the November speaker of the Fairview Missionary Chapter. He spoke on Missionary David Zeisberger. The Rev. Robert Lobst showed colored slides of Nicaragua at the December meeting.

The Weber Memorial Class has recently purchased two gas stove units for the church kitchen. They have a total of 14 burners and 2 ovens. The stoves cost approximately $400, of which nearly all has been raised by the class in sponsoring a fish fry and in making generous individual donations.

The six Scout organizations of Fairview sponsored a ham supper to raise money for Scouting equipment. The Brownies, Intermediate Girls, Senior Girls, Boy Scouts and Explorers all cooperated in this successful venture.

The Blum Memorial Bible Class made excellent strides in attendance during the past two months. The class not only meets in Sunday school but at the family fellowship hour. Through the diligent efforts of the teacher, R. Carroll Williams, 35 members are now in the class. Dr. George Higgins has been teaching the class a course on Moravian Church History at the Sunday night meeting. The course was so popular that many other adult members of the Family Fellowship have been attending.

Attendances during the past two months at our services have been excellent. Nearly 1,000 people are in attendance each Sunday at our 4 regular services: morning worship, Sunday school, vespers, and family fellowship.

MAYODAN

Worldwide communion service was held the first Sunday in October with a large number partaking. This was a preparation period for our revival which began Wednesday, October 6 and continued through Sunday, October 17 with Mr. W. J. Squires as song leader, and the Rev. Henry A. Lewis bringing most challenging messages. We considered the services very successful with many reconsecrations and one profession of faith. On October 24 we received Donald Ray and Lena Faye Gann, children of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gann, by infant baptism, Louise Goins and Donald Gann by adult baptism, and Mrs. Beth Baughn by letter of transfer. William Young came into the church by letter of transfer November 28. We wish for them God’s abundant blessings.

We had a Thanksgiving service Sunday, November 21 at which time offerings of food and money were received for Salem Home. On Wednesday, November 24 we joined with other churches in the community in a Thanksgiving service held at Madison School.

Our 58th church anniversary was held Sunday, November 28 with Holy Communion in the morning and lovefeast at 7:30 o'clock in the evening at which time the Rev. J. C. Hughes brought a challenging message. Much interest was shown at both services.

Among the many activities were the picture, "The Coleman’s Story", sponsored by our Foreign Missionary Society the first Sunday evening in October; the play, “The Challenge of the Cross”, presented at Leaksville Moravian Church by our Hedgecock Class; the very successful brunswick stew given by our young men’s class to raise money for the parsonage building fund; the provincial young people’s rally attended by 13 of our youth; and the provincial young adult rally attended by 42 of our young adults. Our ladies were well represented at the provincial rally at the Home Church and the Day of Prayer at Bethabara.

Preparations are completed for our open house at the new parsonage which will be the first Sunday in December. Much has been done for which we are deeply grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bailey are the proud parents of baby girls.

JOHN H. KAPP

KERNERSVILLE

Following the retirement of Br. Herbert B. Johnson from the active pastorate the end of September it was our privilege to receive him, his wife and son Thor into the membership of our congregation. Br. Johnston was of immediate help in assisting the pastor in Communion Services, supplying the pulpit, visiting, and speaking to various organizations. The help and encouragement
or the Johnsons is greatly appreciated by the pastor and the congregation and we wish for them a most happy association in our work.

This fall we reorganized the junior choirs and the youth night groups into three age divisions. The choir leaders are: Mrs. Cornelia Adams, Mrs. R. V. Wilson, Jr., Mrs. Clayton Persons and Mrs. Fred Vance. Counselors for the Sunday night youth groups are: for the Seniors, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam F. Vance; Intermediate, Mrs. Noah Eaton, Mrs. Lee Smith and Mrs. Cornelia Adams; Juniors, Mrs. Frances McCoy and Mrs. Porter Flynn.

An ampitheater has recently been installed for the Church Hour Nursery so that the women keeping the children at this time may hear the church service. Our thanks go to: several young men, who gave the amplifier, former Circle No. 3, which supplied a stereo system; and to Br. Porter Flynn, who made the installation.

Our anniversary services on November 7 were exceptionally well attended. Through a special effort during the previous week and on that day it now appears the picture payment next month will reduce the indebtedness to less than $10,000.

A week of Evangelism with Br. J. Calvin Barnes of Greensboro was a blessing to the congregation. While results are not immediately apparent in increased membership, the total effect has been a strengthening of the congregational life.

CLAYTON H. PERSONS

TRINITY

For Thanksgiving we had as speaker B. C. Snyder, who gave an illustrated lecture on his visit to Palestine. In his pictures we have our first view of the new home for lepers served by our church. The picture payment next month will reduce the indebtedness to less than $10,000.

One of our most interesting services recently was the occasion of the visit of Bishop Pfohl, who gave in his message some information about Salem congregation. In telling of the development of Salem congregation, he stated that with the exception of Konnoak Hills, all the churches and chapels had developed from mission Sunday schools.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS

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O. E. Simpson

One of, if not the most difficult lessons we human beings must learn is obedience. This is emphasized and put in dramatic language in the Bible's account of the gardeners of Eden. Nothing so vital or so difficult for the human family to learn as the lesson of obedience. The matter of its difficulty is easily grasped by every parent who attempts to teach his child. What is not so obvious is the supreme importance of this lesson. Therefore, because it is difficult to teach, many parents abandon all efforts to impart the necessary information to their children.

Parents who send their children to school and into the world without knowledge of obedience have failed to give them what every person must have in order to live a satisfactory life in society. Such children frequently have a rude awakening. Indeed, they may be brutally shocked into reality by an encounter with the outside world. When this happens nearly all parents ask, "Where did I fail?" and add, "I tried to teach my child."

The answer to this question for most parents is that they failed by not teaching obedience early enough in the child's life. There is great variety of opinion on when children should be taught. In the intimacy of family life, where emotions are so vital and sensitive for well-being we have grave difficulty in establishing and following rules. An infant is a marvel to his young parents and so loved that one can hardly think of rules, and strict teaching, and making him obey. That kind of thing can wait until he can talk, and understand—reason most parents. Tragic error; lost opportunity.

du Nouy in his book Human Destiny, urges parents to lose no time in teaching obedience. "A child must learn to obey automatically. The idea that it is possible to disobey his parents must be eradicated. If he only succeeds in imposing his will once, he will never forget it and will always attempt to do so again." This is said of a very young child. A child three months old can readily and easily learn to obey his parents. We do not need to be severe and harsh. Parents must be patient, stubborn if you will. Parents allow their children to disobey because it is easier, at the moment, for the parents. But later disaster may fall for parents and child because obedience was not learned.

BAPTISMS


Lewis, Howell Jackson, Jr., son of Howell Jack­son and Irene Jones Lewis born October 1, 1954 in Winston-Salem and baptized on November 14, 1954 at Pine Chapel.

Foster, Susan Marie, daughter of Willie B. and Betty Nickerson Foster, born September 4, 1954 in Winston-Salem and baptized on November 14, 1954 at Pine Chapel.


YOUR ATTIC MAY HOLD PART OF
America’s Musical Heritage

by Donald M. McCorkle
Music Editor, The Moravian Church in America

How long has it been since you took an adventurous trip into your attic, opened the old trunks, and marvelled at the clothes and accessories of another era? It is always a pleasant pastime, but did you realize that it can also be a very valuable pastime? Several Winston-Salem and Bethania families have had the pleasure recently. And in doing so they have experienced the thrill of helping to reconstruct the history of music in 18th Century Wachovia, which is the most important part of America’s musical heritage. We have been successful in re-acquiring several old Moravian musical instruments in the last six months, among them a viola (1780), two cellos, and two violins—one violin homemade in early Salem! Especially rewarding has been the discovery of the second Salem organ, built by the Moravian, David Tannenberg, in 1797. This was made possible by the finding of the original “blueprint” which, when used in conjunction with the fabulous memory of Mr. B. J. Pfohl, made it easy to find the missing pipes and woodwork. We hope now that Old Salem, Inc. can find enough support to justify the restoration of the organ and other instruments. These instruments, in the Wachovia Museum, make up one of the finest small collections of 18th Century instruments in America.

One of the clarinets in the Museum is shown in the accompanying photo. It is not an instrument used in Wachovia, but it is important because it was used in America (Winchester, Va.) before 1800. And the company is still in business! Mr. Harry Shonts of Winston-Salem bought it at an auction several years ago and turned it over to the Museum for permanent exhibit. Such instruments have great historical value.

Donald M. McCorkle is shown holding one of the clarinets now in the Museum.

You may possess the world’s only copy of a musical composition. This writer did find one just a few weeks ago. It is an anthem (handwritten) by John Frederik Peter, the finest of the Moravian composers, and it was not in either the Salem or Bethlehem Archives. This will now be published and added to America’s church music. Many others may still be in the romantic trunks. Many symphonies and string quartets used by the Salem Musical Society are probably there, too.

Can you imagine a book without pictures? Well, the history of American Moravian music will probably have to be written without them unless more pictures of the early composers can be found. Thus far we have found only a few of these, but none of the most prominent composers: J. F. Peter, Simon Peter, Johannes Herbst, David M. Michael, John Arana. Also deserved are Joseph Bullittscheck (Boilejek), David Tannenberg, Ludwig Meinung, Friedrich C. Meinung, Alexander Meinung, and all others who are known to have been musicians in Salem prior to 1850. We have been told that these missing pictures no longer exist; our answer is that by definition “the Moravians never throw away anything—one of their finest attributes—therefore they must be somewhere.”

Your attic may hold part of America’s musical heritage!

Service Day Fund Fills Many Needs In Church

Since the “Service Day Fund” has just completed ten years of its existence, it seems appropriate to take notice of the importance of this fund and the committee which is responsible for collecting it.

Mrs. W. E. Stauber, of the Rural Hall Moravian Church, has been chairman of the committee from the beginning, and she says the Service Day project was begun more than ten years ago, but became a Provincial effort in 1944. In the first letter sent out to Provincial Women in October of that year, one sentence reads “Should there be a fire, flood or hurricane, or should there arise a need for an extra musician, medical supplies or equipment of any kind in mission fields or in our homeland, would it not be fine if each of us feel that we, the Women of the Southern Province really helped with our little deeds of service?”

Mrs. Stauber’s idea from the first was that this fund be called upon as an “Emergency Fund” and she and her committee asked each woman to perform some service or make some sacrifice and that year, one sentence reads the Service Day project was begun more than ten years ago.

Mrs. Stauber’s committee asked each woman to perform some service or make some sacrifice and the Service Day Fund” has just completed ten years of its existence.

The first committee was composed of Mrs. Stauber, Mrs. Chas. E. Ader, Mrs. A. W. Beroth, and Mrs. Alfred Stultz. The members of this year’s committee are, Mrs. Stauber, Mrs. L. S. Styers, Miss Nellie Grubb, Mrs. W. E. Shore, and Mrs. Carl Hine. During the past ten years the Women of the Province and other interested friends have contributed $6,371.89 to this fund.

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Memorabilia Cites Five Significant Features of 1954

By Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, D. D., senior pastor

PART I

"Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
"Now thank we all our God"
With the process of the
"Now thank we all our God"
And the thoughts of men are widened
With the process of the suns."
Our God is A Great God. He is most worthy of
remembrance of all we have experienced in the
passing of another cycle of the years. We give
Him first place. Our Memorabilia begins with Him.
As to the record of the year it is evident that it
has been marked by
Five Significant Features.
Call them characteristics, if you like.
They give to the year a character all its own, to be looked
back upon in the after years as historic, marking
new trends or channels in the world's life. They bid
us pause and think. Yes, they seem to say to us,
in the words of one of our greatest of the Psalms—
the Forty-sixth, which seems to have been com-
posed for just such a jittery year as 1954 has
been, "Be still and know that I am God."

Feature Number One:
A Warless Year,
the first for us since 1935, and it brought great
rejoicing to the American people. After years of
conflict, suffering and death, now, at length, peace!

Feature Number Two:
The Long Series of Disturbances
In the Orderly Processes of Nature
Extensive and blighting droughts; destructive
floods; earthquakes in many lands; tempests of
wind and storm, rated the worst in many years;
hurricanes and tornadoes of widest proportions in
modern times, destroying vast amounts of prop-
erty and taking heavy toll of human life. Can such
experiences have not meaning beyond the casual?
Might God be seeking through them the listening
ear of man in rebuke or warning?

Feature Number Three:
The Wide-spread Revulsion Against War
which the year has brought in increasing degree.
Not to statesmen and nations only but to leading
scientists too. And hand in hand with it a growing
fear lest another war, making use of the atom and
hydrogen bomb might result in a quick extermina-
tion of civilization.

Feature Number Four:
The Quickened Interest and Emphasis
On Religion
evidenced, not on the part of Christianity alone,
but of the great Pagan Religions also. Most signif-
ificant in this connection was the assembling in
Rangoon, Burma, in the month of May of a great
World Council of Buddhism. The first to be held
since 1871, and the sixth since the death of
Gautama 2,498 years ago. This Council was at-
tended by 50,000 on the opening day and rep-
resents 400,000,000 followers of Buddha. The
Council was called to continue for two years. In
August, a Council of another sort met in Mecca,
the world capital of the Muslims. There, three
heads of state of the Mohammedan World, Egypt,
Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, took counsel togeth-
er to determine their course of action to hold Africa—
In .

Feature Number Five:
On which we are to dwell
at somewhat greater length, is the culmination of
evidence which has been accumulating for some
years past, and, now in 1954, warrants us in
speaking of a

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Inasmuch as this column is being written at the beginning of a new year, we are prompted to ask: "What's new" in our world-wide Moravian Unity. Our attention is immediately drawn across the Atlantic's stormy waters to the British Isles where the Synod of Ockbrook was held last August.

According to the editor of The Moravian Messenger, Br. A. J. Lewis, "It is evident that Ockbrook Synod 1954 will always be known as 'Bishop Shawe's Synod.' And rightly so. We all rejoiced that Synod paid tribute so deeply and wholeheartedly to the Church's 'Elder Statesman,' and to his wife who in the Bishop's own phase has been such a 'grand partner.'"

"One of the great moments of Synod was when Bishop Steinberg, out of his long experience and in his capacity as chairman of the General Directory, paid tribute to Bishop Shawe's work for the Unity. No one will begrudge the pride which the British Province shares in this recognition of our Bishop's vision and labours on behalf of the whole Moravian Church."

But what of the changes already taking place in the British Province? The Provincial Board elected by Synod, has constituted itself as follows: Chairman, F. E. Britton; Secretary, L. J. Britton; Treasurer, J. H. Foy. The new member of the Board is Br. J. H. Foy, who has served various pastorates in England during the past 20 years. His last congregation was the one at Fairfield, where this writer, while studying at Moravian College, Fairfield Square, learned to know him well. Br. Foy and his family moved to London on September 16, 1954; he assumed his new duties and responsibilities the following week.

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PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S BOARD ANNOUNCES DAYS OF PRAYER

Home Church, February 23
Christ Church, February 27 (Sun.)
Trinity Church, March 2
Ardmore Church, March 9
Calvary Church, March 16
Fairview Church, March 33
Konnoak Hills Church, March 30

OLD SALEM GUIDES

Old Salem needs additional Guides and Hostesses to help in showing Salem to visiting tourists. The Square, John Vogler House, Anna Calhoun House and Community Store restorations will be complete in the near future. The completion of these projects, along with the Spring and Easter seasons, will mean many more visitors in Salem.

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ARCHIVES HOUSE

Douglas L. Rights, archivist

Here is a letter from James M. Farris, Guilford College, N. C.: "I am writing a history of the Mayodan Moravian Church for my senior thesis at Guilford College and I am wondering if you know of any material that might be of some help to me." Little has been found in the archives. Can anyone help with material for Mr. Farris?

C. P. Thomsbro, 2501 Cypress Street, Greensboro, N. C., wants a copy of the song book used long ago at Pine Chapel, in which was the song, "Just beyond the river Jordan, just beyond its chilling tide..."

"There's a land of life eternal; through its vales sweet waters glide. By the crystal river flowing, grows the tree of life so fair. Many loved ones wait our coming in the upper garden there."

Archives House has received a copy of a recently published book, "Tinkling Spring: Headwater of Freedom," a story that centers around the Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church in the Valley of Virginia. The author is Dr. Howard McK. Wilson, a native of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

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Wide and power from on high, even such as the Apostles knew at Pentecost and such as the world has yet to know.

The Mass Revival Efforts of the year, lead by Rev. Billy Graham and others of his type. In a period when it was generally accepted by one and all that "evangelism" and religion had played its part in the Church life and was of necessity being laid aside, there has come one of the world's greatest demonstrations that the great essential in any effort of evangelism is not method, but God's gift of grace and power from on high, even such as the Apostles knew at Pentecost and such as left their mark on the efforts of this young American Evangelist in his 1954 meetings in London, in Amsterdam, in Berlin and other places in Europe and America. It is estimated that in his three months crusade across seas, Evangelist Graham attracted 1½ million people, of whom many were strengthened and encouraged in their faith and the number of decisions and conversions have reached into the tens of thousands. And a second great fact that was made abundantly clear was that in many Christian lands there is great hunger for the Gospel and the salvation it offers.

A third evidence or group of evidences to support our thesis of quickened interest in religion and a tendency towards spiritual discovery in America is to be found in

A Variety of News Headlines And Comments.

"Religion In The News" reads one, which proceeds to say, "Despite all the troubled times, people are turning to religion for guidance and understanding. And more than ever before readers are expressing an interest in significant news of trends in religion throughout the world."

Still another tells of the Prayer Room in the Capital in Washington made ready for the exclusive use of members of Congress. The central feature of the room is a lovely art glass window in which is a scroll denoting the Holy Scriptures and a candle symbolizing divine light for human tasks. A third speaks of The Re-Discovery of the Bible and the new interest that is being manifested in its daily reading under the guidance of the American Bible Society and many individual Churches. Finally, a fourth announces "Prayer Comes to Surface" and it gives credit to President Eisenhower's prayer at his inauguration, "Give us, we pray, the power and the will to discern right from wrong and allow all our words and actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of this land." In conclusion it adds, "This humble prayer of America's Chief Executive brought prayer to the surface and touched Americans from coast to coast."

Men, laymen of business and the profession, and laymen of the factory and the mill, no longer hesitate to speak of prayer lest some one might laugh or taunt him. Prayer has risen to the surface. The message is coming to know that prayer is the channel that links man with God and gains direction and power for doing the work of the day and hour. There is encouraging evidence of the growing practice of prayer.

Of the awakened and aggressive spirit which has marked America's Protestant Churches much could be said. A new alertness to their responsibilities and opportunities has evidenced itself in their activities, and there has been a stronger emphasis on church evangelism than has ever been noted before. And under a wider conception of its place in the program of the local church and of the denomination. In the words of one of our prominent church leaders, "A cordoned-off section of the world is no longer regarded as evangelism has been made perfectly clear; that the non-evangelizing church is not the church. To be the church at all it is to be an evangelizing mission, to be ever witnessing of the Good Tidings of the Gospel. Evangelism can no longer be thought of as specialized or separable periodic activity, it is rather a dimension of the total activity of the Church."

Under such changed conception and the quickened spirit of service of the Churches, it is not surprising to know that

Church Membership Has Set A New Record in 1954. For the Church of Jesus Christ, in the United States it has been a banner year. Statistics tell us more Americans belong to churches—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish—today than ever before in the history of our country. The last total is 94,842,854, which indicates that six out of every ten persons in the United States are church members. The gain over the previous year, as given in the Year Book of American Churches, is 2.8 per cent, as over against a population gain of only 1.7 per cent for the same period.

The biggest numerical gain was in the Protestant Churches which added a total of 1,607,362 in 1953, an increase of 3 per cent, for a total of 55,837,325; giving the Protestant Church only a small fraction less than 60 per cent of the entire church membership of the United States.

In our Sunday Schools an unprecedented 22 per cent of the nation are enrolled and the total is reported at 35,389,466, an increase for the year of almost 3,000,000 or 8.1 per cent.

Nor is enrollment of membership the only phase of the church life that shows again.
Other Lines of Advance Are Equally Encouraging.

Places of worship, to keep pace with expanded membership and to provide both rural and urban communities with sufficient religious opportunities show an increase of 9,062 for 1953 and make the grand total to be 294,359.

Clergymen in charge of local churches increased by 23,719, raising the total ordained ministry to 338,250.

Church Building has approached the half-billion mark and the finances of America's total church enterprise are not far from the two billion dollars per year. For the past year while the church membership increased to the neighborhood of 3 per cent, we are told the giving increased 8.5 per cent.

Under the wise leadership of the National Council of Churches, which held its third Annual Assembly in the city of Boston, in late November.

The Movement for Church Unity Continues
to advance, with the prospect of an early merging of Congregationalist and Christian Churches, the various Presbyterian Groups and even the large Lutheran Bodies. Once accomplished, this would give us increased importance and support to the unity movement which has added so much to the improved conditions and service which has brought the Christian cause to its present high position of aggressive service and progress.

Yet, in spite of all that we have reported and laid claim to, in support of our thesis of the upsurge in our religious life and the new spiritual awakening, on which we base our hope of a great awakening, on which we base our hope of a great
cause to its present high position of

America's Steadily Increasing Crime Record.
Just as 1953, in the statistics of the FBI, under Edgar Hoover's careful supervision, showed that crime had made a great increase over 1952, so we are told that 1954 will show a still greater advance over 1953.

Every category of major crimes, Mr. Hoover informs us, is showing an increase. And he startled us with his statement of a major crime committed every 15 seconds, and one crime committed by every 76 persons in the general population of the United States. To read his compilation of crimes with the number of commitments under each category is to be either stunned to silence or led to ask, "Can it be? Can it be?" Yet the facts remain, and, as the saying goes, "Facts are stubborn things."

But how can they be, in a nation in which 60 per cent of the population are in the Church and when there is an unquestioned upsurge of religion and the Churches show steady and increasing gains year after year?

Here is

The Unresolved Paradox of 1954
which is to be bequeathed and passed over to the Church and Christian people of America to be dealt with in 1955. It involves the question of "More Religion and Less Morality," of "An Expanding Numerical Church Membership and a Shrinking of Morals," of "Profession of Christian Faith without Corresponding Practice of its Principles."

It is a situation foreseen by Christ Himself when He said, "By their fruits ye shall know them;" "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only;" and "If ye love Me, keep my commandments."

It is a condition which must be taken into con-
sideration in the teaching and preaching program of the Church for another year and must be given important place in the evangelistic effort. Not nullifying it, but adding to its necessity and emphasizing its urgency, showing even more clearly the need for immediate action.

This is by no means the only problem that must be left to the New Year for solution. There are so many, in fact, that one might feel quite justified in calling 1954 "an unfinished year" on that account. But it is not always so?

Some of the Problems Carried Over
involve such questions as Juvenile Delinquency; the lessening of the Divorce Problem; the removal of the menace of the Great Liquor Evil; the developing of a Higher Regard for the Sanctity of Human Life; and, finally, the best ways and means of putting into effect the decision of the Supreme Court in the matter of school segregation or, in its more positive form, school integration, so that it may be done in a Christian spirit and to the Glory of God.

But the true Christian and the Church of Jesus Christ falter not nor fear for the difficulties and obstacles that lie ahead. "Be not afraid" was one of the phrases which fell often from the lips of the Lord. His view of life was ever optimistic and His motto "ONWARD!" So let ours be. OUR SUFFICIENCY IS OF GOD.

"O God, our Help in ages past, Be Thou our Guide while life shall last, And our eternal Home."

For the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, the year 1954 has been

A Year of Encouragement and Expansion.
The transition, incident to the coming in of a new Provincial Administration, as provided for by the Synod of 1953, has been carried through with efficiency and dispatch, as was hoped for. And the broadening of important phases of the work with attendant changes in personnel and increase in expenditures has met with the enthusiastic and loyal support of both congregations and membership.

The year has been one of marked cooperation and accomplishment.
So, too,

The Provincial Building Program
has proceeded with commendable zeal. The following congregations, have made much progress in providing enlarged and needed accommodations and improved facilities for our Church's growing work:

Mayodan has completed an attractive and ample parsonage for its pastor and family; and Fairview has added a Scout Hut and Youth Center, bearing the name of Br. R. R Kinney, organizer and leader of its first troop of Boy Scouts, and first scout executive in the City of Winston-Salem. New Eden has, in the last month of the year, entered its commodious Christian Education Building, first unit of the church plant which is proposed for its entire operation at its more strategic position of influence and service. Extensive improvements of its sanctuaries and fellowship hall, together with class room enlargement, have been made by Konnoak Hills Congregation. And large scale expansion of their Christian Education facilities have been undertaken by our Bethesda and Mims church groups, and Bethabara has continued zealously to complete its Christian Education Building and has rejoiced over the gift of a large pipe organ of best modern type and fitted for service of its
have evidence that more effective service is now being given our church leaders and the workers of tomorrow than has been the case heretofore. For which we are very grateful.

Salem Academy and College, the educational arm of the Province, has also made encouraging progress during 1954. The combined institution maintained satisfactory enrollments, operated under an adequate, though balanced budget, and demonstrated sound morale at student and faculty levels.

The year saw some increase in interest and financial support for the institution from congregations of the Province. And, in turn, the Academy and College evidenced considerable interest in the Church and in matters spiritual. This was demonstrated by the creation of two small chapels, both within existing buildings, one at the College and the other at the Academy. In a sense, these chapels are

Clark and Laura Benson from Honduras: among the missionaries who visited the province in 1954.

"The Little Church on the Lane," the First Moravian Church of Charlotte, dedicated its lovely Sanctuary, free of all indebtedness, to the worship and service of the Triune God. It was a happy and memorable occasion; the more so in that the day of dedication marked also the thirtieth anniversary of Dr. Herbert Spaugh's service as pastor and community leader.

The Field of Christian Education
1954 has added another successful cycle of advancing service, with the largest enrollment yet attained in both the Daily Vacation Bible Schools and the Summer Conferences for our youth groups. An advance which has had the effect of awakening still further the consciousness among our Sunday School teachers and youth workers that they must secure for themselves better training for their important service.

Visual Aid Service of this Department is now reaching every congregation, Sunday School and youth organization of the Province, and, through the larger sales of the Religious Book Division and attendance of our Teachers Training School, we

new sanctuary when erected.

We note that a permanent and adequate residence and a central and modernly equipped office for the President of the Provincial Elders Conference have been provided by the Financial Board.

Last, but not least, as we look towards the future, was the purchase by the Extensive Division of our Church Aid and Extensive Board, of a site for our Raleigh Congregation center and an early erection is proposed of a first unit building to house our newest extension project.

All of which points to the sixth successful year of effort of our Building and Expansion Program.

In addition to these efforts, our New Philadelphia Congregation has launched a successful campaign among its own membership toward the raising of $120,000 for the erection of a larger Sanctuary urgently needed for its growing congregation. And, on November 21, the Congregation of
in its forward effort than in any previous year. It has also fostered greater efficiency in its Bible study and mission efforts through its timely and helpful “workshop meetings,” and has amply demonstrated the wisdom of its request favorably acted on by the Synod of 1953, that the Committee Chairman of the organization be granted Board status. The new Chairman of this Board, Mrs. M. E. Miller, is following her predecessor, Mrs. T. Holt Haywood, in wise and dynamic leadership and this important phase of our provincial service is in prosperous condition.

One of the periods of highest inspiration and joy which came during the year to this group of loyal church women was the announcement that the Memorial Chapel in Alaska, erected in memory of Br. Fred and Sr. Anna Schwalbe, and for which they had worked so zealously, and given so liberally, was nearing completion and would be available for use at this Christmas season and, with the new year, become the center of religious life and service for the Children’s Home.

In the important service of advancing

The Foreign Mission Enterprise
to which the Moravian Church has been devoted since 1732, when its first effort was the founding of a Moravian Mission on the Island of St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, now one of America’s own Virgin Islands), 1954 has made encouraging advances.

In first position of importance, we place the departure in June of one of our ordained minister from the Southern Province, Br. Samuel G. Vaughn, and his bride, Sr. Edith Bach Vaughn, for service in our mission among the Eskimos of Alaska. Our second advance was the over-subscribing of the allotment of $56,807, as our Provincial obligation for the current year, towards the total budget of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Moravian Church in America, Inc. This sum, less the amount contributed from income on capital mission funds, showed an average of $3.68 per communicant member and enabled us to make additional contributions during the year to other mission causes of the Unity.

Such advances evidence clearly that our Southern Church is now ready to assume a larger share of the total mission program of the Church as may be assigned it.

It was our pleasure and profit during the year to have with us representatives from various mission fields to acquaint us with the progress of the work and the further needs for its advancement. Supt. Dr. David A. Thaler from Hospital Morava, Nicaragua; Br. and Sr. Jos. H. Gray, Jr., of Puerto Cabezas, and the Basons of Honduras stimulated new interest and support of the work. And it was our privilege also to have interested members of our Province visit the fields and express interest from the home angle. Br. Ralph Siewers, Jr. and Br. and Sr. George Hall were visitors to Nicaragua, and Br. Samuel J. Tesch, as president of our Provincial Missionary Society, accompanied by his wife, represented the Province at the 200th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of the Moravian Missions on the Island of Jamaica.

But the major effort of the year has yet to be noted; for 1954 was, in the year program leading up to the Quincentennial of ’57, designated as

“The Year of Evangelism.”

And such it was, by the grace of God, and the diligent and faithful service of our congregations. With both unity of purpose and commendable zeal, such as had never evidenced itself previously in either our Province or in the Northern Province, for it was an interprovincial effort, ministers and laity of the congregations gave to themselves to the high service of soul winning and the spiritual quickening of the membership of the churches.

Under the consecrated and capable leadership of Br. Wm. A. Kaltreider and the Provincial Committee on Evangelism, and after careful and prayerful preparation in all churches of the Province, including well-organized house to house visitations by lay volunteers, series of simultaneous evangelistic services were held in each church of the Province during the months of February and March. And, in this effort ministerial brethren from the Northern Province and two from our Czech Brethren of Texas served as “evangelistic messengers,” proclaiming the Gospel of Salvation and seeking “To win for the Lamb slain the reward of His suffering.”

Under the blessing of God it became a season of gracious revival, such as had never been experienced before in the long annals of our Province, or of the Northern Province, into which the effort was carried in the months of April to November, the ministers of the South becoming in turn messengers of the Great Evangel.

While it is never possible to evaluate with exactness the total benefits accruing from such efforts, we can rejoice in the large number of personal commitments to Christ which resulted from the services and the more than eleven hundred accessions to the communicant membership of our Church in North and South, making 1954 the banner year of all years in point of numerical growth. But further still we should be grateful for the even larger number of recommitments from the members of our churches to greater loyalty and devotion to Christ and His service, as also for the strengthening of the bonds of union and purpose between the two Provinces of our Moravian Church in America, North and South.

Nor should we forget that, in this wide effort which had the united support and cooperation of the official boards of both Provinces, the Moravian Church was committing itself definitely to the prosecution of Evangelism as the first purpose of a true Church of Jesus Christ and as an ever-continuing act of obedience to Christ’s great command, “Go ye and make disciples of all nations.” Henceforth therefore, Evangelism is to have a leading place on the program of each congregation, both at home and abroad in the field of mission endeavor.

It is well worthy of note, that, while we take this action as an independent and self-governing Church body, it is directly in accord with the pronouncement on Evangelism given by the World Council of Churches at its recent Evanston Assembly.

Two other items of interest deserve mention in this Memorabilia of 1954, if it is to carry the complete story of the year’s events “worthy of remembrance.”

The first has to do with the opportunity which came to our Province at the beginning of the second half of the year, namely

The Further Uncovering and Developing of Our Moravian Church Music, especially that falling under the classification of “Early Moravian Music in America” Of this there had been for long a treasured store in the keeping, chiefly of the Provincial Archives, and consisting of manuscript copies of original anthems, orchestral compositions by Moravian composers of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, with copies, also in manuscript form of some of the great oratorios and other compositions of their European contemporaries.

Though for some years past, local musicians had busied themselves in their free time and under official authorization, with the classification and cataloguing of this music, and the editing and publishing too of appropriate anthems for present day usage had been creditably begun, it was evident that the completion of this huge task was still

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far off and the churches would have to wait long to come into full possession of the rich musical heritage in our possession. But, in mid-summer, there came an announcement from the Provincial Elders Conference that gave hope for earlier results. In view of a generous grant of $15,000 by Mr. Charles H. Bagley, Jr., for a project in "Early Moravian Music in America," it was announced that Mr. Donald McCorkle, Musicologist, had been employed for the unfinished task and would become a member of the staff of the Music Department at the College for the year 1954-55, serving also as Music Editor of the Moravian Church in America.

With the month of July, he entered upon his important service with enthusiasm and high purpose, and the close of the year gives promise of happy results of his effort in preparation for the Festival of Early Moravian Music in America which is to feature the approaching Quincentennial observance. The second item concerns the progress being made by Old Salem, Inc., in its important work of restoration, centering largely on Salem Square and its vicinity, and, in particular on the occasion of The Re-opening of the Wachovia Museum and the Reunion of Alumni of Salem Boys School could be happily combined, since the building housing the museum and erected in 1794 was originally built for the use of the School.

It was a propitious day—September 18, 1954—and one worthy of remembrance along with other "great days" in the life of our Community and Church. The key was present for one of his last public appearances before death was to take him from us (and he brought a timely challenge to our generation to be true to the heritage which had been left us by our pioneer forebears who labored long and well to build strong and durable foundations on which we should build. The Officials of Old Salem, Inc., the President and Directors of Wachovia Historical Society, the Representatives of the P. H. Hanes Knitting Company, whose community loyalty and liberality had made possible the complete restoration, heating and furnishing of the building, so as to make it a modernly equipped and attractive museum. And last, but not least, nineteen Alumni of Salem Boys School with ages varying from 76 to 88 years, were present. And, with them, a large and representative group of citizens and friends from near and far, drawn by interest and desire to see, to hear and to catch something of the spirit and purpose of this movement, which is bringing the old community into a new day of opportunity and high privilege.

In the work and service of the year, it is to be expected that many changes must take place in the Church's personnel of ministers and other workers. It has long been our practice to make careful record of these. We now append them to our report of the year's proceedings; recording, at the same time, the Church's sincere appreciation of the faithfulness and devotion of those who have retired from active service, and expressing a hearty welcome to those whom Christ, the Head of the Church has given us to fill up and increase the ministerial staff of our Province.

Changes in Ministerial Personnel and Orders were the following:

Pastoral Assignments:

Retirement from Active Service:

Br. J. George Bruner after 39 years total service, 31 in the Southern Province;
Br. James P. Crouch after 23 years service, all in the Southern Province;
Br. Herbert B. Johnson, after total service of 47 years, 10 in Northern Province, 37 in the Southern Province.

Additions to Ministerial Staff:

Br. Norman C. Byerly, ordained August 8; installed as pastor of Macedonia, August 15;
Br. Robert A. Iobst, transferred from Northern Province, installed as pastor Grace Church, Mount Airy, October 24;
Br. T. Conway Pruett, transferred from Chaplaincy U. S. Army and installed as pastor of Clements September 12;
Br. Kenneth W. Robinson, transferred from Northern Province and installed as assistant pastor of Home Church, May 9.

Transfers in Pastorates:

Br. Glenn C. Craver, ordained March 28, installed pastor of Mt. Bethel and Willow Hill, April 4;
Br. James C. Hughes installed pastor of Home Church, January 3;
Br. J. Taylor Loftin installed as pastor of Pine Chapel, November 21;

Transferred to Mission Service:

Br. Samuel G. Vaughn to Bethel, Alaska, June 1.

Ordained Ministry of Southern Province

Ministers in Active Service as Pastors ..... 34
Ministers in Administrative Service ..... 2
Bishops ..... 7
Ministers released for other Service ..... 2
Ministers in Retirement ..... 5
Total ..... 45

Annual Membership Statistics

(Ass of June 30, 1954)

Communicant Members ..... 13,832
Non-Communicants ..... 2,289
Children ..... 3,271

Total ..... 19,392
Net Increase ..... 536

Sunday School Enrollment:

Officers and Teachers ..... 1,090
Scholars ..... 10,598

Total ..... 11,688
Net Increase ..... 260

And, now, the closing paragraphs of the Memorabilia of 1954. Through them it is purposely to remind both hearers and readers that the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, is not a Church unto itself, isolated and alone among many denominations, but is a part of a World-Wide Fellowship of Christian believers who are allied in spirit and purpose and service with three sister Provinces in other parts of the world; and with no less than fourteen Mission Areas, extending from the Himalayas, bordering Tibet, to South Africa, and, again, by way of South America and the islands of the West Indies, to Labrador, and thence to Alaska.

In all of these areas, on four continents and many islands and among diverse races our Church has served another twelve months, endeavoring "to win for the Lamb the reward of His sufferings" and to advance the cause of the Kingdom. It is a high privilege for which we are deeply grateful. May His rich blessing rest upon it and it be used to His greater Glory and the spiritual blessing of man.
REPORTS FROM

RALEIGH

The month of November in the life of our congregation was notably marked by the maturation of much discussion about our projected building program and the by-laws to govern our work. This culminated in two important meetings: (1) a joint session of our building committee and church board with Dr. R. Gordon Spaugy, Br. E. T. McKinney, Jr., Br. C. T. Leinbach, and other representatives of the Church Aid and Extension Board; and (2) a special session of Church Council on Sunday night, November 21, during which we finally adopted the full rules and regulations of our congregation. The latter meeting was held on her birthday at the home of Br. and Sr. Edward Mannino. So our hostess cut a tasty cake and served all present.

Our annual Christmas lovefeast and candle service took place Sunday afternoon December 13 at the First Presbyterian Church, with about 250 people in attendance. In addition, a 50-piece band, under the direction of Br. Vestal Whitt, and a 20-voice choir, under the direction of Br. Henry A. Lewis, and a corps of dieners and coffee-carriers, under the direction of Br. Miles Carter, came from Winston-Salem to assist us in conducting the service. These people and other visitors partook of lovefeast, which was served to a total of approximately 375 persons.

We are happy to announce that the firm of Delrick and Knight, Raleigh, has been engaged as the architect for our church building program. They will begin drawing plans for our first unit in January.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

WILLOW HILL

Since our last report Willow Hill has not been merely marking time. Twice we have gathered around the Lord's table to observe Holy Communion; once on November 21 and once on January 2, 1955, with the second observance marking a very good attendance making a good start for the new year.

During November and December, there have been three special services. Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving night, then on Monday night before Christmas the children presented their annual Christmas program. On Christmas night we observed our Lovefeast and Candlelight service, again turning to the children to sing for us "Morning Star."

The first Sunday of the new year, Sunday school opened with the sanctuary almost filled to capacity. We can only hope and pray that this is only a beginning and that this climb might continue throughout the new year.

GLENN E. CRAVER

LEAKSVILLE

Much of the first part of the month of November was used in preparation for our Revival services. Special prayer services were conducted by classes of the Sunday school and the pastor brought preparatory messages in the church services. Br. Paul A. Snider, pastor of the Advent Moraian Church, was our evangelist. Mr. W. J. Squires, a layman of the Draper Methodist Church, led the musical portions of the services. The fine services of both Brs. Snider and Squires, were greatly appreciated by the large and interested congregations each evening from Thursday the 18th through Sunday the 28th.

On the first Sunday in December three new members were received into the church. Br. Garland Neal came by transfer from the First Christian Church and Neal Adams and Ilia Foltz by confirmation. William Joseph, infant son of Br. and Sr. Thomas C. Ealy, was presented to the Lord in baptism the last Sunday morning of the year.

The annual council of the congregation was held Sunday evening, December 12, and the Brs. W. R. Lovick, N. R. Martin, Sr., and Roscoe Richardson were elected to the church board. Br. W. R. Lovick will serve as our Sunday school Superintendent, and Br. Jack Richardson as Secretary-Treasurer for the year 1955.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

MIZPAH

December occupies the extent of our two months' review as the pastor and his wife were absent most of November on their trip to the Holy Land.

We were glad during the month to see Br. Jesse Briggs return to his duties as Sunday school superintendent and teacher after much illness. During his weeks of absence, his duties were performed faithfully by Br. LaVerne Spas, assistant superintendent.

On November 13, the long life of our Br. J. Walter Daniel came to a close. He was an influential figure in the life of Mizpah, resigning his teaching duties just a year or two before his death at the age of 91 years. We were deeply moved as we re-read in the church on December 12 his very fine memoir prepared for the funeral by Br. Herbert Weber of Bethania.

Thanks to the help of our Provincial Advisory Building Committee, Mizpah is now completing plans for a much better Education Building than formerly planned and construction may be started in another month or two. Plans call for a 64 by 34½ foot two-story building with full basement space for a fellowship hall. Since class room space in the second floor will not be needed at present, this part will be framed and wired only in the rough. Completion of the Education Building will mark the first step in what will eventually be a whole new church plant. Estimated cost is about $33,000 of which $20,000 is in hand with provisional help. Our Building Committee is now soliciting pledges toward the full payment of this first unit.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

ARDMORE

The blessings of Christmas are lingering with us in this congregation. Instead of a post-Christmas slump in activities and attendances at divine service, there has been an upswing. One instance of this fact was the 311 in attendance at the New Year's Holy Communion.

Since our last report we have been pleased to receive into our communicant membership Miss Patricia Ivestor, Mr. Charles Orcutt and Mr. Roscoe Siceloff, all by letter of transfer.

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THE CHURCHES

OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR, Mrs. Frank Cook, has applied for and received a leave of absence. We are fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Paul Peterson of the Salem College Faculty during this period.

Our joint Boards are enthusiastic about the proposed plans for the "Year of Stewardship" for this congregation. One of the outstanding features of the year will be the visit of Dr. Walsey Allen of Bethlehem, Pa., for a series of services. We believe (pardon our editorializing) this year of 1955, with its emphasis on stewardship of life, will influence the progress of the Moravian Church more than any other emphasis in our Quincentennial

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HOPEWELL

The months of November and December are always bright ones for Hopewell. This is because Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas occur at this time.

One of the bright spots was the Thanksgiving Service held November 25 at 6:30. A. M. Vestal Whitt began the service leading his band in the playing of Moravian Chorales for thirty minutes. At 7:00 A. M. the Young People presided with the reading of the Thanksgiving Liturgy. Afterwards Holy Communion was observed.

The Women of the Church have consented to entertain the entire Sunday school sometime in January with a supper. This supper is to bring the talent dollar effort to a conclusion.

Hats off should be extended to several people and to a particular Sunday school class as well. The people are John McKeown and Mrs. Fred Beckerdite. Both had charge of our Christmas entertainments. The class, the Young Adults, kindly remembered our former pastor, Mr. J. P. Crouch. W. N. Green

PROVIDENCE

Our Christmas activities began with a Fellowship singing on Sunday, December 12, sponsored by the Young Married Couples Class. Our guests were the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Choir and the Rev. and Mrs. Milton Frazier of Marshall Baptist Church. It was a pleasure to have these guests with us. Other music was supplied by members of our own congregation as follows: Mrs. Cecil Stolte, soprano soloist; Mrs. Coy W. Grubbs, alto soloist; Mrs. B. B. Grubbs and Mrs. Joe Crews, organists; Melvin Fulp, baritone soloist; Jesse Grubbs, violinist.

On our Anniversary Sunday, November 21, the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes was our speaker of the afternoon. The offering of the afternoon was used to complete payments on our organ, installed in January of 1954. Barnes threatened to speak until the organ was paid for, so the congregation quickly raised fourteen hundred dollars to complete payment.

On December 19 the children presented their Christmas program. It was a joy to all who were present. Our gratitude is expressed to Mrs. Roy Parks and Mrs. Coy W. Grubbs, superintendents of the Primary and Junior Departments respectively, and also the teachers who planned the program.

The pastor and his wife wish to express their appreciation for the many remembrances during the Christmas season. Members of the congregation were invited to visit the parsonage during the season and a great many did so.

George A. Chiddie

GREENSBORO

Since our last report, seven new members have been added to our church roll: as non-communicants—William Edward Beaver, Debra Dawn Bostic, Douglas Craig Bostic, Freta Fawn Bostic, and Michael Wayne Weatherman; as communicants—James G. Bostic, Jr., and Margaret W. Bostic.

On November 13 we served our annual Barbque and realized over $400 profit.

December was "Loyalty in Attendance Month" and our morning worship services were well attended—and we can still improve on Sunday school, evening worship, and prayer meeting attendance.

The Christmas Eve services brought out record crowds—and if so many of our own members had not been sick and unable to attend, we don't know how we would have seated the overflow.

A most generous cash purse was presented to the pastor and his wife by the congregation and various organizations of the church as a Christmas present. Many thanks to all who shared in this wonderful gift.

J. Calvin Barnes

FULP

The sixty-first anniversary of the congregation was observed on November 14. The Sunday school program for the morning was led by Mrs. S. M. Johnson who told of some incidents that happened in the early days of the Sunday school. Some of the songs that were in popular use around the beginning of the century were sung.

The Rev. J. G. Bruner was the guest speaker for the morning worship service at which also an anniversary communion was observed. We were especially glad to have Br. Bruner with us for this morning service as this was his first service at Fulp. In the afternoon the Rev. Paul Snider, who had previously been associated with the Fulp congregation, brought the closing message of the day.

We welcomed into the fellowship of the church Mr. Robert Hale, who united with the church by adult baptism on December 12.

William A. Cranford, Jr.

FRIES MEMORIAL

In the Advent season all activities at Fries Memorial were much increased. The Young Adults had some fifteen more in this past in the past at their Christmas party at which Br. Paul Snider brought a most helpful message. On the same night the Senior Young People enjoyed a most helpful evening of fun with the young people of Advent Church as their guests and a larger attendance than ever. The Choir, in the presentation of "The Christ Child," by Hawley, on December 19 at night, brought a most inspiring message in music to a large congregation. The Christmas Eve lovefeast found us with a congregation which exceeded our capacity in cups, buns and candles in spite of the traffic of cars.

We come to the half-year mark with our Unified Budget with thanksgiving for God's rich blessing. For the first time in years we find ourselves with no surplus, but up-to-date in our finances, a situation which has considerably relieved the difficulty of carrying on our program. Several gifts from friends of the congregation have further helped to relieve our hitherto strained financial situation.

Our blessings, as always, bring challenge, and in this case problems also. We are now the more pressed to find the answer to the puzzle of how to enlarge our physical plant. May God continue to bless us in helping us find solution to this problem also.

E. T. Mickey, Jr.

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Record breaking attendances are still the big news at our church. When the Rev. C. Truett...
Chadwick preached a week of revival services, our record was 439 for church, a record, except for Easter Sunday, and 472 for Sunday school. The Sunday school all-time record was shattered again when 484 were present the Sunday before Christmas.

Gorrell Stinson, our architect, has completed the preliminary sketches of the over-all plan for Sunday school rooms and Sanctuary. We expect to break ground for the new Sunday school rooms the Sunday after Easter if all goes according to schedule.

Circle one sold so many standard size Christmas stars that Rev. Douglas Rights awarded the Jumbo-size star that was sent from Germany as a special gift to our congregation.

Ellen Palmer was married to Tom Beroth at the parsonage on Wednesday, December 22.

Cub Pack Leadership was reorganized at a dinner meeting at the Y.W.C.A. recently with about 30 men attending. The meeting in which Holland Holton was chosen as Committee Chairman and W. H. Adams was named pack-master was described by the Scout headquarters officials as a model to be followed by others.

HENRY A. LEWIS

MOUNT AIRY

Br. Henry Lewis was the guest speaker at the Autumn Lovefeast, November 7. His sermon on evangelism in the local church was of definite help. Circle No. 1 was aided by other women and some men in making five and a half thousand Christmas candles. A box of candles was sent as a gift to Rev. Dittmer's congregation in Alaska.

Mr. Hatcher, owner of Mt. AiryKnitting Co., loaned our congregation a $200 duplicator. Br. Herbert Spaugh and the Charlotte congregation generously gave our parsonage family a set of twin beds, chest of drawers, studio couch and other used furniture as a gift.

Trustee John Wolfe sparked the drive for raising funds for a new Sunday school building by a talk in the November 21 morning service. By the end of 1954 over $3,000 cash was received. Contributions from various companies were received: $25 from Lynne Hosery; $100 from First National Bank of Mt. Airy; $100 from Quality Mills and $500 from Renfro Mills.

The choir sang the cantata "Child of the World" the morning of December 19. 370 persons attended the Lovefeast and Candle Light Service that night. The Sunday school children gave their Christmas program December 22. Sunday school superintendent Curtis Simmons conducted this program; he was assisted by Sr. Verlie Brown and Br. Wilcher Boyd.

Sisters Ethel Tesh, Lottie Dinkins and Annie Williamson have been accompanying the pastor in the afternoons to visit our members' homes. Brn. Clinton Tesh, Fred Pruett, John Walker, Fletcher Frye, James Jarvis, Raymond Tesh and Joe Tesh have been going along for pastoral visits at night.

ROBERT A. JOBST

WACHOVIA AROBOR

The Women of the Church met at the Messiah parsonage for their monthly meeting on Friday, December 17, at which time they trimmed candles for the Lovefeast-candle service. At this time they also prepared fruit boxes for elder members and friends of the congregation.

Wachovia Arbor was represented at the Raleigh Lovefeast and Candle Service on Sunday, December 12, in the person of several band members and others.

"Jesus, the Light of the World" was the theme of the evening when the congregation came together on Sunday, December 19, at 5:00 p.m., for the annual Christmas Lovefeast and Candle Service. Many of our members commented on the beauty and impressiveness of this service.

We began the new year with Holy Communion on Sunday, January 2. In the service the communicants pledged to make 1955 a year of greater service and dedication to Christ and His Church.

R. T. TROUTMAN

HOPE

For the past six months the work at Hope has been very encouraging with an average attendance of 100 for both Worship and Sunday school. The offerings for several Sundays in this period has doubled the amount necessary for meeting the church budget.

At the communion service we were happy to receive into our membership the following: Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Waford by adult baptism; Mrs. Alice Lashmit, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robertson by letters of transfer.

The young adult group, Mrs. Ella Mae Johnson, teacher, continues to be very active and foresighted, the ladies furnished the supper and the men laid tile in another classroom for the children.

ARCHIE W. JONES

ADVENT

Our congregation is grateful for the inspiring messages which visiting brethren have brought to us during November and December. At our first Thanksgiving Eve Lovefeast Br. Clyde Barber was the speaker. In the absence of the pastor Robert Williams presided at the service, Leonard Scott, a member of Mount Bethel Church and a student at Toccoa Falls Institute, spoke to us on Sunday evening, December 26. At the Watch-night service on December 31, David Burkette, student at Moravian Theological Seminary, delivered a challenging message as the New Year began.

We have been rejoicing over the interest in the

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church and the work of the Lord which has been manifested by our young people. Both the Junior and the Senior Youth Fellowships presented Christmas programs this year. On December 19 in conjunction with the children's program the Senior Youth Fellowship presented a play, "A By-Line for St. Luke." Included in the cast were Franklin Snyder, Charles Fishel, Charles Krites, Nancy Hegge, Martha Culler, Hilda Willand and Sandra Crotts. The play was directed by Richard and Catherine Rieson. On December 22 the Junior Youth Fellowship presented a Christmas pageant, "The Gift of Christmas," written and directed by Betty Claire Warren. Raymer Faust, Fairview Church, was in charge of the special lighting effects.

PAUL A. SNIDER

BETHABARA

In the midst of preparation for the Christmas Eve Lovefeast and the events of the closing year our congregation was shocked and saddened by the tragic death of Br. M. A. Cleckley, Jr. His home-going at the age of 43 has left a great vacancy in our church and community, and in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

The building program of the congregation continues to move forward. Thus far, we have been successful in paying our note on schedule. And, at the first service in the New Year the pastor announced the receipt of a surprise gift of $13,100 from Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Thomas of Charlotte, to be used in the construction of the future sanctuary. Mr. Thomas, a former member of Bethabara, has been generous to the congregation over a long period of time. Just last year he donated the beautiful organ which the congregation is now enjoying to the fullest. This new gift, which came as a complete surprise, is not only a "boost" for the present but a definite challenge for the future. We are indeed grateful for his continued interest in the church of his boyhood.

Since our last report we have been happy to receive Mrs. J. E. Maynard, Miss Louise Fansler and Miss Ada Fanelli into the communicant membership of our church.

K. EDWIN FUSELL

FRIEDBERG

We rejoice that God has brought us through another Christmas season of unusual beauty and inspiration to this another new year with all its waiting opportunity. The church was really the center of our Christmas this year for there was some meeting there almost every night before Christmas up until Christmas Day. The choir has been particularly helpful in giving of their time to prepare the music of the season. We were happy to have Mr. Austin Burke with us on the second Sunday in Advent to play a trumpet solo in connection with the anthem. Miss Patzy Hopkins was violin soloist for the Christmas Eve service.

The young people's groups have been busy during the season preparing their own programs and activities. They will begin rehearsals soon for a Biblical drama entitled, "Simon The Leper" to be presented in March. Our thanks to the Young Adults who made possible the new highway sign at the corner of the Old Salisbury and Friedberg Roads.

WILLIAM T. MARSHALL

BAPTISMS

Myers, Eugene Dalton, son of Eugene Dalton and Kathleen m. n. Rose Myers, born March 14, 1954 in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized October 10, 1954 at Bethabara Church by the Rev. K. Edwin Fussell.

Walters, Charles Franklin, II, son of Charles Franklin and Lou Funderburk Walters, born August 21, 1954, was baptized August 21, 1954 at Charlotte, N. C., was baptized October 3, 1954 at The Little Church on the Lane, Charlotte, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Rierson, Barbara Elaine, daughter of Robert Leak and Bobbie McLeod Rierson, born September 16, 1954 at Charlotte, N. C., was baptized October 21, 1954 at The Little Church on the Lane, Charlotte, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.


Brown, Dennis Allen, son of George Dee and Jeanne m. n. Meachum Smith, born June 19, 1954; was baptized December 26, 1954 by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


Burke, Deborah Carol, daughter of Raymond W. and Betty m. n. Tavis Burke. Born September 22, 1954 in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized at Messiah Church December 26, 1954 by the Rev. R. T. Troutman.

BIBLE GIVES ANSWER TO QUESTION

Who Is a Christian Steward?

Paul A. Snider

"A man is as great as his memory" and the greatness of those who knew the Lord Jesus in the flesh has been emphasized by the memory of centuries. When the brazen fisherman of Galilee, Peter the apostle, scribbled his letter to the exiles in Asia Minor he had no idea that in 1955 we would be memorizing portions of that letter. While the new year is still young let us glance once more at the words, old but ever new.

"Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisy, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby; if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." If we have "tasted the kindness of the Lord," if we have made that confession of sin and profession of faith in the Lord Jesus which opens to sinful flesh the gates of eternal life, if we have been born of the Spirit, if, in the language of Jesus, we have been "born again" we may indeed say, "all things have become new." It is imperative that the church emphasize the necessity for this re-birth in which "God imparts to human hearts the blessing of his peace." 

Growth a Necessity

It is also imperative that those who teach the necessity of the new birth also teach the necessity of growth in the new life. Paul said, "When I was a child I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways." "Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; be babes in evil but in thinking be mature." If we preach the new birth and forget the new life then we have short-changed those who have come to know the Lord within our fellowship. We need to grow up, to become men in the Lord. Not long ago I was speaking with a young man who reminded me that he, was only a "babe in Christ." He had not been a Christian a year. He had a right to be a babe, but some of us who have known the Lord for five, ten, or twenty years cannot claim that privilege. We begin our lives in the Lord as little children and must grow. We must become mature in Him and bear fruit to the glory of His name. Jesus emphasized the necessity for becoming mature, fruit-bearing Christians. He said that we could separate the true from the false by the fruit they bore. "I am the vine," He said, "ye are the branches: he that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned." What kind of fruit are you bearing? Are you still a child after ten years of Church membership? What kind of Christian steward are you?

No Part Time Christians

The Bible tells us that a mature Christian is a steward who is about His Father's business every day of his life. Some of us apparently believe that Jesus said "Let your light so shine before men on Sunday, that they may see your good works and pat you on the back and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Others of us think that when Jesus spoke of those who failed to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the needy, and visit the prisons and the hospitals, He was speaking of the ordained ministers of our Church. Not so. The mature Christian is a steward who "redeems the time because the days are evil" and the "love of God constrains" him to lead his child, his friend, his business associate, his loved one or neighbor into the joy and peace of the Christian fellowship. The Bible tells us that a Christian steward is one who has been "delivered from this present evil world" and has been commissioned by His Shepherd-king to seek the lost and strayed and to lead them by word of mouth and deed of life into the Kingdom of the Redeemed. There are no part-time Christians. To be a steward of the Christ is a full-time job.

Separated from the World

In the second place, the Bible tells us that the faithful, mature Christian steward will live a life, by the grace of God and in the strength of Jesus Christ, which is separated from the world. He will be in the world but not of it. He will "walk in love" but "will have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." He will not compromise on moral issues. The Church needs men and women who are separated from the world. Are you still on a spiritual bottle or have you begun to get your teeth into the meat of the Christian faith?

"With forbidden pleasures Would this vain world charm; Or, yield to base, 'Tresspass Spread to work me harm; Bring to my remembrance Sad Gethesmane Or, in darker semblance, Cross-crowned Calvary.

The true, mature Christian steward is one who has left the worldly treasures and the forbidden pleasures of this vain world to consecrate all that he is and all that he hopes to be to the service of Him that came that he might have life and have it more abundantly. The Christian steward, by the grace of God, lives a separated life.

A Steward Will Give

Finally, the Bible tells us that the Christian steward will give systematically and joyously of his financial resources to the work of the Lord. The Bible speaks of tithes and offerings. The Lord Jesus, himself, who had very little to say about the scribes and Pharisees, complimented them on their giving of the tenth, when he said, "This ye ought to have done." In another sense I am sure that Jesus has said to some of us in reference to tithing, "This ye ought to have done." "Will a man rob God?" the Lord asks. He continues, "Yet ye have robbed me." But ye say, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" And God answers, "In tithes and offerings." Dare we to suggest to God as He looks at our offerings, "I have no idea what you mean by tithing or offering," or, "I have no idea what it means to give of your income for the work of the Lord?" To the Corinthians Paul wrote these words which set the pattern for the giving of a special offering. He was collecting gifts for the needy in Jerusalem and he admonished the Corinthians, "Upon the first day of each week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper." Paul reflected the thought of an earlier Biblical writer, the author of Deuteronomy 16:17. There we read, "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee."

Emphasis on Weekly Offering

Emphasis needs to be made upon the weekly bringing of an offering to God, not monthly, not yearly, but weekly when the Christian steward comes to worship. Give your tithe when your income arrives, but bring your offering when you come to worship.

The widow gave her "mite." The rich men gave their "much money." Today the rich continue, some of them, to bring their "much money" to the Lord. They give out of their wealth. The widow gave out of her poverty. Millions and mites are still being given today. Too, many people today, however, are giving the widow's mite who could afford to bring the rich man's gift.

"Go easy now, brother, and don't say too much About money, and giving, and tithing and such! So heeded the preacher; and ceased for to tell That the earth is the Lord's.

That men are retainers and tenants alone, The servants and stewards of God on his throne. Now preacher and people are poor and dis-trusted, And life is a dreary hard struggle at best. And none seems to know as he labors and delves That in robbing the Lord we have robbed our own selves!"

Have you been robbing God? The mature Christian steward will give systematically, a tenth, and bring his offering as he is able joyfully to the Lord as he worships Him in whom he lives and moves and has his being.

Full Time Partners

Jesus at an early age recognized that He must be about His Father's business. If we are to become mature stewards of the Christ we, too, must be full-time partners with God. Jesus said of his disciples as He prayed, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth." The mature Christian of 1955 also will be separated from the world if he is a faithful steward of the Christ. To the young man who came to Him seeking life eternal Jesus said, "Go... sell... give... come... follow..." Perhaps we have come to Him and now rejoice in new life but have we hearkened to the imperative, "Give!" The mature steward will tithe and bring offerings as he is able.

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Concept Of Christian Stewardship

Gordon A. Stoltz

Many church people who have never thought through the real meaning of Christian stewardship, find the very term a stumbling block. As soon as they hear it they bristle. The minister seems to be the only one who mentions it and then it is usually associated with meeting a budget or money-raising of some kind. As the result, the very mention of the word puts them on the defensive in an effort to protect their own pocketbook.

However, stewardship rightly understood, is written into the very life of man by the Creator. The Scriptures write the word across the whole of man’s life. One cannot understand God’s Word apart from this truth—that man is an accountable caretaker of God’s creation.

God’s Word

Let us get God’s Word on the subject. We are told that man has created “in His image,” i.e.—able to make a conscious, deliberate response to the Creator; able to commune with his Maker. He is placed on this earth to have “dominion” over the rest of the created order, not in his own right or for his own ends, but to further God’s purposes! He is meant to be an extension of, or reflection of the goodness, holiness and wisdom of Creator; his creator; his Maker; his Lord.

As Paul puts it, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me, and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Gal. 2:20).

A Positive Result

This undeserved love of God for the sinner will result in a positive life for the believer. “By grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Eph. 2:8-10).

Christian Stewardship Touches All of Life

This sheer love of God for us, the gift of forgiveness, salvation, eternal life, implies a forgiveness on our part! We become new people—God’s people. Our greatest joy is to please Him. Our response on behalf of the Lord as Christians, therefore, is no longer a response to an OUGHT, necessity; but an IS, an accomplished fact within us. It is a response of love to Love. Our goal now is that God in all things may be glorified.”

Christian stewardship, therefore, is the expression of this new life we have in Christ. It is the fruit and proof of the genuineness of our faith. All of life takes on new meaning. My time as a Christian, is the coin, the God-given opportunity with which I can invest in eternal values.

Could you be classified as a Christian steward? Here is the answer to an understanding of stewardship! God has not left man in a lost, self-centered, sinful existence that can only end in destruction. In His mercy, He has made available a solution to man’s helpless­ness in the face of sin: He sent His own Son to die on the Cross that we might again be different—be His sons and daughters through faith in Christ, serving Him and being a credit to Him.

The Scriptures are full of the wonder and glory of this change that is possible in man through faith in Christ. e.g.—“He died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised. Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.” (2 Cor. 5:15-17). A new center comes to the Christian—not self, but Christ! A new mo-tive and objective come into his life—to do the will of God out of love for His great goodness.

A new spirit controls him—love.

Scripture writes across whole of life of man. God has given me to help God extend His Kingdom, to do the Lord’s will. This is the answer to an understanding of stewardship. The Bible’s suggestion of a Tithe, one-tenth of our total income, is a good place to be­gin in the matter of our use of material blessings, the use of time and talent. But, one who knows the love of Christ will use all to exalt the Giver!

The Christian’s example is Christ Himself. “You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich” (2 Cor. 8:9). A Christian, thinking of God’s love to him, does not think in terms of minimums, averages, comparative giving, etc. Everything he has and is come from God and only his best is good enough for God. God blesses such living!

Christ said, “Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” His promise works out as He has said.

Could you be classified as a Christian steward in the light of God’s word? How does your prac­tice of stewardship line up with the definition of Christian stewardship used by the Church of Stewardship of the National Council of Churches? “Christian stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities and material possessions, based on the conviction that these are a trust from God to be used in his service for the benefit of all mankind, in grateful acknowledgement of Christ’s redeem­ing love.”

Schwalbe Memorial Chapel

Used First Time

Mrs. Kenneth Greenfield

The Schwalbe Memorial Chapel at the Moravian Children’s Home, Kwethluk, Alaska, was used for the first time on December 19, 1954.

