Friedland Church Is Dedicated

TRUETT CHADWICK

Friedland's new $134,000 church and Christian Education Building was dedicated on Sunday, December 18, exactly three years after it was first occupied. The dedication followed the burning of the last cancelled note in the amount of $33,000.

"This is the day that the Lord hath made" was the theme of a brief address by Bishop J. K. Pfohl at the 11:00 service. This service closed with Holy Communion at which Bishop Pfohl presided and Dr. George G. Higgins and the pastor assisted.

Participating in the note burning service at the 3:00 lovefeast were Thomas Kimball, chairman of the Building Committee; Luther Hine, treasurer of the Building Committee; and Mrs. Clifton Sapp, present president of the Women of the Church. Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler performed the act of dedication.

The Friedland church building and its facilities, which were dedicated to the glory of Almighty God, are the fulfillment of a very real need, the fruit of devoted labors, and the final answer to numerous heartfelt prayers.

In 1935, following a long period in which there had been no resident pastor at Friedland, a sturdy new parsonage was completed and occupied by the pastor at that time, the Rev. Ralph C. Bassett. A minister residing in the community again arous­ed the spiritual interests of adults and young people alike, and a marked growth in the Sunday school, particularly, was soon evidenced. This growth remained steady, and by 1939 additional space for Friedland Congregation was mandatory. Careful investigation of the old church revealed further renovation and addition thereto ina­dvisable, so in 1941, during the pastorate of the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch, a Building Fund was begun.

On July 16, 1942, the Church Council authorized the Board of Trustees to appoint a Planning Committee to study carefully the long-term needs of the congregation and draft building plans to meet those needs. Largely because of the exigen­cies of World War II, it was 1946 before this committee was able to give due consideration to plans for a new building. Then in consultation with a competent architect, the members of this group labored zealously, investigating, weighing possi­bilities, planning, rejecting . . . and planning again.

During these crucial years the congregation was not idle. The Building Fund continued to increase steadily, and in 1947, with plans becoming crys­tallized, the first tree for the new structure was felled. It was also during these years that Br. Tesch vacated the Friedland pastorate and the Rev. O. E. Simp森 was called to succeed him.

In the summer of 1948 the Church Council accepted plans as presented by the Planning Committee. This committee was then dissolved and a Building Committee was appointed, charged with the specific task of supervising all construction and arranging for the payment of all indebtedness. Space does not permit specific mention of the ob­stacles encountered by this group, the gigantic problems with which it had to cope, and the cap­able, consecrated manner in which it discharged its duties. Suffice it to say that Friedland Congrega­tion and the entire entire Southern Province will be eternally grateful to this committee for its signal contribution to the work of the Moravian Church.

Responding to the leadership of the Building Committee, members of the congregation began cutting (and felling) timber (for pews and furnishings) from the church property in January, 1949, and in March the cutting of timber for framing and sheathing was begun. To direct the building operations, the services of a general contractor were secured.

Actual work began November 19, 1949. Follow­ing simple ground-breaking ceremonies, at which approximately forty members were present, the men, clad in overalls, fell to work with picks and shovels.

The next three years tell a dramatic story of members of the congregation, both men and wom­en, laboring together with hired workmen in the task of erecting a church capable of meeting the needs of our people here on the Morongo Reservation. Pray that they may succeed him. Trienticional work in all of its departments".

FROM THE MISSION FIELDS COMES WORD OF

What Gospel Means To Me

Throughout the Year of Mission Emphasis the Mission Board has asked a number of our fellow Moravians from our mission fields to tell us a little about themselves. It is our hope that thus we may all be brought closer together in spirit and feel that the Unity of Brethren still knits souls and lives together in glad dependence on our Lord.

The first greeting comes from the Ramona Mis­sion on the Morongo Reservation, near Banning in California. This is the smallest mission field numerically for which American Moravians have responsibility. Begun in 1889 by the late Rev. and Mrs. William Weinland it has brought lasting love and confidence of everyone. She has added much to our worship through the years by her knowledge of music and her good alto voice. Mrs. Cline has ably assisted in our Daily Vacation Bible School and has proved a great help in the work of the Girl's Group. Her loyalty to God and her church is beautiful.

Mrs. Cline sends this message: "I thank God that I had a Christian father and mother, who regularly and faithfully took me with my brothers and sisters to our mission. Even now, at the age of ninety-one, my mother attends Sunday service and is a faithful witness for God. My sisters are Chris­tians too. For years I called myself a Christian, just because I went to church but I was not a Christian in my heart. Then through the preaching and teaching of our missionaries I found God. One morning I met God outside my house. For a long, long time I had been burdened for my children, and I prayed for them. But that certain morning, as I walked in yard God came and talked to me and gave me peace.

"Oh, how wonderful it is to have such a loving Saviour, who gives such wonderful peace. How blessed is the assurance of the presence of the Holy Spirit in my heart continually. Please pray for all of our people here on the Morongo Reservation. Pray that they may all accept Jesus as their Saviour and find this wonderful peace. Pray for our missionaries and for our mission work in all of its departments".

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Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders' Conference

Sunday, January 29, 1956 has been appointed by the Provincial Elders' Conference as Temperance Sunday for the Moravian Churches in the Southern Province.

A Board of Trustees has recently been appointed to have charge of the plans and development for the camp site which was purchased some months ago in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The committee of trustees will formulate policies regarding the conference ground and will serve until synod of 1956. The following brethren have been appointed: Dr. George G. Higgins; the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch, Alton F. Pfaff, Emil N. Shaffner, Doyle Chappell, Guy Zimmerman, and Eugene Reed.

A report recently received from our church in Czechoslovakia announced the following brethren were elected members of the Inner Council (Provincial Elders' Conference): Bishop K. Reichel, president; Rev. R. Kaltus, secretary, and Rev. Jindrich Hatala, the third member of the board. Bishop J. Vogt from Hornhut was present for the synod and delivered the synodal sermon.

Our Czech brethren are planning their celebration for the 500th anniversary of the founding of the Moravian Church in the year 1957. The synod adopted the final version of the Constitution for the Moravian Church in Czechoslovakia.

Activities of the President during the fall include:

Sermons and addresses at:
- Provincial Stewardship Service at Friedland; Fries Memorial Men's-of-the-Church; Kernersville anniversary lovefeast; Olivet; and Bethabara.

Conferences and Board meetings attended:
- Ministers Retreat; Music Foundation; opening of Christoph Vogler house in Old Salem; Financial Board; Men of Church—Home Church; Raleigh Building Committee; Salem College Executive Committee; Directors of Foreign Missions; South; Church Aid and Extension Board; Provincial Youth People's rally; Provincial Young Adult rally.

Congregations visited:
- Immanuel; Home Church; Christ Church; and Salem Congregation Worker's Lovefeast. Also assisted in administering Holy Communion at Archmore.

Provincial Women's News

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

Mrs. Sam F. Vance, chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee, announces that her committee has had several meetings this fall, at which time they discussed different topics for next year's mission study for the Women of the Church. A new service to the women of our province is the current mission news being sent quarterly to each church. These are being sent the first of September, December, March, and June. Other members of this committee are Mrs. Robert McCuiston of the Home Church and Mrs. Isaac Bynum of Konnoak Hills.

A letter from the Rev. Kenneth W. Nowack has been received by Mrs. M. E. Miller, chairman of the Provincial Women's Board, thanking the women for their gift toward the pickup truck to be used in their work at Bonanza, Nicaragua. The Nowacks plan to be in Winston-Salem next spring.

This realization is at once both a source of great pride and a cause for deep humility. The Moravians have at their disposal more fine unknown sacred music than any other church. Therefore, it becomes our obligation to see that this music is prepared and published in the finest possible manner so that 1) it will become a vital part of the modern Moravian musical tradition, and 2) will be available to all other denominations as a valuable contribution of the Moravian Church. Only when a tradition is continually developing can it have any real value. It is not enough for us to say that we once had the most vital musical tradition in the United States; rather, we must strive to further this glorious past in our own time. Moravians have always used their music to glorify God.

MORAVIAN SCHOOLS BENEFIT

Moravian educational institutions received a total of $208,500 from the Ford Foundation in its year-end grant to private schools and hospitals. Of this amount Moravian College in Bethlehem was given $124,300 and Salem College $84,200.

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needs of a growing community. Duties at home have gone neglected while men sawed trees, dug ditches, carried lumber, drove nails, laid tile, installed plumbing, did electrical wiring, painted, cleaned, and polished. Women prepared nourishing meals on Saturdays and holidays for hungry men and boys. And as they gave of time, energy, and material, so the members have given money. Not only have members given, but former members and interested friends, catching a vision of what was transpiring at Friedland, have sent their generous gifts of money and material.

A hole in the ground — foundations — walls — a roof — floors — windows — belfry — and on May 1951, the inspiring service for the Laying of the Cornerstone was held.

The next year was devoted largely to the tedious task of interior finishing, but by late spring of 1952, the children’s departments of the Sunday school began to occupy their respective places in the Christian Education Building. In August of that year the pastor, Br. Stimpson, having seen the building program almost through to completion, resigned his position to enter the teaching ministry. He was succeeded in October by the present pastor, the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick.

In November the Building Committee, through Dr. Herbert Spaugh, Pastor of the Moravian Church in Charlotte, learned of a used pipe organ for sale by a reputable dealer in Charlotte. Investigation proved the instrument to be of exceptional value, so it was purchased, with the Men’s Bible Class underwriting the cost.

Now the membership was determined, by God’s grace, to complete and move into the building prior to Christmas, 1952. Sunday, December 21, the long-awaited goal was realized, and with mingled emotions of triumph and thanksgiving, a large congregation of members and friends formally occupied the new edifice.

Thus was the building phase completed. However, in spite of generous donations through the years by members and friends, together with the gracious grant of $17,500.00 from the Provincial Building and Expansion program, the congregation was faced with an indebtedness of $33,000.00. By early fall, 1955, consistent and sacrificial giving had reduced that amount to approximately $10,000.00. The Building Committee foresaw the possibility of liquidating this total and dedicating the building on the third anniversary of its occupancy and appealed to the membership with this end in view. Once more the faithfulness and generosity of Friedland members manifested itself, and on December 4, the final $3,000.00 was received and the indebtedness cancelled.

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Thus ended another chapter in Friedland’s long and useful history. But there is more to follow. Today we begin an effort to complete the furnishings for our Christian Education Building. The new parsonage, located diagonally across from the church, must be finished and paid for. And, in the not too distant future, a Fellowship Hall must be provided.

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A Queen’s Visit
Queen Juliana of the Netherlands recently paid a visit to Surinam—from October 28 to November 6. At Paramaribo she worshipped in the Moravian Church, insisting on taking her place among the rest of the congregation. The service was broadcast by radio in Holland. The Queen later inspected the Moravian Youth Center in the city and laid the cornerstone of the new Moravian Children’s Home at Lelendoal.

On the occasion of her visit Kersten & Co. was granted the privilege of displaying in future the Queen’s Coat of Arms as a purveyor to the Royal Family.

Later her Majesty travelled upriver to Kabel and inspected the Moravian Hospital at that spot which bears her name.

“Alke” Breaks A Rib
In a recent letter Dr. Thaeler reports on an unfortunate accident suffered by Michael Thompson, the efficient factotum of the Hospital at Bilwasakarna since its opening. Michael Thompson was laid up with a broken rib for a short time but is now busy on the job again.

A New Supervisor Of Nurses
For the second time in its history a Nicaraguan nurse, trained at Bilwasakarna, holds the post of Supervisor of Nurses in the Ruth C. S. Thaeler Hospital. Lenore Forbes is well qualified for this position, having had wide experience in nursing. For a number of years she served as missionary nurse in the Clinic at Butukaus in Honduras.

The New Honduras Clinic in Use
Dr. Samuel B. Marx writes: “On Friday November 19 we moved into the new Clinic after an inaugural service, in which the Rev. Moses, Jim Goff and Belsario Morales took part. The work on the building is not all done but we are enjoying our new quarters already”.

Joseph Gray Visits Brus
For two weeks in November the Rev. Joseph Gray assisted in the work of the Aguila-Priscilla School at our station at Brus Lagoon in Honduras. This is the second time a Moravian minister from Nicaragua has come to the aid of our work in Honduras. In recent years, the Rev. John McCall Coleman having visited the field to conduct evangelistic services some years ago.

Dentistry Wholesale
Dr. G. A. Reider and Miss Lillie Thompson, his assistant, stopped at the Moravian Children’s Home early in October. They stayed some days and told the children about their journeys and adventures in Alaska. The dentist pulled fifteen teeth and did over one hundred twenty fillings.

Students Get Around
The older boys especially at the Children’s Home in Alaska enjoyed a visit by Peter Haupert of Bethlehem, Pa. last summer. He had been working near Cordova, Alaska, during the holidays and came to visit our Moravian missions before returning to college.

Serving St. John’s
The Rev. Marvin Henkelmann wrote on November 28: “I spent a very interesting day on St. John’s yesterday, giving sick Communion to the folks near Emmaus and then conducting Holy Communion in the Church. There were sixty-five present for the sacrament and a few more for the worship service. I plan to go over again on New Year’s day to conduct services and hold Love Feasts both at Emmaus and at Bethany. It is too bad that neither Mr. Trowell nor I can be spared from our congregation on St. Thomas at Christmas.”

Fire at Dillingham
Mildred Siebke sends the following sad news. We are grateful to God that it is no worse. “We had a great disappointment—just before Thanksgiving—when our chapel building caught fire. One corner was badly damaged and our new furnace ruined. I had hired three men to work on the building and we were ready to begin on the inside. The lighting was completed. I had finished putting the windows and had bought up all panes of that size in town. The furnace ignited the floor while we were at supper.

Both firemen and town people really worked hard and saved the building. Our friends in town have been wonderful. Gifts have come in; our offerings have increased, and by spring I am sure we can have the chapel ready for use when the tent villagers crowd into town.

The Adventist have offered us the use of their chapel for our Christmas program.”

Native Missionary Tells Story Of Disaster
Eliseo Buskey, lay pastor at Bemuna, Nicaragua (a translation from the MISIKITO MORAVIAN, October, 1955)

With the help of our Lord I am able today to write of the trouble I had some time ago. I had been in Bemuna for about one year and four months and went to Bilwi to buy food on the 15th of August. I started back from Bilwi on August 19th. I travelled by sea and had got opposite the Sandy Bar and was about to enter it. Just then a strong squall struck me. My son Helard was holding a rope tied to the mast to brace the boat. The rope broke and he fell into the sea. My wife cried and I was unable to keep the dory upright. The wind overturned it. My wife caught our little Sandy in the sea. My wife cried and I was unable to keep the dory upright. The wind overturned it. My wife caught our little Sandy in the sea. My wife cried and I was unable to keep the dory upright. The wind overturned it. My wife caught our little Sandy in the sea.

Funeral conducted by the Rev. Richard F. Amos. Interment in Salem Moravian Graveyard. A member of Armodne Church.


Fulp, Mrs. Hester Knight, widow of J. D. Fulp, born November 24, 1879; died November 17, 1955; funeral conducted by the Rev. Richard F. Amos. Interment in Salem Moravian Graveyard. A member of Armodne Church.


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There have been requests for copies of "August Thirteenth—1727," a translation of the splendid study made by Dr. Gerhard Reichel. Unfortunately, the book is out of print, but an order has been placed for reprinting this valuable book and copies should be available by the first of the new year.

There has been awakened interest in two fields of pioneer history connected with Old Salem: Hope, Indiana, and West Salem, Illinois.

Both of these communities were settled by pioneers from North Carolina, most of them of the Moravian faith. Martin Hauser, whose family stemmed from Bethania, or Hauertown, was the spiritual leader of the Moravian settlers who left Wachovia to seek their fortune in the Middle West. Through his efforts the Moravian Church was established at Hope, Indiana, and later at West Salem, Illinois. So important was the Indiana congregation that there used to be a saying that no Moravian was ready for heaven until he had been at Salem, N. C., Bethlehem, Pa., and Hope, Ind.

Now the Rev. Earl Shaw, pastor of Hope, is writing the biography of Martin Hauser. Three cheers for Br. Shaw! We hope that he will soon have his material ready for publication.

Another project is under way directed by Dave Bratsch, student of Moravian Seminary, who is working on the history of West Salem, Illinois. Dave was one of the speakers at Moravian Seminary Day and took time out to visit the archives. He had with him a list of the charter members of the West Salem Moravian Church, organized in 1844. In his research several of these charter members were identified as former members of the Moravian Church in Wachovia. Further study will probably identify others. These are the names of the first members of the West Salem Moravian Church:


**BAPTISMS**


**Leight**, Sara Brittain, daughter of Edwin and Annette m. n. McNealy Leight, born March 8, 1954 at Izmir, Turkey; baptized August 21, 1955 by Bishop Howard E. Ronthaler.

**Pitts**, Paul Franklin, Jr., son of Paul F. and Mary Lou Rominger Pitts, born in Winston-Salem, June 6, 1955; baptized in Immanuel Church, August 14, 1955 by the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch.


**Hicks**, Mary Susan, daughter of R. Eugene and Mary Ellen Hartzog Hicks, born in Winston-Salem May 1, 1955; baptized in Immanuel Church November 6, 1955, by the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch.


**Taylor**, Alan Kent, Jr., son of Alan Kent, and Peggy m. n. Riddle Taylor; born January 29, 1955 in Columbus, S. C.; was baptized December 4, 1955 in Bethania Church by the Rev. F. Herbert Weber.

**Griffin**, Richard Lloyd, son of William Lloyd and Joan m. n. Vogel Griffin, Jr. Born December 16, 1953, Corona, California. Baptized at The Little Church on the Lane on November 20, 1955, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.


**Walters**, Deborah Lynn, daughter of Bobby Lawrence and Carol m. n. Helms Walters. Born October 2, 1955, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized at The Little Church on the Lane on November 20, 1955, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

**Spaugh**, Victoria Sue, daughter of Earle Frederick and Rebecca m. n. Holton Spaugh. Born September 21, 1955, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized at The Little Church on the Lane on November 27, 1955, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

**Davis**, Nancy Caroline, daughter of Thomas H. and Nancy m. n. Teague Davis. Born February 28, 1954 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized November 6, 1955 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

**Davis**, Juliana, daughter of Thomas H. and Nancy m. n. Teague Davis. Born April 12, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized November 6, 1955 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

**Reid**, Janet Louise, daughter of Charles H. and Elizabeth m. n. Ray Reid, Jr. Born March 6, 1955 in Japan; was baptized November 20, 1955 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

KERNERSVILLE

It was our privilege to have Br. David Bratsch, Senior at Moravian Theological Seminary, as our guest preacher on Moravian College and Seminary Prayer Day. Br. Bratsch and his wife have volunteered for mission service in the East-West Indies and the congregation will remember them prayerfully in the years ahead.

Our Junior Choir, under the direction of Miss Flavella Stockton, participated in several of our worship services—among them Thanksgiving Day and the first Sunday in Advent. At the latter service the Hosannah Chorus was sung antiphonally with the Adult Choir. An increased attendance is always evident when the children sing.

The Eighty-Eighth Anniversary of our congregation was celebrated with larger than usual attendance. Received as new members were: Edward J. Friedenberg and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Felton. Dr. R. Gordon Spaulding, speaker for our Anniversary Love-feast, challenged the congregation to build upon the past to serve Christ in living ways today.

Our church sanctuary and the fellowship hall have been newly painted. Such a face lifting buoyed up spirits as well.

CLAYTON H. PERSONS

OAK GROVE

With this report we are happy to announce that plans are now definitely underway for the completion of our Church Sanctuary and Christian Education Building. After a number of meetings and conferences during the past months the building committee voted to obtain Mr. Gorrell Stinson as the architect for the new building. Generous contributions to the building fund by the members and all organizations of the congregation have made it possible to plan to begin building in the spring of 1956.

Future plans for the congregation are also being made by the Quincentennial Committee, which was appointed in October. This committee, which is made up of nine members, attended the Provincial Quincentennial Meeting at Ardmore Church and has met since then to make plans for the Year of Missions in 1956.

Br. Vernon Daetwyler was with us for our week of services in October. The Lord truly blessed us during the week as many of our members renewed their dedication to the claims of the Gospel.

During the third week in November thirty-eight members participated in the Stewardship of Life Visitations. The Women of the Church served lunch to the teams on November 13, after which they went out to visit in all of the homes of the congregation. The visitation proved to be a very worth-while experience, and a large number of our members indicated their decision to practice stewardship in their lives.

Dean Sauerwine, a student at Moravian Seminary, brought a fine message for Moravian College and Seminary Prayer Day on November 20. The pastor was in Washington D. C. that Sunday conducting the service for the Moravian Fellowship there. A week later the young people sponsored an evening service at which time an illustrated talk was given on the Moravian Church in Europe. Refreshments were served to all present after the service.

KING

The two months period which this report covers stated with a week of revival services held October 2-9 with the Rev. Paul Snider as our visiting evangelist. The usual large number of conflicting meetings in the community cut down our attendance but the effort was quite profitable for our work. Br. Snider spoke one morning in the chapel service in the public school and on Saturday night brought an enthusiastic team of helpers from the Winston-Salem Youth for Christ movement; both features added much to the effect of the meetings.

Our experiment in holding worship service at 10 A. M. on second and fourth Sundays closes with November and indications are that the arrangement will become permanent. The change from poorly attended night services has put new life in our work and there is even a request that all worship services begin at 10 A. M. and precede the Sunday school session. In using our children in these early worship services, we have discovered a delightful clarinet trio composed of Brenda Kiser, Susan Southern and Mary Ann Gentry, which we will use often to enhance the program.

Both King and Mizpah were represented at the central Quincentennial gathering at Ardmore on November 17 and we plan to cooperate with the province-wide program.
MOUNT BETHEL

On October 9 we had our Homecoming with several friends and relatives returning to renew acquaintances. We had a nice time in our fellowship together and enjoyed a very good dinner on the grounds after our Homecoming service. In the afternoon a good many gathered in the church for a service in song.

Our Young People put on a musical show at Mount Bethel school with the proceeds from the show going toward the Mission Project of the Young People’s Union. On October 27 the Young People had a Halloween party which was well attended and everyone having a good time.

We celebrated Holy Communion on November 13 in witness to the renewal of our faith in Christ the Head of the Church.

We were represented at the Quincentennial Committee Rally at Ardmore by Mrs. George Puckett and Miss Rebecca Westmoreland.

The Ladies Auxiliary had their annual Turkey Supper on November 19. The Turkey Supper was a big success with everyone going away well filled.

Sunday night, November 25, Mount Bethel celebrated its 103rd anniversary with a Lovefeast Service. Br. Paul Snider joined with us in this celebration and brought us a very inspiring message which challenged us to stop and consider how faithful we were to our Lord.

KINNOAK HILLS

A week of great blessing was experienced by our congregation as we held our annual revival services. The Rev. C. Truett Chadwick, pastor of our Friedland Church, was our evangelist, and his stirring messages were very timely and inspirational. Many of our people have spoken of the wonderful spirit that has developed among them as a direct result of his work with us. Our special music had no little part in adding to the inspiration of the week. A faithful Senior Choir brought music each night and also our Youth Choir on one of the nights. Mr. John Maynard was our “Singing Evangelist” for these days—and he made a fine job. He managed to get our people to really sing the gospel message and his occasional solo renditions proved a rich blessing. The average for our eight services was 125.

A significant milestone was reached for our Boy Scout Unit when a First Anniversary Banquet was held on Saturday night, November 26. It was a wonderful occasion to see scouts, parents, and Scout officials gathered in fellowship and for a special Court of Honor. Awards were given in abundance and the whole evening presaged rich growth for the future. Special thanks must be given to Scoutingmaster James Bennett, Jr., for organizing and carrying through on the details of this important event.

Our sanctuary and fellowship hall now have the “new look.” Having been freshly painted the whole atmosphere seems changed and makes it now, more than ever before, a worshipful and holy place.

GLENN E. CRAVER

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through 13) is growing steadily under guidance of Jo Anne Palmer, assisted by Judy Pruett. The Senior or Youth Fellowship, under the guidance of Neil and Curtis Simmons, usually has twice as many boys attending as girls. Curtis is chairman of the new building furniture committee, too.

Capt. Howard Sumner, Fletcher Frye, Herbert Hall, and Frank McFone almost finished putting up sheathing to insulate the parsonage attic. October 9 former pastor, Br. H. B. Johnson, preached at our Autumn Love Feast. The congregation was happy to have Sr. Johnson present at the same time.

Br. William Kalfreider preached to an average of 105 persons each of the six nights of our revival, beginning October 30. The children were thrilled by his object sermons. A full choir assisted most Elijah each night under director of Ed Pruett and Organist Virginia Poore.

November 19 the Women of the Church had a small pre-Christmas Bazaar in the church basement.

ROBERT ALLEN JOBST

MORAVIA

Visiting preachers, the Brn. Archie Jones and Bill Barker, conducted the fall revival services at Moravia, October 16-23. The services were well attended. Along with the numerous re-consecrations, there were several first dedications, including the profession of faith by Jack Rierson who united with the congregation on Sunday, November 20.

Our Sunday school teachers, Eloise Elliott, Frances Long, and Marian Troutman, attended the Bible study course for adult teachers, conducted at Christ Church by Br. John Johansen. “Most enlightening and inspirational!” was the comment from all three.

Several organizations of the church took advantage of the Halloween season for masquerade parties. The Senior Young People enjoyed a “Hot Dog Roast” at the home of Leon and Joan Beeson on Tuesday, October 25. The Young Adults met in the parsonage basement for their monthly meeting on Saturday, October 29. The combined Junior Young People and Junior Choir met at the home of John and Nell Lee, Monday, October 31.

While the pastor served in a Union Service at Yadkin Valley Baptist Church on Sunday, October 30, Br. Matt Howell brought a heart-warming message to our congregation.

The Board voted to accept donations to build a bell tower on the church. Although this was announced only a few short weeks ago, there are already several gifts to this fund.

We were pleased to be able to entertain the Young Adults of the Province for their Fall Rally on Saturday, November 12, at the Summerfield School. Thanks to the committee, Izula Fentress, Rachel Terrell, and Marian Troutman, and to all those who assisted so well.

Our prayers and best wishes go with Leon Baker and Mary Lou Kirkman who were united in marriage on the church on Saturday, November 26.

Br. Wilfred Harke, theological student from Alberta, Canada, brought our evening message on Sunday, November 20, in observance of College and Seminary Prayer Day.

We rounded out the Year of Stewardship Emphasis with a Stewardship of Life Enlistment canvas, beginning Sunday, November 13. Members of the Board were assisted in this endeavor by volunteers from the congregation. Though there was not a 100% response, we are nevertheless pleased with the way in which most of our people accepted their responsibility in the work of the church.

R. T. TROUTMAN

MAYODAN

A very successful series of revival services was held from November 3 to 13 with the Rev. Paul Snider, evangelist. This was a time of inspiration and dedication. Our evangelism committee worked on a visitation program, and a series of sermons based on the letters to the seven churches as recorded in Revelation preceded the services. A family night potluck supper for members of the church was held in the church basement the Sunday preceding the revival services. This was followed by a short service in the auditorium in which time several members signed the commitment cards, a number of which were signed.

Our church anniversary service was held Sunday, November 27, with Holy Communion in the morning and a lovefeast in the afternoon with Bishop Howard Rondthal speaking at the latter. We were glad to have the Rev. S. J. Tesch speak on missions and show some pictures the first Sunday evening in October.

Our married couple’s fellowship has been active. Its members sponsored a very successful ham supper at the local school Saturday, October 1. We had a record representation at the provincial young adult rally. At the October meeting the Rev. Wade Bustle, Methodist minister, spoke; and at the November meeting the Rev. William A. Kalfreider brought the message.

Our young people who are in the process of preparing for a Christmas play had a very successful scavenger hunt as their social for October.

One of our young people, Sylvia Stutlz, was given in marriage to James G. Minich in a church ceremony Saturday November 26. We wish God’s blessings upon their home.

JOHN H. KAPP

IMMANUEL

As one examines the fall calendar it becomes very apparent that our church is becoming a lively center of Scouting activity. With Boy, Girl, Brownie, and Cub Pack groups, plus the community center for these groups and others, our facilities are in almost constant use. We are most grateful for the opportunity to serve in this way.