The raising of funds for this chapel has been a special undertaking of the women of the Southern Province since the death of Mrs. Anna Buxbaum Schwalbe in May 1951. Mrs. Schwalbe was a missionary in Alaska for nearly forty years. After her retirement in 1948 she wrote the story of Moravian missions in Alaska which was published under the title, “Dayspring on the Kuskokwim.”

The Rev. Frederick T. Schwalbe served for thirty years, many of them as superintendent of the Alaskan field, before he met a tragic death by drowning on December 2, 1937.

In a recent letter Mrs. Harry Trodahl, daughter (Continued to page 12)
Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference

The Synod of 1955 authorized appointment by the Provincial Elders’ Conference of a commission to study the establishment of a Home for the Aged in our Province. The Conference has appointed the following committee to study this matter and to prepare a report for the Synod of 1956: Br. Alton Pfaff, chairman; Br. Grover Fishel, Br. James Hancock, Br. Tom Kimball and Br. G. E. Brewer.

The parsonage for the President of the Provincial Elders’ Conference was completed the last of December and the President and his family moved into the new home on January 4. The parsonage is located at 120 Cascade Avenue, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, telephone number 2-1639. All mail should continue to be sent to Box 4, Salem Station, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Provincial Elders’ Conference of the Northern and Southern Provinces met in Salem February 15, 16 and 17. The three days were spent in considering cooperative efforts of the two provinces. Items discussed included Centennial plans, foreign mission interests, ministerial student training, interchange of ministers and unity matters. Those present for the meetings were the Brn Kenneth G. Hamilton, I. Richard Mewaldt and F. P. Stocker from the Northern Province and the Brn. George Higgins, Alton Pfaff, R. Gordon Spaugh, W. Herbert Spaugh and Clarkson S. Starbuck from the Southern Province.

Br. F. Herbert Weber was appointed to the Archives Committee to replace Br. H. B. Johnson whose term expired on January 1, 1955.

Our Province was represented at the North Carolina Council of Churches meeting in Charlotte January 23 and 24 by the Brn. W. Herbert Spaugh, J. C. Barnes and Walter H. Allen, Jr.

The activities of the President of the Conference included the following board and committee meetings: Board of Christian Education, Raleigh Build-

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Church Year—Lent

By Herbert Spaugh

The Lenten Season this year commences on Ash Wednesday, February 23. In those churches which follow the Christian Year, it is the season of self-denial, self-examination and spiritual renewal. It commemorates the forty days that Jesus Christ spent in the wilderness in fasting and self-examination.

The Lenten Season, from Ash Wednesday to Easter, consists of forty days plus six Sundays. It is introduced by three preparatory Sundays called successively: Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima. The names are Latin, meaning roughly seventy days, sixty days, and fifty days before Easter. The liturgical color used in pulpit and altar hangings is violet, which is the same as used for the Advent Season. It is the color of preparation and penance.

Ash Wednesday received its name from the custom in the Jewish Church and early Christian Church of casting ashes upon the head as a sign of repentance. Ash Wednesday is the door to the new life through personal repentance, prayer, re-dedication to Christ and the Church.

The word Lent is taken from the Anglo-Saxon “Lencen,” meaning Spring. As such, it is a season of spiritual renewal which should have all the gladness of springtime. As Spring brings new life to nature, so Lent is supposed to bring new spiritual life to man. It should be a time of evangelism, instructing candidates for baptism and confirmation, for soul-winning, for decision for Christ, for spiritual rededication.

The fifth Sunday in Lent is called Passion Sunday. It emphasizes the sacrificial love of Christ. The sixth Sunday in Lent is called Palm Sunday. It commemorates the triumphal entry, and Christ offering Himself anew to His people, just as He did on the first Palm Sunday.

Holy Week or Passion Week is the week immediately prior to Easter. It is emphasized in the Moravian Church by reading from the Passion Week Manual the events in Christ last week before His crucifixion.

Maundy Thursday is the anniversary of the in-

stitution of the Lord’s Supper or the Holy Communion. It is the very heart of Christian worship. It is the most sacred Communion in the year. The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin, “Mandatum” (It is commanded). It refers to the three commands of Christ made on this evening: The command of service (washing the disciples’ feet); The Holy Communion (“this do in remembrance of Me”); and the New Commandment (“that ye love one another”).

Good Friday was originally called Holy Friday or Black Friday. The crucifixion service which in many places is of a community nature and lasts three hours, is one of the most solemn of the entire year, emphasizing the extreme length to which Almighty God has gone to bring salvation to man; the sacrifice of the Lord our God to take away the sins of the world. The liturgical color for this day is black.

Great Sabbath is the Saturday following Good Friday. It is the day of silence. In the Moravian Church it is celebrated by the Great Sabbath Love Feast and sometimes by special musical services, presenting the Passion of our Lord. The liturgical color for Great Sabbath is violet.

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AMERICAN MORAVIAN CHURCHES COME TO HELP OF BRITISH BY
Assuming Responsibility For Eastern West Indies Field

The decision to come to the help of the British Mission Board by assuming responsibility for the Moravian mission field in the Eastern West Indies was made at a joint meeting of the two Provincial Elders Conferences of the Moravian Church in America at Winston-Salem on February 16. This was the first joint meeting of the conferences ever held in the Southern Province.

The decision to assume responsibility for the Eastern West Indies Province is one of far reaching significance. This work began in 1732 and was the first foreign missionary project ever to be undertaken by a protestant church as such. The work is now established across an area of a thousand miles throughout the Carribean: St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Antigua, St. Kitts, Bardos, Tobago, Trinidad, the Dominican Republic, and British Guiana on the continent of South Africa. It serves approximately thirty thousand members, belonging to fifty-four churches.

Until the first World War, this work was maintained by the Interdenominational Moravian Mission Board. Then, responsibility for it was given to the British Moravian Church, because the area was predominantly British. The Inter-national Conference of the Moravian Church held in Zeist, Holland, in 1953, and attended by Bishop K. G. Hamilton, the representative of the Northern Province, and by Dr. R. Gordon Spough, the representative of the Southern Province, authorized a redistribution of missionary responsibility by the four home provinces of the world-wide Moravian Church.

As a result, Bishop Hamilton was commissioned to make an official visit to this area in the spring of 1954 and again in January of this year. On the occasion of the latter visit, he attended a synod of the Eastern West Indies Province of the Moravian Church, at which this transfer of responsibility was officially approved.

The new area of mission service for Moravians in America will be administered by the Board of Foreign Missions of which Bishop Hamilton is the executive officer. It is expected that this transfer of responsibility will be completed by July 1, 1955.

Walter H. Allen, Jr.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches brought together ministers, laymen and laywomen of fifteen member denominations, January 26, 1955, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N. C. The Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, Executive Director, outlined the Council's progress during 1954, under the presidency of Dr. Cecil Jarman, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Wilson, N. C., and commended the work of the Council's Departments of United Church Women and Christian Youth. Reports from UCW, the Christian Youth Council, and the five Commissions of the Council were presented to representatives of the Moravians and other Protestant churches. Dr. Herbert Spough, Br. J. Calvin Barnes, and Br. Walser H. Allen, Jr., among those elected delegates by the last synod of the Southern Province, attended the sessions of the Council. Dr. Spough, on behalf of the Provincial Elders Conference, sat with the Council’s Executive Committee in their consultations.

Prior to the business meeting of the North Carolina Council, a pastor's conference on January 25 attracted well over 200 ministers from all parts of North Carolina. Dr. Paul Scherer, Professor of Homiletics, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, spoke to the group most effectively on “The Word, The Bible, and The Church,” and “The Communication of the Gospel.” The conference closed with a service of worship in the Covenant Church that evening. Dr. Robert J. McCracken, pastor of the Riverside Church, New York City, preached persuasively on “The Ecumenical Task of the Protestant Church,” a message in which he emphasized the fact that Americans need a renewed recognition of the great principles of Protestantism in the culture and churchmanship of modern Christianity.

Several Moravian women went to the Council’s annual convocation because of their interest in the Department of United Church Women, which comprises 39 local councils of church women in North Carolina. Miss Helen Vogler of Home Church is state-wide secretary of the UCW. Mrs. J. B. Robertson, of Immanuel Church, and Mrs. W. E. Shore, of Calvary Church, are the synod-chosen Moravian representatives on the executive board of the UCW, of which Mrs. M. E. Miller, of Home Church, is a member by virtue of her office as Chairman of the Provincial Women’s Board. Miss Eugenia Stafford, of Kernersville Moravian Church, attended the assembly of Christian women in her capacity as President of the recently-organized Kernersville Council of United Church Women.

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Moravian Church In Jamaica
On Threshold Of Expansion

Samuel J. Tesch

Many thanks to our Provincial authorities for the privilege of fellowship with our Moravians in Jamaica in the Bi-Centenary celebration of the beginning of Christian missions in that area. It was an unforgettable experience.

This significant celebration involved the sessions of their bi-ennial synod and that was a revelation of what has been accomplished in the development of an indigenous church in the Island. The sessions were presided over by the Rev. Patrick E. S. Craig with the Rev. H. T. Cuthbert as vice president. It was an harmonious, forward-looking assembly and accomplished much both for the immediate future and in long range planning. Salaries of ministers were increased, the Book of Order revised, pension system revised, and something we had never seen before, the names of all eligible ministers were printed on a ballot and distributed to the delegates and ministers from the thirty-eight churches with instructions to vote for three as members of the Provincial Elders Conference. The first ballot resulted in election for all three with none polling less than 80 percent of the ballots cast.

The celebration involved every congregation on the Island. On Sunday, November 28, services emphasizing the significance of the occasion were held in every place of worship. For several of the ministers that meant a schedule of continuous services and travel covering more than twelve hours. Everywhere churches were reported filled to capacity.

A pageant, written by Mrs. Mary W. Fletcher and directed by Miss Sonia Serrant, portraying events of outstanding significance during the two hundred years was presented to an overflow audience in the Church of the Redeemer in Kingston with such realism and depth of feeling that the onlooker actually felt a sense of participation. The present on the Island for this occasion were the Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Britton president of the Provincial Elders Conference and representative of the British Mission Board; The Rt. Rev. Peter M. Gubi, president of the Provincial Elders Conference of the Eastern West Indies Province; the Rt. Rev. I. Richard Mewaldt, president of the Western District Board and member of the Provincial Elders Conference, Northern Province; the Rev. Joseph Barton of the Czech, Moravian Brethren of Texas, the writer; and Mrs. Tesch.

The services of Sunday, December 6 began at 8:30 A. M. with the service of ordination of the Reverends Haydn Todd and Vincent I. Peart as presbyters with the ordination sermon by the writer and the ordination being shared by Bishops John Kneale, Peter M. Gubi and I. Richard Mewaldt, with Holy Communion concluding the morning worship.

The following week was spent touring the various churches inland and by dividing the visitors in teams it was possible to touch every congregation by grouping them together in strategic centers. This experience enabled the visitors to get a real glimpse of how well the church has been developed particularly among the laity. Among those who merit special consideration are the teachers associated with our various congregations. In very truth, they are actually lay-pastors keeping services when the minister cannot be present, which happens all too often because of the shortage of ordained men. It is the writers conviction that without these faithful and devoted souls our work in the Island would be seriously handicapped. There are names of many who are addressed as "Teacher" whom we shall never forget. This itinerancy of the Island produced some amusing experiences such as Br. Britton as chauffeur becoming lost searching for Carisbrook and Bishop Gubi's reaction to the dizzy heights of the Jamaica mountains. But the thrill of it was the privilege of seeing the work as it is everyday, not just at festival time and beholding the magnificent church buildings at the principal centers, Carmel, Springfield Fairfied, Nazareth, Bethany and Zorn, to mention only a few. The magnificent walls of the Bethlehem church destroyed by lightening last summer stand surrounded by one of the finest educational establishments in all the Island, the Teachers College, the principal of which is the Rev. Basil L. MacLeavy. The visitors from America were able to carry with them a gift of $1,000 from our American Board to aid in the restoration of this building.

No experience moved the writer more deeply than that of the service at Claremont in a building not yet complete but which is usable. The former sanctuary was completely destroyed in the hurricane of 1951 and the present substantial building has been erected largely by funds granted from the Provincial Elders Conference with the small congregation undertaking the task of completing it. The spirit of self-denial is manifested in no small degree here.

The impressions brought back is that the work of our Moravian Church in Jamaica is on the threshold of an era of aggressive expansion and growth, provided trained leaders can be found to minister to the spiritual needs of the people. The beginning of the Theological Seminary sponsored jointly by the Scotch Presbyterian, Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Friends, Baptist of Britain and the Moravian Churches on a six acre campus in Kingston with several buildings, lends hope for an early realization of that dream. Yet another development which enhances this dream is the development of the University of the West Indies on a 700 acre campus at the foot of the Blue Mountains in the Suburbs of Kingston. Here is an educational institution of the first order, begun in 1948 in an abandoned army barracks and now housed in beautiful permanent buildings of most modern design, with an enrolment just under 800.

The most ambitious venture undertaken by our Moravian Church in Jamaica in this century was the stone-laying for the Moravian Bi-Centenary Church in Richmond Park, Lower St. Andrews, Kingston, on Wednesday, December 1, 1954. This is a task being undertaken by the Moravian Church Jamaica and in every congregation offerings were being received for this purpose. This occasion was one of outstanding significance and was attended by His Excellency, Sir Hugh Foot, Governor of the Island, who actually laid the stone.

Bishops Kneale and Gubi, the Reverends Britton, and Cuthbert assisting. This building will be erected in perhaps the most beautiful area in the suburbs of Kingston, a city of 450,000 people, many of whom are Moravian in background.
Return from Alaska

The Board announces with sincere regret that the Rev. and Mrs. Harry J. Trodahl have requested permission at the close of their present term of service in Alaska, this June, to transfer from mission service to the pastorate of the Northern Province. Their decision is based on family considerations which the Board recognizes and honors. Nevertheless, their return from Alaska represents a very real loss to our staff. They rendered outstanding mission service for nineteen years in many capacities — during the last eleven years as superintendent and superintendent's wife at the Children's Home at Nunapitchuk. They leave behind them many warm and grateful friends.

The New Supt. of the Children's Home

Clarence and Pauline Henkelman have received and accepted appointment to become the new superintendent and superintendent's wife at the Children's Home, thus succeeding the Trodalhls. For this past their experience during their six years in Alaska has well fitted them. On recommendation of the Mission Board, P. E. C. North, has approved Brother Henkelman's ordination as a deacon of the Moravian Church prior to their return to Alaska.

The Mission Family Keeps Growing

The Board is happy to announce the birth of Dr. William Paul Eugene Burger in our Billwaskarma hospital on December 3, 1954. Both the mother and child are well and Mrs. Burger has returned with her baby to the mission house at Sandy Bay.

From Small Beginnings

The November Wachovia Moravian published under the "First Word from Dillingham" Mildred Siebke's report of an attendance of ten in Sunday School and two or three adults in the Sunday evening services. On December 16 she could tell of forty-six people crowding into the small room where services are held for the Christmas Vigils, and of Christmas treats prepared for seventy-five children at Dillingham, the village of Kanakanak, and the hospital at the later place. She is instructing three boys and four girls preparatory to confirmation.

Mildred Siebke and Loretta Burghardt plan to attempt a small Christmas program on a platform constructed of small boards placed on gasoline cases. They are sending a circular letter each month to the 110 Moravian Eskimos now being cared for in various tuberculosis sanatoria.

A Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary

On the day after Christmas the Rev. and Mrs. D. Newton Wilson celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in Puerto Cabezas, where they are living in retirement after a period of fruitful service in Nicaragua of nearly fifty years. The happy occasion brought together all of their large family together again. One son, Hedy, is a minister of our church at Wasla. A daughter Laurette, first graduate at the Nurses' Training School in Billwaskarma, has served the church for many years as the wife of a laborator, Mullins Tilleth, who is to be ordained a minister of our church in the near future. A granddaughter, Hope, served our hospital in Billwaskarma most acceptably for a number of years as a graduate nurse and then as supervisor of nurses. A son, chainless himself in various walks of life.

Official Commendation

Superintendent Werner Marx in a recent letter reported on the closing exercises of our Brus Provincial School on December 8. Eight children graduated, one from Kaurkira, one from Kokobiala, one from Plaplaya, five from Brus. The Minister of Education in Honduras has promised scholarships to all for further study in government schools. Brother Marx could quote the following telegram — sent by the local school inspector to the Director General of Primary Education in the capital: "The quality of the program presented last night would not be met with except in the capital."

A Forward Step in Honduras

Upon the recommendation of our missionary staff the Mission Board has approved plans to enlarge the Provincial School in Brus so that it can more adequately carry our children in that field to the end of the sixth grade. As a new venture a Boarding Home for Girls will be erected in Brus to accommodate ten children from other parts of the village while attending the Provincial School. A boarding school for boys was established at this station several years ago.

The Bethesda Home Shipment

The King's Daughters Union again plans to sponsor a shipment of bandages, towels, bed linens, medicaments, etc., for the Bethesda Leper Home in Surinam. Correspondence relating to this project and gifts of money to be used in it should this year be sent to Mrs. W. J. Johnson, 42 West Laurel Street, Bethlehem, Pa. Packages containing supplies should be sent to the King's Daughters Home, 66 West Church Street, Bethlehem, Pa., not later than April 30. The gifts of past years have been greatly appreciated by the committee in charge of Bethesda.

For Stamp Collectors

Last fall the government of Surinam issued a set of four commemorative stamps the sale of which is to benefit the youth work carried on by the Moravian Mission in the capital of Paramaribo. The face values are 7½c; 10c; 15c; and 30c. The sale of these stamps has been undertaken by the Eastern District Moravian Youth Fellowship as a mission project. Those interested should correspond with Mr. John Wolpjen, 418 Third Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa. The price of the set is sixty cents plus postage where necessary.

DEATHS


REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

The New Years Eve Watch Night service was observed this year with the celebration of the Holy Communion, preceded with the usual Open House at the Parsonage.

We are glad to welcome home, Bobby Walters, who returned from military service in Germany and received his discharge from the Army in January.

Lieutenant Herbert Spaugh, Jr., U. S. Airforce pilot, is now stationed at Rhein-Main Airforce Base at Frankfurt, Germany. His wife, Mrs. Barbara McAllister Spaugh, and 2-year-old daughter expect to join him there shortly.

Colonel and Mrs. Charles Moore, Jr., have been transferred from Camp Jackson, S. C., to Fort Benning, Ga., where he will help to prepare for maneuvers this summer. He will be at Fort Benning for at least six months.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mrs. O. M. (Saidee) Wilson, a non-resident member of Tampa, Florida, upon the death of her husband in that city, where burial took place. Sympathy also to Cleitus and Spencer Fulp upon the death of their father, W. M. Fulp of Winston-Salem, N. C.

We regret to announce the removal from Charlotte of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McNally to Dallas, Texas.

On December 12 the following were installed Elders: D. F. Caldwell, vice-chairman; J. F. Crouse, Mrs. W. H. Heidenreich, Mrs. Laura Thomas Hall, Roland Jones, Russell D. Conner, S. S. Thompson, Basil Wilson; Trustees: Wiley Crouse, Cleitus Fulp, Hugo Heidenreich, Jr., Ben S. Horton, Richard Potts, chairman, Reuben C. Russell, James S. Smith, Jr., William W. Traniou.

We were glad to have the Rev. Herbert Johnson as our pulpit guest on January 16 and 23, while the pastor was on vacation.

HERBERT SPAUGH

FAIRVIEW

One of the most inspiring Youth Services in the memory of the writer was held on January 23. The young people handled every item of the service except preaching and the announcements. The young people participating were: Phillip Poe, Melvin Hicks, Betty Hardie, Billy Byerly, Jennings Snider, Eugene Wright, Bill Cooper, Cynthia Wright, Janet Putnam, Inez Shouse and Almerta Wall. The Rev. Paul A. Snider’s message was a very stirring and inspiring one. Many young people came forward when the invitation was given.

The Blum Memorial Bible Class under the leadership of its energetic teacher, R. Carroll Williams, has asked and secured permission from the church boards to erect a chapel. It will be used each Sunday by the class during the Sunday school hour. During the week the chapel will be available for weddings, prayer meetings, etc. The present dimensions are 20’ x 35’. The seating capacity is estimated at 75-85 persons. It will be erected on the Northwest corner of the Kinney Scout Building at a cost of about $4,000. The class has already raised a portion of the money and plans to have the entire amount in the near future. A Fellowship Banquet is now being planned as a part of the money-raising effort. Dr. Kenneth Goodson, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in this conference, will be the guest speaker.
special occasions.
The Men’s Bible Class gave a barbecue supper for the Women’s Class the first Sunday night in January. The men outdid themselves with their cooking.

Our Board has voted to cooperate with the provincial stewardship program to the fullest extent. Robert Miller is now confined in the Winston-Salem Memorial Hospital with a respiratory illness.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

KING

King and Mizpah conglomerations both plan to cooperate fully with the provincial plans for the Year of Stewardship. We look for much blessing to come to our churches as the result of this well-planned program.

Our King Sunday school came to the close of the year with a 29 per cent increase in attendance over the figures of 1953. Other signs of progress in our work give us much encouragement.

The pastor gave a report and showed 900 feet of movie film of his trip to the Holy Land, a large congregation gathering for this occasion at King on the first Sunday night in January. The program was repeated at Mizpah on the third Sunday night. The pastor will be busy speaking on this subject in other churches on six different occasions during the month of February.

We continue to press on toward the complete equipment of our new education building at King. Recently we installed new furniture in the Junior Department and in one Sunday subscribed $490 for 125 metal folding chairs and banquet tables for the fellowship hall. Misses Dorothy and Maxline Meadows have carpeted the choir room and Br. and Sr. Paul Meadows have supplied carpet and chairs for the choir. We plan also to have a fine new electric range in the church kitchen in time to be used for the Anniversary Lovefeast in February.

Our Board of Christian Education has installed an innovation to put all our substitute teachers to work. Regularly, each fourth Sunday, superintendent and teachers sit and listen while their assistants take full charge of the work. We have been doing this for just a month or two but the plan has brought some interest and is an excellent way to make our assistants feel the importance of their position.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

MESSIAH

Messiah brought the new year in with a Watchnight Service, beginning at 11:30 p. m. Scriptural texts were distributed, followed by a period of meditation and prayer.

A large group were present for the Holy Communion Service for the beginning of the new year on Sunday, January 2.

We wish to extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Bolling who were married in the sanctuary December 22, the pastor officiating.

Mrs. Bolling is the former Nora Wood.

For our Evening Worship Service on January 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Jones. Br. Higgins and Miss Wooten brought useful hints on bettering the Sunday school, including an occasional “agonizing ap-

praial!” of progress made.

Messiah joined with Mt. Tabor Methodist Methodist Church for the first 1955 Union Service on Sunday night, January 30. Br. Thed McDonald, Methodist minister, spoke on the life of Barnabas. The Mt. Tabor choir sang Thompson’s “What of the Night?”

Congratulations to the new parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Ashburn, whose son, Darrell Van, was born January 26.

R. T. TROUTMAN

OAK GROVE

In the last report the name of Margaret Hamm was accidentally omitted in the list of new members taken into the membership of the church. She was received into our communicant membership on December 7.

The ten-week attendance drive in the Sunday school ended with the last Sunday in December. The junior high class won the award, but increases in attendance were shown in all classes during this period. The Sunday school classes have also been working diligently to increase the building fund for our proposed building. On the last Sunday in January the Men’s Class exceeded their goal of $1,000 by that date. The fine work of the other classes and organizations of the church indicated that we will reach our goal of $10,000 by the first of March.

The sacrament of Holy Communion was observed on the first Sunday in January. On the second and third Sundays we were happy to have Br. H. B. Johnson and Br. R. Gordon Spaugh with us during the absence of the pastor. Their messages were well-received and will long be remembered.

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER

MAYODAN

A very successful open house at our new parsonage was held by our Women of the Church Sunday afternoon, December 5, with approximately 325 people from the church, community, and province attending.

The Sunday school officers elected for 1955 were Emory Joyce, superintendent; Rudolph Joyce, Assistant; Donald Gann, Secretary; Gilbert Brown, Assistant; Miss Nelda Joyce, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Howard Bailey, Assistant; Roy Via, Treasurer; Rutley Barham, Assistant.

Members elected to the Board of Elders were Emory Joyce, Raymond Coleman, J. B. Richardson, Mrs. Lenna Duncan, Mrs. Harvey Price, and Mrs. A. G. Farris. Those elected to the Board of Trustee were Harvey Price, Reuben Baughn, Frank Price, Rutley Barham, Robert Grogan, and Donald Gann. Church Treasurer was John Vaughn and the assistant was Mrs. Rudolph Joyce.

These were installed the first Sunday in January.

We were glad to receive Mr. and Mrs. Harold Berrier into our fellowship by letter of transfer.


The Louise Hedgedock Class gave a drama and our men’s chorus sang in a program presented at New Philadelphia Moravian Church Sunday evening, January 16. We enjoyed the fellowship and appreciated the offering the host church gave the class toward our building fund indebtedness.

JOHN H. KAPP

OLIVET

During the month of November Olivet added a new service to its schedule when a missionary love-
feast was held on November 21 with an address by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Iobe who recently returned from service in Nicaragua. At this time we were able to present to the pastor and his wife a living room table which was being advertised for the rebuilding of the Bethlehem Church in Jamaica which has been destroyed by fire. The fine response to this service justifies the intention to make this missionary lovefeast an annual service.

At the church school council held on November 21 the following new officers were elected to serve for 1955: Superintendent, Russell Boose; Assistant Superintendent, Thomas Conrad; Treasurer, James Beeding; and Secretary, Mrs. Philip Conrad.

December brought with it the usual number of special services and activities in connection with the observance of Christmas. In addition to this there was a special observance of Universal Bible Sunday on December 12. At this service a lovely set of markers for the pulpit Bible were dedicated. These markers were purchased with the prize money Olivet received last June when it took third place in the Rural Church of the Year Contest for the State of North Carolina. Following the custom of many years, Olivet held its Christmas lovefeast and candle service on the morning of Christmas Day with a “capacity” congregation present. At this service a special offering of $700 was received and was applied as an extra “payment toward the reduction of the indebtedness on our Christian Education Building. This reduces the amount still owed to $8,900.

We are grateful to the Brn. Higgins and Schwarze for preaching at the services on December 21 and Christmas Eve and many other times during the month of December. We pray that the Lord has blessed them as they have blessed us.

The Stewardship Rally this year was held at the Ebenezer Church in Farmville, Virginia, December 27, 1954. A number of boys from our fast-growing Scout Troop are participating in the God and Country Award program. If all goes according to schedule these presentations will be made at the end of this calendar year.

Our congregation has been struck, as most of the congregation. We appreciate the services of the Brn. Higgins and Schwarze who preached at two services during the month of January while the pastor was away on a brief winter vacation. During January we were also happy to have the Rev. T. Conway Pruett with us for our Fellowship Supper. He showed the excellent colored slides he has of Europe and the Holy Land.

Our Bible study group is about completed. Although the “finishing” fee have not been applied we are still able to use the rooms and it has alleviated an over-crowded condition in our downstairs set-up, plus giving better teaching facilities for our younger groups.

We had a fine service on Youth Sunday (which we observed on February 6) when the young people “took over” the entire order of worship. They carried through in a very capable manner and all were thrilled at the capability shown.

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With the beginning of the new year the church school launched an effort to increase the attendance during the coming year. This has already resulted in a significant increase in the average attendance. We appreciate the services of the Brn. Higgins and Schwarze who preached at two ser­vices during the month of January while the pastor was away on a brief winter vacation. At the fellowship supper during January Miss Thelma Good from the Colegio Moravo showed her excellent colored slides depicting the work of the school in Bluefields.

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F. HERBERT WEBER

MOUNT BETHEL

Our Christmas observance at Mt. Bethel began on December 5, in the afternoon when the Christmas play practice began. In the evening the Young People sponsored the Christmas film strip “Holy Night,” and invited the congregation to be with them. This was followed by the observance of our anniversary lovefeast.

On December 19 we observed the traditional Lovefeast and Candlelight service at which time we were happy to have a group of our boys and girls singing the lead part of “Morning Star!” for us.

The Christmas play, “They That Sit in Darkness,” was presented on Wednesday night before Christmas with a very good attendance. The cast made this play really live and it was instructive to all of us. After this play the congregation presented to the pastor and his wife a living room table, lamp, and magazine rack which was a surprise and the gift was appreciated very much.

Contrary to the belief of many people concerning rural communities being in bed in the early hours of the evening, several of our people ventured out to the church to observe Watchnight Service beginning at 11:30 and continuing until the New Year began.

The New Year began with the newly elected Sunday school officers beginning their new Sunday school year. Since the worship service fell at night the following day, this year the board thought it best to observe their New Year’s Holy Communion on the second Sunday morning of the year at which time there were 47 of our members who took the privilege of partaking of the Lord’s Supper.

On Youth Sunday, two of our young people, Rebecca Westmoreland and Billie Nell Ayers, conducted the worship service with the pastor delivering a youth sermon.

GLENN E. CRAVER

KONNOAK HILLS

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CHRIST CHURCH

The annual bazaar sponsored by the Women of...
the Church was held on the first Saturday in December and was the most successful yet held. And the services of the Christmas season were a blessing to many. The Youth Fellowship, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wilson, counselors, presented the playlet “What Child Is This?” on December 12. Taking part in this service were Coral Smith, Geraldine McAlroy, Caroline Hemble, Kenneth Sparks, Martha Talley, and Jerry Esic.

A 21-inch console television set was presented to the parsonage family for Christmas, by members of the congregation, and for this beautiful gift, as well as for other remembrances of the season, we are very grateful indeed.

We began the New Year with Holy Communion and an “Open House” at the parsonage, both held on January 2. The “Open House” enabled us to greet many of our members and friends and our thanks are expressed to Miss Nann Kiger, president of the Women of the Church; and to Mrs. W. H. Tucker, Mrs. Hal B. Nitour, Mrs. Ray Dwiggins, Mrs. Horace Raker, and Mrs. W. W. Barber, members of the Parsonage Committee, who assisted with the arrangements.

The Men’s Fellowship held its first meeting of the year on January 20, and a group of men, headed by Chef B. O. Dishar, prepared and served a steak dinner to all members. The Rev. Kenneth Robinson, Home Church’s Assistant Pastor, was the speaker for this occasion.

A very profitable workers’ conference with forty teachers and officers of the Sunday school present, was held on January 25, by Dr. George G. Higgins, General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, spoke about the method and use of “The International Standard for the Sunday School.”

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin were received as members of the church on February 6 and at the same service their son, Bentford Eugene, was baptized. Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Cheek and to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Peddycook, who have a new baby girl in their homes.

### DEATHS

**Sink**, Fulton Arvil, son of Felix and Sarah Bell Sink, born December 15, 1883, in Forsyth County; died in Winston-Salem on December 22, 1954; a member of Trinity Church; funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.


**Spainhour**, John R., son of Charlie N. and Harriet m. n. Lineback Spainhour, born in Forsyth County, August 18, 1881; died in Durham, N. C., January 18, 1955; member of Christ Church. Funeral service was conducted at Vogler’s Chapel by the Rev. John H. Johansen, with interment in the Moravian graveyard.

**Minter**, David Lewis, infant son of Lewis Henry and Peggy m. n. Seivers Minter, born January 2, 1955; died in Winston-Salem, N. C., January 4, 1955. Funeral service was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Chamblee. Interment was in the Oak Grove Graveyard.


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### BAPTISMS

**Barnes**, Kathy Lynn, daughter of James Andrew and Margaret m. n. Winecoff Barnes, born August 23, 1953. Baptized December 12, 1954 at Olivet Church by the Rev. F. Herbert Weber.


**Smith**, Bix Allan, son of O. Manley and Eunice m. n. Wall Smith; born April 6, 1951 in Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized February 6, 1955, Rural Hall Church by the Rev. William A. Cranford, Jr.


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**Devoted Moravian Layman**

Moravians attending the Third Assembly of the National Council of Churches meeting at Boston in December sat up a bit straighter when a Moravian layman was mentioned in connection with the premiere performance of Samuel Barber’s new composition, “The Prayers of Kierkegaard,” by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

At a public meeting of the Assembly in Boston’s Symphony Hall, Dr. Truman Douglass, chairman of the meeting, explained that the officers of the Council had hoped to have some specially written music to be used in connection with the great assembly of more than 2,000 leaders of the Protestant churches of this country.

“When it did not prove possible to have a new work written especially for the Assembly,” Doctor Douglass said, “Dr. Thor Johnson, director of the Cincinnati Symphony and a devoted Moravian layman who is chairman of the Committee on Sacred Music of the Council’s Department of Worship and the Fine Arts, suggested that a performance of this new work by Samuel Barber, which had been commissioned by the Koussevitzky Foundation, might be a possibility. Director Charles Munch of the Boston Symphony agreed, so we are privileged to hear the premiere performance of this new work.”

The performance was given at a public rehearsal of the Symphonym.

**Northern District Synods Scheduled for 1955**

The Synods of the Eastern, Western and Canadian Districts, in accordance with the regulations of the Moravian Church, will fall in 1955.

The Synod of the Canadian District will be held June 27, 28, 29. It will be held either in Heimtal or Edmonton, Alberta.

The Synod of the Eastern District will be held in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, September 6, 7, 8, and 9.

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The Third Festival and Seminar of Early American Moravian Music will be held at Salem College during the week of June 20-26. Dr. Thor Johnson, conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, will again be the director. Registrations for the Seminar are now being accepted. For descriptive information, clip and mail the blank below.

DEAN CLEMENS SANDRESKY
Early American Moravian Music
Salem College
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dear Sir:
Please send me descriptive information about the Seminar and Festival of Early American Moravian Music.

Sincerely yours,

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City and State

Walser H. Allen, Jr. Contributing Editor

ARCHIVES HOUSE
Douglas L. Rights, archivist

Dr. Thor Johnson has written a letter to the Archives Committee, a portion of which follows:

It is a pleasure to be able to report rapid progress in the music research. Mr. McCorkle has almost finished cleaning all the music manuscripts and has just about completed the basic index from which the ultimate catalog will be prepared. You will be interested in knowing the result: It appears that the Archives possess about 2,000 sacred anthems, several dozen oratorios, about 300 chamber works, and nearly 100 symphonies, etc. The large Salem College collection has been placed on permanent loan in the Archives.

We are very happy with the growing interest in early Moravian music. The Westminster Church in Buffalo, N. Y., used three Moravian anthems in their centenary service; the Hymn Society of America featured a Bechler anthem at their memorial service for Dr. R. L. McAll; and a Festival of Reformation Music was held at Germantown, Pa., in November. This festival included ten church choirs from Philadelphia in a program of early American Moravian music. I have just been informed that Syracuse University will also do a program of Moravian music complete with a panel discussion at their Chamber of Music Forum in February.

Thus, it appears that your ancestors are rapidly acquiring posthumous fame. And it is fame that they justly deserve. We have already invested over $2,000, just to put the music in order. The fire-prevention problem seems to us to deserve very serious attention.

May I suggest that you give continued thought to the humidification problem? We have found that all the manuscripts in the Archives suffer when there is no fairly constant humidity. This, of course, is related to the heat. The National Archives suggest a temperature level between 60-75 degrees. They contend that paper expands, contracts, and moves around with changes of temperature. Therefore, a manuscript can literally "wear itself out" in time!

We still need to consider seriously the problem of the rapidly deteriorating manuscripts. If these are taken care of at the earliest possible moment, the deterioration can be stopped entirely by having the acid removed from the paper, then laminated. Lamination will cost about 25c per page when done in quantity.

Pennsylvania Church Exceeds Goal of $90,000

The goal of $90,000 was exceeded when the Emmaus, Pennsylvania, Moravian church totaled up its final figures on its building fund campaign just before Christmas. Since some members of the congregation did not pledge but indicated they would do their full share in support of the project, it is anticipated that the total result will be over $100,000.

The campaign was directed by the nationally known firm of church fund raising specialists, the Wells Organization. "They helped us raise our sights on what we could do," said the Rev. Milton Yaeck, pastor of the congregation. He added that the emphasis on the "need of the giver to give" rather than on the need of the church to receive helped give the whole congregation a new point of view on the meaning of Christian stewardship.

Ford Times Readers, Please Note!

As Easter approaches, readers of the Ford Times, the monthly publication sent out by the Ford Motor Company, should be on the lookout for an article describing the early morning Easter service at Gnadenhutten, Ohio. The article is to be illustrated with photos taken last Easter.

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of Br. and Sr. Schwalbe and wife of the present superintendent of the Children's Home, gave the following description of the chapel and of the first services held there:

"We think the chapel is beautiful. The ceiling is arched—unusual for here. There are two overhead lights with twenty-watt fluorescent bulbs in each. On the side and back walls are six brackets. The six windows have venetian blinds. The platform is raised about eight inches and the rise is faced with varnished cedar. Inside the chapel we have used light ivory paint. We are getting some maroon material for a dossal. We are going to have a deep arch across the front. The six windows have venetian blinds. The ceiling is arched—unusual for here. There are two over­bracket under the side and back walls are six brackets.

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"We used the chapel for the first time on the Sunday before Christmas. We all assembled in the schoolroom where we have been meeting. There Harry had a brief opening service. Then, after every one got on coats and galoshes, for it was thirty degrees below zero, we had a procession from the girl's dormitory to the chapel.

"We thought it appropriate that our sons, Joe and Howard, be the first ones to ring the bell. As soon as they saw us emerge from the old building they began to ring the bell. It sounded wonderful. We had asked the Rev. Douglas Schattschneider to be here for the occasion. He designed the building and helped put up part of it.

"When every one was there we sang, 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.' This was followed

Procession to Chapel: Thirty degrees below zero make coats and galoshes a necessity. by remarks, a prayer, and the hymn my parents loved, 'Jesus Saviour Pilot Me.' It was hard for me to play the hymn. There seemed to be a mist over the page. I cannot tell you how wonderful it felt to be worshiping in our own chapel.

"In spite of the terrific cold quite a number of people came to the lovefeast and candle service. I am sure many came in remembrance of my mother and father. Three trucks came from Bethel. That was quite an accomplishment because of the cold, and the snowdrifts (no service stations or help along the way, of course). Jean and Joe (daugh­ter and son of the Troedahls) were among those who served the lovefeast. We have a tape recording of both these services which we intend to send you. I'm sure some of you will be interested in it.

"Since December 19 we have used the chapel several times. There is a great contrast between the old and new places of worship. It is not only a physical difference. The attitude of the children is noticeably more worshipful. The atmosphere of the new building invites quiet, worshipful atten­tion and participation. This past Sunday I was partic­ularly impressed with it. Then, too, it gives the girls an opportunity to wear their 'Sunday' hats and coats. The advantages are immediately ap­parent to those of us who have seen both. They are rather intangible, but more the less real and deeply appreciated by the staff members and the children. We are sincerely grateful to all those who have made it possible to have their memorial chapel built."

Colonial Moravian Music Receives Wide Acclaim

DONALD M. MCCORKLE

Music Editor, The Moravian Church in America

The fine reception which has been given to the "newest" old music to appear on the American musical scene in the past six months should be a source of great pride for all Moravians. Reports of this growing interest have been pouring into the office of the Music Editor from many places.

The choral anthems, as the first widely distrib­uted edition of Moravian music, have of course re­ceived the most attention. And from all indica­tions they have achieved immediate success. The edition in use is the series called Early American Moravian Church Music and is published by the H. W. Gray Company of New York. (see Wachos­via Moravian, Sept. 1954). Dr. Clarence Dickin­son, the editor, made new arrangements of some already published anthems (New York Public Li­brary, 1938) and added some splendid ones never before published for this series.

Besides the many Moravian churches which have sung this fine music in the last few months, sever­al very notable performances have taken place in other Protestant congregations. The Westminster Church, Buffalo, New York, included three of these hymns—"It is a Precious Thing" (Peter), "Go, Congregation, Go" (Antes), "For Me, O Lord, my God" (Wolfe)—with works by Boyce and Bach on their centennial celebration in October. The minis­ter of music writes that "without exaggeration, I can assure you that the Moravian music made our program."

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Kenneth G. Hamilton

"In the early work our German brethren laboured here, then the British carried on. Now our American brethren are prepared to help with carrying on, as our British Mission Board cannot continue its financial aid. In this I see the beauty of our unity, and also how in the difficulties which our church here has to face God always finds a solution." So wrote a veteran British Moravian missionary to the West Indies when he heard of the aid which the American Moravian Church had voted to extend to the field he had served so long.

There are many reasons why the American Moravian Church should take a special interest in work in the West Indies. Chief among them is the fact that our brethren living there need our help. As the field in which the very first Moravians brought the gospel of Christ to the slaves, we would bitterly regret if the fruits won by their consecrated labors lost through our neglect. Further eight congregations in which is now the Virgin Islands, the harvest of the earliest Moravian missionary effort, now lie on United States soil, and American Moravians have a special responsibility for this part of the work. Finally the story of the past two centuries contains the records of many American brethren and sisters who lived and died there, sharing the burden and the heat of the day with missionaries from other lands in these islands, where so much of beauty has been mingled with so much of sorrow. The list of these men and women is too long to name them, but very many congregations and families of American Moravians today have direct ties from the past with these fields.

The final decision - unanimously reached in Winston-Salem this February by the joint Provincial Elders' Conferences of the American Moravian Church - represents the end of long deliberation on the part of all concerned. Our Provinces have agreed to assume this additional missionary responsibility because we realize that the British Province has for years been carrying more than its fair share of the Moravian missionary enterprise, a situation made more critical because of economic developments during and since the second World War.

This transfer of responsibility was approved in principle by the Unity Conference of 1953 and subsequently by the General Directory of our Church. The synod of the Eastern West Indies Province, held on St. Kitts this January, accepted the proposed step by a heavy majority. At the same time this synod voted to give to the American Board of Foreign Missions authority to supervise all major expenditures in the Eastern West Indies Province. It is the hope of all Moravians in the homelands as well as in that Province that the work there may become financially self-dependent in the foreseeable future. Then of course this temporary measure will no longer be desirable. But the fact that our brethren in these islands have been willing to entrust this additional measure of responsibility to our Board is the more cause, if further reasons were needed, for us to recognize the challenge now presented to the American Moravian Church.

Of several things Americans in our country can be sure. If the welcome accorded to the writer and his wife is any criterion, those who will cast their lot with this branch of our Unity can count on a heart-warming reception. Wherever we went we found friends ready to accept us as belonging to one family in the Lord. Moravians in the West Indies love their Church and are concerned for its future. They have been doing their utmost with limited resources to keep the work going. Especially striking was this on the islands where because of lack of missionaries no Moravian ordained minister has been stationed for a considerable time. There laymen have held the church together in the hope of a better day. On Trinidad and Santo Domingo clergymen of other communions have been willing to administer the sacraments and to marry our people, when called upon to do so. We owe these servants of our common Lord a deep and lasting debt of gratitude. On these islands at least ecumenism among Christians has proved more than a hopeful phrase.

The church in this area is far advanced in many respects. There are large congregations with a membership able to attempt to carry on activities of many kinds. We were impressed by the generosity with which the members of St. Kitts Mennonites rendered Mendelssohn's "A Hymn of Praise". We thought they must have imported outside talent but were assured that this was not the case. We were impressed by the generous way the members on St. Kitts rallied to their responsibilities as hosts of the synod, bringing provisions of all kinds for the common meals. We were impressed by the number of Moravians on all the islands who occupied positions of leadership and trust in their communities.

Perhaps we should not have been surprised. For the last fifty years both the Eastern West Indies Province and Jamaica have been recognized under the constitution of the Moravian Church as provinces in a state of transition" and have enjoyed a modified degree of self-government. Had it not been for the effects of the World War, which hurt our work in far reaching ways, this section of our Unity might have become self dependent by now. As it is the supply of an indigenous ministry was cut off by the closing of the Moravian Theological Seminary at Buxton Grove, Antigua. Funds vital to the maintenance of the large mission houses and churches were lost in the devaluation in Germany during the 1920s. So the Moravians in the West Indies still need "good neighbors" or to put the matter in terms more suited to our Church - they need the help which we, their brethren, now offer them.

Under the agreement reached this year, Jamaica, with its membership of nearly ten thousand remains a responsibility of the British Province. Our obligation is primarily to the Eastern West Indies. Even this is no small undertaking for us. The Eastern West Indies Province is a far flung area, containing eight conference groups of congregations on nine West Indian islands and in British Guiana on the mainland of South America. Approximately thirty thousand souls belong to the sixty churches within this province. More than a thousand miles separate the most distant of them from each other. They live in six separate government areas, and belong to three different nations: Great Britain, the Dominican Republic, and the United States. For many years our churches in the various conferences have had the character of separate districts, each doing its best to carry on the work in a way that seemed good to it.

These geographical factors present problems of administration, but they are not insurmountable. Many of the mission houses and some of the church buildings need urgent attention. Because of the economic conditions prevailing in the areas where our churches are located necessary repairs have been put off from year to year. The task of restoring these buildings will be a very considerable one. In some way too our Church must provide for the training of young men who offer themselves in these congregations as candidates for the ministry. But the greatest need at present is for consecrated missionary couples.

A step like this calls for faith on our part and for keen concern that "souls may be won for the Lamb". But if we take it in such a spirit, then our Church's experience of divine guidance and blessing through five hundred years is our guarantee that we shall not turn to the Lord for help in vain. As these lines are written the first gift for the new task has just been received. It comes from a retired Moravian missionary who devoted his life to service in the far North.

Bethabara Church Plans

Open House For Easter

For the eighth consecutive year the women of Bethabara will hold "Open House" at the historic old church during Easter week-end. This occasion is being planned by Mrs. P. W. Newsom, president of the Women of the Church.

On Easter Saturday and Easter Monday between the hours of 10 A. M. and 6 P. M. guides will be on hand to take visitors through the church. At intervals organ meditations lending a reverent atmosphere to the event will delight those who enter the sanctuary. Hostesses in costume will serve sugar cake and coffee to all visitors.

Items of particular interest to see include: the hand-made pulpit; the thick stone walls (approximately two feet); the hand-hewn timbers; held together by pegs; the wide boards in the floors; the unique window "locks"; antique cupboards; the large fireplaces (particularly the one in the kitchen containing the "Dutch Oven"); the food cellar; and many articles which will be on exhibition.
The Wachovia Moravian

OBITUARY

David I. Haglund

On February 17 the Church lost another of those who had served it well. Unexpectedly the Rev. David I. Haglund passed away in Stockholm, Sweden, where he had been living since his return in 1945.

He was born in Sweden on September 26, 1885. As a young man he offered himself for the mission field and attended the Moravian Mission College in Niesky, Germany. Bishop Moench ordained him a deacon of the Moravian Church at Nazareth that same year, and in 1928 Bishop Grossmann ordained him a presbyter at Bluefields, Nicaragua. Br. Haglund had an outstanding career in Pearl Lagoon, Biskawampa, and Sandy Bay, being noted as a builder of churches, an author of school manuals, a translator of hymns, and above all as one who encouraged improved agricultural methods at his stations. This interest he continued to promote actively even in retirement.

PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S BOARD

The Provincial Woman's Board met March 17 to make plans for the workshop which will be held this year at Immanuel Moravian Church in May. Details will be announced later.

Women of the province are asked to bring good, clean, winter clothing to the Provincial Office building any time during April. The Provincial Woman's Board will pack and send these garments to Moravians in Germany.

Also, if you have scraps of wool yarn, embroidery thread, needles or any other sewing equipment or lengths of cotton material, bring these at the same time for the hospital in Nicaragua. This appeal came from our nurse, Miss Lillian Butner, in a recent letter "... investigate the possibilities of finding old left over wool yarn for the TB patients to use in their occupational therapy. Many of them have been weaving, crocheting, embroidery or even plain sewing; and just now two of the boys are combining efforts to make an afghan and are almost out of wool. We definitely don't want anyone to buy new wool especially for this project, just look around during spring house cleaning and send any kind of wool scraps." The following should be of interest to all women:

"United Church Women asked a fellowship team to visit a number of countries, to discuss with Christian women the problems which confront them as Christians, to share in the study of Ephesians, to pray together. The team, which will be on its travels from mid-February to mid-April, is composed of Mrs. James D. Wykar, president of United Church Women and a vice-president of the National Council of Churches; Miss Josephine Phodaca, of the Philippines; Miss Felicia Sunderal, of India; and Mrs. David D. Baker, editor of "The Church Woman", as reporter and manager. The itinerary includes Hawaii, the Fiji Islands, Australia; Indonesia, India and Pakistan in Asia; Kenya and Uganda in Africa; Eyth, Jordan and Lebanon in the Middle East; and Germany." We should remember these women in our prayers.

Elizabeth N. Miller, President
Big Oak Church Is Organized In Penn.

Arthur Freeman

January 30, 1955, marked the birth of another Moravian Church. With the presentation of the charter roll by the Rev. Arthur Freeman, pastor, to Dr. F. P. Stocker, president of the Eastern District Board in the Northern Province, the Big Oak Church, Yardley, Pa., closed its charter membership and was confirmed a member of Friedberg Moravian Church by the Rev. Arthur Freeman, pastor, to Dr. F. P. Stocker, president of the Eastern District Board in the Northern Province, the congregation.

The day was marked by special services in the morning and a church council in the afternoon. At the 11:00 A. M. service Dr. Stocker brought the message and Dr. Vernon Couillard assisted in the service. Special music was provided by the junior choir of the church. At the church council the first boards of elders and trustees were elected.

Big Oak Church began slightly more than a year ago with only one family and the pastor. In that time it has grown to 42 communicant members and a Sunday school of 33 children. With an active women's fellowship, youth fellowship, junior choir and senior choir, it is seeking to serve the community with a full program of church activities.

Big Oak Church is located in an area with unique opportunities. Levittown, a development now numbering 8,000 homes, and Fairless Hills, now about 4,000 homes, have appeared where three years ago there was only farming land. The whole area is experiencing unusual growth due to the building of a new U. S. Steel mill along the Delaware River. In the immediate area of the church there are about 800 housing units scheduled at the present, with some 200 already erected and a few now inhabited.

Though at the present services are being held in a house remodeled for church use, five acres of land on the side of a gentle hill have been purchased for the construction of a church building and this will be directly across from a new junior high school. Truly, there are wonderful opportunities for the Moravian Church in this area.

MORAVIANS IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, ORGANIZE FELLOWSHIP

It was an enthusiastic group of Moravians who met in the University Methodist Church, Columbus, Ohio, on January 25, Jane Engleth of the Madison, Wisconsin, Glenwood congregation was the moving spirit behind it all. Having come to study at Ohio State University, she felt that there must be other Moravians in Columbus besides herself and her father. She found the name and address of the Gnadenhutten pastor, the Rev. James Gross, in her Text Book and wrote to him. He sent her the names and addresses of students at the University from Tuscarawas County congregations.

Miss Engleth formerly lived at Asheville, N. C. and attended the Southern Province Senior Conference during the years it was held at Camp Transylvania.

At the January gathering a Moravian fellowship was promptly organized with Ruth Blackburn of 1661 Franklin Pike, Columbus, Ohio, as president, and Jane Engleth, 251 Chatham Rd., Columbus, Ohio, as secretary-treasurer.

Both Miss Blackburn and Miss Engleth will be happy to receive letters from any readers of The Wachovia Moravian who will send them the names and addresses of other Moravians living in the Columbus, Ohio, area.

J. P. Crouch Dies; Founded Pine Chapel

James Parmania Crouch, son of John C. and Catharine Wooley Crouch was born July 1, 1874 Davidson County near Friedberg Moravian Church and spent his first thirty-five years in that congregation. He was presented to the Lord by his parents in Infant Baptism. In his early teens, he made profession and was confirmed a member of Friedberg Moravian Church.

At six years of age he began to attend the free school at Friedberg in a little log building. He attended the same school each winter for 3 and one half or 4 months until 21 years old. After his last year of school, he went to Mr. A. L. Butner, County Superintendent of Schools, and took an examination which entitled him to a second grade certificate and was then hired by the committee of said school to teach the next winter at $20.00 per month. The next year under Dr. A. P. Davis, County Superintendent, he obtained a first grade certificate which entitled him to $35.00 per month. He then taught for 15 winters — 7 at Friedberg; 4 at Pinney Grove; 1 at Weiser; 1 at Hope; 1 at Flat Rock and 1 at Hopewell.

He was married to Miss Ida Bell Beckel on April 2, 1899. On April 1, 1903, he was appointed by the U. S. Government as sub Rural Letter Carrier on Route 4. That day he started carrying mail on Route 4. For 7 years he served as sub Rural Letter Carrier and taught school in winters. On August 1, 1910, he received appointment as regular Rural Letter Carrier and served in that capacity on Route 4 until January 31, 1934, at which time he was retired by the Government.

Soon after receiving the regular appointment as Rural Letter Carrier, he moved to Winston-Salem and began to attend Trinity Moravian Church. On November 16, 1924, a Moravian congregation was organized at Pine Chapel and he was asked to leave Trinity and take charge of the Sunday school as Sunday school superintendent. At the beginning, the Sunday school had an average of 37 in attendance. At the first of the year 1925, there was an average of 105 and at the close of the year (1925) the church consisted of 70 members which asked him to be their pastor assisting the Rev. D. L. Rights. The request was granted with the understanding that he serve New Eden also. On January 1, 1925, he began to serve Pine Chapel and New Eden as assistant pastor to Br. Rights. In 1928, the Pine Chapel congregation had grown to such an extent that a new church was needed. A new church was built at a cost of approximately $18,000, which was paid for in 12 months.

The next thing of importance was a revival conducted in October, 1931 at Hopewell. In January, 1932, a group of 45 members was received into the church at Pine Chapel as Hopewell group. In June of the same year, the Hopewell property was purchased and a church organized with J. P. Crouch as pastor. On April 12, 1932, he was ordained at Pine Chapel as a Deacon in the Moravian Church by Bishop Grider. The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Howard Rondthalier.

He served as assistant pastor under Br. Rights at Pine Chapel and New Eden until June 30, 1934 at which time he was released to New Eden. When the Hopewell group was organized in June, 1931, he was appointed pastor by Bishop J. K. Pfahl and at the same time pastor of Pine Chapel as Pine Chapel was now recognized as a church of the Salem Congregation.

Mrs. Crouch died April 21, 1945. In 1941 a parsonage for Pine Chapel was begun and in July of the same year was completed and on the second day of July the pastor moved in. The cost was approximately $5,000 which was paid for in 12 months. On March 23, 1947, he was ordained as a presbytery in the Moravian Church at Pine Chapel by Bishop J. K. Pfahl, Text: 2 Tim. 2:15. On July 1, 1952, he turned Hopewell over to the Rev. Norwood Green who was now an ordained minister. On February 9, 1954, Br. Crouch had a partial stroke and on July 1, 1954 he retired. On November 2, 1954 he moved to another house at 409 E. Devonshire Street.

Br. Crouch departed this life to be with his Lord on Sunday, February 20, 1955 at 1:05 P. M. He had been a patient sufferer; he never complained about the suffering that he had to endure. He was ready for the journey home and was only waiting for the call. He was loved by everyone who knew him. He leaves to mourn his home going a host of friends who will greatly miss him. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. J. C. C oblivious of Raleigh, Mrs. Wilmer Dettweiler of Philadelphia, Pa., and Miss Emma Crouch of the home; three sons, W. C., J. P., and E. P. Crouch of Winston-Salem; three sisters, Mrs. C. A. Kimel and Miss A. E. Fultz of Clemmons and Mrs. A. L. Whitlow of Greensboro; two brothers, A. C. Crouch of Olive Bridge, N. Y., and J. F. Crouch of Raleigh.

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"Don't see much use in increasing the number of trustees. We can't get enough men to accept election now."
"We've got 16 boys between 11 and 14 in our church. If only one of our men would serve as scoutmaster we could have a fine troop right here."

How often have you said things just like this? Why is it that each congregation has a small nucleus of people who are at the same time the choir members, organization leaders, Sunday school teachers, faithful attenders and regular contributors? Is it because the caliber of people in our Moravian congregations is so low that we simply do not have leadership and so have to rely on an infinitesimal minority to carry on the church’s program? Or is it that we have failed to develop a sense of stewardship in our people—an understanding of it means to give an accounting to God of the money, the time and the abilities that He has given to us? I suspect that this is the real reason.

Such case studies as these make me believe that the problem faced by many congregations grows not from a lack of potential leadership but from a lack of willingness on the part of the members to use their talents in the work of the Kingdom.

1.—A congregation struggles along with a devoted but very inadequate treasurer whose books are always in a state of confusion—while there are at least three trained bookkeepers in the congregation who, if they would, could easily do a much better job in one-tenth of the time that the present treasurer must put into his task.

2.—A series of three Youth Fellowship meetings are complete failures as far as program is concerned because no one of the three leaders who had agreed to guide the meetings showed up—one went to the movie and the other two skating.

3.—A church choir struggles along without enough men’s voices—while six men from the church sing in a community chorus of a secular type.

4.—A local pastor steals time from his parish work and his family to direct the choir of his church—while a member of his congregation directs the choir of the church down the street “because they have much more adequate voices with which to work.”

Whatever further case studies you could add to this list would merely reinforce the contention that the problem facing the local church is not one of lack of potential leadership but one of that potential leadership not making itself available for the service of Christ and His Kingdom.

This fact has been highlighted by a number of experiences in our denomination during the past two years. Local churches have been given much help in planning their work of evangelism, stewardship, leadership training and youth work. In too many cases, the plans have never gotten out of the excellent manuals into the life of the local church because the members have refused to use their time and ability for such things as visitation evangelism (that’s the preacher’s job); an every-member canvass (churches shouldn’t push people financially); leadership or attendance at training sessions (I give time teaching; isn’t that enough?); or serving as adult advisors to youth (those teen-agers are so silly).

But it is more than the church desperately needing the very best that its most proficient people can give. The church has limped along for 2000 years and is still an amazingly effective instrument in God’s hands. But the disturbing thing is to see so many people fail to use the church as a means of showing their dedication to God. For the church is God’s means of providing Christians with a tangible way of expressing the stewardship of their total life. Where else can you take hold of a job, do it with all your ability and be left with the conviction that you have done it for God? As we Americans look at our church we see the opportunity of expressing our stewardship in a number of forms.

You may have the opportunity of serving on a church board. While many a person shies away from this task as if a Trustee is nothing more than a pack-mule and an Elder has some affliction like smallpox, the testimony of every church board member that I have known is that they have sincerely enjoyed the job that they had. They didn’t enjoy it because of the long hours of planning and discussing after even longer hours of working at their own vocation. They enjoyed it because they knew that in their job, they had the opportunity to take hold of the work of the church in a most tangible way. They were expressing their stewardship.

An ever available opportunity is that of teaching in the church school. While Sunday school teachers often give the impression that they feel that their job is frustrating, ineffective and not appreciated, there are all the more occasions when they admit that there is no other task they would prefer to do. Last summer our teachers were provided with a list of those willing to substitute during the three months when our unified schedule makes it necessary for the teachers of the children’s classes to miss the worship service. Hardly a substitute was used. I draw no other conclusion than that our teachers preferred to work with their classes above anything else in the church’s program. Why? Because they found joy in the regular expression of their dedication to God.

The youth program of the church provides a further opportunity for specialized leadership in the church. If the program is to function well, it must have more detailed supervision than any pastor can give to it. It calls for an adult with maturity, enthusiasm and spiritual depth to guide the youth into a fuller use of the programming that is being made available.

The ever-increasing camping program of our denomination is an excellent opportunity for those with special talents to use them in a most concentrated way during a week or more during the summer. The reward: a deeper appreciation of the Gospel as it takes hold of the youth of our church; a wider acquaintance with leaders from other congregations; and a chance to see a Christian community under controlled conditions. The need is for counsellors; teachers; buglers (not too many,
The camping program of the church can go as far as its leadership years. Please; music leaders and recreation directors. The camping program of the church can go as far as its leadership will provide. We have been able to operate a day camp in our congregation for three years. It has made possible because some of our leaders have been willing to put aside other summer plans in order to use camping as a means of expressing stewardship.

The opportunities of service through the organizational life of the church are unlimited. The only limit placed on the work of a men’s club or a women’s fellowship is that imposed by the unwillingness of lay people to go the second mile and the third. And the experience of those who have given unstintingly to their Christ through their organization is that it has been a joy to be a steward.

Whether it be as a canvasser for your church budget, a visitor in an evangelism effort, or a member of a provincial board you will find that the Moravian church provides you ample opportunity to serve. It gives you these tangible jobs not only because the church needs your leadership but also because you need a place to take hold of God’s work as you march through 1955 with other Moravians, bent on making this a banner year of stewardship.

**Foreign Mission Briefs**

**Illness Among Our Missionaries**

It is with sincere regret that the Board reports that recent letters brought disturbing word regarding the health both of Mrs. James Dittmer in Alaska and of Mrs. Werner Marx in Honduras. At the time of writing, their condition gave their families and friends concern. There will be many within the Church family who will join in remembering the needs of these missionaries before the throne of grace.

**Illness Among Lay Pastors**

Word has also reached our Board of the serious condition of two of our active lay pastors in Nicaragua, the Br. Leopold “Omer” and Inverness Gordon, also of Mrs. Gordon. All have contracted tuberculosis and are being treated in Bilwakarma. It is a cause of great gratitude that our hospital there is now better equipped than formerly to help patients who suffer from this disease. May God grant them recovery.

“A Prize Patient”

In a letter dated January 18, Dr. Thaele spoke of the thirty-six in-patients. She had been brought to them with a bullet lodged in her abdomen, the result of an accident. While she had been much bleeding, the bullet had not injured any vital spot. She was feeling so fine on the day after the operation that she wanted to be up and about.

“Alaska Moravian Youth” For Hospital Use

In an effort to help encourage the many Eskimo Moravians now placed by government agencies in hospitals in Alaska and on the West Coast, the “Alaska Moravian Youth” is being sent to all such patients. This mimeographed letter is published monthly by our young people’s organization in Alaska. Plans are also being made by our Boards to have these members of our church visit occasionally by missionaries or other church workers. The number of patients totals over one hundred at present.

The Morongo Church Renovated

A letter dated January 27, Mrs. Eugene Oster reports “as foreman on the job” of renovations to the Morongo church. “First of all we got rid of the bees that were in the panels on the front, the west, and the south sides of the church. We hired young men from the reservation to do all the work. They tore off the siding, scraped away the honey, and then painted everything with creosote. Some of the siding could be used again.

“The church has had two coats of paint on the outside, white with dark green trim, and looks lovely. The bell has had a coat of aluminum paint. The church auditorium has had two coats of ivory, also the benches. A large picture, Sallman’s ‘Head of Christ’, was placed on the front wall as a gift from Mrs. Eastman and myself.

“To date the cost has been $660.00. We had accumulated enough in the church treasury to pay this bill and the one for installing electricity’.

Princess Margaret Visits Antigua

An interesting mimeographed account of the visit by the Princess to Antigua has been sent to our office by the Rev. C. F. Aldersley. Our Moravian missionaries were honored with special recognition on this occasion. Space does not permit us to reproduce this account here, but it will be gladly sent on request to any interested reader.

Return To Field

Thelma Good has returned to her post at the Colegio Moravo in Bluefields, arriving with a brand new M. A. degree on February 12 after a very rough plane trip from Managua.

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Building Fund,” thus completing one full year’s payments on the $60,000 note. Since March 1, 1954 we have paid $6,636.26 (including the interest) which reduces our indebtedness to $54,000. We are thankful for the unselfish devotion of so many members and friends who worked and shared to make this possible.

Increased interest and activity marks the progress of Boy Scout troop 84. Scoutmaster E. L. Reich has assumed his new responsibility with enthusiasm and much promise. Aiding the troop in its advancement is the Troop Committee, Br. W. H. Andrews, chairman, and Br. R. K. Morgan, institutional representative.

Fourteen members attended the Stewardship Rally at the Home Church on February 3.

Br. M. J. Kudelka, Jr. has been elected vice-chairman of the official Church Board and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school to fill the vacancies resulting from the death of Br. M. A. Cleckley.

RALEIGH

The Women of the Church had a very encouraging meeting in February at the home of Mrs. M. H. Trogdon and Mrs. K. D. Morgan, Jr. Attendance nearly set a record as the ladies laid plans for a sale of Stanley Home Products in order to raise funds to purchase equipment for the kitchen in our proposed Christian education building.

Plans for this first unit of our church plant are going forward slowly but surely. At this writing the second draft of preliminary sketches is being prepared by our architect, Messrs. Delitch and Knight, for presentation to the Building Committee, Br. J. Stanley Fishel, chairman. We anticipate rapid completion of the final plans and specifications as soon as all the committees and boards concerned—both of our congregation and of the Southern Province—reach agreement in respect to the basic floor plan and particular style of architecture to be followed. The “design phase” of our building program may require a somewhat longer time than was expected, but we still hope to break ground and start construction of our building sometime this summer.

The Church Board has appointed Br. George T. Smith to the vacancy on our nine-member Building Committee created by the departure of Br. Frank Shoaf. Br. and Sr. Shoaf and son Ken have moved to Charlotte, where Br. Shoaf is entering upon a new business venture. We will certainly miss the fellowship and support of this faithful family, who were charter members of our congregation. Sr. Shoaf served us as head of the primary department in the Sunday school and as vice-president of the Women of the Church.

The pastor had the privilege of offering prayer at the opening of the daily session of the N. C. Senate on Wednesday, February 2.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

LEAKSVILLE

Due to the pastor being away Holy Communion was postponed until the second Sunday at the 11 o’clock service. We were happy to have one of the largest attendances at this service of any kind in a number of years. Rev. J. K. McConnell and Mr. Paul Peterson, Y. W. C. A. Secretary, were guest

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speakers at the regular services on the first Sunday in the pastor's absence. Thanks to both for their willing service.

The work for the first two months of 1955 has been encouraging although there have been several things to hinder us somewhat. First, the church furnace has gone bad and the temperature in the church has been rather uncertain. A number of our people have been on the sick list, and then a number of our families have moved out of the community recently thereby lowering our attendances upon Sunday school and church service some 15 to 20 in number.

At the evening service on the second Sunday Br. Henry Crown was elected a member on the Church Board to fill the vacancy of Br. N. R. Martin., Sr., who has moved to Greenville, Miss. During the month of February our organ fund went over the $1,000 mark by a very generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Rutley Barham of Mayodan. Mr. Barham was formerly a member of the Leakesville congregation. Such interest and help encourages us and is much appreciated by our people.

Our young people were represented at the provincial-wide rally at the Home Church Thursday evening, February 10. Various other organized groups have kept up their interest and activities and have had splendid attendances at the monthly business meetings. HOWARD G. FOLTZ

WILLOW HILL

We began practicing our juniors for a junior choir and used them first in morning services on Youth Sunday, January 30. We believe the services rendered by this group will add much to our worship services.

Since the first of the year our Sunday school and morning worship services have been well attended, and we are hoping with the coming of warm weather our night services will also improve in attendance.

We are very happy that Willow Hill was so well represented at the Stewardship Rally at Home Church with nearly all of the board members being present. We were inspired by Dr. Stoughton's message calling for a re-commitment of our lives to God. The Women of the Church subsidized their treasury and enjoyed the fellowship in serving dinner at the church to the orchardmen who held their meeting on February 9. Also, in February, the board and the building committee met jointly on two occasions trying to decide on a way to brighten up God's house and make it more attractive for our friends to come and be with us in this celebration.

GLEN E. CRAVER

KERNERSVILLE

The visit of Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton, Executive Officer of the Board of Foreign Missions, was a highlight in the experience of our congregation. Being a member of the East West Indies he was able to give a complete report on the responsibility our church has assumed for the place where our foreign mission work began. His colored slides of the work there showed forcefully the work that now needs to be done.

It was a privilege to have the Directors of the Foreign Missionary Society, South, as our guests for a business meeting and to hear the report of the work in the East West Indies and British Guiana as given by Bishop Hamilton.

A community church census was a cooperative venture of all the churches in our town on the second Sunday in February. The results indicate how important it is to try to keep up with a moving population.

FAIRVIEW

Boy Scout Sunday was observed February 13. Melvin Hicks and Phillip Poe, Explorer Scouts, received God and Country scout awards which were earned by more than a year of work in cooperation with the pastor. Melvin Hicks also received the highest Scout honor in being awarded his Eagle Scout badge. All 6 troops of the church were present: the Brownies, Intermediate Girl Scouts, Senior Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers. In all there are 65 boys and 52 active girls in the work. There are 58 adults who serve on the committees as leaders or assistants. At the present time there are 175 persons giving time and talent to the Scout program. The Rev. Kenneth Robinson brought an inspiring message to the scouts and the congregation.

The annual Missionary Lovefeast, sponsored by the Monnie Southern Chapter of the Foreign Missionary Society was held on the same Sunday. The Rev. Samuel J. Tesch brought a splendid message and told of his travels in Jamaica. About $600 was raised to be used in Dr. A. David Thealer’s Hospital and for the Institute for training native ministers at Bilwaskarma.

Mrs. J. A. Southern has served the Fairview Missionary Chapter for 31 years as an officer and for many years as president. As an honor the group voted to name the organization the Monnie Southern Chapter of the Foreign Missionary Society, Southern Province.

The Blum Memorial Chapel is in the process of being constructed. This building is being erected by the Blum Memorial Bible Class which already raised nearly all the money to complete it. The chapel will be used by the class for Sunday school and will be available for prayer meetings and weddings. A banquet was sponsored by the class on February 18 at which time the Rev. Kenneth Goodson, Methodist District Superintendent, made the chief address. Other talent was Barbara White, Paul Pegram and Paul Peterson.

VERNON DAEOTWILER

PROVIDENCE

In January, 1954, a new Hammond organ was installed in our church. Just one year later, on January 30, 1955, the organ was dedicated to God’s glory, having been completely paid for in twelve months. At the service of dedication, Dr. Edmund Schwarze was our guest speaker, and special organ music was supplied by Mr. John Mickey. It was a happy occasion for everyone.

Through February and part of March the classes of our Sunday school were in charge of the evening services. They were instrumental in bringing in a number of guest speakers. We wish to express our gratitude to the Rev. Edwin F. Fussell, Mr. Matt Howell, Mr. James M. Culler, the Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer, and the Rev. William A. Kaltreider for the fine messages which they brought to us. Also, we are grateful to the Forsyth County Home Demonstration Club Chorus for the program of religious music which they presented on February 27. The Board of Elders is grateful to the classes for the fine work they did in carrying out this series of services.

Along with other Moravian pastors, the pastor extended an invitation to tithe during the season of Lent. We were very pleased when 38 of those
present pledged themselves to tithe. Our offerings have increased some $60.00 or $70.00 a Sunday. Many of us are experiencing new blessings as we support God’s work in this systematic way. We wish to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Porter into the fellowship of our church.

GEORGE A. CHIDDIE

MOUNT AIRY

Four funerals and two weddings marked this two month period. Walter Jackson was buried January 29 and James Edward Boyd February 9, both of Moravian families. Brother DeWitt Collins, an elder, was buried February 12 and Brother Henry Gardner on February 17.

Mary Jo Jones was married in the parsonage to Kenneth White January 15 and Fred Bryant Lackey was married to Irene June Boyd February 26.

Br. Charles Johnson, High school teacher and band leader, and Donald Tesh are teaching band classes for beginners. Several adults are learning to play instruments.

Each elder, trustee, circle leader and group leader received a copy of the membership list of the entire congregation. John and Cathy Walker, Lottie Dinkins, Jenny Ruth Prussit and Cathy Jones spent many hours getting the names and addresses correct on the list.

Br. James Jarvis taught Josie Sumner’s Bible class during her illness and stay in the hospital.

Youth counsellors chosen for this year are Cathy Walker, Walt Simms, and Curtis Simmons.

Mount Airy enjoyed a 10 to 12 inch snowfall January 19; in spite of that, 22 persons came out to pray meeting that night. Seven children and 3 young men enrolled for instruction to join the church.

The Young Adult Class gave the church a new duplicator and supplies. Eulala Wolfe is president of the class. James Goed collected money from a dozen people and now the church owns a new Royal typewriter. Br. Jack Brown contributed a used typewriter he had and that brought down the price considerably on the new one.

The pastor spoke a number of times for foreign missions in other churches and groups and had a week’s broadcast and two Sunday broadcasts over Radio Station WPAQ. A good number turned out Saturday night, February 5, to see Missionary Thelma Good’s Nicaraguan pictures.

Mrs. Lobst gave several mission talks during this period, too.

A nursery has been started so parents can attend both the Sunday morning and evening services. Members of the circles take turns managing the nursery in the parsonage.


ROBERT IOBST

FRIENDSBURG

Since Christmas we have been following the early events in the life of our Lord in the morning sermons. More recently we have emphasized some of his greatest teachings, especially the biblical teaching concerning the stewardship of life. At Christmas we on February 20 an opportunity was given for our people to commit themselves to a trial period of tithing. Those who were already tithers were asked to bring their cards forward also. We were thrilled to know that a total of 84 people were enrolled in the Fellowship of Tithers. It is our families. This group will be a means of strengthening our church for years to come.

It has been our happy privilege to have Dr. Edmumd Schwarze with us for a series of seven prayer meetings. He has brought us sincere and challenging messages which should bring forth much fruit in the lives of our people. We feel that any church which can avail itself of the services of this great man of God is indeed fortunate.

Three of our older members were called home within a period of two weeks. It had been only a short time since we laid to rest two others of our number. These events call our attention to the time when we too must take that journey. It is our hope to see that as we commit ourselves to the Lord we also commit the church to Him. We wish to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Irene June Boyd February 26.

Kenneth White January 15 and Fred Bryant Lackey was married to Irene June Boyd February 26.

Walter Jackson was buried January 29 and James Edward Boyd February 9, both of Moravian families. Brother DeWitt Collins, an elder, was buried February 12.

Br. Charles Johnson, High school teacher and band leader, and Donald Tesh are teaching band classes for beginners. Several adults are learning to play instruments.

Each elder, trustee, circle leader and group leader received a copy of the membership list of the entire congregation. John and Cathy Walker, Lottie Dinkins, Jenny Ruth Prussit and Cathy Jones spent many hours getting the names and addresses correct on the list.

Br. James Jarvis taught Josie Sumner’s Bible class during her illness and stay in the hospital.

Youth counsellors chosen for this year are Cathy Walker, Walt Simms, and Curtis Simmons.

Mount Airy enjoyed a 10 to 12 inch snowfall January 19; in spite of that, 22 persons came out to pray meeting that night. Seven children and 3 young men enrolled for instruction to join the church.

The Young Adult Class gave the church a new duplicator and supplies. Eulala Wolfe is president of the class. James Goed collected money from a dozen people and now the church owns a new Royal typewriter. Br. Jack Brown contributed a used typewriter he had and that brought down the price considerably on the new one.

The pastor spoke a number of times for foreign missions in other churches and groups and had a week’s broadcast and two Sunday broadcasts over Radio Station WPAQ. A good number turned out Saturday night, February 5, to see Missionary Thelma Good’s Nicaraguan pictures.

Mrs. Lobst gave several mission talks during this period, too.

A nursery has been started so parents can attend both the Sunday morning and evening services. Members of the circles take turns managing the nursery in the parsonage.


ROBERT IOBST

ORDINATION IN NICARAGUA

On Sunday, January 23, Br. Mullins Tillett was ordained a deacon of the Moravian Church in Bilsakarina Church during the morning service. The Rev. Howard Stortz officiated, being commissioned to act for Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton, who could not be present. Br. Stortz was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Thaler and the Rev. Hedley Wislon. The ordination had been recommended by the Provincial Board in Nicaragua and the Board of Foreign Missions in this country.

Brother Tillett as a native of Butukasas, Honduras, is the first Honduran to enter the ordained ministry of the Moravian Church.

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WILLIAM A. MARSHALL

ADVENT

January was a very happy month for the people of our church and community. On January 2, the first Sunday of the New Year, David Burkette delivered the morning sermon. It was the first time many of our congregation had heard David since he left for Moravian Theological Seminary. Our lives were enriched by his inspiring and appropriate message as we began a new year.

The Rev. John C. Foltz turned our New Year’s prayer meetings into a week of evangelistic services which began on January 2 and continued every evening until January 9. On Sunday morning he spoke to a congregation of 317 persons. Attendence throughout the week was good and God spoke to many of us in a new way.

Our people will not soon forget Br. Foltz as he sang, “The Ninety and Nine.” We are happy God led him our way and pray that the Lord may bless him as he seeks to win others for the Lamb.

On Saturday, January 15, our junior choir, directed by Miss Betty Claire Warren and accompanied by Miss Hilda Willard, sang for the Young for Christ meeting at the First Baptist Church.

Our Sunday school building has already donned its new spring frock. The auditorium and the basement rooms have been redecorated and are beautiful to behold. Plans are now in progress for the purchasing of a new carpet. Henry Crotts, chairman of our Board of Trustees, and the men who have helped him plan the improvements of our building are to be congratulated!

As January turned into February our worship services seemed to be swarming with young people and the corners of the church re-echoed with sacred music. Twenty-eight young people assisted in the four worship services of Youth Week. The sacred music was supplied by the Advent band, directed by Vestal Whitt, on Sunday evening, January 30; and by the Salem College Choral Ensemble, directed by Paul Peterson on February 6. The Rev. Edwin Sawyer spoke at the evening service.

PAUL A. SNIDER

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Architect’s drawings for the new Christian education wing are virtually completed, and we expect to be taking bids from contractors within a week. We are still hoping to break ground on April 17, and the cornerstone will be laid early in June. We are still hoping to break ground on April 17; we are still hoping to break ground on April 17. We are still hoping to break ground on April 17.
to the parsonage furnace by F. G. Crater and Son as a donation to the church. R. B. Sloan is also volunteering his service to assist with the installation.

Barry Jones was winner in the recent baby contest, sponsored by the Youth Fellowship, with Bruce Rothrock, Jr. as runner-up. A little over $200 was raised on the contest, part of which is for missions. The other part will be used to start a piano fund for the new Sunday school rooms.

Br. T. Conway Pruitt spoke to our Mission Society on February 4, and assisted with Communion on February 27. Dr. Gordon Spaugh assisted with Communion on February 27 also.

Dr. Hyman Levine gave the young people an insight into "The Religion of the Jews" when he addressed them at a supper meeting on February 27.

Lenten mid-week services have begun and the average attendance for the first two was 58. The message presented by Br. J. Kenneth Pfohl was "The Sermon On The Mount."

The Mizpah Church of Mayodan gave a most excellent rendition of "The Challenge of the Cross" for us in January, and their Men's Chorus sang.

HENRY A. LEWIS

MIZPAH

Mizpah is all alive now with building operations beginning for the construction of the new Christian education building. On January 23, a special Church Council gave the go-ahead signal to the Building Committee and the following week our Church Board signed a contract for $33,667 which will give us a 60 x 34 feet brick veneer building with fellowship hall in the basement, departments on the first floor for the smaller children and roughly framed, unfinished second floor for junior department and older classes, to be completed later.

In preparation for this, our beloved little Alpha building has been sold and moved to a nearby property, where it is still in use for Sunday school and church purposes until the new building is completed.

Our people are thrilled at the prospect of having adequate space for our growing Sunday school needs and we are hoping that with the building completed in the next few months, we will be able to come to the close of 1955 with no more than $10,000 of the cost remaining as a debt upon the congregation. Both men and women are busy with supplies, and with our 100 self-denial cards being used during the Season of Lent, together with pledges totaling nearly $2,000, we hope to see this task quickly accomplished.

Our church has been cooperating with the provincial plans for a Year of Stewardship. The pastor's messages dealt with the subject during the three Sundays preceding Lent. The challenge to try tithing during Lent was presented and some have pledged themselves to undertake this experiment in faith.

By invitation of our Sunday school superintendent, Br. Jesse Briggs, the pastor has been meeting with the teachers one night each month to outline the lessons and to help in making a more forceful presentation of lesson subject matter. Thus far teachers have shown marked interest and we trust it will bring blessing to our people.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

FIRST CHURCH
(Greensboro)

Since our last report, we have received two new members: Herbert S. Faught by letter of transfer and Raymond F. Reddick, III, by the sacrament of Baptism for Children.

Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy is expressed to the family of Mrs. Maye Rothrock Readinger who entered into her Eternal Reward on January 15. Funeral services were conducted from the church by the Brn. George Higgins, E. T. Mickey and J. Calvin Barnes on January 17.

The ushers were treated to a fish fry by the Church Board at their organizational meeting on January 27. C. E. Gordon, Jr. was elected church usher, assisted by Clarence M. Owens.

Many of our members have been hospitalized during the past months but we are glad to report that all are well on the road to recovery. So much sickness during the winter months has affected our Sunday school and church attendance—but with the coming of spring we are looking for record attendances!

It was our good fortune to have Miss Thelma Good speak to the Women of the Church on February 7.

The Women of the Church entertained the members of our adult choir on the evening of February 21 with a wonderful "appreciation" banquet. Spring house cleaning came early for us this year. The Moravia Class furnished funds to have our church auditorium repaired and the Dogwood Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous paid for having the auditorium in the educational building painted.

Stewardship month was observed during February with fair results.

Plans are being made to enlarge our church auditorium and to add more Sunday school rooms to our educational building.

J. CALVIN BARNES

HOME CHURCH

A "full house" for Lenten Holy Communion and the reception of four new members brought to our attention the coming of the Easter season. This is the time for people to remind themselves anew of a fact that should be uppermost in their minds this year—Christ died for our sins. Bishop Howard Rondall is conducting a series of Lenten Bible studies on Wednesday evenings on this very theme, "Must He Die, and How?" The services, sponsored by the Bassie Whittington Pfohl Bible Class, are being well attended. Music is under the supervision of Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl. The messages are instructive and stimulating, and tell us what we should know about Him who came for one purpose—to die.

Our pastor and his family moved to the new parsonage at 513 South Church Street on February 24. A great deal of work has been done on our two parsonages this year and our Board of Trustees deserves plaudits for the hours spent in settling the many problems involved in this task.

A Sunday school teachers' and officers' meeting brought sixty workers into fellowship hall on March 1 to discuss the usual business and to hear the inspirational speaker for the evening, the Rev. Richard A. Amos, pastor of our Ardmore Moravian Church.

The response to the request for members to tithe experimentally during Lent was very fine, and it is our sincere hope that out of this trial period may come a great many more who have found that one of the key principles of Christian stewardship is also the key to life itself.

JAMES C. HUGHES, Pastor
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Our last services of Holy Communion have been the largest we have experienced in recent years. This service is becoming increasingly important to our people. Their inspiration is being felt in other ways in the congregation.

Trial of 5 p.m. vespers services in place of the evening service during the months of December, January, and February has proved helpful to all. In this change the young people's meetings have remained constant at 6 p.m. These young people's meetings have been better attended and drawn more interest from the young people than at any time during the present pastorate. Invitations to and from other young people's groups have helped to make our young folk more conscious of their part in a greater circle of workers for the Lord.

The unified budget removed from the Women of the Church the burden of financial support which had rested heavily upon them. They have experienced their easiest year in this respect. With the extra time and opportunity given by this relief, however, has come a feeling that there is nothing to do. It will take some time for us to fill with spiritual things the void created by the great concern over material things. It will require much prayer and conscious effort to find worthwhile substitutes.

The stewardship effort brought some 55 tithers in our congregation for the six-weeks period. Of this and the consequent attention to the stewardship of time and talents as we believe that great blessing is in store.

Instruction classes are proceeding during the Sunday school hour. Our teachers are enjoying their part in the instruction work and the pastor is finding that the job is much better done with profit to all.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

WACHOVIA ARBOR

Br. and Sr. B. C. Snyder, members of the Advent Church, were in charge of a very inspirational evening worship service at Wachovia Arbor on Sunday, February 13. They showed slides and gave impressions of a visit made to the Holy Land during the Christmas season of 1953. Br. Snyder, at one point in his lecture, distributed cards on which were mounted flowers from Bethlehem.

During Lent we have interrupted our Thursday night Bible study in Colossians in order to call attention to appropriate themes of the season. After a Lenten message from the pastor, the congregation engages in discussion, followed by a season of prayer.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Br. Pleas Bungardner, church treasurer, who recently suffered a back injury at his work.

Miss Bessie Boose, president, reported that she is pleased with the good response to the monthly meetings of the Women of the Church. These meetings are equally important as an opportunity for the men to get together. At the close of the ladies meeting, refreshments are served to all present.

R. T. TROUTMAN

HOPEWELL

Bad weather did not seem to hinder our folks from attending Sunday school the last months. In January the attendance reached 200 once, and came close to it several other times.

One of the high spots in January was the fine message that Br. Alton Pfaff brought at our talent dollar rally. His timely message along with good food and fellowship, made the rally one of our most successful.

It was the first of the year and the first big snow that brought us the big surprise of the year—the first visit of the Messiah congregation to Hopewell. Br. Raymond Troutman brought his folks over to worship with us. Their presence was an inspiration to our church.

On February 6, the congregation was happy to receive Mrs. Lucy Culler and Miss Ann Lawing into our church by the right hand of fellowship.

February 27 through March 9 has been designated as the time for a revival. The Rev. Barney Pierce, of the Quaker faith, has consented to be our guest evangelist. Br. Pierce is a talented musician as well as being a forceful preacher.

The passing of our former pastor, Br. J. P. Crouch, was keenly felt by his congregation, but there is rejoicing over the fact that, his works live on forever.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

FULP

We regret the loss of Mrs. J. W. Fulp, one of the charter members of the church and whose marriage was the first to be performed in the sanctuary. Her funeral service was held on Epiphany. Communion for the New Year and Epiphany was observed on January 9. The Women of the Church met at the church on February 9 with Mrs. Norman Dunlap and Mrs. Grady Ziglar associate hostesses.

The cold Sunday of February 13 further impressed upon the congregation the need for better...
heating facilities in the church. At a Church Council meeting on the afternoon of February 28, a fund was begun for such purposes. A committee had been appointed prior to this to investigate the cost and type of furnace needed. This committee was expanded and instructed to proceed further in their work.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

Unity undertakings

By W. H. ALLEN, JR.

Once again the Moravian Church has produced tangible proof that it is a world-wide organization and can continue to function as such. The February meeting of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Northern and Southern Provinces, held in Winston-Salem, resulted in what was probably the most momentous decision taken by authorities of our Moravian Unity since the convening of the last General Synod, in 1931. By unanimous consent the joint Provincial Elders' Conference of the American Provinces have agreed to take over responsibility for the entire Eastern West Indies Province of our church, thereby relieving the British Province of what had become a definite drain on the available British Moravian manpower and an almost unbearable financial burden. Accordingly, they have instructed the American Moravian Board of Foreign Missions to assume supervision of the Eastern West Indies Province on July 1, 1955. This step amply demonstrates the resilient flexibility and innate strength of the Moravian Church, which has always been organized since its renewal in Germany in 1727—on one world-wide basis of mutual co-operation and Christian brotherhood.

But it presents a new situation for the American Board of Foreign Missions. For the Eastern West Indies Province can be styled as a "province in transition," which means that the synod and P.E.C. of that province exercise a definite measure of self-government. This is not true with respect to the other mission fields the American board administers. In addition, it is noteworthy that this important move will, for the first time, bring the American Province into the field of mission endeavor on the continent of South America, inasmuch as the Moravian work in British Guiana is included in the Eastern West Indies Province.

This redistribution of responsibility for our mission provinces fulfills one of the American aims in our Quincentennial celebration, and it is long overdue. May God help American Moravians to meet the challenge!

BAPTISMS

Hinshaw, Annette Suzanne, daughter of Kallon Delano and Carolyn Jean m. n. Turner Hinshaw; born December 22, 1954 in Winston-Salem; baptized March 6, 1955 at Trinity Church by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.


THE LIVING WORD

LUTHER A. WEIGLE

"HEAVINESS" AND "HEAVY"

A New England daily newspaper has the good custom of printing, just below its masthead, a verse from the Bible. On the day before Christmas, December 24, 1954, this verse was Proverbs 12:25: "Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop; but a good word maketh it glad."

Wishing this verse might be chosen and used, because there are so many verses in the Bible which are more appropriate to Christmas Eve, I turned to see how it is worded in the Revised Standard Version. Here I found a more accurate translation of the Hebrew text: "Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad."

"Heaviness" is a word that is strangely used in the King James Version of the Bible. It appears fourteen times, but never in the sense of physical weight. In each case it has a psychological meaning, it denotes a state of mind. More precisely, in each of these cases it denotes one of a dozen different states of mind. For the King James Version uses "heaviness" to represent seven different Hebrew words and three different Greek words, each of which has its own distinct meaning. The more exact translation of these terms by the Revised Standard Version displaces the word "heaviness" in all of the fourteen cases. Listing the terms in the order in which they are given in Young's Concordance, "heaviness" is replaced by "anxiety" (Proverbs 12:25), "a faint spirit" (Isaiah 61:3), "sad countenance" (Job 9:27), "moaning" (Isaiah 29:2), "sorrow" (Psalm 119:28, Proverbs 10:1, Romans 9:2), "grief" (Proverbs 14:13), "lamentation" (Ezra 9:5), "dejection" (James 4:9), "painful" (2 Corinthians 2:1), "despair" (Psalm 69:29), "distressed" (Philippians 2:26), "have to suffer" (1 Peter 1:6).

The word "heavy" is used by the King James Version more naturally—we read of heavy yokes, heavy burdens, heavy bondage, heavy hands, heavy hearts, heavy hair, heavy transgression, eyes heavy, with sleep, and ears heavy to hear.

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Festival Presents Noted Singer of Moravian Music

DONALD M. MCCORKLE
Music Editor, The Moravian Church in America

Maud Nosler, one of the finest oratorio sopranos of our time, will appear as featured soloist with the Early American Moravian Music Festival and Seminar. The Festival and Seminar will be held at Salem College, June 20-26.

Miss Nosler is no newcomer to Moravian music. Her appearance at last summer's Festival in Bethlehem earned her the reputation of being "the foremost interpreter of American Moravian sacred song." She has now devoted several years of study into this music, the result being that she is one who is able to give the finest and most thorough interpretation to it. Her gracious and enthusiastic personality will be a joy to all who have opportunity to see and hear her.

Many and ecstatic are the reviews of her performances: "Miss Nosler's voice has the rarified quality that oratorio singing demands and she possesses intelligence and skill for the specific job."

Singer Maud Nosler: will sing three Moravian songs.


Thor Johnson has said of her: "I wouldn't think of doing the "Messiah" without Maud Nosler." As a matter of fact, the first time that they worked together was in the "Messiah" at the Morona Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. They have done it many times since that first occasion.

She is a frequent soloist with such leading ensembles as the Apollo Club and the Swedish Choral Society of Chicago, the St. Louis Bach Choir, and the University of Michigan Choral Union. Her very successful appearances with the Chicago, Cincinnati, and St. Louis Symphony Orchestras are a matter of record. Last fall she was a soloist in the Bethlehem performance of "The Creation."

At the Early Moravian Music Festival and Seminar in June, she will sing three songs by Moravians (from her recent recording), some excerpts from "The Creation," and some sacred songs by Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach.

ARCHIVES HOUSE

Douglas L. Rights, archivist

In January the blue crocus bloomed in the yard of Archives House. Planted by the late Dr. Adeleade L. Fries, this is the first floral offering of the year.

A beautiful Tyrolean calendar has been received from Fraulein Hadwig Stolwitzer, of Innsbruck, Austria, a former student at Salem College, who wrote, "I have not forgotten Winston-Salem, the college, and all the people who were so nice to me." She is studying for a doctor's degree in economics and expects to take further training for a position as interpreter.


Two other timely publications are "Die Losungen," by Heinz Renkewitz, and "Zinzendorf Gedenkbuch," by several writers, including Br. Renkewitz.

The American-German Review for February-March carried an article by Donald M. McCorkle, "Musical Instruments of the Moravians in North Carolina."

Der Bruderbote for January noted the death on November 24, 1954, of Mr. Peter Martin Legene, who served in the Hindustani-Mission in Surinam and was later secretary of the mission society in Zeist. Br. Legene will be remembered well by those who heard him lecture in Winston-Salem about the orphanage for Hindu children.

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Music Festival Highlights Salem’s Heritage

by Donald McCorkle

When the venerable Bernard J. Pfohl sounds the hour of seven-thirty on the also venerable—the orchestra which was formerly Toscanini's—night watchman's conch, the Third Early Music Festival and Seminar will officially open. The day will be Monday, June 20, and the place Salem College Memorial Hall. Thor Johnson will have just returned (one day earlier) from a tour of Asia with the Symphony of the Air—the orchestra which was formerly Toscanini's NBC Symphony.

PROMINENT MUSICIANS TO PERFORM

Some thirty musicians will be ready to re-create for one week a glimpse of the extraordinary musical life which was a part of Salem during the period 1780 to 1835. These musicians are some of the finest symphonic instrumentalists in the United States. Their professional connections are with the Rochester Philharmonic, Kansas City Philharmonic, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, National, and Winston-Salem Symphonies, and such leading music schools as Indiana University, University of Illinois, Bowling Green State University, and the University of Nebraska.

Featured soloist will be Maud Nosier, the foremost interpreter of American Moravian sacred song. Her performances will climax a busy year for her, which includes no less than seven appearances in Haydn's "The Creation." She will sing four of the finest numbers from this great masterpiece during the Festival. Her other songs will be by the American Moravians, David M. Michael, Georg Gottfried Mueller, and Johann Friedrich Peter; and by Karl Philipp Emanuel Bach, the eldest son of Johann Sebastian. The songs by Michael and Peter will have their first modern performance at this time. The Bach songs are examples of some of the finest songs of the Protestant church in the 18th Century. They were apparently appreciated by the Moravians, as can be seen by a beautiful copy in the Salem Archives which was made by J. F. Peter in 1785.

EIGHT PUBLIC CONCERTS

The concerts—all open to the public free of charge—will be held nightly at seven-thirty o'clock, except the Friday and Saturday concerts which will begin at eight. The Saturday morning performance will begin at eleven, and the final performance on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. This last performance will be held in the Salem College Athletic Field—weather permitting.

Importance Of The Festival

Music for the Festival is all from the Archives of the Moravian Church. It is therefore only music which was a part of the Bethlehem and Salem Congregation and Collegium musicum in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Furthermore, it is music which, for the most part, has not been performed anywhere in the world in the last century or century-and-a-half. The importance of this fine music lies in many directions. For the professional musician and music historian it is music which shaped the musical style which we know today as Haydn and Mozart. In other words, the works of these forgotten composers were among the most popular in 18th Century Europe, so popular in fact that Haydn and Mozart drew from them to create their masterpieces. When this music is performed today, a much better idea of the evolution of music can be grasped.

For the amateur musician and music lover it is music which is a delight—and in the case of the sacred music, an inspiration—to hear. The Johann Friedrich Peter Six Quintets (having their first complete modern performance) which besides their significance as being the earliest American chamber music, and Salem as their place of composition, are also some of the most charming and beautiful string quintets ever written! The Symphony by Riepel is not even preserved in Europe, which means that the Moravians in Salem possess the only copy in the world.

Sandrosky To Play Mozart Concerto

The F Major Piano Concerto by Mozart is one of the least heard of all his many concertos. The 1802 edition of this work will be used during the Festival, because no modern edition exists. The gifted Dean of the Salem College School of Music, Clemens Sandresky, will be the piano soloist.

Moravian Woodwind Music

David Moritz Michael's "Parthias" were written in Bethlehem, about 1810, to be played by clarinets, bassoons, and horns, on the roof of the Brother's House during the warm summer evenings. Copies of these popular works soon found their way to Salem where, we may presume, they were played in much the same fashion—though not on the Brother's House.

Choral Music

The Seminar Chorus (composed of those enrolled in the Seminar) will sing four anthems by American Moravians. These will be Peter's "Blessed Are They" and "The Golden Gates Are Lifted Up," Peter Wolf's "For Me, O Lord," and Bishop Johannes Herbst's setting of the Passion Chorale. The Seminar Chorus will also join with Mas... (Continued to Page 2)
**Provincial Announcements**

**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Provincial Elders' Conference announces the division of the Bethania-Olivet pastorate, effective July 1, 1955.

Bro. Herbert Weber has accepted a call to full-time service as pastor of Bethania Church. The pastor for Olivet congregation will be announced shortly.

An important conference of the Provincial Elders' Conference with leaders of our College and Seminary was held in Winston-Salem on March 15-16. Representing the College were: Dr. Raymond S. Haupert, President of the Institution; Dr. F. Paul Stotkier, President of the Board of Trustees of the College and Seminary; and Bro. Robert Snyder, Assistant to the President. The subjects discussed centered upon our new responsibility to the leaders of the College and Seminary, now that the College and Seminary have merged with the Woman's College. A new formula for cooperation and financial support was determined and will be announced when details have been worked out.

The Activities of the President of the Provincial Elders' Conference for the past month include: Provincial Woman's Board Executive Committee, March 17; Provincial Board, 17th; Christ Church morning service (sermon), 20th; Salem Academy devotion talk, 20th; Church Aid and Extension Board, 21st; Hope Board, 22nd; Day of Prayer, Fairview, 23rd; Messiah Board, 24th; Salem College Executive Committee, 25th; Konnoak Hills Morning Service (sermon), 27th; Old Salem Observance, 30th; Greensboro Day of Prayer, 30th; Campaign Committee, Salem College, 31st; Board of Christian Education, 31st; Mizpah Board, April 3; Olivet Anniversary Address, 3rd; Funeral Service for W. E. Spaulgh, 6th; Olivet Passion Week Service-reading, 6th; Holy Communion Home-Church-assisted, 7th; Passion Week Reading Home Church, 7th; Advent: Good Friday Lovefeast, 8th; Easter Sunrise Service, Kernersville, 10th; Salem College Campaign Committee, 13th.

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**Music Festival Highlights**

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**Clemens Sandresky: soloist for Mozart Concerto**

For the Sunday afternoon service the Seminar Chorus will be augmented by about 200 singers (anyone wishing to sing); the Moravian Easter Band, Austin E. Burke, Jr., director; the Festival Orchestra; and organ. Anthems to be sung are: "It is a Precious Thing," Peter; "Hosanna," Leinbach; "All the World shall Sing His Praise," Hagen; "Sing O Ye Heavens," Peter; and "Jesus Christ Our Strong Salvation." H. D. R. Gordon Spaulgh, President of the Provincial Elders Conference, will direct the interdenominational service. Dr. Thor Johnson will conduct the massed choirs in the anthems, and the audience in the congregational singing of chorales.

**The Programs**

**Monday**

Johann Friedrich Peter—Quintet No. 1 in D major
Paul Wranitzky—Trio No. 2 in G major, Opus 53, for two flutes and 'cello

**Tuesday**

Johann Baptiah Wanhale-Caprice No. 3 in Minor for piano
Josef Riepel-Sinfonia in D major
James Christian Pfahl, Guest Conductor

**Wednesday**

Johann Friedrich Peter—Quintet No. 3 in G major
Johann Friedrich Grenser—Du No. 3 in E flat major for clarinets
Johann Gabriel Meder—Sinfonia in C major
Thor Johnson, Conductor

**Thursday**

Johann Friedrich Peter—Quintet No. 4 in C major
Karl Philipp Emanuel Bach—Six Spiritual Songs
David Moritz Michael—Pastia No. 10 in E flat major
Thor Johnson, Conductor

**Friday**

Johann Friedrich Peter—Quintet No. 5 in B flat major
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart—Concerto in F major, K. 413, for Piano and Orchestra
Four Anthems for Chorus and Orchestra
Thor Johnson, Conductor

**Saturday morning**

John Antes—Trio No. 1 in E flat major, Opus 3 Lecture: "Secular Music in Wachovia, 1780-1835"
Donald M. McCorkle
David Moritz Michael—Pastia No. 1 in E flat major
Thor Johnson, Conductor

**Saturday afternoon**

Johann Friedrich Peter—Quintet No. 6 in E flat major
Adelbert Gyrowitz—Symphony in D major
Franz Josef Hayeppisodes from "The Creation"
Thor Johnson, Conductor

**Sunday**

Prelude of Chorales by the Moravian Easter Band
Austin E. Burke, Jr., Director
Chorales by the Congregation
Anthem of the Moravian Church
Thor Johnson, Conductor

**The Seminar**

The week-long Seminar being held in conjunction with the Festival will give a valuable opportunity to study, hear, and perform Moravian music. Dr. Johnson will conduct daily rehearsals of the Seminar Chorus, and nightly rehearsals of the Festival Chorus at eight-thirty o'clock. Dean Clemens Sandresky will present four lectures analyzing music. Mrs. Ruth Pfahl Granw will give four on Moravian hymnology, and the writer will do the same with the history and importance of early Moravian Music. Margaret Leinbach Kolb is the Seminar accompanist, and Rose Siheur Kapp and Margaret Vardell, the Festival-Seminar organists.

All of the facilities of Salem College will be available for the week (including swimming and tennis) as well as those of Old Salem. The registration fee for the Seminar is $10.00; room and board at Salem College, $28.00 per person.
Memoir

BRO. WILLIAM EUGENE SPAUGH
By Bishop J. K. Pfohl

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."—Psalm 1:1-3

Into such stable and purposeful category as this described by the Psalmist of old, the life practices and character of our brother, William Eugene Spaugh, were well fitted. A man of godly aspiration, of careful daily walk, shunning the companionship of wicked and sinful purpose and who mock and deride things sacred, chose the better part. His life was grounded on the teachings of God's Word and his faith fixed on Jesus Christ as his sin-atoning Saviour.

Throughout his well-nigh four score and ten years, he was known for his integrity of purpose, the uprightness of his character, and his conscientious and faithful service to Christ and the Church. A thorough-going Christian who in humility and meekness followed his Lord, he was both salt and light for a better world.

Our brother was the son of Christian parents, Br. Traught Henry and Sr. Nancy Hanes Spaugh, and was born on April 25, 1865, near Friedberg Church. On August 20 following his birth, he was presented to the Lord in Infant Baptism, the sacrament being administered by the Rev. C. L. Rights. And on March 26 of his fifteenth year he confirmed his baptismal covenant and was received into full communicant membership of the Friedberg Congregation, the Rev. J. Benjamin Linenback being pastor.

Though his youth fell in the difficult and impoverished period following the War Between the States, and when educational opportunities especially were greatly limited, he took eager advantage of those that could be had. Following his public school training, he entered Catawba College, where he remained for two years. Then, heeding the call of the Lord to the Christian ministry, he enrolled at Moravian College and Theological Seminary where he completed both college and seminary courses, graduating with the Seminary Class of 1898 and with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity.

On March 19, 1899, he was ordained a Deacon of the Moravian Church by Bishop Edward Rondthaler, and on October 17, following, was married to Miss Katherine Miller of Bethlehem, Penna. It was a union peculiarly blessed with mutual understanding and the spirit of cooperation, and, in the Providence of God, it continued for more than fifty-five years. To it were born two sons, Frederick M. and W. Archibald, both of whom were spared to show filial affection and devotion for their parents in their declining years.

Our Brother's ministry in the Church was given wholly to the work of the Southern Province. His first official call was issued in 1899 and was to Provincial Supply Service under the direction of the President of the Conference. His first assignment was to his mother church, Friedberg, where he served as assistant pastor for two years. Following that, Br. Spaugh moved out into a much wider area, serving in many of our provincial churches for longer or shorter periods as the needs required.

A list of congregations served in this way and copied from his own service record, contains the following names—Eden Chapel, Fulp, Wachovia Arbor, Mayodan, Avalon, Friedberg, and Oak Grove.

But the work with which Br. Spaugh was most closely connected, and for the longest period of time, was St. Philip—the Moravian work among Negroes and established on South Church Street as long ago as 1822. Called to the pastorate in 1904, our Brother and his devoted wife continued in their service there for forty-three years, one of the longest continuous pastors in the history of our Province.

On May 1, 1953 because of advancing years and increasing infirmities Br. and Sr. Spaugh went to make their home with their elder son, Fred, and his family in Danvers, Mass., and there, as their frequent letters have borne testimony, they have been accorded the best of care and surrounded by evidence of love and affection.

But the best of earthly dwellings cannot hold us nor the most loving care detain us when our Heavenly Father has higher and better purposes for us. Nor would we want them to. And on Sunday morning early, about the break of dawn April 3, 1955, God's call came to our Brother to the home eternal in the heavens and he passed into the presence of his Lord and Saviour and into the higher service awaiting him.

His age was 89 years, 11 months and 28 days. Surviving are his devoted wife and companion of the years; two sons, Frederick M. Spaugh of Danvers, Massachusetts, and W. Archibald Spaugh of Bethesda, Maryland; and two grandchildren.

MORAVIAN STUDENTS HOLD REGIONAL RALLY.

Moravian students enrolled in the several colleges and universities in eastern North Carolina sponsored a regional rally for the group on March 17 at The Pines, near Glen Lennox, just outside Chapel Hill. A delicious dinner was served to twelve students, almost evenly divided into three delegations, hailing from the University of North Carolina, Duke University, and North Carolina State College. These institutions were represented on the planning committee, respectively, by Graham Rights, Sarah Pfohl, and Ralph Stewers, assisted by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr., chaplain to Moravian students.

Following dinner the program opened with a brief period of devotions led by Graham Rights, who has recently been elected President of the YAMCA at the University of North Carolina for the coming year, 1955-1956. Then the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr. delivered an illustrated lecture, in color, on the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches, which he attended last August. To conclude the program, Ralph Stewers moderated a discussion on the question, "How can I more effectively explain my Christian faith?" This subject stimulated a lively and fruitful conversation on the nature and signifi-
THE TITHE IS DEFINED AS GOD'S

Plan For Church Financing

by Richard F. Ames

As this article is being written (April 5, 1955), I have just read to our congregation the famous "woe passages" of our Lord as found in the Mosaic Passion Week Manual. In one of these paragraphs, Jesus, speaking to the religious leaders of His earthly days, said: "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law—judgment, mercy and faith. These ye ought to have done and not leave the others undone."

I can't help but feel that were Jesus making this statement to religious leaders today, this truth would probably have to be made in reverse order. Most of our churches are in far greater danger of overemphasizing mercy and faith than they are the tithe. Indeed, if there is any imperfection in the Christian devotion to Christ and His Church it lies in the methods we have created to finance the work of the Church. The imperfect methods are definitely among the last outposts we must conquer if the Church is to become the power Christ said She would become.

God has a definite financial plan for the Church and it was given very early in His dealings with man, but we have preferred to substitute our own plans. We have pew rent plans, dues and assessment plans, special collection plans, subscription plans, and impulsive plans. When we complete the cycle we start all over once more. The great thing wrong with these substitutes as Dr. B. C. Land has pointed out in his book, "The Unified Budget System of Church Finance," is that "...the sole purpose is gaining money instead of men, silver instead of men's souls." Man-made plans of church finance, while successful for a season, in the end do almost irreparable harm to the Church. Until we break away from these non-scriptural and non-spiritual methods the Church will continue to be little more than a panhandler and the preachers just a shade above professional beggars.

In Earl C. Wolff's "My Gold and God" the story is told that "Horace Greeley, noted newspaper editor of the last century, received a letter from a woman who wrote that her church was in serious financial difficulty. To try to make ends meet it had tried fairs, strawberry festivals, oyster suppers, beef stews, turkey banquets, donkey parties, mock weddings, grab-bag parties, box socials, necktie socials, and lawn fetes. 'Would Mr. Greeley be so kind as to suggest some new device to keep the struggling church from disbanding?' The editor's very brief but penetrating reply was: "Try Religion.'"

Indeed, in this Year of Stewardship the Moravian Church must make every effort to instill religion into the financial structure of the Church. The Tithing is the religious way—yea the Christian way. I believe the Tithing is God's only plan for church financing because I am convinced that the other methods are second-best—at the best. With the longhaul, Caesar, not God, gets the "Ions share." God gets the remnants, the leftovers, the crumbs. As G. Curtis Jones in his book, "What Are You Worth?" has pointed out, "if we are not tithers we are tippers." Tipping is a very poor way to finance any program, even in the secular world.

Almost from the beginning of known history man has recognized the importance of the tithe. The institution of tithing antedates Israelite history. It was practiced in Babylon as early as 2100 B.C. The tithe was incorporated in the Mosaic Law and the tithe system remained intact throughout the remainder of the Old Testament. From Leviticus to Malachi the tithe law was never repealed or lessened. With the advent of Christ it was not canceled. Jesus was a tithe-payer. He taught tithing!

If God had had any other plan for church financing He surely would have made it known to us by now. Our Lord, I am convinced, desires that His people continue the tithe—not out of a sense of duty, law or obligation but out of a total response of our love to Him and His Church. While it is true that Christ never spoke directly concerning the absolute necessity for the paying of the tithe, the spirit of the New Testament leads us to believe that Christ was a firm believer that the will to tithe is born out of a surrender of the soul to the infinite love of God which meets us in the death of Christ on the Cross. The tithe for the Christian Church member is, therefore, not a part of an external code of conduct but rather the best proof of our response to the Grace of God in Christ.

The Tithing, God's plan for church financing, is not abrogated by the New Testament. The legalistic element is merely taken out. As Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, president of Wittenberg College, said in a recent address before a group of Moravian Ministers, "Tithing is not a legalistic whip to drive money from the pockets of church members, but a principle whereby we grow in grace." Tithing for the Christian, living under the New Testament dispensation, is not only God's method for financing His work but it is also a basic part of the continuing process of consecration. Tithing is infinitely more than setting aside a tenth and dropping it into the offering plate so that the church budget will be overpaid. It is another means whereby we grow in grace and whereby we add dignity and vitality to these images created in God's likeness. Jesus plainly taught that the glory and power of the Christian experience could be found only in "the second mile" of His religious experience. But, how can one go that second mile until he has gone the first, which is the Tithe?

It is time to be honest with ourselves! If the plan of tithing underlies the stewardship principle of the Ancient Church of the Old Testament, how much more is required of the steward of the Church of Christ! Christ never lowered the Old Testament standards. He raised them and gave them new meaning. Should we do what He would not do by refusing to tithe our income for the work of His Church?

This year can well be the most important in the history of our denomination—if we practice the Tithing—God's Plan for Church Financing!
... Foreign Mission Briefs ...

Improved Health

It is with profound gratitude that our Board reports the receipt of recent letters from Alaska and Honduras, telling of pronounced improvement in the health of Mrs. James P. Dittmer and of Mrs. Werner G. Marx.

Appointment of Superintendent

The Rev. Charles B. Michael has accepted appointment as superintendent of the Moravian Missions in Alaska, effective with his return to the field after furlough. This acceptance will involve a heavy increase in the responsibilities and duties for Brother and Sister Michael and they are commended to the special intercession of the churches. Br. Michael will assume this position in addition to maintaining leadership in the Quinhagak Church and district and in the Alaska Bible School when it is in session.

The Board expresses to the Rev. James Dittmer the heartfelt thanks of the church for his having carried the duties of Acting Superintendent during the period of the Michaels' furlough. Since this has meant repeated absences on the part of Br. Dittmer from his station and family, thanks are due also to Mrs. Dittmer for making this service possible.

Two Alaska Moravians Arrive

Since these notes last appeared word has come of the safe birth of Timothy Dwight Schwanke of the former on March 12 and the latter on March 18.

Graduation at Bilwaskarma

March & marked the first graduation exercises of the local Bilwaskarma School. The government school inspectors have now given official recognition to the work done in the fifth and the sixth grade of our Moravian school. One pupil received a certificate for fifth grade work, another for sixth grade. Sup't. Stortz preached a sermon in Spanish on this occasion, and the Stortzes' cook provided a banquet for the graduates. This was a farewell meal in more ways than one, for the cook was thereafter married to a lay pastor.

Laboratory Equipment for the Colegio Moravo

Recently a shipment of laboratory equipment started on its way from the Cambocso Scientific Co., in Boston to Bluefields. It was made possible by a memorial gift from the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Everett of Fry's Valley, Ohio. The headmaster of the Preparatory School, Bethlehem, Pa., gave valuable assistance in selecting these items. Gifts from other friends will soon add a microscope to the Colegio's equipment.

Effort Rewarded

A recent letter from St. Thomas contains the following lines: "A member of Bethany, St. John, who works as a cook in a hotel on this Island has been struggling to pay by installments and thus secure a hand-pumped reed organ for his church. Recently the organ firm wrote him and said that since he had faithfully paid installments of $625 the firm would make a present of the balance of $175.00. So the organ is on its way. The brother went without some necessities in his desire to present this gift."

Two Students, Former T.B. Patients, Graduate

by Hedley E. Wilson

On Sunday, March 13, the graduation exercises of the Instituto Biblico took place. Participating in the service and seated with the graduating class were the Rev. Howard Stortz as Dean of the school; the Rev. Joe Gray Jr., of Puerto Cabezas who preached the graduation sermon, stressing the forgetting of past achievements and pressing on to the mark for the greater achievements in Christ Jesus; the Rev. A. David Thaeler of the Hospital Morava; and the Rev. Hedley Wilson of Wasiu.

Present too were nine former graduates of the Instituto who had come for the double purpose of attending the wedding of one of last year's graduates and to witness the graduation. For the two who graduated it was a day long to be cherished, because of the experiences that they had leading up to graduation. They came as happy accepted students for the Instituto and completed their first year of studies. They returned for their second year studies but did not get to complete the same as they fell victims of the "great white plague." It was for them a sad day indeed when the doctor told them that they had T.B. Friends rallied around them to comfort and encourage them and to help them in the expenses involved for treatment. What a happy day then when the doctor told them that they were cured and could continue their studies. The period of sickness according to their testimony taught them valuable lessons in patience, humility and faith.

It was therefore a happy and great day as they stood to receive their Diploma, License and Call. They were happy because the doctor could give them a clean bill of health; happy too that the Lord had kept them well and enabled them to finish their studies; and that they were called to active service.

Livingstone Cuthbert from Pearl Lagoon is the second Creole to graduate from the Instituto. He has been called to serve at Rio Grande Bar. Feliciano Merman of Nutpas Sika has been called to serve at Makanitakan, Rio Grande District.

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SALEM COLLEGE APPEALS TO CHURCH IN
Capital Funds Campaign

For the first time in many years, Salem Academy and College is asking its founding mother, The Moravian Church, South, to provide strong financial support in a capital funds appeal. Purpose is to expand the physical plant, bullwark the endowment, and improve the quality of the institution to meet the needs and the competition of the times.

This is not a scare appeal. It is not a desperation, last-ditch move. It is not a sink-or-swim proposition. If members of the Church, the alumni, and other friends do not give a cent, Salem Academy and College will not close its doors. It will stand still, however; then start to slip, and perhaps someday be taken over by government.

This campaign, rather, is a challenge. It is an occasion for forward progress. It is each Moravian’s opportunity to invest in a successful, going concern. If you like to be aligned with success, if you like to be on the winning side, if you enjoy the thrill of getting in on the ground floor of a progressive movement, the Salem campaign presents a great opportunity.

The Moravians as a people and a tradition have always sought and stood for the good things of life: a start in America, freedom of religion, soundly constructed buildings, good farm land, an honest day’s work, integrity, carrying the Good Word to benighted people, kindness, sound character, an educated clergy, honest craftsmanship, educational opportunity for their children, a musical culture, and other worthy objectives.

This appeal by Salem Academy and College is in keeping with the traditional purpose of the Church: to render a service to individual people as such and therefore to society.

In comparison with many other denominations, the Moravian Church is small. So is Salem in comparison with most of the more than 1700 institutions of higher learning across the nation. But in neither case is the small size a measure of value or importance. Both have an influence far beyond their size.

It is imperative, however, that the small church and the small college stand together.

As an institution, Salem might properly be called the “Grandmother of Education in North Carolina”. This does not mean that Salem was the first school established in this state; but it does mean that Salem is the oldest living school in North Carolina and over a wide area of the South. As such, Salem is widely honored and admired, more so outside the limits of the home community than most home-town or home-province people realize.

Salem is one of ten educational institutions in the nation that are older than the nation itself. She has never closed her doors since her founding in 1772. She has been the model for establishment of many other schools in the South.

Credit for her long life, her influence and her reputation belong to successive generations of Moravians, successive faculty personnel, and successive administrations. Until about 50 years ago, the Provincial Elders Conference served as the Board of Trustees. The five members of the P. E. C. are still trustees, but twenty-eight others, including nine women, now share the responsibility of managing an enterprise that has an annual budget of more than half a million dollars.

In a word, Salem has changed to meet the demands and the conditions of the times. Had she not done so in successive generations, she would not now be alive and vibrant in this 183rd year of her service to youth and to society. The present campaign is intended to enable Salem to adjust to today’s and tomorrow’s demands and conditions.

There will be those who may ask: “Why should I support Salem? What will I get out of it?” And there will be those who may answer their own questions. They will say: “Salem has never done anything for me”...”I have no daughters to educate”...”I don’t believe in education for women anyway.”

Other questions, other beliefs, and other reasons for staying one’s hand and one’s checkbook may abound. The person who is not interested or informed can always find excuses or reasons for not responding to a financial appeal. People of all faiths and all degrees of financial ability can readily find more reasons for not doing something than they can for participating.

For example, people have put themselves in opposition by arguing that the old church was good enough for grandpa, so why build a new one? Some have taken the position that there are lost souls in their own community, so why support missionary work? By the same reasoning, why a raise in salary for the minister, why new hymnals, why secretarial help for the pastor, why the United Fund, why a summer camp ground for the Province, why this and why that?

Clergymen have preached sermons in answer to the recurring “why” of those who have difficulty seeing that it is only in the sense of the Master’s giving (of time, and service and life) that one finds peace of mind and heart. Why then, is it not in the sense of giving that one finds peace of mind and heart?

But to get back to the question of Why Moravians should support Salem and, as a consequence, get something out of it.

Salem is an agency of the Church, along with the Church Aid Extension program, Colegio Moravio, the hospital at Bilivaskarmia, Moravian College and Theological Seminary, the orphanage in Alaska, the whole mission movement, at home, in Raleigh and in scores of spots on this vast world’s surface.

Salem is not an institution for the propagation of the Gospel, but it is on the side of the Gospel. It is not a hospital, but it is on the side of health and does maintain its own infirmary. It is not an orphanage, but it stands in the place of parents.
REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

PINE CHAPEL

Our congregation was deeply grieved on Sunday, February 20, when we learned of the passing of our former pastor and loyal friend, Rev. J. P. Crouch. But we are reminded of Romans 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to whom they are the called according to his purpose.” He was faithful unto death, henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness.

The first Sunday in January we began holding both morning and evening services. The average attendance for the morning service through March has been 159 and the average attendance for the evening service has been 152. We wish to thank our people for their very fine spirit of cooperation.

Our Young Adult group has completed the project of procuring 210 new Moravian hymnals for the congregation. The Senior group has purchased and installed a public address system for the church. The nursery also placing two speakers in the tower for playing records. The combined groups have purchased a Baldwin organ which is to be installed the week before Easter Sunday. We are very proud of our young people and the fine work they are doing.

We now have two choirs. The adult choir is under the direction of Bill Hutchins and the young people’s choir is under the direction of Bill Sattensfield. Both directors are doing a fine job in the training of their choirs.

The church and the Christian education buildings are being completely renovated. New carpet is being placed in the sanctuary. We now have a modern and complete kitchen with gas and electric stoves. We also have a new and beautiful social room where the various groups can meet for fellowship.

Since the first of January the Lord has blessed us with more than forty new additions to our church membership. Truly the Lord hath been good to us, wherever we are glad. Sunday, March 20, was a red letter day for us. We had a wonderful experience similar to the August 13th experience in 1727. Just before the morning service the pastor and two of the faithful board members, Joe Willard and Billy Bowman, had the privilege of leading a young man to the Lord in the Pastor’s study. From this time on the Holy Spirit was fully in charge. After baptizing four young men in the morning service the pastor was led to extend the invitation without preaching. The altar was soon filled and six souls were saved as well as a good many who rededicated their lives for service.

We were able to leave the church at 1:40 and were called back before we had finished eating lunch by two young men who were seeking the Lord. They found him in the pastor’s study.

At the evening service the Spirit’s presence was very real. The pastor again gave the invitation without preaching and twenty-one souls were saved. The total for the day was twenty-nine saved and about sixty rededicating their lives for fuller service. This proves that God’s spirit does move today and that without preaching for there were no sermons preached at Pine Chapel on this glorious day. A spirit of revival still exists in our midst and we praise God from whom all blessings flow.

J. TAYLOR LOFLIN

KING

King’s 29th Anniversary celebration Sunday, February 13, again was the outstanding service of the year with a crowd church and many friends from afar to help us rejoice. The Church Board this year asked the pastor to be the speaker and to give some of the impressions received on his recent tour of the Holy Land. The subject, “The Holy Land, Past, Present and Future,” presented a challenge even to the pastor himself and many were impressed with the importance that Palestine holds and will hold in the affairs of the world.

To prepare for the lovefeast on this occasion, the Women of the Church, hampered by lack of facilities previously, installed a large electric range in the kitchen with no funds in hand. The offering for the day was devoted to the purpose and by serving a benefit supper without charge a few weeks later, they were able to cover the full cost of the range except for a small balance of $21. Certainly this small amount also will soon be paid.

The night of the supper, March 5, brought anxiety to King and surrounding country. An unusually heavy hail storm made success of the supper most improbable and, what was more serious damaged much property. The church suffered somewhat and since that time, thirty new roofs have been necessary in King alone.

The town of King has undertaken a much needed improvement, the founding of a fire department, with $15,000 needed for the project. Feeling that our fine church buildings, so near the heart of the town, would receive benefits from such an undertaking, our Sunday School offering on March 20, amounting to $39 was given for the cause. The undertaking gives much promise of early success.

A large proportion of our members have pledged to try tithing during the season of Lent. Our congregation received the suggestion with enthusiasm and we know that there will be much blessing in the experiment.

WILLIAM A. KALTRREIDER

UNION CROSS

Since our last report the Church Council met and voted to erect an addition to our church, a room 36 x 50 feet, one story high. It has been one of our great needs in the past, for our young people and beginners department.

Our church attendance has increased in the last six months to around 150.

The baby tornado that passed our way did a great deal of damage. A large number of trees were uprooted, about thirty close to the church, one in the parsonage yard, and it damaged roofs, including the parsonage.

We received into the fellowship of the church by adult baptism David R. Sheets, Jr., William Y. Tucker, Jr., Jimmy Myers, Barbara Kay Weevil, and Mrs. Ann Boyd.

Those that presented their children to the Lord in Infant Baptism were Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Vanhour, Mr. Ann Boyd, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sisk.

G. E. BREWER

KONNOAK HILLS

At the conclusion of our period of experimental tithing, we hope that many of our people who
agreed to this will continue in the pattern that has been set during the season of Lent. Twenty-three of our people signed for this period of time and while we could have hoped for many more, we were yet thrilled with this initial response. We know that these people have found rich blessing from this commitment to a stewardship program.

Our Annual Day of Prayer was held Wednesday, March 20. We are grateful to the Rev. William Kaltreider, Robert Iobst, and Kenneth Robinson for their presence with us and the inspiring messages.

Palm Sunday marked the end of a faithful period of service for one of our men. Mr. W. B.Canada was a member of the original Committee of Ten which guided the work of our young congregation until it was organized and at that time he also volunteered his services to help in any way that he could. Those services included many things, and as we look back over these past five years, we see many evidences of the way he worked—faithfully but often quietly—for the good of the Congregation. Mr. Canada will now be living outside our community some distance but we hope to have him back with us often for our services. For the first time now, a perfect record of attendance for every Sunday morning will be broken, necessitated by his moving away.

We are looking forward to the Fifth Anniversary Services that will be held in our church during the month of May.

JOHN GOSERUD.

RURAL HALL

We congratulate the following couples who were married in the Rural Hall church: Henry Vance Marshall, Jr. and Willie Mae Smith who were married in a late afternoon ceremony on February 5; and C. Phillip Robison, Jr. and Betty Lynn Wilson who were married in a high noon service March 5. The pastor was assisted by Dr. Kenneth Goodson, District Superintendent of the Methodist Church, in the latter service.

Boy Scout Troop No. 14 was with us on February 6 for the morning worship service. The Rev. Sinclair Tego, a Presbyterian minister interested in the Scouting program, was the guest preacher. The troop is a community troop sponsored by the Rural Hall Civic Club with Mr. Sam Ashburn of the Rural Hall congregation as scoutmaster.

We were able to have use of an electric organ for the morning service of March 6, Communion for the First Sunday in Lent was observed on February 27. On March 13, we went over to the Rural Hall Methodist Church for our evening service to see the British-made movie "John Wesley." Several scenes in the movie presented Peter Boehler and James Hutton, outstanding Moravian churchmen of the eighteenth century. The following Sunday, an explanation was given of Methodist and Moravian relationships of that time.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

MESSIAH

Messiah joined with the other churches of the Mt. Tabor community in a church census on Sunday, March 13. Every home in the community was contacted and invited to attend one of the local churches.

Miss Louise Patricia Davis, who already has become very active in the church life at Messiah, was received by letter of transfer on Sunday, April 3.

We are grateful to Br. Edwin A. Sawyer who brought our message on Sunday morning, February 6.

The Men’s Brotherhood Organization commemorated its first anniversary with a supper on Saturday, February 26. Br. Henry A. Lewis, former pastor, brought a challenging message on Messiah’s potential in an expanding community. President Raymond Thrift gave a brief resume of the organization’s activity during the year.

The Women of the Church, first to be organized for many years, elected the following: President, Dorothy Plowman; First Vice-president, Nell Mayberry; Second Vice-president, Nancy Ashburn; Recording Secretary, Clenond Newsom; Corresponding Secretary, Helen Sapp; Treasurer, Naomi Peoples; Reporter, Betty Brooks; Department of Missions, Mildred Moser; Department of Young People’s Interests, Oneta Mendenhall; and Department of Fellowship, Lucille King.

We are indeed grateful for the good response each quarter to the building fund payment. To help keep abreast of these payments, the Men’s Brotherhood Organization is sponsoring candy sales. Circle 1 of the Women of the Church is currently engaged in selling Easter flowers. Though making the payments is not the easiest thing possible, it is nevertheless inspirational to witness the good united effort that goes into doing the same.

In a matter of days from the time of this writing this pastor will bring to a close his work at the Messiah and Wachovia Arbor congregations. It is not an easy thing to leave this work. The best that can be done is to thank all those who had any part at all in making the pastor’s beginning experiences in the ministry such blessed ones. From the Troutman family come our best wishes for long-continued service as a Church of Jesus Christ, and “Grace be with you, mercy and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.” (II John 3.)

R. T. TROUTMAN.

MOUNT BETHEL

We were very happy to have Miss Thelma Good with us on February 4 to show her pictures on Nicaragua. Everyone enjoyed her talk and pictures very much.