We enumerate the various organizations gathering for food and fellowship do not let the idea that we are more interested in eating than in working attach itself to your mind. It is thus that we become better acquainted with one another and are enabled to work more effectively as a congregation. So, the fall meeting of the Men of the Church brought together the largest groups yet present for a meeting, the food, fellowship, and inspiration were all that could be desired. The latter was supplied by the Rev. Clifford Peace, Pastor-Counselor, of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. The annual soup supper of the S. F. Cuba class, one of our most active and largest groups, brought a number of members and former members from distant places and again the food and inspiration were exceptional, with the latter being brought by the Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer, Chaplain of Salem Academy and College. But the Young Men’s class would not be outdone, and they, in turn, invited their wives to be their guests at a delicious oyster stew, however, without the usual “inspirational” address. Fellowship was the keynote and it dominated.

The Women of the Church always look forward to the December meeting when they unite the candle wrapping and the Christmas party in one evening. This is one of the most largely attended meetings of the entire year. Earlier this group had placed on exhibition a display of toys and hand-made garments, all in lots of 100, which were delivered to the Christmas Toy Shop.

Miss Saxon Bray was a most welcome speaker at a midweek service as she related experiences of the Sunday School.)
which were hers as she toured Alaska last summer. Immanuel congregation is happy to welcome in-to its fellowship Mrs. Mary Lou Pitts by confirmation and Mrs. Helen McGehany Libes by the right hand of fellowship. The latter has been active in the choir and women's work for some time.

Representing our congregation in provincial activities were fourteen at the Young Adult rally held at Summerfield; fourteen at the Young People’s Union rally held at Home Moravian Church; and two participated in the first Work Project at the new Moravian Camp Site.

SAMUEL J. TESCH

CALVARY

Our 62nd Anniversary was observed November 13 with Dr. Edmund Schwarze speaking at a love-feast in the afternoon and with Holy Communion services both morning and afternoon. A feature of the day was the inspection of the newly redecorated and refurnished junior high department where Mrs. H. H. Kapp is superintendent. The room has been made entirely new by the gift of a friend in the congregation. The walls are repainted a light green, with green drapes and valances. New furnishings include new maple tables, chairs, new tile floor and a new spinet piano. A wine dossal cloth with a 24-inch brass cross displayed as a center of interest. Even the offering plate is new and was turned out on the lathe by one of our members in his home shop.

The work of the department has been unified with all pupils meeting in the one room. The teachers are taking turns in teaching the various lesson units and the ones not actively engaged are helping provide dramatizations or supplementary material for the group. The young people say they like the new methods in the new setting.

The senior Bible class has secured Chester Bow­ender as a teacher in recent weeks and the class is showing an increase in its attendance. Mr. Bow­ender is an advertising executive and indicates that he will take the class for a three months period and will consider a longer period provided the class shows growth.

The major emphasis for our fall work is evan­gelism. We have made the every member stewardship visitation in accord with the Provincial emphasis for the year, but find that our greatest need is still in the field of evangelism. To forward our program representatives from each class, department or circle of the Women of the Church have met one Wednesday night each month to study “Effective Evangelism,” by George Swazey. Each group is asked to carry on the work of evangelism in its respective sphere.

JOHN W. FULTON

ENTERPRISE

In October the Men’s Bible Class entertained the Women’s class with a hamburger and hot dog supper. Following the meal two historic items of the church, an organ and a chaise lounge were auctioned to the highest bidders. The money re­ceived for these items was put in the Carpet Fund. In this same interest the Women of the Church sponsored a chicken pie supper. A Thanksgiving service, Holy Communion and the lighting of the Advent Star were spiritual highlights in the Church during the month of November. The Thanksgiving Service was observed with the reading of the liturgy for that occasion. A large offering was taken for a needy family in our community. Holy Communion was celebrated after the Thanksgiving Service. The lighting of the Advent Star always brings a sense of peace and opens the doors of our hearts to the Christmas season.

We are glad that Mr. Fred Fishel is recuperating nicely after his recent illness. On October 16 we were happy to receive Mary Lou Fishel by letter of transfer.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

UNION CROSS

More is being added at Union Cross. New robes have been ordered for the choir, and we expect their delivery in a week or two. The choir has greatly enlarged in number during the past two months as a result of efforts by the choir mem­bers themselves. The choir and choir director, Mrs. Leon Bissette, deserve recognition in this report for their good work, and we hope it continues.

A junior choir has been rehearsing since Octo­ber, under the direction of Mrs. Wyatt Tucker, and sings every other Sunday for Sunday school. The junior choir very ably joined with the senior choir in singing the opening hymn for our Thanks­giving service, November 27, establishing a won­derful spirit of fellowship for the service.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Paul Motsinger upon the birth of a daughter, and also a baby boy has arrived at the parsonage. Both additions came the second week in November.

LEWIS B. SWAIM

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

The 35th anniversary of this congregation was celebrated on Sunday, November 13. Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl preached our Anniversary Sermon and confirmed the following into full communicant membership: Zena Marie Stuh, Barbara Eubanks Blythe, Jane Spencer Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Anton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Blair, Mrs. Fred Ferguson, Mrs. Russell Holder, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kemmerer, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Line­wick, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Linville, Henry Marks, Mrs. C. C. Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. James S. Smith, Jr. Following the confirmation, Bishop Pfohl presided at the celebration of the Holy Communion. He was assisted by Dr. George Crist, Moravian Seminary classmate of his, and the pas­tor.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lineback back into this congregation, where they were active for many years, after several years’ residence in Greensboro. We also welcome the return of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Chipley and daughter, Karen, after several years’ residence in California; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Rierson and daughter, Robin, from Florence, S. C.

Mrs. Earle F. Speague, Mrs. Bobby L. Walters and Charlton L. Thomas have been received by transfer and the Right Hand of Fellowship. We welcome them into our congregation.

On Sunday, October 23, Dr. J. Cecil Lawrence, associate pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church and on October 30, the Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., associate pastor of First Methodist Church supplied the pulpits of this church in the absence

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of the pastor.

A successful Halloween Carnival was conducted by the Senior High School Group of the congregation in Fellowship Hall. Proceeds were formally presented to the pastor on Sunday, November 6, for the new Youth Building Fund.


Mrs. W. W. Transou has been appointed Pastor's Assistant by the Board of Elders. She will assist the Pastor, Sunday School Superintendent, and in the Youth Program.

HERBERT SPAUGH

RURAL HALL

World Wide Communion Sunday was observed October 2. At this service, the choir resumed its work with new choir robes. These seemed to have helped a great deal.

A series of evangelistic services was held during the week of October 23-30 with Rev. Paul A. Snider as evangelist. Br. Snider also assisted with the music for the services. On October 23 two young people's groups were organized. Br. Snider was in charge of the program. We were glad that he could be with us for these services.

The Festival of the Headship of Christ was observed with communion on the evening of November 13. College Prayer Day was noted on November 20. Also, on this Sunday an offering of food was received for the Salem Home.

A community Thanksgiving Service was held at the church on Thanksgiving eve. The speaker for the service was the Rev. W. H. Yokley, pastor of the Rural Hall Methodist Church. A choir composed of choir members from various church choirs in the village participated in the service. Envelopes were distributed and an offering was received for the Christian Rural Overseas Program, each person marking on the envelope which church he represented.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE INDUSTRY PROCLAIMS

As Truth Three Falsehoods

Paul A. Snider

On Sunday, July 10, two articles appeared in our local newspaper.

"New York, July 9. A dampeyed boy of 17 and a sullen pal of 21 were jailed today as the perpetrators of probably the greatest Atlantic Ocean disaster hoax in history. . . . The Coast Guard estimated the search cost $50,000. It all came about, officers said, because the two culprits fell to talking about radio during a tour of bars. . . ."

"Augusta, Ga., July 9.—A teenaged honor student blasted his "broom buddy" twice at point-blank range with a 16-gauge shotgun early today after "joking" about killing him as the two youths drank a quart of wine."

These are little but tragic phrases in two news articles: "during a tour of bars" and it cost the tax payers $50,000; "as the youths drank a quart of wine" . . . a young promising life blasted out.

I wonder how those who claim that the sale of alcoholic beverages is a profitable enterprise will figure those two deaths into their profit and loss statement.

Since World War II the alcoholic beverage industry has proclaimed as the truth three lies. As they have told their lies they have been assisted by every means of modern communication.

The first one of these lies is typified by the slogan, "In freedom loving America beer belongs." During the holiday weekends we heard another slogan, "If you drive don't drink." There were many whose lives were snuffed out on those weekends by "just a few beers," for they had been told and they believed it, that beer belonged. In another context the Bible says, "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table and the table of devils." (I Corinthians 10:21) The blood of Jesus Christ and beer do not mix!

The second of these lies proclaimed as the truth by the alcoholic industry may be stated: "In my business the use or sale of alcoholic beverages is necessary if I am to get ahead." Last summer I read this statement in a restaurant. "We appreciate your business but if you are drunk or acting drunk, please stay out. It will save embarrassment because we will ask you out if you are in that condition. We do not wish to lose one sober customer to gain 100 drunk ones." The restaurant was packed. One man, at least, has found that he did not need to use alcoholic beverages to get ahead. The Bible says, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks unto God and the Father by him." (Colossians 3:17) As you hand that mixed drink, beer or wine to your friend or customer can you give "thanks unto God and the Father by him"? Can you?

The third lie proclaimed by the alcoholic industry may be summarized in these words: "The sale of alcoholic beverages increases government funds." To the contrary, "that which is morally wrong cannot be economically or politically sound." Last year our local newspaper stated, "The North Carolina ABC Board boosted the bottle rate 10 cents a pint and 15 cents a fifth all over the state last month. They did it to give the little counties enough money for law enforcement and extra cash to establish alcoholic rehabilitation programs, they said." No money for schools or roads there. Apparently the ABC stores don't even make enough profit to pay for the apprehending and the correcting of those who use their or similar products. If alcoholism is a disease, let's treat it like a disease and stamp out the pools of inequity where it breeds and destroy the parasites who feed off of the alcoholic's weakness.

The slogan, "Beer Belongs!", is as bitter a lie as the devil ever told and the statement, "In my business the use or sale of alcoholic beverages is necessary if I am to get ahead" is its companion in falsehood. The claim that "The sale of alcoholic beverages increases government funds!" is also a part of the effort of selfish men who put money in one pocket only to take it from another as they exploit the unfortunate victims of alcoholism.

It has been said that the ABC stores control the sale of alcoholic beverages. They may control the sale of some alcoholic beverages but they do not control the use of any. Happiness without hangovers will be yours if you hearken to the words of St. Paul as the Bible tells us how to control both the use and the sale of alcoholic beverages: "Let it not once be named among you." (Ephesians 5:3)
NEW PASTOR DESCRIBES

Moravians on Trinidad

ALMA AND EDWARD HASLER

We had been stationed at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, for two and a half years when we accepted a call to British Guiana. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our call was changed to Trinidad, and we arrived here with less than three weeks' notice, knowing very little about the island and the Moravian work. Our first impressions, therefore, were completely uncolored by any preconceived ideas. We left St. Thomas on July 8 at 9 a.m., and after a smooth flight, arrived in Trinidad's Piarco Airport at 3:15 the same afternoon. Here we and our two small children, Philip and Christine, were given a hearty welcome by the Rev. A. E. Adamson and Lloyd Kitson.

At this point, we would like to explain the situation that prevailed in Trinidad during the last three years. In August, 1952, the Rev. Peter Pack er was forced to return to England, due to the illness of his wife; and since that time Moravians in Trinidad had had no ordained minister of their own. However, they were not left entirely without pastoral care; for Dr. Adamson, who is a minister of the Church of Scotland, acted as Moravian superintendant and warden for Trinidad. He administered the sacraments at all five churches, he and his daughter Jean kept the books and he gave freely of his time and energy in looking after the interests of our church.

Lloyd Kitson, who is a West Indian brother from the island of Tobago had acted as student lay pastor at Rosehill Church since April, 1953, and left just recently to go on to college in Jamaica this September to complete his training for the Moravian ministry. Br. Kitson did a grand job in Trinidad, not only in maintaining the work, but also improving the witness of the Moravian Church on the island.

As we previously mentioned, there are five churches in Trinidad—Rosehill and Belmont in Port of Spain; a small, but loyal congregation at Chaguana; and two congregations, L'Anse Noire and Montevideo, which are right out on the North Coast about two and a half hours drive from Port of Spain. One might ask how the work in all these farflung congregations could be adequately maintained by only one minister. That the work goes on as well as it does is due to the exceptionally fine service rendered by our laymen. At Belmont we have Wilfred Williams, who is also headmaster of our school there, acting as layman in charge; Cyril Nanton, headmaster of L'Anse Noire Moravian School, looks after L'Anse Noire and Montevideo, and A. Cummings in charge at Chaguana. All these brethren devote their time unstintingly, and it is largely due to their devotion that the work can be carried on in these places.

Special mention must be made of Chaguana, where there are about sixteen communicant members. This tiny congregation has embarked on the task of building themselves a new church, asking help from on one, but working in their spare time, buying a bag of cement here, a few pieces of lumber there, as the pennies come in. Now their labors are being rewarded, for they have nearly completed their church. Br. Cummings is a building contractor, and he has given freely of his time and experience to this task. With the help of the other brethren and sisters they now have a sturdy, weatherproof building instead of their former tumbledown meeting place. Now we are tackling the problem of obtaining suitable furnishings for the new church.

Our coming to Trinidad coincided with the change-over of this Province from the British to the American Mission Board, so its was a double change for us. We had been in American territory under the charge of the British Board, and now we are in British territory under the American Mission Board. Trinidad is a British colony, so in many ways, to us, being English, it was like coming home. The customs and way of life are modelled on the English pattern, which makes it strongly reminiscent of England, but contrasting strangely with the times when the West Indian element creeps in. Here in Trinidad all races and religions meet, for besides the native West Indian of African origin, there are East Indians, who are mostly farmers, Chinese who are mostly traders and shopkeepers, people of Spanish descent and many others. All these people live together, largely in the densely populated towns of which Port of Spain is the capital.

The Moravian work here is somewhat different from that of the other islands. In places like that of the Virgin Islands, Tobago and Antigua, missionaries came to the slaves who had no knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. Settlements which consisted entirely of Moravians grew up, and today in those places you will find the Moravian Church set in the midst of a closely knit congregation, who all know each other, are close neighbors and within easy reach of the church. In Trinidad, however, the work was established quite a few years later than in some of the other islands, and was begun in order to serve the people who had come to Trinidad from nearby islands. So there is no Moravian settlement but a widely scattered congregation, and some of the members have a very long journey to make to get to church. Also, the people do not know each other so well, and it is more difficult to maintain the close fellowship which is one of the hallmarks of the Moravian Church. To overcome this we have several meetings which are specially designed to increase our fellowship. Most important is the weekly cottage meeting. Every week a member throws open his home and all the Moravians in that district are invited for an evening of devotion and entertainment. Since we have been here we have been visiting our members, and by the time you read this article we will have been into every home of our congregation. One of the difficulties of the work is that so many of our members are extremely poor, and church finances are a continual problem. That is generally true of our Moravian congregations throughout the Eastern West Indies, and sometimes it is a struggle to make ends meet.

Though we have dealt mainly with the Rosehill congregation since this is our home church in Trinidad, we are deeply impressed, too, with the work of our other congregations.

We would commend the Moravian work in this large island of Trinidad to your support and prayers. And we ourselves pray that the years may strengthen the fellowship between the Moravians of this island and province and our Moravian brethren and sisters in the United States and Canada.

DEATHS

Perryman, Allen Alpheus, son of James and Sarah Pauline Perryman, m. n. Testy born at Enterprise, Davidson County, October 9, 1883; died in Winston-Salem, RFD 4, November 15, 1955. Member of Trinity Church. Funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights and Bishop H. E. Rondhaler.


Snyder, William LeRoy, son of Louis Samuel and Clara Fishe Snyder; born January 5, 1886, in Forsyth County; died September 15, 1955; member of Advent Church; buried in Advent Graveyard; funeral services conducted by the Rev. J. George Brunner, the Rev. G. Edward Brewer, and the Rev. Paul A. Snider on September 17, 1955.

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"Church Rejoice! Raise thy voice! Sing Jehovah's worthy praise
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What other lines could better express the glad spirit of optimism and rejoicing to which the goodness and mercy of God call us, as we come to the close of another cycle of the years. Though great expression centuries ago by George Josephi, a 16th century hymn writer, they fit well our present purpose and voice the song of gratitude and thankfulness our hearts would sing to our Sovereign God, as we take reckoning of the many events "worthy of remembrance" which have marked the year of our Lord 1955, and which bear high witness to His gracious guidance, as we take reckoning of the many events that have marked the year of our Lord 1955, and which bear high witness to His gracious guidance, and mercy of God..."A Mighty Upward Surge of Religious Interest," and that 1955 has shown a widening and strengthening of this tendency which it inherited as a marked feature of 1954. "By this," he explained, "we do not mean that there is as yet a great revival in the Biblical sense of the term. But, whereas a few years ago it was only the occasional church that could boast of crowded congregations; today, building programs are at an all-time high, and great numbers of churches are being forced to have additional services. While others still are taxing their ingenuity to increase their seating capacity..."Mass evangelism, too, which fifteen years ago was regarded as a thing of the past, has made a tremendous comeback, under the consecrated and aggressive example of the Rev. Billy Graham. Hearsers in his campaigns of the year, in Scotland, in England, and in leading cities of the European Continent registered in the millions, with decisions for Christ in the tens of thousands. And there are many other ministers of kindred spirit and practice..."False cults too," he painted out, "are active and multiplying. And religions which have long been static have become both aggressive and missionary. This is particularly true of the Modern faith which has geared itself for new conquests. Buddhism also is on the march. And even Communism, while professing atheism and its determination to destroy religion, has come to recognize that it cannot be done, and is now seeking alliance with religion, rather than waging open warfare against it..."

What can all this mean other than there is a deep and widespread hunger for religion evidencing itself among peoples all over the earth, and in our America too, yes, millions of them. And this fact is offering to the Christian Church an ever-widening opportunity to present the claims of the True Faith and to press on with the Great Commission of its Leader, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations..."

While it is the thesis of our Memorabilia to let the record of 1955 give evidence of what the Christian Church of America, and, in particular, the Moravian Church, Southern Province, has done toward the meeting of this challenging opportunity, we offer, by way of introduction, a single brief paragraph touching the wider area of the Church's picture of what has been taking place during the activity, so as to present a more comprehensive year now closing. We call attention to the fact that there has been A Steady Increase of the Ecumenical Spirit on the part of the Churches abroad, among themselves first, and in their continuing relations with the Churches of America. The efforts of the World Council of Churches continue to bear fruit, and the lessons learned, the observations made and the friendships formed during the Second Assembly at Evanston in 1954 are proving of great good. Those who worshipped together, thought together and prayed together are now working together with a unity of brotherhood and purpose not known before, and under the urge of their inspiring goal, "Christ the Hope of the World..." That they are alert and eager and courageous and ready for new opportunities was well evidenced when at the recent meeting of their Central Committee held in Davos, Switzerland, they gave ready acceptance to the invitation of the Hungarian Churches in the Council to hold its annual Meeting in Budapest, in 1956, an action which received wide approval from its member churches. By this decision the executive agency of the Council has told the world with commendable courage that it does not intend to allow political or social barriers to balk the spread of the ecumenical movement, and that even the Iron Curtain is to be no barrier..."
Provincial Elders Conference

A three day session of the joint Boards of the Northern and Southern Provincial Elders’ Conferences was held in Winston-Salem on January 24, 25 and 26. Matters of mutual interest were discussed and plans for the forthcoming Quincentennial observance were reviewed.

New Year’s greetings to Moravians in the Southern Province have been received by the P.E.C. from brethren of our European churches. At their request we relay the good wishes and kindly greetings of the Brethren. Heinz Renkewitz, Heinrich Meyer, Jan Van der Lunde, H. G. Steinberg and Bishop and Mrs. Clarence Shawe.

The Southern Province will join with the Northern Province in furnishing funds for repairing the chimney on the Archives building in Herrnhut. The cost of the repairs will be approximately $500.00. Any group, or individuals desiring to share in the project may send their gift to Bishop Edwin L. Stockton, church treasurer.

Nearly one hundred ministers, their wives, and leaders of the Provincial Boards gathered at the home of Bishop and Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl on the afternoon of January 5 for the New Year’s Vesper. This fellowship occasion has long been an important date on our Provincial calendar.

R. Gordon Spaugh, President

IN THIS ISSUE

We publish in this issue the 24th Memorabilia to be written for the Salem Congregation by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. It was read by Bishop Pfohl at the memorabilia service at the Home Church on New Year’s Eve.

Incidentally, this was the 200th memorabilia to be placed in the records of the Moravians in North Carolina. The first was of the Bethabara Congregation written in 1755.

As a part of the Year of Mission emphasis in the Quincentennial observance, we are publishing monthly a series of articles by outstanding leaders of the native Moravian Church in mission lands. The second of this series appears this month.

The Archives House tells of the gift to the Wachovia Museum of the violin which once belonged to F. F. Hagen, the composer of “Morning Star.”

The Unity Undertakings column is of unusual interest this month as it records the death of the only Moravian in England who was a member of the House of Lords.

Provincial Women’s Board

DAYS OF PRAYER

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubb

As we enter the New Year, churches are beginning to schedule their special Days of Prayer for 1956. Programs and announcements will be sent at the Women of the Church organizations prior to the meetings.

The following Days of Prayer have been announced:

- Home Church—February 15 (Ash Wednesday)
- Christ Church—February 19 (Sunday)
- Trinity Church—February 22
- Ardmore Church—February 29
- Calvary Church—March 7
- Fairview Church—March 14
- Konnoak Hills Church—March 21
- Greensboro Church—September (date to be announced later)
- Bethabara Church—November 14

Memos

ADELAIDE ROSS STEMPLE

James C. Hughes

Mrs. Adelaide Louise m. n. Ross Stempel, was the daughter of William A. and Adelaide m. n. Hoffert Ross, and was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1880. The child of Christian parents, she was brought under the influence of the Central Moravian Church from her youngest days. Here she was presented to the Lord in Holy Baptism as an infant, and here she later confirmed her faith in Jesus Christ as her Saviour. Church activities were given central place in her life as she grew to young womanhood.

It was in 1906 that she became engaged to be married to the Rev. Edward C. Stempel, who was serving as assistant to Bishop Edward Ronnthal at Home Moravian Church, Winston-Salem. Their marriage followed in September of 1907, and our sister entered upon the busy life of pastoral service. During her husband’s service at the Home Church, she often accompanied him on preaching assignments and pastoral work with the rural congregations of the Province. Particular responsibility was given her for the congregation in East Winston and the work at the Centerville Chapel. It was in 1911 that Br. Stempel was asked to assume full duties for the latter work. Property was purchased in the growing community of Sunnyside and Sprouge Streets, and the new Trinity Moravian Church as opened for public worship on May 12. These were happy years with wide opportunities for service to the rapidly growing work of the Southern Province.

To their union were born two daughters, the elder of which had passed away shortly after birth in 1910. The family moved to Greensboro, N. C. in 1919 where Br. Stempel served as pastor of the First Moravian Church for one year. Transferring to the Northern Province in 1920, Br. Stempel served the Philadelphia Fifth Moravian Church for four years. The family moved to Staten Island, New York, in 1924, where he served the New Dorp congregation until his passing in 1932.

Our sister then returned to Bethlehem where she continued her active service to the Moravian Church until two years ago when she came to Salem to make her home near her daughter, Mrs. Edwin A. Sawyer who survives along with three grandchildren.

About two months ago she suffered two paralytic strokes. Although every attention was given her by her daughter, her doctors, and her friends at the Salem Home, her condition grew steadily weaker. She passed away quietly in the early morning of Thursday, October 20, only two days after her seventy-fifth birthday.

Archives House

Douglas L. Rights, archivist

A welcome gift came to the Wachovia Museum in December at an appropriate time.

Mrs. Ernest C. Hagen, Jr., of Woodside, Long Island, came with Mrs. Fred Pfaff, of Winston-Salem. Mrs. Hagen carried a violin, which she presented to the museum for her husband. This instrument originally belonged to Franz Florentin Hagen, minister and composer of music, among whose compositions is the beloved anthem for Christmas, “Morning Star.”

Franz was a Salem boy, born at the Hagen home on South Liberty Street, now being restored. As a youth he became possessor of this violin. In those days he must have been a lively young fellow for Vol. VIII, Records of the Moravians in North Carolina, solemnly records that he was among several of the Single Brethren who “loitered until 11 o’clock and created disorder” in the tavern.

The instrument passed into the hands of son and grandson. The latter, Ernest S. Hagen, Jr., played the violin when he was a student at Moravian College. Well does the Archivist remember Ernest, or “Schmeiser,” as he was called, and his violin. It was a streak of luck that the instrument was not destroyed in the great fire at Moravian College when Cenomus Hall burned on Halloween in 1913. The Archivist had to rush into the burning building and rescue his clarinets from the closet where sparks were falling through the ceiling. But the Hagen violin was safe at home with “Schmeiser.”

This contribution is greatly appreciated. Its tones will be heard again in a setting of contemporary instruments.

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New African Clinic Opened

ELIZABETH ORTING, R. N.

I came to Ichemba early in August as successor to Sister Margaretha Pedersen. However, it was by no means a strange place to me because, while learning the language, I had spent two months here at the beginning of my life here in Africa. It was no time before I felt at home.

There is a great difference between Sikonge and Ichemba. Sikonge is a large mission station with many missionaries, centrally located, and in daily contact with Tabora by means of motor vehicles traveling back and forth. On the contrary, Ichemba is an isolated place, served by us two nurses, who see days pass without the sight of an automobile. But it is a solitary place which one cannot have among the multitudes; and I am happy to be here in Ichemba.

The outstanding event thus far has been the establishing of the clinic in Uyowa, about thirty miles north of Ichemba. The building was begun by Sister Pedersen and completed by Bishop Ibsen. A clinic was much needed. The government has a dispensary there, run by an African. Nothing could be done for women and infants. To travel to Ichemba was too expensive, and, during the rainy season, Uyowa was isolated.

In preparation for the dedication of the clinic on November 17, we scoured, scrubbed and set things to rights in the bright moonlight. Women in the neighborhood gave us willing assistance. There was isolated. To travel to Ichemba is an isolated place, served by us two nurses, who see days pass without the sight of an automobile. But it is a solitary place which one cannot have among the multitudes; and I am happy to be here in Ichemba.

Participating in the dedication were Bishop Ibsen, Clague Smith, who was inspecting schools in this locality at the time, Doctor Due Madsen and Nurse Thyra Jorgenson. A large group assembled at the building. The building was open for inspection by one and all. Addresses were made by Bishop Ibsen, Doctor Madsen, the African chief and our evangelist. Scripture passages were read, and prayer was made that the blessing of God may rest upon the new work and that it might be the means of bringing some to know the Lord. Thereupon the building was open for inspection by one and all.

Women marveled over the delivery room and its equipment. "What is this? What is that?" they questioned. On a little table stood a wooden crib bedecked with flowered or figured cloth. No one could imagine what its purpose was. So I took a babe from its mother who was standing and placed the baby in the crib. Then they understood it was to receive each new-born babe. How they laughed and chattered about it!

Two African girls will have charge of the clinic. One was trained by Nurse Pedersen at Ichemba and the other has worked one year in the hospital in Sikonge, although she is untrained as a nurse. She is to assist the other at present. This is the first time we have placed such responsibility upon African girls. We cannot foretell the outcome, but we believe that one of the girls understands her responsibility. Remember these two girls in your prayers. Every two weeks I visit them, confer with them, examine patients with them, counsel them, and pray with them. All this in one evening and two hours in the morning, before the ambulance returns to Ichemba.

BAPTISMS

Harrison, David Lee, a son of Bruce and Sharon (Cottrell) Harrison, born December 26, 1952, baptized November 13, 1955 at Konnoak Hills Moravian Church.

Cardwell, Sara Dale, a daughter of Don and Sylvia (Green) Cardwell, born October 13, 1955, baptized December 25, 1955 at Konnoak Hills Moravian Church.

Craver, Bonita Lenell, daughter of Richard Stanley and Mary m. n. Whitt Craver. Born September 24, 1953 at Espanola, New Mexico; was baptized December 31, 1955 at Home Moravian Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Holyfield, Deborah Ray, infant daughter of Thomas and Peggy m. n. Doub Holyfield, Born in Winston-Salem October 29, 1955, Baptized in the Bethania Church December 18, 1955 by the pastor.
Memorabilia For Year 1955

Incidentally we rejoice that our two Moravian institutions, Moravian College in Bethlehem, Penna., and Salem Academy and College were included in the great benefaction.

On this high plane of Christian example and appreciation we end Part I of the Memorabilia of 1955—

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

PART II

The Southern Province

In the Moravian Church, Southern Province, 1955 has merited a high place in the list of its most successful years. It had been designated as

The Year of Stewardship Emphasis

in the ten year program leading up to the Quincentennial announced for 1957, and its purpose, clearly stated, was—"To provide both men and means for a wider and more effective witness and expanding service by our Church, both at home and abroad, in the post quincentennial period."

In a truly remarkable manner, under the gracious guidance and empowerment of our Lord, the results of the year's effort show that the Church has gone far towards achieving that high purpose. Aided by the fervent spirit of evangelism carried over from 1954, both ministers and laity gave themselves to forwarding, in all the churches of the province, the principles of Christian Stewardship in each of its three-fold phases—time, talents and tithe. And, as a result, there has been a marked quickening of our work in all departments of the Church's life and service. Demonstrating in many ways the fulfillment of our Lord's promise, "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over.

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The year has witnessed also the completion of the seventh successful stage of the Provincial Building and Expansion Program through which congregations have given, as of this date, a total of $350,000—$50,000 annually—to encourage and assist each other in carrying through urgently needed building enterprises. "During the same period" so we are told by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, President of the Provincial Elders Conference, "that nearly $1,500,000 has been spent by the churches for new sanctuaries, Christian Education buildings, parsonages etc, to provide ample facilities for their growing work, and to make possible the extension of service into new fields."

"The indebtedness on this new construction, amounting to only $320,000, indicates that more than a million and a quarter dollars of the total cost has been liquidated by the churches themselves during the past seven years, while advancing and meeting their local budgets increased many fold." It is a record for which the Province is deeply grateful. Our people have advanced far in the grace of giving.

The special "advance" feature of the year in connection with the home field was the purchase of a three-acre piece of property as the site for the worship and service center of our Raleigh Congregation. This was signaled on September 4 by Ground-Breaking Ceremonies inaugurating the beginning of the erection of the Christian Education Building at an early date.

We note, too, with hearty commendation, that this important extension service received valued and encouraging aid from the Provincial Young Adult Group.

Other building enterprises authorized and assisted by the Building and Expansion Program were the Christian Education buildings at New Eden, New Philadelphia, Mipazah and Mount Aire—and parsonages for Olivet and for the President of the Provincial Elders Conference in Winston-Salem. A still more complete list of buildings and improvements to be credited to the year includes also an annex to the Christian Education Building at Union Cross; the erection of the Blum Memorial Chapel at Fairview; and extensive alterations and improvements at Fulp, Pine Chapel and Konnoak Hills.

The Leaksville congregation had the joy of dedicating its parsonage, all indebtedness paid, several years in advance. And on December 18, the Friedland Congregation, after years of devoted service and sacrifice, held a real Hallelujah Day of Praise and Dedication as it presented to the Lord its large and beautiful church plant—sanctuary and Christian Education Building—for His further glory and service.

The year evidenced also greatly increased interest in and plans for:

**Our Expanding Youth Work.**

Considerable enlargement of Scouting activities have taken place and may be pointed to as a phase of positive service the Moravian Church is making towards the Juvenile Delinquency Problem. Boy and Girl Scouts are not likely to be law violators or citizens of low standards.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools have made important contribution, too, to the year's advance. They were on the summer schedules of ninety per cent of our churches for 1955 and showed highest total attendance of all the years since their inclusion in the Church's program.

Summer Youth Conferences advanced also, showing more than 500 "campers" enrolled, and with such spirit of enthusiasm and interest that the Department of Christian Education was encouraged to follow up the desire expressed by the Synod of 1953, that the Province might sometime have conference grounds of its own, and for the consideration of which it authorized the appointment of a commission to see what could be done. This desire was happily fulfilled when on September 21, we read the following caption in our Wachovia Moravian:

"Site For Conference Ground Purchased."

This marked our second major advance of the year. The property, 115 acres near Laurel Springs, Ashe County, North Carolina, high on the Blue Ridge Mountains, and commanding an inspiring view of the wider mountain area, is considered well adapted to conference needs.

This purchase would in itself mark 1955 as a notable year, indicating as it does the Church's awakening to the growing necessity of giving greater emphasis to its youth interests. It grows to even greater importance, however, when it is viewed in the light of its becoming a new center of church extension into one of our Southland's most challenging and fast developing areas.

Encouraging us further in that direction is another feature of the year's gains, namely—

**An Increase of the Ministerial Staff.**

This is ever the "sine qua non," that which is the absolute essential, the first requirement for an advancing Church. The Apostle Paul presented the subject in the form of two questions that are pointed and searching still, "How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Church advance calls for more and more preachers.

An insufficient staff of ministers has for long years been one of the great handicaps of our Province. At length, through earnest prayer, patient endeavor and the grace of God this important need is being met. While statistics for 1950 showed only ten ministers in full-time service of the Province, 1955 counts forty-four thus engaged, five more available for supply work and three serving on the summer schedules of ninety per cent of our churches for 1955 and showed highest total attendance of all the years since their inclusion in the Church's program.

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but two others in the course of the year, Br. J. Taylor Loftin transferred to Pine Chapel to succeed Br. James P. Crouch, deceased, and Br. F. Herbert Weber called to be full-time pastor of Bethania.

The third advance feature of the year came to us in the early spring and not only took us far afield, but laid us under heavy responsibility both financially and from the standpoint of maintenance personnel. It too was announced in bold headlines in our "newsy" and well-edited Provincial Publication. It stated:

**American Moravian Churches Assuming Responsibility For Eastern West Indies Field.**

And under the caption was the picture of the members of the Provincial Elders Conferences of both the Northern and Southern Provinces, with Bishop Kenneth Hamilton serving in dual capacity as the Executive Officer of our American Mission Board. Their smiling faces bore evidence of the inner joy of having satisfactorily met and mastered a problem of great moment to their Church and of outward assurance that their decision under God, would be successfully carried through.

This particular advance effort is of such wide present moment and, at the same time, of such historic importance, that we incorporate with our statement of fact the following paragraph from the Wachovia Moravian giving its historical setting:

"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 through the Carribbean: St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Antigua, St. Kitts, Barbados, Tobago, Trinidad, the Dominican Republic, and British Guiana on the continent of South America. It serves approximately thirty thousand members, belonging to fifty-four churches."

In the month of June, the exact dates were the 20th to the 26th, Moravians in the Southern Province, many others from various portions of the Northern Province and friends and lovers of music from far and near were privileged to have part as participants or attendants on the

**Third Festival of Early Moravian Music.**

This is one of a series of musical events pointing to the Quincentennial Observance set for 1957, and is not one of our Moravian Church institutions and responsibilities, we have so many interests in common that we have good warrant for including a brief report of its activities in our summary of the year's events. Through its president, R. Arthur McCorkle, this department is being given thorough study, the collections have been catalogued, and in some cases restoration has been made. In the last two years he has unearthed 2,600 compositions, and "the end is not yet."

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have brought national recognition.

At the close of the year, announcement was made that funds would be available for a new expressway bordering historic Tar Branch, which will divert vehicles from South Main Street and restore more quiet to the village of Salem.

Officials report that 20,000 visitors have been guests this year around the Salem Square, many of them school children, for whom an auditorium has been prepared as a reception room where they will receive instruction before touring the restored village.

The fourth major advance effort in the Province during 1955, was in the interest of Salem Academy and College, representing the Moravian Church's nearly two centuries old service in the cause of Christian Education. It centered on a Progress Fund Campaign, appealing alike to Moravians, Alumnae and friends of Salem, and received the full endorsement of the city's Chamber of Commerce. Of the success of that effort thus far, in which so many are vitally interested, and of other matters connected with the institution, President Dale H. Gramley gives us a personal report in the summary which follows:

"The year 1955 was a noteworthy one for Salem Academy and College. Enrollments at both the Academy and the College were at capacity, the operating budgets were balanced, the physical plant improved, student and faculty morale high, and financial support greatly increased.

"Financial highlight of the year—and of the institution's 184 years to date—was the raising of nearly $1,700,000 for plant expansion and endowment increase. The Administration and the Board of Trustees anticipate that the new year of 1956 will see an additional $500,000 raised to bring the Progress Fund campaign goal of $2,200,000 to full realization. Purposes of the campaign are the construction of a Power Plant to serve the Academy and the College, construction of an Annex at the Academy, construction of a new dormitory at the College, and the addition of at least $1,000,000 to the endowment fund, primarily to improve the faculty salary schedule.

"Support of the Moravian Church in the campaign effort was significant, with $20,000 coming through congregational solicitation and $150,000 being contributed by Moravians who were solicited through other divisions of the campaign. Approximately 1,200 alumnae demonstrated their loyalty to their Alma Mater, and the response of the non-Moravian, non-alumnae Winston-Salem community was magnificent. The sum raised was the largest ever raised for a woman's college in the South.

"Salem's friends have been very good to her, and the Administration, Trustees and Faculty are determined, as the old year fades, to justify by good works the confidence that has been expressed."

Report of one more organization, our largest and most responsive group, and our review of the year will have been completed. It is The Women-of-the-Church Organization of which we must surely say, "Last but not least."

For in the work of every congregation and well-nigh every undertaking of the Province their influence and aid are vital and are sooner or later called for.

Year after year, for almost a generation, their local and provincial organizations have grown in understanding, in proficiency of service and in their spirit of cooperation. Now they are proving themselves as one of the vital spiritual forces. Their spirit of witness for Christ, their readiness for neighborhood visitation service, and their influence through their "Day of Prayer Services" have helped greatly towards the making of this the Banner Year in the experience of our Southern Province. May they seek to be even more widely used of God for the upbuilding of the Kingdom and His greater glory.

As is customary, we append to our review of the year the statistics of the Province as on June 30, and of the larger Unity of which we are a part; and with humbling thoughts of our own weaknesses and inefficiencies but of God's goodness and mercy which have brought us through another year, we would ascribe to Him the praise that is His due and say,

"All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given;
The Son and Him Who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one Eternal God,
Whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore."

Statistics of the Moravian Church
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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

MESSIAH

The Advent season featured the annual candle trimming by the Women of the Church and the Congregational Christmas Banquet sponsored by the Faithful Alpha Class. On the Sunday evening before Christmas, the Sunday School held its program with recitations by the children's department and a Christmas drama by the adult department and chapel choir. The congregation of 140 who filled the sanctuary for the Christmas program easily exhausted the supply of 100 treats prepared for distribution to all in attendance.

Br. Clyde Barber, layman from Christ Moravian, brought a timely and soul-searching message at the Christmas Eve lovefeast and candle service. Following the service, carolers gathered at the church for a tour of the community.

The December 31 Watchnight Service was well attended. Scripture watchwords for the new year were drawn by all present.

Mrs. James Cook has been elected president of the newly organized morning circle.

New members received into the congregation since the last report were Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Gray E. Carter, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones by the right hand of fellowship, and Charles Summerlin by the sacrament of Adult Baptism.

BURTON J. RIGHTS

FRIEDBERG

There are at least two times during the year when we can look forward to our church being filled to capacity. One is the children's Christmas program on the Sunday before Christmas and the other is the Christmas Eve lovefeast. This year was no exception. We were well pleased with all of our Christmas services from the first Sunday in Advent right through to the new year. The first Sunday in the new year found us met around the Lord's Table. A memorialbilia was read and a hymn was sung in memory of all those members who had passed away during the year.

One of the most significant events of the old year took place near its close during the month of December when the congregation voted to begin a fund raising campaign for a new parsonage. The building committee has been appointed and a drive to secure pledges will be undertaken in the near future. Beginning with the missionary emphasis of the Epiphany liturgy on the second Sunday of the new year we hope to carry through the theme of worldwide missions during the entire year.

WILLIAM MARSHALL

WILLOW HILL

After attending the Quincentennial Rally at Ardmore, our local Quincentennial committee has high hopes of making this observance a great spiritual benefit to our congregation. One point of expansion to meet the needs of the people has already materialized in that our Sunday school has added 2 new classes to better care for a large number of young people we now have. We have plans of putting special stress on missions that we may better inform.

Since last report we have observed the Lord's Supper twice, on November 20 and on January 1. What better way can one start the New Year than joining together around the Lord's table.

The Ladies of the Church showed the true Christmas spirit in their Christmas party this year. Rather than the tradition of drawing names to give a gift and get a gift, they invited their families to come and join with them in their party spreading Christmas joy. Each one bringing gifts, one for an adult and one for a child to be distributed to needy families of our community who otherwise may not receive a gift at Christmas. Then on Friday the ladies gave their time to distribute these gifts. We received a great joy in the feeling that we could do something for others less fortunate than we.

Again this year as every year we observed our Lovefeast and Candlelight service on Christmas evening which is truly one of the great highlights of our year. For this service we have many friends and acquaintances who come to join us in this very impressive service.

GLENN E. CRAVER

FAIRVIEW

Our Visitation Evangelism Committee is active again. Robert VanHorn and Vernie Snider were elected chairman and vice-chairman by the Board of Elders. Already we are beginning to see the fruits of our efforts.

During the month of November we were happy to have Dr. John R. Weinlick as our speaker on College Prayer Day. The Rev. Burton Rights was our speaker at our missionary meeting.

"The Christ Child," a Christmas cantata written and directed by Mrs. Paul Barnes, a member of the Senior Choir and former director of the choir, was presented on the first Sunday in Advent at the morning service. It depicted the story from "The Annunciation" of the coming Christ Child to "The Adoration" by the Wisemen. During the service the Advent candle and star were illuminated.

A Christmas pageant entitled "The Miracle of Christmas" was presented by the Junior Department of the Sunday school. It was directed by Miss Margaret Lucile Styers, assisted by Miss Gayle Heck. Other adults lending help were Robert Vanhorn, as the narrator; Raymer Faust, lighting; and Miss Nancy Manuel, assisting with the music. The cast consisted of 45 Junior members.

The Christmas Eve Lovefeasts were well attended again this year. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rascou were appointed by the Elders to serve as leaders of the men and women division of the dieners.

The Women's Auxiliary purchased two beautiful Hitchcock chairs and added them to the living room furniture at the parsonage.

VERNON DAETWYLER

MIZPAH

The closing months of the year found Mizpah well established in its new Christian education building. The various rooms look more fully equipped and comfortable every week as things needed are provided by many willing hands. We are more than pleased with our new building. We had occasion on December 11 to use the fellowship hall for worship when the church furnace failed and we learned what a fine place it is for large gatherings. The Christmas treat in the fellowship hall was an enthusiastic gathering indeed.

We were glad that we could make our first payment on the building fund debt in November. With the help of a fine Christmas offering and self-denial dime cards in Advent, we are ready also for the next payment in February. Meanwhile

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Our Christmas program and treat was held this year on Friday, December 23, first time in the present pastorate on a week night, making it possible for pastor and wife to be present. It was a large gathering. A roll call would have found very few of our people absent.

Christmas music this year was brightened by the work of a new junior choir trained by Mrs. Wallace Joyce and Joe Talley. They sang special numbers throughout Advent and in the lovefeast on Christmas Eve sang unusually well. We appreciate their work and trust they will continue to work together.

The New Year has begun with awakened interest in every branch of the work and we look for a time of steady growth and progress throughout the year.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

BETHABARA

Space will not permit recording all the blessings bestowed upon our congregation during the months of November and December nor will it allow proper appreciation to be expressed choir members, usher, dieners, organizations and friends for their help in making the time covered by this report a joyous one. Suffice it to mention only a few of the highlights which have left us with a new song in our hearts:

Our second "Day of Prayer" observance sponsored by the Women of the Church was held on November 16, with Indian summer weather, splendid messages, and good attendance. The day proved to be one of inspiration and high resolve. We were glad for the fellowship it afforded us with friends throughout the Province.

On Sunday, November 20, we had the rare opportunity of having Dr. John R. Weinlick, professor of Historical Theology, Moravian Seminary, as speaker for the lovefeast service which marked the 202nd Anniversary of the congregation. Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders Conference was also with us on this occasion. At this lovefeast the organizations of the church and classes of the Sunday School brought "birthday gifts" for the Building Fund. It was a heart-warming and thrilling experience to witness young and old bringing their gifts to the altar for dedication. The offering amounted to $1,360.00 and enabled us to meet the December 1st quarterly payment of $2,073.75 on our bank note. Br. Robert W. Newsom (our Presbyterian member) cheered our hearts with a contribution of $300 toward this cause.

Dr. J. B. Whittington added $400 to his previous gifts of $1,700, making it possible for us to complete the kindergarten classroom. This room will soon be "our pride and joy."

Then, on Christmas Eve, a real surprise came when the pastor announced receipt of $1,360.60 and enabled us to complete the kindergarten classroom. This room will soon be "our pride and joy."

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clodfelter upon the birth of a daughter, Catherine Joy, on December 17.

Miss Anne Drucilla Fansler and Mr. Shober Ray Hendrix were married in the church sanctuary on December 23.
at any time during this pastorate.

The Children’s Department Program and the “Christ Child”, cantata by C. B. Hawley, on the morning and evening of December 18 were again highlights. The children’s program, skillfully prepared by our teachers and leaders, was hampered by lack of attendance on account of considerable illness among the children. The choir, band, and junior choir brought us the most spiritually inspiring service that we have experienced in music in the church for several years.

The Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service, as ever a source of inspiration and blessing, was likewise smaller in attendance than that of last year, though not far from a capacity house, especially when those who serve are considered.

A special word is in order concerning our young people, who, with those who are returned from college, numbered largest in their experience. The three evening groups now number near 60 in attendance, and the activities they are carrying on inspire us all. This could not be done without the faithful cooperation of the women of the Church who provide the “snack” each Sunday.

E. T. MICKEY

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Work on the exterior of the new $118,000 Christian Education Building is virtually complete. On the inside the heating installation is being completed and plastering has begun. We are expecting to occupy the new wing about March 1 and hope to hold a formal opening about the end of May. We are now discussing some further renovation of existing facilities to make it conform with the new addition.

Dr. Julian Lake, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem was guest speaker for our Spiritual Revival which was held from January 22 to 29. Over fifty volunteer workers participated in a “community-wide” visitation program just preceding the meeting. A twelve hour prayer vigil was held preceding the meetings.

Members of our Youth Fellowship were the guests of the Fries Memorial Youth group on Sunday, November 29. On December 4 we entertained the group from Friedberg and had as our speaker Mr. Robert Hunter, one of our own young men who had just returned from a tour of duty in Japan.

New members during this period were Mrs. A. Bruce Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Chilton Norman and Timothy F. Norman, Mrs. Allen Lee Martin, Mrs. Cadena Quate, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Warner.

Mrs. Delia Phillips of our congregation quietly celebrated her 94th birthday in December. She is our oldest member.

Our Board of Trustees has decided to employ a part time resident caretaker in addition to the full time non-resident caretaker, in order to take care of the additional building maintenance. This change will take place when we enter our new wing and the “Sunday School Annex” is again available as a caretaker’s residence.

HENRY A. LEWIS

ADVENT

Several improvements have been made in our church building facilities during the past two months: (1) our entire plant is now covered with a new roof and our people who have given so generously to this cause are to be congratulated; (2) twelve new beds have been added to our nursery. In fact the entire nursery has been redecorated. Thanks are due the Sunday School’s Con-

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FULP

In observance of the sixty-second anniversary of Fulp, special services were held on November 13. At the morning service, there was holy communion with an anniversary sermon by Br. George G. Higgins. This was followed by dinner on the church lawn, a Zinzendorfian kind of lovefeast shared by the congregation. Although the food was not sent from Zinzendorf’s kitchen, I doubt if his cook could have made much improvement upon the dinner. Br. John Kapp, a former pastor of Fulp, spoke at the afternoon service, bringing a message on the November 13 festival, which comes close to Fulp’s congregational anniversary of November 11.

On Christmas Eve, we also ran a double featured program with a pageant “The Story of Christmas” being presented at 7:00 P. M. The pageant was directed by Mrs. Robert L. Hale. At 8:00 P. M., midst the familiar odors of coffee and burning beeswax candles, that Moravian incense of the Christmas season, the Christmas lovefeast was held. At these services, the choir for the first time wore the robes which had been recently been presented to the church. Following the lovefeast, Christmas treats were distributed. A brief worship service was held on Christmas Day. The Christmas decorations which were used in the church sanctuary were most useful in helping to remind us of the Christmas season, with their added symbolism.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

HOPowell

Our Young People have shown quite an interest in the Youth For Christ. Average attendance for meetings held on alternate Saturday nights has been well over twenty.

Recently the Board of Elders approved the organizing of a Girl Scout Troop. Mrs. J. C. Robinson was elected the leader.

During December the three circles of the Women of the Church held a joint meeting. They were very happy to have Miss Helen Vogler of the Service. The Rev. J. George Bruner was our speaker. During December the Christmas Lovefeast and Candle Service. The Rev. J. George Bruner was our speaker. We were also fortunate in having two visiting ministers, the Rev. John C. Holtz, of the Nazarene Church, who sang a solo, and Dr. D. L. Rights of Trinity Moravian, who very graciously made some remarks on the significance of the Christmas Candle.

The Ladies Bible Class decided to discard their annual December habit of exchanging gifts and instead to make individual contributions to the Building Fund. As a result of their noble gesture over $100.00 was received. Both the Ladies Bible Class and the Women of the Church have made substantial contributions to the Fund.

The children gave their annual Christmas Program on December 25. Mrs. Lucy Giller and Mrs. Doris Lambeth were the able directors of this fine program.

Mrs. Bill Whitt has returned home from the hospital after a recent operation.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

BETHANIA

One of the most welcome developments during this period was a marked and sustained increase in church attendance after a prolonged slump over a period of several months. The attendance at the November 13 Communio was the largest for any Communion service during the past 18 months.

We had guest speakers at two of the Sunday night services during November. Br. Donald McCormick spoke at one service telling of the spiritual qualities of the early Moravians who settled in Wachovia. On the last Sunday night in November Br. Johnson spoke at a special service featuring the life and work of James Montgomery, the great Moravian hymn writer.

Our observance of the Year of Stewardship came to a close with the Stewardship of Life Visitation during the first week in December. During this week teams visited the homes of the members of the church. We had wonderful cooperation in this and very promising results were secured.

A number of special Christmas services were held. These included a program of Christmas music by our church choirs, a Christmas pageant presented by the F. Walter Grahs Class, the Church School Christmas program, and the two Candle Services on Christmas Eve. At the Candle Services an offering of $165.00 was received toward Bethania’s share of the Quincentennial effort.

In Bethania one of the outstanding days of the year comes with the observance of New Year’s Eve. The lovefeast held at 7:45 p. m. was the best attended in a number of years. Our lovefeast speaker was the Rev. Claude MacDonald, pastor of Pfdtown Christian Church. This was followed by the Memorabilia Service at 9:30 p. m. The final service of the old year was the Watchnight Service held at 11:30 p. m. with the address brought by the Rev. William A. Cranford, pastor of Rural Hall and Fulp Moravian Churches. The pastor’s memorabilia reminded us that this has been an unusually eventful year in the life of Bethania. On July 1 the Bethania-Olivet congregation was separated and for the first time in more than 100 years Bethania now has the full-time services of a pastor of its own. One of the most encouraging developments of the year was the fine record achieved by the congregation in its financial affairs. This year our budget was raised by a total of almost $2,000.00 to a total of almost $12,000.00. Of this amount more than $10,000.00 was covered by pledges received from the members. It has also been very heartening to notice the substantial increase in our church school attendance during the year.

We have continued our monthly series studying the work of our Southern Province. In November Br. Tesch told us of the work of the Board of Foreign Missions and In December Br. Mickey described the work of the Board of Church Aid and Extension. This valuable series will be continued in the new year.

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HENRY ROBERTS, LAY PASTOR AT EEK

Greetings to all Moravian Christians everywhere in Jesus’ Name!
I was born November 16, 1904, and have lived in Quinhagak, Alaska, where I was born, most of

my life. My father died when I was two or three weeks old. Only my mother was taking care of me and my uncle, Joseph Roberts, was providing food and clothing for me. When I was old enough the first things I remember were about the superstitions practiced and shamans were controlling the people. Not much of God’s Word was heard then. I remember too when I was a small boy that my uncle Joseph was taking part in mission work, but not very often, as interpreter and guide for the missionaries. I always go to Sunday School and was taught from the Bible, but just the same I was a poor, lost sinner. When I was old enough I worked for prospectors and miners who were ungodly and unbelieving men. I learned many of their bad habits and evil ways more than learning from God’s Word.

In 1930 I went to Bethel on the mission boat Swan with the Michaels and got married to Paulina Kohl also from Quinhagak. But I mistreated her too and did not care for her too and did not care

about her—only to show others that I had a Bible. Worst of all was just a pretender to be a Christian.

When I went to school it was the mission school and Mrs. Rehmel was my uncle Joseph was taking part in mission work, but not very often, as interpreter and guide for the missionaries. I always go to Sunday School and was taught from the Bible, but just the same I was a poor, lost sinner. When I was old enough I worked for prospectors and miners who were ungodly and unbelieving men. I learned many of their bad habits and evil ways more than learning from God’s Word.

When I went to school it was the mission school and Mrs. Rehmel was my first teacher, who later became Mrs. Schwalbe. My next teacher was Miss Marie Stecker, who later was married to Mr. Drebert. I was instructed for confirmation by Mr. Adolph Stecker, but I did not keep up after I made my promise to live a Christian life. I did interpret for the missionaries when asked to and prayed when they asked me to lead in prayer but was still living a sinful life.

About nine years ago something happened. The Lord spoke to my heart at our candle service. Our missionary, Mr. Michael, was used by the Holy Spirit to lead me to the true Light, and I had a zeal to do something for my Lord. The prayers of the missionaries have been answered.

But just the same the old devil is fighting to get another hold of his old victim. Thank God, God’s power never changes, thank God his power cannot be overcome by the devil and it is in his power that I want to secure my life. He has given me strength to overcome the temptations to do the things I used to do before. I thank God too that He is guiding me now to live a better, happier life and is using me to witness for Him.

Please pray for me that I might be used of the Lord more and more, whatever it is, and that I might shine for Jesus, as He has shone his light into my heart, so that others might see His light too and come to the saving grace of Jesus Christ the Lord. My picture was taken at rally time in Quinhagak, January, 1955.

May God be with you and bless you all.

Note: Henry is too modest to mention the ways in which the Lord has used him since he surrendered fully. Henry has quite a bit of musical talent, not only in singing but in directing as well. This with his knowledge of English has resulted in his translating scores of songs which our church choir has used and has made available to others. At the time he began serving the congregation Henry was Sunday school superintendent, choir director, and a member of the Quinhagak Board of Elders. Perhaps his greatest service province-wide was rendered when he toured the field from village to village with another man who spoke English fluently. Together they explained the meaning and workings of our recently adopted Provincial Constitution and By-laws. He has many talents and is willing for the Lord to use them all. Henry Roberts’ support is contributed by the H. F. S. Bible Class of the Reformed Church of Westwood, New Jersey, Charles Michael, superintendent.

DEATHS


Cramer, Edward T., son of Reuben and Emily Cramer m. n. Davis; born August 2, 1870, in Forsyth County, N. C.; died in Winston-Salem December 22, 1955; member of Trinity Church. Funeral service was conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Sowers, John Robert, died January 2, 1956, in his eighty-sixth year. Funeral services conducted from Vogler’s Chapel by Dr. A. M. Church and the Rev. S. J. Tesch. Member of Immanuel. Interment in Waughtown Cemetery.


Brower, James Frederick, born October 6, 1881; died December 6, 1955. A member of Home Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. James C. Hughes, Dr. Douglas Rights and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Interment in the Graveyard.

Foister, Mrs. Margaret B., born August 26, 1883; died December 8, 1955. A member of Home Church. Graveside Service conducted by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl in Salem Cemetery.


Book Of The Month For February

COUNT ZINZENDORF

The story of his life and leadership in the Renewed Moravian Church

BY JOHN R. WEINLICK

THE AUTHOR

JOHN R. WEINLICK is professor of historical theology, Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pa. A Moravian minister, he has served pastorates in Madison, Wisconsin, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Moravian College and the Moravian Theological Seminary.

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The children were talking about a small Piper Pacer plane which is operated by the Missionary Aviation Fellowship in Honduras for the benefit of isolated missionaries there. The reason that we were in the little plane was that we were on our way to our Moravian mission station at Brus Lagoon in the La Mosquitia region on the north-east coast of Honduras. The occasion was the annual month-long Kristmas Kati Skulka (Lay Workers' Institute) to which come representatives from the various stations throughout our Honduran province. I had been invited to be the guest teacher in charge of two weeks of the Institute.