We were happy to welcome to our fellowship Brother Salford Hall, who transferred from the Methodist Church. Brother Hall has truly proved a great addition to our church.

Several of our Young People attended the Young People’s Rally at Home Church on February 10. Also, our Young People have been working to get a new Pulpit Bible for the Mount Bethel Church, and this Bible will be dedicated by the Young People on Easter Sunday morning. We are grateful to them for their interest and efforts in obtaining this Bible, as it was needed very much. The social committee of the Young People’s group planned a social which turned out to be an unusual one, instead of having the usual refreshments, they served hot rolls, fried chicken, French fries, and coffee, and everyone had a joyous time.

For their monthly Ladies Auxiliary meeting, the ladies changed the day from Friday to Saturday night and invited the families of each member to a supper at the church. They had a program of special music after which they exchanged their business. Several of the men are anxious to join the Ladies Auxiliary now if the ladies promise to have a supper like that every meeting.

With a marked increase in our Sunday School and Church attendance we enter into the glorious Easter season proclaiming Christ as the Risen Lord.

GLEN E. CRAVER.

ARDMORE

In the period under review the following members were received into this congregation: Mr. & Mrs. Henry E. Ivester, Gerry Ivester, Mr. & Mrs. Thurman Spach, Thurman Spach, Jr., James Spach, David Spach, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Robertson, Mr. & Mrs. Hansel Hutchins, Mr. & Mrs. James Regan, Jr. Mrs. Edward McMillan, Mrs. Lawrence Ebert, Sue Ellen McGuiston, Diane Ha-

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MAYODAN

Our church joined with other churches in our Province in launching the year of Stewardship. Practically all our board members attended the Stewardship rally, and the program begun here met with favorable response.

In addition to our regular church programs we had several special ones of particular interest. Miss Thelma Good, missionary to Nicaragua, spoke to us on the mission school in Nicaragua, and Br. & Sr. William Kaltreider presented pictures on their recent trip to the Holy Land, both on February 6. Br. and Sr. Robert lobst were present for the evening service on March 6 at which time Br. lobst gave an illustrated talk on some mission phases in Nicaragua. Prior to the service a pot luck supper, prepared by the women of the church, was held in the church basement.

Our young people's society had charge of the evening service on Sunday, March 20 at which time a sound motion picture entitled "Journey Into Faith" was shown.

The assistant librarian of Rockingham County presented a very interesting program for our married couples fellowship at its February meeting. This fellowship is cooperating in the effort to aid in the Raleigh project.

The Sunday School has launched a perfect attendance drive. The men's Bible class won the banner the first Sunday.

OLIVET

The "big news" of the last two months came at the Anniversary Lovefeast on Palm Sunday night when the speaker, Dr. Gordon Spaugh, announced that beginning July 1 Olivet will have a full-time pastor of its own for the first time since the founding of the work 104 years ago. Thus this year a dream cherished for many years will come to reality.

The other significant news came on February 20 when a special meeting of Church Council voted to proceed immediately with the construction of a parsonage. The Church Board has appointed the following building committee: Co-chairmen: Conrad Stimpson and Roger Harris. Serving with them will be Thomas Conrad, Vernon Beroth, Otis Doub, Paul Br. and the pastor. The observance of the Year of Stewardship got underway in February when the pastor preached a series of stewardship sermons on the first three Sundays in the month. In March the motion picture "Stranger In The House" was used at our monthly Fellowship Supper.

We were happy to have Br. E. L. Stockton with us for our Fellowship Supper in February. He presented a very interesting program on the Winston-Salem Easter Sunrise Service.

New members received on Palm Sunday were Mrs. Robert Conrad and Mr. Otis Ziplar by Reaffirmation of Faith and Mr. Ralph Yarbrough by Adult Baptism. Palm Sunday saw the largest congregation present for a Sunday morning service of any time during the present pastorate.

This year in a number of years a full schedule of services is being held during Passion Week. The response to these services up to the time of the present writing has been excellent. We are grateful to the brethren George Higgins and Gordon Spaugh for conducting the services on the nights when the pastor could not be present.

F. HERBERT WEBER.

BETHANIA

A milestone in the history of the congregation was reached when it was announced on Palm Sunday that the pastor had accepted a call to become full-time pastor of the Bethania congregation beginning July 1 of this year. This is something the congregation has been looking forward to for many years. Now for the first time since the earliest days of Bethania the congregation will have the services of a pastor of its own.

The "Year of Stewardship" was launched during the month of February when the pastor preached a series of sermons on Stewardship during the first three Sundays of the month. On the first Sunday in Lent a large number pledged themselves to a period of experimental tithing during Lent.

Br. Sam Tesch was the speaker for the annual Missionary Lovefeast on February 20. At this service a special offering was received for the relief of our fellow Moravians in Germany.

We were happy to have Br. Kaltreider with us for our Fellowship Supper in March. He showed his fine movies of his trip to the Holy Land.

At the Sunday night service on March 20 the Senior Choir presented a very fine rendition of the cantata "The Crucifixion" by Stainer. The choir deserves a great deal of credit for the long hours of work which went into this and for the excellent results achieved.

On March 27 the Youth Fellowship presented an Easter play "The Light In The Window." The offering received at this service was used for the Provincial Mission Project of the young people. Again a great deal of credit must go to the young people for their fine work and to the adult counselors, Mrs. Catherine Canter, Mrs. Melvin Hunter, Mrs. Betty Sue Kimball, and Mrs. John A. Reid, who gave so generously of their time and work in making this possible.

The one disturbing factor during the period under review was the severe and prolonged drop in the attendance at the services of the church. It
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is hoped that this will prove to be merely a temporary slump.

F. HERBERT WEBER.

ENTERPRISE

The Season of Lent always makes a deep impression on our church, but this year it seemed more profound. Perhaps the reason for it is because a oneness was felt with our sister churches in emphasizing one central theme, stewardship. This has been in the attitude our folks are taking toward tithing. Some believe they have a stewardship, and for it to be more of a reality, they must give the Lord his tithe. One of our women recently said, "A Christian should never give less than the tithe."

Another factor aided us in enjoying this season. That was the coming of Brother Edwin Sawyer and a sextet from Salem College. They were our guest on March 20, and their presence was a joy to us. Still another was the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson on Palm Sunday, Br. Johnson, our former pastor, brought a timely message at our Anniversary Lovefeast.

We are proud of the wonderful effort put forth by the Young Married Men's Class to build new rest rooms. They have given the services of Mr. Will Penny and work is now in progress. Acknowledgement should also be extended to the Brs. Robert Reich, Verge Nifong, and Fred Fishel for the fine condition of our driveways.

Our congratulations to Emory and Modena Tesh on the birth of a daughter, and to David Tesh on his marriage to Wilma Clinefelter.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

OAK GROVE

The Season of Lent has been a time for the deepening of the spiritual life of our congregation. Prior to the beginning of Lent special sermons were preached on the meaning of stewardship. When the challenge was given that we practice stewardship by giving a tenth of our income to the work of Christ, forty-one people indicated their decision to tithe for the six weeks during Lent. The results have been quite evident in our increased Sunday offerings and Building Fund offerings. It is our sincere hope that these tithers will continue to use this means as one way they can express their gratitude to God.

Some members have also shown an increased understanding of the meaning of the stewardship of time. The attendance at the mid-week services during Lent was better each week. The meditations this year were on "The Personalities of the Passion". A fitting climax to our preparation for Easter was the play "Simon, The Leper," presented for us by the Friedberg Young People the last Sunday night in March.

The Building Planning Committee has appointed a committee to study our needs for additional Sunday School space. When this report is submitted plans will be drawn for the remainder of our Church plant.

CHRI S TIAN D. WEBER.

CHRIST CHUR CH

The scouting movement received double recognition in our church during the period under review. The anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout movement was observed on February 13. The following leaders and scouts took part in the service: Charles Conrad, Ray Estep, Jr., Jerry Essic, and Leroy Chitty.

On March 6 Girl Scout Sunday was observed with the following girls and leaders taking part: Jeannie Smith, Martha Talley, Genie Iier, Carol Smith, Carolyn Wray, Libby Styron, Sheila Cochran, Caroline Hembel, Mary Talley, Mary Ruth Roberts, Constance Johansen, Pat Pfaff, and Mrs. Paul Smith.

The Rev. William A. Kaltreider was our guest at the evening service on February 20, when he showed us his fine pictures of the Holy Land, and told us of his experiences there.

The Day of Prayer services, sponsored by the Women of the Church, were held on the first Sunday in Lent, with the Rev. John S. Goserud and the Rev. T. Conway Pruett, as the speakers. Paul Peterson, head of the Voice department at Salem College, was the soloist for both services.

The congregation had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders Conference, to the pulpit on March 20 when the Pastor was unexpectedly called out of town by the death of his wife's father in New Jersey. At the evening service on the same date the Rev. Charles Michael, Alaskan missionary, was the speaker at the annual Missionary Lovefeast. Br. Alton F. Pfaff presided at this service.

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On Palm Sunday it was our privilege to receive eleven members into the communicant membership of the congregation. Judy L. Bowman, Diana R. Cook, Catherine V. Holder, L. H. Hutchins, Jr., Richard E. Spinhour, and Ronald R. Spinhour, were received by adult baptism; and Patricia G. Conrad, Charles S. Ebert, Caroline C. Hembel, Judith B. Hembel, and Sandra J. Stanford, by the Rite of Confirmation. Congratulations are extended to William Terry Rothrock and Glenda Jean Smith, who were united in marriage at Christ Church on April 1st with the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch officiating, assisted by the pastor.

JOHN H. JOHANSEN.

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A Moravian living 1500 miles away from the campus has made provision for the largest gift in the history of the College and Theological Seminary to an institution he had never seen. Beyond the far-reaching good which the Wiesbach bequest will accomplish in adding to the endowment funds of the institution, the will of Adolph J. Wiesbach bears eloquent testimony to the strength of the Moravian fellowship, and the soundness of the far-flung Moravian Church.

The importance of endowment in the operation of a College cannot be over-emphasized. Endowment funds are the life-blood of a college, that without which a college could not exist—that is, unless its faculty are members of a religious order who receive no salaries but only living expenses, or unless a college receives tax monies. For an independent college, there are three sources of income—student payments, current gifts, and income from endowment funds. When students have paid the established fees, which are made as high as they can reasonably be, and when every possible effort has been made to raise monies for current gifts—from individuals, congregations, corporations, organizations—income from endowment funds is needed to fill the gap. The amount of endowment held by any college, therefore, has everything to do with the quality of an educational program. If it were not for the $1,200,000 endowment funds now held by the College and Theological Seminary, it would be necessary for the constituents of the Institution to contribute an additional $60,000 each year to meet what the endowment funds now are doing each year.

In 1825, the institution received its first substantial bequest—$20,000 from the distinguished Philadelphia Moravian, successful business man and member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, Godfrey Haga. For 130 years this Godfrey Haga Fund has perpetuated the name of its donor, while serving the highest need of the institution.

by the gospel, in the after-meetings came to decision for Christ. Thousands have shared in the Bible study following and a genuine alliance is possible if interest continues. Naturally there were some "extremists" but they led to no separation. We should not forget the words of Zinzendorf, "Better a hundred attempts for the Lord than none." In such co-operation we see something of our duty for our city. Our church band has played outdoors for meetings in another part of the city, and even in prisons. In connection with a gospel tent meeting, after-meetings were held also in our hall. Since then some of those interested attend our services."
New Eden Lays Corner Stone
Of New Building

by Egbert G. Lineback

The New Eden Moravian Church announces with gratitude that all contracted phases of their new Christian Education Building have been completed. A corner stone laying service will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 8, to celebrate the consummation of this task. The total service will include three parts: from 2:30 to 3:00 there will be a band concert of the combined bands of the Salem congregation under the direction of Austin Burke, Jr.; at 3:00 the corner stone ritual with Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl officiating; at 3:15 a Lovefeast in the Fellowship Hall of the new building with Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh presenting the message.

This beautiful Christian Education structure represents another achievement in the on-going program of expansion of the Moravian Church in the Southern Province. There are some unfinished phases such as painting, landscaping and equipment but all essential parts have been completed and the congregation has been occupying the new building for services since the first Sunday in December. Both the landscaping and the interior painting are being gradually done through voluntary labor as time and money permit.

The new plant is one of considerable size having been planned with the long-range purpose of serving a new, rapidly growing residential area. The external dimension of the two wings are 122 x 40 and 75 x 40. The interior consists of a Fellowship Hall with a seating capacity of 340, nine classrooms, a large kitchen, pantry, 10 closets, choir room, pastor's study, a supply room, storage space for folding chairs and tables, and 3 bathrooms. The Sunday School rooms have a total seating capacity of 300. The space upstairs will be finished and used for additional class rooms as needed.

Up to this point the new building has involved a total expenditure of $71,000.00. When the upstairs portion has been completed and all essential equipment purchased the plant will have an investment of approximately $100,000.00. Plans are being made to liquidate a mortgage of $23,000 within the next 3 years and erect a parsonage. In the future a worship sanctuary will be added to the south wing facing Old Lexington Road.

The new building is situated on the site where this work was started in 1876 under the name of Eden. The original effort flourished for many years but had to be discontinued because the community was so sparsely populated and many of its members were attracted to the larger Advent congregation.

The Eden mission was re-organized in 1923 under the name New Eden in the more thickly populated vicinity of Yontz Town. A small chapel was built and the work advanced through thirty years, but the property of the Old Eden mission was retained—we believe by the Will of God being destined in the purpose of God for bigger things.

In August of 1953 the chapel property was sold to the Western Electric Company and the New Eden Congregation moved back to the original site to build for a new future. The transfer of the entire congregation has required radical adjustment but it is being successfully accomplished without loss of enthusiasm or members. Even though we were compelled by circumstances to worship for 18 months in a one room temporary structure our people remained banded together in loyalty and purpose—being inspired by the vision of a new building rising in the foreground. We are now happily settled in the new Christian Education building, diligently engaged in the task of organizing and expanding our total program, steadily contacting and attracting new people, and unitedly fixed upon the goal of dedicating ourselves to the sacred trust which God in His goodness has granted us.

New Eden is indeed a concrete example and fulfillment of the words of Christ, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed." Each unit in God's work is initiated on a small scale but under the forward moving power of Faith, with continuous uplifted prayer, the faithful preaching of the good news of the Gospel, the patient search to draw souls under the saving power of Christ, and the unrelaxed effort to bring all aspects of human life under the control of God and the nurture of the Church, each unit can grow into a larger witness to the glory of God.

New Eden stands on the threshold of a promising future and by the grace of God shall continue to expand the scope of its redemptive work and spiritual influence in the name of Christ. As a congregation we shall come to the corner stone laying service on the afternoon of May 8 not only with joyful praise to God but to pledge all our powers and energies to the greater task, before us.

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What Shall I Do With My Tithe?

John S. Groenfeldt

In most of the area lay conferences a partial answer to this question has been provided in a general agreement that while most of the tithe will be given through the regular contributions to the local church it can also justifiably be used for other benevolences such as the Community Chest, community agencies (hospitals, YM and YW, and the like) or other similar causes. This was usually tempered with the further statement that good stewardship demands a careful examination of every appeal so our contributions will go to the place where they will do the most good.

A real problem

There is more of a problem here than many church members realize, however, when a person really begins to give proportionately and systematically he usually finds that he has a great deal more in his personal "Lord's treasury" than he used to have when he would "dig down" only when someone put the pressure on him. Having more money to give is part of the joy of Christian stewardship, as many tithers have discovered. But we realize that the fullest satisfaction out of our contributions only if we learn to give wisely through channels where our gifts will be used effectively. This is not always easy to determine.

The Southern Province of our Church has suggested that those who begin to tithe, either experimentally or on a permanent basis, figure out the difference between what they formerly gave and what they will now be giving on the basis of the tithe, and then list the ways in which they will use this "new money." This sounds like an excellent idea. There are often so many appeals that we become confused in trying to decide how to respond to them unless we have given the matter some thought in advance. The number of cases of outright fraud that have been discovered among so-called "religious and charitable organizations" is a reminder that every Christian steward has the obligation to check thoroughly on every request that comes to him before he actually makes a contribution of time, ability or money. If he doesn't, his deepened sense of individual stewardship may serve only to advance the selfish plans of some slick operator who takes advantage of his credulity.

Some rules that will help

Everyone will have to decide on his own practice and no one set of rules will fit every situation. But there are some general guides that many Christian people have found helpful.

Normally, most of us will give the largest part of our tithe for whatever proportion of our income we set aside for the Lord's work through our own Church. Here we have the assurance of the proper handling of everything that is given for the work of the Kingdom. The experience of tithers in most Protestant churches indicates that 7 or 8 percent of the 10 percent set aside for the Lord's work is usually best channeled through denominational sources.

For the most part this will be given through the local church budget but there may be exceptions here in the case of unusually large givers. Where one or two families are in a position to give 25 percent or more of a local church's budget there is a tendency for the rest of the congregation to just "ride along." With this danger in mind a number of denominations have the policy of suggesting to members who are able to give in unusually large amounts that they make part of their contribution directly to denominational headquarters. One Methodist bishop has a list of cases on his in which he is always ready to suggest special projects that could not be included in the regular budget of the denomination.

Giving through the denomination, either through the local church or directly to denomination headquarters, is the main "channel" for the giving of most Christians who have considered their stewardship seriously. But there are two other channels that need to be considered.

One is the opportunities for contributing through local community projects such as the Community Chest, hospital campaigns, character-building agencies, local relief organizations and the like. Most Christians probably feel that while there are many in the community who give only to these causes, and almost never to the Church, the church people nevertheless have a definite responsibility at this point. The result is, say community fund raisers that Christian people probably give more than the average to such community causes even though they are at the same time making their major contributions through their own churches. In the smaller communities the average citizen usually has enough direct contact with these community agencies to have a pretty good idea of their value. More and more by combining all the valid community service channels are trying to avoid multiple appeals agencies into some responsible over-all effort such as the Community Chest. Christian people can usually support an effort of this kind with a feeling of confidence. Separate causes should be studied carefully on the basis of individual merit.

The amount to be set aside for appeals of this kind will differ considerably, depending on the community and the position of the individual citizen. Proportionately more is expected of some people than of others. In general the average member will probably wish to allocate about 2 percent of his tithe for local community efforts.

The third category of "outside" appeals is the most difficult to assess correctly. As many of us have discovered, once a person's name gets on the list of likely contributors there seems to be no end to the number of appeals he receives. Many of them are for valid causes but many—even some that go under the name of Christian enterprises—come very close to being outright frauds. A recent investigation of "charitable appeals" in New York City revealed that some of them were really just plain rackets. Up to 90 percent of the proceeds were used for "administration." Some months ago our own church headquarters office learned that a man who once made a contribution to our former Leper Home in Jerusalem has used a picture of this home in such a way as to imply that his organization supported it.

Of the money he raised to support various hospitals and orphanages he claimed to operate, a large proportion apparently was used for "overhead." We do not know of any Moravians who contributed but certainly a good many well-meaning people were fleeced. The fact is that such organizations can use the mails is not a guarantee of reliability, either, since most of them are careful to stay within the letter (though not the spirit) of the law.

Still other appeals that come from individuals and organizations about whose honesty there is no doubt ought to be weighed very carefully in the light of the wisdom of the program they pursue. Some "faith missions" have come under this heading. Denominational mission executives are quite frank in saying that they believe some people who are in "independent mission work" prefer that status not so much because of the challenge to their faith that it presents but because they are not willing to work under the discipline of a mission board that insists on a policy that will be most constructive in the long run, even though it may not achieve all the immediate, spectacular results that may be desired.

The same situation is all too often true in this country as well, where persons whose sincerity would not be questioned nevertheless work outside and often at cross purposes with the established churches.

How can we judge these outside appeals properly? The Pittsburgh Better Business Bureau has worked out ten rules for wise giving to help distinguish legitimate causes from fake and borderline appeals: (1) inform yourself on the principles and get the facts on any soliciting organization; (2) resist high-pressure methods; (3) ask solicitors for identification; (4) never contribute in answer to a phone call and, if we might add, be extremely careful of appeals that come over the radio and by mail unless from a reputable organization; (5) pay by check, never with cash; (6) return unordered merchandise without using or paying for it (you can return it C. O. D., even for postage charges); (7) ignore or check lists of prominent names used to impress or statements that a local minister has made the "reference;" (8) get positive identification of church, civic and benevolent groups; (9) get proof of deductibility if tax exemption is desired; (10) when in doubt call the Better Business Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce—or, if it is a religious cause, consult your pastor.

True Christian stewardship involves not only giving proportionately as the Lord has blessed you, but giving wisely, making sure your gift will be used in the way that will make it count for the Kingdom. This is the kind of stewardship that brings joy to the giver and gives strength to the Church.
Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference
By order of the Provincial Elders' Conference, Br. G. Edward Brewer was ordained a Presbyter of the Church by Bishop Howard Rondhater on Sunday morning, May 15, at the 11:00 service at Union Cross.

The Provincial Elders' Conference announces with regret the retirement of Br. G. Edward Brewer from the active ministry of our Church. Br. Brewer has, for the past seven years, been serving as pastor of Union Cross. He will relinquish the pastorate on the first Sunday in June.

Br. Lewis Swaim has accepted a call to become pastor of Union Cross Congregation. He will be ordained in his home church, Friedberg, on Sunday morning, June 5, by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfahl and installed as pastor of Union Cross at the morning service on June 12 by the President of the Provincial Elders' Conference.

The Provincial Elders' Conference announces that Br. Alan H. Barnes has accepted a call to become the full-time pastor of Olivet Congregations. He will be ordained a Deacon of the Moravian Church on Sunday morning, June 19, in his home congregation, Fairview, by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfahl. His installation service is scheduled for July 3 at Olivet at 10:00 a.m. by the President of the Conference.

Br. Burton Rights has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Messiah congregation. He will be installed on June 19 by the President of the Provincial Elders' Conference and ordained at Trinity Church previous to his installation.

The spring meetings of the Inter-Provincial Boards of the two Provinces of our Church were held in Bethlehem from April 26 through May 3. Members of the Provincial Elders' Conference present for the Joint Provincial Elders' Conference sessions on April 27 and 28 were the Bm. Higgins, H. Spaugh, Pfaff and G. Spaugh.

In addition to the members of the Provincial Elders' Conference, Br. Frank Willingham was present for the meeting of the Trustees of Moravian College held on April 28 and 29.

Br. John Johansen and Br. H. Spaugh represented the Southern Province at the meeting of the Inter-Provincial Committee on Revision of the Hymn Book on April 27.

Members of the Provincial Elders' Conference attending the spring meetings in Bethlehem were present for three sessions of the Inter-Provincial Quinquennial Conference on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30.

The American Board of Foreign Missions held its semi-annual meeting on May 2 and 3, with all four of the Southern representatives present—the Bm. Tesch, Persons, E. Stockton and G. Spaugh.

The Provincial Elders' Conference announces the appointment of a Committee on The Laymens' Convocation scheduled to be held in Winston-Salem in the summer of 1957. This occasion will bring together for the second time the laymen from the two Provinces of our Church. The first such occasion was held in Bethlehem, Pa., in June 1954 and the second occasion is being planned during the Quinquennial celebration here in the Southland. This committee consists of the following brethren: Wilson Edwards, chairman; Roy Katz, Ricks Sink, Richard Riemann, John Lee, Oscar Hege, Hal Nitoff, Charles Fagget, Ted Kerner, and Alton F. Pfahl, ex-officio.

The Provincial Elders' Conference announces the appointment of a committee to be known as Moravian College and Theological Seminary Committee. This Committee will seek to encourage volunteers for the ministry of our Church and will act as an intermediary committee between our Seminary in Bethlehem and the Churches of our Province. This committee consists of the following brethren: Thomas Kimball, chairman; Kenneth Greenfield, Fred Pfahl, Charles Vance, Jr., LaVerne Spees, John M. Walker, Walter E. Martin, Tom Church, S. Conrad Stimpson, Dr. Robt. E. Masten, Frank F. Wittingham, Claude Phillips, and R. Gordon Spaugh, ex-officio.

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SPROVISAL WOMAN'S BOARD
One of the aims of the Provincial Woman's Board is to bring about a closer unity among the women of the Southern Province, but we do not wish to stop there. We feel that all the Moravian women around the world can be brought closer together if we keep in touch with them.

Mrs. Joe Stone, Jr., of Rediville, N. C., a member of the King Moravian Church is the Inter-Provincial Secretary on the Provincial Woman's Board and this spring she is sending out a second letter to about 40 of our Moravian sisters in many states of our country and other countries also. In this letter she sends greetings from all the women of the Southern Province and tells them of some of our activities such as Days of Prayer, the annual work-week. Last spring she sent out a similar letter and enclosed a brochure, prepared by Mrs. T. Holt Haywood, giving the history of the women's work in our Province. She has several enthusiastic replies, especially from England.

Two paragraphs from the letter of Mrs. G. W. MacLeavy, wife of Bishop MacLeavy, will be of interest to our women. "It will be helpful and interesting to us all if we can communicate from time to time. And I can assure you we have been very happy when representatives from your Province have visited us."

"The (British) Moravian Women's Auxiliary in 1952 started a special Quinquenarian effort. We hope to raise 500 pounds to furnish the flat at 507 Muswell Hill, London. This building has just been acquired by our P.E.C. for central offices. The flat will be available for visitors from the U.S.A. or any other Moravians who require hospitality for a night or two."

ELIZABETH N. MILLER, President

WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP
Members and friends of the Moravian Fellowship in Washington gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bern Pratt on March 27 for a farewell party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pfaus, who are entering a tour of duty in the Foreign Service in Lebanon. The Pfaus are former residents of Riverside, New Jersey.

A skit in the form of a take-off of a Moravian service at a Moravian College Chapel was presented. Following a piano solo and the singing of several hymns a handy piece of luggage was presented to the Pfaus from the Fellowship.
Mt. Airy Member Holds Record of Thirty Years

Raymond C. Tesch, 53, has made the coffee for every Lovefeast held at Grace Moravian Church in Mount Airy during the thirty years of the church's existence.

Brother Tesch became a charter member of Grace Moravian Church when the congregation was organized in an old storehouse a block away from the church's present location. The first time he made coffee a Br. Knau came up from Winston-Salem to show him and another brother, Mr. Drinkins, how to do it. On the first occasion, the coffee was cooked outside in the yard. The church was not completely floored.

Brother Tesch is the owner of the Tesh Coal Co. He has never missed a Lovefeast from sickness or from any other cause for thirty years. Much of the time he used Maxwell House Coffee. For the last few Lovefeasts, Brother Tesch not only made the coffee but paid for it and supplied the milk and sugar also as a gift to the church.

BAPTISMS


Pegram, Susan Ellen, daughter of David and Mable m. n. Sims Pegram; born June 22, 1952 in Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized Palm Sunday, April 3, 1955 in Moravia Church by the Rev. J. George Bruner.

Dancy, Linda Anne, daughter of O. Thomas and Sarah m. n. Hunter Dancy. Born April 28, 1953 at Corpus Christi, Texas; was baptized March 27, 1955 by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl.


Pfohl, Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Walter Bruce and Elizabeth Louise m. n. Kipe Pfohl. Born October 20, 1954 at Plainfield, New Jersey; was baptized April 3, 1955 by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl.


Beaudry, Barbara Lynn, daughter of Jean S. and Laura m. n. Fy Beaudry; born November 8, 1954 in Burlington, N. C.; was baptized May 1, 1955 in Christ Church by the Rev. John H. Johansen.

Bailey, Donald Coleman, son of W. Bruce and Jacqueline Caroline m. n. Jones Bailey; born December 18, 1954, in Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized April 3, 1955 in Christ Church by the Rev. John H. Johansen.

King, Rodman Louis, Jr., son of Rodman Louis, Sr., and Gretchen Graham m. n. Jones King; born August 28, 1954, in Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized April 3, 1955 in Christ Church by the Rev. John H. Johansen.

Perryward, Patricia Sherrill, daughter of Bernard O. and Constance Sherrill m. n. Travis Perryward; born January 30, 1955, in Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized April 3, 1955 in Christ Church by the Rev. John H. Johansen.


Thomas, Timothy Michael, son of Charles Ramon Thomas and Phyllis m. n. Martindale Thomas. Born October 20, 1947 at Dayton, Ohio; was baptized April 3, 1955 at New Philadelphia Church by the Rev. Henry A. Lewis.

Essentials in the true American way of life are to establish a home of your own, provide for that home and your loved ones to the best of your ability. Attend your church, take a part in its work and help to support it in a moral and financial way.
Two Worlds Meet In Africa

By Herbert B. Johnson

"Africa for Africans!" has long been the battle cry of those natives of Africa who wish to drive all white persons away from their Dark Continent. This cry has probably been heard in almost all parts of Africa, but most frequently has it been raised in South Africa and East Central Africa, where Moravian missionaries have been witnessing for Christ and winning souls to Christ for many years.

Africans have suffered much and long at the hands of white men who have misgoverned Africa and shamelessly exploited its people. Africans have been driven into hatred of the white race by this inhuman, brutal and cruel treatment of Africans.

Now, and here and there, in various parts of Africa this hatred has become active. There have been riots and murders and bloodshed. Nor is the native African entirely to blame for this violence. The story of the white man's misrule in Africa may well bring a blush of shame to the faces of white men everywhere.

But, in the midst of all this clamor, violence and bloodshed, our missionaries have continued to carry on their work of ministering to the sick and needy, of teaching the Gospel of the grace of God, all in the Name and the Spirit of Christ. Among these pioneers and heroes of the Cross is our Moravian missionary nurse, Johanne K. Larsen, who has served in Tanganyika for thirty-three years. In her love for the Africans, her unceasing labors for their health and salvation, and her constant devotion to her Lord Jesus, she has ever been an outstanding messenger of the Cross.

Sr. Larsen in a recent article, "Two Worlds Meet in Africa," writes of this struggle now going on:

THE POLITICAL WORLD

"When one looks upon life and its ways, along with the impressions one receives from newspapers and other sources of information, it shows distinctly how various streams, yes, even worlds meet and are met in Africa. One of these worlds we may call the transitory, political and economic world; it stands out distinctly, for it is filled with strife, uproar and envy. Here in mid-Africa the worst example is Kenya, where an exceptional condition of affairs has continued for over two years. The white man's weapons, bombs and airplanes, have been impotent to quell the Mau Mau uprising, which today is more widespread than ever before, because other tribes are aligning themselves with the Kikuyu people. In Kenya all is confusion over the problem of what is to be done, because of overwhelming disagreement all the way from the highest official down to the humblest farmer. Military and civil authorities are disagreeing, while many voices can be heard calling for an end to this awful condition which is destroying everybody. What shall be done for this great Kikuyu nation?

GREAT UNREST

"West of Kenya lies Uganda. Here likewise is great unrest, but of a different sort. Kabaka, Buganda's present-day, has been deposed by the English government. For two days nationwide lamentation was made over this. The Buganda people want progress, but they want to direct their own course. Although Buganda is only a section of Uganda, its people are the most progressive, growing wealthy through the cultivation of cotton and coffee.

"The Buganda people have stayed right out in the light, and there have been no disturbances, but beneath the surface there is smoke to such an extent that the English government has now sent an expert to study the native system of government and thereby give the people more of an opportunity to rule their own land. This was one of the aims of Kabaka which were denied him because the English government wished to have all sections of Uganda guided by only one pattern for progress.

Down in North Rhodesia, where the copper mines are, one hears of strikes and unrest and wrath over the amalgamation of the three countries, Nyasa, South Rhodesia and North Rhodesia.

"To the land in which we live, Tanganyika, it can be said that here, where we are directly under the guidance of the United Nations, rules and regulations for common conduct were drawn up in good time. The three races are well represented in the government of this country. And more and more offices are being given over to local government.

"But that does not mean that everything is as it should be, or shall be. Africans have a long way to travel before they arrive at full maturity when they will be able to govern themselves with honor and efficiency. In their own little world one finds lying, deceit and bribery. All want to be kings and reign in majesty. What money and cattle won't they give for the title of a petty king!

WHITE MAN IS ENVIED

"The African looks with envy upon the white man and his understanding of so many things. It is an incentive to progress, for here it is the common man who has not earned much of anything. But he is not dangerous; it is the man who has secured a little education but has not enough sense to understand how much he has yet to learn. Such men are more balloons, swinging from side to side, only some fair day to explode with a bang. The few Africans who are educated sufficiently to understand their limitations and also to know how little confidence they dare place in their fellowmen, see the situation clearly that for several years to come they must continue to lend a helping hand to the white man, who, in spite of all, is still their best friend.

THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

"The other world we meet in Africa is the spiritual world, which is making its way silently from land to land. The newspapers do not fill their columns with tidings of what the Spirit of God is accomplishing in Africa, what really great victories are being won, how many souls are being brought home again, how the old self-deception is being swept away and honor and decency and love are taking its place. We read of these only in Christian periodicals, and yet it is only a crumb of the sum total of that which the Spirit is accomplishing in utter quietness.

"This spiritual kingdom, which has been quietly and silently growing ever larger throughout the years, has gained renewed power in the recent spiritual awakening. For about thirty years this

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

IMMANUEL

Our Lenten Preaching Mission brought to our pulpit different messengers for each of the nine services and afforded our congregation the opportunity to become better acquainted with our ministers. The result was a rich blessing to our community. We would express our gratitude to the Br. Edwin A. Sawyer, Archie W. Jones, R. T. Towarnick, T. Conway Pruett, J. Taylor Loflin, George A. Chidde, Paul A. Snider, and Christian D. Weber for their splendid assistance.

The response of our people to the challenge of the Lenten tithe project was most heartening and it is believed that many will continue to follow this pattern of honoring their Lord. Tracts, devotional guides and visitation brought very pronounced results for which we are grateful.

Men of the Church have been quite active both in general gatherings and in visitation. The men heard the Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer at the winter meeting. Many of our active workers were enrolled in the Bible study conducted by Br. Sawyer on "The Great Doctrines of the Church." A Workers' Conference centered about an excellent meal and an inspiring address brought by Br. Alton F. Pfaff.

Scout Sunday was fittingly observed with the troop having complete charge of the service, and with the troop committee composing the choir, with the message being brought by Scoutmaster Dennis C. Landreth on the theme, "Put Christ Into Every Day Living."

The annual Missionary Lovefeast brought to us a former pastor, Br. William A. Kaltreider, who left the pastorate of this congregation to enter mission service in Jamaica, and who, with Mrs. Kaltreider visited the Holy Land early in the winter. He gave us an unforgettable picture of conditions among the lepers of Palestine and the efforts of an Moravian workers to improve those conditions.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week services continue to grow in interest and attendance. We were happy to welcome into our church family Harold and Howard Collins, Stanley Harper, Danny Hicks, Clarence and Edward Poindexter, Michael Smith, Phyllis Ann Beamon, Rita Parrish, Rebecca Jane Thomas, Berta Jo Thomas, Annie Lou Thomas, Vivian G. Wilkins, Kenneth Masten, Ann Pratt Hartle, Shirley Jean Pepple, and Christopher F. Crews.

Grateful thanks are extended to the Brn Howard Rondthaler, Archie W. Jones and T. Conway Pruett for their services in conducting our worship.

SAMUEL J. TESCH

FRIEDBERG

We give thanks to the Lord for his closeness during the season of His passion and resurrection. We are also grateful to the choir, dieners, ushers, and others who continue to make our services well planned and inspiring during these special seasons of the year.

The Young People have continued their fine work by engaging in a number of projects during the last months. Over $100 was received in offerings from the two performances of their Easter play. Counselors for the two groups are Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Sides and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sink, Jr.

The Women of the Church held meetings in the following homes: Mrs. Howard Penry, Mrs. Grady Myers, Mrs. Paul Craver, Mrs. Pearl Shore, Mrs. Frank Clark, and Miss Jenny Swain. Other circles met in February.

We are happy that our Young Adult Fellowship is gaining in numbers and interest. The group enjoyed a picnic together at the May meeting. We are hoping to be able to contribute to the Raleigh project before the year is out, even though our own organization is still in its infancy.

It has been pleasing to note the increased attendance at the mid-week services. The series of prayer meetings leading up to the Easter season was "The Cost of Our Salvation." Since that time we have been studying some of the little known books of the Bible.

The Men's Bible Class had the deserved pleasure of using the new pavilion for the first time when they held their annual fish fry early in May. Again we express to them our thanks for their interest in making possible this facility for our whole church family. There is little doubt that it will be in frequent use during the summer months.

We were glad to welcome back two ministers who have been in the pulpit here before: Br. Egbert Lineback on pulpit exchange Sunday and Dr. Edmond Schwarze who spoke for the May feast.

WILLIAM T. MARSHALL

FRIEDLAND

A special meeting of the Congregation Council voted overwhelmingly in favor of selling the present Friedland parsonage and building a new one diagonally across from the church on a lot donated by the W. W. Hines family. This action was followed by the naming of a Parsonage Building Committee, consisting of Paul Kimball, William Hine, Virgil Reid, Jack White, Eugene Reed, Walter Hines, and the Pastor. This Committee, in turn, chose Mrs. Raleigh Ingram and Mrs. Truett Chadwick to serve as Consulting Members. The Committee feels extremely fortunate in having secured the architectural services of Gordon Howard Kunz, who is the architect in charge of the Old Salem Restoration Project. Building plans are now being completed and every effort is being put forth to have the new parsonage completed by September 1, when the present building must be vacated.

We express herewith our sincere gratitude to the F. M. White family for the gift of a complete set of strikingly beautiful white summer robes for the Senior Choir. The robes, already in use, are a great inspiration to both choir and congregation.

On Palm Sunday it was our privilege to receive into our fellowship by Adult Baptism: Dorothy Chappell, Brenda Hine, Grady Lee Dixon, Wayne Johnson, and Grady Robbins, Jr.; and by Right of Fellowship: Mrs. Brice Rickard and Jimmy Westbrook.

We are grateful for the supply ministry of Mr. J. George Bruner, who preached for us while the pastor was away on a two-day post-Easter vacation, and Br. J. Taylor Loflin, who was our guest minister on Pulpit Exchange Sunday.

The Sunday following Easter, our choir yielded their place in the morning worship service to the Griffith High School Glee Club, directed by Miss Eva Bingham.

C. TRUETT CHADWICK

MACEDONIA

The board of the Macedonia Church approved a drive to raise money for an organ, and the congregation backed the approval by its response. For a long time there was around six hundred dollars in the organ fund and now the majority of the money needed is on hand and the balance has been pledged. To date, the organ has been ordered and it is hoped that it will be installed by our 99th anniversary which is May 24. The organ, which is the Baldwin 45, will have an extra forty watt amplifier in addition to the forty watt amplifier in the organ. This will give the extra power to drive the four speakers.

The board has appointed Miss Jeanette Butner and Miss Christine Beauchamp as the church organists. The board reaffirmed their appointment of Mrs. Nera Godby as church pianist. The two young ladies are, at present, taking organ lessons and their progress, as reported by their organ teacher, Mrs. Sebring, is very satisfactory.

The pulpit exchange of April 24 brought Macedonia the opportunity of hearing The Rev. John S. Gosenrud bring a missionary challenge that proved to be of real benefit. Br. Gosenrud and his wife sang a duet which was appreciated. Many comments have proved the success of the pulpit exchange.

The Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer and five young ladies from Salem College came over to Macedonia on April 17. The girls gave a word of testimony about Salem and what Salem meant to them, after which Br. Sawyer brought a message on the "Consecration Life" from Romans 12. The service was a real blessing to all because it gave us facts about Salem that we did not know.

We are happy to announce that Miss Gail Sheek
will be entering Salem College this fall. Miss Sheek is a Sunday school teacher, president of the Youth Fellowship, and an all around good worker here at Macedonia. She is graduating from Mocksville High School this spring. Most of the plans for entering Salem have been completed.

NORMAN C. BYERLY

HOPEWELL

Our Sunday school record attendance of 210 has been shattered. During our recent revival held by the Rev. Barney Pierce, emphasis was put on having a record attendance and with a little bit of effort 290 were present on March 6. Since that time the former record of 210 has been broken several times. A lot of credit must go to the fine work of our Sunday school superintendent, James Culler.

For quite sometime our Women of the Church had a difficult time creating interest, but with extended emphasis success is being realized. They now have three circles, whereas recently they had only one.

A Boy Scout Committee has been appointed to help in organizing a Boy Scout Troop in our community. The group has appointed Mr. Jessie Davis as their chairman.

On April 10, the following people were received into our fellowship by Adult Baptism: Lois Faye Smith, Rebecca Ann Kasubaski, and John James. The following were received by letter of transfer: Harley Jones, Margaret Jones and Mary Alice Pope. W. NORWOOD GREEN

FAIRVIEW

We were happy to have the following new members unite with our church over the Palm Sunday—Easter season: Diana Kay Kanoy, Curtis Whisenhunt, Lynne Barnes, David Daetwyler, Stephen Jones, Wally Putnam, John Yarbrough, Frances L. Journell, Carl Journell, Addie Mae S. Cope, Judith Robbins, Marie Wall, Vicki Bivin, James Forkner, Jr., E. J. Kirby, III, Michael Reich, Rose Moser, Robert Journell, Harvey C. Lunsford, Margaret L. Martin, Carolyn Robbins, Douglas Ivester, Jr., Jerry Byerly, Susan Hobart, Becky Kirby, Billy Wright, Edward D. Journell, Phyllis Journell, Peggy S. Lunsford, and Richard Paschal.

The tithing effort over the Lenten season was regarded as a very successful project. The last count indicated that 75 persons were using this method in their giving. Particularly has it given the Board of Trustees great cause for rejoicing.

The Ladies Auxiliary earned the hearty approval of the congregation, the pastor, and his family in undertaking the job of painting the church parsonage. It now makes a very attractive appearance at 2920 Patterson Avenue.

On Mother’s Day gifts were presented by the Sunday school superintendent, Brooks Snyder, to the oldest mother present, the youngest mother present, and the mother with the largest family present.

We were happy to have the Rev. William Marshall bring the message in the pulpit exchange on April 24.

The Senior Girl Scouts really got into action on Friday night, April 26. Returning from a camping trip they discovered a colored driver of a Farmer’s Dairy Milk truck who had been knocked unconscious and robbed of $138.00. They doused him with water and phoned for an ambulance so that he could be taken to the City Hospital. The leader of this troop is Mrs. S. B. Byerly, and her assistant is Miss Gayle Heck. Both were on the scene.

VERNON DAETWYLER

FRIES MEMORIAL

The Lenten and Easter seasons this year have been for us a glorious occasion. Along with many others of our sister congregations we have enjoyed increased fellowship and deepened spirit in the community with a much larger group in attendance upon all services. The services of Holy Week were particularly well attended.

On the second Wednesday after Easter the congregation enjoyed an informal reception for seventeen new members. The event was saddened for us by deaths in two of our family relationships and these families were denied thereby the opportunity to be with us.

On last July 1 the congregation set out upon a year’s experiment in new method of financing. The Unified Budget was inaugurated for a year. On Easter Sunday, by God’s good grace, the Trustees announced to the congregation that the entire Be-nevolent Budget for the year had been paid and that the remaining three months of the year could be used for care for much-needed repairs and re-decoration on our church plant. Needless to say, our spirits were somewhat dampened when on that same afternoon the furnace boiler cracked. We saw our whole program about to go “down the drain.” Repairs have been made, however, and it appears now that we will be able by the faithfulness of God’s people to continue with our program on a somewhat delayed basis. Perhaps our Heavenly Father did not wish us to forget that the blessings we have received are of His giving.

We do indeed give Him credit. He has fulfilled His promise that if we trust Him and go forward and do our best, He will see us through. In the hearts of His faithful people He has given the generosity of spirit necessary to carry on His work. We believe and devoutly hope that the continued growth of this spirit on the part of our people will soon make it possible for us to add our additional Sunday school rooms.

Family Night was observed with a snack supper for the families of the congregation, the singing of hymns, the Christian Education Film, “Go Forth,” and a brief talk by the pastor. Thanks to the Women of the Church, it was a most enjoyable evening for body and spirit.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

LEAKSVILLE

At the morning service of the last Sunday in March we were happy to have Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Schwarze visit our church with Dr. Schwarze bringing the message at 11 o’clock. At the evening service of the same day the Young People had charge. They prepared a special musical program and several brief talks. They announced plans regarding the purchase of a new Baldwin Organ for the church in the near future.

Ten of our people attended and enjoyed the Day of Prayer at the first Moravian Church of Greensboro on Wednesday, March 30.

Our church choir kept its assigned schedule on “Hymn Time” over the local radio station WLOE Sunday, March 27. This program is sponsored by the Tri-City YMCA each Sunday morning at 9 o’clock with different church choirs taking their regular turn in furnishing a 15 minute hymn sing.

The Men of the Church donated fifty copies of the Passion Week Manual to the church for use in the Passion Week services and this made it
possible for many more to take an active part in the readings this year. Holy Communion was observed on Maundy Thursday evening and the Lovefeast was a part of the Good Friday evening service. The Tri-City Band, under the direction of Mr. Jesse Griggs, assisted us in the early Easter Sunday morning service.

In the Provincial-wide pulpit exchange on the last Sunday in April our people had the privilege of hearing Br. John W. Fulton, pastor of the Calvary congregation, at the 11 o'clock service. The evening service of the same day was conducted by the Rev. J. K. McConnell.

During the two months under review all organizations of the Sunday school and church held their regular monthly business meetings and have kept up their usual activities in a very helpful and cooperative manner.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ
BETHABARA

Attendance at the Passion Week Readings was the best during this pastorate. Particularly noticeable at all services of the church is the regularity of our children. We commend them and their parents for this faithfulness.

During the Easter season, it was our privilege to receive into the Communicant membership of the congregation the following members: By Adult Baptism, Virgil Franklin Bottoms, Mrs. Halie Love Bottoms, Mrs. Nena Crotts, Stephen Wyley Crotts, Richard Hicks Redding, Ruby Lucille Murphy, and Charlie Monroe White; by Rite of Confirmation, Edwin Thompson Smith, Jr.; by Transfer of Membership, Miss Faye Whitehead is soon to marry and leave the community. Mrs. D. F. Stitwell is succeeding Mrs. I. E. Martin as president of the mission society.

There were 31 accessions to communicant membership during the Lenten-Easter season.

Fred Hege, senior theological student, will assist the pastor in calling on new families in the community this summer.

HENRY A. LEWIS

ADVENT

Since September 1953 our mid-week prayer and Bible study group has read and considered in detail “The Acts of the Apostles,” “Ephesians,” “The Revelation of John,” and “Philippians.” Many of our young people attend these services and their enthusiasm for the study of the Scriptures is an inspiration to all, Br. J. Taylor Loflin for the past four Wednesdays, April 13-May 4, has encouraged our group with his challenging messages. Our next study will be “The Gospel of Mark.”

A beautiful console piano has been placed in the parlensage by some of our congregation. Needless to say, there has been an abundance of music there. The Women of the Church have also redecorated the living room and have purchased new living room furniture for the parsonage. While the parson and his family were away for a series of services in Florida they even did the “spring cleaning.” Mildred is hoping that will become an annual affair.

But the men of the church have been busy too. New tile has been laid in the basement Sunday school rooms and the new carpet in the auditorium of the Sunday school building will be completely installed by Mother’s Day.

Last month we received the following new members: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Green, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Martin, Mrs. Nena Crotts, and Mrs. D. B. Trivette, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wooten.

A study course on “Being a Good Moravian” provoked real interest in the more than 30 persons who enrolled for the six weekly sessions being taught by the pastor on Wednesday evenings.

Miss Jo Ann Todd has succeeded Miss Faye Whitehead as director of the chapel choir. Miss Whitehead is soon to marry and leave the community. Mrs. D. F. Stitwell is succeeding Mrs. I. E. Martin as president of the mission society.

Prayer at which time Br. Robert Iobst showed his slides of Nicaragua.

April was a busy month at Willow Hill. On Palm Sunday we observed Holy Communion to start Passon Week. We had Passion Week readings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Easter Sunday morning we had our regular 6:00 A.M. sunrise service with several braving the early morning chill and immediately afterward we enjoyed breakfast together in the basement of the church. In the afternoon we had our regular worship service with many relatives and friends attending.

On the nights of March 25 and 26 the thermometer took a big plunge many degrees below

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freezing which froze the apples while they were still in the bud. Nevertheless, Willow Hill had their annual Spring Festival with a large number of people gathered. We feel there would have been a larger attendance had it not been for the freeze. We were very happy to have with us as guest speaker for the festival Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh who gave us a very challenging address looking toward the future. We also enjoyed the music of the Friedberg and Enterprise bands who gave a thirty-minute concert before the service. GLENN E. CRAVER

MOUNT AIRY
John Walker’s Young Adults Class bought a screen at a discount from Prof. Cyril Hoyler of Princeton, New Jersey, and presented it to the church. James Goad gave a fine, tri-purpose slide projector to the church.
Harry Childress, Jack Brown, James Jarvis, Margaret Walker and Frank Walker assisted the pastor with pastoral visiting. Frances Chandler is compiling a notebook of clippings, pictures and memories of the 30 years of Grace Moravian’s existence. Edwin Sawyer preached to 185 at our 30th Anniversary Lovefeast and Salem students, Irma Gatewood and Nancy Cameron, provided excellent music.
Donald Tesh and Prof. Charlie Johnson did yeomen work teaching beginners’ band classes and conducting Easter band rehearsals. The band started out at 2:30 Easter morning playing Easter music around town. Amplifying systems were used for the Early Morning Service at the church and at God’s Acre. On Palm Sunday and Easter ten new members joined the church.
Eight broadcasts were made over Radio Station WSYD and Station WPAQ. The pastor spoke about foreign missions in several Moravian and some non-Moravian groups. Two News Letters were mimeographed and mailed to each Moravian home. Michael Simmons faithfully mimeographed the Sunday bulletins. Sunday bulletins are frequently sent to out-of-town persons and non-attending members.
One hundred eighty persons saw B. C. Snyder’s colored pictures of Palestine. Gary Pruett showed slides of the eight European countries he visited while in the armed forces. Missionary Will Driger showed Nicaragua slides here April 12.
George Higgins at a two-hour luncheon meeting discussed the erection of our new Christian Education Building with some of our church leaders. Edwin Stuckton some weeks later at a three-hour dinner meeting discussed Moravian cemetery regulations with our joint board and further enlightened us about the finances connected with erecting a new Sunday school building.
ROBERT A. IOBST

MIZPAH
Building operations are now in progress at Mizpah, excavations for the new Christian education building having been made on March 1. Since that time workmen have been busy as weather permitted and by the time these words are being read, the building will be nearly under roof. Efforts to raise money are likewise in progress and every organization is outdoing itself to make sure that it has its share in the project.
Easter Sunday was an inspiring day for us. Two infants were dedicated to the Lord in Baptism and Carol Helsabeck, a teen-ager was received into full church membership by the rite of Adult Baptism. On that day also, some 80 members brought in self-denial cards for the building fund, totaling $360. There was keen interest in the project. In the Good Friday lovefeast our offering was brought for aid of our Moravian brethren in Europe.
We regret that through declining interest we have had to discourage our young people’s society for the time being. We held out until the number came down to one. We appreciate the faithfulness of our counsellors, Mrs. Dalton Robertson, in spite of such odds, and hope to make a new beginning later in the year. In a group of small numbers, the group participated in the Young People’s Union mission project and contributed liberally to our local building program.
Our Church Board has already approved the budget for 1955-56 and has heartily accepted the plan for support of the East West Indies mission province. The visit of some to the meeting of April 21 when budgets were explained gave better understanding of these wider responsibilities.
Br. E. T. Mickey, Jr., was our visiting preacher in the general election of pupils on April 24 and brought a fine message. We are grateful also to Br. G. G. Higgins for filling the pulpit at both King and Mizpah on May 1, when the pastor was assisting in the anniversary lovefeast at Friedland.
WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

FIRST CHURCH
Since our last report, we have received twelve new members: Kathryn Ann Pledger, Phyllis Jean Pledger, and Robert Van Parker by the sacrament of Adult Baptism; Douglas Lee Meece and David Louis Ohman by the sacrament of Baptism for Children; Margaret Kathryn Lee, Pamela Rae Caldwell, and Charles Siewers Turner by the rite of Confirmation; Chas. L. Meece, Sr., Doris S. Meece, Teresa Marie Meece, and Charles L. Meece, Jr., by letter of transfer.
Our Day of Prayer, sponsored by the Women of the Church, was a wonderful success. Over 200 women from the Southern Province attended. Our thanks to Mrs. Ben R. Walters and her committee for a well-planned and well-executed program.
The Young Adult Class had a very successful fish fry on the evening of March 4. This class is raising funds for a drinking fountain.
On the evening of March 27, we had our largest attendance at a worship service. The Mason of Greensboro was our guest and the pastor preached a sermon on “The Temple—Not Made With Hands.” We counted 303 persons in the Church Auditorium— and many more were standing outside. Others, not being able to enter the sanctuary went home. Our thanks to Br. Clarence Owens who is chairman of the Church Committee for theasonic Lodges of Greensboro, for a successful meeting.
On Saturday, April 16, the Moravia Class sponsored a very successful Bar-b-que. Our thanks to all those who participated in this “all-day” event.
Members of the Greensboro Council No. 296 of the United Commercial Travelers were our guests at the morning service on April 17. Their memorial Service was a part of our worship. We hope this fine group will visit us again.
Bishop and Mrs. Pfohl paid us a surprise visit on the morning of May 1. It was good to have them worship with us and we hope they will come back real soon.
J. CALVIN BARNES

RALEIGH
At last we can report agreement on a preliminary plan for the first unit of our church, to be erected later this year. The Building Committee

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and Church Board of our congregation held a joint meeting on Monday night, May 2, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fishel. The majority of the members of both groups voted in favor of the Moravian colonial design submitted to us by our architect, the firm of Deitrick and Knight, Raleigh, Br. Edward T. Mickey, Br. Richard F. Amos, and Br. Roy Ray represented the Building Committee of the Church Aid and Extension Board at this meeting and expressed their approval of the preliminary plan and sketch presented. So we are making progress, although it often seems slow!

The month of April brought renewed and greater interest in the Sunday morning services of worship. It was our privilege to have these services broadcast over radio station WNMAO, Raleigh, on the four Sundays in April. On one of the four, Easter Sunday we were happy to have a guest preacher, Dr. Edmund Schwarze. The pastor was grateful for the fine support which the congregation gave him in the matter of attendance at divine worship, not only on Easter but also on the other Sundays of April. And we all appreciated the splendid assistance of our pianists, Mrs. Edward G. Manning and Miss Imogene Reid (Friedland Moravian Church, but now a student at Meredith College), and our soloists, Mrs. Roger Lee (formerly of the Clemmons Moravian Church), Miss Doris Kimel (Hollins Moravian Church, but now a resident of Raleigh), and Miss Anita Hatt (Trinity Moravian Church, but now at Meredith).

The Women of the Church are undertaking the sale of the Quincentennial note paper, since we do not have an organized youth group.

As chaplain to Moravian students, the pastor continues to meet and eat once a week with Moravian students at State University in Chapel Hill. WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

FULP

Several improvements have been made around the church with much work being done on the cemetery under the direction of Mr. R. G. Hampton, who also furnished much of the labor. Some of the ground was leveled up and grass was sown. The church sign has been refinished and some work was done on the church grounds.

Church Family Night was held on the evening of April 24 beginning with a fellowship supper at the church. Following this, Br. Kalsträder showed and commented upon some movies which he made last fall while visiting in certain Levantine countries. He returned the following Sunday on the provincial pulpit exchange to speak upon the formation of three co-ed classes—the young adults ages 20 to 35, the Burke Fellowship class ages 35 to 45 and the new class which is as yet not named, ages 45 and older. Several problems are solved in this reorganization. It will now be easier for promotions to take place once couples get accustomed to being together. A larger group in the older class should give the group a greater incentive to bring new members into their fellowship.

A new committee on Christian Education has been proposed by the present Board of Christian Education to replace itself. If this new proposal is approved by the Board of Elders, the new committee will be more representative of the educational work of our church and will be responsible directly to the Board of Elders.

Members received on Palm Sunday are as follows: Confirmations—Gene Conrad, C. Frank Phillips, Jr., Gracie Fulp, Ann Elaine Knott, Barbara MacFordham; Adult Baptisms: Don McKnight and Kenneth Michael Carter; Receptions by Letter: Mr. and Mrs. Worth D. Craft, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lafferty, Thomas "B" Long, Jr., and Wilma Vickers (now Mrs. Thomas "B" Long), Dianne Cruss, Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Snyder, and Mrs. J. H. Lineback. This brings to 31, the number of members received thus far in the present church year.

JOHN W. FULTON

PROVIDENCE

The reading of the Passion Week Manual was a great blessing to our people this year, and these, as well as the services of Easter Sunday, were well-attended. We are very grateful to the Bethania Band, under the direction of Mr. Walter Strupe, for playing at our Resurrection Service.

Through the week of April 24 to May 1, it was our privilege to have Dr. Edmund P. Schwarze in a series of meetings. We can truly call this meeting a "Revival" because all of us were brought into a closer fellowship with our Lord. Already we have seen an increased interest in Prayer Meet-

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Boyle, Jack Hardy, III, son of Jack Hardy and Connie m. n. Hancock Boyle. Born December 5, 1952; baptized April 3, 1955 at Olivet Church by the Rev. F. Herbert Weber.


Fishel, Patricia Lynn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Lewis Fishel, born January 9, 1955, Atlanta, Georgia; baptized April 24, 1955, Calvary Church, by the Rev. John W. Fulton.


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Every year at Pentecost we look forward to a message from a group of men who are among the foremost spiritual leaders of Christendom. Who are they, you may ask, and what positions do they hold? The answer is seven-fold: (1) Presbyterian Dr. John Baillie, principal of New College, Edinburgh, Scotland; (2) Methodist Bishop Sante U. Barberi, Buenos Aires, Argentina; (3) Anglican Bishop Dr. G. K. A. Bell, Chichester, England; (4) Evangelical Church Bishop Otto Dibelius, Berlin, Germany; (5) Mar Thoma Syrian Church Metropolitan Mar Juhana, Malabar, South India; (6) Greek Orthodox Archbishop Michael, New York City and (7) Protestant Episcopal Bishop Henry Knox Sher­rill, New York City.

It is a privilege to devote this column to the message from the aforementioned Presidents of the World Council of Churches on the occasion of Whit Sunday, 1955.

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As Presidents of the World Council of Churches we greet our brethren of the churches participating in the World Council.

A year ago at this time we were called to pray for God’s blessing upon the coming General Assembly of the Council. Now in retrospect we can join in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings granted to us as a result of the Evanston Assembly.

With frank and sincere facing of many differences there was revealed a deep underly­ing unity of Christian love and mutual understanding. Despite the barriers of space, of race, of nationality, of religion, of economics, there is an evid­ence of a spiritual strength for the present and of high promise for the future.

There are stern realities in our world which must be met courageously. There is strife between men and nations. In many places men do not have that freedom which is their deep desire. Millions of the children of God are without the basic necessities of life. We dare not forget the plight of those who through no fault of their own are helpless refugees. Christ­endom is divided and therefore its witness is weakened.

But these difficulties are accompanied by equal­ly real opportunities. Countless men, women, boys and girls everywhere stand in need of the unsearchable riches of the Gospel, and of the peace of God which passes all understanding. In the light of the tragedy of our times there is urgent need for groups of men and women everywhere working more closely together in Christian love in the service of Christ.

We may well ask ourselves: “Who is sufficient for these things?” The answer comes from our Saviour Jesus Christ: “Ask and ye shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto you.”

So at this season of Pentecost let us pray that the Holy Spirit make our hearts burn within us so that we may better understand the mind of Christ and more deeply realize our need of one another.

Let us pray especially that all men may be granted the opportunity to worship the Almighty in full freedom. And let our prayer be accompanied by a solemn rededication of our lives to the gracious purpose of God.

We urge the offering of this age-old prayer to God through Jesus Christ:

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Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire
And lighten with celestial fire.
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Robert Sparks Walker, director of the Chattanooga Audubon Society, was chosen by the Kiwanis Club to receive the distinguished service award for the year 1954 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Our congratulations are directed to this honored citizen and nature lover.

In years past Mr. Walker has listened to the radio broadcast of the early Easter service in Salem and has identified the birds that have chimed in and joined in the music at the out-of-doors service in the graveyard.


A booklet in French, printed by the Moravian Mission Society in Switzerland, tells of Helper Neck, the Elfecky, who originated a language for translating the Bible.

Two Hessian soldiers of the Revolutionary War evidently liked the Moravian settlements in Wachovia when they marched through with the British Army for they returned here to make their homes. One of these was Heinrich Rippel, founder of Hope­well Church. The other was the founder of the Nading family. Someone could write a good story about these Hessian veterans.

DEATHS


Ryan, Mary Cornelia Crater, born March 9, 1866, in Forsyth County; died April 24, 1955 in Forsyth County. Burial services conducted in New Philadelphia Church April 26, 1955. Internment in New Philadelphia Graveyard, the Rev. Henry A. Lewis, officiating.


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John Cennick, Hymn Writer

By John H. Johansen

The fourth of July will have double significance this year for American Moravians. Not only will it be our National Independence Day, but it will also mark the bicentennial of the death of John Cennick, Moravian Evangelist and Hymn Writer, who had as checked a religious career as a man could possibly have.

Born of Quaker stock on December 12, 1718, in the town of Reading, England, his father joined the Church of England and his mother trained him carefully in the ways of the Church. John seems to have attended St. Lawrence Church in Reading with great regularity, although he did not always share his parents’ enthusiasm for church going. He appears to have been a lad of healthy instincts and tastes, but he was, Hutton says, “serious beyond his years. He never went to bed without saying his prayers, and promising God how good he would be next day.”

At the age of fifteen, young Cennick kicked over the parental traces, and for three or four years devoted himself to a life of frivolous jollity. He tells us how he played cards, and sang comic songs, went to horse races, and saw “sights,” though what sort of “sights” he does not tell us. This sort of a life could not last, however, and a change came about Easter in 1735, while he was in London seeking his fortune. He was suddenly smitten by a sense of guilt, or, to use his own expression, “the hand of the Lord touched me.” And now he sank from the height of mirth to the depths of despair. For three years he endured the agonies of religious depression and all kinds of intellectual problems troubled him.

Cennick tried every means of changing himself. For long months he starved the body to purify the soul, eating nothing more than dry bread, and prayed nine times a day. He tried every means of changing him­self. For long months he starved the body to puri­fy the soul, eating nothing more than dry bread, and prayed nine times a day. He was, Hutton says, “serious beyond his years. He never went to bed without saying his prayers, and promising God how good he would be next day.”

Yet the more he strove, the more he seemed to be led captive by the devil. At last, however, de­fate of a school for colliers’ children at Kingswood, and here, one month later, Cennick preached his first sermon, under a yew tree. For eighteen months he served as John Wesley’s assistant. But in Octo­ber, 1740, he parted from Wesley on doctrinal grounds. Still on fire with evangelistic zeal, Cen­nick joined forces with Howell Harris, the Welsh evangelist, and with George Whitefield. For five years he was now engaged in preaching and the organization of societies where ever he went. He went on a memorable evangelistic tour through Gloucestershire with Harris, and then began his labors in North Wilts­hire which earned for him the title of “The Apostle of Wilts­shire.” At Swindon, where he and Harris preached in a place called the Grove, “Some rascals fired muskets over their heads, held the muzzles close up to their faces, and made them as black as tinker’s; and others brought the...

MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE IS

To Discover God’s Daily Purpose And Act On It

Edwin A. Sawyer

One of life’s deepest questions is, “Why are we here?”