We had hoped a long time for the privilege of seeing our work in Honduras, and this invitation made clear for us an opportunity for the whole family to go. And so, after the necessary advance preparations—not the least of which was getting ready for six daily 45-minute classes—we soon found ourselves in the little M. A. F. plane looking down on the vast stretches of jungle and swamp and savanna that cover most of La Mosquitia. It was here that we agreed wholeheartedly with Martha's judgment about the little plane. Our pilot very generously dipped the wings on many occasions so that we could see better the rivers, lagoons, huge banana plantations, and villages below. He even buzzed down close over a couple of the mission stations on the way so that we could claim a split-second visit there. We began to share Sammy's desire for "more" of this sort of travel.

When we finally found the little Brus landing strip in the middle of a downpour of rain and had skidded to a none-too-soon stop on the wet grass, we stepped out of the plane to quite a surprise. The large crowd of Miskito Indians who had been standing in the pouring rain to meet us began greeting us in the Spanish language. And it was good Spanish, too! On the Miskito coast of Nicaragua some few of our Indians speak a fair amount of Spanish, but there has been such a tremendous English influence that they have more often learned that instead. As we went on into the town of Brus, and throughout our stay there, we discovered that the use of Spanish was quite widespread among all the people. We realized the reason for this when we saw the intensive education program that has been developed in Brus by Werner and M. H. Skulka, our missionaries there.

We saw other results of this program of education, too, during our stay. We talked with children and young people who were responsive to what we said, and who answered our questions intelligently, and who seemed exceptionally wide-awake to what was going on around them. We found, generally speaking, people with higher ambition than we think in the area around our home base of Puerto Cabezas in Nicaragua. The farmers, for instance, seem to plant larger crops than our farmers. Parents seemed more willing to send their children to school regularly.

We found a large group of laymen and women who seemed truly interested in learning more about their Bible and the church and its work so that they might return to their villages and share their widened knowledge with their own congregations. This was really our main purpose in going to Brus Lagoon—to lead this group of men and women in two weeks of concentrated study. So, having arrived safely in our little plane about noon one day, I quickly got down to the main business and began the classes at 2:00 p. m.

It is not exactly the purpose of this article to go into the minute details of our two-weeks of the conference, but perhaps you might be interested in the sort of courses that were studied. You will keep in mind that most of the workers present were of minimum formal education. All but two or three could read and write, but for most of them the second of these achievements was painstakingly slow; and even the reading for many came with much effort. (These are older people and have not benefited so much as the younger ones from the present fine educational program.) But their zeal for gaining new knowledge was out of all proportion to their formal training, and by—

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FROM THE MISSION FIELD COMES A TESTIMONIAL OF

What The Gospel Means To Me

Joe Albright, Lay Pastor at Nunapitchuk, Alaska

At the age of about eight, I listened to my father reading a story about Jacob and his sons and when he came to the story about Joseph being righteous, my mother told me that I should try to be like him since I have the same name. I was also told by my parents that only those who do the things which are right and are good people will go to heaven. So I have always tried to do that which is good.

Since I love to listen to the stories, I used to listen carefully when missionaries and helpers held services and I wished that I could be like them when I grew up. When asked by my teacher what I would like to do after I grew up, I wrote on a piece of paper saying that I would like to be a missionary. Thus, I have been given an opportunity to be one of them for seventeen years.

At the age of twenty I picked up a little book and read it through. It was called a catechism. I was so happy to know more about God that I decided to translate it into my native language. In order to share this with my people, when I had finished it I took it down to Bethel to have Mr. Drebber study it and he mimeographed some copies of the catechism.

In 1940, while going down to Kwillingenok, we were caught in a bad storm and while I was in the boat being splashed by the waves, I looked over to the land and thought to myself that if the Lord had some work for me to do that he would not let me die in the ocean. I was working as an interpreter for the missionary at that time.

During these past seventeen years of being lay pastor I have been able to have many friends and also maybe a few enemies for I have promised my Lord that I would serve him just as long as I live and I have also promised my congregation that as long as I am with them I will preach the word of God just as it is written. In my doing this, some are pleased and some are not.

These are some of my experiences as a young boy, as an adult Christian and as a lay pastor.
Provincial Women's News

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

The Provincial Woman's Board were hostesses at coffee Tuesday, February 14, honoring Miss Lenore Forbes, new superintendent of nurses at the Ruth Thaeler Hospital at Bilwaskarma, Miss Lillian Butner, former superintendent of nurses, and Miss Mary Thaeler, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Thaeler of Bilwaskarma. The coffee was held at the home of Mrs. M. E. Miller, chairman of the Provincial Woman's Board.

Mrs. Kenneth L. Greenfield, chairman of Alaskan Children's Home, announces that a letter has been sent to all presidents of the Women of the Church organizations describing the kind and size of bedding most needed at the Children's Home. This bedding may be sent by parcel post to Rev. Clarence Henkelman, Moravian Children's Home, Kweatluk, Alaska. If any women would like for the committee to mail the bedding, please bring it to the church office by March 15. Mrs. Greenfield states that outgoing sheets—54 x 2½ yds. regulation size pillow cases, and single bed light weight blankets or quilts are particularly needed.

The Provincial Woman's Board will hold a spring board meeting Thursday, March 8, to make plans for the annual workshop, which will be held at Ardmore Church in May, the date and final plans to be announced by letter to the presidents and a later issue of Wachovia Moravian.

Days of Prayer for March are as follows:
Calvary Church—March 1
Fairview Church—March 7
Konoak Hills Church—March 21

Leadership is Developed

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cause of this desire a good deal was accomplished even in a brief two weeks.

There was a course in Homiletics, or perhaps it would be truer to call it verse analysis, in which the group was instructed in the art of determining the meaning and purpose of a verse or passage of scripture. They were not taught how to preach but after the two weeks most of them could examine a verse and tell who spoke it, to whom it was spoken, why it was said, and in what story it is contained.

A course in personal evangelism instructed them in specific ways of witnessing and of winning their fellowwomen to Christ. Much emphasis was placed on the importance of the consistent Christian life. In connection with this emphasis was the course on basic Christian doctrines and also the course on Christian ethics. Lying, stealing, adultery, quarreling, cheating are very common sins among primitive peoples (Are they perhaps, also, among civilized peoples?), and it is often necessary to make very clear to our people the stand they must take against such things.

In the music class, many newly translated hymns and songs were sung and learned. The group also practiced especially hard on a couple of them and sang at the Sunday church service. About half of those in the group had the opportunity to stand up before the others and lead in the singing of a song or two. The special Bible study course was on the epistle to the Ephesians. The group made a serious verse by verse study of that entire epistle.

The attempt of the Institute, of course, is to set the workers to thinking practically and to actively doing those things which help their congregations and the whole Moravian Church to develop along right lines. Our leaders in Honduras are placing a great deal of faith in such individuals as attended the Kristmas Kati Skulka in Brus Lagoon, because it is through them that the church can progress spiritually in a natural manner.

After our brief visit there, we were once again on our way home with something of the same thought that Martha had when she made her appraisal of the small plane. We see a large work around us here in Nicaragua all the time. Sometimes its bigness seems really to have almost grown out of hand. Congregations and districts are large, but lay leadership in the congregations has not developed in proportion. In Honduras it seemed that the work is still "in hand" and that lay leadership is particularly being developed and that more than a little emphasis is being placed on it. In many respects the work in Honduras is still small, but with the firm foundation that has been and is still being laid, we feel sure that the watchword of future years will be always "MORE"—more literacy, more progress, more believers, more congregations, more faithful souls who are ready to share the gospel and its blessings with others. We liked Honduras.

ARCHIVES HOUSE
Douglas L. Rights, archivist

BOOK REVIEW


What promises to be one of the greatest contributions to Moravian historical publications begins with No. 1 of a series, with the title "A History of the Beginnings of Moravian Work in America." This volume has been published by the Archives of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

This first publication furnishes a translation of Georg Neisser's manuscript describing the arrival of the first people and their work in establishing themselves, and their ministry of the gospel among other settlers and among the Indians.

Only one-third of the volume is devoted to the historical accounts written by Neisser. The other two-thirds, a remarkable dictus 127 pages, is filled with biographical and historical notes. What a wealth of material has been compiled in these notes! And the only room for criticism thus far found by this reviewer is that the name "Oley," found on page 95, is not listed as an Indian word (see Records of the Moravians in North Carolina, Vol. I, page 55, note by Dr. Fries).

The late Dr. William N. Schwarze, archivist, began translation for this volume. Bishop Samuel H. Gapp, succeeding Dr. Schwarze as archivist, completed translation and added extensive biographical and historical notes. Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton, chairman of the Archives Committee, prepared the manuscript for publication.

The Archives staff of the Southern Province offers congratulations for this welcomed contribution.

DR. KORTZ COMPLETES TERM OF SERVICE ON SEMINARY FACULTY

Two personnel shifts relating to the Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in its forthcoming Sesquicentennial Campaign, have been announced by President Raymond S. Haupert. Dr. Edwin W. Kortz, professor of Practical Theology in Moravian Theological Seminary, will conclude his services in that capacity in June and will serve as a member of the campaign staff until the end of 1956. At the same time Robert P. Snyder has been given the Title Director of Development.

Dr. Kortz is completing his seventh year in his present capacity as the Bishop Edward Rondthaler Professor of Practical Theology. The professorship was established on a seven year rotation plan by the board of trustees in 1949 so as to keep the Seminary in close contact with the parish ministry. Dr. Kortz came to Bethlehem from Lititz where he served as pastor of the Lititz Moravian Church for a period of seven years.
The new president of the North Carolina Council of Churches is the Rt. Rev. Richard H. Baker, of Greensboro, bishop co-adjutor of the North Carolina Diocese (Episcopal). He replaced Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, who had served as acting president following the resignation in October, 1955, of Dr. Cecil A. Jarman, former pastor of the First Christian Church in Wilson, N. C.

Supporting Bishop Baker on the Council’s Executive Committee are three Moravian dignitaries of the Southern Province: Bishop J. Kenneth Pföhl, Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, and Dr. Herbert Spaugh. But let us all strive to support this very vital and worthwhile ecumenical enterprise!

CONGRATULATIONS!


TELEPHONE CHANGE

Early in February the telephone number for the Board of Christian Education was changed to 2-6688.

DEATHS


Cornelius, Miss Julia, born August 26, 1877; died January 25, 1956. A member of Home Church. Interment in Salem Cemetery.


Anderson, Herbert Frederick, son of Charles A. and Mary P. m. n. Nash Anderson; born in Stonington, Conn., June 9, 1885; died December 20, 1955, in Winston-Salem, N. C.; member of Christ Church who had served on both official boards and the board of Christian Education. Funeral service conducted at Christ Church by the Rev. John H. Johansen and the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch, with interment in the Moravian graveyard.


Singleton, R. Clark, son of W. C. and Anna m. n. Lumpkin Singleton; born in Forsyth County, September 20, 1899; died August 24, 1955, in Holly Hill, Florida. Funeral service conducted at Vogler’s Chapel by the Rev. John H. Johansen, with interment in the Moravian graveyard.


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... Foreign Mission Briefs ...

A Significant Letter
The following report comes from our Indian missionary in charge of Wirapani, Nicaragua.

"There is a significant case that had to be attended to in the W. Norwood Green.

Various lands.

Feast and the festival service on the 25th.

In Christian brotherly love and understanding.

in Portugal.

of their trip by jeep from their home in Brazil all possible.

Airlines, were combined to make their interest in Scouting and the kindness of Mr. Ray Peterson, President of Northern Consolidated Scouts in Canada, and were in Alaska to reach our Board concerning Christmas in Alaska!-Mr. and Mrs. J. Mendiola.

The Rev. James Dittmer Incapacitated
Friends of "Jimmy Dittmer" will be sorry to learn that he is suffering from a painful but undiagnosed complaint which is keeping him in North Dakota for the time being.

He is receiving expert medical care, and it is to be hoped that his health may soon be restored.

The illness has brought about a separation from his family in Clark's Point, which is a trial to all involved.

Visitors from South America
John E. Braun sends the following brief article from the Children's Home:

"On November 30th, we were visited by three Assistant Scout-Masters from Sao Paulo, Brazil. They had been attending the World Jamboree for Scouts in Ontario, Canada, and were in Alaska to complete their tour of the Western Hemisphere. Their interest in Scouting and the kindness of Mr. Ray Peterson, President of Northern Consolidated Airlines, were combined to make their visit possible.

"They told the assembled children and the staff of their trip by jeep from their home in Brazil all around the coast of South America to the Jamboree and on to Alaska.

"At a Scout meeting later, they told of their troop's activities. We exchanged Scout slogans in Portuguese and Eskimo and sang hymns and songs in our native tongues.

"Their visit with us demonstrated the greatness of Christian brotherly love and understanding, brought out in world-wide Scouting."

Christmas in the Mission Field
As these lines are written accounts are beginning to reach our Board concerning Christmas in various lands. In Bilwaskarma for instance the days were bright and sunny. More than seven hundred people attended both the Christmas Eve Love-feast and the festival service on the 25th. Only one accident case had to be attended to in the hospital that afternoon, a man who had drawn the short end of an argument conducted with knives, but he was not a member of the church.

In Bluefields Santa Clause is reported to have appropriated a pair of spectacles belonging to one of our teachers in the Colegio Moravo—hence, the pair. Christmas there was made memorable this year by the visit of two Honduran Moravian church workers, Stanley Goff and his wife.

Last Call For Stamps
Once more we remind stamp collectors that our office has available in a number of copies a series of four special stamps issued by the Surinam government in 1954 commemorating the program of youth work in Paramaribo carried on by our church. The set of four stamps sells for sixty cents. One third of the proceeds goes to the Moravian mission, two thirds to the Surinam government.

BAPTISMS

Francis, Raygina Marie, born December 1, 1955, a daughter of John and Mildred m. n. Foltz. Francis, was baptized January 29, 1956 at Konnoak Hills Church by the Rev. John S. Goserud.

Brady, Patricia Melinda, born December 8, 1955, a daughter of Kenneth and Lucille m. n. Lancaster Brady, baptized January 29, 1956 at Konnoak Hills Church by the Rev. John S. Goserud.

Kirkman, Kim Lee, son of Douglas Richard and Minnie m. n. Pegram Kirkman; born July 31, 1955, Greensboro, N. C.; was baptized January 22, 1956 in Moravia Church by the Rev. R. T. Troutman.

Siemore, Linda Susan, daughter of Thomas Sawyer and Elaine m. n. Crews Siemore; born September 9, 1955, Winston-Salem; was baptized February 5, 1956 in Moravia Church by the Rev. R. T. Troutman.

Faircloth, Dwight Andrew, son of Ervin A. and Lillian m. n. Black Faircloth, born November 25, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C. was baptized at Macedonia Church on January 15, 1956 by the Rev. Norman C. Byerly.

Pilcher, John Darrell, son of John W. and Helen m. n. McBride Pilcher, Jr., born May 20, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C. was baptized at Macedonia Church on January 29, 1956 by the Rev. Norman C. Byerly.

Plott, James David, son of James H. and Betty m. n. Barnes Plott, born on February 14, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C. was baptized at Macedonia Church on January 29, 1956 by the Rev. Norman C. Byerly.

REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

UNION CROSS

A new bulletin board has been placed on the front lawn of the church property facing U. S. highway 311. This new board was lettered and illuminated for the first time on January 21, and a prayer of dedication was offered on Sunday, January 29. This is the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. Ira P. Tucker.

We were happy to have Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh with us January 22, at the morning worship hour, who brought an inspiring and challenging message on the "Christian Home".

Mr. and Mrs. Earlie Leonard have been working as adult advisors for the young people since January 1.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Idol upon the birth of a son, Jimmy Wayne, born December 11.

LEWIS B. SWAIM

KERNERSVILLE

Our adult choir is at present working on the Early American Moravian Anthems in addition to their regular work. The combined choir of our church and of Greensboro Moravian Church will present two vespers services of worship in music on the first and second Sundays in March in the afternoons at 4:00 p. m. The service on the first Sunday will be in Kernersville and on the second Sunday in Greensboro.

The Eva Allen Bible Class is collecting warm clothing for West Berlin and will send this clothing in the near future, since the need is even greater now than it was two years ago.

A special project being sponsored by the Young Adult Classes is to raise money for new window drapes for our Fellowship Hall. These classes are always active and helpful in projects that mean much to our local congregation and the province.

It has been more than gratifying to see the increased church attendance since the beginning of the New Year. We have known for some time that more space was needed in our sanctuary and now the need is becoming even more pressing.

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For several years the Church Women of Kernersville have been planning a service for the World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in Lent. This year the service will be held in the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Miss Eugenia Stafford is president of the local Council of Church Women in Kernersville.

CLAYTON H. PERSONS

OAK GROVE

During the last three months of 1955 the Sunday school sponsored a church attendance contest in an effort to increase the church attendance. The Senior Class won the prize with an average of ninety-six per cent of their Sunday school attendance also attending church for the quarter. The Mothers’ Class took second place with a good showing of ninety per cent.

A lot of interest was shown in the contest the Men’s Class had to raise money for the Building Fund. On the Sunday before Christmas they reported that $3,237 had been raised during the two months of the contest.

The Quincentennial Committee has had two meetings and has made special plans for the year of mission emphasis in our Church. Four special Sunday night mission services will be held during the year, and mission lessons are to be prepared for all classes in the Sunday school. Also, an effort is to be made to enroll all members of the church in the Foreign Missionary Society. The committee meets once a month and is making a study of all phases of the church life. Mr. E. G. Idol is serving as chairman of the committee.

With the start of the new year we began evening services twice a month. The services have been well attended and will be continued as long as interest is shown.

We were happy to receive by letter of transfer Mr. and Mrs. Gray Sheek and family into our membership on January 15. Our oldest charter member, Mrs. Laura Selvers, left this life to be with her Saviour on the last day of December. Her brother, Mr. Larkin M. Disher, is now the only living charter member of our church, which was begun 67 years ago.

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER

KONNOAK HILLS

We are appreciative of a presentation made to the church by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gossett. This is a further addition to basic amplification equipment which they had previously given. Now speakers have been placed in our Fellowship Hall. Naturally, this aids in the carrying of the morning service to a better degree, but it is especially beneficial when we have our children’s programs. Put into use during this last Christmas season, we were thrilled to know that, perhaps for the first time, the children’s voices were heard beyond the expanse of the sanctuary proper. Many fine uses will be made of this system.

Our Midweek School, instituted last Fall, is off to a strong start in the second semester. Real blessings are being gained for the church through this medium, and we notice it particularly in our Wednesday night service when the young people are represented in large numbers and also in their participation with beautiful prayers.

The completed plans for specifications for our parsonage are about ready to go out for contractors’ bids. We hope that by the time this report is read, work will already have been started.

JOHN GOSERUD

CHRIST CHURCH

Our junior choir, organized last fall, and under the direction of Mrs. Wiley Stanford, teacher of music at Granville School, consists of 32 boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12. This choir has already sung on a number of occasions: At the Thanksgiving Service on the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving, at the morning service on the Sunday before Christmas, and at the evening service on January 22, when we observed “Sunday School Goes to Church” night. There were 193 members of the various departments and classes of the Sunday school present for this
service at which Mr. B. C. Snyder showed pictures of the Holy Land.

At the morning service on January 29, a new stained glass window was dedicated. Presented as a memorial for Mr. and Mrs. John Chitty, by their sons and daughters, the window is known as "The Gethsemane Window," and has been installed in the church tower.

A drive for alcoholic beverages was launched on the morning of January 29, when the work of the Allied Church League was explained and an offering of about $12.50 was received for the cause.

The election of the Sunday school officers was held the second Sunday in December. The following were elected: Emory Joyce, Rudolph Joyce, Donald Gann, Gilbert Brown, Miss Nelda Joyce, Mrs. Jean Bailey, Roy Via, Harold Berrier, and Ikey VCch.

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**KING**

King started the new year with mind set on starting an extensive program, inaugurating various branches of the scouting program into the King community. Our town has an active troop of Boy Scouts but the need is felt for a Pack of Cub Scouts and also for scouting groups for the girls. We have begun with the Cub Scouts and by the time this reaches the reader we expect to have at least twenty-five boys enrolled from surrounding territory. Parents have shown keen cooperation in organization meetings. Br. David H. Petree is chairman of our Cub Committee.

Our church year has started on a bright note, services being well attended. The Sunday school has launched on a program of finding twenty new members in 1956 and at present indications are that that goal will be reached at an early date. We are pleased to see numerous visitors in church and Sunday school.

Our Sunday school facilities have been increased by dividing our large primary room with a movable partition, giving space for both primary and beginners. Cost was about $250, paid by free will donations. Br. Paul Lewis and Ashby White kindly contributed their time in installing the partition. Since reporting our new concrete steps at the church entrance, we have learned that one member paid the bill for same, and we hope to have fine decorative railings installed by the time of our anniversary on February 12, also a gift of one member.

For daily Bible readings by members this year, the pastor supplies on the bulletin each week a list of passages related to the morning sermon.

Total Abstinence Sunday was observed on January 29 when the work of the Allied Church League was explained and an offering of about $12.50 was received for the cause. Twenty-three of those present signed the pledge promising total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages.

William A. Kaltreider

**FIRST CHURCH**

(Greensboro)

Since our last report we have received four new members: James J., Elizabeth D. and Linda L. Hardie as communicants; Jean Etta Hardie as a non-communicant.

Rehabilitation, enthusiasm for the program of the church on the part of our membership is very encouraging. Attendance at Sunday school and church is above average; the Men's Fellowship meetings have acquired new life; and our Youth Fellowship attendance is growing rapidly.

On January 22, our Youth Fellowship was host to the Senior High Fellowship of West Market Street Methodist Church. The Women of the Church served a delightful "supperette". Chair, Roy Via, Harold Berrier, and Ikey Valentine.

The first session on January 8. Ten persons are attending each Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock.

J. Calvin Barnes.

**MAYODAN**

The election of the Sunday school officers was held the second Sunday in December. The following were elected: Emory Joyce, Rudolph Joyce, Donald Gann, Gilbert Brown, Miss Nelda Joyce, Mrs. Jean Bailey, Roy Via, Harold Berrier, and Ikey Valentine.

Those elected to the church offices the following Sunday were: Board of Elders—Emory Joyce, Rudolph Joyce, John Richardson, Raymond Coleman, Mrs. Harvey Price, Mrs. A. G. Farris, and Mrs. Lenna Duncan. Board of Trustees—Harvey Price, Reuben Baughn, Frank Price, A. G. Farris, Rutley Barham, Robert Grogan and Donald Gann. Treasurer: John Vaughn; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Betty Joyce.

The officers of both the Sunday school and church were installed the first Sunday in January. The year closed with increased average attendance for both Sunday school and morning worship over that of the preceding year. We had 62 who had perfect attendance for the year in Sunday school. This is the largest number to our knowledge we have had.

The rooms and furniture of the beginner, primary, intermediate and junior departments and two classrooms have just been painted, improving the appearance tremendously.

We hope to liquidate the $6,000.00 indebtedness on our mortgage by the end of the year.

A drive for pledges has just been launched.

John H. Kapp.
Macedonia

The women of the church placed two important pieces of furniture in the parsonage this past Christmas. One year ago they had a very nice maple dining room table and four chairs delivered to the parsonage. This year they added a matching corner cabinet and buffet. The entertainment problem has been relieved considerably with the furnishing of this room at the parsonage. Mrs. Elmer Beauchamp is the president of our women. Miss Maggie Ellis and Mrs. Flora Mae Hockaday had an important part in picking out the furniture.

On Sunday, November 20, at the invitation of the church board, Mr. Robert A. Mills from Winston-Salem came over to Macedonia to meet with the board and with those who were interested in starting a band. There were 19 at the meeting and great interest. On December 12, 1955 Mr. Mills began the first lesson. We have 22 charter members who are Mary Dennis, flute; Anna Clara Shelton, clarinet; Glenda Mae Shelton, alto; Gail Plott, Patricia Beauchamp, Carol Crews, Kenny Ellis, Fay Riddle, Roger Hockaday, John Frank Fry, Wilson Foster, Wayne Byerly, Reid Smith, cornets; Eugene Dull, Warren Howard, Dexter Hockaday, Dewey Wilke, Ervin Faircloth, Steve Teague, trombones; Christine Beauchamp and Wilbur Hockaday, baritone; and Mr. Elmer Beauchamp, bass. In addition to the charter members the pastor is learning to play the cornet. Band practice is held each Monday night from 7:00 through 9:00 p.m.

On Sunday, January 8, 1956 our organ was dedicated by the congregation, and the service was led by Bishop Pfohl, who also preached on "Our Religion of Love". The organ was presented for dedication by Mr. John Frank Fry representing the board and congregation. Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl played the organ for the service. At the evening service the film, "This Way to Heaven" was shown.

The Rev. Burton Rights was our guest speaker at the evening service on January 15. He brought a most helpful message on "The Significance of a Price Tag".

Norman Byerly

Pine Chapel

Our attendance has been holding up very well during the winter months. We have been having five o'clock vespers services on Sunday afternoons and the people have supported them with their attendance and prayers. Beginning the first Sunday in March we begin our 7:30 evening services again. We do appreciate the fine support that we receive from the people in attending the services of the church. Our prayer meeting attendance will average about forty and for the past few weeks every person present has brought his Bible. We find that the study of the book of Acts has been very helpful. Recently we organized the men of the church and we are enjoying our monthly dinner meetings immensely. We usually have an outside speaker or an interesting film for the program. We are very fortunate to have our own cook in the person of Br. A. J. Calloway. The men of the church are already undertaking several projects in the work of the church. Officers elected for the first term are; president R. L. Vestal, vice president and secretary Bill Sattenfield, treasurer Robert Reich, program chairman Gray Hailwood, social committee A. J. Calloway, Dolan Watts and John Foster.

Our adult Bible class has grown to such an extent that the class thought it advisable to divide into two groups. The ladies Bible class and the men's Bible class. The ladies have elected Mrs. W. B. Foster for their teacher and the men have elected Mr. Herman Caudill for their teacher. We congratulate the classes on their selection of teachers. Both of these classes will prove to be a real asset to the Sunday school. Our superintendent, Fred Crouch, has appointed a committee composed of Mrs. Fred Crouch, Mrs. Ethel Reich and Bill Hutchins to study the needs of the Sunday school and make recommendations at the next workers council. We were happy to present 22 pins for perfect attendance last year. Mrs. C. R. Jones received the outstanding reward of the year. We were happy to have Charlie Sapp as our organist and Mitchell King is cub master. Miss Ruth Bean is doing a fine job as the Girl scout leader. Sunday, February 12, we observed scout day in the morning service using the scouts for ushers.

The Rev. Burton Rights was our guest speaker on Sunday, February 5, we observed "Youth Sunday" with special services throughout the day. We were happy to have Max Miller, a student from Bob Jones University in Greenville, S. C. as our speaker. Max brought us messages that were forceful and inspirational and they proved a blessing to all our people. At the evening service several young people came forward to accept Christ and to rededicate their lives to His service.

Sunday, February 1, we will have special memorial services in memory of Br. James P. Crouch who passed away to be with the Lord one year ago. Br. Crouch's influence will long be felt in the church and community. We are happy to honor his memory with these special services.

We are planning to have the dedication service for the organ on Sunday, March 18. The young adults are to be commended on the successful completion of this project. The organ has been a wonderful asset to the services of the church.

J. Taylor Loflin

Providence

As a result of our fall Revival Meeting conducted by the Rev. Henry A. Lewis, pastor of the New Salem Academy and College

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Young People, and John Lee, vice-president of
ject, since
of sponsorship on the first Sunday in January. They were
Misses Susan Southern, Nancy Edwards, Jo Ed-
wards, Kay Lawson, Carolyn Parks and Mabel
Crews through the sacrament of Adult Baptism,
and Mrs. Elaine McGuire through the rite of Con-
firmation. During the previous weeks they had been
instructed as to the meaning of church
membership.

The Sunday school held an attendance con-
test on Christmas Sunday. The winning class
was the Men’s Bible Class, with almost 100% present.
A photograph was made of the class and this pic-
ture is being displayed in our Sunday school on an
attendance poster. Every Sunday it reminds us that
these men were able to be in church on Christmas
Sunday, after “Santa Claus” all night, so there
is no reason we shouldn’t be able to be in church
every Sunday. Total attendance for the day was
117, slightly above our average for the past year.

Mrs. Earl Trivette made the above mentioned
poster and a number of other posters which are
being displayed throughout the Sunday school.
We wish to thank her for the fine work she did.

Our Junior Youth Fellowship continues to
meet even though the weather sometimes cuts
down the attendance. We are especially grateful
to Mrs. John Cline for the fine work she is doing
with this group.

GEORGE CHIDDIE

MORAVIA

We were pleased with the number of our peo-
ple who worshipped with us on New Year’s Eve.
This service which began at 10:00 p. m. was
concluded a few minutes after midnight, January
1, 1955. Wallace Elliott, pre-theological student
at Moravian College, assisted in the service.

As she greeted the pastor after the Holy Com-
munion Service on January 1, one of our members
expressed beautifully the sentiment of us all: “A
wonderful way to begin a new year!”

After an extended and profitable study of The
Revelation, the Wednesday night Bible study and
prayer meeting group finally concluded its series
of studies in this book. Recently the theme has
been “A Study of Prayer in the Bible.”

For our Sunday Evening Worship Services, the
pastor is currently preaching a series of messages
on the “Ten Commandments”, setting aside one
time each for commandment. At the conclusion
of this series, there will be added the “New Com-
mandment” which our Lord gave us.

Ann Elliott and Clayton McLaughlin were mar-
rred in a church ceremony on Saturday, January
21. We congratulate them and pray God’s richest
blessings upon them as they go to South Dakota
to make their home.

Our young people, ever desirous to do their
part in the work of the church, are currently
sponsoring a project to build a fence around our
gardens. Leon Bosson, president of the Senior
Young People, and John Lee, vice-president of
the Board, make up a committee to help this pro-
ject along. The goal has been set to have the
fence complete before Easter. The outlook is good
since there is much enthusiasm from the entire
membership of the body.

We wish to thank Br. Clayton Persons who
brought an informative, challenging message on
Moravian Missions Sunday night, January 29.
R. T. TROUTMAN

MOUNT BETHEL

During the month of December there was
hardly a night that there wasn’t something at the
church, if it wasn’t a regular meeting, it was
play practice, a meeting of some group, or a
special service.

We had our Watchnight Service on December
31 which was well attended. Some of the ladies
served sugar cake and coffee before the service
which tasted mighty good.

Our Sunday school began a new year with the
election of officers and teachers. So far this year
our attendance has been very good.

We started off the New Year with the observ-
ance of the Lord’s supper. We feel that this is
a good way to start the New Year.

Something new has been organized. We now
have a Junior Young People’s group. This group
was organized on January 22 under the leader-
ship of Mrs. Carl Westmoreland, Mrs. Douglas
Hiatt, and Mr. Saford Hall. This group has made
a good start with interest very high. We are hop-
ing and praying for some great things from this
group as we feel that they are our future leaders
of our church.

GLEN E. CRAVER

RALEIGH

One Friday night in January we had a big
“pow-wow” concerning the plans and specifications
for our proposed Christian Education building. Held
at the parsonage, the gathering brought to-
gether 4 of the 7 members of the Church Board,
8 of the 9 members of the Building Commit-
tee and 3 of the 5 members of the Building Com-
mittee of the Church Aid and Extension Board.
As a result of this rather satisfactory session,
all of the necessary, I. e., we hope no more
will be necessary—deletions and revisions of
the specifications were agreed on. Since that
time our architect has put out on addendum
in which the changes are expressed in the proper
architectural language, and this list of deletions
and revisions has been approved in its final form
by all the authorities concerned. At this writing
the architect, Delteik Knight, and Associates, of
Raleigh, is prepared to invite at least twelve con-
tractors to submit bids on our long-awaited first
church unit. This step, the request for a second
series of bids on the building, is expected to take
place within the next week. Allowing three or
four weeks for the contractors to compute their
bids, we may be able to let a contract and see
construction begin some time in the latter part
of March.

Sunday, January 15, brought our highest atten-
dance at a regular worship service since last April.
Forty-five persons assembled at the State College
YMCA Conference Room for the 11 o’clock hour
of worship.

The pastor was grateful to Br. William A. Diehl,
vice-chairman of the Church Board, for conduct-
ing our service of worship on Christmas Day in
order that he might spend the Christmas holidays
with his parents in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania,
where he delivered the Christmas Day sermon in
Central Church at the invitation of his father, the
pastor, and the Central Church Board of Elders.

Our congregation experienced a blessing in the
celebration of the Holy Communion with which
we began 1956, on New Year’s Day.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

RURAL HALL

Since last Summer, when some painting was
done on the outside of the church, the two front
windows had been sagging. These windows had
been fixed before but had to be unfixed in order

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to have the painting done. After the painting was completed, the windows were not closed securely and there was an opening in the top of each window. Each of the windows has a Sunday school class meeting behind it and they remained opened unnoticed until colder weather. In one of the classes, someone volunteered to fix the window in his classroom which he did but he did not notice that the other window was also open at the top. On December 1, he returned to close the other window. Although there is a warmth of fellowship in both classes, we are glad that they are now able to rely more upon heat which is furnished by the church. The coolness in the class rooms has been eliminated as we have more securely closed these windows which were furnishing heat to the county.

The year of mission emphasis was begun with the use of the Epiphany liturgy and communion on New Year’s Day. On the evening of January 8 a set of slides entitled “Moravians In The Virgin Islands” was presented with a recorded message by Bishop Hamilton to accompany them. An instruction class was begun on January 15 which will continue through Lent. We congratulate Miss Shelvia Jean Reeves who was married to Tommy Gray Whitman on January 14. Miss Melinda Smith began work with the junior young people’s group on January 28 with Miss Marie Rowena Sultz as pianist.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

MOUNT AIRY

$17,500 more is needed to pay for our new eight room Sunday school building, the new furnace and new furniture. We may be occupying the building the end of February, 1956.

Ed Pruett led the December 4 Sunday night song service. The Jomakers Quartet with two Moravians, Bill Cox and Jack Palmer, increased our meager Sunday night attendances twice.

The Brotherhood, our newest organization, began with a supper meeting January 16 with 48 men present. Moravian Charles Johnson’s High School glee club entertained the men.

Nancy Poore and Dot Bowman did some typing for the church. Michael Simmons is teaching Jo Lena Cox and George Cible to run the mimeograph.

Weddings are important. Shirley Collins and Clarence Bowman were married December 23 in our church. Former pastor H. B. Johnson assisted the pastor in the wedding of Sybil Williams and John Walker's Young Adults Class sends us the notice that the other window was also open at the time of the service.

In observance of the “Year of Missions” in the Moravian Church’s 500th anniversary celebration, this congregation held, during the week of January 22-27 a series of services emphasizing the theme of missions. The well informed and enthusiastic speaker was Dr. Edwin Kortz, President of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Moravian Church in America. Attendances were good in spite of the fact that we experienced the extremes of cold and snow of “Greenland’s icy mountains” and the almost mild temperatures of “India’s coral strand.”

In the meetings an attempt was made, and successfully, to discuss all aspects of the mission endeavor of the church. Among the subjects that proved the most rewarding were: “The Administrations of Missions”; “Our Mission Heritage”; “Answering the Critics of Missions” and “Missions and You.” At two services Dr. Kortz closed his addresses with question and answer periods which were most helpful. We believe that direct results of this mission are already being felt in this congregation.

New members received since our last report include: Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lee, Pearce Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Coghill, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sherrill, the Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Jarvis, Miss Carolyn Jarvis and Miss Minner Thacker.

RICHARD F. AMOS.

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

Plans have been completed for our new Youth Building. They were prepared by Charles W. Connely, Charlotte architect, our Planning Committee consisting of George Wooten, Sunday school superintendent as chairman; D. F. Caldwell, vice-chairman of the Board of Elders, R. A. Pitts, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. T. B. McVimpsey, president of The Women of the Church, and Dr. Herbert Spaugh, in collaboration with Dr. George Higgins, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education. The building, 33 by 66 feet, one story in height, in the style of the present buildings, will be located on church property immediately west of the church sanctuary. Like the other church buildings, it will be placed on the back property line, leaving a spacious lawn in front. It will provide an expansion of the Church School and for other youth activities, such as Scouting.

“The Women of the Church” conducted their 21st Annual Bazaar on December 7. Both the Fellowship Hall and The Hut were used.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Robert-son (Marjorie Katz) upon the birth of a son, Stuart Dale, December 5; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bare-foot upon the birth of a daughter, Lynn, on January 16.

M/Sgt. Jerry H. Simpson, Jr., U. S. Army, is now stationed in Paris. His wife and daughter are with him.

Dr. and Mrs. Spaugh again held ‘Open House’ at the parsonage on New Year’s Eve which was followed by Holy Communion at midnight in the Wofford Chapel.

We welcome as new members the Reverend and Mrs. Kenneth Ball, 916 Bridlepath Lane.

Welcomed pulpit guests were Dr. George Higgins on January 8 and the Rev. Edwin Sawyer on January 15.

Another of our servicemen has returned home during January: Richard Price, who has com­pleted a tour of active duty in the Navy. At present he and Mrs. Price, the former Billie Harwell, are living with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Harwell, 406 Louise Avenue.

HERBERT SPAUGH

Musical Notes

Donald M. McCorkle

Music Editor

Two modern-day Moravians have pooled their respective resources to bring out a book on music which should be given an open arms welcome by Moravian choir directors and singers. The author: Paul W. Peterson, head of the voice department at Salem College, whose summer choir schools at Salem have gained national recognition and have undoubtedly helped to improve the music of many churches in the United States. The publisher: John Fries Blair, Winston-Salem native whose publishing house, still in its infancy, has already produced several notable works, the latest being:

Natural Singing and Expressive Conducting. By Paul W. Peterson. Winston-Salem: John Fries Blair, Publisher, 1955. (156 p., diagrams, lists of music: $3.50.)

This book is a manual of vocal techniques and conducting procedures geared primarily for the amateur singer on the one hand, and the non­professional choir director on the other. (You needn’t be frightened by the term “textbook” which the author uses frequently throughout the book; it can be used as a textbook by a teacher, or as a manual by the singer-director. It seems to me that it will be particularly effective as a manual.)

My own feeling about this book is that is should be owned by every choir director and every church choir (perhaps one copy in the choir library) to be a handy reference for those many questions that arise when answers are not easy to obtain. One half or more of the book is concerned with “Natural Singing”—the common sense method of voice production, which, curiously enough, is far from being universally practiced or understood! Mr. Peterson devotes seven easily read chapters to the development of “natural singing“: “The Beginning Voice Student,” “The Muscular Aspects of Singing,” “Diction,” “Resonance,” “The Solo Performer,” “Care of the Voice,” and “Advanced Techniques for the Soloist.” Within these pages are to be found vocal exercises to correct and/or develop breathing, diction, legato lines, etc., as well as stage department. (The stage department could well be considered with much benefit by many of our church choirs).

The second part of the book, “Expressive Conducting,” gives worthwhile tips to the choir director on such matters as technique, choral blend, planning the church concert, etc. Included in the last part are comprehensive lists of music for assorted occasions, varying difficulty, and assorted types of choirs. These anthem lists, compiled from Mr. Peterson’s files which have grown to vast proportions, should be worth the price of the book to many church choirs. Natural Singing and Expressive Conducting is above all a book well written for the musical layman who will derive much benefit from studying its pages. Our hat is off to Paul Peterson and John Fries Blair.

The Music Editor would like to take this opportunity of expressing the gratitude of the Moravian Church in America for the gifts of music given to the Archives during the past year. The following persons have donated a total of nearly five hundred compositions to the Moravian music collections: Mrs. Lilian S. Anderson (Raleigh, N. C.), Mrs. W. A. Blair, Miss Marian Blair, Mr. John Fries Blair, Mrs. Jean M. Burrell (Winston-Salem), Miss Liley Clemens (Wiltshire, England), Mrs. E. E. Kapp (Bethania), Mrs. John F. McCuiston, Mrs. Robert A. McCuiston, Mrs. Fred Pfaff, Mr. Bernard J. Pfohl, Mrs. J. K. Pfohl, Mrs. Charles S. Siewers, Miss Grace L. Siewers, and Miss Kate Wurruschke.

Included in these gifts are the works of Theodore L. Clemens (nearly completed), a number of early manuscripts, and a large number of 19th century editions of music, including several very important Civil War prints of Stephen Foster songs. Miss Frances Blandford of Bristol, England, has been of immense help in supplying information about Moravian music and musicians in England. This music will have an important place in the Salem Archives, which will very soon take its place as a principal research center for the study of early American music. We are extremely pleased with the wonderful response to our pleas for gifts of unused music—we are still anxious to acquire more of the same. All music printed before 1900 has a place in our collections.

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MISSIONARY ON FURLOUGH SEES CHANGE DURING
Thirty Years in West Indies

Peter M. Gubi

A furlough is a blessed time. A time of family reunion, of meeting old friends, and gaining new friends; a time of rest and recreation. It also gives one the opportunity to sit down and take a leisurely look back over the path which has been traversed. The fact that one can now look back upon a ministry of nearly thirty years in the West Indies makes one pause and ponder over many things.

Poorly equipped from an academic viewpoint, but with good health and high hopes and eager expectations, we embarked upon the work in those far-off islands back in the middle of the somewhat light-hearted twenties. We came to some old-established Moravian congregations or two of them older than any in the British Isles. We came to a part of the world where life had gone on rather placidly (apart from occasional upheavals caused by hurricanes and earthquakes) for nearly ninety years; that is to say, since the time of negro emancipation—an emancipation which, so far as the majority was concerned, was rather partial and somewhat limited. And yet, the end of slavery was the beginning of a great forward movement in our Church. Previously the home; the Church; the school—those three basic institutions in a Christian community—had been an almost precarious and insecure footing.

After emancipation the building up of these institutions was taken seriously in hand. Christian homes were formed, most of them poverty-stricken, but nevertheless homes in which the freedom wherewith Christ makes us free was known and experienced. Large congregations were formed and solid places of worship erected; and schools were built alongside these church buildings. Thousands flocked to hear the Gospel preached and to receive instruction in the fundamental Christian doctrines. And there was music and song. A pipe-organ was procured and installed in nearly every one of our churches. An appreciation of the works of great masters like Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mendelssohn, and others, was created and cultivated, and very often in the minds of ordinary working people.

Nowadays the impression is sometimes conveyed abroad that the 'calypso' and a variety of cheap popular songs are the typically native songs of the West Indies. That is not true. One cannot help wondering sometimes what missionaries and leaders in education like Westerly, Mumford, Ellis, Zippel, the Brethren Clemens; the Brethren Kiesel, the Brethren Romig, Renkowitz, Lichtenthaler; H. Weiss, J. E. Weiss, Greider, A. B. Hultin and many others would think of some of the stuff that is now sometimes proclaimed as being native to the West Indies. Solid and enduring work was done over the years by successive generations of devoted missionaries of our Church, and of other Churches. But for many years—indeed until about twenty years ago—the relationship between 'parson' and people, as between planter and labourer was, generally speaking, based upon what one might call a patriarchal system rather than upon a democratic way of life. This was perhaps inevitable for a time, but eventually it led to social, political and economic stagnation.

The change from the patriarchal system to a more democratic social structure came suddenly and caused some confusion in the minds of some people, but in the West Indies this change was accompanied by very few acts of violence. The material conditions have improved immensely, and present a contrast to those which prevailed thirty years ago. In those days many came to church barefoot and wretchedly clad, and of those who died about one in ten was given a pauper burial. Today, no one goes to church or school barefoot, and pauper funerals are few and far between. Each year witnesses a marked improvement in housing conditions, though much remains to be done. Great stress is laid now upon political rights and economic freedom, and rightly so. But the need of spiritual freedom, of salvation from sin, of grace and strength to forsake sin, the need of Jesus Christ not only as a great teacher and social reformer, but as Saviour and Lord of all, is not so widely recognized. In too many cases social and economic freedom is accompanied by moral degradation and spiritual bondage. And so the witness and work of the Church is as urgently needed today as ever it was.

The Church's message remains the same because the fundamental need of the human soul does not change as a result of altered outward circumstances. But the method of approach to the people of the West Indies has changed in the past generation; or where it has not changed it is time it did. The patriarchal conception of society and the patronizing attitude toward people belongs to the past. What one might call the father-and-children relationship, is disappearing, but the conception of the Church as a Fellowship in Christ Jesus our Lord; where one is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren, is gaining ground among Moravians everywhere in the West Indies. We continue to address each other in conversation as brethren and sisters. This mode of address does not mean less to us than it did to our forefathers in the faith a hundred years ago. On the contrary: we believe that this brotherhood in Christ, demonstrated in the lives of people of different colours and various nationalities, is becoming a deeper reality than ever before in the long history of our Church in the West Indies.

When we consider the progress recorded in mission provinces like East Central Africa, or Nicaragua in Central America, in the past generation, some may be inclined to think that our Church in the West Indies is just marking time. That is certainly not the case. Despite the serious shortage of men and means experienced in recent years there is evidence of real, though unspectacular progress also in this our oldest mission field. The Secretary of State for the Colonies in a speech the other day said that 'the British Empire is not breaking up; it is growing up'. It is equally true to say that the Moravian Church in the West Indies is not breaking up; it is also, growing up. We have our pains; but we are growing pains; not the pains of old age.
TELLING EVERYBODY ABOUT CHURCH IS

Task of Office of Public Relations

The Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches is cooperating with us, and it is through this agency that we will conduct the 13 week series, National Radio Pulpit, over the NBC radio network. We will also place some Moravian personalities on commercial network programs through BFC's Department of Special Events.

Another major source of radio and television coverage is through network originated programs like the CBS Radio, Church of the Air, ad CBS-TV Lamp Unto My Feet. We hope soon to announce schedules for programs like these. Good local time will be given us on both radio and television in a number of key cities such as Baltimore, Washington, Bethlehem, Winston-Salem, either directly through the stations or in cooperation with the local Council of Churches. We will publish definite schedules on these programs when they are known.

Commercial television programs with their vast audiences generally reach more people than religious programs. One of the important phases of our Public Relations office therefore is to offer program material (stories, music, art, etc.) to these commercial shows, and to work with them in developing it. One program like this might reach as many as 20 million homes.

Stories and articles for the national newspapers will be distributed through the Associated Press and United Press. Papers in Bethlehem and Winston-Salem and other Moravian areas plan to give coverage in depth. Regular releases will go to all of them. National magazines with their circulation in the millions are being offered material for general and special features on the church and the Quincentennial. Other avenues of publicity are not being overlooked. The limitations of personnel, and budget may prevent extensive work, but we are planning for local displays, exhibits, etc. All of this is in addition to in-church material that will help the local church and minister in church celebrations.

While it is too soon to announce schedules and commitments, or even all of our projected plans we must report the fine reception and interest on the part of network officials, local radio and television executives, community leaders, national magazine people. So far everyone seems to be anxious to give time and space "It's about time we do something on the Moravians" is a typical reaction from these men and women who control mass media. It's our job to see that they get it.

New Year's Hymn
Douglas L. Rights

With praises and thanksgiving
We enter the New Year;
Our earthly Father's leading
Has brought us safely here.
The journey set before us
Is through an unknown land;
But we shall fear no evil
When guided by His hand.

Like Abram, called to journey
In lands he did not know,
So in this strange new country,
This New Year, we must go.
New scenes are spread before us,
New victories to be won;
And like the ancient father,
In faith we travel on.

Swiftly the days are passing,
Time is not ours to hold.
The New Year we are greeting
Will soon become the old.
But He who guides us onward
Will grant us in His love,
When earthly years are ended,
That bright New Year above.

CHARLES BRACKBILL: His job is to tell in 1957 the story of 500 years

Charles Brackbill,
Director of the Dept. of Public Relations

How do you get publicity for a pre-Reformation Church that is about to celebrate its 500th year? Certainly a great deal of attention should be given to it. Of course those who are members should know about their church and its Quincentennial. And it is easy to see how some of the church's own enthusiasm will spill over to other people living in Moravian centers. But why shouldn't everybody know about this anniversary, and come to appreciate the heritage of so many years?

"Telling everybody" has become a big and important part of many corporations and organizations today. That is the function of the Publicity Departments. But telling people the right and the best things is more important. That is the larger field of Public Relations. Our Department of Public Relations has been set up to get all the best publicity for the church during the Quincentennial that we can get. Reaching everybody with the story and message of the Church is a great challenge. It is our hope that a new understanding of the Moravian Church, a genuine appreciation for its heritage and place in Protestantism, and that new members as well as new friends may be the result of our work.

Since this department was organized, we have been studying the church, its history and institutions and culture, and the fresh thrill of discovery that has so enthused us is what we hope will capture the interest of those whom we are contacting in the various mass media. Broadly speaking it is our aim to have national coverage through radio, television, magazines, and newspapers. During 1956 we are concentrating on the planning and preparation for this, although some things will appear this year. Our major coverage will be in 1957.

Book Of The Month

COUNT ZINZENDORF

The story of his life and leadership in the Renewed Moravian Church

BY JOHN R. WEINLICK

THE AUTHOR

JOHN R. WEINLICK is professor of historical theology, Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pa. A Moravian minister, he has served pastorates in Madison, Wisconsin, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Moravian College and the Moravian Theological Seminary.

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IDEAL OF MORAVIAN EDUCATION DRAMATIZED AT

Moravian College Convocation

SING HALLELUJAH, PRAISE THE LORD: The mixed chorus and orchestra of the convocation join in the closing hymn of "The Story of An Ideal." The girls in white are students of the Green Pond Seminary. The College Mixed Chorus is on the left. Donald McCorkle is the director.

The Moravian College Development Convocation was held at Bethlehem, Pa., March 15 and 16. Sixteen laymen and four ministers from the Southern Province attended the two-day session which was held in connection with the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The development plans call for the raising of $1,050,000 by 1957, the sesquicentennial year of Moravian College, which had its beginning in 1807. This financial goal is expected to provide funds for the payment of the remaining cost of College Hall, where the mass meetings of the convocation were held; the establishment of professorships; the cost of acquiring South Campus, the former Moravian College for Women buildings; and the endowment for the improvement of faculty salaries.

Highlight of the convocation was the dramatic presentation on Thursday evening of the history of 500 years of Moravian education entitled, "The Story of An Ideal." "The Story of An Ideal" was written by Dr. John R. Weinick and the narrator was William H. McElveen, theological student from Calvary Congregation.

Donald McCorkle, a member of the Salem College faculty now doing research on Early American Moravian Music in the Salem Archives, directed the combined chorus and the orchestra. Music was drawn from the Early American Moravian Music collection and included "All the World Shall Sing His Praise" (Hagen), "It is a Precious Thing" (Peter), and "O the Blessedness Is Great" (Beckler).

The theme of the pageant was repeated by a speaking chorus and stated the ideal of Moravian Education. This theme declared that "Moravian education is preparation for living the Christian life. Moravian education represents a combination of godliness, practicality, and the liberal arts. Moravian education affirms: in essentials unity, in non-essentials tolerance, in all things brotherly love."

On Friday evening in spite of a snow storm about 500 attended a closing banquet in College Hall. Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, delivered the address.

College Hill, Bethlehem, Will
Build New Church

College Hill Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pa., decided at a special church conference meeting on March 14 to build a new colonial style church at a cost of approximately $150,000. The College Hill Church is located near Moravian College and through the years has been attended by many Southern Province students in the College and Theological Seminary.

The recommendation to construct a new church instead of remodeling the existing structure was contained in a report of a planning committee.

As with the present church building, which would be razed, the new church will be attached to the Christian Education building. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 1957.

A financial canvass to be conducted this May and June was also endorsed by the church council. It was voted to hire a professional fund-raising organization to handle the drive.

FROM THE MISSION FIELDS COMES TESTIMONIAL OF

What the Gospel Means to Me

Pollyanna Lott Didrickson

I am certainly thankful for the opportunity to witness for Christ and His work for it is He who ordered missions and sent the missionaries.—Matt. 28:19, 20.

Missions have done wonderful things for our people here in Alaska. The Moravian mission I would like to mention is the Children's Home at Kweethlík, near Bethel. We used to call it the Orphanage, where I was raised and where I first came to learn and understand about Jesus and the Bible. I was just a little girl when my mother passed away and we were living at Akiak. Even though my Dad was not a church member he wanted to give us children good care which he could not give and so we were sent to the Orphanage. My name then was Pollyanna Lott.

When I first wanted to accept Christ as my Saviour the older girls said that I was too young to know or understand and that it wasn't for small children so I just let it slide for a while. Then I decided to talk to one of the missionaries about it and she said I wasn't too young. If I had known the Bible better I would have found my answer in Matthew 19:14 where Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." So the missionary and I went to her room and we knelt down and prayed and I accepted Jesus as my Saviour right then. It is a wonderful feeling to know that you can go to Him in prayer about everything, big or small at any time and anywhere.

Sometimes when I think back to my childhood I wonder how I would have grown up if it hadn't been for missions and missionaries. He works in ways that we do not understand at the time. I think the only way I could have come to the Orphanage at that time was for Him to take my mother away so that I could learn about Him and His love for me. When I finished school at the Orphanage it was possible for me to go to Sheldon Jackson School at Sitka where another of the Lord's missions was working.

It was while I was at Sitka that I met Herbert (Continued on page 2)
Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference

In accordance with the statement in the Constitution of the Southern Province, Article I, Section 5, the Provincial Elders' Conference hereby issues a call for the convening of the Triennial Synod of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, on Tuesday, November 13, 1956 in the Home Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Detailed instructions to all official Boards and Provincial Committees will be issued promptly for their guidance in the elections of delegates and in the preparation of reports and statistics.

Members of the official Boards of the local congregations of the Southern Province will meet at supper on April 12, 1956, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Home Church.

At this gathering Provincial Budgets for the year 1956-57 will be presented and explained by various representatives of the Provincial Boards. Plans and schedules for the Provincial Synod in November will be announced.

Reservations will be made at the local churches and reported to the Provincial Office not later than Monday, April 9.

The Bm. George G. Higgins, Alton F. Pfaff, Charles S. Starbuck, and R. Gordon Spaugh, members of the Provincial Elders' Conference, attended meetings of Inter-provincial Quincennial Committee, Joint Provincial Elders' Conference, Moravian College Board of Trustees, and Sesqui-centennial Convocation of Moravian College and Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pa., March 12-27.

Also attending the Convocation were the Bm. Charles F. Vance, Jr., Home Church, College Trustee; Tom A. Kimball, Friedland, Chairman, Moravian College Promotion Committee; Dr. R. E. Masten, Trinity; Harvey Price, Maydad; Tam Church, Oak Grove; Earl Armstrong, Greensboro; R. R. Amos, Fries Memorial; Claude Phillips, Calvary; John Walker, Mt. Airy; Clyde Puckett, Mt. Bethel; LaVerne Speas, Mspah; Bruce Plowman, Messiah; J. J. Brown, Mt. Airy; Charles N. Siwers, Home Church; the Rev. E. T. Mickey, Fries Memorial; the Rev. Richard Amos, Ardmore; Mrs. Robert Shore and Mrs. C. S. Starbuck also attended the public sessions of the Convocation.

The activities of the President during the month included sermons and addresses at the following: Union Cross, Pine Chapel, Olivet's Family Night Supper; P. T. A. at Central School; Quincennial Dinner at Home Church; and supper meeting launching the Parsonage Fund Drive at Friedberg. He attended the following Board and committee meetings: Salem College Executive Board; Church Aid and Extension Board; Moravian College Promotion Committee; Quincennial Committee; Joint Provincial Elders' Conferences; Board of Christian Education; Chamber of Commerce; Mission Board; Provincial Budget Committee. The President attended services at: Kenna Harris, Ardmore, Advent; Trinity's Day of Prayer; Mission Board Love-feast at Home Church.

The Provincial Elders' Conference announces the acceptance of the call by Dr. John W. Fulton to the Rondalther Chair of Practical Theology at Moravian Theological Seminary, effective July 1, 1956.

R. GORDON SPAUGH, President

Provincial Woman's Board

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

The Provincial Woman's Board held a business meeting Thursday, March 8, in the Ladies Parlor of the Home Moravian Church, with Mrs. M. E. Miller, Chairman, presiding. Reports for the past year were given by each chairman.

Plans were discussed for the annual Workshop which will be held Wednesday, May 16, at the Ardmore Church. It was decided to hold a day and evening meeting, this being done last year for the first time with very favorable results.

Mrs. Carl Kenner, Chairman of Church History and Customs, requested each Woman of the Church organization to bring its scrapbook to the Workshop. It is hoped that each church group has started its scrapbook, as this will preserve valuable information.

WHAT THE GOSPEL MEANS

Didrickson who also went to the Presbyterian school. We were later married and now have three children which the Lord has given us and helped

gave Himself for us and made missions possible.

We continue to pray for His work and workers.

Note: The writer of this article was admitted to the orphanage at the age of seven years with a brother of hers. Two other brothers had been placed there before. Young as she was Pollyanna had endeavored to be a "little mother" to her brothers after her mother's death. With her husband she is now a staunch and active member of the Presbyterian congregation at Stika.—Chas. B. Michel.