There are people in the world who would either decline to answer the question or say that it is all a matter of chance. But for a Christian, there is never any doubt. We are here to glorify God and to carry out His purposes.

One of the most moving things that came into our classroom during the past college year was the story of Claude. It is a true story, and it was told by Claude’s recent bride, Claude’s father died, and soon afterward the young army officer was sent to Korea, with the memory of his father deeply im­pressed on his mind. Claude was assigned to a com­pany in which he had charge of a number of Puer­to Rican soldiers. One of these, just a little fellow, took a fancy to Claude, especially because Claude took a snapshot of him one day.

Then came a day of battle, and the company was responsible for repairing an installation in an area within reach of enemy gunfire. The Puerto Ricans were not sure of their English, so Claude could not give instructions to others. He had to go on the dangerous mission himself. He sneaked over to the installation, equipped with his pistol and walkie-talkie. He made the repairs, but before he could get back, he was shot down. He lay on the cold ground, badly wounded, unable to lay hand on the walkie-talkie. But then a warm feeling came over him. He lost his fear of death, and he seemed strangely near his father. Fully relaxing in that mood, he turned over, ready to die. But with that, he touched his walkie-talkie, was able to call back to the company for help, and his little Puerto Rican friend came forward. By sheer courage, stealth and strength beyond his own, he managed to hold Claude over his shoulders, bear him back where medical aid could be given, and save his life.

Claude is living today with a purpose. He knows that God spared him for some sacred service. And he has feeling all of us ought to have; God has kept me here and must have something in mind for me. It is up to me to try to find out daily what that purpose is, and follow it.

This is the meaning of stewardship; not just (Continued to page 3)
Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference

Two loyal laymen of the Southern Province were honored with the degree of Doctor of Laws at the commencement exercises of Moravian College held in Bethlehem, Pa., on June 5. They were Clarence T. Leinbach and Clarkson S. Starbuck. Br. Starbuck since 1944 has served as a member of the Provincial Elders Conference. He is also at present the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Salem Academy and College and a member of the Provincial Financial Board and a Trustee of Moravian College.

Br. Leinbach completed a term of office on the Provincial Financial Board at the last Synod. He is a member of the Church Aid and Extension Board and since 1954 has served as its chairman, the only layman ever elected to that post.

Representatives of the Provincial Financial Board met with the official Boards of the following churches during the months of May and early June: Rural Hall, Friedberg, Macedonia, Moravia, and Leakeville.

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Women To Raise Fund Honoring Bishop & Mrs. Pfohl

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

The highlight of the Workshop held in May at Immanuel Church was the announcement of the inauguration of the Pfohl Fund in honor and recognition of the more than fifty years' service of Bishop and Mrs. Pfohl. The following letter is self-explanatory:

Dear Bishop and Mrs. Pfohl:

During a session of the Womans' Workshop Committee at the 1953 Synod it was suggested, since the Schwabne Memorial Fund had been successfully completed, the women of the Province should undertake a new special project. All seemed in agreement with the suggestion and the idea was advanced of beginning a project in recognition of Bishop's fifty years' service for our Lord in the Southern Province of our beloved Moravian Church.

Since the days of Synod the idea continued to grow until on March 5, 1955, the Provincial Elders Conference asked for counsel and direction in whatever course we pursued. The Conference assured us of their interest and accord in the recognition which we sought to establish.

Therefore, on May 12, 1955, the Provincial Women's Board meeting in session at the Kemertsville Moravian Church voted to inaugurate a Fund in recognition of the more than fifty year's service which both of you have rendered so faithfully among us. It is our hope that this Fund will grow and glow with our love and esteem. It is our purpose to use it in some specific way which will be a lasting tribute to your long and distinguished service. The nature of the project we are leaving to divine guidance believing in "the fullness of time" we shall be guided aright to our decision.

We want you to know of our sincere appreciation for your encouragement and help through the years, and of our desire to express our undying gratitude for the inspiration received by your noble Christian character. So, today it is our happy privilege to write this letter conveying these thoughts and plans of the Moravian Women of the Southern Province.

We trust our plans will add much joy to your life and that together we may see their fulfillment.

Most cordially,

PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S BOARD
Mrs. M. E. Miller Chairman
Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell, Secretary

G. E. Brewer Retires As Union Cross Pastor

The Rev. G. E. Brewer, who for the past seven years has served as pastor of the Union Cross congregation, retired from the active ministry of the Southern Province with the installation of his successor, the Rev. Lewis Swan, on June 12.

Ordained to the ministry of the Moravian Church in 1937 by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl his first charge was Macedonia. Prior to that he had been active as a lay-supply preacher of the province.

One of the last acts of Br. Brewer's active ministry was his ordination as a presbyter of the Moravian Church by Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler on May 15 at Union Cross.

Br. Brewer's pastorate at Union Cross was marked by an extensive building program which saw the erection of a new church and Sunday school building and a parsonage. This spring, just before retiring, he launched the building of an annex for more space for the Sunday school.

Br. and Mrs. Brewer will make their home at 843 Lockland Avenue.
Meaning Of Stewardship

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giving a proportionate amount of my income to the Lord, not just setting aside Sunday as "His day;" not just offering a fair share of my waking hours to do His work. It is trying to discover His daily purpose and then acting on it.

Some of us have an advantage over others, in that we are engaged in so-called sacred work. We are called upon to preach, to teach the Bible, to counsel with troubled souls, to visit the sick and the bereaved, to perform marriages, hold funerals and so forth. But obviously not everyone can do this sort of thing. And obviously, too, it takes more than this to make a Christian world. When Jesus called disciples, He didn't call them to a professional ministry. All were called to come after Him and to witness for Him in the daily round of duty, regardless of occupation.

I asked a group of students what makes a college Christian, and the answer came quickly: the day-by-day life of individual students. Chapel programs, a Y.W.C.A. or Y.M.C.A., courses in the Bible—all of that helps. But individual witness is the key, they said.

After she had been to New York City to a conference on Christian vocation for women, I asked a girl: "What is Christian vocation?" She was ready and said: "It is opening your life to the influence of Jesus Christ and letting Him use you, no matter what you are doing."

It is not so much more Christians that we need today. There are some eighty million in our country who profess Christianity, and around seven hundred million in "Christian countries" the world over. What we need is more of the Christian than we now have; more from each man, more from each woman, more from each young person.

Summer time is summer conference time. We wonder what sacred responses will be made by our young people to the call of Christ. How many life commitments will be made? How many pledges to full-time service? Four ministers need to be found to take the places of men who are leaving for our mission fields in the East West Indies. Four other recruits can be used in our Nicaragua, Honduras and Alaska fields. Half a dozen or more could be placed in fields of new work at home. But we are always handicapped by lack of manpower!

You, young person, ask yourself seriously what God wants of you. Does He want you in full-time service? How do you know He does not want you? Surely He wants your commitment for some real work for Him.

And you, Moravian parents, are you willing to encourage your son and daughter to go into full-time service? Many a parent has sinned grievously by quenching the Spirit of God and the spirit of youthful dedication. All of us can help the situation of shorthandedness in our church. It was the word of a humble old lady, who never knew it mattered, that was used by God to push me over into the ministry. Others could say a like word.

Moravians have a special motivation for the Stewardship of Life. It is found in 2 Corinthians 5:14—"For the love of Christ constraineth us." In Stewardship in the New Testament Church, Holmes Rolston quotes a teacher of his, speaking on the closing of a certain institution inadequately supported by Unitarian funds: "The Unitarians have never been particularly liberal in the supporting of their institutions. God hasn't done very much for man on Unitarian principles."

But not so for us Moravians. We recognize that the gift of Christ as the Saviour of sinful men is the ultimate God could do.

Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Br. and Sr. Glenn Craver are to be congratulated on the birth of their first child a daughter named Susan Michele, on May 21 at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.


**Foreign Mission Briefs**

**Request**

As another proof of her deep interest in the hospital in Nicaragua which bears her name the late Mrs. Ruth C. S. Thaeler left the sum of $5,000.00 to be used by Dr. Thaeler for its needs. The Board of Foreign Missions expresses its heartfelt gratitude for this gift.

**The Mary E. Helmich Fund**

During the past month a second gift of $500.00 has also been made to the Mary E. Helmich Fund, bringing its capital to a total of $1,000.00. The interest from this fund will be used on behalf of foreign missions. For this gift also the church expresses deep gratitude.

**A New Year in the Colegio Moravo**

The new term which began in May promises to usher in a year of record attendance in the Secundaria, or upper school of the Colegio Moravo in Bluefields. There are 159 students attending it. The lower grades in the Primaria had an enrollment of 456 when the school opened.

**Missionary Recruit From Canada**

The Board is happy to announce that the vacancy soon to be created in Bilwaskarma by the return of Miss Lilian Butner is to be filled by Irene Martha Prochau, R.N., a member of the Bruderheim congregation in Canada. Miss Prochau is a graduate of the Archer Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, of Lambton, Canada, who also has taken additional work in the University of Alberta.

**Service Terminated**

Early in August Lorraine Sampert, R.N., will conclude a three-year term of service as missionary in Honduras. During the first part of this period she assisted Dr. Samuel B. Marx at Butukasa; during his year's furlough she herself has been in charge of the Clinic at this station.

**John Cennick, Hymn Writer**

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local fire engine and drenched them with dirty water from the ditches." "As they played upon brother Harris," says Cennick in his diary, "I spoke to the congregation; and when they turned their engine on me, he preached, and this continued until they had spoiled the engine."

As converts were won and societies organized, Cennick saw the need for religious education among the Wiltshire villagers. And so, for their benefit, he prepared some simple manuals of instruction. A "Treatise on the Holy Ghost," an "Exhortation to Steadfastness," and a "Short Catechism for the Instruction of Youth," came from his pen. He published a little volume of hymns entitled "A New Hymnbook," with an account of his conversion and religious experiences; another entitled "Sacred Hymns for the Children of God in the Day of Their Pilgrimage" (1741, 1742); and a third, entitled "Sacred Hymns for the Use of Religious Societies" (1743). Cennick was, therefore, a true pastor and teacher.

Cennick assisted Whitefield until 1743, but on December 18 of that year he handed over the care of his Wiltshire Societies to the Moravian Church. He set off on a tour of Germany, visited Moravian centers there, met with Count Zinzendorf, Peter Boehler, and Leonard Dober, became a member of the Moravian Church, and returned to England to be ordained a Deacon, on September 30, 1749. Whitefield bore Cennick no ill will, but kept up an affectionate correspondence with him to the end.

Upon his return to England in the spring of 1746, Cennick set out for Ireland. He began his evangelistic mission in that country, in Dublin, preaching in a Baptist Hall in Skinner's Alley. And Hutton rightly reminds us that "it was John Cennick, and not John Wesley, who began the Evangelical Revival in Ireland." In the face of much opposition and persecution Cennick founded a flourishing Society in Dublin of over five hundred members. The scene of the next mission was in North Ireland, and the familiar pattern was repeated; fierce opposition and persecution, followed by success and achievement. Between 1746 and 1752 Cennick built ten churches and organized forty religious societies in eight of the Counties in the North of Ireland. Without a doubt History
proves that he was the chief leader of the Evangelical Revival in the North of Ireland.

But now, at the height of his powers Cennick broke down in body and in mind, and worn out with many labors, he became the victim of mental depression. In 1755 he visited Dublin to open the new Chapel in Booter Lane. Afterwards he intended to visit South Wales. But on Saturday, June 28, 1755, he arrived unexpectedly at Fetter Lane in London, having ridden on horseback for five days from Holyhead in a raging fever. His illness lasted about a week. At seven o'clock on the evening of July fourth he died at the age of 37, and was buried in the Moravian Burial Grounds, Chelsea, London. After his death a poem was found in his pocket, headed “Nunc Dimittis.” This was published, posthumously, in 1757. It expresses submission to the Divine will, but, at the same time, “a desire to depart.” In it he says:

“O Lamb! I languish till that day I see, When Thou wilt say, Come up and be with Me. Now twice seven years have I Thy servant been. Now let me end my service and my sin.”

Erik Routley's estimate of Cennick as “the best of the minor authors”, who followed upon Charles Wesley in the first half of the eighteenth century, seems a just and fair estimate. Cennick's best-known hymn, typical of his style at its best, is “Children of the Heavenly King.” This hymn appeared originally in twelve four-line stanzas in “Sacred Hymns for the Children of God in the Days of Their Pilgrimage,” under the title “Encouragement to Praise.” The abbreviated form in six verses was given in Whitley's “Collection,” 1753. It is usually found today in four, five, and six-verse versions. As found in the Hymnal and Liturgies of the Moravian Church (No. 626), the hymn has five stanzas:

“Children of the heavenly King, As ye journey, sweetly sing, Sing your Saviour's worthy praise, Glorious in His works and ways.

We are traveling home to God In the way the fathers trod; They are happy now, and we Soon their happiness shall see.

Lift your eyes, ye sons of light, Zion's city is in sight; There our endless home shall be, Where our Lord we soon shall see.

Fear not, brethren; joyful stand On the borders of your land; Jesus Christ, your Father's Son, Bids you undismayed go on.

Lord, obediently we go, Gladly leaving all below; Only Thou our Leader be, And we still will follow Thee.”

The words of this hymn are simple, and it makes an excellent children's hymn. It is not possible to identify this hymn, or, for that matter, any other, of Cennick's hymns, with a particular outward event or special experience of his life. But, as Dr. Louis Benson points out, “we cannot catch the spiritual beauty of this hymn of courage and good cheer until we connect it with the life Cennick was leading. That is why it is important to know the facts about Cennick's life, and the experiences of his Evangelistic campaigns. "It is such experiences as these," Benson says, "of the very time when the hymn was written, that make its actual setting. And out of them it shines in all of its spiritual beauty, the pluck of an unconquerable purpose, the serenity of an untroubled faith, the good cheer of an incorruptible hope.”

Cennick has written a pair of hymns for the morning and evening which deserve to be better known than they are. Like the foregoing hymn they come from "Sacred Hymns for the Children of God in the Days of Their Pilgrimage" (1742), and like it they are utterly simple and full of youthful strength. Cennick was only twenty-four years old when these hymns were published. "Rise, My Soul, Adore Thy Maker,” the morning hymn, is not as well known as the evening hymn, "Ere I Sleep, For Every Favor,” which is found both in the Methodist Hymn Book and the Presbyterian Hymnary. It is truly a lovely hymn for the close of the day.

“Ere I sleep, for every favor Which my God hath bestowed, I will bless my Saviour; O Lord, what shall I render Unto Thee? Thou shalt be This night my Defender.

Thou, my Rock, my Strength and Tower, While I sleep, deign to keep, Watch from hour to hour; Visit with Thy salvation, Be Thou near, that Thy care Guard my habitation.

Leave me not, but ever love me; Let Thy peace be my bliss, Till Thou hence remove me; Then, aroused from peaceful slumber, Let me rise with the wise, Counted in their number.”

Several of Cennick's hymns, in common use today, are taken from "Sacred Hymns for the Use of Religious Societies,” published in three parts in Bristol and London, between the years 1743 and 1745. “Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone,” which is number 64 in his "Hymns" (1743), is perhaps the best of these, and as Routley says, "it is intensely personal and uncompromisingly evangelical in its language." Six verses of the original nine are preserved in the Hymnal and Liturgies of the Moravian Church, while the Methodist Hymnal has the same hymn in a three verse version to the tune "Duane Street." Let the hymn speak for itself.

“Jesus, my All, to heaven is gone, He Whom I fix my hopes upon; His track I see, and I'll pursue The narrow way, till Him I view.

The way the holy prophets went, The road that leads from banishment, The King's highway of holiness I'll go; for all His paths are peace.

This is the way I long had sought, And mourned because I found it not; My grief, my burden long had been Because I could not cease from sin.

The more I strove against its power, I sinned and stumbled but the more; Till late I heard my Saviour say, 'Come hither, soul, I am the Way.'

Lo! glad I came, and Thou, blest Lamb, Shall take me to Thee as I am; Nothing but sin I Thee can give; Nothing but love shall I receive.

Then will I tell to sinners round What a dear Saviour I have found; I'll point to Thy redeeming banner, And say, Behold the way to God!”
THE WACHOVIA MORAVIAN JULY 1955

DEATHS


Hartman, Maurice A., born May 18, 1892 in Forsyth County; died March 14, 1955; funeral conducted by the Rev. Richard F. Amos. Interment in Salem Graveyard. A member of Aardmore Church.

Bryant, Vertie Smooth, daughter of William and Sallie Dixon Smothers, born in Forsyth County, October 4, 1891; died in Winston-Salem March 29, 1955; a member of Christ Church. Funeral service was conducted at Vogler's Chapel by the Rev. John H. Johannsen and Rev. E. T. Sims with interment in the Moravian Graveyard.


Thompson, Mrs. Anna Mylinda n. Proctor, born March 10, 1881; died March 28, 1955. A member of Fries Memorial Church. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. E. T. Mickey and the Rev. E. A. Sawyer. Interment in Salem Cemetery.

Hoge, George Aaron, born February 6, 1879; died April 18, 1955. A member of Fries Memorial Church. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. E. T. Mickey and the Rev. H. B. Johnson. Interment in Salem Cemetery.


Tesh, Charles H., son of Howard F. and Ethel Faw Tesh, born September 10, 1939 in Davidson County, died March 29, 1955 at the home of his parents in the Friedberg community. Funeral service was conducted by the Rev. William T. Marshall, the Rev. C. E. Ridge, and the Rev. Clyde Davis.


Boggy, Howell Franklin, born August 9, 1892; died May 9, 1955. A member of Home Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. James C. Hughes and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Interment in the Moravian Graveyard.

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have joined 1st Lt. Herbert Spaugh at Rhein-Main

Pulpit Exchange Sunday, April

Salem College Day was observed on Sunday, April

717 when Salem College Choral Ensemble present-
ated a program at 5 P. M. in our sanctuary. This was
owed by a buffet supper in Fellowship Hall. The

group left immediately thereafter to have part in the
evening vespers service at Davidson College. In the

morning at 11 A. M. they substituted for the

choir at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

On Pulpit Exchange Sunday, April 24, the Reverend Kenneth Robinson, assistant pastor of Home

Church, supplied this pulpit, while Pastor Spaugh

preached at Hope and Mizpah churches.

Pastor Spaugh conducted a preaching mission at

Midland Beach Moravian Church, Staten Island,

New York, May 1 through May 3.

Dr. and Mrs. Earl Spaugh have returned to

Charlotte to make their home. After serving two

years as resident physician in Memorial Hospital,

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dr. Spaugh has opened his of-

fice in Charlotte for the practice of pediatrics.

Under the auspices of the Charlotte-Mecklen­
burg Ministerial Association, the week of May 22-

29 was set apart as Youth Appreciation Week. The

Young Peoples Department of the church took full

charge of the morning service on May 29. Michael

Simpson preached the sermon. The组织开展 was

Mary Jo Wootten. The lay leaders were Mary Lynn

Caldwell, Migene Blythe and Betsy Guerrant. Al-

tar assistants were Thomas Guerrant and Stanley

Thompson. Ursers were Rolland Blythe and David

Smith. Other young people made up the choir.

It was a wonderful service in every way.

HERBERT SPAUGH

UNION CROSS

During the past two months our new addition to

the Sunday school building has been started, and

is now under roof. The room, which measures

35 x 63, has been needed for quite a long while.

On Saturday morning, May 1, our people gave the

pastor and his family a picnic supper at the school

and a big surprise when Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh pre­

sented the pastor with a Hamilton waterproof

watch and his wife with a silver service from the

people of Union Cross. The auxiliary gave both the

pastor and his wife a large picture for the living

room. What a meal and fellowship we had! It was

very nice to have Dr. and Mrs. Spaugh with us.

The present pastor will finish his work at Union

Cross Sunday, June 5. The Board has called Mr.

Lewis B. Swaim to lead them in the future and he

has accepted, moving into the parsonage June 2.

He will take over and preach his first sermon June

12. We wish for him the best of everything and

feet that the people will work with him so that the

work will go on to the glory of the Father.

Words cannot express our thanks to the people

for all they have done for us in the past seven years

that we have been with them.

G. E. BREWER

RURAL HALL

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gough were received into the

membership of the church on Palm Sunday by

Adult Baptism.

Br. William Kalitrede was the guest preacher on

April 24, the Sunday which was set aside for pulpit

exchange on the stewardship of missions theme.

Brother Christian Weber was the guest speaker for

the May love feast. A band prelude was rendered by

the Advent-New Philadelphia band.

At the annual church council meeting May 15, Mr. Carlis Fulk and Mr. Manly Lancaster were elect­
ed to the church board for a three-year term each

replacing Mr. L. E. Stauber and Mr. Wallace War­

ren whose terms on the board have expired. The

proposed budget for the 1955-56 fiscal year was

presented and adopted.

Communion was observed on Whitsunday. We

congratulate Miss Shelia Jean Reeves and Philip

Covington upon their graduation from high school

and Mrs. C. P. Robinson, Jr., upon her graduation

from Salem College. We were glad to welcome back

into the community Br. E. T. Mickey, Jr., who gave

the last commencement address at the Rural Hall

High School as local high school students will next

year go to the new Northwest High School.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

KERNERSVILLE

Our Family Night Supper was a means of finding

amateur talent in our congregation that we knew

nothing about. An informal program after the pot-
luck supper was very much enjoyed. Then the film, "Stranger in the House," brought our thoughts to more serious family and stewardship responsibilities.

The congregation was pleased with the visiting ministers, who held services in the pastor's absence. The first was Br. J. C. Hughes who preached on the Sunday of the ministers exchange while the pastor preached at Mt. Bethel. Br. D. E. Simpson held the service when the pastor attended the Board of Foreign Missions semi-annual meeting in Bethlehem.

The passing of two men brought particular sorrow in our congregation. While Br. D. Stokes Swaim, killed by lightning, was not a member of our congregation, his son, C. J. Swaim, is our Sunday school superintendent. Our Sunday school was also affected directly in the passing of Br. Dan E. Williard, father of our day school superintendent.

A series of informal services conducted by Br. H. B. Johnson on Sunday nights for six weeks was much appreciated. Br. Johnson took as his theme, "Preparing For Pentecost" and the series was concluded the Sunday night before Whitsunday.

Our Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Cornelia Adams, Mrs. Fred Vance and Mrs. Clayton Perdue, carried on a fine work during the year. The children took the place of the Adult Choir in the worship service the Sunday after Easter. The training will again be resumed after the summer months.

CLAYTON H. PERSONS

KING

King instituted an Annual Missionary Day on Sunday, May 23, in an afternoon service, with Br. Robert A. Iobst, pastor of Mt. Airy, bringing us a delightful and challenging missionary message. Attendance was small but we made a good beginning. Report of mission contributions for the congregation for the current fiscal year showed an average of $6.55 per member, almost twice the average for the Province. We hope to improve on this. During the month, the Women of the Church assumed support of a child in the Children's Home in Alaska and have sent on their contributions for this year. King has also assumed its share in the support of the new work assume by the entire Province in the Eastern West Indies.

Our Easter season was brightened considerably when a group of twenty-two from the King School Band, directed by Band Director Driver, assisted in our sunrise service. Attendance was three times that of the previous year, and the interest on the part of the band members assures us of similar help in coming years.

On the day before Easter, the men of the church spent some seven hours grading and seeding the rear lawn of the church, giving the finishing touches to our grounds which were temporarily torn up by our recent building operations.

Sunday school has held up well during April and May, surpassing somewhat the encouraging high average of the same months a year ago.

The breaking of 41 window panes in the rear of our new education building during May caused quite a sensation. Nothing has been ascertained concerning the vandalism responsible. But the incident has certainly aroused the community and those responsible will certainly run into a lot of personal danger if they undertake anything similar in the future.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

MORAVIA

Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh installed the new pastor during the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, April 17.

We welcomed Br. Glenn Craver into our midst on Sunday, April 24. Br. Craver spoke on the subject, "Stewardship in Relations to Missions."

During the month of May, the Young People's Organization devoted their entire worship and study to "Mission." Those leading were Joan Beeson, Ann Elliott, "Bud" Elliott, and Eloise Elliott.

"How To Live as a Christian" were the thoughts of the Wednesday Bible study and prayer service recently. The basis of these thoughts were found in the Book of James.

The Young Adults' Organization elected the following to serve them during the 1955-56 church year: president, Dewey Long; corresponding secretary, Dorothy Hunsucker; recording secretary, Izula Fentress; treasurer, John Lee; social committee chairman, Bill King.

New officers for the Women of the Church are: president, Swannie Lee; vice-president, Ella Mae Kollam; secretary, Juanita Howerton; assistant secretary, Elaine Valentin; treasurer, Grace Barham; assistant treasurer, Elsie Harrell; chaplain, Marion Troutman; assistant chaplain, Clara King; missions superintendent, Dorothy Hunsucker; assistant missions superintendent, Rachel Terrell.

The Women of the Church sponsored a supper on Saturday, May 14. The proceeds from this project will go in payment on the building fund debt.

There were thirty young people who met together for a hay ride on Friday, May 27. The evening included a weiner roast and campfire singing. Charles King, pre-theological student, spoke briefly on "The Christian Armor."

We congratulated Viola Howerton who graduates this year from the Summerfield High School. Vacation Bible School has been set for June 13-24. Volunteer teachers have responded well to this call to help train our children. The pastor will be superintendent.

R. T. TROUTMAN

OAK GROVE

A very encouraging factor in the life of our church during the past months has been the increased interest in missions. Br. Norman Byerly was with us for the exchange of pupils in April and impressed upon us the great importance of missions. Four weeks later our congregation held its first Missions Sunday, concluding with a lovefeast in the afternoon. Br. Samuel Tesch was with us on this occasion and again stirred our hearts with the great call of missions. This first Missionary Lovefeast was such a success that the Board of Elders have voted to make it an annual service.

Stewardship is also continuing to be emphasized. A sizeable number of our members made the covenant to tithe during Lent, and it has been encouraging to notice the response of those who have decided to make it a permanent thing in their spiritual life.

On Palm Sunday we were happy to welcome into the membership of our church Mr. and Mrs. Grady Moser and Mrs. Ray Laramore by Adult Baptism; and Mrs. Don Barney by letter of transfer. This was the first year that we have had Passion Week services each night through the week, and they were better attended than in previous years.

Our youth choir, although small in numbers, continues to show encouraging progress under very capable leadership. On April the seventeenth they took the place of the adult choir for the morning service, and they sing for the Sunday school assembly once a month. A number of the young people also took part in the service on May 21, when we observed 4-H Sunday. The two 4-H clubs in the community attended the service, and the sermon was centered around the 4-H emphasis.

A new record was set when our Sunday school attendance reached 300 on May 8. It made many of the classes realize that a new building is needed immediately for Sunday school space in addition to the proposed sanctuary. The Sunday school is also encouraging the young people to attend the summer conferences by providing scholarships to those who desire to go.

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HOME CHURCH
The month of June climaxed a spring season of constant activity in the Home Church. We believe that our various organizations held more picnics during June of this year than at any other time in the church’s history. There were Sunday school class picnics, various choir picnics, an ushers’ picnic, and of course, our Family Picnic on the 13th, at which time many of our church families were present for an evening of fine fellowship.

Our out-of-door services were resumed on June 12 and are held on Sunday evenings on the East Lawn in nice weather, or indoors if inclement weather prevails. Members of the Band and the choir are assisting in the services this year and have proved invaluable in providing musical background for the vespers messages.

Daily Vacation Bible School held surprises for our children this month, as our leaders provided a fine program of Bible work and play. The juniors were especially happy to be a part of the Salem College Choir School, as they sang each morning in class conducted by the nationally-famous Junior Choir Director, Mrs. Ruth Jacobs. Attendances held up very well for the ten-day session and our leaders deserve sincere thanks for their devoted labors.

At the time of this writing plans for the American Moravian Music Festival include the broadcasting by radio stations WTOB in this city and WBT in Charlotte of the Home Church’s morning worship on the 26th. The Festival Seminar Chorus will provide anthems and responses for the service which will begin at the usual 11:00 A. M. hour. We are looking forward with eager anticipation to this year’s Festival in the Southern Province, an event which will bring many Moravian friends to our Southern churches.

JAMES C. HUGHES
KENNETH W. ROBINSON

CHRIST CHURCH
Church Council, held on June 1, elected the following to the official boards of the congregation for three year terms: Elders—Harvey Stimpson, and Robert Young; Trustees—Alton Pfaff, Herbert Nadling, and S. R. Shore, Jr.; Board of Christian Education—Mrs. C. M. Hoffman, Charles Conrad, and Leon Wilson. Clyde Barber was elected to the Central Board of Elders, and Horace Raker to the Central Board of Trustees, of the Salem Congregation.

The Women-of-the-Church organization has elected the following officers for the 1955-56 year: Mrs. S. R. Shore, Jr., president; Mrs. E. H. Holton, first vice-president; Mrs. N. E. Brewer, second vice-president; Mrs. David Johnson, recording secretary; Carolyn Wray, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Howard Disher, treasurer. And the new officers of the Youth Fellowship are: Jean Cook, Eleanor Turnage, Barbara Stewart, David McBride, Sue Hoffman, and Carolyn Wray. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wilson, who have served faithfully and well as counsellors for this group, will continue in that capacity for another year.

Br. T. Conway Pruett was our guest minister on April 24 when all churches observed Pulpit Exchange Sunday. His presence and message were greatly appreciated.

JOHN H. JOHANSEN

MOUNT BETHEL
The Easter season at Mount Bethel was truly a joyous beginning of the Passion Week Readings on Palm Sunday night and the highlight of the season the Easter morning liturgy on the graveyard. The Easter Sunday services were well attended and we want to thank our choir for making this Easter season such a success.

Our church was represented at the Stewardship rally on April 21 at Home Church by four of the board members.

There is no talent lost as the Young People of the church put on a Talent show on April 23 at Mount Bethel School at which time people from 3 to 70 years old demonstrated their talent making the show a great success with everyone having a wonderful time.

On Mission Sunday our people received a very inspiring message from Br. Clayton Persons who filled the Mount Bethel pulpit in the pulpit exchange.

Our Young People turned out in force at the Youth Rally on May 5 with the largest number attending during the present pastorate.

During the pastor’s absence, Br. Clayton Hall took charge of the prayer meeting services for two Wednesday nights in May.

Our church wishes God’s guidance and protection to our three young people who graduated from High School on May 31.

GLENN E. CRAVER

INTERPRISE
The Rev. R. O. McAlpine, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, was our guest evangelist for our annual revival held April 17-24. Br. McAlpine is an inspiring preacher who emphasizes a deeper life in Christ. His messages were well received by the congregation, and created a desire for more consecration to the Lord.

Following the revival it was decided to meet at the parsonage each Friday evening for prayer and Bible study. The attendance for this service is averaging around 15.

On April 17 it was our happy privilege to receive Shuh Hartman into our fellowship by Adult Baptism, and Mrs. Hartman by letter of transfer. Both have been very active in our church since joining the Sunday school several months ago.

On May 29, the Women’s Bible Class gave the men a picnic supper at Reynolds Park.

Mrs. Claude Walser, Mrs. Olin Hartman, Mrs. Albert Montemurro, Mrs. Arman Swing, Mrs. Woodrow Tesh, Miss Mary Berrier, and Mrs. Kenneth Craver are our Bible school teachers for this year. It is to be held the first week in June.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Fishel on their recent marriage.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

BETHANIA
The annual Church Council and Loyalty Sunday was held on May 22 this year. Church Council approved the adoption of the two board system on July 1 when Bethania will become a full-time charge. Members elected to the Board of Elders were R. M. Butter, Kally Chadwick, Edward Gehman, Mrs. Vernon Flynt, W. T. Strupe, Mrs. A. A. Wolff, and T. W. Hunter, Sr. Members elected to the Board of Trustees were: Joe T. Conrad, Irvin Leinbach, Miss Margaret Chadwick, Harold Adams, Roy Bovender, Mrs. Catherine Cantar, and Elmer Kearney. The new budget totaling $1,199.65 was approved. This represents an increase of $1,800.00 over the present budget. This year for the first time all provincial items will be subscribed in full. In the afternoon an every-member canvass was held with the excellent results such a success. Two weeks after the canvass over $8,000.00, or better than two-thirds of our new budget had been pledged. Thus far...
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church on Palm Sunday: Margaret Rebecca Young and Patty Sue Coleman by Infant Baptism; James Robert Williams, Patricia Ann Williams, Linda Darlene Vaden, Sylvia Jean Shultz, Emma Lee Duggins, and David Michael Connolly by Adult Baptism; and R. C. Veach by letter. On Mother’s Day we were happy to receive Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Vernon and children, Tony and Frankie, Mrs. Barbara Ann Dove, Mrs. Eloise Booth, and R. D. Pendergraph, by letters. Then on Sunday, May 15, we were glad to receive Ann Elizabeth Hedberg by Infant Baptism.

Easter brought a large crowd to our services. The twin-town band toured Madison and Mayodan, ate breakfast of country ham and eggs served by the Hedgecock class, and played for the sunrise service. In the evening we were glad to have Br. Clarence Henkelman and his family from Alaska to show pictures of their work in our mission field there.

Our spring revival was held April 24-29 with the Rev. Vernon Daeytly as evangelist. He brought splendid messages that helped us all.

A church family supper was held in the basement of the church in connection with family week and a special Mother’s Day program was held the evening of Mother’s Day. The twin-town band toured Madison and Mayodan, and a special Mother’s Day program was held the following Sunday. In the evening we were glad to have Br. Clarence Henkelman and his family from Alaska to show pictures of their work in our mission field there.

“The Heritage of Faith.” Officers elected for the coming year in our Women of the Church are Mrs. Lena Bollin, president; Mrs. Gladys Lundeen, vice-president; Miss Dorothy Coleman, secretary; Mrs. Betty Joyce, treasurer; and Mrs. Louise Kapp, chaplain.

JOHN H. KAPP

BAPTISMS

Atwood, Steven Keith, son of Harold and Doris m. n. Timmons Atwood. Born December 23, 1954, at Home; baptized May 1, 1955, at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes. 


Harrington, Richard Charles James, son of James O. and Pathenia m. n. Evans Harrington, Jr. Born February 18, 1955, at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized May 1, 1955 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


Shuler, Beverly Ann, daughter of Lester O. and Alice Lee m. n. Peddycord Shuler. Born May 24, 1954 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized May 24, 1955, at the home of the parents by the Rev. James C. Hughes and Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.


Three Southern Province Students Graduate

Three students from the Southern Province were among the graduates of the Moravian Theological Seminary who received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity at graduation exercises on May 29, at Bethlehem, Pa. They are Alan H. Barnes, Burton J. Rights, and Lewis B. Swaim.

Alan Barnes, who comes from the Fairview Church attended Hanes High School and served for two years in the U. S. Navy before enrolling at Moravian College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes.

T. W. Barnes and is married to Betty Tesch, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Tesch.

Br. Barnes was ordained a deacon on June 19 at Fairview by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl and will be installed as the first full time pastor of the Olivet Congregation on July 3 by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Burton Rights, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Douglas L. Rights of the Trinity Congregation, is a graduate of Gray High School and the University of North Carolina. He is married to Elynor Fishel of Winston-Salem.

Br. Rights was ordained a deacon by Bishop Pfohl at Trinity on June 12 and installed as pastor of the Messiah Congregation on June 19.

Lewis Swaim is a member of the Friedberg congregation and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swaim. He is a graduate of Griffith High School and attended Brevard College as well as Moravian. He is married to Eleanor Ruth of Bethlehem, Pa.

Br. Swaim was ordained at Friedberg on June 5 and installed as the pastor of Union Cross on June 12.

Volume 8 of Moravian "Records" Is Published

Dr. Herbert Spaugh

RECORDS OF MORAVIANS IN NORTH CAROLINA, VOL. VIII, is the final volume in the series published by the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History. These volumes are North Carolina colonial literature, based upon actual official diaries kept by the Moravian Church in North Carolina since their first settlement in 1753. Volume VIII is just from the press. There are now eight volumes in the series which covers a period in North Carolina history from 1753 to 1837.

In 1752 the Moravians acquired one hundred thousand acres in North Carolina for settlement purposes in the area around the present town of Winston-Salem. They called the tract "Wachovia," from the name of an Austrian estate of Count Louis Zinzendorf. Most of the early colonists came from Saxony, through Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, which had been established in 1741. The first settlements in this tract were church-entered communities at Bethabara (1753), Bethania (1759), and Salem (1766).

These early settlers kept daily diaries in which they recorded events of the local communities and happenings within the state and nation. They even recorded the weather. Travelers and settlers passing through the communities brought information from the outside. They also kept in contact with the outside world, not only the United States, but also Europe, through letters and printed news sheets. As a result, these diaries are a veritable treasure house of material concerning not only the colonial periods, but also up to modern times. For example, Volume II contains considerable information concerning the famous Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775, written at the time of the happening.

These diaries also contain valuable information concerning the families of these early colonizers.

In 1918, the late Dr. Adelaide L. Fries, Moravian Archivist of Winston-Salem, agreed to compile and edit material for these volumes from diaries which were written in German script and which first had to be translated. She continued the work, and at the time of her death on November 29, 1949, she had prepared seven volumes for publication and was compiling material for the eighth and concluding volume. After her passing, the State Department of Archives and History commissioned Dr. Douglas L. Rights of Winston-Salem, who succeeded her as Moravian Archivist, to finish Volume VIII and see it through the press. To pick up the unfinished task of another writer is very difficult, but Dr. Rights has accomplished this feat in a fine manner. To do it he had to sacrifice vacation time and all other time he could spare from a very busy parish. With this volume, the series of records of the Moravians of North Carolina ends.

Each volume has been carefully indexed and the tables of contents are full. There are many valuable illustrations, all of which is of great help to the researcher.
MILWAUKEE JOURNALIST PRAISES HIGH QUALITY OF

Third Festival of Early Moravian Music

(From June 20-26 the third Early American Moravian Music Festival and Seminar were held in Winston-Salem. That this festival made musical history is now a matter of public record. For a very interesting appraisal of the occasion, we have chosen to republish the following review which appeared in the Milwaukee Journal on July 1, 1955.—Music Editor.)

By WALTER MONFRED of the Milwaukee Journal Staff

The Moravians, as everybody who knows Door County in Wisconsin can testify, make up an unusual combination of musical merriment and serious devotion. They worship with music. And do they have music!—stacks, carloads, warehouses of it, mostly unknown and untouched for centuries.

The evidence was sonorously presented recently at the early American Moravian music festival on the grounds of Salem college, a venerable academy which was doing business when George Washington was surveying the near-by wilderness tracts.

There were eight concerts and many other informal musical get-togethers under the general direction of Thor Johnson, the native Wisconsin son who grew up in Winston-Salem and has won international acclaim as a conductor. His permanent post is with the Cincinnati orchestra. Just before the festival here, he was leading the old Toscarni NBC orchestra (now called the Symphony of the Air) on a tingling tour of the orient—Japan, the Philippines and other island and mainland sites. His 20 concerts around Asia were welcomed heartily, according to all dispatches from the far east.

As the tour ended, Thor boarded a plane in Siam and flew 10,000 miles, arriving here just in time to get the local proceedings under way. The Johnonian freshness and energy and good humor seem inexhaustible. He thrives on a pace that would slaughter others. He has several other festivals to attend to this summer, including the famed one in the Berkshires and the Peninsula campaign at Fish Creek, Wis., in August. He is the merriest, movingest Moravian of them all. If you have the idea that the Moravians are a dour, somber, ascetic sect, forget it.

At the festival here, there was music of various kinds, but one quality—high. Those Moravian composers and copyists of nearly two centuries ago had a definite talent and tunefulness. Songs, string and woodwind group numbers, symphonic and other orchestral pieces—all these denoted strong musical consciousness. The Moravian products are reminiscent of the output of Haydn and Mozart, the contemporaries of the early American tolers.

Great Trombonists

Whatever the hour or season, these festival folk must make music. Moravians, among other things, are terrific trombonists—they are believed to have introduced the instrument to America. Before each festival concert a corking band of brasses and woodwinds formed a semicircle beneath the ancient trees of the college square and sounded their greetings over the distant tobacco acreage. Among those diligently blasting forth was Bernard Pfohl, 89, the patriarch of a clan widely represented in the Moravian musical scene.

Before we go much further, however, let us answer a reasonable query: What is a Moravian? Well, ancient Moravia was an empire that eventually became a Germanic-Bohemian province of the old Austrian empire. Five hundred years ago, a generation before Martin Luther was born, the Unity of Brethren was organized to follow the teachings of John Hus, the religious reformer who was burned at the stake for heresy. Wars, persecution and exile could not extinguish this early Protestant sect, now known as the Moravian church. In the 1730's and '40's, Moravians began to reach America. Their principal settlements in those days were at Bethlehem, Pa., and Winston-Salem.

Moved To Wisconsin

A century later Moravians took up residence in Door county and other upstate Wisconsin districts. Thor Johnson and his friend Lorenz Heise, president of the Milwaukee Arion club and a leader of the Door county music festival, are sons of Wisconsin Moravian pastors. Heise was one of the hundreds of visitors participating in the Salem festival.

Moravians make a noise—a musical noise, to be sure—all out of proportion to their numbers. In the United states there are only 152 Moravian churches, with a membership of 51,000. This relative smallness doesn't bother them.

A standing jest among the Moravians is their thrift. Some of the string they've saved is hundreds of years old. "We never throw anything away," they admit. When the pioneers came to America, they brought all their sheet music they had ever collected—compositions of their own members and of writers from other churches, the Bachs and Haydn and Mozart, for example.

So, as soon as they arrived, they had a classical tradition to maintain, and a massive musical literature. Moravian pastors were musicians in many cases, and composed a musical setting as well as a sermon for each Sunday service.

Coming To Door County

For this festival here Thor Johnson had recruited an excellent orchestra of 40 outside musicians who are members of leading symphony orchestras or of university music faculties. Most of these 40 will be in the Door county festival orchestra in August. Among his soloists was Maude Nosler, the widely known Chicago soprano who has sung frequently in Milwaukee Arion events. His big chorus and band choirs consisted of the faithful from many cities who volunteered to appear.

"This week in Winston-Salem is the one we've looked forward to all year," a husband and wife from Greenich Village, New York, observed—hobby is trombone duets.

With their grasp of 18th century musical idioms, the Moravians are adept in presenting works of the well known masters—Haydn's oratorio "The Festival Band with B. J. Pfohl, director emeritus joining in, played each evening under the direction of Austin Burke.
Third Festival Of Early Moravian Music

Festival Orchestra, Thor Johnson Conductor, is shown after the playing of the Mozart Concerto in F Major with Dean Clemens Sandresky soloist.

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Creation," for example, and the sacred songs of K. P. E. Bach, one of the gifted sons of the supreme genius Johann Sebastian. Those works were presented forcefully.

But most of the names on the eight programs are unfamiliar to non-Moravian concert goers. Johann Friedrich Peter, who died in 1813 at the age of 67, was represented by a different string composition every day. Those works were found to be satisfactory to critical listeners. Peter, a native of Germany, came to America as a young man, and spent most of the rest of his life dispensing music hereabouts. He is regarded as the foremost of the American Moravian composers.

There were many others of excellence: Jeremiah Dencke (1725-1795), who is sometimes called the first American composer; David Moritz Michael, Johann Friedrich Genier, who wrote his clarinet duets for Swedish kings; Johann Gabriel Meder, whose six minute "symphony" proved unusually attractive; Bishop Johann Herbst, preacher, college executive, watchmaker and author or copyist of hundreds of compositions; Paul Wanitsky, Joseph Riepel and so on.

More than 20 of their works were played and sung at the festival here. They were billed under a "first modern performance" caption, but actually the performances amounted to premieres, for there is no record of their having been offered publicly before.

After the remarkable creative period of Moravian music around 1800, why was it allowed to subside into oblivion? Probably the children of the talented fathers found the music difficult and old-fashioned. Whatever the reason, thousands of manuscripts were piled into storage bins of Bethlehem and Salem halls, and gathered dust for a century and a half.

BAPTISMS


Young, Margaret Rebecca, daughter of William P. and Barbara m. n. Lake Young, born June 25, 1954 in Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized in Mayodan Church April 3, 1955 by the Rev. John H. Kapp.


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Schwalbe Chapel Is Dedicated

The dedication of the Schwalbe Memorial Chapel is described in a letter to Dr. Douglas L. Rights from Miss Saxon Bray. Miss Bray, a member of the Trinity Congregation, is traveling this summer in Alaska on a Ford Foundation Fellowship. She was at Bethel at the time of the dedication and represented the Women of the Southern Province at the dedication ceremony. Miss Bray wrote:

"The big event during my visit was the trip to

Schwalbe Memorial Chapel: A Southern visitor felt at home.

Moravian Children's Orphanage for the dedication of the chapel which has become a reality through the efforts of the women of the Southern Province. Much preparation and forethought went into that trip, I noticed. At home if I wanted to travel a distance of twenty miles—say to High Point—I'd step into my car, check to see whether I needed to stop at a filling station, and I'd be on my merry way. Not so for our trip to the Moravian Orphanage.

"Early Sunday morning Mr. Schattschneider contacted the people at the Home by radio. Then he kept an eye on the Kuskokwim River, the "highway" to the Home. Shortly after eleven we all dressed for the boat trip of twenty miles. Although it was the first Sunday in June I dressed for a very cold Carolina winter's day. I wore heavy socks and knee boots, slacks, gabardine jacket topped by a thick wool sweater, a wool coat and raincoat. On my head were a scarf and hood to the raincoat. Yet I gladly accepted the cup of steaming coffee Mrs. Trodahl offered after the cold, stormy boat ride.

"The ride to and from the Home was interesting. Wild ducks flew before us several times as Messenger, the Moravian Mission boat, approached. We passed several Eskimo villages, the largest of which had as the outstanding building a Greek Orthodox Church, the effects of Russian missionaries prior to 1867. On the return many Eskimo fishing camps showed the natives had been busy during the day, for I saw hundreds of strings of smelt, a fish of this area, which were hanging to dry. These strings of smelt reminded me of the way farmers string tobacco at home.

"The Messenger carried seven people to the Home—Mr. and Mrs. Schattschneider; a young teacher and his wife, who are moving to Nome from Bethel; an Eskimo lay minister; Bonnie, the Eskimo girl who has been living with the Vaughns, and me. That trip of twenty miles took us nearly two hours, a long time because the river was still showing its might. (Ice broke on the river only a couple of weeks before I went to Bethel.)

"The dedication of the chapel was a very impressive service. About ninety people, including babies, were seated in the building which has about the same floor space as the assembly room for the Young People at Trinity. I counted about twenty-two whites and one negro while the rest of the people were Eskimos. Mr. Trodahl conducted the service—partly in English and partly in Eskimo—and three short speeches were made. Mr. Kinegak gave his talk in Eskimo as he was the lay minister to speak. Mr. Schattschneider told of the early efforts of the Moravians at the Home. Since Edith Vaughn could not fulfill her part on the program, I substituted for her and spoke as the third speaker. I surely am grateful to Mrs. K. L. Greenfield of Kennersville, who wrote Edith a letter containing several human-interest stories on the collecting of the monies for the erection of the chapel at the Home which now bears the plaque reading:

Memorial Chapel
Frederic Schwalbe
and his wife
Anna Buxbaum Schwalbe
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"We enjoyed a Lovefeast as soon as the dedication service ended. Then I felt at home for we sang the Moravian songs I love so dearly.

"The river appeared calmer when we left the chapel; so it was decided we would stay for communion, which was to be held at seven o'clock. Again the chapel was filled—adult Eskimos from the neighborhood, children from the Home, their teachers, and the passengers of the Messenger. The nurses from the Bethel Hospital had returned to Bethel immediately after the dedication service.

"Mr. Trodahl and Mr. Jim Kinegak officiated at communion, the latter reading in Eskimo while Mr. Trodahl had the songs sung in English. In the afternoon I had mentioned to Mr. Trodahl I loved the song "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice"; so he surprised me by telling the audience I wanted to hear it. We sang three stanzas in English and then the Eskimos sang the first in their native tongue. I felt both happy and welcomed by this act.

"Like all good things, our day at the Home came to an end. We changed our "church clothes" for our river-travel garb, said goodbye to the Home people, and boarded the Messenger. All were at the dock to bid us farewell and we waved until the boat went around the bend of the river. Oh yes, they could clearly see us although we pulled away from the dock at 9:35. Sunset was still an hour or more away.

"The memory of my visit to the Home will last as long as I can remember. I visited in Alaska. Whether I shall retain best the recollection of the dedication of the Schwalbe Chapel, attending the communion service, watching the children's game of lap ball, feeling an Eskimo child's hand slip into mine, drinking Moravian coffee so far away from my home, or riding in the Messenger with such fine companions, I cannot now determine. I suspect my pleasant recollection will be all the things I have mentioned and many more."
African Missionary Nurse Plans Visit To America
Johanna K. Larson, R. N.

In a recent letter to Brother Herbert B. Johnson, Sister Larson writes, "What a lovely surprise it was to receive your letter. Thank you so much for your interest and prayers. Thanks also for the greetings from the Moravian ministers. What a privilege it is to be in such a communion of prayer with our Brethren and Sisters all over the world. We in the Moravian Church have a great heritage, but I believe a great future also. What a great African Church is emerging here in East Central Africa! I have just read our Superintendent's annual report. Here in Unyamwesi alone in one year we have had over 1000 souls added to the Christian flock. But that is not the main thing; we see how the Christians are beginning also, if only slowly, to feel responsibility for, and take the initiative in, the work of the Church.

I have been wondering in past years what nationality you are. I thought you were perhaps a Dane; but now I know. The Norwegians and Danes are very close together. A great affection sprang up between them during, and after, the last World War. When the Norwegian people were starving, the Danes sent them food, even when it had to be smuggled in to them.

We thank you for translating so many of our articles in the Missionsblad, thus making us known to our American friends. It makes us feel the real fellowship we have in our Moravian Unity. I read the Wachovia Moravian. It is sent to our Superintendent, and he circulates it.

I have received a call from our Danish Mission Board to come home to Denmark to do denuty work for our Mission. I will probably leave Africa some time in 1956; but it all depends upon when I can be relieved. I am thinking about coming to America to visit my brother and two sisters who live in Iowa. I have not seen them for over forty years. The Mission Board in Christiansfeld, Denmark, may decide that I will do my deputation work in Denmark first, and then, in 1957, visit America. If so, I want to meet American Moravians, including yourself and your wife. And perhaps, I may be able to see some of the Quincenennial celebrations as well. It is good to hope.

Africa for the Africans is a fascinating slogan. We are living in a most interesting time. In Tanzania we are seeing Africa in evolution. We meet Africans on the lowest step of development and we meet them on the highest step likewise. But the majority are just emerging from devil-bidden-fear. They have a long way to travel before they can be free indeed. Only Christ can bring that to pass. The hope for Africa is a living faith in Christ.
... Foreign Mission Briefs ...

The Moravian Provincial Board in Nicaragua wishes to go on record expressing the appreciation of the entire mission for the work of the Hospital at Bilwaskarma. It not only has served the native born Moravians but particularly helped the blind of the entire mission for the work of the Hospital at Bilwaskarma. In addition to three lay pastors and the wife of one of them who are being treated for tuberculosis.

Missionary Service Ends
On July 1st the Rev. and Mrs. Harry J. Trodahl brought to a close their years of outstanding service at the Children's Home in Alaska. Not only the many children who directly benefited by their care, but the Mission Board and the church as a whole owe them a lasting debt.

Illness of Missionaries
The Board regrets to have to announce continuing illness among our mission staff. In Alaska, Mary Jane Moser has had to return home under doctor's orders. In Canada, Mrs. Samuel Marx's health does not permit their return to Honduras in July, as planned. In Costa Rica, Mrs. Clark Benson has been under the doctor's care, but the Benson's planned to return to Honduras late in July. In Nicaragua, Mrs. Warren Wengler underwent an operation at Bilwaskarma, and was making good progress at the time of writing. To all of these patients and their loved ones the Church expresses deep sympathy.

Return to Labrador
On July 1st Kate Hettinger left Bethlehem to resume service in Labrador under the British Board. She plans to spend some time in a refresher course at St. Johns, Newfoundland, before proceeding to Hebron for school work among the Eskimo children.

Return to Field
As these lines are written, both the Clarence Henkelman and the Charles Michaels are returning to Alaska. The former will head the Children's Home; the latter will take charge again of Quinagak, and of the Alaska Moravian Bible school. Brother Michael will also serve as superintendent of the field.

Famine Conditions
Recent reports from Nicaragua tell of a serious famine in parts of the coast, following the heavy floods of the Spring. The Board has used for relief funds remaining from the last hurricane emergency. Grateful acknowledgment should also be made of active help in generous proportions from the Methodists of Coffeyville, Kansas, who responded to an appeal from Warren Wengler's sister, their pastor's wife. Our gratitude is also due to "Meals for Millions" organization, of Los Angeles, which donated considerable quantities of their all-purpose food.

Visitors at the Hospital
This is to be an unusual summer at Bilwaskarma, with a group of visitors who do not come as patients, but are to aid in the program carried there. Winston-Salem sent Ralph Siewers, Ill, and Emily Butner, Washington, D. C., is represented by E. Meum, a former classmate of Mrs. Thaler's. Expected also is one of Dr. Thaler's nephews, Irene Prochnau, who arrived on June 20, will have company.

Pioneer Work
Recently Mildred Siebke spent a week in Equisch fish camp for Daily Vacation Bible School work, traveling on a cannery boat. Thirty-five Eskimo children enrolled—many who could not speak English. Sign language and pictures helped. Miss Siebke returned in style on the "Missionaire."

News of Provincial Women
Of the Church

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

Mrs. L. D. Spaugh, Jr., announces the annual fall Day of Prayer at New Philadelphia Moravian Church will be postponed due to the construction of a new Christian Education Building. Tentative plans are to have a Day of Prayer sometime in the early part of 1956.

Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell, Secretary of the Provincial Woman's Board, reports that on July 8 she had received cards from 27 and budget sheets from 10 Women of the Church groups. She hopes to have all 43 by August 1.

Mrs. J. B. Snyder, Retired Missionaries Chairman, sent a gift of money to each of our retired missionaries recently. This was done in the name of the Women of the Province, and the "thank-you" letters received by Mrs. Snyder from these wonderful people have been extremely interesting and make us feel very humble.

Mrs. M. E. Miller had the privilege of installing the new officers of the Hope Women of the Church on June 8, and of Hopewell on June 17. Both meetings were well attended and both organizations are doing splendid work.

Mrs. Sam Vance, Jr., Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Woman's Board, and Missions Chairman, sent out her second "Mission News Letter" in time for the June meetings of the Women of the Church; another will be sent in time for the September meeting. These contain items of current mission happenings and are prepared for us by the Rev. Clayton Persons. He is also preparing maps to aid us in our mission studies.

Mrs. Carl Kemper, Church History and Customs Chairman, hopes that the women are beginning to work on their historical scrap books. If any new president does not understand about this project, ask the outgoing president to explain.

Mrs. Harvey Price announces the annual meeting of the Leasclville and Mayodan Women of the Church. This will be held at the Mayodan Church on August 26 at 7:30 P. M. "Some years ago," says Mrs. Price, "the Mayodan ladies helped Leasclville organize their Auxiliary, so each summer, we visit Leasclville or they visit us, near the date of the organizational meeting."

Mrs. Joe Stone, Jr., Interprovincial Relations Chairman, has received the following letter:

Dear Mrs. Stone:
On behalf of the Executive Committee of the British Moravian Women's Auxiliary I want to send very sincere thanks to you, the members of the Provincial Women's Board, and any other ladies concerned for the donation of $22.00 toward the furnishing of the mission flat at the new headquarters here in Muswell Hill. We who already know of your generous gift are extremely grateful, just as we know all the members and friends of the M.W.A will be when they receive the news. It is most encouraging to us in England to know that we are in the thoughts of our American sisters and that they feel this interest in us.

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LEAKSVILLE

May and June were the two most encouraging months of the entire church year. By the aid of all our organizations pooling their financial strength we were able to pay off the parsonage loan of $10,000 almost four years ahead of schedule. This was realized with the final payment made at the end of May. About a year ago our Young People had around $200 in their organ fund. With several substantial gifts from several of our members and friends and with many smaller donations from most of all our people we were able to purchase a Baldwin Organ, No. 45, and pay for it in full before the end of June. We also rejoiced in the fact that we met all of our local and provincial financial obligations before the church year came to a close and to learn that our treasury was in good shape to begin the new church year July 1.

More encouragement came to us in receiving nine new members into our church during the period under review—five by Adult Baptism, three by confirmation and one by transfer. Sunday school attendances were at a high average. All regular church services were well attended and the attendances at the mid-week prayer service ranged from 30 to more than 40 each week for the two months. We were happy to have Mr. Clyde Smith, one of our local young men who is studying for the ministry in the Baptist denomination, preach for us at one of the Sunday evening services. A number of our Young People became interested and organized a fellowship group and are now holding regular meetings and programs each Sunday evening. We are glad for this growing interest on the part of the young people.

Delegations from our congregation attended three provincial rallies and in addition the Good Fellowship Class of the Sunday school joined with the Mayodan group in a fellowship supper at Mayodan on Saturday evening, May 28, and enjoyed a wonderful inspirational talk by Mr. Matt Howell of Winston-Salem. Along with all the regular services each month there are many other interests and activities of the various organizations of the church and Sunday school to keep our people quite busy, and when we look back over a period of two months we see many things accomplished.

HOLIAH R. FOLTZ

CALVARY

Two new stained glass windows, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Biggam, Jr., were dedicated to the glory of God and to the honor of Dr. Edmund Schwarze, former pastor, June 26, in the morning worship service. The occasion was the more happy because of the presence of Mrs. Margaret Schwarze Kortz in the congregation. These windows, lighted at night, portray the Christ in a beautiful "Come Unto Me" representation and under this a fine depicting of the "Cross and Crown." Together these symbolic pictures remind those who pass by the central call of Christ and the victory which we have in Christ through faith.

Three new adult classes have been organized in the Sunday school. Last fall the young adults divided to form two classes, the young adults 18 through 35, and the Burke Fellowship class, 36 through 45. Now the older men and women have united into a class with us three mixed adult classes. The Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer was the part-time teacher of the young adults during the fall, winter and spring months, and Mr. Paul Flynn is the class teacher. Mr. Austin E. Burke is the teacher of the Burke Fellowship class with Mrs. Thorpe acting as the substitute teacher. Mrs. F. S. Dalton, vice-president; Mr. Thomas Keith, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Lois Miller, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Virginia Dalton, chairman of the Board of Christian Education, and her committee organized one of the finest Bible Schools we have had in recent years. Mrs. Barbara Wombale was the leader of the Beginner's department, Mrs. Janet Seipel of the Primary, and Mrs. Louise Knott of the Junior department. Mrs. Lucy Blum was in charge of the handwork which gave fine expression to the study in notebook work. Many other assistants regularly carrying our their duties completed the school staff.

The young people of Calvary have joined with those of First Presbyterian and Centenary to hold a series of summer meetings. The entire summer program was planned before the meetings began by the leaders from the church meeting with an executive committee of the young people.

JOHN W. FULTON

WILLOW HILL

Since school has been out we have been having our Junior Choir practice on Wednesday mornings with recreation following the practice. Junior Choir practice has been well attended and their specials on Sunday add to our worship service.

We want to thank Mr. Alfred Dawson for filling the pulpit on May 22 while the pastor was away.

On May 29 we had our church council. Our secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Virginia Hiatt, was re-elected and also re-elected to the Church Board were Mrs. John Edwards and Mrs. Glenn Hiatt.

Four of our board members attended the Building and Expansion rally at Oak Grove on June 16.

On the third Sunday in June the boys and girls presented a Father's Day program in our morning worship hour. We feel that it is real training for them to have a part in the worship service.

Bible School started at Willow Hill on June 20 and ended with a closing by the different departments. Our Bible School was well attended and one of the best schools we have ever had.

Br. Granville Hiatt gave some paint and now the basement of the church has a new look. We want to thank Br. Hiatt for this paint and the men for doing the work. In our church sanctuary we have a picture of Christ placed over the pulpit through the compliments of Mrs. Granville Hiatt.

GLEN E. CRAVER
completion is February 1, 1956.

Gifts to our building fund thus far have totalled $24,000. We have made arrangements to finance the balance on what we expect will be about a five-year loan.

Average Sunday school attendance for the spring quarter set a new all-time high of 399 for the quarter.

We finished our fiscal year with all bills paid and a safe operating balance. Our people contributed more than $34,000 for all causes during the 1954-55 budget year.

Daily Vacation Bible School, under the direction of Fred Hege had 132 enrolled with an average daily attendance of 100 plus. Fred did an outstanding job with the help of 18 volunteer teachers. Superintendents were: nursery, Mrs. Edward Mock; kindergarten, Mrs. H. L. Speas; primary, Mrs. D. F. Stilwell; junior, Mrs. C. A. Van Doern, and intermediate, Mr. Hege. Fred is also rendering very valuable assistance to our congregation as a part-time assistant pastor for the summer. In this capacity he is making visits on many new and prospective families in this fast growing community.

The six-room residence next to the church, built in 1911 for a parsonage, and used in recent years for a caretaker's house has been pressed into use as a Sunday School Annex to accommodate several classes of young people. This was made possible when our resident caretaker resigned and was replaced with a non-resident man.

We were happy to have four of our members in the chorus of the Moravian Music Festival.

HENRY A. LEWIS

ARDMORE

"Summer Lag," a dread disease of the church during the hot and humid vacation months, has not hit this congregation so far this year. As a matter of fact June was an outstanding and busy month for us.

This congregation celebrated its 31st birthday on June 19. Our anniversary Holy Communion service was the largest ever with 280 present. Over 200 were present for the evening lovefeast to hear Dr. Edmund Schwarze's fine sermon.

At the annual election meeting of Church Council the Brethren Robert L. Jackson, Doyle Cappell and Ralph VanLehn were elected to the Board of Elders and the Brethren C. C. Fussell, Floyd S. Burge, Jr., and Karl S. Vickers, Jr., were chosen Trustees.

New members received in June were by Letter of Transfer: Mrs. Clay Gordon, Misses Thurman L. Spach, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James T. Regan; Mrs. H. L. Covington and Miss Linda Peterson; by Reaffirmation of Faith: Mr. Esmond Flynn and by Adult Baptism: Mrs. Esmond Flynn.

Officers for the Women of the Church organization for the new year are: Mrs. Harry E. Cook, Jr., president; Mrs. C. P. Craver, 1st vice-president; Mrs. L. D. Cappell, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. W. T. McNeil, recording secretary; Mrs. J. T. Wood, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. R. Grubbs, treasurer; Mrs. Kenneth Burge, assistant treasurer; Mrs. C. S. Ebert, chaplain; Mrs. Ralph VanLehn, assistant chaplain; Mrs. Charles Dought, fellowship secretary; Mrs. F. S. Burge, Jr., missionaries secretary, and Mrs. Gwyn Harris, past president.

Officers for the Men of the Church Fellowship for this year are: C. R. Grubbs, president; Harry E. Cook, vice-president and R. E. Folts, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

In cooperation with the suggested program for "The Year of Stewardship" an every member canvass was held during the month of June. As a direct result, over $33,000 was pledged to our budget for this new fiscal year. This is $14,000 more than was pledged by individuals last year. The Capital Fund Drive for Salem College was also incorporated into the canvass but the results were considerably below our expectations.