DANISH NURSE COMMISSIONED FOR SERVICE IN AFRICA

H. B. JOHNSON

On New Year's Day Miss Esther Madsen, a registered nurse, in the midst of a congregation which filled the parish church at Gaerum, Denmark, received her commission to missionary service in the Moravian mission in East Africa at the hands of Br. J. Nicolaisen and with the blessing of Lutheran Pastor Jaeger. After a sojourn of three months in England she will accompany Dr. and Mrs. Keevil to Africa about the first of April. The Keevils are returning to Africa as our medical missionaries after an absence of a few years.

Esther Madsen is a cousin of Mrs. Harry Jorgen­sen, who, with her husband, has been a missionary for two years in Africa. She is likewise a sister of Carl Madsen who went to Africa last summer to become superintendent of construction at our Unyamwezi mission stations. Her arrival in Africa will make possible the return to Denmark of our veteran missionary Sr. Johanna K. Larsen, who comes home to assist in advocating the cause on missions in Europe and, we trust, also in America.

HYMNS, DAILY TEXT

The texts found in the Daily Textbook are the same in all parts of the world-wide Moravian Church. They are selected, the Old Testament text by lot, the New Testament by choice. Each Province or mission field that publishes a Textbook selects its own hymns. For the Moravian Church in America the hymns for 1955 were selected by the Rev. H. B. Johnson, now retired in Kernersville, N. C.

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Moravian delegates to the annual convocation of the North Carolina Council of Churches held on January 25, 1956, in Burlington, heard Episcopal Bishop Edwin A. Penick of Raleigh, chairman, present the report of a special committee on integration in our public school system. Extensive discussion followed the presentation. But an overwhelming majority of all the Council delegates in attendance voted for the adoption of the report, offered herewith.

"In its annual meeting of 1955 the North Carolina Council of Churches adopted a resolution in which the closing sentence declared: 'Now that the Supreme Court has spoken (regarding segregation in the public schools) we urge that the churches as represented in the Council accept the decision of the Court as the law of the land and endeavor as fully as possible, in the spirit of Christ, to realize an integrated public school system.' The Council reaffirms this action. Recent events and tendencies move the Council to express itself further as follows:

"1. The maintenance of our state public school system is a paramount obligation of the people of North Carolina, and any attempt to transform this system into any so-called private scheme of schools, regardless of the motivating considerations, would inject tragic cleavages into our social structure and deprive our children of their rightful educational heritage.

"2. In our effort to maintain our public schools and at the same time comply with the decision of the Supreme Court in declaring segregation in public education unconstitutional, we may expect to encounter difficult problems. Unless we of both races manifest patience, forbearance, and goodwill, we cannot solve our problems constructively. In the nature of the case, implementation of the Court's decision must take account of the nature of local conditions and must proceed at varying rates of speed. The more complex situations will require careful study and cautious procedure, and cannot be transformed overnight. On the other hand, where racial ratios and other factors render local situations less complicated, more rapid progress may be expected. But whether the local situation be simple or complex, we as law-abiding citizens should begin, in good faith, the implementation of the Supreme Court's decision. Tactics of evasion are in effect disloyalty to the supreme law of the land.

"3. The Council is convinced that the churches have it within their power to determine in great measure how successfully the people of North Carolina will make their transition to an all-inclusive system of public schools. Only as the Gospel of Christian brotherhood becomes deeply rooted in the hearts of our people will they be moved to build together a superior educational structure which rises above racial considerations.

"Therefore, we call upon the member churches of this Council, as responsible mothers of public opinion, and as witnesses to the Christian gospel in modern society, to accept the challenge for positive leadership that critical circumstances now afford, and to proclaim with the confidence of men who speak the truth, the basic scriptural message that all men are made in the image of God; that all men, through faith in Jesus Christ, are given the power to become the sons of God; and that all nations and races and kindred tongues are sanctified by the in-dwelling Holy Spirit of God who fashions all things new after the pattern of the Perfect Man.

It has required faithful prayer to reach this point regarding the John Hus picture. Many times, I was on the verge of giving up only to find another avenue of pursuit. Many questioned the possibility of raising the money, but NEVER did anyone say, "It is not a good idea."

Because I have learned to follow one step at a time, I have felt from the beginning that when the time comes, the money will be provided. So far, no money has been raised to finance the effort, but assurance from several reliable sources leads me to believe that once we have a good script, an interested producer can film it at his own expense under certain agreed conditions.

Please join me and pray for the success of this plan—that its success may mean enlightenment to needy souls and that its TRUTH may bring His Kingdom into their hearts.

In His Name,

LOIS M. HELMICH

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Visits Planned For This Summer

As one of the special events of this "Year of Missionary Emphasis," the Mission Board plans to bring two Moravians from our mission fields to visit our summer camps, North and South. Helen Dickey has agreed to supervise their itineraries.

Present plans are for August Alexie, son of a lay pastor, and himself a candidate for pastoral work in Alaska, to be at Van Es from July 2 to 13 and at Hope, New Jersey, during the rest of July and August. From July 24 to 29 however he will visit the Senior Conference in the South. Alice Marie Hooker, whose father served for years as the head organist in Bluefields, Nicaragua, and who herself has done outstanding work as teacher and leader, is to be at the southern camps from the beginning of June until the end of August, except during the Chetek and Tar Hollow weeks.

An Ordination at Bilwaskarma

Superintendent Storitz has arranged for a service on April 8 in which he is to ordain Goliath Castillano, having been commissioned to act for Bishop Hamilton in this. It is hoped that the Rev. J. C. Hughes and the Rev. Christian Weber will be present on this occasion. This is the more appropriate as Goliath has been supported for a number of years by two laymen of the Southern Province, Paul Kinnaman and Conrad Crutchfield. Goliath is a Misquito Indian from Saapuka, aged forty-one. He was baptized by the late Rev. F. W. Bishop and confirmed by the late Rev. Hugland. He graduated from the Bilwaskarma Day School and the Instituto Biblica. Since 1946 he has served three congregations most acceptably as lay pastor.

Illness of Missionaries

At the time of my writing reports regarding the Rev. James Dittmer's progress are encouraging. On the other hand word has come that Rev. Werner Marx's health has caused his brother to advise his immediate return for a specialist's care. Prayer for these and all our missionaries is earnestly desired.

Graduations in Nicaragua

February is graduation month on the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua. A class of thirteen passed their final examinations in Bluefields to receive their bachelor degrees, while fifty-two graduated from the lower school of the Colegio Moravo. Three nurses completed their training at the Ruth C. S. Thaeler Hospital. This event was followed by the exercises of the Instituto Biblica and the Bilwaskarma School. This year the Waspam Moravian Day School held its first graduation, being the first officially recognized by the government as a grade school.

A Significant Testimony

In the course of his address at the commencement exercises in Bluefields, the Inspector General of the Secondary Schools of Nicaragua stated that the percentage of illiteracy is lower in Bluefields than in any other part of the Republic. For this our Moravian schools can claim a good deal of credit.

News On The Lower Wanks

The Rev. Hedley Wilson writes of new life at Sawa. For more than three years there had been no accessions. Recently a man's heart was touched in a service and he turned to Christ and set his house in order and got married. Another couple followed his example. Now there are ten candidates in the instruction class at Sawa and twenty in the neighboring villages of Living Creek and Boom. At Anris a service brought tears to the eyes of many Indians and seventeen have applied to become followers of our Lord. At Wasla twenty-one are preparing for church membership.

A Visitor's Comments

Recently the technical advisor in nursing education of WHO spent two weeks at the Bilwaskarma Hospital. Apparently the religious atmosphere of the place and the interest taken by the Nicaraguan nurses in their patients left a lasting impression on her. She asked to have a copy of a prayer offered by a nurse in morning devotions, not realizing that it had been extemporaneous, an evidence of her spiritual growth.

Word From Labrador

Superintendent Peacock in a letter written in December expresses hearty thanks for the shipment of clothing, etc., from our congregations. He reports a remarkably mild fall. Though much snow fell early in December the sea had not frozen over by the middle of December. He adds news of an important development. The provincial government is planning to take over the Moravian schools this year. It has been difficult for the British Mission Board to maintain an adequate staff on that coast. But the Eskimos owe much to faithful service by Moravian teachers through generations past.

Nursing at Silwan

Sister Johanna wrote on February 10 as follows:

"We have been able to work without being interrupted by illness or unfavorable conditions. Each morning we two sisters set out from our home in Bethany and drive down the Kidron Valley to Silwan where our little community of lepers eagerly await us.

"During the past year we enjoyed help from the Lutheran World Federation Relief Work and from the Missionaries, who gave us food, clothes and underwear. Without their generous help our work would cost us far more."

"All in all we have sixteen patients living at Silwan and three outpatients. Six of the former are women and girls, ten are men. We admitted two last April, one a Arab lad from the southeast of the Dead Sea. He was in the first stage and is much improved by treatment. The other was a middle aged man with the disease in advanced state. Both cases proved that there still are lepers in Jordan. More cases have to be found. But if we do find them we have no more room for them at Silwan. The house has space only for one additional patient. Our patients say, 'only the Christians can help us.' We must not disappoint them!"
REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

FRIES MEMORIAL

Preparation for the Lenten Season at Fries Memorial has been happy from the standpoint of the evidence of deeper interest and greater purpose than has sometimes been the case in the past. The Lenten Communion came at a time when sickness and other unavoidable circumstances kept some of our people away, but the service was one of deep spiritual consecration. We have had to rearrange some seating for Communion services in order to accommodate more people. We are happy to see this interest in Communion growing.

The junior choir moves on a pace. The children sang on the first Sunday in Lent and will sing again on Palm Sunday.

The Men of the Church had their largest attendance at the quarterly supper meeting in February. Br. George G. Higgins brought an inspiring message on the theme of the Quincentennial. At that meeting, the men decided that they would serve a supper to the Women of the Church at the time of their quarterly meeting in March. At the present writing, 85 women are registered to attend this meeting.

There is prospect, through the Instruction Class and transfers, for an increase in membership than for the past four years.

The Scout Troop has taken on new life. For the first time in years, there are active Scout Master and Assistant. Several of the boys have set themselves to the task of seeking the God and Country Award, preparation for which requires a full year.

Our young people’s groups have maintained a higher level of activity and attendance throughout this entire winter.

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The senior choir is still in need of new members. It is our hope that in the near future this group may be enlarged. Their services have been more faithful and helpful than ever.

E. T. MICKEY

ADVENT

We were happy to welcome into the communicant membership of our church in February the following new members: Steven Roy Gilbert and John Clingman Aldridge by the sacrament of Christian Baptism.

One of our fine young men, Charles Wesley Fishel, has responded to the Saviour’s call to preach.

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MIZPAH

With the beginning of the year, the pastor began a series of sermons at both Mizpah and King, on the Apostles’ Creed, which has given opportunity for comprehensive doctrinal preaching, which is always appreciated. The series will close on Easter Sunday.

The work of the Allied Church League was remembered in our special Temperance Sunday on January 29. An offering of $13.25 for the cause was placed in a plate near the door at the close of the service. A strong plea for total abstinence was also made in the sermon of that day and a few signed the total abstinence pledge.

On January 25, the Men’s Class of the Sunday school enjoyed a fellowship supper together, electing at that time Br. Jesse Briggs as their teacher, replacing Br. George Long who has served faithfully a number of years.

The men of the church served a successful country ham supper one Saturday night during February and report a substantial sum realized for the building fund of the church.

We were pleased to see in our services on January 22 Miss Dorothy Wooten, Children’s Secretary of the Board of Christian Education. She had visited the various children’s departments during the Sunday school hour and had remained for the worship service. Her visit was an encouragement to our teachers who are trying hard to do a good job at teaching the little ones. We are happy to report that the Sunday school in general shows an increase in attendance over corresponding months of last year.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

FULP

One cold Sunday morning, it was found that the recently installed furnace would not work. The nearby furnace repair man was called out at an early hour only to find that there was no oil in the tank. A poor supply came with the furnace, but it was not guaranteed to run without oil. On Sunday, February 26, a contrast in ways of heating the church was presented by Mrs. S. M. Johnson. In the early years of the present century, when it was known that a service would be held, Mrs. Elias Fulp and her cook, would see to it that a sufficient number of logs were taken to the church for the log stove.
In recognition of his many years of service to the church in various capacities, Mr. J. I. Zimmerman was made an honorary life member of the church board with the privilege of attending any of the board meetings as a non-voting member. At the beginning of the year, the Sunday school teachers and officers include: Mr. M. T. Marshall, superintendent; Mrs. S. M. Johnson, assistant superintendent; with Bros. Grady Ziglar, Mrs. Ralph Morgan, Mrs. Melvin Marshall, and Mr. M. O. Jones, teachers. At a meeting of Mrs. Melvin Marshall's class held in her home on January 28, class officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Robert Hale, president; Jamie Fulp, vice-president; Miss Elizabeth Morgan, secretary; Robert Hale, treasurer; Miss Kay Morgan, social secretary.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

IMMANUEL

May the evidence of an awakening interest in attendance upon the Holy Communion increase and grow till every resident communicant member will be found in the Lord's House on such occasions.

January was designated as Stewardship of Life Enrollment Month and fifty visitors went forth to call on every local home within the congregation. That task occupied the entire month and extended over into February, but it was completed. The advantages are that we know our congregation much better and can minister to the needs more intelligently, but perhaps the greatest blessings of the effort fell upon the visitors. Many of the experiences were heartwarming and others were heartbreaking. The entire congregation is most grateful to the faithful and devoted visitors for their valiant service.

February has come to be recognized as Youth Month since the anniversaries of both our Youth Fellowship and the Boy Scout movement fall in that month. It was inspiring to see the members of our Youth Fellowship conduct the entire service on the first Sunday and carry out a most worthy program. It was equally inspiring when the Boy scouts and Cubs did likewise on the second Sunday. The choir loft was filled with Scouts and Committee men and the platform with staff members. The message of the morning was brought by the Committee Chairman W. Thomas Sink.

The annual Missionary Lovefeast was held on February 12 with a most informative and enjoyable presentation of the Mission Cause by former missionaries, and now pastor of Grace Moravian Church in Mount Airy, the Rev. Robert A. Idol. Our regret is that another hundred people did not hear the presentation and profit by it as did the 187 who were present.

Immanuel rejoices that our Missionary Pastor, the Rev. James P. Dittmer, has been discharged from the Mayo Clinic and is now recuperating at the home of relatives at Durbin, North Dakota. The Dittmer family was with us for several months in early 1953 and has a large place in the affection of our people.

SAMUEL J. TESCH

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Average attendance for January and February was 371 for morning worship services and 431 for Sunday school. We reached a high of 491 in Sunday school and 421 for morning worship. We were gratified for this response during the dreary winter months.

There was an average attendance of 198 for the night meetings at which Dr. Julian Lake was speaker, January 22-29. There were 11 first dedications, 132 rededications.

New members in the past two months were Francis K. Trogdon, Ill., Ruth Jarvis Martin, and Arkon Gray Stewart. We have 24 young people enrolled in our preparatory classes to join on Palm Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. McRae, returned missionary from the Near-East, is scheduled as our Lenten mission speaker for Sunday, March 11. Our studies on "The New Life in Christ" have averaged 70 in attendance so far.

Finish work on the new building seems to be proceeding at a snail's pace right now, but perhaps this is due in part to our impatience. Contractors tell us they will guarantee us completion and occupancy no later than May 15. We have now ordered some $2,000 worth of furnishings and contracted for $4,000 worth of decorating in the old building. We are anticipating the visit of many of our fellow-Moravians when we hold open house in late May or early June.

Over 100 persons enjoyed the Cub-Pack Blue and Gold Banquet in Fellowship Hall, which was a pot-luck meal.

Ernest Lee Sapp received his Eagle Scout award on February 12, Gary Peacock, Gary Idol and Ernest Lee will soon receive the coveted "God and Country" scouting award after a year of study.

HENRY A. LEWIS

FAIRVIEW

February 19 is a date that will long be remembered by the Men's Southern Chapter of the Foreign Missionary Society of which Mrs. L. S. Stith, Sr. is president. The Rev. Howard Chadwick, former pastor of Fairview, brought an excellent message at the Missionary Lovefeast. The project of the Missionary Chapter for the year has been a diesel electric generator to provide power for the hospital of Dr. Sam Marx in Butukausas, Honduras. This was a very ambitious goal since the cost of the generator was $1,650. However, the total amount raised by the missionary group, with the help of the Sunday school and the lovefeast offering, total $1,951. This was sufficient not only to pay for the generator, but also to wire the hospital.

The Missionary Chapter has taken the responsibility for sponsoring one Sunday Vesper Service each month. Their January speaker was Miss Lillian Peacock, who showed slides of the hospital at Bilwaskarma. The group feels that more of our membership will become interested in missions if it can have charge of at least one church service each month.

The Cub Scouts, backed by an enthusiastic committee spearheaded by Charles Timmons, Julian Stith, Bob Morris, Sam Minor, Burton Snyder, Jr., C. E. Harvey, Chesney Eubanks, and Ben Bennett, sponsored a Gold and Blue Banquet. It was an inspiring occasion with talks provided by Calvin T. Hinkles Book Store

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Smith and Joe Karola. Tribute was paid to den mothers Mrs. Walter Tuttle, Mrs. W. O. Morgan, Jr. and Mrs. Sam Hardister, Jr. The parents enjoy-
ed the festivities as much as the boys did.

Dr. Edmund Schwartz and the Rev. J. George Bruner brought messages at the services on January 29 while the pastor was in Bethlehem due to the death of his wife's father. The speakers for the Adult Group of the Family Fellowship for January and February were: the Rev. W. Clyde Davis, Ed-win A. Sawyer, J. George Bruner, George Staples, John Geserud, Clifford Peace, and Paul Snider. These speakers are secured by the Blum Memorial Bible Class.

It is noteworthy to mention that the first Sac-

Rome was held in the Blum Memorial Chapel on New Year's Day. It was the Infant Baptism of Don-

ald Nash Williams, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Carroll Williams, Jr.

VERNON DAETWYLER

MESSIAH

The month of February found members of the congregation thundering through the record book.

A Sunday school attendance of 121 smashed the previous record of 106 set only the month before.

The cry for more chairs continues to ring through-

A l the halls. The record attendance for a regular Sunday morning service of worship was rea-

ched during the month with 127 present.

To meet the needs of the expanding youth de-

partment, the primary class divided and Mrs. Jack Luper, Mrs. Harvey King, Mrs. Ray Jones, and Mrs. Clanden Everhart added to the staff of the primary classes. Ray Jones has been appointed assistant su-

printendent of the youth department.

Numerical gain has not overshadowed a program for spiritual growth during the season of Lent. Holy Communion was administered the first Sunday in Lent. A special series of Lenten Meditations was

held on Wednesday evenings throughout the sea-

son. Dime folders, containing a slot for each day in Lent, were distributed to all members of the con-

gregation and Sunday school for a special Lenten offering.

Special services at the Sunday vespers hour have been a blessing to all. Messages have been delivered by the Rev. Norman C. Byerly, who participated with the pastor in a pulpit exchange; Miss Lillian Butner, sponsored by the Messiah Women of the Church; and James Dockery, sponsored by the Men's Bible Class, of which he is a former mem-

ber.

Highlighting the fellowship activities during the period in review was the Faithful Alpha Class Valentines Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Mendenhall. All members of the congregation were invited to attend.

BURTON J. RIGHTS

WILLLOWHILL

The Willow Hill Sunday school began the new year with the installation of new officers looking forward to a great year in our Sunday school. Many of the officers are continuing in the position that they held last year. Also, on the first Sunday we ob-

served Holy Communion at the 11:00 o'clock ser-

tice with an excellent attendance.

On the third Sunday in January an instruction class in the catechism began with six members in the class. The class meets every other Sunday un-

der the direction of the pastor.

Since the last report from Willow Hill we have organized a Boy Scout Troop and its counterpart Cub Scouts. The Scout Troop is under the direction of Br. Glenn Dawson as scoutmaster and Br. Luke Dawson as assistant. The Cub Scouts have as their

master Br. Jimmie Baum with Br. C. W. Smith as assistant, and Den Mothers, Mrs. Harvey Leonard and Mrs. Garnet Dawson. With a large number of boys in the Scout age that we have in the Willow Hill section, we are very anxious to give the boys all the training possible. We feel that it will be a great benefit to the boys and the church.

In our year of mission emphasis, the mission spirit is being greatly expressed at Willow Hill. The Women of the Church have collected clothing for the project in Nicaragua and linens for the Child-

ren's Home in Alaska. On the third Sunday night in the church service was devoted to the movie, "Old And New In Nicaragua." We plan to devote several more evening worship hours to programs with mission emphasis.

The orchards are beginning to have a busy look about them with the men pruning trees. We hope that this year that we will have blossoms for our

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GLENN E. CRAVER

FRIEDBERG

We have been pleased to see an increased attendance at our mid-week services since Br. Edwin Sawyer began his Lenten series on “What Think Ye of Christ?” His messages proved to be a wonderful means of preparation for the Easter season. On the fourth Wednesday in Lent Br. Herbert Johnson was the speaker.

The choir and the men’s chorus. Mr. Howell spoke briefly to a group of workers and Br. J. K. Swaim, also spoke. Before the night was over the thousand copies of the Cruciﬁxion, by Stainer. With the help of our choir and the men's chorus. Mrs. Luther Tesh, pianist.

The Friedberg Cookbook, published by the Youth Fellowship, went over so well that the thousand copies which were printed were sold in a short time.

Lilian Butner and Ralph Siwers, III spoke on their call to mission work.

The Building Fund was started officially at a “kick-off” dinner on March 2. Dr. Gordon Spaugh spoke briefly to a group of 40 workers and Br. Russell Kimel, chairman of the solicitation campaign, also spoke. Before the night was over $7,000 had been pledged to the building fund. We feel that this is as good a beginning as anyone could ask for.

The choir has been working hard preparing to give “The Cruciﬁxion,” by Stainer. With the help of several outside singers the Easter cantata was presented on Sunday evening, March 18. Two well known local soloists carried the bass and tenor solos, Max Ulrich from St. Paul’s Episcopal and David Love from Highland Presbyterian. A string section of six Reynolds High students accompanied the choirs. Mrs. Ralph Conrad was organist and Mrs. Luther Tesh, pianist.

LEAKSVILLE

A very good attendance was present for the first Holy Communion of the new year held on Sunday, January 1, at the eleven o’clock hour. Br. J. K. McConnell conducted the evening service of the same day due to the pastor being out of town.

In our mid-week services much interest is being shown in the study of the book of Daniel. The men of the church sponsored the Wednesday evening service on February 29 and had Mr. Matt How­ell of Winston-Salem, N. C., as guest speaker. A large attendance was present to hear Mr. Howell and special music was furnished by the women's choir and the men's chorus.

Sunday afternoon, January 29, our church was ﬁlled to overflowing for the funeral service of Mr. William D. Tulloch, age 73. Three of his sons are members of our congregation—Cletus F., William C., and Charles O. Tulloch. The pastor was assisted in the funeral service by the Rev. J. K. McConnell.

The evening church service on the first Sunday in February concluded the observance of Youth Week and was sponsored by the young people of the congregation with the Rev. William Marshall, pastor of Friedberg congregation, as the guest speaker. Br. Marshall is a former member of our church and we were happy to have him visit us and speak to our young people on this occasion.

Several of our young people attended community-wide World Day of Prayer held at the Church of the Brethren on Friday evening, January 17. A union Good Friday service is being planned for the churches of our community. This kind of service is held every year to which our people are invited along with the other churches.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

HOPESWELL CHURCH

Attendance at Sunday school has been encouraging during January and February. The expected drop after the holidays did not occur. On Boy Scout Sunday 250 were present. This is the second largest assembly that we have had.

On February 5, Mrs. I. A. Green was received into our fellowship by letter of transfer.

The recently organized Girl Scout organization is progressing nicely. Mrs. Michelle Robinson is the Scout Leader and Miss Rachel Berrier is the Assistant.

Votes of thanks are extended to Mrs. Eula Everheart for the ﬁne records she kept of the activities of the Women of the Church, and to James Culler, Delangelan Smith, and John James for transporting our young folks to Youth For Christ.

Recently the congregation bought $2/100 of an acre north of the church. This property was a very worthwhile purchase. A generous benefactor, who prefers to remain anonymous, gave a fine donation on the property.

W. N. GREEN

BETHABARA

Since our last report, our congregation has felt keenly the loss of a dear friend in Charlotte, Mrs. Faye Burns Thomas, wife of Gilmer C. Thomas. She and her husband have been great benefactors to our church.

Our trial period for Morning Worship at 10 o'clock was terminated on January 29 with mixed feelings—some were joyful, others questioned the wisdom of the decision. During the month of change in schedule, church attendance showed a gain while Sunday school decreased. But since the total program of the church did not beneﬁt greatly, it was felt advisable to resume our former time for services.

We are beginning to feel a source of strength resulting from our Wednesday night visitation and fellowship hour. Board members, Sunday school teachers, and others have been going “two-by-two” visiting in the homes of our church family and our community. Nineteen members have volunteered service visiting in forty-three homes. The evening of visitation has concluded with a fellowship hour in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Newsom and Mrs. Carl E. Hine.

We are always grateful to the Women of the Church for many services. On two occasions in February they served supper to workers of the church.

First, the Sunday School Council met in session with 20 teachers and ofﬁcers enjoying the good food and fellowship. Second, the junior and senior choirs were honored at a delicious turkey dinner. The meal was a means of the church saying “thank you” to our faithful musicians. Also, during the month the ladies met at the home of Mrs. E. L. Reich, missions secretary, and made 12 outing sheets and 10 sewing pillow cases for the Children’s Home in Alaska. Br. Herbert B. Johnson was guest minister for our Lenten Preaching Mission which was held from February 12 to 17. Although we cannot report a large attendance, we can testify to rich blessings received by those who attended.

A gift of $1,000 from Building and Expansion enabled us to make our March 1 payment of $2,056.88 on our bank note. This payment completed two years in which $17,460.02 has been paid. Included in this total is a recent gift of $500 from Mrs. Carl E. Hine and Mrs. B. C. Shore which was paid on the principal, reducing our total indebtedness to $47,500. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father who has guided, to our sister churches for their aid through Building and Ex-

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Pine Chapel Teacher Holds Attendance Record

J. Taylor Loflin

Mrs. C. R. Jones has just completed 27 years of unbroken attendance at Pine Chapel Sunday school. Mrs. Jones received her twenty-seventh year award on Sunday morning, February 26.

She began her long period of faithful service by teaching five-year-old children in the Sunday school, and she has been at it ever since. Many of her early pupils have already married and have children of their own in the Sunday school. She is certainly well known among the younger generation at Pine Chapel. Mrs. Jones ranked next to Br. J. P. Crouch in years of service to the church. Br. Crouch served at Pine Chapel for 30 years.

She's also active in other phases of church work being a strong supporter of the Women of the Church. She's also active in other phases of church work being a strong supporter of the Women of the Church.

MRS. C. R. JONES: Here's a record of twenty-seven years of perfect attendance at Sunday school.

OAK GROVE SEeks New Missionary Society Members

Christian D. Weber

Since this is the Year of Missions in our Moravian Church, the Quincentennial Committees of many of the local congregations have been seeking new ideas and methods which will help make it a successful year of mission interest. The teacher of the Young People's Class in the Oak Grove Sunday school hit upon an idea that brought such an enthusiastic response from her class that it has now spread throughout the Sunday school.

Mr. P. G. Suber, the teacher of the class, realized that many of the young people knew very little about Moravian Missions, so one Sunday he devoted his lesson to the Christian's responsibility in foreign missions. He explained to his class that they could have an active part in missions by joining the For.

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eign Missionary Society and challenged the class to join the Society as an indication of their interest in its work. The following Sunday Mr. James B. Fullop, a Foreign Missionary Society, was asked to speak to the class about the work of the Foreign Missionary Society.

The response of the class was one of immediate enthusiasm. Delmore Hester, the president, appointed Robert Soll mission representative and asked the class to seek 100 percent membership in the Foreign Missionary Society. Three weeks later the goal was realized, and 21 new members had enrolled in the Society.

When the Oak Grove Centennial Committee saw the enthusiasm of this one class they recommended to the Sunday school that this same plan be tried in all of the adult classes of the Sunday school. Now a drive is under way throughout the Sunday school to have 100 percent of the church membership enrolled as members of the Foreign Missionary Society.

Thus, the interest of one Sunday school teacher and class proves to be a real inspiration to our whole church and promises to make this a year of new interest and participation in Foreign Missions.

BAPTISMS


Motsinger—Paula Inez, daughter of Paul Franklin and Inez m. n. Williard Motsinger, born November 12, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized at Union Cross Church on March 4, 1956 by the Rev. Lewis B. Swaim.

Snead—Susan Louise, infant daughter of Waylon Dwight, Jr. and Barbara m. n. Smith Snead, born November 17, 1955 at Raleigh, N. C., was baptized February 19, 1956, at Raleigh, N. C., by the Rev. Walter, H. Allen, Jr.


Williams—Kathryn Suzanne, daughter of Robert and Peggy m. n. Davis Williams, born December 1, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized at Advent Church on February 5, 1956, by the Rev. Paul A. Snider.

Jones—Stewart Blair, son of Tennyson L. and Valerie m. n. Wilkerson Jones, born December 25, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized February 5, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


Carter—Susan Leigh, daughter of Phillip Eugene and Emily Sue m. n. Barnes Carter, born February 24, 1955 at Fairview Church by the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler.

Williams—Donald Nash, son of Robert Carroll, Jr., and Elizabeth m. n. Nash Williams, born September 13, 1955 in Spartanburg, S. C., was baptized January 1, 1956 in the Blum Memorial Chapel at Fairview Church by the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler.


Hutchinson—Mark Stevens, son of John W. and Frances Ann m. n. Peters Hutchinson. Born October 11, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C. was baptized January 1, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Yates—George Holton, son of E. P. and Lucy Ann m. n. Welch Yates. Born September 23, 1953 at Portsmouth, Virginia; was baptized January 1, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


Fore—Lee Pierce, Jr., son of Lee P. and Betty m. n. Black Fore. Born August 19, 1954 at Charlotte, N. C. was baptized January 5, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.
BOOK REVIEW

Non-Moravians are rarely familiar with the name Zinzendorf. A visitor to Winston-Salem was asked where he stayed in the city and replied, "At the Zinzendorp." Many citizens of the Moravian metropolis of the South know nothing more of the name than that it designates a hotel and a laundry have extensive knowledge of this influential nobleman.

Count Nicolaus Ludwig Von Zinzendorf. By John R. Weinlick. This authoritative biography—the first in the English language—chronologically pictures Zinzendorf, the spiritual father of the Renewed Moravian Church, throughout its entire life. His visit to America, where he names the communities of Bethlehem, Pa. and Salem, N. C.; his meetings with John Wesley; his absorption with the Moravian cause; the beginning of Herrnhut, are all vividly recounted here.

COUNT ZINZENDORF is richly illustrated with line drawings of places and people prominent in the Saxons's life. Here, for every Christian, is the moving biography of a man who as a small child met God and devoted his entire life to revealing him to all men. 240 pages, 6 x 9. Price $4.75

DEATHS
Lewis—Charles Neil, died February 22, 1956, a member of Calvary Church. Interment in Statesville, N. C.


Morgan—Mrs. Tetsie Jean m. n. Futrel, born October 6, 1873; died January 22, 1956. A member of Fairview Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler. Interment in the Moravian Graveyard.


RODNTHALER CHAIR
The Edward Rodntahler Chair of Practical Theology was established at Moravian Theological Seminary in 1948 with a gift of $100,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Owen. To this amount was added $25,000 by the Building and Expansion Program, bringing the total endowment to $125,000.

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IN LIFE OF A MISSIONARY THERE IS

Never a Dull Moment

Howard T. Housman

Variety is one blessing of the mission work here in the eastern section of our Honduran mission work. By the time five years pass you can say, "I've seen everything." Not only have you seen everything but you've also done just about everything.

After shaking in our sneakers for a week wondering if Hurricane Janet would hit us we set ourselves to instructing a large class of new Christians every day, all day, for three weeks. On Christmas Day 20 adults were baptized and 9 confirmed. The following week six couples were married in the newly completed church. One of the newlyweds was a grandfather!

No sooner had we tied these long overdue knots when 104 young people from all over the lagoon descended upon us for their eighth young people's conference. One of the highlights was the cultural and religious sound moving pictures. The portable generator, cultural films, and projector were lent by the U. S. Consul. The religious films were purchased from the Harmon Foundation. The Missionary Aviation Fellowship flew out the equipment and Don Ackerman of the United Brethren Mission operated the projector. "We used to view the crucifixion from afar. Now, we see it as though we were right there," This was one of the appreciative comments.

Dr. Samuel Marx and his wife Grace plus their four children also helped at the conference and in the clinic. In addition to the fifteen T. B. patients we are treating Dr. Marx found several more that need x-rays.

After the sound and fury of the conference it was quite a let-down when the M.A.F. pilot took our four older children to the school for missionary children at Siguatepeque. There they will attend school with 30 other missionary children till August.

In order to fill up the vacuum I took Martha and Ruth Helen plus the cook, dog, and monkey on my communion trip around the lagoon. In between the four Sunday services Martha gave out medicine. There had been two deaths in the town of Tansen nearby the week before. In one hour Martha's medicine was done and the people were pleading for more.

Early Monday morning we traveled along the edge of the lagoon to the next town, Laka. The full blast of the North-East wind rocked our little boat but the 9 H. P. motor kept churning away. The dog got sick. The monkey bit Ruth Helen. The man who was bailing lost the gourd we use as our pump. Just as we reached the creek and the lagoon spray ceased it started to rain and soaked us again.

In the town of Laka Martha examined many very sick people. One woman was close to death. After we left for Caurquira they brought her dead. She had died twenty minutes away from Caurquira. The dead mother's three and one-half pound premature baby was brought to Martha. After it gained sufficient strength we will return it to the father.

Another pleasant surprise was the visit of the U. S. Ambassador, Whiting Willauer. As he came in a C-47 just to see us we felt quite honored.

In between V. P. conferences and U. S. ambassadors we run outboards, fix generators, splice radio antennas, prepare airfields, build churches and preach The Word.

CHILDREN OF HOWARD AND MARTHA HOUSMAN: The four older ones are off to school until August.

IN 1940 Br. Fulton was married to Miss Arnice Topp. They have four children, John W. Jr., Sarah, Martha, and Thomas.

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Fulton Accepts Post In Theological Seminary

The Rev. John W. Fulton, for the past six years pastor of the Calvary Congregation, will become professor of practical theology in the Moravian Theological Seminary with the beginning of the 1956 fall term in September. Announcement of the acceptance of the call to this position was made to the congregation at the close of the service on Sunday morning, March 18.

Br. Fulton, who will terminate his pastorate at Calvary July 1, is a graduate of Moravian College. For two years he was a student in the Moravian Theological Seminary, but took his last year of seminary study at Duke University School of Religion where he received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1940.

The new professor of practical theology is a native of Winston-Salem and a life-long member of the Calvary Congregation. He began his ministerial service in the Southern Province in 1939 as pastor of Friedberg. During the war years from 1943 to 1945, he also was pastor of Enterprise.

In 1945 he became the full-time Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education. In 1940 Br. Fulton was married to Miss Arnice Topp. They have four children, John W. Jr., Sarah, Martha, and Thomas.

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Music Foundation Created

The Moravian Church in America announces the creation of a non-profit foundation for the development of research in early American Moravian music. The announcement was made jointly by the governing boards of the Southern and Northern Provinces of the Moravian Church in America.

The foundation, to be known as the Moravian Music Foundation, Inc., will be the first music foundation devoted exclusively to 18th century American music. Its aim is to make a whole new body of sacred and secular music, heretofore unknown and unpublished, available for public performance and research throughout the world.

The new organization will concentrate its work on the thousands of manuscripts and first editions collected over centuries in Moravian archives in Winston-Salem and Bethlehem, Pa. Foundation headquarters will be in Winston-Salem.

Included in the collections are works of German and Moravian churchmen and European non-Moravians, whose scores were brought to America by early American settlers. There are some 7,000 pieces of music, including about 1,000 symphonies and string quartets and about 6,000 sacred anthems and songs.

The church announcement said the rapid acceptance of early American Moravian music by many other denominations as well as by major schools and music organizations influenced the Moravian Church to step up research in the field. The church feels that evaluation and publication of its vast collection of original music will fill one of the largest gaps in the history of American music and will contribute much valuable music to the church and orchestral repertoire.

Creation of the foundation comes as the Moravian Church is preparing to celebrate the 500th anniversary of its founding as a pre-Reformation church in old Bohemia. The Moravian Church has designated 1957 as a Year of Dedication and is preparing an extensive program for the year. The foundation is one phase of that program.

Indexing of the material in the church archives, the greater part of which is in manuscript form, began in 1957 and is expected to be completed within four or five more years.

A number of orchestras and chamber groups have been playing music from the collections. The church’s three festivals of Early American Music, especially the one last year in Winston-Salem, have attracted international attention.

The foundation, which will operate as the musical arm of the Moravian Church, will assist in the promotion of new festivals, seminars, recitals and concerts, and be the clearing house for all future recordings and published editions of Moravian music.

The next festival of Early American Moravian Music will be held in Bethlehem, Pa., in June, 1957, under the direction of Dr. Thor Johnson, music director of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. It will be almost entirely concerned with Moravian music never before published.

The Bethlehem festival is being held in connection with the church’s 500th anniversary celebration and will be followed by a smaller one in Winston-Salem that fall. The next major festival will be held in Winston-Salem in the summer of 1958.

The material collected in the Moravian archives, generally covering the period 1750-1850, is largely in hand-written form. Included are many copies of works by major European composers, in some cases the only copies in existence.

The earliest known copy of Haydn’s Symphony No. 17 in F major, for example, was found recently in the Moravian Archives in Winston-Salem, a find which aroused the interests of musicologists around the world. News of the discovery was reported widely in American and European newspapers.

The president of the American Musicological Society said, “It is incredible to find that America possesses European music which is not even preserved in Europe.”

The foundation will be incorporated in North Carolina as a non-profit, educational and benevolent organization. It will have a 22-member board of trustees. Sixteen will be selected by governing boards of the two Moravian Provinces. These members will choose the other six members, who may or may not be members of the Moravian Church.

MACEDONIA CHURCH CELEBRATES

100th Anniversary May 13

Norman C. Byerly

The one hundredth anniversary of the Macedonia Moravian Church in Davie County will occur on May 24, 1956. Because of a previously arranged revival meeting that will begin on May 20 and continue through May 27, the anniversary celebration will be held on May 13.

The history of the Macedonia congregation has been dotted with numerous evangelistic meetings from the very first; therefore, the pastor, the board, and the congregation believe that a fitting beginning for the next one hundred years is to start with a revival.

However, the occasion of any church’s hundredth anniversary is bound to be a milestone in the history of that church whenever God has blessed it the way He has the Macedonia Church.

May 13 will be, with the continued help of God, a very special day in the life of this congregation; and we intend making it a special day of (1) remembering, (2) re-thinking, and (3) the re-dedication of lives to the holy purpose for which God has called this church into being.

Our Sunday school will begin at the regular time; 10:00 A.M. The morning worship service will feature The Rev. R. Gordon Spaugh, D.D., president of the Provincial Elders’ Conference, who will bring the message that will begin our celebration. Special music will be furnished by our junior choir under the direction of Mrs. Frank Myers.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 on the church grounds; or in the event of rain, it will be served in the fellowship hall. Friends, visitors, and members are invited to join us at this lunch which is a part of the celebration. Immediately after lunch there will be a special band concert under the direction of Mr. Robert Mills who will be assisted by Mr. John Burton Snyder, the band leader of Fairview Moravian church, and the one who helped out at our Easter service this year. Mr. Mills is our own band director.

At 2:30 p.m. there will be a thirty or forty minute service in the church with greetings from the former pastors of this congregation; the Rev. G. E. Brewer, the Rev. Henry A. Lewis, and the Rev. J. George Bruner. Other service will also include music by the junior and adult choirs, the latter under the direction of Mr. Richard Rieser. The 7:30 p.m. service will be preceded by band music on the church lawn. Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl will bring the concluding message of our celebration following the anniversary lovefeast.

The three services of the day will be tape recorded and filed for future use.
Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders' Conference

The Provincial Elders' Conference announces the appointment of four Pre-Synod Committees. These committees will spend three months studying various phases of our church's life and work, and from these studies resolutions to the November Synod of the Southern Province will be proposed.

The following is a list of the committees with the membership of each:

Committee on the Ministry


Committee on the State of the Church


Committee on the Book of Order


Committee on Church Extension

Wilson Edwards, Lindsay Crutchfield, Burke E. Wilson, Jr., C. T. Leinbach, Sr., Rev. E. T. Mickey, Jr., Rev. Norwood Green, and Alton F. Pfaff.

The Provincial Elders' Conferences of both the Southern and Northern Provinces together with the Boards of Trustees of Salem Congregation and Bethlehem Congregation announce the formation of the Moravian Music Foundation. This Interprovincial Board will continue to carry on, in a more intensive way, the work which has been carried on in the field of early Moravian music, in a limited way, in both Provinces for a number of years.

During the past month the President of the Conference delivered sermons and addresses at Calvary, Friedland, Mount Airy, and Pine Chapel Moravian Churches. He attended the following board and committee meetings: Salem Congregation Trustees, Raleigh Building Committee, Executive Board of the Women of the Province, Joint P. E. C. Meetings in Bethlehem, Interprovincial Quincentennial meeting in Bethlehem, Moravian College Trustees in Bethlehem, Financial Board, Provincial Young People's Rally, Executive Committee of Salem College, local Quincentennial committee. The President visited Messiah, Greensboro, Oliver and Home Church congregations.

R. GORDON SPAUGH, President

Provincial Woman's Board

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

The annual Workshop for Women of the Southern Province will be held Wednesday, May 18, at Ardmore Church.

There will be two sessions. The first will begin at 11 A.M. and continue after a pot luck luncheon at noon.

The night session begins at 7:30 o'clock and will have the same program as the day session.

Mrs. M. E. Miller, Chairman of the Provincial Woman's Board, will preside, and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl will give the opening prayer.

Dr. Allen W. Schattschneider, pastor of New Dorp Moravian Church, Staten Island, N. Y., will address the women at both meetings. Dr. Schattschneider is author of the book "Through Five Hundred Years" which will be used by the Women of the Southern Province in a study book this coming year.

The Board feels very fortunate in having Dr. Schattschneider speak at the Workshop, and tell something of the writing of his book.

Dr. Schattschneider was born in Alberta, Canada, where his father was pastor of the Church. He attended elementary schools in North Dakota and Minnesota, and graduated from Moravian Theological Seminary in 1925 and received the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology from Biblical Seminary in New York in 1929. He has taught courses on the Moravian Church at summer youth conferences and these have been well received. The book was written in order to give a better understanding and a deeper appreciation of the heritage which is ours as members of the Moravian Church.

Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh will discuss plans for the Quincentennial celebration, which will be of great interest to all women of the province. The 1956-57 budget will be presented by Mrs. Sam Vance, Vice Chairman of the Provincial Woman's Board.

At both sessions, in addition to Dr. Schattschneider's address, there will be group meetings for presidents, vice-presidents, and treasurers, as well as other officers. The Workshop is being planned so that all women will benefit by attending. A more detailed program will be sent to all presidents the first of May.

Rev. Richard F. Amos is pastor of Ardmore Moravian Church, the host church, and Mrs. Harry E. Cook, Jr., president of the Women of the Church.

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GIFTS FOR LABRADOR

The annual shipment of gifts of clothing and other articles for needy people in Labrador is to be forwarded early in July this year. Any friends wishing to have gifts included in this shipment are asked to send them to the First Moravian Church, Packer Avenue and Webster Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, during the month of June.

UNITY UNDERTAKINGS

By W. H. ALLEN, JR.

Many of our readers will recall Br. Helmut Bintz, who visited the Southern Province during the year which he studied at Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Penn. A recent communication from Br. Bintz shows that he is now stationed in Basel, Switzerland, as the assistant pastor of the Moravian society there. We do not have an independent Moravian congregation in Basel but only a "society," which means that all of the members belong to the Reformed State Church. They are baptized, confirmed, married, and buried in the "Church," but also attend Moravian services and other gatherings.

Br. Bintz describes his own activities as follows: "I am particularly in charge of the male youth groups, but also have to preach in Basel or other places. There are 3 other 'societies' in Switzerland: in Zurich, Berne, and Menziken. Only two small independent congregations exist. They are situated in the French speaking part of the country and are Montmirail and Peseux. I have had the opportunity to see all these places already. Also I went to Geneva, where I had to preach in behalf of the Moravian missions in a German Lutheran Church. You see this is quite an ecumenical work we do here.

"Switzerland is a nice and beautiful country. I enjoy it very much here. Last year in May I took part in the Ministers' Conference of the Continental Province which took place in Zient Holland. All the Moravian ministers from Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland, and Western Germany came. This was an interesting meeting with a full program."

Br. Bintz asked the writer to extend his greetings to all his friends in the South. And we wish to return them, with Godspeed!
IN CALLING MORAVIAN CHURCH INTO EXISTENCE

God Gave Her Life And Purpose

James C. Hughes

You and I are members of a privileged generation! We are the ones who are living as our Moravian Church approaches its five hundredth birthday. If the Lord tarryes and we are granted life until March 1st next year, we and our brethren and sisters around the world will be the only ones who can give worthy commemoration and praise to God for His blessings through five centuries.

What can one say about 499 years of glorious history? How can he look into the future with any sort of adequate glimpse at our unfinished task? What passage of Scripture from all the wondrous words of the Bible can direct our thoughts?

In my search, I turned to our Daily Text Book, the annual devotional guide which has been used since 1731, when for the first time Scripture portions were selected for a whole year in advance and given to members in printed form. In this year's text for Thursday, March 1, I found these inspiring words: The Watchword is from Lamentations 3:23, "Thy mercies are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness". The Doctrinal Text is from Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised."

It has seemed to me that we can find no more inspiring words to guide our thinking than these two texts. They speak of the past and they summarize our greatest need as we consider the present and future.

Called into Existence

Consider first the past. How is it that the Moravian Church came to be? How did it happen that 60 years before the great Reformation led by Luther, a church was formed in old Bohemia which has continued across five centuries? There is only one answer. We say it with all humility, and with deep conviction—GOD! GOD called the Moravian Church into existence. God gave her life and purpose! History makes it clear that it was not the plan of those early followers of John Hus, who was martyred in 1415, to form a separate church. Desperately they continued to hope, as had Hus, that they might help to reform the church from within.

When Gregory and his brethren and sisters in 1417 organized the Unitas Fratrum (The Unity of Brethren) they were trying to re-establish the pure and simple life of the apostolic days. The Society grew rapidly; but when the Church persecuted them and refused to permit them to live as they thought God's Word and His Spirit directed them, they knew that a further decisive step must be taken. And so, ten years after their first organization, three priests of the Unity were consecrated as Bishops—by the Waldensian Bishop Stephen and another bishop whose name has not been preserved. An independent ministry was established and the Unitas Fratrum became the first fully-organized Protestant Church. Bishop Stephen paid dearly for his service. He was burned at the stake for having given Apostolic Succession to the Brethren. When today, we speak of our church as the oldest continuous protestant church, it is not with bragadocio, but with the earnest conviction that God Himself established and succored our Unity through the dedicated men and women who were ready to blaze pioneer trails and to suffer in allegiance to their Lord. They became the channel through whom God could work! Across the decades of History, we hear the words of our Lord, in vital meaning for our church—"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit; and that your fruit shall remain" (John 15:16).

No Other Explanation

As we think back across the years, we would give honor to our God. For the years are not to be explained in terms of our fathers' wisdom, but in terms of God's faithfulness and the strength and power he gave to them. Very, God's mercies have been new every morning. Great is his faithfulness! There is no other explanation!

We have space for only a cursory turning of the pages of history, but through them shines like a golden thread the faithfulness of our God. In wave after wave of severe persecution and trial, that early church grew to a membership of more than 300,000. It became the leading Protestant Church of its day. Schools were founded, churches were built, libraries were established. Printing presses were used to publish hymnals, Bibles and religious books. When Luther began his reformation in 1517, the Brethren Church in Bohemia and Moravia numbered at least 200,000 members in more than 400 parishes.

Then, toward the close of the first hundred years, the King of Bohemia issued an edict which forced thousands of the Brethren to migrate. But the exiles formed new congregations wherever they went. Poland became so strong and rapid-growing a center of the church that by 1609, when religious liberty was proclaimed briefly in Bohemia and Moravia, three main provinces of work in three countries gave our Church a commanding position and one of wide influence in national affairs.

A Day of Blood

Then came the Thirty Years War which ended in tragedy for the Protestants of Bohemia and Moravia. There was a Day of Blood when 27 men of nobility laid their heads on the block. Fifteen were members of the Brethren's Church. The Church headquarters were moved to Poland, but here again came war and persecution. Lissa was twice sacked and burned, so that by 1656, after five successive persecutions, there remained not one outward sign that the church was alive. Every church, every library, every school had been razed to the ground. There was not one place where it could be said that the Brethren worshipped. Its once large membership was either scattered or dead. To every appearance, the Church had been persecuted to death.

But one man there was with prophetic vision. Bishop John Amos Comenius, who has been called the Father of Modern Education, believed that the Faith and Discipline of the Brethren were as Hidden Seed in the earth, destined to bud once more. He believed that the Unitas Fratrum would live again, and so he provided that new bishops should be consecrated who would preserve the episcopacy of the Unity. Thus, "Ia spera contra speram" (in hope where there seemed to be no hope) their ministry was kept alive. For sixty years, there were no public meetings. On occasion, there were brief meetings in the deep forests, or cellsar, as small groups kept alive the faith

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of their fathers. And then, in a way which can be explained only by God’s faithfulness and His unseen but definite guidance, this “hidden seed” began to germinate. It was the year 1722 when Christian David returned to Moravia to tell a few people that he had found a pious young Lutheran nobleman who would allow religious exiles to settle on his estate. In the years that followed, one after another slipped quietly out of their little villages, leaving all they possessed except what they could carry in their hands to make their way across the mountain, through slow and painful journeys, until in five years more than 300 had found safe refuge in the little settlement they called Herrnhut, which means “Under the care of the Lord.” Many were descendants of the Ancient Brethren’s Church, and brought with them their inherited traditions concerning the doctrines and discipline of their Fathers’ Church. By the end of this five years, Count Zinzendorf became convinced that God’s hand was leading this movement in a strange and unexpected way and that he was called to foster it. He resigned his position in the court and devoted his full time to his people.

A Leaven in the Church

Like Gregory, Zinzendorf purposed that these refugees should be a spiritual body within the established Lutheran Church—a leaven in the Church to bring about a pure and better life, and he used his strongest influence to lead it.

But God had other plans! And so in that August 13 experience of 1727, the ancient Church of the Brethren was renewed. God’s power came among them and sent them, within five years, to the far ends of the earth in missionary zeal that the downtrodden—slaves, Indians, heathen might hear the Gospel. They became the first church to send out missionaries.

Although their church was renewed as a separate church, still they held to their primary purpose. Under Zinzendorf’s constant teaching, they were to be a leaven. They were allowed to form “societies” to bring men into closer fellowship with Christ and his teachings, but they established congregations only in settlements or where there were members of their church.

Count Zinzendorf himself became a leading bishop of the renewed church, but he built up the church in such a way as not to interfere with the rights and privileges of the State Church of Germany and of England. In carrying out this principle, he did not allow the Unitas Fratrum to grow as other Churches were expanding but he established on the Continent of Europe, in Great Britain and in America exclusively Moravian settlements. In these communities, the follies and temptations of the world were shut out. The highest form of spiritual life was fostered.

Though hundreds and hundreds of those little Moravian societies were established and had immeasurable influence, few of them were ever allowed to become congregations. This idea of a leavening influence coupled with the idea of settlement congregations probably accounts for the fact that the Moravian Church has remained small at home in its four main provinces more than any other reason. It is true today that there are still three times as many adherents of the Moravian Church in the mission fields as in the home provinces. It was not until the Church was firmly established in America that our leaders were able to move out from under this idea of being a leavening influence and begin to follow a more aggressive course in spreading the gospel at home. This new policy has come only in the last hundred years.

We say these things not critically, but as matter of fact. This is one of the ways in which God has led our Church and our leaders. We are a part of the heritage which brought them to America and to this wilderness place which they called Wachovia. Here, with the help of their God, they carved a community in virgin soil, and here too, through difficult pioneer days, they knew the daily mercy of their God and his faithfulness.

As we look across 499 years, there is no explanation for the way in which our Church has developed but God. It has been a unique history and a glorious one. And shining through the pages of history is the story of God’s faithfulness to men, of his love and his abundant mercy which held them fast through every conceivable experience.

Christ Central

But shining also through that history is the story of a people’s faith—a faith that could not die because it was of God! There are many things that might be said about our fathers’ faith, but I think it may be summarized in this way. The most distinctive characteristic of the Moravian Church has been her idea concerning Jesus Christ. Now, in saying this, we make no claim to Jesus Christ above other churches, but we have been led to give Him a distinct place, a peculiar place through the long years. In short, that faith is expressed in the words:

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Christ is the center of our Church. Everything has been centered on Him. So deeply rooted in this great idea, that it is difficult to make clear. The Moravian Church is not a creedless church, but her creed has been expressed in one sentence, "Christ and Him crucified remain our confession of faith". Ours is a church of a single creed. Thus we have never attempted to add another creed to the creeds of Christendom. The effort of our church has been to help unify them around the one essential fact of our Christian faith—A Crucified Saviour!

Count Zinzendorf said of himself—"I have but one passion, and that is Christ, and He only". By his tremendous personal influence, he greatly developed the Christ-centered idea. This central principle caused every doctrine and every practice to be considered by Moravians in its bearing upon the atonement, the love, and living presence of Christ. Jesus is the summary of all divine teaching or Christian doctrine. Everything is related to and realized in Him.

Central in Government

He has been the center of our Church's government. Most of us are familiar with that experience in 1741 when it was decided that there should be no human chief elder in the Church, but that thenceforth, Jesus Christ would be the chief Elder—the Head of His Church. It is He alone, our Lord, who stands in supreme leadership—the Chief Shepherd of His flock. Thus a Bishop has only spiritual functions. The office carries no external authority. Instead, he is an advisor, a pastor of the pastors, seeking to help all to come to a deeper devotion to Christ.

In the Moravian conception of the ministry, ministers are the property of Christ, consecrated unreservedly to His service. Thus, the three orders of the ministry—bishops, presbyters and deacons—do not divide the ministers. Rank or office is not important. They are bound together in a unique fellowship under their common allegiance to the Master.

Because of this great centrality of Christ the method of government in all the Boards—both in the local congregation and the international Church—is confessional. Those elected to places of leadership meet in the consciousness that Christ sits at the head—In earnest prayer, they ask for his guidance.

Brotherhood Widened

Therefore, when the church in the course of time entered new fields, England, America, Nicaragua, Greenland, Africa, India and so on, no separate organizations were formed. The brotherhood was only widened. Next year, the General Synod will meet in America for the first time. It will bring together brethren from the world over to sit in conference that is truly representative of every area of the Church's life.

With Christ as our Head, our Church has thought of its total membership as belonging to one large family, the family of Christ that He has brought together as brethren. Jesus said to his disciples: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." Love for Christ should issue naturally in love for one another. He alone can make men brethren. This was the idea of the Ancient Church. It was the faith of the Renewed Church. The rules and regulations which they adopted to govern their relations with each other, they called "The Brotherly Agreement."

Central in our Program

Christ has been the center of our Church's program. The total work of the church has been looked upon as derived from Him. The work of the church is done in obedience to Him. He is central in our worship.

Under His guidance, our Church has sent missionaries to the far places and the difficult places of the earth. He, our Chief Elder, gave the great commission. In old Herrnhut, every member of the church was considered to be a missionary. They were ready to go at a moment's notice—anywhere that their Lord called. "Missions" has not been simply one of the many activities of the church, but its central function. The Christian's supreme duty was "to win for the Lamb that was slain the reward of his sufferings."

Christian Education in all of its phases is but our obedience to Christ. Every child should be brought up in the fear and adoration of the Lord. Departmentalization into choirs or age groupings was the forerunner of the modern Sunday School. Schools and colleges were established so that young people might be educated. The Moravian Church has never viewed education as a tool of Satan as did some early groups. The enlightenment of the mind was given with dedicated desire that it might enable better service for Christ. God is the source of all knowledge—Truth is revealed by Him. Central in every school that was established was a first allegiance to Christ, in whom all wisdom and truth unite.

Central in Daily Life

Through our Church, Christ has been held up as the center of the individual Christian's daily life. All of life is sacred, a trust. Christ is related to every aspect of it. When He becomes our personal Saviour, when He dwells with us, then His sovereignty must be felt in every relationship, every contact with others; every experience of life must be evaluated by its connection with Him. To know and to do His will is the highest responsibility and the deepest joy of the individual.