RICHARD F. AMOS

MIZPAH

In the two months of May and June under review, our new education building at Mizpah has grown from ground level to a nearly completed structure and we hope to have use of the building for our August lawn festival. The financial problem has been worked out just as speedily and at the present writing we need only $11,000 to complete payment on a $33,667 contract. We are much indebted to the Building and Expansion Campaign which paid our grant in full before June 30, making it possible to pay the second $10,000 on the contract on schedule. The financial reports in the Church Council of June 19 showed more than $5,000 raised for the building fund during the past twelve months.

Our congregation has been faithful with the regular finances of the church and the budget was completed two weeks before the end of the fiscal year, leaving us a balance of $212 toward painting the church building. When the new Christian Education Building is completed, the entire church premises likewise will be in condition to conform with the new appearance.

Br. Burton Winfrey and Bobby Long were elected for three years of service on the church board. We are sorry that by rotation of office required by the church constitution we are thus losing the services of Br. Joe E. Talley and A. A. Helsabeck.

Our Vacation Bible School, held June 20 to July 1 with Miss Ann Hendrix in charge, was larger than in previous years. This was due in part to the efforts of Bill Daniel to this position of responsibility; the resignation of Bill Lee as correspondent; the addition of Bill Bailey, Albert Folts, and Mildred McDowell to the church board to fill the place of retiring members Frank Crouch, Margaret Turner, and Ben Walters; the resignation of Bill Lee as Sunday School Superintendent and the appointment of Bill Daniel to this position of responsibility; the installation of Church Board members during morning worship on June 26; the new officers for the Women of the Church are Mrs. H. E. Peterson, president; Mrs. O. E. Armstrong, vice-president; Mrs. C. E. Gordon, secretary; Mrs. W. W. McNeil, treasurer.
FRIEDLAND

Testifying in glowing terms to the value of the year's stewardship emphasis is the fact that the largest budget in Friedland's history has been overpaid by more than $800.00. Inspired by this accomplishment, the congregation readily accepted a budget of $16,500 for the new fiscal year. This represents an increase over last year's stewardship emphasis by more than $800.00.

A new budget was adopted for the old year completed.

Officers for the Women of the Church for the new year are: Mrs. R. G. Hampton, president; Mrs. Charles K. Jones, vice-president; Mrs. S. M. Johnson, secretary, and Mrs. R. L. Fitchum, treasurer.

A basement has been dug for the installation of a furnace and the heater which has been used in the church sold. Further plans have been made for more improvement in the graveyard with the removal of a number of trees.

WAY E. CRANFORD

ADVENT

Five Sundays during the past two months our attendance at the morning worship service passed the three hundred mark. The top attendance was reached on our 31st anniversary observance, Sunday, June 26, when 345 of our people, their families and friends, met for the morning worship service and the dinner which followed in Fellowship Hall. The band, under the direction of Vestal Whit, played a fine selection of Moravian Chorales while the picnic tables were being prepared. Two hundred-four of our people returned for the Lovefeast in the evening.

On May 1 at the morning worship service William Strom, local representative of the Gideons International, delivered a very inspiring message based on John 3:16. A special offering was received to assist the Gideons in their distribution of Bibles.

Our first every-member visitation had many flaws in its organization but the willingness of those who did the visiting to speak in behalf of the Lord Jesus and His work and the response of our people has been wonderful to behold. On Loyalty Day, June 5, eighty pledges were brought to the communion table and offered to God. These pledges amounted to approximately $8,500. Since then more have been received and we believe that through the grace of God we will be able to seize the opportunities of service both at home and abroad which have been presented to us.

On May 29 our annual Church Council was held. Fred N. Snyder, George W. Boyer, Jr., and Jimmie L. Newsom, were elected to the Board of Elders. The new Trustees are Ben H. Fishel, Jr., Fred Tesh, and J. C. Dillon.

Paul A. Snider

HOPPEWELL

At this writing we are happy to announce that a portion of the Hopewell road is in the process of being paved. Many of our friends will rejoice with us over this and shall join with us in hoping that the entire road will be paved in the future.

Thanks to Committee men Jesse Davis, Otis Hage, Carl Seagraves, John Robinson, and Jack Fesmire, for assisting Hopewell in organizing a scout troop. Alan Cude was named scoutmaster and Ed Blizzard, the assistant. At present twenty-one boys have joined.

At the recent Sunday school election the following were voted in office: council secretary, Mrs. J. M. Morton; superintendent, James Culler; assistant superintendent, John Snyder; secretary, Ira Snyder; assistant secretary, Alan Cude; choir leader, Lester Comer; assistant choir leader, C. E. Snyder; pianist, Mildred White; assistant pianist, Doris Lambeth.

At Church Council the following were elected to office: Church Elders—Delangnal Smith and Robert Spahn; Trustees—James Syers, Lester Comer, and Alan Cude.

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W. C. Fox, Jr., church treasurer, reported at the close of the fiscal year all Provincial items and building note paid to date. This was welcome news, but we regretted to learn he had unpaid bills for current expenses and a number of unpaid pledges on the church book.

Daily Vacation Bible School was held June 13-17. The five-day session was directed again this year by the pastor. Enrollment reached 50 with an average attendance of 43. This is a good record considering the fact that all the churches in our community were holding schools during the same period.

The Women of the Church organization completed a most successful year under the presidency of Mrs. R. W. Newsom. The group inaugurated an annual “Day of Prayer,” assisted financially with the church budget and building fund, and also contributed to the various causes of the Provincial Women’s Board. Mrs. R. K. Morgan, treasurer, reported $2,005.36 raised by the three Circles—of this amount $100 was paid monthly into the building fund.

For the first time scholarships for Youth Conferences are being awarded to young people in the church school. This was welcome news, but we regretted to learn he had unpaid bills for current expenses and a number of unpaid pledges on the church book.

The Council meeting marks the end of the year trial for our United Budget. As compared with former years this has been perhaps the most successful in the latter history of the congregation. Instead of being over a thousand dollars behind during the last month of the year, we have found ourselves with enough money to complete our redecoration in the church sanctuary without a special drive. This, because of a generous gift from outside the congregation as well as the more than two thousand dollar surplus from within. This also in spite of a cracked furnace boiler which was an unexpected item.

Attendances upon all of our meetings have increased with the exception of the circle meetings of the Women of the Church. In another year we hope that these also will be increased. Especially encouraging has been the increase in faithfulness to Communion.

Our Young People’s evening program has for the first time had a complete complement of leaders throughout the year. Its activities and attendances have reflected this in all respects, this being our most active year.

Encouraging also has been the increasing number of former delinquent members who are either coming back to active participation or becoming active members elsewhere. Though the latter has caused us to show numerical loss rather than gain, we are nevertheless happy that these folks have found it in their hearts to serve the Lord in activity somewhere. Many of them, being non-resident, would have been unable to be with us anyway.


We pray that all of this success shall but the prelude to further service. Our next project and crying need is to find some way to expand our limit of eleven classrooms in the Sunday school to the necessary departments to serve our school and community.

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centered in the address brought by Brigadier J. M. Satterfield of the local Salvation Army staff who spoke feelingly on the primary obligation of every Christian to be a "witness for His Lord." Those who will guide this group during the year are, William H. Day, president; Felix A. Krites, vice president, W. Thomas Sink, secretary, and Henry L. Masten, treasurer.

"Every young couple in our congregation ought to share in the fellowship and instruction of this Conference," was the report brought back by the Ralph Bell family as our representatives at Young Adult Conference.

Immanuel would be terribly remiss in our gratitude and thanksgiving should we fail to recognize publicly the stimulating challenge which was presented to Br. and Sr. C. T. Leinbach, Sr., which resulted in the most fruitful financial effort ever undertaken by our congregation in so brief a time. The reduction in building debt, the saving afforded in interest, and the boost to our local budget finances has left us with the deep conviction that perhaps we have failed our Lord in our own stewardship.

An excellent staff, a capacity enrollment, and excellent cooperation by all gave us one of the best Vacation Bible Schools of recent years. Grateful thanks to Mrs. F. A. Krites, Nursery, Mrs. Julian K. Long, Beginners, Mrs. T. M. Foster, Primary, and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, Juniors and the faithful brethren assisting them.

The annual Congregation Council elected the brethren Clyde F. Gordon, Dennis C. Landreth, and C. Dewitt Phipps, to the Board of Elders, and William H. Day, Edwin T. Dixon, and Herman P. Massey, to the Board of Trustees. Because of the nature of pastoral arrangements it had been necessary in the past to hold the Holy Week communion service on Palm Sunday evening. A resolution to change the time to Maundy Thursday was unanimously approved by the Council.

Homecoming and Loyalty Day was observed with a special message by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl on the nature of the true Church. It was both instructive and inspiring and heard by a large congregation. The picnic dinner, which concluded the day and was spread on the lawn, was noteworthy for its fine spirit of fellowship.

SAMUEL J. TESCH

DEATHS


Peoples, Kate, born August 30, 1891; died May 24, 1955. A member of Moravia Church, Funeral conducted by the Rev. R. T. Troutman and the Rev. Ray Smith. Interment in Moravia Graveyard.


Copeland, Mrs. Mary Marston, born February 15, 1884, in Surry County; died May 19, 1955. Funeral services were conducted at Mount Bethel Church, May 21, 1955 by the Rev. Paul Snider, and the Rev. Joe Crews.

Collins, Shirley Imogene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, born May 17, 1955, died at the age of 9 days, May 26, 1955. Funeral services were conducted at Willow Hill Church, May 28, 1955 by the Rev. Glenn E. Craver and Br. Alfred Dawson.


Carroll, Frederick W., born November 14, 1907; died June 13, 1955. Funeral and burial at Coral Gables, Florida. A member of Home Moravian Church.


Clay, Mrs. George Toney, daughter of Walter O. and Mary Harper Watkins; born March 30, 1900, in Forsyth County; died June 4, 1955; member of Trinity Church; funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights; burial in Salem Graveyard.

Hine, Berlie L., born in Forsyth County on March 8, 1893; died June 7, 1955; funeral conducted by the Rev. Richard F. Amos. Interment in Salem Moravian Graveyard. A charter member of Andover Church.

TRODAHL BECOMES PASTOR OF NORTH DAKOTA CHURCHES

The Rev. Harry J. Trodahl who has served as a missionary in Alaska since 1936, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Moravian congregations of Bethel and Alice, N.D. The Trodahls plan to enter upon their new charge early in October.

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Smith, Thomas Lee, Jr., son of Thomas L. and Barbara m. n. Langley. Born December 25, 1954, was baptized June 12, 1955, at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


Weavil, Brent Louis, son of William L. and Rebecca m. n. Hine Weavil, born July 11, 1954 in Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized July 3, 1955 at Friedland Church by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.


Building and Expansion Reaches $50,000 Goal

The Building and Expansion Program reached its goal of $50,000 on June 28 thus completing its seventh year of operation at the earliest date in its history. In fact this is the first year that the sum of $50,000 has been in the hands of Treasurer E. L. Stockton by June 30.

At the same time announcement is made for 1955-1956, the eighth year of the program. In the eighth year the program will aid Raleigh, Mt. Airy, Union Cross, Bethabara, and Olivet as well as making a sizeable grant toward the cost of the new home for the president of the Provincial Elder’s Conference.

The announcement of this year’s program was made by Wilson Edwards, retiring chairman of the Steering Committee, at the annual dinner for board members of the churches of the province which was held at Oak Grove on June 16.

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PROFESSORS KORTZ AND HELLER RECEIVE DOCTORATES

All four members of the Theological Seminary faculty now have their doctorates with the granting of the Doctor of Sacred Theology Degree to Professor Edwin Kortz and the Doctor of Theology Degree to Professor James Heller in June. Professor Kortz received his degree from Temple University School of Theology. His doctoral dissertation was titled, “The Liturgical Development of the American Moravian Church.”

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The chronically ill
What has been said thus far is of a general nature and is particularly applicable to cases of acute illness (acute—of some severity and coming speedily to a crisis.) Those who are chronically ill (chronic—of long duration) constitute a type of shut-ins for whom the church is also responsible. These shut-ins, not necessarily old folks, have had a normal life disrupted by disease or affliction. They have lost the capacity for action and sometimes have even lost purpose for living. Physical suffering, severe as it may be, is not the heaviest burden to be borne. One who cannot attend public worship or social affairs, and who no longer is capable of doing productive work, is lonely. Visits are greatly appreciated and should be carefully planned. Anything which can bring about a sense of usefulness and a feeling of fellowship will bring a tremendous lift to the chronically ill. Regularity is important also. The shut-in who sees nothing but the same four walls year after year is often forgotten in the rush of our present world. "I was sick and ye visited me," say the chronically ill, and they should be able to add, "week after week, month after month, year after year.

The aged
The other type of shut-in on the church's visiting list is the person who is confined to the house because of the infirmities of age. Regular visits filled with understanding love will do much to make the days of aging fellow Christians. Visit when you have time to reminisce a bit and carry news of mutual interest. Don't be in a hurry. A gift, a bouquet of flowers, or anything which indicates affection and the act of remembering, will carry with it a sense of well-being and belonging.

Don't forget the family
Every illness means anxiety and double-duty for the members of the family. They need the support of fellowship, too. During those long hours of waiting, in the case of serious illness, a visit is sometimes more appreciated by the family than by the patient. There are times when a visit to the patient is impossible. When the disease requires isolation, for example, or when the patient is too ill to see anyone or the hospital is located in another community. Do not give up your good intentions too readily. Visit the family.

Follow the rules of courtesy
Circumstances make it easy to follow the accepted rules of courtesy when you are visiting a person in his home. But remember that the patient's hospital room is his temporary home. Never enter a room without knocking even when the door is partly open. When the door is closed, do not enter without first receiving permission from the nurse who is on duty. After entering do not make yourself at home in a chair unless invited to do so. The patient is bedfast and at your mercy, therefore be alert to his every desire.

It is courteous, too, to follow hospital rules and regulations carefully. There is a shortage of trained nurses in the nursing profession, which means double duty for many nurses, and it is necessary to maintain a strict schedule in order to care for a large number of patients effectively. Asking for special favors or visiting at other than the prescribed hours is annoying to busy hospital personnel and can be embarrassing to the patient.

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The class of 1905, Salem Boys School, celebrated its fiftieth graduation anniversary on May 23 at a dinner in the Club Dining Room of Salem College.

According to the records of the school, deposited in the archives, the last session ended in 1910, when the school was discontinued by church officials.

It was noted by class members present that this was possibly the only reunion of alumni this year who were not aware of "need for funds" for the institution they attended.

The Rev. Irvin Deer, secretary of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, sent a copy of the church bulletin of the Chicago Temple for June 19, 1955, which contains the following note:

"The flowers for the sanctuary today are given by the employees of the Fogle Furniture Company, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in honor of Mr. John D. Stockton, President of the Company. Mr. Stockton is celebrating fifty years in the manufacture of furniture. He has been a faithful attendant at the Temple services on his repeated trips to the furniture market. We congratulate him on this his golden anniversary."

Dr. Clemens de Baillou, of the University of Georgia, spent two days in the archives in June studying the records of the Moravian Mission for the Cherokee Indians. He is assisting in the restoration of the mission settlements at Springplace and Othagacaliga, including the James Vann House, and the capital of the Cherokee Nation at New Echota. The sites are in north Georgia, and the capital of the Cherokee Nation at New Echota. The sites are in north Georgia, and the capital of the Cherokee Nation at New Echota. The sites are in north Georgia, and the capital of the Cherokee Nation at New Echota.

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Christian Steward Has a World Outlook

Edwin W. Kortz

During the early days of World War II a cartoon appeared on the editorial page of one of our newspapers which depicted a schoolroom full of children. The teacher was that big brutish fellow in armor who usually is shown to represent war, and the subject was geography. The caption implied that war is a good geography teacher. This was true during the war not because Guadalcanal and New Guinea were interesting places in themselves but because sons, husbands, and brothers were there. We are always concerned about the activity of those who are dear to us and especially when that activity takes them to another part of the world.

The more we read the New Testament the more we become conscious of brothers and sisters beyond our immediate family. Galatians 3:26, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ", is only one of many passages of Scripture which emphasize the idea of believers as one family. The Moravians have always made a point of the family nature of the relationship of Christians. Christians, therefore, for whom this family tie has become real are not able to limit their interests to their own congregations. Their outlook is worldwide. The work of the Lord in far away places cannot remain impersonal if praying is to be done regularly, for who can pray even for five minutes for a missionary without some knowledge of him and his work. The work of the Lord cannot remain vague if good stewards are making contributions toward it and are concerned enough to see what their money is doing.

In human relationships it is unusual when brother and sister are completely unaware of one another's activity. This is no less true of God's family. Look at a map for a moment and discover how much of it has become familiar to you, a Moravian, because of the Lord's work.

ALASKA

On the Kuskokwim river just a few miles above Bethel there is a Children's Home where Eskimo children are cared for who would otherwise be neglected. Nothing could be farther removed from the consciousness of busy people on the East coast of the United States than an institution isolated 6,000 miles away in a barren land. And yet the names of the Eskimo children are known in churches, Sunday schools, and women's societies.

NICARAGUA

What relationship does a Miskito Indian on the East Coast of a Central American republic have with someone living in Winston-Salem or Bethesda? Very little at first thought! A great deal when the whole story is told! When that Miskito Indian is an ordained minister of the Moravian Church, he is a brother. His conversion, education, ordination, and service in the Lord's vineyard bring him so close to each of us that we know his name and something about his work.

HONDURAS

There is an area in the southeast corner of Honduras known as La Mosquitia. Part of the work of the missionaries there is the maintenance of a medical clinic. If you could drop in for a visit you would find a line of natives waiting to be treated for all kinds of ailments. The picture is not an impersonal one of a doctor treating some unknown people of another land and color. You would be visiting our own Dr. Samuel Marx as he treats your own brothers and sisters in Christ.

THE WEST INDIES

The West Indies, for most American Moravians, are little known areas in the Caribbean Sea, often associated with stories of Christopher Columbus, Spanish conquest, and pirates, and more recently with vacation cruises. This birthplace of Moravian missions is now becoming a very real part of our American Moravian Church. St. John, St. Thomas, and St. Kitts, names of islands, will become as familiar to us as Bluefields and Bethel since Marvin and Wilma Henkelman, from the Northern Province, and James Blanton, from the Southern Province, are serving churches there.

AFRICA

The American Moravian Church is not directly responsible for missions in Africa, and yet there is a genuine interest in the affairs of that Continent because of the thousands of people there who call themselves Moravians. It is a concern for these children of God that prompts American Moravians to ask such questions as, "How near is the Mau Mau territory to our mission work?" "Are our people affected by the unrest?" "How are Moravians weathering the storm in South Africa?" The map of Africa comes alive when we envisage approximately 95,000 Moravians living there maintaining a positive Christian witness in the midst of strife.

AROUND THE WORLD

Readers of Moravian publications find that Africa is closer because of Hartmut Beck; Labrador because of Kate Hettasch; Holland because of the Schalkwijk brothers; England because of Africa is closer because of Hartmut Beck; Labrador and so on indefinitely. Above all, the strongest tie is the realization of the fact that around the world the Moravians who are worshipping and witnessing are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

"This Is The Life" Wins TV Award

For the second year in succession a nation-wide poll embracing the entire television industry has picked the religious television film program "This Is The Life" as the best religious program on the air. The results, just announced in Billboard, weekly newspaper of the theatre trades, indicate that "This Is The Life" outdistanced the vote of the next six entries combined. Its 1,476 overall total vote topped that of more than 250 other nominees, and was exceeded by only four others—Disneyland (2,005), Roy Rogers (1,923), Dragnet (1,723) and Victory at Sea (1,627).

Furthermore, in a special poll to determine the "TV Series Performing the Greatest Public Service", this religious program placed among the winners, outdistanced only by such top productions as "Medic", "The Search", "Disneyland", and "I Led Three Lives".

The winning of the fifth highest vote in so critical an industry poll by a religious program, strictly on its own professional merits, is a real tribute to the churchmen who have so quickly and so ably mastered this difficult medium of dramatic and moral communication, according to Sam Hersh, president of Family Films, Inc., producer of the series, for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

SUMMER CONFERENCES

The five summer conferences of the Southern Province were attended this year by a total of 511 campers. All conferences were held at Camp Hanes.

Attendance by age groups was Young Adults, 51; First Junior group, 104; Second Junior group, 119; Junior High, 146; and Senior, 91.

Approximately ninety adults contributed their time to the conference programs as leaders and counsellors. The Rev. Henry A. Lewis was the leader of the Young Adults; the Rev. George A. Chidie was dean of both Junior groups; the Rev. Christian D. Weber was dean of the Junior High; and the Rev. John S. Gouwen led the Seniors in their conference which brought the program to a close on Sunday, August 28.
Report On Canadian Synod

Percival R. Henkleman

"The Positive Vision" was the title of the synod address delivered by the Rev. Raymond Schults, setting the theme of the Twelfth Canadian District Synod held at Camp Van Es on June 27, 28 and 29. Delegates from all the Moravian Churches in Alberta and British Columbia worked and worked together during these three days.

Though this was the first Synod for many of the delegates they quickly became accustomed to the procedure. With the able leadership of Brother Stocker and the preparatory work of the District Executive Board, the business of Synod was dispatched quickly and efficiently. Reports and committee resolutions were presented to Synod in mimeographed form, also expediting the business at hand.

500th anniversary

Important on the agenda of Synod was the 500th Anniversary Advance Program of the Church. A report including the donations of each congregation as well as expenditures of these funds was presented. Congregations which have not yet completed the formal financial campaign will be encouraged to do so.

The new congregation at Jasper Place, being a direct result of the Quincentennial Campaign, was under consideration by Synod. Several resolutions concerning the new work included a recommendation to formulate a master plan for the building facilities of the church.

Many opportunities for church extension present themselves in the city of Edmonton which is still growing at the rate of one thousand persons each month. New developments in other cities and rapidly growing towns also provide an unprecedented challenge. In view of these facts a resolution was passed to implement a regular fund-raising campaign in each intersynodal period to carry out the challenge.

Further, the District Executive Board was authorized to appoint a representative committee to prepare for an adequate Quincentennial celebration in 1957.

To assist the District Executive Board in the administration of the various phases of district work, especially in connection with new projects, Synod approved the raising of District quotas to one dollar per communicant member.

Foreign Missions also came under consideration with hearty commendation to the Board of Foreign Missions and the Provincial Elder's Conference for accepting the work of the Eastern West Indies. Heartly support through prayer, financial aid and personnel was pledged by the representatives of the Canadian churches.

Since our district has numerous missionaries on the various fields, Synod has asked the District Board to investigate carefully the securing of a residence to be made available to missionaries home on furlough. The Edmonton area was suggested as a suitable site for such a residence.

Viewing the increasing difficulty of securing ministers who are able to preach in both the English and German languages, Synod unanimously resolved that bilingual congregations be encouraged to settle on English, the language of the nation in which we live. It was agreed that some congregations are not making the progress they could because of the language problem. The younger, English-speaking generation should be remembered especially when this problem comes under consideration by the congregations.

Elected to the District Executive Board were the following: The Rev. Elmer Stelter, president; the Rev. Percival Henkleman, general secretary; Edward Sampert, treasurer; Alvin Harke, first lay member and Albert Suetter, second lay member.

Representing the Canadian District at the Provincial Synod in 1956 will be the Rev. Elmer Stelter, the Rev. Percival Henkleman, Edward Sampert and Albert Suetter.

The Rev. Elmer Stelter is to serve as district representative on the Board of Foreign Missions.

Services In Washington Resume In September

On Sunday afternoon May 15 about fifty Moravians from the Washington, D. C., area met in the Foundry Methodist Chapel for their anniversary lovefeast and communion service. Buns and coffee were served in traditional Moravian style. The Rev. Ernest Drebert, pastor of the Graceham, Md., congregation conducted the service and the Graceham senior choir supplied the special music.

During the months of July and August no Moravian services are held in Washington. Starting in September, however, regular services will be resumed on the third Sunday of every month in the Foundry Methodist Church. Any Moravians in the area are cordially invited to attend.

MINISTERS COVENANT DAY

The annual Covenant Day for ordained ministers and their wives will be held at Old Bethabara Church at 3:00 P. M. on September 16.

Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders Conference, will preside at the preparatory service and Bishop Howard E. Rondthalter will speak.

Bishop J. K. Pfohl will preside at the service of Holy Communion assisted by the Rev. K. Edwin Fussell, pastor of Bethabara.

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On page 11 is to be found the annual statistical report of the churches for 1955. The net increase in communicant membership of only 120 is the lowest in a number of years. The explanation for this is to be found primarily in the "Dropped" column as a number of churches adjusted their membership lists. The total dropped was 250 as compared with 81 in this column in 1954.

Churches showing the largest net increase are Fairview, 39; Ardmore, 34; New Philadelphia, 26; Kinston Hills, 26; Greensboro, 22; and Mayodan, 21.

The stewardship article for this month on page 1 was written by Dr. Edwin W. Kortz. Dr. Kortz is the Rondthalter Professor of Practical Theology at Moravian Theological Seminary and president of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Archives House contains an interesting list of those who attended the first Moravian Youth Conference at Camp Hanes in 1931.

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NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED IN NORTHERN PROVINCE

Two new congregations were added to the list of churches in the Northern Province during the summer. They were at Union, New Jersey, and Menominee, Michigan.

BATTLE HILL

A total of ninety-six parents and children were in attendance Sunday morning, June 12, 1955, at Battle Hill Community Church, Union, N. J., when the Rev. Donald Fulton, pastor, presented the charter roll to Dr. Vernon Couillard, vice-president of the Eastern District Board, who accepted it and also the petition to organize this new congregation to be brought before the Board.

At 3:30 that afternoon the first church council took place at which time the first official boards were elected as well as the delegate to Synod.

Work was begun here in November of 1953 and has been continued every Sunday since then along with other activities such as Vacation Bible School. At present the congregation has a communicant membership of fifty-four adults. Forty-four of their children are on the rolls of the Sunday School.

MENOMINEE

Upon request of those involved, on July 10, the Brethren L. Richard Mevaldi, Victor Thomas and Fred Wolff officially received as members of the Moravian Church, of Menominee, Mich., the former members of the Trinity Evangelical Church in Menominee, who had been served over an extended period by the Rev. Melvin R. Klokow. The transfer of this congregation and its property had been duly authorized by the governing boards of both denominations.

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Ye call Me Master and obey Me not,
Ye call Me Light and see Me not,
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Ye call Me Rich and ask Me not,
Ye call Me Eternal and seek Me not,
Ye call Me Gracious and trust Me not,
Ye call Me Noble and serve Me not,
Ye call Me Mighty and honor Me not,
Ye call Me Just and fear Me not;
If I condemn you, blame Me not.

Anonymous

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The Man Called "One Penny"

Johanne K. Larsen, R. N. Moravian Missionary in East Central Africa.
Translated by Herbert B. Johnson

"What is your name?" is a question asked daily and repeatedly by those of us who are engaged in the care of the sick. Sometimes it takes a long while before the patient will answer the question because to mention one's own name is a serious thing to do, especially if one bears the name of a deceased relative. You see, the spirit of the departed will not permit his name to be spoken aloud. It makes the spirit angry. This unwillingness to speak one's name is not always based upon such somber thinking. It often happens that the giving of the patient's name is withheld simply because the patient has entirely forgotten what his name is, and particularly the name of his father. Name-changing is so frequently done, that it becomes no easy task to keep one's own name in mind.

Names play an important role among our people, but much harm is done through this multiple changing of names. A man leaves home to find work elsewhere. But, when he finds a job, he often changes his name. He neglects to inform the folks at home about the change in his name and, consequently, letters from home never reach him.

Many like to take new names from new things, which they discover in their new environment. For example, the new name taken is Mapa ya Soda, from soda water. Or Kamba Ulaya, from European rope. Ndege Ulaya, from the airplane. Many children born at that time received the name which are quite practical. About twenty years ago there occurred a plague of grasshoppers. So, many children born at that time received the name Ngizo, which means grasshopper. Again one gets his name from that of the king recently crowned. More frequently is the child named after the time of day when he was born. Chauzviku, born at night. Yumanne, born on Thursday. As in the Old Testament, every name had its own meaning, so likewise do names in Africa. It is remarkable how they can compound names out of their own language. And these manufactured names are often very apt and have a pleasant sound.

Not so long ago there came a patient who was called Centi-Moja, or One Penny. I asked him if the name still fitted him, or had he changed his name to Centi-Mbili, or two cents? Centi-Mbili is quite a common name hereabout. Yes, his name suited exactly, for he was just a penny man. He had been employed in lead mines, two hundred miles from Usoke, but was now suffering from the sleeping-sickness. He was accepted as a patient. Little did I think at the time that One Penny would live up to his name. We often teased his about his name, because the African enjoys a joke. We liked him, and he was very contented in our midst. Besides this, he was an unusual person, always glad to hear the Word of God, always willing and capable.

Discharged from the hospital he went to live with a kinsman near by, while awaiting his final station before returning home. On the appointed day he stood at the door, and shouted, "Hodi." I replied, "Karibu." Africans do not rap at your door. I could barely recognize him because he was wearing almost no clothing, having only a portion of a woman's dress about his middle. "Good morning, Centi-Moja, how are you?" I inquired. "Look at me," he replied. "Yes, but what has happened to you? What have you done with your good clothing?" "Everything has been burned up; all my possessions, and all my money. I had one hundred eighty kroner in papermoney. Now I have just one penny in my pocket. The house in which I lived burned over our heads last night." After a handshake and a word of sympathy I could not keep myself from remarking, "You certainly have at last come to fit yourself to your name." "That is true," he replied, "it is God who has punished me; so I have no complaint to make, only thanksgiving, because He has spared my life." As I did what I could for the untidy man, I was wondering what I should do to help him return home. I wrote a letter for him to carry to the chief government official, asking him to provide the unfortunate man with a ticket home. I personally helped the poor fellow with a couple of shillings for food en route.

This was on Wednesday. The weekly train to Mpanda runs on Thursdays. This was the train he must take. But Thursday forenoon Centi-Moja appeared again in the mission office. "What's wrong now?" I questioned. "You are to leave on this morning's train." At this he drew out two kroner and showed them to me. "Here's what that government official gave me for a ticket. It won't carry me the fourth of the way home." There was very little time for business transactions; so I drew from our "patient's reserve fund" enough to get him a ticket all the way home.

We had our final handshake, wished each other well. As he thanked me for the help given him, I remarked to him, "It seems to me that you should change your name to Centi-Kumi," which means ten cents. A big, broad smile appeared on his face; and then One Penny departed.

When the writer's grandfather, the Rev. Samuel Allen, went to the island of Jamaica as a missionary of the Moravian Church, his first charge was a church called Carmel, located in the lowlands near the coast. For the past five years, the pastor of the Carmel congregation has been the Rev. John K. Berry, an Englishman. In 1950 Br. Berry responded to the appeal made by the British Mission Board for a "supreme effort" to "rehabilitate" the work of the Jamaica Province of our Moravian Unity. At that time he was serving as minister of the Gracehill church, founded in 1760 and famous as the only settlement-type congregation of Moravians in Northern Ireland.

Later that year with his wife and three children—now there are four—Br. Berry departed for Jamaica, along with two other English Moravian ministers and their families who had volunteered for a five-year tour of emergency service on the
mission field. Br. Gerry gallantly undertook the pastorate of three congregations, Kilmanock and New Works, in addition to Carmel, where the Moravian Manse for the group is situated. After his stretch of duty in the tropics, Br. Berry testified as follows in a recent letter:

"We have never regretted coming out to Jamaica, and we return with many happy memories of new friends and new places. To learn to ride a horse at the age of 40 is an experience in itself. I can recommend it. The old adage states 'Life begins at 40.' Well, it was certainly a new life for me. I shall do my best to sell Jamaica upon our return and I hope some of our younger brethren over there will 'up anchor and away.' We were interested to learn the good news that your provinces have taken over the Eastern West Indies, or rather will take over that province on July 1. The need out there is greater than it is here in Jamaica . . . Perhaps the example American brethren are going to set will inspire some of the brethren in England to do the same for Jamaica. It was grand to meet Bishop Richard Mewaldt, Br. Samuel Tesch, and the Texas Ranger, Br. Joseph Barton. They all visited Carmel." (The visits took place during the celebration last December of the 200th anniversary of Moravian missions in Jamaica.)

Now there's a challenge to our two American provinces. We must set an example of genuine service and sacrifice, for Moravians the world over are watching the brothers living a holy life and hoping to see us bear such witness of courage and consecration. On the 9th of August Br. Berry and his family set sail for England on the S. S. Bayano. But the other two 'emergency' missionaries sent out in 1950 by the hard-pressed British Province, Br. Patrick Craig, and Br. Haydn Todd, are remaining in Jamaica even longer. Let us in America also endeavor to do the utmost possible for the kingdom of Christ in the mission fields assigned to our portion of the Moravian Church.

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Death of the Rev. W. A. Charles

Word has come by telegram of the sudden death of the Rev. W. A. Charles who for years was in charge of Moravian work on St. John, Virgin Island. The sympathy of the church goes out to Sister Charles.

Br. Charles was born on St. Kitts and educated at Buxton Grove. His loss accentuates the need for workers in this field. For the present our church has no ordained minister on St. John.

The Bethesda Home-Shipment

On August 3 the S. S. Hera took on board the annual shipment of bandages (twelve thousand), clothing and hospital supplies forwarded by the Moravian King's Daughters to the Bethesda Leper Home in Surinam. The consignment contained fifteen drums and two boxes, weighing over two thousand pounds. The value of the articles was well over $700.00.

This year the committee in charge consisted of Mrs. S. J. Johnson, chairman; Mrs. William Speck; Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton; Mrs. Vernon Couillard. Thanks again are due to the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company, which carried the consignment free of charge and to the Leeward and Windward Islands and Guianas Conference for authorizing this shipment.

In Bluefields at Long Last

A letter from Elizabeth Marx dated July 24 tells of the arrival of a shipment of laboratory equipment in Bluefields. It represents a gift by the children of the late William and Sarah Elizabeth Everett in memory of their parents. The Board wishes to express its appreciation to them and also to Dr. Walter Gapp for his advice in selecting such articles as are essential in such a laboratory.

A Memorable Communion Service

The Rev. Clarence Henkleman reports having visited twenty-three Moravian Eskimos who are patients in the hospital at Anchorage. He served Communion to four, and writes: "I think I received more blessing than they. All but three of the patients seemed cheerful and happy."

The Michaels also report finding many more Alaskan Moravian patients in Tacoma and Seattle than had been listed. These greeted them with touching emotion. Br. Michael also was able to have a service for them in at least one of the hospitals.

Pressed into the Fishing Business

Miss Siebke wrote on July 11 of a big run of salmon at Dillingham, 150,000 in one day. Everybody except bedridden folk were called on to help in the emergency. Miss Siebke ran a lid machine; Miss Burgardt worked in the office; even the canneroy superintendent donned a rubber apron. The week night services had to be omitted because no one came except one child.

Shifting Industry

In Nicaragua too the church faces problems due to shifting population. In Karawala, where for a number of years a lumber company has been active, work ended and operations have been moved up to the Rio Grande River. This will affect the population in Karawala seriously, but it is hoped that some of its outstations will grow as a result.

A Revival at Cukra Hill

In Cukra Hill there appears to be an awakening of souls. As an example of this the Rev. Charles Moses reports that after the last Communion Service, as he and the church members were leaving a woman came running toward the group. She shouted "Parson please stop, I want to speak with you." When asked what could be done for her she replied: "O, sir, I want to join the Church, I want to be saved." Right there in the road, prayer was offered for her and the way of salvation made clear to her.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

MAYODAN

Report for June and July, 1955

A most successful Vacation Bible School was held June 6-15 with an enrollment of 110 and an average attendance of 98.6. The Sunday preceding the school a short dedication service for the helpers in the school was held. The evening of June 15 an interesting closing program was given. The auditorium and annex were filled.

Our Loyalty Day was June 12. In the Sunday School a period was given for testimonials on stewardship. There was a favorable response. Pledges were received in the worship hour. The following week members of a canvassing committee visited our church members and spoke to them on attendance and stewardship in general. We had a most successful fiscal year both financially and numerically. We met our budget in addition to paying a considerable amount on our parsonage indebtedness, and we have had a net increase of 21 communicant and 6 non-communicant members. Attendance at Sunday School and morning worship has been better on the average.

Other special services were the missionary service held June 5 at which time Paul Winkle of the Methodist Church was the married couple’s fellowship meeting with Norris Griffin as speaker; the Sunday morning service on July 31 when Br. J. K. McConnell brought a splendid message in the absence of the pastor who was away on vacation; the installation service of the Women of the Church Sunday evening, June 26; the sacred musical program at Mayo Park rendered by the combined men’s choirs of Mayodan Baptist and Moravian Churches; and the vesper services at Mayo Park at which time our adult choir sang and Bishop Rondthaler spoke.

One of our most active young people, Bill Price, was united in marriage to Mary Cecil Brown on June 17.

We were glad that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price were able to attend our Provincial Young Adult conference at Camp Hanes; and Mary Alice De Luca, Velma Goin, and Glenn Shelton could attend our Junior conference.

JOHN H. KAPP

RALEIGH

The summer months have been a busy season for our congregation, especially the members of the Church Board and the Building Committee. After what seemed to be an endless process of revision, the plans for our Christian Education building finally merited full approval by the Provincial Financial Board and the Church Aid and Extension Board, as well as our own Building Committee and Church Board. At this writing the working drawings and specifications are about to be submitted to contractors. And by the time this report is read, all bids should have been received, and the contract for the construction of our first church building let. In line with this schedule, we are preparing for a ground-breaking service in September, probably on the first Sunday afternoon of the month.

The last three weeks of July saw the brethren and sisters of the Building Committee join with the pastor in a frantic effort to finish the repair and redecoration of our parsonage by the end of the month. The undersigned actually moved out of N-4, Raleigh Apartments, on August 2, and took up official residence at 3225 Darien Drive, the address of the parsonage house on our church property. On Saturday night, August 6, at seven o’clock, the first sacred event to occur in the parsonage took place when the pastor performed the wedding ceremony for Peggy Ann Craft and Jack M. Cotten, of Raleigh. Peggy, who has lived with her parents, Br. and Sr. Charles M. Craft, of Garner, is a member of our church, and teaches the Nursery class in Sunday School. For the past year she has also served as our financial secretary. Speaking of the Craft family, we are happy to have Peggy’s older brother Robert back from Japan, where he served in the U. S. Army. Bob will enter the University of North Carolina in September.

The annual meeting of Church Council was held on July 17 at the home of Mrs. Howard E. Powers. Two new members were elected to the Church Board, Br. Kenneth Reynolds and Br. Ray Foltz. They replaced Br. George T. Smith, Jr., and Br. Roy I. Council, Jr. With the departure of Br. and Sr. Council in the latter part of June, they moved to Southern Pines, we suffered the loss of two loyal and capable members. Br. Council served us faithfully and well as church treasurer, for over a year and a half. The Church Board has appointed Br. William Oden to the post of treasurer, and we are grateful that he has agreed to render this service for the Lord.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

KONNOAK HILLS

The signing of Communicant cards has been instituted by our Board of Elders. We felt that this action will enable us to improve upon the quality and standard of what membership means in our church. Previous to this time, without the card signing, we have known of some who have been negligent in this respect, but we have not been in an official position to prove such laxness. This system, used by many of our churches, is voluntarily entered into by our membership, but it is hoped that it will raise our spiritual sights.

At this writing we are looking forward to our annual August lovefeast. This year it will be our pleasure and privilege to hear Mr. Donald Corkle, who has been working in the archives of Salem. While he will be fully capable of expounding on the musical heritage of this early community, his stress for us will be his observations on the religious qualities of the early Salem folk. The Senior Choir is to sing some of the best loved anthems that come out of this period.

Along with the observance of August 13, that of the Children goes hand in hand. We shall observe this Festival occasion at a morning service, Sunday, August 21.

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Luther Street, which fronts our Church, is being torn up in preparation for paving. It has naturally caused quite a bit of dirt and confusion, but our people have borne it patiently. We are looking forward to the beauty and increased convenience this will provide for us, so we know it's worth waiting patiently for.

JOHN GOSERUD

MORAVIA

At the annual Church and Sunday School Council meeting, Sunday, June 5, the congregation elected the Br. John Kellam and J. T. Nance to the Church Board. The congregation expressed appreciation to the retiring members, the Br. Herbert Isley and Ted West, for their contributions to the Board for the past three years. Other elections of the day included treasurer, Orrell Terrell; assistant treasurer, John Lee; head usher, Dewey Long; pianist, Elaine Sizemore; assistant pianist, Margaret Barham.

Our Sunday School took a step forward by electing an assistant for each teacher. The different classes, in an effort to beautify the classrooms and facilitate teaching conditions, have purchased new furniture.

Moravia has been represented at the summer conferences at Camp Hanes this year by Eloise Eliot, Marie Isley, Ella Mae Kellam, and Swannie Lee, Young Adult Conference; and Carolyn Barham, Junior Conference. All of those attending have expressed high praise for the work accomplished at the conferences.

Having an average attendance of 67, the Vacation Bible School closed session with a service on Sunday, June 26, at 7:30 P. M. Our very fine school staff put in many hours of preparation and teaching and were gratified by the children's response.

The men's class of the Young Adult Department recently purchased a new desk for the parsonage study.

While the pastor served as Vesper Leader for the Intermediate Conference, members of the Board assisted with the services of the church. Br. Howard Kirkman brought the Bible lesson for the Bible school. He also gave a morning devotional service on Wednesday, August 3. He also helped conduct the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, August 7. We welcomed Br. C. M. Hedrick as our guest preacher for the Evening Worship Service on the same day and he was assisted in the worship by Br. John Lee.

R. T. TROUTMAN

MOUNT BETHEL

On June 12 our annual church council convened at which time the following were elected to the church board: Brs. Clyde Puckett and Foy Hiatt. Br. Alfred Thomas was re-elected. The council also accepted its church budget for the coming year, which is a step forward that we have been hoping for as the new budget places Mount Bethel on a self-supporting basis. This could have come at no better time than in this year with the emphasis on Christian Stewardship.

Four of our church board members and our church treasurer attended the Building and Expansion rally at Oak Grove on June 16, enjoying the nice ham and chicken supper.

In June our Young People enjoyed a hay ride to Rocky Knob where they played ball and hiked up to the knob which was followed by a weiner roast. The Young People's new officers for the coming year are Rebecca Westmoreland, president; Brenda Westmoreland, vice-president; Marie Boyd, secretary and treasurer; and Br. and Sr. Clyde Puckett, counselors.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School under the direction of Br. Carl Helmich, Jr. started on July 4 and was closed two days after July 15 with a well planned program by the different departments.

We were happy to have joined with us in our morning worship service on July 10 the Ladies Bible Class from Home Church and the men who came with them as chauffeurs. We are always glad to have visitors from the other churches come up and worship with us.

GLEN E. CRAVER

UNION CROSS

At church council, June 5, the Brm. Noble Tucker and Ray Hine were elected to the church board filling the vacancies left by the retiring brethren C. P. Tucker and Francis E. Bodenhamer. Br. C. P. Tucker was re-elected Sunday School superintendent and Br. Noble Tucker assistant at the Sunday School election.

Our vacation Bible school, July 18-22, was an inspiring success with an average attendance of 62. The school was held from six to eight o'clock in the evening, which proved to be the best time for all concerned. Sincere thanks to the 23 teachers who did a marvelous job.

The first youth fellowship meeting was conducted on Sunday evening, July 24. This was an outgrowth of the Bible school. At this first meeting officers were elected as follows: Billy Tucker, president; Carol Hildebrand, vice president; Brenda Leonard, secretary and treasurer; and Rebecca Kinnaman, pianist. A great interest exists in the group and we hope it will be fruitful for God's Kingdom.

The new pastor and his wife express deep gratitude to the congregation for making it so easy to become acquainted with the people and to get settled in the community.

LEWIS B. SWAIM

CHRIST CHURCH

Carl Helmich, Jr., a Middler at Moravian Theological Seminary, and a son of a former pastor of Christ Church, was in charge of our Vacation Bible School held from June 8 to 17. There were a total of 77 children and 18 teachers enrolled in the three departments. Superintendents of these departments were Mrs. Leroy Chitty, Mrs. Donald Sloan, and Mrs. Lacy Conrad. Mrs. Morrison Bennett was in charge of the Nursery which was open each morning for little children. A picnic, held on the church lawn on Friday, June 17, brought the school to a close.

Loyalty Sunday, which was held on June 12 brought in pledges for approximately 80% of the church budget, which for the 1955-56 year is $21,113.00, an increase of 20% over last year. Of the total budget, $7,518.00 is for benevolences, and, for the first time we are raising the total amounts asked for all required causes.

Two noted ministers were with us for the last Sunday in June, Dr. J. S. Whale, D. D., noted theologian from Cambridge, England, spoke at the morning service, and Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton of Bethlehem, Pa., Executive Officer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Moravian Church in America, showed pictures of the Eastern West Indies at the evening service. Both men were in our city for the Early Moravian Festival of Music.

Since our last report Mrs. D. N. Hire and Mr.
and Mrs. Paul Melton have been received into our membership. We extend sincere congratulations to the following couples recently united in marriage: Milas Raymer and Ann Holton, Harry Maxell Lanning and Libby Jean Hutchens, Leonard A. Johnson and Marie Shepard.

JOHN H. JOHANSEN

PINE CHAPEL

We rejoice that the renovation of our church has been completed and everyone is enjoying it to the fullest extent. The new and modern kitchen has been used with pleasure by all and especially by the young people. We appreciate the wonderful spirit of cooperation that the people have shown during the days of repair.

Our playground at the corner of Goldfloss and Lucille Streets has been completed and the children in the community have made good use of it. Now we are planning a softball diamond for the Pine Chapel boys. Our softball team won the first half in the church league. Our boys show a fine spirit of sportsmanship in their playing. Our manager has been John Holliman. We hope to enter the boys in the basketball tournament this fall.

We wish to express our appreciation to Fred Hege and Dr. George Higgins for supplying for us during our vacation. We also thank Mr. Hard Reid for conducting the mid-week prayer meetings. The people enjoyed the ministry of the brethren in our midst. The pastor spoke in the Calvary Baptist Church in Landrum, S. C. while visiting an old friend and classmate.

Our Vacation Bible School was a great success this year. We had an average daily attendance of 118. Mrs. Fred Crouch was the superintendent of the school and she had a fine group of teachers and helpers. The commencement program was conducted on Sunday night June 26 and the congregation numbered 213. Everyone was well pleased with the fine program.

Our Sunday evening services are being held on the back lawn of the church. Bill Hutchins brought out his antique organ and we have been enjoying the services very much. We thank the Trustees for the public address system purchased for use in these services. Our attendances have been holding up very well during the summer months.

We here at Pine Chapel are looking forward to a year of fruitful service in the vineyard of the Master. He hath been good to us whereof we are very thankful. We thank all the young people. We appreciate the work of the church school such a good one.

The July feast was held on the afternoon of July 24, marking the anniversary of the women of the Church. A band prelude was presented by the Bethania Band. Guest speaker for the lovefeast was the Rev. A. Howard Beard, pastor of the Rural Hall Baptist Church. Several of these lovefeasts were held in the Baptist Church before the erection of the present church building.

Changes in the appearance and weather of the nursery were noticed on July 31. New curtains had been hung and a recently installed air conditioning unit began operation in an effort to reduce the temperature in this room which is so exposed to

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WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

KING

An enthusiastic Vacation Bible School, July 5-15, gave our youth and church family a lively appearance again this year. The school was conducted by Mr. Bill McElrave and enrolled 57 children and 12 workers, with an average attendance of 47 children, slightly above last year. The success of the whole program was due to the cooperation of the helpers and the workers, with an average of 75 people attending daily.

Located near the school was the vacayon camp and the church premises a lively scene all summer long.

The school was conducted by Mrs. Paul Lewis as chairman of our Board of Education, and Miss Eulava Huchens was appointed to succeed Mrs. Paul Lewis as chairman of our Board of Elders. Mrs. Paul Lewis served as the chairwoman of our Board of Elders. Miss Eulava Huchens was appointed to succeed Mrs. Paul Lewis as chairwoman of our Board of Elders.

The school was well attended by children who were in the minority in the church.

In the past few months, several of our helpers and workers have been风电 the church as a whole.

The most important events during the past few months have been those connected with the beginning of the new church year both in organizations and the church as a whole.

We had excellent cooperation by the 40 workers and board members who helped carry out the every-member canvas. This work was particularly important this year because we are beginning a modified unified budget system of church finance. With the largest budget in our history and every provincial council accepted in full we are hoping and praying that this year will see a great change in our support of the Lord's work and that the year of stewardship will be a year long remembered.

At our church council on the first Sunday in July the following board members were elected: Elders: Br. Clarence Livingood, Br. Emery Lineback, and Br. Clyde Fishel were all three re-elected. Trustees: Br. Wm. J. Fishel was re-elected and Br. Burke Fishel and Br. Guy Zimmerman were newly elected. Br. Carl Rein Jr. is Vice Chairman of the Elders and Br. Jesse Swaim is Chairman of the Trustees. Mrs. Jim Dickerson has agreed to continue as president of the Women of the Church, Alfred Swaim was elected president of the Senior Youth Fellowship, and Ray Pfaff will serve as president of the Young Adults.

We were very proud of the work of our choir when they presented a special musical vespers service on Sunday evening July 10. The choir enjoyed a "vacation" on the following four Sundays and several of our soloists supplied the music.

On the second Sunday in August Dr. Douglas Rights was our guest preacher and the pastor at Trinity. Br. Herman Foltz very capably conducted the opening worship service on that Sunday. Br. Clyde Barber spoke to our prayer meeting group while the pastor was attending the Junior conference.

WILLIAM T. MARSHALL

OAK GROVE

Oak Grove ended the fiscal year with all organizations reporting a successful year. The church budget was over-subscribed, and $462 was turned over to the building fund. A total of almost $20,000 was raised by our people during the year for per capita giving of over $65.

One of our dreams was realized the first Sunday in July, when we used the Moravian bulletin for the first time. The Board of Trustees and the Sunday School have purchased a new mimeograph machine, and an amount has been put in the budget so that we can have the bulletins each Sunday.

At the Church Council held on June 30, C. P. Dishier, Sr., and Walter Snow were elected to the Board of Elders.

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Our young people have been unusually active in the past two months. In June fifty-five were present for a special "Parents Night." In recent weeks they have visited the Friedberg young people and have traveled with the Advent young people to the proposed Moravian campgrounds. Four of the young people attended the Junior Conference and five the Intermediate Conference at Camp Hanes. This year the Sunday School is giving a half-scholarship to each camper.

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER

FAMILYSIDE
O. E. Stimpson

Conscientious parents are confronted by many baffling problems. And with the accusing finger of so many pseudo-social experts pointing at them the reason for delinquent youth and gangsterism among young people, even the courageous will find it exhausting at times just to be a parent.

A new upsurge in belligerency and destructiveness among youth seems to be a tragic fact in large segments of America today. Many cures and remedies are offered. One of the issues frequently debated is the mother employed in industry or business. A variety of factors have influenced mothers to leave their children and homes to earn money. There is one reason which is not easily admitted or readily understood. It is the child's strong resistance to parental control and guidance. It seems that many mothers do not understand this attitude of their children and thus they go out to earn money which they spend freely on the children who are more easily controlled by costly gifts than by the presence and attention of parents.

Why does a child so strongly and consistently object to obeying his parents? Why is he always asking permission to do what a parent feels he must not allow? Why does he seem to appreciate every rule more than his parent whose every waking moment is directed toward his care and comfort?

The child is trying out himself and the world in which he lives. He discovers things that surprise and even frighten him. He doesn't know what to expect next. He is puzzled and disturbed about many of his experiences. He wants and needs something of which he can be sure; something that will be constant; something that gives him confidence; something to serve as a center for his life. The normal and satisfying place for the child to find this is in his parents. He craves nothing from his parents so much as their consistent presence and understanding. The only way he can find out whether his parents' wisdom and will are superior to his own is to continue to test them. The testing by the child is often mistakenly interpreted as resentment, disrespect, and rebellion; especially so by mothers. Of course the child does not realize that he is "trying" his parents' dependability to answer a personal need. He does not know what he wants and needs.

To make this condition even more puzzling it requires an alert parent to detect indications that he is filling or failing the child's need. When a child, during a severe thunder storm without looking up, says quietly: "I'm glad I'm at home. I always feel safer with mother and daddy than with anybody else," the child is announcing that he finds his greatest need answered in his parents. To sensitive and understanding parents such a simple statement is adequate payment for the painfulness of repeated "testings.

INFANT BAPTISMS


Stampfl, Robert Edwin, son of Fritz and Elsie m. n. Newman Stampfl. Born May 9, 1955 at Quantico, Virginia; was baptized July 10, 1955 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Leinbach, William James, Jr., son of William J. and Jean m. n. Huth Leinbach. Born December 20, 1954 at Ann Arbor, Michigan; was baptized July 24, 1955 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Counsel, Sally Simpson, adopted daughter of Royden Irwin, Jr., and Grace m. n. Platts Counsel, born February 2, 1955, was baptized June 12, 1955, at Raleigh, N. C.; by the Rev. Walter H. Allen, Jr.


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NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS IN PROVINCE NOW 44

The statistical table given above was prepared for the WACHOVIA MORAVIAN by E. L. Stockton, provincial treasurer. It gives a comprehensive picture of the membership of our churches and Sunday schools for the year ending June 30, 1955.

For the first time in many years the name "Crooked Oak" is absent from the list of churches. During the past year this church, by action of the Provincial Board, ceased to exist as a congregation of the province. In 1954 Crooked Oak was listed as having 13 communicants and 30 children. The disbanding of Crooked Oak brings the number of congregations in the province to 32 outside of Winston-Salem and 12 within the city for a total of 44. Also in Winston-Salem, it is to be found the Tenth Street Mission which is sponsored by the Home Church.

The 12 churches in Winston-Salem with 7,036 communicants continue to hold over 50% of the church membership. The 38 outside of the Salem Congregation have 6,826 communicants.

The reverse, however, is true in Sunday School enrollment. Here there are 7,080 outside of Winston-Salem and 5,007 belonging to the churches in the Salem Congregation.

The net increase in Sunday School enrollment for the province during the year was 399.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Walser H. Allen, Jr. has moved from the Raleigh Apartments to 3225 Darien Drive, Raleigh, N. C.

The address for the Rev. E. T. Mickey has been changed from 1155 N. Hawthorne Road to 271 Hawthorne Road, N. W.
Layman Writes of Stewardship in an Open Letter to His Pastor

Dear Pastor,

You have been telling us, during this year of stewardship, that an emphasis on Christian stewardship is, in effect, a call to dedicate ourselves to God's way of life. My own experience during the past year has proved this to be true and I am writing to tell you about it—and to thank you for the part you have had in making it possible.

Our family looks back to 1954 as our first year of real stewardship. As you know, we have been Moravians for only a few years. We feel, however, that our association with our local Moravian congregation has helped us to understand more clearly what it means to be a Christian. Through this we have been able to think more constructively and to grow richer in the saving grace of our Lord. We are particularly happy that 1954 turned out to be a milestone in our family life. It was our first year of tithing. We have really just become "stewards of the Kingdom." Our earnest prayer from this time on must be a continued plea for the grace of God to fill our lives in order that we may be worthy to be called "stewards."

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The "Clincher"
The " clincher" that actually started us on our program of tithing came through the mechanics of the Spiritual Life Mission conducted by our Church last year but I want to add that we would never have made this decision if it had not been for your untiring efforts and your immovable faith that a sincere effort toward tithing would be an experiment that would prove itself in our lives. This certainly has been true. In spite of some misgivings and many doubts we have found that tithing has not just allowed us to "scrape through" but it has rather opened up new horizons of a better and more wholesome life. Unbelievable? Last year we thought it was, but now we know differently.

It is hard for me to describe the blessings we have experienced in this year that we have been tithing. We have, as a family, grown closer together. Another remarkable change was the fact that without any particular planning on our part the family bread-winner was suddenly able to spend more time on his work. I, therefore, want to add that we would never have really intended to consider it seriously when once we were told that tithing has not just allowed us to "scrape through" but it has rather opened up new horizons of a better and more wholesome life. Unbelievable? Last year we thought it was, but now we know differently.

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Anticipation
As we begin our second year of tithing our outlook is one of anticipating new opportunities. Stewardship has helped us to see how we can fulfill at least part of our responsibility as Christians. New meaning has been given to the statement we have heard so often that "it is a privilege to share in the extension of the Kingdom."

We have come to realize that God blesses us when we give cheerfully from the "cream" of our possessions rather than reluctantly from the "skim milk." I know now that it is impossible to have a really complete life until we learn this. We used to give what seemed convenient from what we had left over but now we set aside God's tenth before we allocate any of the remainder. It's the only way and we are glad we found it. As you know, we had been "on the verge" of tithing before and we really intended to consider it seriously when once we were "out of the woods." But the new car, the mortgage and the many things the children needed always stood in the way. We felt that after a few years we'd probably have some of our big initial expenditures out of the way—then, we promised ourselves, we would begin to give God his due.

We pray that God will forgive us for an attitude like that. We wonder, too, if we ever would have gotten on our feet in a material sense if we had continued to follow that plan. And think of the happiness we would have missed! We know now that true happiness comes only to those who are faithful, first of all, to God in using what he has entrusted to them—including time, talents and treasure. In fact, we believe that only in this way can we appreciate God's unlimited blessings. This has been a wonderful year and we feel sure the next one will be even better. We are grateful to you for pointing us to the Way that made all this possible.

BAPTISMS


Lineberger, John Wyatt, son of Dr. Herman P. and Dorothy Lineberger, born February 1, 1955, Hartford, Conn., baptized at the Little Church on the Lane on July 31, 1955 by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Bruton, Sarah Cecilia, daughter of Earl R. V. and Ruth Spainhour Bruton, born March 16, 1950, Charlotte, N. C., baptized at the Little Church on the Lane on July 31, 1955 by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

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Site For Conference Grounds Is Purchased

A site for the development of a summer conference grounds for the Southern Province has been purchased high in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Ashe County, North Carolina. The site purchased at a cost of $12,000 is the 115 acre farm of the late Bryan Woodie. Representing the Woodie family near Laurel Springs, George G. Higgins, Mrs. Henry Clodfelter, Alton F. Pfaff, and Mrs. Paul Kolb, Miss Betty Jean Cash, Raymond Ebert, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kolb, S. J. Tesch, and E. T. Mickey, Jr., will continue for the present to live on the property.

Present for the final transaction in the office of Johnston and Johnston were Edwin L. Stockton, R. Gordon Spaugh, Samuel J. Tesch, and George G. Higgins.

End of Long Search

On May 24 the commission reported its findings with the recommendation that the Woodie property be purchased. This recommendation was approved by the three boards and negotiations for the purchase of land began.

The Commission


On a High Ridge

The Woodie property is located on a high ridge of mountain just to the west of Little Grandfather Mountain. In between lies Mulberry Gap through which Highway 18 passes between North Wilkesboro and Laurel Springs. The 115 acres of land slope gently from North to South and are crossed by three high ridges and two valleys in each of which is a stream fed by many springs.

The three ridges converge to the north in a hill from which an unlimited view is to be had in all directions. To the South are the Brushy Mountains of Wilkes County, to the East is Little Grandfather Mountain, to the North the Laurel Creek Valley, and to the West are the mountains of the Blue Ridge, including Grandfather Mountain which can be seen on a clear day.

About one third of the property is covered with forest in which are laurel and rhododendren thickets and a profusion of flame azalia. About one third is in open pasture and farmland. The remaining third is growing up in small seedlings, notably white pine and black birch.

The purchase of the property was made possible by the Young People's Union of the province who have agreed to raise the $12,000 for the land. They have contributed out of the budget for last year $1,000 and about $200 for legal fees. A similar amount of $1,000 is proposed for their 1955-56 budget.

Future Development

Plans for future development call for the working out of a master plan in consultation with professional planners in this field. This will also involve the making of a topographical map to determine the best location for roads, buildings, lake, and recreational areas. It is proposed that this master plan should be in readiness for presentation to the Synod of 1956.

Preliminary discussions have indicated that in addition to lake and recreational facilities and utilities such as electricity, water, and sewerage, the development of the property will call for the construction of professional buildings.

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EXPANSION PROGRAM IS MIRACLE OF STEWARDSHIP

R. Gordon Spaugh

On Sunday, September 4 in Raleigh, the capital city of North Carolina, ground was broken for the erection of the newest church in the Southern Province.

Behind this event is the story of a miracle of stewardship extending back over the period of the last seven years.

This miracle of stewardship is a part of the story of the Province's observance of the Quincentennial. It began in 1948 with the launching of the Building and Expansion Program. Since then nearly one and one-half million dollars have been spent on church building projects and three new congregations have been started. In addition to Raleigh they are Koonoa Hills and Messiah.

This accomplishment, however, has not been without its obstacles, for the most difficult miracle for us to acknowledge is the Miracle of Stewardship.

Building and Expansion Program

When the authorities of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church announced a half million dollar Building and Expansion Program in 1948 to commemorate the five hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Unitas Fratrum or Moravian Church in 1457, there were many gaps of disbelief from those who found it difficult to believe in the Miracle of Stewardship. Could the Southern Province—with only 12,000 members take on this extra financial program and still do all that it was... (Continued to page 3)
Conference Site Is Purchased

THE VALLEY BELOW: High on the hill S. J. Tesch waves to R. G. Spaugh and O. E. Woodie as they stand near the Woodie home which is hidden in the cluster of trees to the left. This valley, one of the two on the Woodie property, offers a site for a lake. The stream here which is fed by at least five springs has a flow of 35,000 gallons per day.

LOOKING EAST: S. J. Tesch, E. L. Stockton, and G. G. Higgins look toward Little Grandfather Mountain. The fence and tree mark the eastern boundary of the Moravian property. Higher up on this hill it is possible to see Grandfather Mountain, also 40 to 50 miles away.

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struction of numerous buildings. These are an assembly hall, kitchen and dining room, director's house, counselors cabins, and ten or more cabins for campers.

In addition to the land the cost of the long range development will probably run in the neighborhood of $1000,000 with at least $75,000 needed to get the grounds in operation.

Expanded Program

The building of a Moravian Conference Grounds will enable the Province to expand its services in this field not only to children and youth, but to adults as well. Already the province is operating two junior conferences and one junior high conference. There is now need for two junior high groups and in two or three years three junior sessions should be required.

Other groups not now served that could use the facilities of a conference grounds are family units, adults, Women of the Church, ministers, and Sunday school leaders and teachers. It will be possible also for brief periods to rent the grounds to other church groups thus widening the service our church can render other churches in Northwest North Carolina.

TRAVEL GUIDE

To reach the Woodie Property from Winston-Salem the best route is to go to Elkin by way of Highway 67, then to North Wilkesboro on Highway 268. From North Wilkesboro follow Highway 18 to the top of the Blue Ridge at Mulberry Gap. About 1/4 of a mile beyond the Allegheny County line turn left on the first dirt road. Follow this road around the rim of the mountain for about 2 miles to a white house on the left. Just beyond this house a farm road to the right leads into the property. (Distance 78 miles.)

Located on the property are an old farm house, the home of the Woodie family, now in a poor state of repair and an abandoned two room cabin.

Board of Trustees

To manage the property and prepare the master plan a Board of Camp Trustees will be appointed by the Board of Christian Education. Meanwhile considerable work can be done to improve the property looking to the beginning of major building projects. One of the first needs will be the rebuilding of the old farm road that leads through the property to the Woodie home. This road, about one-quarter mile in length, is almost impassable to automobiles.

Other projects that can be carried forward by work camp groups are repairs on the present buildings, the cleaning out of unsightly brush in parts of the woodland and extensive reforestation.

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The Miracle Of Stewardship

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expected to do for such things as missions?

Last June 30, the close of the seventh year of the program, the report was little short of miraculous. When the entire financial picture of the Province is reviewed for this same period, the results are wholly miraculous.

During the period of seven years under review the report showed a total of $350,000 had been contributed by the churches of the Province to help each other in building programs. During this same period nearly $1,500,000 had been spent by the churches in the Southern Province for new churches, new Christian Education Buildings, new parsonages, enlarging and modernizing old buildings and expanding the work of the church into the new fields at Konnoak Hills and Messiah in the Winston-Salem area and in Raleigh, the capital city of North Carolina.

Debt of $320,000

Indebtedness on this new construction on June 30, 1955, amounted to $300,102.83. This means that more than a million and a quarter dollars of the total cost has been liquidated during the past seven years. It is of interest to note, likewise, that almost one-half of the churches have received aid from the Building and Expansion Funds. But it is of equal importance to discover that six churches with large building projects did not ask for assistance while at the same time they continued to give their share each year to the Provincial Building and Expansion Fund for the help of other congregations.

This record might be sufficient proof to show the Miracle of Stewardship. But there is more.

Giving Begets Giving

Giving begets giving. The more one gives the more he receives to give. This is God's promise. It is always true.

This fact has been miraculously demonstrated during the past seven years. Benevolences do not suffer when a congregation, in faith, launches upon a program of unselfish giving.

Some years ago a local congregation in the Southern Province embarked upon an extensive building program. It was planned to liquidate the indebtedness in a five-year period. This congregation received no assistance from the Building and Expansion Funds. The entire indebtedness was liquidated as planned. During this same period the congregation increased its giving to benevolent causes outside its local budget by more than one hundred per cent. Two years later the benevolent budget of this congregation had increased from seven thousand dollars to thirty-three thousand dollars a year.

What is true for the local congregation has likewise been true in the benevolences of the Province.

Increase in Benevolences

During the period of the Building and Expansion program the churches have increased their gifts to Foreign Missions 68 percent; gifts to Moravian College and Theological Seminary have increased more than 300 percent; contributions to Church Aid and Extension have more than doubled; this is likewise true in the amounts for the American Bible Society, the North Carolina Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches. During this period two new items have been added to provincial budgets: Salem Academy and College and Pensions for retired ministers and their widows. Per capita giving to budgeted benevolences in the Southern Province has grown from $5.73 in 1949 to $12.64 in 1955. This, of course, means more than a one hundred percent increase in benevolences alone. And this in spite of a $50,000 a year increase toward Building and Expansion.

This is the Miracle of Stewardship. Not that $350,000 has been raised for a Building and Expansion program, but that God has given more to his faithful stewards when they accepted the responsibility of their stewardship.

What has been true in the stewardship of money is possible likewise in the stewardship of time and talents.

The congregations possess large churches, commodious Christian Education buildings, modern parsonages. The hour has now come to move ahead into this second phase of stewardship. The churches must radiate a positive Christian spirit. The pews must be filled. The Sunday school classrooms must be places where consecrated teachers train pupils to study and love God's Word.

This will all come true when we sincerely lay our talents and our lives on God's altar and pray, "Here am I, one more!" We will then witness a second Miracle of Stewardship.

Course for Adult Teachers

A course for teachers of adult classes will begin on Tuesday, October 11, at Christ Church Fellowship Hall and will continue each Tuesday thereafter until Thanksgiving. The course will be taught by the Rev. John H. Johnson and will be based on the uniform lessons for the Fall quarter.

Baptisms

Stephenson, Mark Richard, son of Marvin Wray and Janet m. n. Frazier Stephenson, born November 13, 1954 in Norfolk, Virginia, was baptized into the Raleigh congregation on September 4, 1955, by the Rev. Walter H. Allen, Jr.


Bowman, Lynn Ann, daughter of Billy Gray and Dorothy Lee m. n. Perry Bowman, born December 27, 1954 in Mount Airy, N. C., was baptized August 7, 1955 at Grace Church by the Rev. Robert Allen lobst.

Ordination
On September 4 Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl ordained as presbyter Dr. Samuel Benno Marx in Christ Church, Winston-Salem. Christ Church congregation supports Dr. Marx and his family in the medical and church work done at Butukawas in La Mosquitia. The Marxes planned to return to the field the following week.

Samuel Marx Family: Dr. Samuel B. Marx, missionary doctor to Honduras, was ordained a presbyter of the Moravian Church at Christ Church on Sunday, September 4, by Bishop J. K. Pfohl. Members of the family are top row (left to right) Steve, Mrs. Marx, Dr. Marx, bottom row, Benno and Cathy.

Movements of Missionaries
The recent weeks saw other missionaries reach their fields. The Wilfred Dregers returned to Bluefields on September 2. The Clark Bensons expected to reach La Mosquitia during the first week in September. The Marvin Henkelmanns flew to their new work on St. Thomas on September 6. The David Joneses were to leave for Managua, Nicaragua, about September 20. Our thanks as a church are due for traveling mercies accorded to them all. They can be assured of the prayers of many, especially in the case of those who now undertake missionary responsibility for the first time.

Br. Stephan’s Valuable Contribution
On August 22 Earl E. Stephan terminated his special period of service in Bluefields, Nicaragua, to return to this country, to complete his training at the Moravian Theological Seminary. The months spent by him in the mission field represent a valuable contribution to the work. He left many friends behind and many whom his ministry has permanently influenced.

Labrador Gifts
On August 30 the Fort Hamilton sailed from New York to Newfoundland with thirteen drums or barrels on board, containing the annual gifts of our churches for the missions in Labrador.

Again our Board expresses sincere thanks to the Rev. John Morman and the First Church, Bethelhem, for packing these gifts. Our church again is indebted to Furness, Withey and Company for carrying these items to St. John’s at one-half the regular charges.

The Textbook in Miskito
For another year the Textbook will be available to our Indian members in Central America in their own tongue, thanks to the devoted work of Mrs. Pearl Bishop, Mrs. Flora Danneberger, and Dr. George R. Heath. To them we express heartfelt thanks as also to the Rev. Frank Spiles and the

Moravian young people of Winona County, Minnesota, for undertaking the very considerable task of mimeographing and packing these booklets.

Elected to the Alaska Provincial Board
Word has come of the election at the recent General Church Conference, held in Bethel, Alaska, of the Rev. Samuel Vaughn as third member of the Provincial Board for the coming year. All interested in Moravian work in that field will wish him God’s blessing and guidance in his new responsibilities.

The Bi-Centenary Church, Kingston, Jamaica
Last year during the bi-centennial celebration of the beginning of Moravian Missions in Jamaica, a spot was dedicated on the edge of the city of Kingston. There a new Moravian church and community hall was to be erected. That the work is really progressing a clipping from the Kingston Gleaner under date of August 7 shows, which Mrs. Mary S. Melhado kindly sent to the office of our board. The cut accompanying the item shows the building well up to the wall plates.

Another New Church
Speaking of new churches, the Rev. Howard Housman reports that the first services were held in the newly rebuilt ‘mother’ church of La Mosquitia, at Kaukiria on August 14, with 204 in attendance.

Dale Jonathan Henkelman
The board is happy to announce to all friends the birth on August 28 of Dale Jonathan, third son of the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Henkelman of the Children’s Home, Alaska.

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Relief of World Tensions
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The Provincial Elders' Conference prints here
with an appeal from the World Council of Churches.
The Conference requests that this appeal be read
in each of the churches of our Province on the first
Sunday in October which day we will observe as
World-wide Communion Sunday.

AN APPEAL FROM THE WORLD COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES ISSUED BY THE SECOND
ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL

The World Council of churches bears witness to
Christ as the Hope of the World. In the strength of
that hope, and impelled by the desire to help in
the relief of present tensions it makes the follow-
ing appeal:

1. We appeal to the governments and the peoples
to continue to speak to one another, to avoid
rancor and malice, and to look for ways by
which fear and suspicion may be removed.

2. We appeal to the governments and the peoples
also to devote their strength and their resources
in meeting the peaceful needs of the citizens
of their countries, and above all a determined
common effort to secure a decent standard of
living among poorer and underdeveloped coun-
dtries.

3. We appeal to the statesmen and the leaders of
public opinion and the press to refrain from
words and actions which are designed to
inflame enmity and hatred.

4. We appeal to the representatives of the churches
in those countries between which tension exists
to visit one another, so that they may gain a
better understanding of one another, and of
the countries in which they live, and thus
strengthen the bonds of fellowship, and pro-
mote the reconciliation of the nations.

5. We appeal to the churches to bid their mem-
ers recognize their political responsibilities, and
also to ask Christian technicians and adminis-
trators to find a vocation in the service of United
Nations Agencies engaged in meeting the needs of economically and technically under-
developed countries, thus bringing a Christian
temper of love and understanding to bear upon
the immensely difficult task of mutual assistance
in the encounter of different cultures.

6. We appeal to all members of all churches to unite in
a common ministry of reconciliation in
proclaiming Christ as the Hope of the World,
in intercession for one another and in mutual
service.

7. Finally, we call upon all Christians everywhere
to join in prayer to Almighty God, that He will
guide the governments and the peoples in the
ways of justice and peace.

Provincial Woman's Board

The presidents of the Women of the Church
groups will meet on Tuesday, October 18 at Beth-
abara Moravian Church. For those who can come
in the day time, there will be a meeting at 10:30
A. M. For those who prefer the evening there will
be a meeting at 7:45 P. M. Getting together last
year proved to be quite helpful and we urge all
presidents in the province to come to one of these
meetings.

Home Moravian Women of the Church announce
their Provincial Rally for Wednesday, October 26.
The time is 12:30 and all women in the Province
are invited to the luncheon and the meeting which
follows. Further details will be sent in a letter to
the presidents.

ELIZABETH N. MILLER, President

Hall Elmore Appointed
Central Church Organist

Robert Hall Elmore, concert organist and com-
poser, has been appointed organist and choirmaster
of Central Moravian Church, it was announced by
Dr. Walser H. Allen, pastor of the church.

Widely known as an organist and as a composer
of secular and religious music, Elmore has been
since 1938 organist and director of music at Holy
Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia.
He has played recitals from coast to coast and
abroad, and has been widely acclaimed by music
critics.

Mr. Elmore was formerly professor of piano and
organ at the Clarke Conservatory of Music in Phila-
delphia; official organist of the Philadelphia Or-
chestra; and conductor of the Choral Club of the
Musical Art Society of Camden. He continues as
head of the organ department of the Philadelphia
 Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Elmore becomes the tenth person to serve
the church as organist, following in the tradition
established by the first organist, John Frederick
Peter, who is now recognized as the foremost com-
poser in 18 and early 19th century America.

DEATHS

Anderson, Peter, a member of the Leaksville congregation. Died July 31 and funeral Monday,
August 1, in the Leaksville Church conducted by
the pastor and assisted by the Rev. J. K. McCon-
nell.

Morris, Henry Clay, born June 16, 1876; died
August 8, 1955. A member of Home Church. Fun-
eral conducted by the Rev. Kenneth W. Robinson
and Dr. Douglas L. Rights. Interment in Salem
Cemetery.

Beendle, Mrs. Spaugh Augusta, born April 18,
1871; died August 18, 1955. A member of Home
Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. Kenneth
W. Robinson. Interment in the Moravian Grave-
yard.

Woosley, Mrs. Frank A., born June 16, 1886;
died July 29, 1955. A member of Friedland. Fun-
eral conducted by the Rev. W. A. Kaltreider, the
Rev. Samuel J. Tesch, and the Rev. C. Truett
Chadwick. Interment in Friedland Graveyard.

Oehman, Bessie Braxton, born December 2,
1892 in Alamance County, N. C.; died August 4,
1955. A member of First Moravian Church,
Greensboro. Funeral service conducted by the Rev.
J. Calvin Barnes. Interment in Guilford Memorial
Park.

Lectures on the West Indies

Two lectures, each illustrated by fifty koda-
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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

Macedonia

Three men concluded their term of office on the Macedonia Church board in June, and three new men were installed to replace them. Those concluding their term were Mr. John Cope, Mr. Kenneth Butner, and Mr. Willie Cope. Each of these men gave outstanding and consecrated service to the Lord's work, as board members. The new members of the board are Mr. Willie Fry, Mr. J. H. Plott, Jr., and Mr. Paul Foster.

Our Vacation Bible School started on July 5 under the direction of Miss Betty Warren. There were 71 present the first day. The highest attendance was 101, and the average attendance was 80. Mrs. C. W. Lee was the teacher of the beginner department, and her helpers were Mrs. Matt Howard, Mrs. Osborn Ellis, and others. Mrs. George Thomas Fry was the teacher of the prime department, and her helpers were Miss Jeanette Butner and Miss Josie Ellis. Mrs. Christine Beaucamp was the junior department teacher, and her helpers were Mrs. Norman Byerly and Mrs. Lester Parks. Everyone benefited by the school and special thanks are in order to the above named teachers and helpers and others that helped make the school a success and a real blessing.

David Burks was a student at our Moravian Seminary, brough the message at our prayer meeting on Wednesday, July 20. He spoke on our commission from the Lord as seen in Acts 5:20.

The pastor exchanged pulpits with Br. Rights on Sunday, July 24. Everyone present enjoyed the fellowship and message of Br. Rights; and the young people also enjoyed the fans.

The pastor spent the week of August 2-7 at Camp Hanes for the Intermediate Conference. The devotional periods and the activities seemed to improve with each day. There is an enrollment of 27 in our Youth Fellowship at present and it is growing under the able direction of Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas Fry.

The Rev. J. Furman Miller, teacher at Toccoa Bible College, brought the morning and evening message on August 14. His morning topic was "How to Grow Wings." "Thumbs" was the thought in a message brought to the Macedonia congregation on the evening of July 10 by Br. Trueett Chadwick.

Our young people took a motor trip to Mt. Airy on Saturday, August 20 in order to play the young people of Mt. Bethel Moravian Church a softball game. After the six innings of hard play, we gathered in the church yard of Mt. Bethel for a picnic supper. We surely enjoyed the fellowship, but we lost the ball game—the score—8 to 2.

—NORMAN C. BYERLY

Mizpah

During the period under review Mizpah saw the completion of its new Christian Education Building at an over-all cost of $34,272.45. A great effort was made to have it in readiness for the annual lawn party on August 8 and for this the men held three evenings of free labor on the grounds and the women an equal amount of effort to clean the interior and to prepare for the lawn party. Furniture was moved on the following week and on August 14 our departments up to and including the Intermediates began holding Sunday school sessions in the new structure. In the meantime, a complete paint job was given to the church building itself so that Mizpah presents a fine new and clean picture indeed. We have satisfied all our creditors except for a balance of $1272 and the amount of $10,000 which we borrowed from the bank in Rural Hall. Our new building has put everyone to work. Members painted the Sunday school furniture, women of the church have provided draperies and have undertaken a plan whereby all will help in keeping the building clean.

Our annual lawn party this year was again a matchless example of co-operation. Not only men and women but even the older children had their part to play in serving the large crowd of more than 700. Nearly a thousand dollars was raised from the efforts, most of which was net proceeds with very little expense and all has gone to help our new building effort. The women of the church are to be thanked for heading up this half century old event which has been from the beginning a project of the Sunday school.

Now everything is in readiness for the formal opening and cornerstone laying for our new building, set for Sunday, September 11, to be held in connection with our 59th anniversary lovefeast. It will be one of the great days in Mizpah's history.

Our Sunday school began a new year in July with Br. LaVerne Speas as superintendent and Br. Burton Winfrey as assistant superintendent.

—WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

PROVIDENCE

Our annual church council was well attended this year. We feel it is a good sign when the congregation takes an active interest in the organization and business life of the church. The following men were elected to the Boards: Elders, Eddie Porter, Sam Mickey, Trustees, Chester Crews, James Southern and Coy W. Grubb.

Until recently, all of our boys and girls from ages one to six have been in the same class, which has been rather difficult. Recently we started a Cradle Roll class and feel that this is a big improvement in our Sunday school. Mrs. Eddie Porter is teaching the class.

The pastor enjoyed eight days at Camp Hanes as dean of the Junior Conference. From our church Carollyn Parks, Johnnie Kaye McGee, Nancy Edwards, Elizabeth Grubbs, Richard Crews, and Larry Kraus, were Junior campers. Miss Yvonne Crews and Miss Sally Plynt went to the Senior Conference. For the first time, our Sunday school offered to pay half the camping fee for any of our young folks who wished to go to camp. We are grateful to the Sunday school for their interest.

Our August 13 celebration was a great blessing this year, with the Holy Communion service in the morning and lovefeast in the evening. It was a special blessing to have the Rev. William T. Marshall, pastor of Friedberg, as our guest in the evening. Br. Marshall and the pastor were friends.

—W. GRUBBS

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through college and seminary, and this was their first opportunity to be together since entering into the active ministry.

We are grateful to Br. Carl Helmich, Jr., student at Moravian Theological Seminary, and Br. James M. Culler of Hopewell Church, for filling the pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

—GEORGE A. CHIDDELL

FAIRVIEW

Kenneth Byerly was our Youth Revival preacher for evangelistic services held the first week in September. These services were sponsored by the Blum Memorial Bible Class and held in the Blum Memorial Chapel which has just been completed. R. Carroll Williams is the teacher of the class. Kenneth Byerly is Fairview’s most recent candidate for the Moravian ministry. Currently he is studying at Pfeiffer College.

Miss Elizabeth Wright who served in the church office for seven years has terminated her work so that she could enroll at Greensboro College and continue her education. She will be greatly missed since she devoted her many talents to the advancement of the work at Fairview.

Dr. Sam Marx showed a very interesting series of slides to the Monnie Southern Chapter of the Foreign Missions Society. The organization is very enthusiastic about the work he is doing in Honduras. The Rev. George Chiddle brought a stimulating message on missions on the previous month.

William McElvene, a rising junior at Moravian Theological Seminary, was the guest preacher on the Sunday that the pastor was attending the Masanetta Conference at Harrisonburg, Va. The Rev. O. E. Simpson preached three consecutive Sundays of the pastor’s vacation.

Robert VanHorn was elected vice-chairman of the Board of Elders and Burton Snyder, Jr., secretary. Lindsay Crutchfield was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees; Lewis Hubbard, vice-chairman; and J. P. Jones, secretary.

The Mid-week prayer meeting was continued through the month of August for the first year. The attendance proved that the services were worthwhile.

The new officers of the Women’s Auxiliary are: Mrs. W. D. Newsome, president; Mrs. J. B. Snyder, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. Ben Bennett, secretary; Mrs. Ed Mendenhall, treasurer; and Mrs. Clyde Wall, chaplain. The new Circle leaders are: Mrs. Crafton Chambers, Circle No. 1; Mrs. E. H. Knight, Circle No. 2; Mrs. Lewis Kanoy, Circle No. 3; Mrs. L. S. Styers, Circle No. 4; Mrs. Lewis Hubbard, Circle No. 5; Mrs. Fred Heck, Circle No. 6; and Miss Margaret Lucille Styers, Circle No. 7.

—VERNON DAETWYLER

ADVENT

We were very happy to welcome into our fellowship the following new members during the past two months: George Hair, Robert Willard, and Essie Krites by confirmation; Fred Furches, Gertrude Teague, and Jerry Bruce by Adult Baptism; and Mr. and Mrs. William D. Gilbert, Jr., by letter of transfer.

On Sunday, July 3, the new elders and trustees were installed. On July 17, the Sunday school officers and teachers were installed. On Wednesday, August 3, and on Wednesday, August 24, seminary student David Burkke spoke to our prayer meeting and Bible study group.

Our young people were blessed in a wonderful way at their first annual young people’s banquet. Faye McDuflie presided at the head table. The food was prepared and served by the Women of被删去部分信息

TRINITY

Each year J. C. Cook, Sr., invites a delegation from Trinity to attend the reunion at his old home church, Trinity, in Yoadin County, which came this year on July 24. The same evening the Rev. Burton Rights preached at the union service of churches in Sunnyside.

Circle No. 1 of Women of the Church served picnic dinner for residents of the Salem Home.

On the way to Junior Conference at Camp Hanes, the pastor took the back road to the camp and visited the J. O. Gibson family where there are fifteen children. There was excitement at the home for a rattlesnake had been killed out near the barn.

Trinity’s big picnic was held at Tanglewood Park. Superintendents R. W. Lawson, J. C. Cook, Sr., and Coy B. Yickle Connounced it one of our best.

In this merry month of August, three couples were united in bonds at Trinity. Richard Henry Moser and Betty Louise Atkinson; Charles Douglas Carter and Thelma Jeanne Jefferson; William Henry McElvene and Carol Lee Sloan.

We regret to record the serious illness of Mrs. E. C. Stempel, widow of Trinity’s first pastor.

The annual watermelon feast was enjoyed by aboriginal. The two hundred young persons on the church lawn.

At the close of the month Trinity Youth Conference attracted an average of 60 attendants at Anikanati Farm. At the banquet that followed, the Rev. Kenneth Robinson was speaker.

—PAUL A. SNIDER

MOUNT AIRY

It is only 320 miles from Mount Airy to Tar Hollow in Ohio. Jenny Ruth Pruet, Linda Dowell, Phillip and Dot Hull, Steve Jones, Betty Collins and Melinda Smith accompanied the pastor to this Middle States Moravian camp. The Raymond Tesh and James Jarvis families kept the parsonage children so Mrs. Iobst could be a counsellor at camp.

While the pastor served at four Moravian camps, our pulpit was supplied by Br. Carl Helmich, Jr., Dr. George Higgins and Dr. D. S. McCarty of Mt. Airy. As camp nurse at Camp Hope, Mrs. Iobst had 150 infirmary visits in that one week. Elder James Jarvis conducted mid-week prayer meetings during the pastor’s absence.

On July 7 the basement for our new Christian Education wing was excavated. There were many in-
HOPEWELL
Our thanks to the women of Hopewell and to Miss Mary Elizabeth Bernier of Enterprise who helped make our Bible School a success this summer. The enrollment was the highest ever with 115 children attending.

The attendance at Sunday School held up well during the vacation months. Several Sundays over two hundred persons were present. This was true not only of Church school, but of other meetings as well. The Women of the Church carried on a full program with interest remaining high. Class meetings and social functions were also well attended.

The Young People under the leadership of Br. Robert Spainihg took on new life this summer. The attendance of boys and girls to Sunday evening sessions was very encouraging. Several of them represented our church at the various Moravian Youth Conferences this year. From August 19-21, a large group of them held a spiritual retreat at the Salvation Army Camp. Different families in the Church furnished the food and several of our women did the cooking. The teaching and worship services were held by our own people. On the final night Dr. George Higgins came and showed a stewardship movie. The cooperation of the children made the retreat a delight. They left the camp in good order hoping to show the Army officials their gratitude for the generosity extended by them.

August 21 was a memorable day for our church. A representative from the Boy Scout Council presented troop charter No. 3 to Br. John Robinson for Hopewell Church. Witnessing the presentation were 150 people.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Stafford on the birth of a son.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

FIRST CHURCH
(Greensboro)

Since our last report three members have been added to our Church roll: Marie P. Grogan, by letter of transfer; Mark Alan Daniel and James Allison Whitlow by the Sacrament of Baptism for Children.

Thomas W. Hayworth and Carole E. Peterson were united in marriage on July 17 in the Church, and John A. Apple and Katie P. Everett were married at the parsonage on September 2.

O. J. Teleson, one of our members serving in the Navy, brought us an inspiring message at our morning worship on July 31.

Five of our laymen conducted services at Guilford Industries for the Blind during the month of August: Herman Flynn, Albert Foltz, Earl Armstrong, Bill Lee, and Frank Crouch.

Thanks to Earl Armstrong and Herman Flynn for conducting services while the pastor was on vacation.

Congratulations to the “new” parents since we last reported. Sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Garland Huffines, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crouch. Daughters were born to Dtr. and Mrs. Charles Young, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Barham, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Guard, Mr. and Mrs. James Bostic, and Mr. and Mrs. Toni Sangini.

FRIEDLAND
In spite of heat and vacations, attendance for the summer months in both Sunday school and worship services shows a marked increase over the same period last year. Sunday school attend-

ance has been consistently higher, and the worship service average is 240, as compared to 224 for the summer months of 1954. We feel this indicates a definite preference on the part of our people for the "summer schedule", we have followed this year, i.e., Sunday school—9:00; Worship—10:00.

It has been our privilege to hear a number of guest speakers during the summer. Br. Marvin Weidner, pastor of our Downey, California Church, graciously consented to be with us one Sunday during his vacation, at which time he gave us a graphic portrayal of the mission of the Moravian Church in the present day as illustrated by the work in Downey. Br. Lewis Swaim brought the message for

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BETHABARA

The August Thirteenth Festival, observed with Holy Communion on the second Sunday, deserves to be highlighted in our report for the two-month period under review. It was marked by a deep spirit of reverent worship and was the best attended service commemorating this occasion during the present pastorate.

A disturbing factor during July and August, however, has been the decrease noted in Sunday school attendance. The average in comparison with the same period in 1954 shows a drop of 20.1 while church attendance declined only 3.5. It is hoped that with the end of vacations we shall experience a definite upward trend in attendance at all services.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Spikula the parents of a new son, Gary Wallace, born Monday, July 11; and to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Myers the parents of a new daughter, Janet Leigh, born Wednesday, July 13.

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Our Daily Vacation Bible School was held this summer under the able direction of our Provincial Worker, Miss Betty Claire Warren. Though the attendance was only fair, the teachers reported that it was one of the best schools in a number of years.

We were very happy to have Br. Herbert B. Johnson and Seminarians Fred Hege, Carl Helmich, Jr., and William McElveen supply the pulpit during the pastor's absence.

On July 1 for the first time in more than 100 years Bethania became a single charge with a full-time pastor of its own. Our newly elected Board of Trustees and Board of Elders also assumed their new responsibilities at that time. These boards have organized for the year with the following officers. Board of Trustees: Chairman, Harold Adams; vice-chairman, Elmer Kearney; secretary, Miss Margaret Chadwick. Board of Elders: chairman, the pastor; vice-chairman, Walter Strupe, secretary, Mrs. Vernon Flynn. Joe T. Conrad has been appointed to serve as treasurer and Elmer Kearney as financial secretary.

A total of 20 young people attended the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Young Peoples' Conferences from Bethania.

We believe that Bethania has the oldest active lovefeast diener in the Province, Br. John Kearney, age 88, carried his tray of coffee, as usual, at the August Feast. Our lovefeast speaker for this occasion was Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

We were very happy that a delegation of 15 from Bethania was able to attend the groundbreaking service for the new church in Raleigh on September 4. Three of our members also assisted the band for this service.

F. HERBERT WEBER

LEAKSVILLE

July was vacation time for many of our people not only in regard to their mill work but also in the Sunday school and Church activities. Our vacation Bible school was held for one week running from Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22. It was under the direction of Theological Student William McElveen. Due to a "polio" scare in our community the attendance was not as large as in other years, but the school was a profitable one for all those attending. Mr. McElveen spoke at the mid-week service on the Wednesday evening of that week.

Gail Fagge and Ila Foltz represented our church at the Junior camp at Camp Hanes and Judy Gillie, Virginia Crowder, Wade Joyce and Ronnie Reynolds attended the Intermediate Conference. Both groups had an enjoyable and profitable time at camp.

Four classes of the Sunday school conducted the mid-week prayer services on four Wednesday evenings during August. This proved helpful to the classes as well as to the prayer meeting groups.

Holy Communion was observed at the morning service on the second Sunday in August with a very good attendance participating.

The men of the church gave a free homemade ice cream feed to the members of the Sunday school and church on Saturday evening, August 20. There was plenty of ice cream and cookies for all attending.

More than 20 of our people attended the annual joint rally of the women of the Mayodan and Leaville congregations at Mayodan on Friday evening, August 26. Mrs. M. E. Miller of Winston-Salem, president of the Provincial Women's Board, was the guest speaker for this meeting. It was an enjoyable time and a well spent evening for the large attendance of the two groups of women.

H. F. FOLTZ

IMMANUEL

Again faith and perseverance were justified as we came to the end of the fiscal year, the second full year under the Unified Budget System. And again we would like to shout our complete satisfaction that it is the most scriptural and painless method yet devised in church finance. There are drawbacks, as contrasted with the old methods, but our experience caused us to believe that it will solve all the problems if given a fair chance.

The Bible classes of our Church school have maintained an aggressive program throughout the summer and that has done much to counteract the usual "summer slump."

Holy Communion observing the martyrdom of John Hus and the Festival of August Thirteenth were very well attended and the spiritual atmosphere indicated a deepening of the devotion of our people.

Our Church is happy to be the sponsor of numerous Scout organizations, regular Boy and Girl Scouts, Brownie and Cub Scouts, and an Explorer Unit. All told about twenty of our adults are active in the program.

The Men's Bible Class were hosts to the congregation at a watermelon feast and there appeared to be no casualties.

In the absence of the pastor, he was attending Masanetta Springs Bible Conference at Harrisonburg, Virginia, a number of our laity took over the service on August 21 and apparently with marked success. The success was most apparent in the increased attendance on the midweek services. We are most grateful to those who participated, Ralph R. Bell, Dennis C. Landreth, Clyde B. Martin, Sr., Mrs. Henry Cass, Paul F. Sturdivant, Sr., Henry V. Brown, Mrs. T. M. Foster, and John F. Cude.

Youth Conferences were attended by the following: Junior Conference, David Bell, Harold and Howard Collins, Harvey Brooks, Harry Barnes, Glenda Foster, Carol Tuttle and Kenneth Masten.

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Van Vleck, a son of Bishop William Henry Van Vleck, also became a bishop of the Moravian Church.

Bishop Jacob Van Vleck's younger son, Charles Anthony Van Vleck, served for a while as pastor of Bethania Church in N. C. (known familiarly as Carl Anton and signing his church diary "V. V."). He married Christiana Susanna Krassch, daughter of the inspector of the Girls' Boarding School in Salem. Their children were Arthur Lawrence Van Vleck, who died as a prisoner of the Confederates in Libby Prison in 1863, and the three daughters so well known in Salem half a century ago, Louisa, Lisetta, and Amelia, known to Salem residents as Miss Lou, Miss Amy, and

125.00; Fairview, 111.30; Mt. Airy, 50.00; New Philadelphia, 337.32; Hope, 39.60; Pine Chapel, 28.20; Kermersville, 400.00; Friedberg, 80.00; Christ Church, 40.00; Unknown, 27.85; and Miscellaneous, 72.00.

The total amount contributed by the Young Adults will be applied toward the cost of the three acre lot and parsonage purchased for the Raleigh congregation for $28,000.00. James Pleasant of the Fries Memorial Congregation served as treasurer of the Young Adult Fellowship during 1954-55 and Willard Piper of Greensboro is the treasurer for 1955-56.

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Tielman's son, Isaac, was born in 1669 bought a home on the lot now adjacent to the New York Stock Exchange on Broad Street. The site of this house was called the Sheep's Pasture, a far cry from the Bulls and Bears of Wall Street. Isaac's son Abraham lived there also.

Children of Abraham became interested in the Moravian Church, especially Hendrikus, or Henry, who became agent for the Moravians in their shipping interests wherein ships of the church crossed the sea with passengers and supplies. In 1748 he and his wife were received as members of the New York Moravian Church. He passed his last years in the Moravian town, Bethlehem, Pa.

Henry's son Jacob became principal of the Young Ladies' Seminary in Bethlehem and served also as minister, organist, and composer of music. In 1815 he was ordained a bishop.

Bishop Jacob Van Vleck's two sons entered the Moravian ministry. The older brother, William Henry, became a bishop and was located for several years in Salem, North Carolina. Henry Jacob Van Vleck, a son of Bishop William Henry Van Vleck, also became a bishop of the Moravian Church.

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Raleigh Moravians Hold Ground Breaking Ceremony

Despite gray overcast skies and showers of rain, approximately 125 people gathered together Sunday afternoon, September 4, at 4:00 o'clock to witness ground-breaking rites on the site of the Raleigh Moravian Church. Dr. George G. Higgins, Secretary of the Provincial Elders Conference, brought official greetings from the PEC, speeded up the first dirt, and delivered a brief address. Prior to the service the Fairview Moravian band, augmented by a number of players from other congregations, rendered several selections of Moravian chorales. Under the direction of Br. Burton Snyder, they also accompanied the congregation in the singing of hymns during the service.

The Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr., pastor of the Raleigh congregation, which is still the youngest in the Southern Province, presided at the ceremonies, which were held out-of-doors on the church property. Located at the corner of Ridge Road and Darnien Drive, one-half mile north of Meredith College in the far western part of Raleigh, Br. Allen read a number of letters from interested friends, members, and officials of the Moravian Church, each of which conveyed best wishes and prayers for God's blessing upon the new undertaking. Dr. Edwin L. Stockton, speaking for the Building and Expansion Fund Steering Committee, reassured all Moravians in Raleigh of the financial support of the entire Southern Province and called attention to the steps being taken to provide such assistance, including the $20,000 allocated for the Raleigh building project in this year's budget of the Building and Expansion Fund.

Moravians in Raleigh are also grateful for the additional monies being raised this year by the Young Adult Fellowship of the Southern Province, which will be applied to the remaining debt on the expensive tract of land and the parsonage purchased for the Raleigh congregation.


The service concluded with the singing of the Doxology, and the benediction as pronounced by Br. Allen. Among the blessings which flowed from God that afternoon, and for which His name be praised, were two light falls of rain. The drizzles didn't develop into downpours, fortunately; so most everyone attending the event remained until the end and responded to the invitation to inspect the newly-redecorated parsonage which the Raleigh pastor recently occupied. Through the leadership and efforts of Mrs. C. Scott Venable, Jr., president, the Women of the Church had prepared an "open house." They served coffee and sugar cake or lemonade and cookies to over a hundred guests, who enjoyed the fellowship of the occasion. Apart from Fairview, the largest single delegation came from Bethania, represented by 15 visitors. But the presence of all Moravians who braved the weather to make the trip was much appreciated.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

The Fall Rally of the young people has been set for the Home Moravian Church on November 10 at 6:30. Raymond Ebert, Jr., president of the Union will preside.
Our Stewardship Has Made Possible

John S. Groenfeldt

Last month the two monthly magazines of our American Moravian provinces (The Moravian and The Wachovia Moravian) carried the article by think what this will mean for the life of the Church in the next generation.

The Moravian Youth Fellowship program was begun in 1953 as part of the Quincentennial em-

phasis on "The Church and Its Youth." After a year of introductory training programs, the pro-

gram was launched in the local churches with the publication of the first issue of Moravian Youth, the quarterly booklet of discussion topics for young people, in the fall of 1954. This new youth pro-

gram has required a keen sense of stewardship on the part of both the young people who participate in it and of the adult advisors who guide them. Like any worthwhile effort, it takes time—time for the initial training and time to work out the programs week by week. It calls for the dedication of the best abilities and the most creative sense of imagination our young people and their adult lead-

ers can bring to it. This means stewardship of time and ability, and where that stewardship is exer-

cised, the results are already beginning to be ap-

parent.

The M. E. M.

The close relationship between stewardship and evangelism was apparent in the Moravian Evangel­

istic Missions of 1954 where hundreds of teams of lay men and women gave freely of their time to share the good news of the Gospel with other people in their communities. In the Northern Pro­

vince, where evangelism has all too often been left entirely to the pastor, this awakened effort of the lay members of the Church brought spectacular results. The average annual increase of the past decade was more than tripled for the province in 1954. In that one year the Northern Province gained roughly one-third as many members as it had gained in the previous ten years put together. Its numerical growth in the year of the Moravian Evangelistic Missions was over twice the best previ­

ous year on record (in the recent history of the Church, at least).

Equally important, in terms of results of the Evangelistic Missions, was the deepened spiritual insight that came to those who participated in the effort as members of the visiting teams. God's promise of a rich blessing to those who practice stewardship can surely be seen—both for the Church as a whole and for thousands of its individu­

al members—in the great experience we had in both provinces in our Moravian Evangelistic Mis­

sions.

The 500th Anniversary Funds

The outstanding experience of stewardship as it applies to our material possessions came in the raising of the 500th Anniversary Funds of the three districts of the Northern Province. The story actually begins with the first phase of the Ses­

quicentennial Fund Campaign of Moravian Col­

lege in 1948. This was the first time the Northern Province had attempted to raise such a large sum of money. There were many people who thought (continued to page 3)

DAILY EXPERIENCES PROVE

A College Is People

Raymond S. Hauertz

A college is finances and budgets and endow­

ments. A college is also campus and buildings and equipment. A college is courses and classrooms and degrees. But more than anything else, a college is the people who fill the classrooms, conduct the classes, take care of buildings and equipment, operate the business office, or make the administra­

tive decisions. It is about some of the people that the 50,000 Moravians in America would meet if they were to visit the campus that this article is written.

Visitors from the Southern Province to the cam­

pus would find on the faculty, especially on the Theological Seminary faculty, many whom they know personally. One of these is Dr. John R. Wein­

lick, professor of Historical Theology, who for a short period served as pastor of the Fairview Congregation. Another is Dr. Edwin W. Kortz, Rond­

thaler professor of Practical Theology, and presi­

dent of the Board of Foreign Missions. Dr. Kortz at the beginning of his ministry also served in the South. Dr. Raymond S. Hauertz, president, Dr. Vernon Couillard, dean, and Dr. James J. Heller, professor of Biblical Theology, have visited fre­

quently in the Southern Province.

Unusual Summer Vacations

Three of our women faculty members have had rather unusual summers. Miss Ella Louise Wil­

line, instructor in English, who is an assistant Sunday School Superintendent in her home commu­

nity, spent her summer in study at the Univer-

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Mission Rally Told Of

New Responsibility

Samuel J. Tesch

The near capacity audience assembled for the thirty-second meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Moravian Church, South gave evidence of a very vital concern for the newest of our mission responsibilities, namely, the Western Indies.

The speaker for the occasion had been requested to speak of his observations and experiences during two recent visits. Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton, Executive Officer of the Board of Foreign Mission of the Moravian Church in America, devoted his address almost exclusively to the problems confronting the Mission Board in this new field. Among the many, he spoke at length concerning the limited economy of the people, the dilapidated condition of much of the church property, the presence in a certain area of a strongly entrenched ideology of an anti-church nature, but concluded with what he called the greatest problem of all, that of manpower. He expressed the conviction that, if the Church is faithful and devoted to the Master, the needed recruits will be forthcoming. Contrasting the present situation with the past experience of the Moravian Church he suggested that “true Moravians are not looking for easy tasks.”

Presiding at the lovefeast was the Rev. J. C. Hughes, pastor of the host church. The Rev. Clayton H. Persons led the traditional prayer for mission, and the treasurer, Edwin L. Stockton, gave a condensed report of the Society’s funds and called attention to the total contributions from the entire province, showing that the income from invested funds in the care of the Society amounted to $6,191.32 in 1954-55, and the contributions to all causes from congregations, individuals, and groups amounted to $55,267.45, making the Provincial total $61,458.77. The Rev. Samuel J. Tesch, president of the Society presided over this portion of the meeting and introduced the speaker. Bishop J. Kenneth Pfahl brought the offertory prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Offerings and dues for the day amounted to more than $3,000.00. The goal of $1,000.00 for the continuation of the leper work among the Arabs of the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan was reached but additional offerings are expected to push this figure substantially higher. Members of the Society are urged to send in their annual dues so that bookkeeping may be facilitated.

The following became Life Members of the Society during the year: J. H. Sparks, Charles Bruce Weber, Mrs. John E. Vaughn, Mrs. Laurence B. Leinbach, Mrs. William J. Leinbach, Paul H. Kolb, B. C. Snyder, Dr. John R. Weinlick, Mrs. John E. Weinlick, Mrs. Samuel Baudert, Mrs. C. M. Hoffman, Mrs. Ralph Siewers, Jr., and Charles N. Siewers.

Provincial Women’s Board

WHAT IS A GOOD HYMN?

The following article was written by Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfahl also containing a leaflet of hymns appropriate for use at different seasons to be distributed to Women of the Church groups.

Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfahl

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Provincial Women’s Board

WHAT IS A GOOD HYMN?

The following article was written by Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfahl also containing a leaflet of hymns appropriate for use at different seasons to be distributed to Women of the Church groups.

Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfahl

The Hymn Society of America has adopted the definition written by the late Carl F. Price—"A

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Stewardship Made Possible

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that it simply could not be done. Raise $625,000
in the Northern Province in addition to the regular
budgets of the churches? Impossible! But it was
done. Again, stewardship of time and ability was
involved as hundreds of teams of canvassers went
out to each congregation.

When the campaign was over more than one
local church made an amazing discovery: they
found out what really could be done by members
working together, if they really tried. A number
of churches not only raised a large sum for the
College and Theological Seminary but they increased
their own local budgets (including the pastor's salary) as well. And many local churches discovered
that this deepened sense of stewardship on the part
of its members continued to operate in terms of
giving for both local expenses and the benevo-
ience causes of the Church after the College cam-
paign had come to a close.

This provided the background for the 500th An-
niversary Funds that were raised in all three dis-
tricts of the Northern Province during the past five
years. The Eastern District successfully completed a
campaign for $200,000. The Western District has
gone considerably over their goal of $100,000
and the Canadian District has raised its own fund
that has involved the same degree of proportionate
giving as the two larger districts.

Church extension emphasized

The largest share of these 500th Anniversary Funds has been allocated to church extension, but
other causes of the Church have also benefited.
Each of the districts made a grant toward the new
mission work that the Board of Foreign Missions
planned to undertake as part of the Quincentennial
Program. This money has now been designated for the
Eastern West Indies. The Publication Fund of the
Board of Christian Education and Evangelism
was also given substantial assistance, enabling the
Board to publish a larger variety of books and leaflets at lower prices since it is now possible to
order larger quantities in the original printings.
The Northern Province's share of the operating ex-
penses of the Interprovincial Committee on the
Quincentennial Observance has also come from
the 500th Anniversary Funds.

Since the end of World War II ten new church-
es have been begun in the Northern Province.
These new congregations alone now have a total
membership of 2,922.

Between 1945 and 1952, the following congre-
gations were started: Midway Manor, Palmer
Township, Montview (Hellertown), all in Penn-
sylvania, and New Philadelphia, Ohio.
Since 1952 when the Eastern District launched
its 500th Anniversary Fund campaign, the follow-
ing congregations have been started as part of the
Province's 500th Anniversary Observance:

Battle Hill, Union, New Jersey, which now has
a contributing membership of 53 and a Sunday
school of 46; Big Oak, Yardley, Pa., with 76 com-
municants and 56 in the Sunday school; Grace
Church, Center Valley, Pa., with 41 communicants
and 107 in the Sunday school; Lakeview, Madison,
Wisconsin, with 95 communicants and 154 in the
Sunday school; Jasper Place, Edmonton, Canada,
with 31 communicants and 55 in the Sunday
school; and Downey, California, with 193 com-
municants and 283 in the Sunday school.

To strengthen even more, the recent Eastern District Synod authorized an emergency
financial campaign to be conducted in late 1955
and early 1956 to provide funds for a number of
the newer churches that badly need more ade-
quate facilities, and the Western District Synod
voted $12,500 toward a second church in Califor-
nia as well as a number of congregations of the De Forest, Wis-
consin, congregation and the new work at Menon-
minee, Michigan. Both synods gave hearty en-
dorsement to a continuation of the vigorous pro-
gram of church extension in the future with the
Eastern District planning another full-fledged ef-
fort in 1958 and the Western District looking for-
toward raising another $50,000 for church
extension in the next five years.

The Church practices stewardship

During this year of stewardship we are also at-
tempts to look at ourselves, as churches, asking
how we are carrying out our stewardship of the
Gospel. Part of our plan for this year is a Program
Study in each local congregation, which some con-
gregations have already completed. In this study
we ask and attempt to give an honest answer to
the question, "How well are we, as a congregation,
carrying out our God-given work?" In addition to
the new churches that have been mentioned
at least eighteen churches of the province
have undertaken major building or remodeling
projects, some of them exceeding the $100,000
mark. But as important as the new buildings are,
we know they are only tools to help us do our job.

To use these tools effectively takes people who are
consecrated to their Lord and who are willing to
be good stewards not only of their material pos-
sessions, but as teachers, as youth advisors and
as workers in every other part of the church's
program, are good stewards of the time and the
ability that God has committed to their care.

"Christian stewardship is the practice of systemat-
ic and proportionate giving of time, abilities and
material possessions, based on the conviction that
these are a trust from God to be used in his serv-
ice for the benefit of all mankind, in grateful ac-
knowledgment of Christ's redeeming love." This
year of stewardship is helping us to understand
what these words mean, translated into action.

And as this lesson takes root in our lives we look
forward with eager confidence to the service our
Church will be able to render in the years that lie
ahead.

BAPTISM

Wooten, John Wesley Eugene, son of George G.
and Myrtle m. n. House Wooten. Born May 16,
1955 in Winston-Salem. Baptized September 25,
1955 in Bethania Church by the Rev. F. Herbert
Webb.

Gray, David Bahrison, infant son of James A.
and Yvonne m. n. Jackson Gray, Jr. Born Febru-
ary 17, 1955; was baptized September 18, 1955,
at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Cramer, Michael Vernon, son of Marvin C.
and Lorraine m. n. Turner Cramer; born June 28,
1954 in Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized October 2,
1955 in Christ Church by the Rev. John H.
Johansen.

Fultz, David Maxwell, son of Fred Maxwell
and Barbara June m. n. Stauber Fultz. Born June
7, 1955, Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized Septem-
ber 18, 1955 at New Philadelphia Church, by the
Rev. Henry A. Lewis.
A Nurse Returns

Lilian Butner, R. N., terminated her service at the hospital in Bilwaskarma on September 26. The spirit in which that service had been rendered is reflected by the closing paragraph of her last letter from the field. “Again may I say thank you so very much for giving me this opportunity for service, small though it has been. My prayers will be for those who labor here and for you there as you continue to serve the Lord in this work.”

Hurricane “Janet” Damages Barbados

On Thursday, September 22, the island of Barbados suffered the ravages of a severe hurricane. The worst effects were felt in the parishes of Christ church and St. Philip. In the former some thirty people lost their lives. But all over the island the loss of property and of crops was great.

First reports from our missionaries tell of eight of our church buildings having been hit. The worst damage seems to have been done in the smaller stations. At Clifton Hill the roof of the mission house blew off with disastrous results to the building; the chapel roof on the north suffered; the home of the school master was ruined. The storm left Fulneck Chapel leaning to one side; Penuel Chapel was blown off its foundation. Of the main stations Sharon seems to have suffered most, extensive damage being done to the veranda of the mission house and to the cupola on the bell tower of the stone church.

Our missionaries appeal for gifts of summer clothing for men, for women and children, since many folks have lost all their possessions. Such clothing can be sent by parcel post addressed to the Rev. Duncan C. Moore, Sharon Moravian Church, St. John 2, Barbados, B. W. I. The customs declaration provided by the post office for such parcels should describe the contents as “used clothing—gift shipment for hurricane relief.”

We Move Forward at Dillingham

Upon the urgent advice of the local missionaries, supported by the recommendation of the Alaska Provincial Board, the Mission Board has authorized the purchase of a desirable site in Dillingham with the house which we had been renting until recently as a residence for Mildred Siedke and Loretta Burgardt. There is sufficient land for a simple chapel which building local members and friends hope to secure. The Rev. James Dittmer is the ordained missionary in the area.

Work at the Morongo Mission, California

The church building at the Morongo Mission having been painted and repaired recently it is the turn of the mission house now. As these lines are written a crew of young men from the congregation are painting this house.

An Unusual Courtesy

Thanks to the personal intervention of President Sorozzo, Dr. Thaeler reports that urgently needed supplies can now be imported by the Ruth C. S. Thaeler Hospital. This permission was received by Dr. Thaeler after a personal interview with the President, who brought the doctor on his homeward journey in the presidential speed boat, the President at the wheel.

One of Christendom’s pioneers in the effort to restore apostolic unity to the Church is Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, the Executive Secretary of the U. S. Conference, World Council of Churches. This month we present highlights from Dr. Cavert’s address at Buck Hills Falls, Penn., in June of this year, entitled “The Local Church and the World Council.”

“…The World Council relates the local church to a united effort to bring Christian influence to bear on the contemporary problems of society. Especially through its study program it constantly emphasizes the fact that the Church has a responsibility for making Christ Lord of every aspect of human life. George MacLeod of Iona (the Iona community off the western coast of Scotland) has even said that the whole development of the ecumenical movement in our time might be described as an effort to discover what it means, in practice, to affirm the Lordship of Christ. This Lordship…has to do not only with the personal attitudes of the individual Christian but with the whole complex of social relationships in the world which God has created. The studies of the significance of the Gospel for our social, economic, inter-racial and international life are concrete ways in which each local church can have a conscious part in a determined effort to find out what the Lordship of Christ means for the life of today.”

Lilian Butner, who went to Nicaragua for two year term of service, returns.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

MOUNT AIRY

Bill and Dorothea Bowman and Stephen Jones joined the church by Adult Baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Key joined by letter of transfer.

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The second annual “Know Your Church Night” was a fine success with over a hundred people present to hear Dr. E. L. Stockton, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, present the history and purpose of Salem Congregation as an organization. The forty-seven new members received during the past fiscal year were honored guests.

The Rev. T. Conway Pruett spoke at our quarterly Workers Conference meeting during Christian Education Week. Another feature of this week was the showing of a fine new film on the value of the Sunday school entitled: “This Way to Heaven.”

Other guest speakers since our last report include the Rev. Howard Rondthaler, Dr. Francis C. Ansonbee, Dr. Herbert Spaugh and the Rev. Herbert Johnson.

Two physical improvements have been made to our Scout Hut. We are indebted to Br. F. R. Smith, Sr. for the new asphalt tile floor and to Br. Mitchell Dize for the new venetian blinds.

RICHARD F. AMOS

UNION CROSS

One hundred fifty new church hymnals (Hymnal and Liturgies of the Moravian Church) have been added to our worship. These hymnals were given to the congregation by Br. and Sr. Ray Hine and their daughter, Elaine, and they were dedicated to the service of the Lord on September 4, during the morning worship service. The congregation is indeed grateful for this generous gift.

Our anniversary lovefeast was held on the evening of September 11, at which time the Rev. H. B. Johnson brought an inspiring message. We were thankful for his message and for our friends from neighboring congregations who joined us in this sixtieth anniversary celebration.

This was a prelude to our revival which began on September 12, and closed at the morning worship service on Sunday, September 18. The Rev. Norwood Green, our revival preacher, brought a week of stirring and challenging messages, and to him we express our heartfelt gratitude. Although there were no public commitments, the Holy Spirit was surely present and at work and felt in our midst.

Bill Cope and Douglas Hanes, who are serving in the U. S. Air Force, were home on furlough for a few weeks. Also C. C. Reid was home from his job for a few days. We wish God’s continued blessing upon these men wherever they go.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Tucker have been appointed adult advisors to the youth fellowship group.

Work on the new addition to our building is nearing completion. We hope to be using it in a short time. When completed, this will add to our Sunday school space and also will serve various other purposes in our church program.

ROBERT ALLEN JOBST

ARDMORE

After a lapse of three months our Youth Fellow-

ship resumed its activities on September 11 with an attendance of 83 and has averaged 77 per meeting since then. The counselors for the three groups (junior, junior high and senior) are: Mr. and Mrs. Wym F. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Crews, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Spainhour, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hurst and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby G. Pope.

The usual “summer slump” took a peculiar course this year. One Sunday the attendance would be “off” and the next it would be better than any one expected. Actually, it never did level-off during the months of July and August and with September it was up and beyond the usual.

Men of the Church were off to a good start for the fall program with an address by the Rev. Hiram E. Davis, of the neighboring First Evangelical and Reformed Church, in which he gave us his pre-

photo by W. H. Samson

Mt. Airy Cornerstone Is Laid: Participating in the service are the pastor, the Rev. Robert A. Jobst; Dr. Herbert Spaugh, vice-president of the Provincial Elders Conference; and Conrad Stimpson, contractor.

Betty Dinkins and Joe Fulk were married August 7. Polly Ann King and Bill Cox were married September 4. The church was nicely filled on both occasions.

James Jarvis conducted mid-week prayer meetings while pastor attended various summer camps. Rev. George Higgins served the August 14 Communion.

A junior fellowship for boys and girls aged 9 through 13 was organized by Jo Anne Palmer. Judy Pruett assists her and plays the piano.

Br. Herbert Spaugh came up from Charlotte to be guest preacher at our cornerstone laying September 18. The eight room Sunday school building was half completed at the time. He spoke at a family night supper the following morning.

Mrs. J. K. Pfohl conducted a service of song Sunday night, October 2.

Roland Smith, John Walker, Jack Jones, John Eggleston, John Wolfe, Frank McHone worked several evening making a fine meeting room out of part of the parsonage basement.

Rachel Jones, Ruth Burton and Edith McHone have been helping the pastor to fold and address mid-week bulletins once or twice each month.

Myrtle Hiatt worked hard preparing next year’s Birthday Calendar for the printer. Harry Hiatt continues as scout master and, with the assistance of Harry White, is now endeavoring to start a Cub Pack for smaller boys.

The following received Bibles on Sunday school promotion day: Carol Jean Tesh, Cindy Lou Jobst, Rebecca Semones, Diane Cox, Diane Simmons, Ernestine Johnson, Glenn Martin, Dennis Collins, Raymond Collins.

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Not to be outdone the Women of the Church presented Miss Saxon Bray of Gray High School and member of Trinity Moravian Church as guest speaker for their fall meeting. Miss Bray spoke interestingly of her experiences up and across the country going as far as Point Barrow, Alaska. Her talk was illustrated with excellent pictures.

About one hundred of the congregation and a few invited friends were the guests of the Brn. David E. Day, Jr., and Dallas C. Butner at a “party open house” on October 1. Greetings were brought by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl and Br. Edwin A. Sawyer. It was indicative of what we can look forward to when we can avail ourselves of the larger fellowship hall.

An intensive program of visitation among many of our members who do not attend the services was carried out during September in preparation for our forty-third anniversary and the beginning of our fall revival. It was a gracious season of spiritual refreshing and the results cannot fail to be felt in our community. We were privileged to have Dr. Edmund Schwarze as our evangelist and his messages built around the general theme, “What Think Ye Of Christ—His Person and Works?” was most stimulating and informative.

We are going to reach the three hundred mark in Sunday school before Christmas.

SAMUEL J. TESCH

RALEIGH

The second anniversary services were held by the Raleigh congregation on October 2. In the morning hours, Sunday school classes—we conduct them in five departments—met at ten o’clock as usual, in the second floor rooms of the State College YMCA building, followed at eleven o’clock by the worship service in which the pastor administered the Holy Communion in celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday, as well as the Raleigh congregation’s anniversary. That afternoon, at four o’clock in the Vanguard Room of the First Presbyterian Church on Capitol Square, our second anniversary lovefeast attracted an encouraging number of friends who gathered to celebrate the anniversary of the congregation. It was a fitting occasion to give thanks to God. We were privileged to have Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl as our guest speaker.

Back in August our Building Committee and Church Board, together with the Provincial committee and boards concerned, were pleased to put the signatures of final approval on plans for our Christian Education building as prepared by the architect. Nine contractors picked up copies of the plans, and seven of them actually submitted bids on the building on the appointed date, August 31. Unfortunately, even the low bid amounted to far more than we had anticipated. Throughout September successful efforts were made to negotiate with the low bidder, a Raleigh contractor who proved to be most cooperative and fair. Nevertheless, after careful consideration, the Provincial boards having to deal with this matter decided that the contractor’s bid, based upon the deletions and the substitutions of materials which we requested, did not represent a sufficient reduction in the cost of construction to enable us to remain within our total budget for the Raleigh project. They have therefore advised that we undertake further revisions of the specifications and if necessary slight alterations in the plans. While we regret this de-

lay, we feel that it is wise and are confident that the officials of the Province definitely have our best interests in mind and at heart.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

CHARLOTTE

(Little Church on the Lane)

First steps in the over-all plan to complete our new Education Building have been approved by the Trustees and work is now under way. Three new class rooms have been completed on the third floor of our Parish House and the church office has been moved from the second floor to new rooms on the first to provide class space for the Herbert Spaugh Men’s Bible Class which has been meeting in the parsonage. Work will commence soon on a new one story youth building for our Nursery-Kindergarten Departments and for Scout work which will be erected on the west side of the church.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lee upon the birth of a daughter, Deane Elizabeth, August 13, 1955, at Mercer Island, Washington, and to Dr. and Mrs. Earle Spaugh upon the birth of a daughter, Victoria Sue, September 21, 1955, in Charlotte.

The following young people entered college this fall: Mitchell Borden, Jr., sophomore, University of North Carolina; Fred Fischupp, Jr., freshman, Catawba College; Linda School, junior, University of North Carolina; Michael Simpson, junior, Moravian College; Geri Smith, sophomore, Woman’s College of the University of North Carolina; Carolynn Spaugh, senior, Salem College, and Mary Jo Wootten, freshman, Salem College.

The fall quarterly general meeting of the Women of the Church met September 13 in Fellowship Hall. Wednesday, December 7 was announced as the date for our 21st annual bazaar.

Our annual congregation council and family night supper was held in fellowship hall on September 30, for election of Elders and Trustees and to hear reports on various organizations and on our new Building and Expansion Program. Supper was served by the night circle with Mrs. Rupert Johnson in charge. New Vestrymen are—Elders: L. Allen; C. E. Blythe; Grady Byrum; D. Frank Caldwell; Jacob F. Crous; Roland B. Jones; Herbert S. Thompson, and Basil Wilson. Trustees: Clotus O. Fulop, Ben S. Horton; Rupert O. McCorkle; Richard A. Pitts; Reuben C. Russell; James S. Smith, Sr.; W. W. Transou, and W. L. Yarborough.

HERBERT SPAUGH

MOUNT BETHEL

We were very happy to have with us on August 20 the young people from Macedonia visiting our young people here.

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On September 1, our young people gave a going away party for Billie Nell Ayers who entered training at City Hospital on September 6.

The Ladies Auxiliary has placed in the parsonage some new living room furniture which adds greatly to the appearance of the room. The parsonage family is enjoying the use of this furniture very much.

Our revival started on September 4 with Br. John Goserud as our evangelistic speaker. The services were well attended with Br. Goserud giving us a series of some very inspirational messages. He made the gospel live in song as well as his sermons. The choir from Konnoak Hills came up on Friday night and sang some of the early Moravian music for us, which was greatly enjoyed. Our evangelistic services were concluded on Sunday night with a fellowship circle.

We want to thank Br. Alfred Dawson for conducting the morning and evening worship services on the third and fourth Sundays of September while the pastor and his family were away on vacation. We also want to thank Br. Clayton Hall for conducting prayer meeting for the two weeks.

GLENN E. CRAVER

KING

King has undertaken an experiment that might easily succeed beyond our highest expectations. On second and fourth Sundays when the early worship service was held at night, we are how holding this service at 10:00 a.m., giving us an alternating plan, the service on other Sundays being at 11 o'clock. We were fearful that the change would confuse the children and harm Sunday school attendance but we are beamimg part of our worship service directly for the children and getting them to come for church as well as Sunday school. The first two such services held in September were markedly successful and on September 25 gave us the highest church attendance of the present pastorate.

Rally Day in our Sunday school on September 25 included the annual promotion program, photographing of all classes by the superintendent, souvenir hand-carved olive wood camels from the Holy Land for all present and the launching of a full scale attendance effort, aiming at more regular attendance by all. It was an outstanding day for our school.

The women of the Church have installed hymn book racks in the pews, made to accommodate both Sunday school and church hymnals. The work was done by J. Everett Stone, Jr., and the pastor. Now the women are collecting funds to augment the supply of hymnals. This has met a much felt need.

The pastor and his wife spent a most enjoyable vacation in August visiting Quebec, Canada, and the Adirondacks in New York State. During their absence Br. C. M. Hedrick and Br. Herbert Weber supplied the pulpits very acceptably at King.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

OAK GROVE

This year, by giving scholarships, the Sunday school made it possible for twelve of our young people to attend the Moravian summer conferences. This was our largest representation in many years and also the first time in several years that we have been represented at the Senior Conference.

The Sunday night youth groups did not meet in August but got off to a good start for the fall on September 17, when a supper was given for them by the Elders and Trustees.

During the pastor's absences at the Moravian Intermediate Conference and the Massanutta Bible Conference, the services were conducted by William McElveen, Carl Helmick, and Fred Hege.

On September 11, thirty-five adults traveled to Camp Hanes for our first Sunday school Retreat. Although rain drove us to shelter for the picnic supper and consecration service, those present were happy for this opportunity to gain new understanding and inspiration for their work.

Our sixty-eighth anniversary was observed on the last Sunday in September. Although it was a rainy day, a large group came out for the morning service and remained to spread their picnic lunch in the Sunday school building. We shall long remember the inspirational sermon preached by Br. Truett Chadwick at the afternoon lovefeast.

Mrs. Roy Hester conducted the closing mid-week service of the month, while the pastor was attending the Ministers Retreat at Roaring Gap.

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER

CHRIST CHURCH

The outstanding event for our congregation during the past two months was the visit of our missionary, Dr. Samuel B. Marx, Dr. Marx, Mrs. Marx, and their four children, Cathy, Benno, Steve, and Rickey, stayed in Winston-Salem for a week on their return trip to Honduras. Dr. Marx preached for us at the morning service on September 4, and on the same day was ordained a Presbyterian by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, at the evening service. The Marx's were guests at a family night gathering held on the following Tuesday in the fellowship building, at which time Dr. Marx spoke about his medical work in Honduras, illustrating his talk with colored slides. Dr. Marx was able to speak in several other churches of the Province while he was here and his visit among our people will long be remembered by them.

After much planning and deliberation a young adult class has been started in our Sunday school, the class meeting for the first time on September 11. This class, which serves young married couples, as well as young men and women who are single, has a present enrollment of 66, and recently elected the following officers: Alvin Disher, president; Gilmer Ebert, vice-president; Ann Raymer, secretary; and Jack Sparkes, treasurer. R. B. Huffman is the teacher of this new class.

The children's lovefeast was held on August 21., with the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes of Greensboro, N. C., as the speaker.

Our sincere thanks are extended to the Brns. Herbert H. Johnson, J. George Bruner, and George H. Higgins, who occupied the pulpit during the pastor's vacation period, and while he was teaching the Bible course at the Young People's Conference at Camp Hanes.

JOHN H. JOHANSEN

ENTERPRISE

Congratulations to the Mens' Bible Class on the conclusion of their rest room project. The men gave free time for the completion of the rooms and the entire congregation joined them in making the cash donations to pay for the materials.

The Women of the Church engaged Mr. W. D. B. COAL

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MAYODAN

We were glad to receive Mary Alice Deluca into our church by confirmation Sunday, August 21. Seven of our young people attended the Junior High Conference at Camp Hanes. They were Lena C. Vaughn, Bonnie Williams, Audrey Smith, Jimmy Williams, Jane C. Young, Ann Williams, and Linda Vaden.

We observed our August 13th anniversary with Holy Communion in the morning of August 14 and lovefeast in the evening with special music by the youth and adult choirs and men's chorus and an interesting message by the Rev. K. Edwin Fussell. On August 26 our Women of the Church were hostess to the Women of the Church of Leasburg Moravian in commemoration of the anniversary of the latter organization. Mrs. M. E. Miller, president of the Provincial Woman's Board spoke. This was a time of fine fellowship.

Our adult choir and men's chorus participated in the musical program at Mayo Park which was sponsored by the local Y. M. C. A. This was the last Sunday in August.

In the absence of the pastor Harvey Price and Mrs. Lenna Duncan conducted inspirational prayer meetings on two Wednesday evenings.

The young men's class installed a much needed water cooler in the church. It was welcomed by all coming to services.

A stewardship picture entitled "The Story of Peter Vance" was shown the last Sunday evening in September. This was in observance of Stewardship Year.

JOHN H. KAPP

RURAL HALL

The church picnic was held in Tanglewood Park at the children's center on the evening of August 3. Communion for the August 13 festival was held on August 7.

During the pastor's vacation, we were glad to have the Bn. David Burket and Carl J. Helmich, Jr., with us to conduct the services on August 14 and August 21. The missionary liturgy was used on August 21 in recognition of the 223rd anniversary of the beginning of Moravian Missions. A Sunday school teacher's meeting was held on September 14.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

KERNERSVILLE

At the Quarterly Auxiliary Meeting in September the women heard Dr. Thor Johnson give a vivid description of his trip to the Orient with the Symphony of the Air. This trip included many concerts in Japan, the Phillipines, Formosa and the Malay Peninsula. From expressions of good will received from leaders in these and other countries we felt very thankful that one of our brother Moravians could have such a prominent part in promoting international good will. Following this inspiring address the group met in the parsonage for refreshments.

The organization of the Board of Elders has been made as follows: chairman, Clayton H. Persons; vice-chairman, Theodore C. Kermer and secretary, Henry Shore. The Board of Trustees organized as follows: chairman, Fred F. Vance; vice-chairman, Joyner Burns and secretary, Eugene Flynn.

The intermediate and senior night groups have resumed their meetings for the fall and winter months. Adult counselors for the senior group are Mr. and Mrs. Sam F. Vance and for the intermediate group Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Carter.

The junior choir is beginning rehearsals on Friday afternoons under the direction of Miss Flavelle Stockton. We always look forward to opportunities of worship with the children.

CLAYTON H. PERSONS
congregation has instituted a midweek school for
younger members of Primary, Junior, and Intermediate
age. A complete, graded course has been set up
within each department, along with a program of
recreation and handwork activity. Juniors and In-
termediates also remain for the evening meal on
Wednesday nights, following which they enter in-
backage.

music remains in these attics. Perhaps your own
intermediates also remain for the evening meal on
within each department, along with a program of
a night school for
of music in the schools:
that learn this science
only a devoted clergyman, but
also a very remarkable musician as well. In fact,
we may say that he was the musical philosopher of
the Moravian Church, for it was he who establish-
ed principles of music which continue to this day.

He was the son of Benjamin Latrobe, a French
Huguenot, who went to Ireland with William of
Orange. Christian Ignatius must have had an
extremely interesting boyhood in his father’s house
for his father’s immediate circle included some of
the greatest names in England: Lord Dartmouth,
Sir Isaac Newton, Charles Wesley, and Dr. Samuel
Johnson.

Music early had a strong influence on Christian.
In his own words: “From my earliest infancy, every
kind of musical sound immediately attracted my at-
tention. In sickness and pain it would stop my cry-
ing and overpowers the feelings of anguish in
teaching matter, mothers, take note! I heard no
silly or profane ditties; but the hymn-tunes and
anthems of our church, sung in Fulneck Chapel,
sunk with their solemn chords into my earth.”

Later, he was to expound upon the philosophy of
music in the schools: “All that learn this science
(music) in their schools, are taught to consider the
practice thereof, whether vocal or instrumental as
leading to the same grand point in which all other
learning ought to center, namely, in the service of
the Lord, and the promotion of His glory on earth.”

Latrobe had four children, of whom three gain-
ed national and even international prominence.
Benjamin was appointed by Thomas Jefferson (1803)
to the post of Surveyor of Public Buildings
in the United States. His work in America includ-
ed designing the Virginia capital, the Bank of Penn-
sylvania, and finishing the national capital in Wash-
ington.

Peter and John Antes Latrobe remained with
music. Peter compiled several chorale books (mod-
eled after his father’s) and John Antes (nephew and
namesake of the missionary-composer, John Antes)
became an organist and Vicar of St. Thomas’ Ken-
dal.

Next month, we will discuss the Latrobe chorale
book.

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Busy Miss Mary Ibsen
Herbert E. Johnson

A recent issue of our Danish MISSIONSBLAD publishes a letter written to friends in Denmark by Miss Mary Ibsen. The letter introduces Moravians everywhere to a youthful and vivacious missionary who is well worth knowing. She is secretary to her father, Bishop S. H. Ibsen, superintendent of Moravian missions in Unyamwezi, Tanganika Territory, East Africa. In addition she is Acting Ward of this mission field.

She writes of the completion of the annual report on mission accounts as having taken a great load off her mind and of the serious illness last year of Bishop Ibsen which brought a flood of difficulties and problems upon the work of the District.

She continues, “As secretary I faced problems last year which I must find a solution to. Some of them abide with us still. The office here is certainly the center of the entire Unyamwezi District. All mail for the entire district comes here to Tabora, and here the mail to all the other mission stations must be distributed. This exchange of mail occurs once every week, when the three postmen arrive from Sikonge, Usoke and Ichema. The men from Usoke and Ichema travel afoot; the man from Sikonge travels by bus because the amount of mail is more than a man can carry. Sikonge is the center of a great field of activity; so there are large numbers of workers, and a corresponding increase in mail.

“The bank is likewise here in Tabora, and through my hands, as treasurer, the money for salaries, supplies and other accounts must be sent out every month to all six of our head-stations. Here we also look after orders for literature, books and periodicals, and their distribution, too, as well as all material for our schools and medicinal wares for their respective places.

Transportation must be found, and occasionally messengers must be secured, to send supplies to out-of-the-way places. Frequently natives bring their savings to us for safe-keeping. Tuition is paid by many of our pupils in our Boys School in Sikonge and in our Girls School in Usoke. Tabora is a hub through which many pass on their journeys. Many of these wayfarers persons, fearing robbery and theft, carry all their money with them. Furthermore, there are purchases to make on behalf of missionary colleagues who live where there are no shops and stores.

“The African greeting ‘hodi’ is heard daily and frequently outside our door, when natives arrive to consult with their Bishop. It also happens quite often that an automobile will roll up with a guest, or even a carload of visitors, to be invited in for a cup of tea or a meal at our table.

“The first, and now ancient, mission house here may well be called Termites’ Delight; for, in addition to myself, it houses countless multitudes of these most undesirable occupants. It also becomes living quarters for some missionary sojourning here on a brief visit. Tabora is an important point on the railway; so it often happens that missionaries from other fields visit with us while passing through our city.

On Sundays, Josefu, our crippled evangelist, and I seek to lead little children to Jesus. Our weekly meetings for women continue through the rainy season, although so many women are busy in the fields. We use the Swahili Bible. One day I talked with seven women who represented seven different tribes of East Africa. They are the wives of educated Africans who are employed by the British government.

“We note class distinctions in Tabora, among the natives themselves. Tabora is such a widespread community; consequently, there is a class of elite women who come to church on bicycles. Another class is composed of educated young women who have learned to sew and knit. Yet another class is that of the women who have never held a sewing needle in their hands; neither can they read. Some women have servants in their homes, with whom they can leave their children. Other women carry their babies to church in pouches on their backs. There are a few women whose husbands provide them with personal spending money, while other women receive no money at all. Christ in the hearts and minds of these women can clear away all distinctions among them.

“Young people from all over Tanganika attend schools in Tabora. Many of them worship with us in our church on Sunday. Twice a week our Evangelist William and I hold classes for instruction in Christian doctrine at the girls school. I have the girls aged 9 to 12, and a class of 54 girls aged 15-20. How I wish I were a theologian! I am a theologian!

“As some of you may already know, I have become engaged to marry,—such a thing can happen in Africa! (Miss Mary’s husband-to-be is Missionary Lund, in charge of carpentry at Rungwe, South Highlands.) This means that my work in the future will be done at the side of my husband in our mission in Rungwe. Remember us and our labor for the Lord as we two begin our years of service as ‘one in the Lord.’

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Votes Progressive Program
Clement E. Suemper

The whirring wheels of legislative machinery made themselves heard loud and long in the Central Christian Education Building, Bethlehem, early in September from the moment the Eighth Synod of the District convened there on Tuesday, the sixth, until the sessions came to a screeching halt late on Friday afternoon. While of course every piece of legislation that was presented before this assembly of delegates was important, in the sense that it was of special concern to some individual or group of people within the church, some of the final pronouncements of Synod will prove to be important to every congregation and every member. Let's look at a few.

Synod proposed:
A campaign to bolster three of our newest congregations in the district, to help them each build a church or other facilities adequate for worship. The congregations are Big Oak, Yardley, Pennsylvania; Battle Hill, Union, New Jersey; and Hilltop, New Hartford, New York. Each congregation in the District therefore is asked to assist in securing adequate church buildings, taking as a goal the amount of one-half of its 1954 benevolence quota.

A change in our five-year span between District Synods. Voted was a plan whereby the Eastern District Synod will convene in 1958 and every two years thereafter.

A uniform fiscal year was recommended to Provincial Synod for the various boards of the Church. This same fiscal year (the calendar year) is strongly urged upon the local congregations to avoid confusion.

Synod approved:
The new Youth Program of the Province, and urged congregations to give this movement their hearty support by recommending an increase in the benevolence quota for the Board of Christian Education and Evangelism.

The Women's Work of the Province, which also is new within this past intersynodal period. It suggested that the forthcoming Provincial Synod of 1956 give the Women's Board a permanent status, and here again the financial support of women's work to be placed in the benevolence budgets of the local churches.

An outreach of evangelism among children in our communities, with particular stress on bringing to Christ those many children who seem to have little or no connection with the Savior at present.

The proposed "Sixth Century" program of growth and spiritual deepening which is being planned for the world-wide Moravian Church as a follow-up on our 500th Anniversary celebration of the year 1957.

DEATHS


Sheppard, Ernest Alonso son of Aaron and Dulcina m. n. Powers Sheppard; born in Salem, N. C., July 22, 1877; died September 9, 1955; member of Christ Church. Funeral service conducted at Vogler's Chapel by the Rev. John H. Johansen and Bishop Howard Rondthaler, with interment in the Moravian Graveyard.


Duncan, Roy Gray, son of Linnie R. and Ellen m. n. Joyce Duncan; born in Winston-Salem, N. C., January 10, 1897; died September 13, 1955; member of Trinity Church. Funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights, the Rev. R. O. Bennett, Jr., and the Rev. J. C. Tucker.

Kirkman, Mrs. Mattie m. n. Howerton, born July 23, 1896. Member of Moravian Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. R. T. Stoutman, the Rev. W. George Bruner, the Rev. William Barker, and Mr. J. H. Reid. Internment in Moravian Graveyard.


BETHABARA DAY OF PRAYER
The women of Bethabara Church will sponsor a Day of Prayer Wednesday, November 16. The sessions will begin at 11:00 A. M. with luncheon at 12:30 P. M., and conclude with the afternoon session at 1:30 P. M.

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We arrive at South Campus, where the son of a Canadian Moravian minister of Vancouver, British Columbia, and a Moravian boy from Staten Island, New York, are waiting for the Blue and Grey College bus, being joined by a group of women students also looking for the bus, among them the daughter of a Moravian minister of the Lehigh Valley.

Yes, a college is people—an unusually interesting community of human beings of almost limitless variety. Think of us as a family of almost 800 individuals seeking each in his own way to meet the daily responsibilities that God has laid upon us—in the framework of a curricula in liberal arts and theology. Our motto Via Lucis, Way of Light, comes from the great Comenius, and points directly to Him, who is the "Light of the World."

**MORAVIAN STUDENTS** waiting for college bus, stand in carriage-way at South Campus. Belfry of Central Church is in background.

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**New Students**

Student enrollment at this point appears to be 667 College and 28 Seminary. As new members of the Seminary student body, we welcome the following:

- William B. Kerner, of Richmond, Virginia, graduate of the University of Virginia, a candidate for service in the Southern Province.
- Vernon Nelson, of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, graduate of the University of Wisconsin, brother of the Rev. Howard Nelson, who passed away several years ago.
- Martin Schaffstall, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, graduate of Franklin and Marshall College.
- Wilbert Frey, of Bruderheim, Alberta, Canada, who comes to us as a special student after several years of public school teaching.

Incoming candidates for the Moravian ministry in the College from the Southern Province are: S. Michael Simpson, of Charlotte, and Harold Cole, of the Home Church.

We are welcoming to our student body, in addition to two new students from Alberta, Canada, the following students from other countries:

- Darius Djafar-Zade and Vahid Nehorai, both from Iran; Hwang-Ming from Taiwan (Formosa); and Hans Christoph Hahn of Hanover, German, son of a Moravian minister, a candidate for service in the Moravian Church of Germany, who comes

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THE CHRISTMAS STORY REMINDS US THAT

Stewardship Begins With Jesus

Victor L. Thomas

Year after year we read with joy the gospel story of Christ's coming on earth. We thrill at the thought of the humble, faithful parents, the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, the manger bed, the angels in the sky, the shepherds tending their sheep, the brightly shining star, and the Wise Men with their gifts. The story never grows old. But, as we grow older, and as we grow in grace and Christian faith, we become aware more and more that in and through, around and above, this beautiful story there shines the unspeakable love of God. We realize that without this love it would be just another story. The awareness of the fact that God loved and that God gave brings to every Christian an element of supreme joy and peace. Loving and giving—is this the heart of Christmas.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son . . . " God, the Creator, knowing my innermost self, knowing all the rebellion and futility there is in me, refuses to disown me, but reaches out to lift me up and place me at his side.

Christmas is a time when, as a Christian, one yearns to know God's great love by commemorating the anniversary of the birth of this Saviour and Redeemer. Because of what God has done for us, we count it a privilege and a duty to pledge anew our devotion to Christ and his Church.

This season of the year reminds us that Christian stewardship begins with Jesus Christ; that its whole emphasis is upon Him; and that the central fact in the life of the Christian is the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into the world to give Himself upon the cross for man. "When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law."

The great event we herald at Christmas should serve as an additional stimulus to remind us of God's great love for us in that He gave this wonderful Saviour and that He is ours to love, that He is ours to worship, and that He is ours to serve. God's great love for us calls us for a reciprocal love from us. This is the underlying motive for all stewardship. It is this spirit of love and devotion to Christ which makes us glad to offer to Him all we are and have. For the glory of Christ and his Kingdom the devoted Christian is willing to do this again and again. We plan; we work; we give—because Jesus Christ is Lord and Master. In faith we hold fast his promises knowing that the fruits of our stewardship will be gathered by God in his own time and in his own way.

Life as a stewardship or trusteeship is strongly emphasized in Jesus' parable of the talents. In this story there are three men who differ in the degree of their possessions and their abilities. One was given in trust two and a half times as much as another. But the conduct of these two men is identical. Both made earnest use of what they had been given in the conduct of their Lord's return. And, when the master returned, they received his commendation: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

You see here the contrast between the person who looks upon his life in all seriousness as a trust from God, and the person who lives aimlessly and selfishly with no thought of God. What a tragic difference! Though they live by side by side, qualitatively their lives are very different. The one endeavors to use his possessions in such a way that God may find him worthy of their trust. The other takes whatever God has given him and seeks to use it for his own selfish pleasure, as though it had nothing whatever to do with God or his neighbor. The one person is always ready to give, to share, to help; while the other can think no farther than himself.

"Talents are seeds by heaven's good gift bestowed, To render back their increase unto God; Talents are deeds to do, or duties done, Whate'er their number be—five, two, or one."

In acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love, and in grateful response to God's eternal love, I want to be a faithful steward of all that He has given me and to use my time, my abilities, and my possessions for the advancement of his Kingdom.

A grateful and thankful spirit reveals the fact that a man has discovered the personal aspect of God's redemptive love through Jesus Christ. In the light of what he has received as a free gift from God, he becomes concerned about expressing thanks in some tangible and effective way. And so a grateful person regards giving as a great privilege. This ought always to be the underlying motive for Christian stewardship.

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ADVANTAGES OF A WILL ARE MANY

Have You Signed One?

Edwin L. Stockton

There is no law that compels a man to make a will; there is a law that will dispose of a man's estate. Not because a man has departed from this world, but because he cannot return to take advantage of the privilege of wills. The law is the executor and the beneficiaries are his executors.

1. To minimize the cost of administering his estate.
2. To direct with care what he leaves behind.
3. To select a competent executor.
4. To protect his family.
5. To select his beneficiaries and to determine in what manner each of them shall share the fruits of his labor.

The failure to take advantage of the privilege of making a will may cause one's family and relatives inconvenience and heartaches. Many men would make a will immediately, if they could return from their graves to witness the anguish on the faces of their wives and children, who are not properly cared for or provided for by a will. Is it not better, for a man to make before his death his own decisions pertaining to the distribution of his estate, rather than to risk the possibility that his property will not be distributed according to his wishes.

Legal Advice

If you were to become seriously ill, you would no doubt call the best physician obtainable. Likewise, it would be just as reasonable to consult a qualified lawyer to obtain advice in the preparation of your will, for he too is an expert in his field. It is unreasonable for a layman to presume that he is as qualified as a doctor to diagnose his illness or as experienced as a lawyer to draw his will.

Because of the legal technicalities which often arise in the making of a will, it is of great importance that one obtains the necessary legal advice. It is just as important to consult your lawyer in drawing your will as it is to obtain advice as to how you should invest your money. It is ironical that some men will go to great expense to obtain investment advice but will not spend a few dollars to have a properly drawn will. One should be just as conscientious in providing for the distribution of his property after death as he is in accumulating it during his lifetime.

Frequently a will drawn by a layman will not adequately or clearly express his intentions, and in many cases there has been expensive litigation arising from the fact of improper phrasing which may change the entire aspect of the will. Therefore, a will—like death—is final, and after one has departed from this world he cannot return to correct unintentional mistakes in his will, drawn without legal advice.

A Christian Will

It is the first duty of a man to provide adequately for his family, but a Christian Steward will also remember his Church and its institutions.

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Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders’ Conference
Salem Academy and College

Twenty-four members of the Board of Trustees of Salem Academy and College met in the Trustees’ room of the College on October 21 for the fall meeting of the Board.

Encouraging reports included the announcement that two new buildings—the power and steam plant and the Academy Annex—were in the process of erection. Results of the Capital Fund Campaign, begun in the spring of 1955, were reported. $1,687,727.73 is on hand either in pledges or cash. Cost of the campaign was only $21,718.08. The enrollment at the Academy, at the College and in the School of Music totals 704 for the year 1955-56.

Moravian College:
The Brn. H. Spaugh, G. Higgins, A. Pfaff, F. Willingham, C. Vance together with the President of the Provincial Elders’ Conference attended the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees of Moravian College in Bethlehem on October 27 and 28.

Enrollment in the Theological Seminary stands at 28; there are 459 men students and 208 women students for a total of 659, or an increase of 104 over last year.

The college closed its fiscal year on June 30 with a surplus of $2,561.25. This becomes quite significant when a $31,855.50 deficit was anticipated.

A capital funds drive is planned for 1956-57. Included on the faculty this year is a member of the Southern Province, Miss Emily Butner.

Quincentennial Interprovincial Committee

Members of the Provincial Elders’ Conference from the Southern Province attended two meetings of the fall session of the Quincentennial Committee.

Publications scheduled for early release include “Through Five Hundred Years”; “The Life of Zinzendorf”; a re-editing of Hamilton’s “History of the Renewed Church”; “Some Moravian Heroes”; “Moravian Hymnody”; “Children’s Book on Labrador.”

Dr. Vernon Coulliard’s recent pamphlet “Christ the Center of our Faith” has just been distributed to every Moravian home and should be read by every member of our church.

The Rev. Charles Brackbill, Presbyterian Synod of New Jersey television and radio expert will direct our publicity and promotional efforts for a two-year period beginning November 1, 1955. Mr. Brackbill will serve our church on a part-time basis.

The launching of our Southern Province Quincentennial effort will take place on November 17 at Ardmore Church. Local committees will attend a supper meeting where they will be informed of the anniversary program for the next two years.

Mission Board:
There was 100% attendance at the four sessions of the American Moravian Mission Board held October 31 and November 1. Representing the Southern Province were the Brns. S. J. Tisch, C. H. Persons, E. L. Stokton and R. G. Spaugh.

The response of the churches of both American Provinces has been good during the past year. Gifts from local congregations showed an increase of nearly $7,000 over the previous year.

Plans for the Year of Mission Emphasis during 1956 were discussed and include: special articles for the church papers direct from the fields; illustrated folders; a visit from the East-West Indies of one of their leaders to do deputation work throughout our church; a movie of our Alaskan Field; visits to Our Youth Conferences of representative natives from Alaska and the Marshik Coast of Central America.

The Mission Board reviewed plans and policies for each of the four fields under our supervision.

Plans for the fall meeting of 1956 call for the Board to meet in Winston-Salem on November 27 and 28.

R. GORDON SPAUGH, President

Stewardship Begins

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Once again, we are about to celebrate the birthday of our Saviour—to listen, with the shepherds, to the angel’s news, “Today, in a manger, a Saviour, which is the Lord.”

Once again, following the eastern star, we travel with the Wise Men to the humble manger that cradles the Son of God and Son of Man. We kneel in adoration before the Love Gift of God and open our hearts with a consecrated passion to heed His commands and to serve Him always. And the inward satisfaction we receive will be in proportion to our obedience. God gave. We want to give, too. This is the joy and peace of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CAROLE, 1955

(Tune 141 C, Abend)

Jesus, Baby Saviour,
Sleeping on the hay,
Hearken to thy children
On this happy day!

Tenderly watch o’er us;
Keep us from the wrong,
That our hearts may ever
Tell Thy praise in song!

Teach us to be loving;
Help us to be kind;
May we always serve Thee
With an humble mind!

Jesus, Baby Saviour,
Born the child of God,
Let us share the burden
Of Thy selfless care!

Speak through us to others
By redeeming love,
’Til we all shall serve Thee
In Thy home above.

Give to us Thy Spirit;
Use our lives, we pray,
Gently lead us onward
In Thy holy way!

Jesus, Baby Saviour,
Sleeping on the hay,
Bless us with Thy presence,
On this happy day!

Paul A. Snider

Musical Notes

Donald M. McCorkle

Music Editor

Last month we began a discussion of Latrobe’s chorale book. Let us continue with some of the bishop’s principles of musical performance, many of which are equally applicable to organists and choir directors today.

I. "The organist should be able to play the Hymn-Tunes in most, if not all, of the different keys extempore; because, upon many occasions, the verses sung by the minister, according to his own choice, are taken from a variety of Hymns, and such single verses are not always given out.

II. He should be acquainted with, if not all, the hymns in the hymn book.

IV. 'The usual interludes between the lines should be short, and suited to the contents of the hymn sung, leading gently and insensibly into the succeeding line; and if in any hymn two lines are so connected together, that the usual pause between them would injure the sense, the interlude shouid not hinder the singer from proceeding without delay."

This last principle is particularly important even today. The double bars in the present Hymnal are used in place of the fermatas, or 'birds-eyes,' which were used in the older editions. It is between these double bars that the interludes were interpolated. Therefore, when the interludes are not used, the double bar, according to Latrobe, should not be interpreted as a pause or hold.

The two recordings of the John Antes Trios and the Moravian Sacred Songs were released by New Records, Inc. last month. These are fine recordings which should be in heavy demand among Moravian families.

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in his will. In the Moravian Church a Christian steward has a splendid opportunity to make a final contribution to one or more of the many phases of its activities. If he wishes, a Christian steward can specifically designate which cause of the Church will receive the benefit of his gift.

Frequently the Church or one of its institutions is the recipient of an improperly worded bequest which may require the interpretation of the court. Therefore, it is highly important that the Christian steward, including the Church in his will, consult the Church authorities who will furnish him with the proper corporate titles, and assist him in carrying out his wishes.

Corporations of the Southern Province

The headquarters of all Moravian Corporations of the Southern Province are located at 500 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, N. C., with the exception of Salem Academy and College, located at the corner of Academy and Church Streets, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Moravian College and Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pa. The following list contains the correct corporate title of each organization and some of their causes to which bequests can be made.

I. BOARD OF PROVINCIAL ELDERS OF THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH, OR UNITAS FRATRUM

Causes:
1. The Sustentation Fund for the pensions of the ministers and their wives.
2. Church Aid and Extension
3. Board of Christian Education
4. Building and Expansion Program
5. The Archives
6. Other Provincial causes, such as the graveyard funds of the various churches of the Province, provincial churches and buildings, and the Moravian Church Camp.

The Church Aid and Extension Board, the Board of Christian Education, the Moravian Building and Expansion Campaign, and the local congregations are not corporations. Bequests to these organizations therefore should be made to the "Board of Provincial Elders of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church, or Unitas Fratrum".

II. THE CONGREGATION OF UNITED BRETHREN OF SALEM AND ITS VICINITY

Causes:
2. The expansion and further development of the Salem Moravian Graveyard.
3. Maintenance of church buildings and properties.
4. The Archives (a joint responsibility with the Province).

III. FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH, SOUTH, INC.

Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Moravian Church, South, Inc. is an organization for the promotion of the mission interests of the Southern Province.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, Bethlehem, Pa.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Moravian Church in America, Bethlehem, Pa., is an inter-provincial board created jointly by the Synods of the Northern and Southern Provinces. It is charged with the administration of those foreign missions for which the American Moravians are responsible.

Causes:
1. The capital fund for the furtherance of the cause of foreign missions.
2. The current needs of Moravian mission fields.
3. Other mission causes, such as Retired Missionaries, or for our mission schools and orphanages.

IV. SALEM ACADEMY AND COLLEGE, Winston-Salem, N. C.

MORAVIAN COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Bethlehem, Pa.

Causes:
1. The general endowment funds of educational institution.
2. The endowment of professorships.
3. Scholarship endowments.
4. Restricted endowments for maintenance of buildings or other special educational activities.

V. MORAVIAN WIDOWS SOCIETY, INC.

Cause:
1. For the capital fund so that payments to the widows of the members may be increased.

Review your Will

If you have already drawn a will, it is advisable to review it to determine whether it adequately expresses your wishes. You should also review your will to determine whether or not your present will is sufficient to cover any increases in your estate or whether any beneficiaries in your present will have died. Perhaps you may wish to rewrite your will if you have previously overlooked including the Church or any of its institutions.

Remember

What a man says in his will survives the grave and remains a living expression for perpetuity. The most important document among your valuable papers is your will.

HAVE YOU SIGNED ONE?

CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Moravian music will be featured on a half-hour program of music from Winston-Salem on December 24. The program will be heard on the C B S Radio Network, beginning at 3:05 EST. Stations throughout the United States are expected to carry the performance sometime during that day (check your newspapers for exact times). The music to be heard will include the Early American Moravian Music Festival Concert and Orchestra doing Peter's "Sing, O Ye Heavens," and "It is A Precious Thing," and the Messiah Chorus of Winston-Salem doing Hagen's "Morning Star" and Handel's "Unto Us A Child is Born."
For Another Term

In its fall meeting the Board of Foreign Missions re-elected the following officers: president, Dr. Edwin W. Korte; vice-president, Dr. Walter H. Allen; secretary, Theodore Hartmann; members of the executive committee, Dr. Allen and the Rev. Samuel J. Teich. All of these officers will serve for the coming year.

On the Way to Recovery

Recent letters from Honduras have told of several illnesses suffered by Martha Marx, Martha Housman and the Rev. Howard Housman. It is with gratitude to God that we can report that these missionaries are now convalescing.

An Appeal Made

The Oerters in California can make good use of second-hand band instruments for the band which they plan to organize in the Ramona Mission. Friends willing to donate instruments which are in good condition should send them to Eugene Oertler, Barrio, California, whether or not their particular instruments could be used to advantage for this purpose.

In Grateful Acknowledgment

The Rev. Kenneth Nowack of Bonanza, Nicaragua, writes expressing warm thanks for the response made by friends to his pleas for funds to enable him to secure the long desired car. No other purchase a pick-up truck for his station. Gifts made by friends to Spring Gardens in Trinidad. He formerly had been a member of the executive committee, Dr. Allen and the Rev. Wood. It was the U. S. ambassador—Mr. Wilkerson.

Spring Gardens, Antigua

Early in November the Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Aldersley returned from a short furlough to their important station at Spring Gardens, Antigua. Since they traveled by way of New York and Bethesda, they could meet with the Mission Board to discuss matters of interest and could present the needs of their province on various occasions.

Spring Gardens and its Training College owe a debt of gratitude to the Rev. Ivor Packer who left England and his family in April to serve this important post while the Aldersleys were in England. Early in November he returned to his home-land by way of Trinidad. He formerly had been in charge of Moravian work on this island.

Needs Met

Thanks to the generous support of many friends the Mission Board was able to allocate the unexpended balance of receipts during the past fiscal year to the following causes. Each of them represents an urgent need: for anticipated special expenses during the Year of Mission Expenses $2,200.00; for the Revolving Publication Fund $1,000.00 (at present the Board has approximately $4,885.00 tied up in recent editions of the Mis- sion Hymnal, Catechism, Mission Week Manual, a book of selections from the Old Testament, the Mission-English Dictionary and the Esdras Grammar, it is un economical to publish editions of such books in small quantities). Other grants were $300.00 to the Union Theological Seminary in Jamaica where West Indian Moravian ministerial candidates are being trained; $500.00 for hurricane damage on Barbados; $800.00 for the reconstruction of a Moravian school in this province.

Gifts Needed on Barbados

The effects of hurricane "Janet" on Barbados are still being felt. You can encourage our brethren and sisters there by gifts of money for repairs to church and mission properties and of good light weight second-hand clothing for needy families. Information will gladly be furnished as to the best means of sending the latter.

DEATHS


BAPTISMS


Fulp, Marty Bruce, son of M. Bruce and Thelma m. n. Snow Fulp. Born April 17, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized October 2, 1955 at Oak Grove Church by the Rev. Christian D. Weber.

Sanders, Steven Adam, son of Thomas A. and Betty Ruth m. n. Smith Sanders, Jr. Born June 20, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized October 9, 1955 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


Friedberg Loans Relics To Moravian Museum

Jane Carter

Old Salem’s program of presenting and interpreting the life of the Moravians who settled Wachovia two hundred years ago has been greatly helped by the loan from the Friedberg congregation of three valuable objects dating from its earliest days.

One is the sheet-iron weathervane which adorned the first church building, which was consecrated in 1786. This arrow-shaped ornament, which is thirty-two inches in length, had been stored in the church basement until a few weeks ago when it was decided to place it in the Wachovia Museum, where, in addition to being carefully preserved, it tells visitors of the church’s rich heritage from the past.

Other additions to the museum collection from this early period at Friedberg are two large pottery coffee urns which had been used from 1821 to the present in the preparation of the church lovefeasts.

The urns, which are made of local clays and glazed on the inside, are believed to have been made by Rudolph Crist, the potter at that time, and are in extremely good condition after so many long years of use.

A poem inscribed in German on the bottom of one of the urns adds particular interest to them. It has been translated by Dr. Edmund Schwarze, local Moravian minister, as follows:

“We are holding Lovefeast today
As can be seen by the nice crowd.
When this pot is full of coffee.
Few are missed here.
And when it is full I am there.

When it is empty we sing
Hallelujah.
March 12, 1821.”

These Friedberg relics and the many other objects which have been preserved by the churches and by individuals do much to impart to museum visitors the character and customs of the deeply religious people who came here long ago to establish a wilderness home where they could live the kind of life they felt their God intended for them.

The Rev. William T. Marshall, pastor of Friedberg Moravian Church, shows Mrs. Thomas J. Boyd, head guide of Old Salem, Inc., the inscription on the bottom of one of the early coffee urns which his congregation has loaned to the Wachovia Museum. The two urns have been placed on display in the museum church room, while the first weathervane of the church is now in the central hall of the Boys’ School building.

According to the MacLeavys, sufficient funds are now in hand to start the reconstruction of the church at Bethlehem. But far more contributions will be needed to complete the job, since only the walls remained standing after the fire. Despite the prospect of heavy labors ahead, Br. and Sr. MacLeavy appeared confident and enthusiastic, rested and refreshed after their stay in England, where they visited relatives, including Br. MacLeavy’s parents, Bishop and Mrs. G. W. MacLeavy, of Bristol. Until his retirement this year, Bishop MacLeavy was minister of the Moravian Church in Malmsbury, Wiltshire. Previously he had held several important pastorates in our English Province and as Principal of the Moravian College in Fairfield, near Manchester, had made footsteps in which his son now follows.

While studying at our Fairfield College and the University of Manchester in 1949-1950, this reporter had the pleasure of meeting Bishop and Mrs. MacLeavy as well as the Basil MacLeavys, who happened to be at home that year for their previous furlough. And it was his privilege to preach in Yorkshire at the Mirfield Moravian Church, Bishop MacLeavy’s parish at that time.

During their short stay in the Southern Province, Br. MacLeavy delivered a sermon in the Home Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, and brought a message to the province-wide rally of Moravian women sponsored by the Home Moravian Women of the Church. His greetings came from our Moravian brethren and sisters both in the English Province and in the Jamaica Province, a mission province administered by the British Mission Board. So we pass them on to you, our readers, the members of the Moravian Church in the Southern Province.

As they resume their faithful work in Jamaica, we join in praying God’s richest blessing for Br. and Sr. MacLeavy, and for all our fellow Moravians on “the lodestone of the Caribbean.”

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

FAIRVIEW

Our Fall Revival held October 16-21 was an outstanding success again this year. The messages brought to us by the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick were stimulating. Almost every night there were those who came for reedification or to find Christ for the first time. We hope that the good accomplished will continue to manifest itself for many months to come.

We have been well pleased with our Family Fellowship program this fall. We have averaged better than 100 each night. There are seven groups participating: Nursery, Beginners, Primary, Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors, and Adults. George McCracken, who has headed up our Christian Education program has introduced the Southern Presbyterian Graded materials into many of the classes. The Blum Memorial Class of the Sunday school has been responsible for the evening program of the Adults. A series of talks have been arranged on the study of the Bible. The speakers that have been secured so far are the Rev. J. George Bruner, the Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer, the Rt. Rev. Howard Rondthaler, and Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

The Monnie Southern Chapter of the Foreign Missionary Society has been active again. It has accepted as its project the purchase of a diesel generator to be used to supply power to the hospital operated by Dr. Samuel Marx in Honduras. The approximate cost will be $1650. The group will have to give generously to raise this amount.

Seven members have been received by letter of transfer. They are Mr. and Mrs. George McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kenneth Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lewis Disher, and Gay Nell Disher.

VERNON DAETWYLER

FRIES MEMORIAL

September and October have found us busy adjusting ourselves to the new surroundings of our renovated church, made possible without special drive by the faithfulness of our people to the church budget and the kindness of friends. The long arm of Hurricane Diane reached into Connecticut and delayed by several months the installation of our lighting system, just now being completed. The worshipfulness of our sanctuary is a joy to us all.

The young people's work which began four years ago with so small a number has been growing by leaps and bounds. The snack supper now serves near 50 each Sunday night, and sometimes more. We have five groups, Junior Junior High, and Senior which take part alternately in evening services.

It is probable that the increase in Young People's groups has come in part from the organization of our Junior Choir which meets each Sunday at 5:30 p. m., just before the young people's snack. Many of these young folk stay for the later meetings.

We of the Church had what is probably our largest turn-out for the Fall Rally. Twenty-six of our group attended the rally at Home Church, enjoying the fellowship and receiving much blessing. Larger numbers of our women are in attendance upon the regular monthly meetings of the circles as well. Great appreciation is being expressed for the Bible Study theme this year.

Week-day Kindergarten is operating again this year with a full quota and a waiting-list. In fact, we were informed the other day that registrations for September, 1956 have already begun to come in. We feel that we are here filling a real community need. For the past two years we have filled our quota of registrations without advertisement. Expression of appreciation has come from public school teachers for the work we have been able to do with pre-school children.

And the Unified Budget marches on apace, helping us happily and successfully to meet the financial needs of the congregation as never before.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

BETHANIA

The period under review saw the resumption of all church activities, a number of which had been suspended during the summer months. Our monthly fellowship suppers were resumed the first Wednesday in October when Dr. George Higgins spoke to us concerning the organization and work of the Southern Province and the work and responsibilities of the Provincial Elders Conference in particular. This is the beginning of a series in which we expect to have members of the various provincial boards meet with us and explain the work and responsibilities of their boards.

The two Youth Fellowship groups had their first meetings of the fall on September 25. Serving as adult counselors this year are Mrs. Catherine Canter for the Senior group and Mrs. Melvin Hunter and Miss Helen Flynt for the Junior group. The Senior group has organized with the following new officers: president: Don Yarbrough, vice-president: Linda Harp, secretary-treasurer: Carolyn Barnard. The new officers and counselors were installed by the pastor at the meeting on October 9. Sunday night services were begun again on September 25 at 5:00 p.m. It had been planned to have an outdoor vesper service using the church band. Though driven indoors by the rain, we still had a fine service. Up to this time our attendance has averaged 60 each week.

Our fall revival was held during the week of October 16 with the sermons being brought by Br. John Goseurd. We feel that his challenging messages have made a lasting impact on the spiritual life of our congregation. We thank him both for his preaching and his singing during the week.

Rally and Promotion Day was observed in our Church School on the last Sunday in September. On the previous Sunday our annual Church School Council was held when the following new officers were elected: superintendent, Russell Hunter; assistant-superintendent, Joseph T. Conrad; secretary-treasurer, John Hunter, assistant secretary-treasurer, David Furches.

After a lapse of several years midweek services

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were resumed on Wednesday nights during the month of October. There has been a fine response thus far to this service and we are confident that it is going to have great spiritual value for our church.

Bethania was happy to have the opportunity of participating in the fourth annual Union Reformation Service sponsored by the 12 churches of the Old Town area. Held on October 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Beck’s Baptist Church, this service again proved its great popularity by attracting a congregation of 560 for a Sunday night service. Our speaker this year was Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church of Winston-Salem.

The fellowship we enjoy with our fellow-Moravians in the Province was emphasized in two outstanding ways during this period. Our ladies enjoyed having the 350 women as their guests at the Fall Outing of the Women of the Province which was held at Bethania this year. On September 11 the large young adult class of the Greensboro congregation visited our young adult class for church school and morning worship. After the service they were entertained at a picnic lunch in our fellowship hall.

F. HERBERT WEBER

HOME CHURCH

The Home Church’s fall season has been heightened in three particular ways: attendance at youth meetings have increased, a special week of preaching has proved very inspirational to all our members, and preparations for the Christmas season have again occupied the time and talents of many of our men and women.

The Sunday evening fellowship suppers of Junior, Junior High, and Senior Young Peoples’ groups have been averaging in the high seventies since early in September. Some of this gain is probably due to the wonderful snack lunches prepared by our church hostess, Mrs. Paule Crim. Especially favored by the young people are the “sloppy joe’s,” first suggested by the assistant pastor’s wife. Adult counselors this season are: Junior—Mr. and Mrs. William Dowdy, Junior High—Mrs. Paul Long, and Senior High—Mrs. Kenneth Robinson. At present, the young people are rehearsing for their Christmas drama to be presented on the evening of December 18.

The week of October 23-28 held special spiritual significance for our Home Church people as Dr. Charles P. Bowles, newly-appointed pastor of the West Market Street Methodist Church of Greensboro, thrilled us with stirring messages on “Great Words for Spiritual Enrichment.” Special music for the nightly services brought guest choirs and soloists in to the sanctuary. The Immanuel Moravian Choir, the Reynolds High School Choir, and the Salem College Choral Ensemble provided the church with beautiful backgrounds for our guest speaker’s messages. Dr. Bowles’ own choir from West Market Street journeyed to Winston-Salem, and teamed with their pastor on Wednesday evening. The Home Church choir provided special music also on Sunday and Friday night. All in all, the Week of Spiritual Enrichment at Home Church seems to have accomplished what its title first suggested.

As we fast approach the Christmas season, men and women alike are making the multitudinous preparations designed to bring to our hearts again this year the wondrous message of the Christ-child. The Putz committee has completed the huge task of making ready for its display at the Candle Tea, December 1, 2, and 3. The Candle Tea committee has already briefed its members about this year’s presentation—and by the time this report arrives in your home, some of you will have participated in their 1955 production. Our Adult Choir, directed by Dr. Clifford Bair, will present Bach’s Christmas Oratorias, parts 1 and 2, on December 11 at 7:30 P.M. We are looking forward, with great expectation, to the coming year.

JAMES C. HUGHES
KENNETH W. ROBINSON

LEAKSVILLE

The Women’s Auxiliary sponsored the Sunday evening service on September 11 and had as the guest speaker Miss Evelyn Strader of the Draper Methodist Church. Miss Strader is now on her way back to India to her mission work as principal of one of the mission schools in that field. We were fortunate to have her as speaker and hear her message. The Auxiliary also held its quarterly meeting at the parsonage on Friday evening, September 30 and heard a most interesting and informative talk by Miss Margarette Kirks on the funeral, burial and choir customs of the Moravian Church.

The Ladies Bible Class held its annual “chicken fry supper” for its members and their families at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stevens on Saturday evening, October 17 with around 45 to 50 members and guests participating. Other organized classes of the Sunday school and groups of the church held helpful business meetings during this two month period.

Our church was well represented by our women at the annual fall fellowship rally of the women of the province held at Bethania, September 28. A number also attended the rally at the Home Church on October 3.

A large congregation was present for the Holy Communion service on the first Sunday in October at the 11 o’clock service—thus joining in the world-wide communion Sunday observance.

Sunday, October 9, was a high light Sunday and another mile stone in our church work. On this day we celebrated the 27th anniversary of our church. Bishop J. Kenneth Pfahl brought a fine message on the subject, “Our Religion Of Love.” Following the anniversary message the congregation joined in the dedication of the parsonage and also the new Baldwin organ. The day was ideal and many were able to join in the basket picnic dinner and fellowship hour following the services in the church.

The old coal and steam heating plant which had served the church for the past 27 years has been torn out and a new and complete oil and hot air heating system has been installed. This new system along with an overhauling of the windows and doors and the rockwool insulation of the ceiling will be done at a cost of around $2,800.00.

In the absence of the pastor who was in special meetings at the Messiah Moravian Church Br. Burton J. Rights conducted the Sunday morning service on October 23, and Br. J. K. McConnell filled the pulpit at the evening services on October 16 and 23. Mr. William R. Lovick was responsible for the mid-week service on October 19 and had as guest speaker Mr. W. J. Squires, a fine layman from the Draper Methodist Church.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

PINE CHAPEL

During the past few weeks our Young Adult Group has shown an increased interest in missions. They recently received a reply to the letter writ-
ten to the Sam Vaughns asking what they could do to help with their work. Now that they know, they have a project underway and we are rejoicing with them. The money in the Sunday school birthday bank will also be used for missions.

Our revival meeting held during the week of October 9 to 16, was a time of spiritual refreshment for all who attended. The ministers brought inspiring and helpful messages. This was the first time that we had used different speakers for a revival and we were encouraged with the results. We wish to express our appreciation to the ministers who took a part in the meetings.

We were happy to receive the following by baptism into the fellowship of the church: Mr. and Mrs. Gray Haigwood, who have been attending Pine Chapel for some time, and Lea May Foster. We also received Michael Lewis Stinnette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stinnette, by infant baptism.

The Church Council elected Br. Dolan Watts to represent Pine Chapel on the Central Board of Elders and Br. Dewey Reich to represent us on the Central Board of Trustees.

We appreciate the cooperation of Br. Clyde Barber and Br. George Higgins in supplying for the pastor who was engaged in revival meetings at Friedberg and Bethabara Churches.

We also wish to thank our prayer meeting group for their fine support in attending the meeting at Friedberg, 61 strong, and 67 at Bethabara. This fine spirit of cooperation encourages us in the work that the Lord has called us to do in this vineyard.

We are looking forward to celebrating our thirty-first anniversary on Sunday, November 13. Br. Herbert Spaugh of Charlotte will be the speaker at the 5:00 o'clock lovefeast.

FULP

On September 11 we were glad to welcome as visitors the Rev. and Mrs. J. K. McConnell of Leaksville. At the same time there were some visitors who were unwelcome, presumably because they were not wanted elsewhere. Three puppies had been left behind the church. Ronnie Jones took one of them and Mr. Zimmerman the other two.

At the family night program of October 2, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Snyder were our guests. Following the fellowship supper Mr. Snyder presented some slides which had been taken on a trip to the Near East Several years ago. Mrs. Snyder displayed some articles of clothing and other things which had been purchased on the trip. The coolness of the evening was unwelcome as we had no heating facilities at the time, but we "made out."

On October 30, we welcomed as visitors the Salem Chapel Sunday school, also Mrs. Grace Taylor Rodenbaugh, representative to the North Carolina General Assembly from Stokes County. Mrs. Rodenbaugh taught the combined young peoples and adult classes of the two Sunday schools. The furnace was used for the first time at this gathering. Following the Sunday school the choir was reorganized. Unwelcome guests for the morning were a group of wasps on the back church window. No one had the usual desire to occupy the back pews.

WILLIAM A. CRAWFORD, JR.

NEW PHILADELPHIA

The masonry work on our new Christian Education Building is complete, and the roof will be on by November 15. The big disappointment came when the new furnace, which is to serve the existing building and the new wing was not completed until November 10. This meant that we had to hold services at South Fork School for three Sundays. People cooperated well and attendance was up to average, with the Sunday school reaching 1440 on one Sunday. Brick-veneering of the existing building is also nearing completion, and this part has been re-roofed.

The extensive driveway around the parsonage has all been paved. The grading and storing was done by the Church. When funds to complete paving were not available, C. L. Ray decided to raise the additional amount needed by private subscription and went ahead with this much needed project. Those who live at the parsonage were deeply grateful.

New faces in the executive group of the Sunday school include: Mrs. J. W. Saylor, cradle roll, Mrs. Edward Mock, toddlers, Mrs. Clyde Dula, juniors, G. W. Jarvis, seniors, and Carl Robertson, assistant general superintendent.

Visiting speakers this period included Mr. Chester Bovender and Mr. R. C. Colvin, who spoke to the Youth Fellowship, and Rev. W. E. Pettit, who spoke to the Sunday school workers conference. Dr. George Higgins assisted on World-wide Communion Sunday.

Accessions to membership were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Evans, Mrs. Ruth Weinstock, Gladys Weinstock, Bernard Weinstock, Mr. and Mrs. William Sides, William C. Sides, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Ayers, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Warner.

HENRY A. LEWIS

TRINITY

Homecoming Day was celebrated the last Sunday in October with enthusiasm and co-operation.

Plans had been carefully made under direction of R. W. Lawson, superintendent of Sunday school, and his two assistants, J. C. Cook, Sr., and Coy B. Yokely, and when the general session of Sunday school opened the exercises of the day, it was believed that the attendance would set a record for the year, which it did, at 470.

In the general assembly the pastor had occasion to give recognition to many faithful workers. First were called forth the officers and teachers in the missions of New Eden and Pine Chapel. After these had responded the present and former superintendents of Trinity Sunday school came forward, Charles E. Ader, A. A. Perryman, Sr., and R. W. Lawson. On account of illness T. E. Johnson, Sr., could not be present; Dr. P. Q. Schallert and Paul C. Jahnke are non-residents; R. A. Spaugh died many years ago. Following the superintendents were all present officers and teachers of Trinity Sunday school, among them E. E. Williams, who has been secretary for 41 years. To all of these servants of the Lord a gold-letter card of recognition was given by the pastor.

What might have proved to be a grievous error was discovered in time to avoid serious consequences: the printer had included with the awards a couple of cards of sympathy, which were judicially needed out before the presentation.

Dr. Edmund Schwarze on that day closed a week of splendid meetings. He was followed with close interest and much favorable comment throughout his preaching mission at Trinity.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS

MESSIAH

With the beginning of the fall season, Sunday evening services of worship and Wednesday evening services of prayer and Bible study have been added to the schedule.

Br. Howard G. Foltz, pastor of Leaksville Moravian Church, was guest preacher for a week of evangelistic services in October. It was indeed an inspiration and a blessing to have Br. Foltz with us for the series which concluded with a lovefeast.

A Youth Fellowship program has been organized under the able leadership of Ray Burke. On October 22, the group joined other young people of the province in a caravan to the newly acquired campsite in Ashe County.

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began on Sunday, October 23, at which time teams of visitors distributed commitment cards to members of the congregation. On the following Sunday, the visitation teams returned to receive the signed cards. Harry James served as chairman of the visitation program.

An enlargement of the Sunday school program has been attained through the formation of a Cradle Roll and a Nursery Class. Mrs. Sam Ashburn and Mrs. Quin Knott are in charge of the Cradle Roll and Mrs. Robah Moser and Mrs. Burton Rights are supervising the Nursery Class.

A Cub Scout Pack, under the sponsorship of the Brotherhood, is now in the process of being organized.

New Members received into our fellowship since the last report are Mr. and Mrs. James C. Cook, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clenden V. Everhart, Mrs. Agnes Turner Fultz, and Hamilton Bolling.

BURLINGTON, N. C.

HOPESWELL

The Revival of October 16-23 will long be remembered for the many spiritual blessings that were poured down upon us. The services began on the Sunday evening, October 16, and were concluded the morning of October 23. Br. Paul Snider, pastor of Advent, was our guest preacher.

Br. Snider preached with conviction and as the services progressed a concern about Christ and his lives was shown by many of our young people. Following the final service after Br. Snider had preached a heart searching message on “The Wedding of Words and Deeds,” the teacher of the Junior Girls could not teach the lesson because four of her girls were wanting to accept Christ as their Saviour.

During one service Br. Snider made an appeal for full time workers for Christ. Three young people, Rachel Berrier, Rebecca Kasubaski, and Samuel Hutchens responded. Rachel and Rebecca felt the call to be a missionary and a teacher respectively, while Samuel felt the call to the ministry. All three are charming young people.

Several responded to the invitation to become tithers, and two young boys accepted Christ after service hours.

The Fishermens’ Club conducted Visitations Evans during the week of services. The following were received into the Church by letters of transfer because of the services: Mr. David Zimmerman and Mr. and Mrs. Merril T. Rice.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

MIZPAH

Outstanding event at Mizpah during the period under review was the 59th anniversary on September 11, highlighted this year by the service for the laying of the cornerstone of our new Christian Education building completed in August. The Bethania band played for us at this service, Bishop J. K. Pfohl presenting at the cornerstone laying after having given a fine message. The cornerstone was made, given and laid by Mr. Guy Wall, original chairman of the Building Committee. Attendance was about 200 and the offering about $350.

A program had been prepared, giving a short history of Mizpah together with a full statement of contributions to date for the Building Fund.

We are happy to report that we have been able to make our financial obligations to date with regard to our new building. Total expenditures were about $34,300 and we were able to pay the contract in full on October 22 with $400 in hand to meet our first quarterly payment on November 22 on $10,000 borrowed from the bank in Rural Hall. Members have contributed over $5,000 in 1955 but payment on time was made possible by a generous check for $1,000 from the young adult class.

The class this year was assisted by many others in the Sunday school in manning the food stall maintained annually at the Forsyth County Fair and the project was an outstanding success.

The annual fall revival services were held at Mizpah beginning Sunday, October 16, and continuing until the following Monday night. Attendance averaged 60. Br. E. T. Mickey, Jr., preached in a hearing searching, positive, yet pleasing manner and his messages were well received. There were a number of reconsecrations and we could feel a spirit of greater devotion to the Lord’s work arising out of these meetings.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

FRIEDLAND

Sunday morning, October 9, a drive was launched to eradicate the remaining $9,000.50 indebtedness on our church building in order that we might dedicate it to God the third Sunday in December, which will be the third anniversary of the date the building was occupied. In that morning service, $6,906.24 was received in cash and pledges. Encouraged by this response, and confident that the remainder will be forthcoming, we are making definite plans for our Service of Dedication to be held at 3:00 p.m. December 18. Here and now we extend a cordial invitation to our friends throughout the Province to share the joys and blessings of this day with us.

We acknowledge with gratitude the loyalty our members and friends have manifested toward this effort. Especially do we appreciate the inspiration provided by the Rev. Edgar A. Holton’s presence and message in the service in which the drive was launched. His words, together with those of Mrs. F. M. White and T. A. Kinball, struck a responsive chord in the hearts of all our people, as the results of the day so gloriously testify. We render to God the glory for what has been done and earnestly invoke His guidance in all our efforts to see this matter through to completion.

We are happy to report the organization of a new Boy Scout troop in our congregation. William Weavil is the scoutmaster and Robert Snipes and Jeremiah Johnson are serving as assistant.

It is a real privilege for us to report the addition of Mrs. J. F. Ledford and Earl Hayworth to our Communicant Membership.

C. TRUETT CHADWICK

PROVIDENCE

Two events highlighted the past two months. The first was the missionary lovefeast of September 25. This was a new service for our congregation, and we were pleased with the interest shown in it. It was our privilege to have the Rev. Robert A. Iobst, pastor of the Mt. Airy congregation, as our speaker. The offering of the afternoon, which amounted to $100.00, represented mission money.

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over and above our budget. We were glad when our Board decided that this offering should represent the "extra mile."

The second important event was our fall revival meeting, October 30—November 6. We are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father for the rich blessings of the week. Five young ladies made first decisions for Christ and will be received into the church after receiving instruction. The Rev. Henry A. Lewis, of New Philadelphia, was our guest pastor, and we are sincerely thankful to him for taking time to be with us. There are many people to whom we would express our thanks. First, to the members of the congregation who supported the meeting with their prayers and presence. To Miss Annie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus McGee, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kiger who opened their homes to us for cottage prayer meetings. We would say "Thank you" to Mr. W. W. Peavyhouse, director of the Band and Chorus at Mineral Springs High School, who brought the Girl's Chorus to sing for us. We are grateful to the church choir, to Miss Yvonne Crews and Mrs. E. B. McGuire, organists, to Mr. Jesse Grubbs, violinist, and others who gave of their time and talents.

Attendance was very good through the week, and on the closing Sunday we had 138 in Sunday school and 116 in church. This was a 50% increase for Sunday school attendance over the past Sunday. This is an indication of the interest everyone took in these services. May we continue to praise God with our acts of service.

GEORGE CHIDDIE

BETHABARA

On September 11, the pastor completed six years' service at Bethabara during which he has had the privilege of receiving 94 members. At the morning worship service 119 were present, 53 of whom joined the congregation during this pastorate. On this date we began a trial period holding worship service at 11 A. M. followed by Sunday school, at 11: A. M. Splendid cooperation has been given during the nine weeks and we feel the change has been beneficial in many ways. We plan to continue this schedule through Advent Sunday, however, before deciding definitely whether or not to adopt it.

The congregation was happy to assume the role of host church for two provincial meetings during September and October. In the Old Church on September 16, ministers, their wives and widows, assembled for the observance of Holy Communion, commemorating the powerful experience (A. D. 1741) of the fact that Jesus Christ is the Chief Shepherd and Head of His Church. There were 67 in attendance. Then, on October 18 in the "New Church," the presidents of the Women of the Church organizations of the Province held their annual meeting. There were 25 churches represented and a total attendance of 38.

On Rally Day, 10 scholars received awards for perfect attendance at Sunday School. They were: 1st-year Pins, Harvey Wilkes, Almeda Wilkes, Mrs. Geneiva Wilkes, Jimmy T. Morgan, Joice Hamlin, Mrs. Fred W. Sapp, Jr., and Odell Calloway; 2nd-year Wreaths, Martha Sapp, Mary Ann Rogers, and Miss Flora Sapp.

We express our thanks to the Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer for the thought provoking message at the evening service on October 9, sponsored by the Men of the Church.

Revival Services were held October 23-28 with the Rev. J. Taylor Loflin as our visiting evangelist. The messages were forceful and challenging but the attendance was below average and certainly did not reach our expectations.

Mrs. Fred W. Sapp, Jr. has been appointed general secretary of the Sunday school. Her duties began on Sunday, October 2 and she submits the following report for the month: 40 scholars with perfect attendance; 7 new scholars enrolled; and 14 visitors attending.

K. EDWIN FUSSELL

FRIEDBERG

Our fall activities began with a series of revival services at which Br. J. Taylor Loflin brought strong, Christ-centered messages. Bill Hutchins from Pine Chapel led the congregational singing. The attendance was gratifying and the spirit of the meeting was such as to bless all who had a part in any way.

We are very pleased with the work our co-supervisors are doing in the Sunday school. Br. Herman Toltz and Br. S. H. Fishel, Jr. share this work.

Worldwide Communion brought a larger number of communicants than we have had for a number of years. A number of our people were able to attend the provincial meetings during the past months, the missionary lovefeast, the women's rally, the stewardship rally, the young people's and the young adult rallies. Moravians are a rallying people!

One of the highlights of our church calendar is Homecoming and Founders' Day in October. This year we were fortunate to have as guest speaker for this occasion Dr. Lee Tuttle, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Charlotte. Dr. Herbert Spaugh was also able to be with us for the day and take part in the service.

Our prayer meeting attendance has been much better for the last month or two. The course of study has been the "fringe area" Christian groups, sects that are prominent, but about which laymen are not informed. The Youth Fellowship Groups have held regular meetings and recently published: The Friedberg Cookbook which they hope will have

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BOOK REVIEW—Records of the Moravians in North Carolina, Volume VIII.

This volume is the eighth and last in a series of volumes published by the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History. The first seven volumes were completed under the direction of the late Adelaide L. Fries, who was working on the material for this volume at the time of her death on November 29, 1949. Miss Fries was succeeded in this work by Dr. Douglas L. Rights, a Moravian minister, of Winston-Salem.

The records of the Moravians in North Carolina began with their first settlement in 1753; volume eight covers the years from 1823 to 1837. This volume relates happenings in the congregations at Salem, Bethania, Bethabara, Friedland, Friedberg, and Hope which are taken from translations of diaries, minute books, memoirs, and other sources. Dr. Rights has completed a fascinating account of an interesting group of people. The one thing which stands out most noticeably in the lives of the Moravians was their devotion to their religion. Their diaries were filled with expressions of hope and faith in their Supreme Being.

The Moravians were vitally interested in spreading the gospel to the Indians, and especially to the Cherokees in Georgia. They were sympathetic with the Cherokees in their contest with the state of Georgia over their removal, and disapproved of Georgia's attitude towards the red man. They were also interested in other social problems such as the evils of slave holding and the lease system.

Other religious groups were slow in coming into the Moravian section of North Carolina. The Methodists and Lutherans were mentioned as having small congregations there by 1830. As a whole, the Methodists and Moravians got along well together though the Moravians disapproved of Methodist proselytism (p. 4305) and the practice of Methodist-shouting as seen from the entry on June 15, 1824, which reads (p. 3682), "In our Negro church a Negress made a great disturbance by all sorts of shouts and motions. This gave Br. Steiner opportunity to express his disapproval of such performances, which are customary in some Methodist meetings."

Dr. Rights has done an exceptionally fine job in the translation and editing of this last volume in the series and he and the State Department of Archives and History are to be congratulated. The book adds much to the field of North Carolina history and to the social history of the United States in general.

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WESTERN DISTRICT SYNOD VOTES

Expansion At Home And Abroad

Bernard E. Michel

The synod of the Western District of the Northern Province was held in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin on September 26-29 with 91 official delegates in attendance.

In order to give laymen a larger vote in the work of the district, the District Executive Board was increased to five, three clergymen and two laymen. Dr. Victor L. Thomas was elected president of the district succeeding Bishop I. R. Medwall who will retire after the Provincial Synod in 1956.

Expansion—at home and abroad

The work of foreign missions and church extension at home were graphically brought before the delegates of synod at a public service on Tuesday evening. The Rt. Rev. Kenneth G. Hamilton, president of synod and executive officer of the Foreign Missions Board, showed in word and picture the needs of the Eastern West Indies mission field that has become the responsibility of the American provinces since July 1, 1955. Synod heartily approved assuming the responsibility of this field and commended "this new undertaking to the prayerful and financial support of the congregations of the Western District."

The Rev. Mervin C. Weidner, pastor of the Moravian Church in Downey, California, described our new work on the Pacific Coast. He urged the Western District to join the Eastern District in the support of this venture. Synod responded to the vision of a wider ministry through church extension, by voting $12,500 toward a second church in California, $12,000 for further construction at the Lakeview Church in Madison, and $10,000 toward the construction of a new church at DeForest, Wisconsin.

With the hope that a new congregation might be established every five years, synod voted to establish a goal of $50,000 for the next five years for church extension with the recommendation that the assured annual income should not be less than $7,000. Synod recognized the new work of our church in Menominee, Michigan, as a church extension project thus making it eligible for church extension funds.

Evangelism and Stewardship

Mindful of the tremendous gains in church membership made through the Moravian Evangelistic Mission in 1954, the Western District Synod recommended to Provincial Synod that another province-wide evangelistic mission be held from November 13, 1957, to Easter, 1958.

Synod also endorsed the program of stewardship for 1955, urging its continuation and recommended that Provincial Synod increase the benevolence quota of the Provincial Board of Christian Education and Evangelism to permit staff salary increases and to cover the budget for the youth portion of the board's work.

Ministerial salaries were set at a minimum of $3,200 annually including parsonage, and each congregation was requested to give its minister a car allowance adequate to his needs. Recommendation was made to the Provincial Synod that a minister be permitted to retire at age of sixty-five with full pension privileges.

With the words of the synod preacher, the Rev. Thorolf Harberg, still ringing in their ears to remind them that "the chain of the Christian church is only as strong as its weakest link," and with the final admonishment from synod's president, Bishop Hamilton, to place Christ central in all the Church's thinking and acting, delegates brought to a close the fifteenth Western District Synod with a prayer for the Lord's guidance and the pledge through the right hand of fellowship to go forward and act for Christ in the future.

ARCHIVES HOUSE
Douglas L. Rights, archivist

The energetic pastor of Hopewell Church invited the archivist to speak to the young people of the church. To add interest to his talk, the archivist took along one of the recent "finds" of the archives, a Bible dated near the time of the organization of the church, inscribed "For Hopewell Church." He took along also the wooden spectacle case marked "Henry Rippel," probably made by this one-time Hessian soldier who was the founder of Hopewell.

When the Moravian colonists arrived in Wachovia, they took shelter in the deserted cabin that had been built by Hans Wagner, who had moved to the Yadkin. Now comes an inquiry from a lady who wants to know if Hans was one of her ancestors. Does anyone know what became of this little known benefactor of the Moravian settlers?

From a distant state comes an inquiry relating to the Haltem family, settled on Town Fork Creek before the coming of the Moravians to Wachovia. This family, with others of the vicinity, fled to the fort at Bethabara, and repeatedly troubled by alarms of Indians on the warpath, they were reported to have forsaken their home and gone to "Cow Heaven." Can anyone identify this heavylund place of refuge?

The latest acquisition of the archives is a German choral book of the Moravian Church, presented by Miss Kate Wurreschke. The parents of Miss Wurreschke were missionaries and her father was for many years the principal of the Salem Boys School.

Records of the archives furnished much authentic information for the restoration of the Christoph Vogler House, opened in October by Old Salem, Inc.

Vogler was one of the Friedland settlers, coming from Broadbay in Maine. He built the house on Main Street, lived for a while in the Chimney House, and built also the house on Church Street which was for many years the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Crist.

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