This recognition of the Headship of Christ has likewise made for brotherly associations with Christians of other denominations. Other churches are not rivals or competitors, nor are they considered wrong when they have differed from our church. From the earliest years, our church has practiced unity and fraternity among the churches. We have united with them in cooperative effort in the recognition that we serve a common Lord; our church has been happy to be a part of the national and
worldwide interdenominational movements for the advancing of Christ's kingdom. The mot-
to of the Church has always been: "In essen-
tials unity; in non-essentials liberty; and in all
things charity." The ideal which our leaders
have sought to follow is that expressed by
the Head of the Church when He said: "One is
your Master, even Christ, and all ye are breth-
ren."

Let us reiterate that our Church does not
purport to have any claim on Christ that other
denominations do not have, but the striking
characteristic of our Church's life has been the
central place which has been accorded to our
Lord. Christ is all and in all—in the life of
the individual, and in the life, practice, doc-
trine, government, program, and worship of
the Brethren's Church.

Faith Without Waver ing

Now if all this has been true of the faith of
our fathers, if this is our heritage we have a
primary responsibility as their descendants. If
the Church of the present and the church of the
future is to fulfill our Lord's purpose, we
must continue to be the channel through whom God can work. I be-
lieve that call is given to us in the second text for Thursday, March 1st: "Let us hold fast the
profession of our faith without wavering."

Our Fathers' Faith—in the Saviour who was
 Crucified for men's sins; Who through His
Death has won pardon for all who accept Him, and
Who has been for five centuries the Head of
our Church—their faith must live through us.
It must be ours as a first-hand experience!
Christ must be central for us in our church life
family life.

What the future may hold, we know not.
But surely our Lord has preserved this ancient
church to fulfill yet more of his purpose. Some
who read this can say that you are a part of the
heritage that belongs to our Church through
your own families. Some of your ancestry can
be traced back for generations—parents,
grandparents, and "great, great, great," have been a
part of the heritage that has come down
through our Church. Many more of us claim
that heritage only by adoption. We are first or
second generation Moravians.

But all of us today, who share the rich bless-
ings of that living faith, are the ones who
must meet the challenge of the present and the
opportunities of the future. Today and tomor-
row are dependent upon you and me—all of
us here and around the world who are mem-
bers of this wonderful old Church. The one
condition is that we hold fast the profession of
our faith in Christ the Head of our Church.

"Our Lamb has conquered—Let us
follow Him."

For He is FAITHFUL that promised!

INFANT BAPTISMS

Pinner, Lucy Wayne, daughter of William H. and
Jean N. Stockton Pinner. Born November 10,
1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized Jan-
uary 29, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. James
C. Hughes.

Shaffner, Richard Fries, son of Louis deS. and
Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized January 29,
1956 at Home Church by the Rev. James C.
Hughes.

Kyte, Frank Dixon, son of Walter Pope and
Norma N. N. Griffin Kyte. Born July 16, 1953,
Albuquerque, New Mexico. Baptized at The Little
Church on the Lane, Charlotte, N. C., on De-

cember 16, 1955, by Dr. Herbert Spough.

Miller, James David, son of James Robert and
Erline N. N. King Miller. Born December 10, 1955
in Mount Airy, N. C. Baptized February 5, 1956,
in Grace Church by the Rev. Robert Allen lobster.

Parrish, Ricky Marion, Vickie Lynn, and Pamela
Gail, son and two daughters of Luther H. and Pearl
Parrish N. Rose, born in Winston-Salem, bap-
tized January 22, 1956, at Trinity Church by Dr.
Douglas L. Righter.

Pruett, Donald William, Jr., son of Donald Wil-

lem and Millie Sue N. Westmoreland Pruett,
Sr., born August 26, 1955 in Rockingham, N. C.,
baptized in Grace Moravian Church of Mount Airy

Johnson, Charles Henry III, son of Charles Hen-
ry and Madge N. N. Jones Johnson N., born Jan-
uary 20, 1955, in Mount Airy, N. C., baptized in
Grace Church of Mount Airy on January 22, 1956
by the Rev. Robert Allen lobster.

Baughrn, Kathryn Teresa, daughter of Reese H.
and Elizabeth Wall Baughn, born Jan. 25, 1956,
baptized March 25, 1956 in Mayodan Church by
the Rev. John H. Kapp.

Parks, Stanley Keith, son of Roy Albert and
Alma N. N. Sprinkle Parks, born December 12,
1955, Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized March 25,
1956 at Providence Church by the Rev. George A.
Chiddle.

Stoltz, Judy Lynn, daughter of Cecil Clemmer
and Audrey N. N. Clayton Stoltz, born December
24, 1955, Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized March 25,
1956 at Providence Church by the Rev. George A.
Chiddle.

Doss, Kevin Lehman, son of Jesse Lehman and
Betty Lou N. N. Clayton Doss, born March 1, 1956
Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized March 25, 1956 at
Providence Church by the Rev. George A.
Chiddle.

Crews, Sandra Jo, daughter of Joseph Waggon-
er and Mildred N. N. Grubbs Crews, born Octo-
ber 22, 1955, Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized March
25, 1956 at Providence Church by the Rev.
George A. Chiddle.

Barber, Alan Franklin, son of Jack Krider Bar-
ber and Peggy N. N. Jones Barber. Born January
6, 1956, Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized March
11, 1956 at New Philadelphia Church, by the
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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

RALEIGH
The first week in April will long be remembered as a milestone in the building program of the Raleigh congregation. For it was then that we felt both relief and delight over the fact that a contract for the construction of our Christian education building had at last been signed. The experience of seemingly endless delays has strained the patience and tested the faith of all concerned. But the Lord has blessed us through our labors together, and a happy conclusion of the matter now appears in prospect. In all of this we are exceedingly grateful to the Church Aid and Extension Board, and the Building Committee thereof, for their untiring and faithful efforts in our behalf. Incidentally, the contract was let to the low bidder, Mr. Frank Walter, a Raleigh builder, who is expected to complete the structure in six to eight months.

On Sunday, February 19, we received four adults into the fellowship of the Raleigh Moravian Church: Mr. and Mrs. Waylon D. Sneed, Jr., Mrs. I. O. Schaumb, and Miss Maude K. Schaumb. Palm Sunday brought two more persons into our communicant membership, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Schaumb, Jr.

Girl Scout Sunday was observed on March 11. Approximately 18 uniformed Scouts attended our morning worship service in a body. Leaders for the troop, No. 141, which is sponsored by our congregation, are Mrs. William A. Diehl and Mrs. Daniel S. Groush.

Dr. William E. Phipps, of Peace College, used colored slides in lecturing on the places of Jesus' passion in our service on March 18.

MOUNT AIRY
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolfe, Carol Jean Tesh, R. D. Coble and Rodney Frye became communicant members. John Ausburne and Hennis Eppersom did some repair work on our organ. Jack Brown, Harry White, Ruth Gardner, Lenora Atkins, Bessie Tillotson, Harry Childress and Fonce Williams gave gifts of furniture and equipment to the church.

Extensive landscaping around the church has caused much favorable comment in our city. Many hundreds of feet of side walks are being laid and a parking lot has been dug along the Wrenn Street side of the church property.

February 26 Bishop Pfohl preached to us and after the service our new building was put into use for the first time. Worshippers toured the eight class rooms and received coffee in the basement.

J. T. Palmer, John Walker, Curtis Simmons and James Jarvis assisted with Passion Week reading services. Will Halsall from Nicaragua was with us for almost three days.

The Elders and wives had a supper meeting at the parsonage in February and the Trustees in March. Br. O. E. Scispmon preached our 31st anniversary lovefeast sermon. The pastor was abed with the flu Maundy Thursday night and Br. J. K. McConnell came from Leaksville to conduct the service.

A number of members under leadership of Mrs. James Jarvis procured a new surplice for pastor. Mrs. Alphonse Williams presented ten new hymnals to the church, a gift from Circle No. 4.

Our newest organization, the Brotherhood, elected Dr. Stanley Boyd, president, R. D. Tesh, first vice president, James Snow, Jr., second vice president, William Cox, treasurer, Emmett Forrest, secretary, and John Walker, chaplain.

Donald Tesh and Charles Johnson got an excellent band into shape for Easter. The service was broadcast live over WSYD.

Robert Allen Lobst

ENTERPRISE
It has been gratifying to see the increased church attendance since the beginning of the year. It is hoped that this will continue.

Since our last report one of our members, Clarence Hege, has lost his home because of fire. An offering was taken for him and his family, and a number of our men offered to aid him in the rebuilding of a home. The Women of the Church are assisting them in getting new kitchen utensils.

Congratulations to our decorating committee, Mr. Robert Reich, Mrs. Verge Nifong, and Mrs. Olin Hartman, for the fine work they did in the redecorating of our sanctuary. They spent a great deal of time in choosing the right kind of carpet and in the selection of colors for the ceiling and walls. The results reveal that their time was well spent. Mr. Will Perryman and some of his employees, Mr. Roger Berrier, and Herbert Tesh, also gave able assistance in the redecorating. Many other men and women, too numerous to mention by name, helped clean the benches and windows.

Soon a new set of pulpit furniture will grace our sanctuary. The Women of the Church have already appropriated money for this project.

Several of our members have been hospitalized for operations in recent weeks. They are: Mrs. David Hege, Mrs. Pearl Bowman, and Mrs. Ed Craver. All are recuperating nicely.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Shut Hartman on the birth of a baby daughter.

W. Norwood Green

PROVIDENCE
One of the highlights of the Easter season was a pageant, entitled "The Symbol of a Cross", presented on March 18 by the young people. A large crowd heard the story of Easter told by this beautiful pageant. We wish to thank the following people who worked hard to present this pageant: members of the cast, Mrs. Earl Trivette, Miss Yvonne Crews, Miss Patsy Hill, Virgil Kiger, John Cline, Garland

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Our pastor has been on a month-long visit to our Nicaraguan Mission Field together with the Rev. Christian Weber of Oak Grove Mora­vian. We are eagerly awaiting his return so that we may learn more about the members of our Church who dwell so near the equator and whom we call our brethren.

Increased Sunday school and church attend­ances during the new year have brought joy to our hearts. There are very few Sunday morn­ings when one can choose his favorite pew—unless he arrives well in advance of the service.

Our board members are studying plans for in­creasing the seating capacity of the sanctuary, though it will be difficult to seat many more within these hallowed walls.

James C. Hughes
Kenneth W. Robinson

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RURAL HALL
A fellowship supper was held at the church on the evening of March 16. The supper began with the lighting of the Quincentennial cake, followed by the singing of the Moravian birth­day hymn for the church. Following the supper, Mr. Kaltreider showed some movies which he had made at various places in the near East.

Holy Communion was observed on February 19, marking the first Sunday in Lent and also on Maundy Thursday. Good Friday services included a death hour service at 2:30 followed by the tolling of the bell at the conclusion of the service, and a lovefeast in the evening. We were glad to note a number of visitors at the services of Passion Week.

Carole and Randy Ferguson united with the congregation by Adult Baptism at the Palm Sunday evening service of March 25. During the month of March, the young people began having snack suppers prior to their meetings.

William A. Cranford, Jr.

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MAYODAN
The attendance for our services has been very encouraging. We had a very successful series of revival services from March 18 to 24 with the Rev. Taylor Loflin bringing challenging messages. There were many reconsecrations and one profession of faith.

We were glad to receive into our church on Palm Sunday Kathryn Tirese Baughn by Infant Baptism; Jane Carolyn Young, Rodney Young, Michele Woods, Yvonne Williams, and Nancy Johnson by Adult Baptism; Martha Jane Poole by confirmation, and Walter Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woods by reaffirmation of faith.

We had good attendance for our Passion Week Services and a record crowd for Easter. The twin-town band toured the two towns in the early morning hours, ate breakfast prepar­ed by our Hedgecock class, and played for the sunrise service. The ministers of Mayodan partic­ipated in this service—two played in the band and two accompanied the pastor. We had 105 in Sunday School that morning—a record

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and directed a full program at our Church—including Instruction Classes, Prayer Meetings each Wednesday evening, and Passion Week Services.

J. Calvin Barnes

CHRIST CHURCH

The Rev. Robert A. Jobst, of Mt. Airy, was the guest speaker at our Missionary lovefeast held on the first Sunday in March. This proved to be one of the finest services in recent years, and Brother Jobst's message was a challenging one; so challenging that the offering, taken after his address, amounted to more than one hundred dollars.

The continued interest in the Sunday school is an encouraging factor in our work at Christ Church. The average attendance for all departments for the first three months of this year was 299.8 as against 274.0 for the same time last year. Mrs. A. R. Carr, for many years superintendent of the Junior department, has relinquished that post. At a party in her honor on April 6, a silver tray was presented to her by the children and teachers of the department.

Nineteen new members were received on Palm Sunday. By confirmation, John A. Chitty, Douglas O. Conrad, Charles R. Perryman, Sandra F. Shepherd, and Mary E. Talley; by reception, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Q. Barber, Mrs. Louise Blackburn, Mrs. Horace P. Chatman, Jr., Mrs. and Mr. John W. Cranor, and daughters Lois Katherine and Nell Bernice, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie C. Hicks, Mrs. Richard Saunders, Mrs. Paul E. Shepherd, Jr., Mrs. Robert E. Sparks, and Fay B. Wilkes.

Dr. George Staples, pastor of Highland Presbyterian Church, was the speaker at our Good Friday lovefeast.

John H. Johansen

KING

King's 30th Anniversary celebration on February 12 was, of course, the outstanding event of the period under review. A colored movie film of the Sunday School was taken in the morning, showing 91 in attendance. In the afternoon lovefeast, the congregation numbered 206, with special music by the High School chorus of 35 voices led by Mrs. Worth Gentry. Our special speaker for the day was Rev. Kermit Taylor, of First Christian Church, Winston-Salem.

Palm Sunday, too, was an outstanding day when the following were added to our membership list: Joni Lee Lilly, Penisole Ann Meadows, Melodie Ann Griffin, by Infant Baptism; Patricia Wall, Susan Southern by Adult Baptism; Lynn Stone, Carol Brandon, Mary Ann Gentry, Brenda Kiser, by confirmation; Beulah Fulk, Josephine Fulk, by the right hand of fellowship. Attendance was the largest during the present pastorate.

The Easter sunrise service was attended by four times the number attending two years ago, due to the fine assistance we are having from the King school band, under the leadership and willing cooperation of Mr. Charles Driver, band leader. There were 40 in the band this year and the morning was made complete when the Women of the Church served breakfast to this number following the sunrise service.

Our Cub Scout Pack No. 102 is now fully organized with three dens and Mrs. John McGee, Mrs. C. M. Driver, Mrs. Clyde Randolph as Den Mothers. The boys are mostly our own but the movement has already benefitted our church, besides being a distinct service to the community.

With the month of April, the pastor has begun a two months' effort to get children at King and Mizpah to attend church regularly during April and May. A children's sermon is given in each service and beautiful seals are affixed to an attendance card to show the child's presence. Much enthusiasm has been shown.

We regret, owing to new employment in Raanoke, we are about to lose the valuable service of Br. and Sr. Paul Meadows in many capacities in the church's work.

William A. Kaltreider

MORAVIA

Moravia experienced a very full and wonderfully refreshing schedule of services for the Lenten and Easter seasons. The fitting climax came with the Easter Morning Worship beginning at 5:00. This service included Lovefeast, special anthems by the two choirs, a message by the pastor, and the Easter Morning Litany, concluded at God's Acre. Musicians from the community supplemented our Moravia band for the occasion. Dr. Earnest C. Widenhouse, pastor of the Summerfield Methodist Church, assisted the pastor with the reading of the Litany. There were nightly readings from the Passion Week Manual during Holy Week, with Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and

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an Easter pageant on Good Friday; the pageant was directed by Mrs. Howard Ledbetter.

The project—putting a fence around our graveyard—sponsored by the Young People—was complete, even to the paying of expenses, before our service on Easter Sunday. We appreciate the encouragement and help received from not only our Moravia members but also other interested friends.

We are happy to have received as new members of our church on Palm Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. West, Jr.

We congratulate and extend best wishes to Herman and Mary m. n. Goins Valentine who were married by the pastor in the Guilford Baptist Church on Saturday, March 31.

While the pastor was away, attending the Weber Lectures at Moravian Theological Seminary on Thursday, February 9, Br. Howard Kirkman took charge of the Bible Study and Prayer Service for the week, speaking on the subject, "Prayer in the Bible."

At the moment a more concentrated effort is being made to re-emphasize our task and privilege in Foreign Missions. Dr. H. H. Fout, who served as a missionary to China, was our guest preacher on Sunday, March 25. Miss Lilian Butner spoke and showed slides about her work in the hospital at Bilwaskarma on Sunday night, April 8. The mid-week Prayer and Bible Hour is currently devoted to a study of our Moravian Missions. Our first session on the subject was an illustrated, recorded lecture by Bishop Knethen G. Hamilton.

Br. William A. Kaltreider will conduct a week of evangelistic services at Moravia, beginning April 15. An all-out effort is being made to prepare for these services — special prayer services and a wider program of witnessing.

R. T. Troutman

KONNOAK HILLS

In our last report the hope was expressed that work would have been started on our permanent parsonage by the time the report was printed. While such did not occur to the day, we are happy to state that work has finally been started on our permanent parsonage by the time the report was printed. While such did not occur to the day, we are happy to state that ground was broken on April 15, 1956. An all-out effort is being made to prepare for these services — special prayer services and a wider program of witnessing.

William A. Kaltreider

BAPTISMS


Wilson, Burke Edward, III, son of Burke Edward and Jacobyn Joyce Wilson, Jr., born August 31, 1952, Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized April 1, 1956 in the Rural Hall Church by the Rev. William A. Cranford, Jr.

Wilson, Martha Susanna, daughter of Burke Edward and Jacobyn Joyce Wilson, Jr., born August 15, 1955, Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized April 1, 1956 in the Rural Hall Church by the Rev. William A. Cranford, Jr.


Lambeth, Kim Lee, son of Wally L., and Edith m. n. Morton, Lambeth, born October 2, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized at Hopewell Church April 1, 1956 by the Rev. W. Norwood Green.

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What The Gospel Means To Me

Lenore Forbes

"Are you sure you want to become a church member? Do you know what being a follower of Jesus means?" These questions were asked me by the Rev. Robert Jobst who was at that time pastor of our Bluefields congregation. I was then only thirteen years old, but I had been a member of the C. E. Society for two or three years during which time, through the influence of a Christian home and our church and Sunday school and the example of the life of some members of the C. E. Society, Christ had become real to me, and I was sure I wanted to be one of His followers. Br. Jobst and I talked and prayed together. I entered the instruction class and was confirmed in April of 1941.

For me this was the beginning of many happy experiences with Christ: getting to know Him, seeking to know His will and trying to do it. In Him I have found a Friend, a Friend who understands and answers prayers. I can think of the times when I have been lonely or blue or in need and prayed and He heard and answered my prayer.

But a Christian does not only receive these blessings without trying to share them with others. Christ came to minister and not to be ministered unto. We, too, I felt, should follow in His footsteps and live a life of service to others. A realization of this truth and a desire to fulfill it were the prominent factors in my decision to apply for training in Bilwaskarma Nurses' Training School. I wanted to be a nurse that I might serve Christ through serving my fellowmen.

Two years after I graduated from training, I heard and answered the call to go to Honduras to help in an outpatient clinic there. My experiences in Honduras are never-to-be-forgotten ones. I have been ever grateful to God for calling me into His service. There is no greater joy a Christian can have than that of serving his Master. Witnessing for Christ, trying to minister to sick souls as well as relieve sick bodies, seeing the bright look of joy beam on the faces of those who hear the good news of Salvation—I'm thinking especially of the inhabitants of a small heathen Sumu village which we once visited and where there was no "samalka-ra" (aboriginal pastor)—witnessing the power of the spirit at work in the hearts of men who at one time were disinterested in the Gospel and definitely were antagonistic to those preaching the Gospel—these are some of the experiences which have brought me much joy in my Christian life.

I have found out in these fifteen years since I have accepted Christ that it is wonderful, wonderful to be a Christian, and in the eight years I have been a nurse, I have never regretted the profession the Lord has chosen for me because there are so many, many opportunities to witness for Him and to serve Him by serving others. There have been difficulties and discouragements and failures, for "He has not promised skies ever blue." But all these have helped to bind me more closely to Him.

The Lord has been very good to me. Thanks be to Him for His great mercy and His goodness and His love. "This have I done for thee, what hast thou done for me?" This thought remains constantly with me, and my prayer is that He may continue to help me to know and to do His will.

NOTE: Quite a few Moravians have met Lenore when she spent a brief vacation in Winston-Salem early this year.

Home Church Holds Quincentennial Dinner

Home Church made special use of a huge birthday cake over three feet high in a 500th Birthday Planning Dinner held on March 1 in Fellowship Hall. The dinner was designed to introduce to the membership in an interesting and informative way plans for a church-wide solicitation on behalf of the Quincentennial effort of the Southern Province. A committee headed by Mrs. Harold Vogler worked hard and long, and came up with a most unusual and enjoyable evening.

The dinner was complete in every detail. At each plate there was a place card on which were printed the church seal and motto, and a list of future events in the Quincentennial celebration. Recorded music filled the hall as over five hundred members and guests assembled. Seated at the speakers' table and on either side of the birthday cake were the toastmaster, Mr. Charles Vance, Jr., the Home Church pastors and their wives, and invited guests. Dr. and Mrs. R. Gordon Spaugh, Dr. and Mrs. George Higgins, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gramley.

Early in the meal, the youngest church member seated at each long table, came onto the stage and drew a fortune from around the cake. Then at dessert time, the lights were turned out and everyone held high their individual pieces of cake complete with one lighted candle, and sang "Happy Birthday, everybody."

The guest speakers then enlightened the group on the various phases of the Quincentennial effort. Dr. Higgins told of the provincial committee's work. Dr. Spaugh provided the inspiration and explained plans for the Quincentennial Year. Dale Gramley humorously challenged the members to special effort. Then while music was provided as a background, those present were given an opportunity to sign cards expressing their desire to share in this great celebration.

The evening came to a close as everyone stood and sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" and repeated the Mizpah benediction.

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Manpower Situation Improved; Properties Renovated

Kenneth G. Hamilton

Nearly a year has passed since the American provinces began to share officially in Moravian work in the Eastern West Indies. It may, therefore, be appropriate in this "Year of Missionary Emphasis" to look back on this period and describe the main events which have taken place in it. Such a review should encourage all who have the work of Moravian missions at heart, for the Head of the Church has let his blessing on this our joint effort become evident even beyond the hopes with which those concerned approved this new arrangement.

At the top of the list of developments belongs the fraternal spirit of understanding and cooperation between the provincial authorities and missionaries on the one hand and the Board of Foreign Missions on the other. Admittedly the American board did not have the intimate knowledge of conditions in this field which experience brings. Well, time should correct that situation! Some of the suggestions made in Bethlehem had to be tactfully corrected by our brethren in the field. But when possible they have welcomed proposals made by the Mission Board, and that board in turn has invited the missionaries—especially the Provincial Elders' Conference—freely to communicate their thoughts regarding measures which our board could take to strengthen what is now our common task.

Field Undermanned

In view of this field having been so seriously undermanned, perhaps the most heartening as well as the most needed wisdom shall be required to deal effectively with the situation. For the Head of the Church has let his blessing on this our joint effort become evident even beyond the hopes with which those concerned approved this new arrangement.

In September the Rev. Marvin Henklemann and his family flew to St. Thomas; he thus became the first ordained missionary from the American provinces to serve in the Eastern West Indies since the work became our responsibility. We are pleased to report the zeal and enthusiasm with which these first representatives of our board on St. Croix and St. Thomas have devoted themselves to the tasks at hand. They are happy in their work and have been warmly welcomed by those whom they serve.

Br. Henklemann's volunteering for service enabled the Eastern West Indies board to place the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Hasler in Port of Spain, and thus give Trinidad a Moravian missionary. For since Br. Ivor Packer's enforced return to England (due to ill health in the family) in 1952, Moravian work on Trinidad had been carried on by loyal lay members of the church, generously assisted by the Rev. A. E. Adamson of the Church of Scotland. Already Br. Hasler has been able to note a most encouraging response to his efforts. Two new groups of former Moravians have applied to be served by him.

Promise of Native Supply

The West Indies themselves give promise of supplying men and women for church leadership. Last December Br. Dufferin Culpepper and his wife accepted a call to serve at Moriah on Tobago, assisting the Rev. Ernest New in his large field. Br. Culpepper is a Moravian from Barbados, where he received most of his preparation for the ministry; he also is one of the first students to have attended Union Theological Seminary at Kingston, Jamaica, spending a year there prior to his receiving a call to service. Two other brethren are now in training in Jamaica with a view to enter the ministry in the Eastern West Indies.

Two American couples have also accepted the call to service there. They are the David Brathec and Wolfram Fliegel and his fiancee. Both of these brethren are to graduate from the Theological Seminary this June. The Brathec will then take charge of our churches on the island of St. John, now temporarily being served from St. Thomas. The Fliegels are to take over Moravian work in the Dominican Republic, where the lack of an ordained missionary has been seriously felt for years.

Friends of missions should realize that young missionaries beginning their work in such responsible charges under really difficult circumstances need our intercession to an unusual degree. We must not fail them, or any of their fellow workers. Nor should we grow weary of beseeching the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into this field.

Renovation of Properties

The year has seen a small but effective beginning of what we recognize must prove a long drawn out effort, that of renovating many of the mission properties in the Eastern West Indies. A considerable number of them have deteriorated over a period of years. This condition resulted from unavoidable causes; nevertheless the present state of these buildings represents no little problem to those who share in planning for the future in this province. Major steps have been taken in remediating this situation. The Memorial Church parsonage at St. Thomas, an essentially fine old structure, now boasts a new roof; its ceilings have been strengthened; its exterior has been completely renovated; other lesser improvements have been made to the appearance of the grounds. This project cost nearly $10,000. The little stone church at La Romana in the Dominican Republic, has also been given a new roof together with other lesser repairs. That, plus some necessary work on the old mission house and some painting has cost over $1200. Our board bears the lion's share. The Mission Board has pledged additional sums to help provide a new plant for the Spring Gardens Teacher Training College on Antigua and the Gloster Lodge School in Trinidad, when some outstanding questions regarding the future of these two institutions will have been settled. Other projects are in the planning stage. Slowly but surely we hope, with God's blessing to meet this major task too.

By no means have all our problems been solved in this first year, nor indeed do we see clearly as yet how we should approach some of them. But our Lord himself has assured his followers that what they ask the Father in his name shall be given them. It is the assured hope of all active in this new partnership that this promise shall be fulfilled and that the needed wisdom shall be granted them. God has dealt bountifully with the Church of the Brethren in these five hundred years. For the blessings of the year just passed we render heartfelt thanks to Him. To Him also we commit the needs of those which lie ahead.
Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference

The Provincial Elders' Conference announces the acceptance by Br. John Goserud of a call to become pastor of Calvary Church. His installation will take place on July 15 at the eleven o'clock service.

Br. and Sr. William McElveen have volunteered to replace Br. James Blanton at Fredericksted on St. Croix Virgin Islands, E. West Indies. Br. McElveen has completed his second theological year in Bethlehem and will return to the Seminary in the fall of 1957 to complete his theological training. Br. Blanton will resume his theological studies in September. He has served the congregation on St. Croix as student pastor during the past year.


During the past month the President of the Conference filled the following appointments: Sermons and addresses at Bethania, Oak Grove, Immanuel, Raleigh, Home Church and St. Philip's; Calvary Boards of Elders and Trustees; Salem College Trustees, Financial Board, Bethesda Church Board, Provincial Superintendent launching 1956-57 church budgets, Moravian College Promotion Committee, Provincial Quincentennial Committee, American Mission Board in Bethlehem, Pre-synod Committee on the "State of the Church", Moravian College Alumni luncheon in Bethlehem and two additional sessions of the Southern Provincial Elders' Conference.

R. GORDON SPAUGH, President

Provincial Woman's Board

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

The annual Workshop held May 16 at Ardmore Church was well attended. Dr. Allen W. Schattschneider, Pastor of New Dorp Moravian Church, Staten Island, N. Y., and author of the book "Through Five Hundred Years", which will be used by the Women this coming year, made a most interesting talk.

One of the highlights of the Workshop was the announcement by Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell, secretary of the Provincial Woman's Board, concerning the J. Kenneth and Bertie Whittington Pfohl Fund. She stated that the Pfohl Fund was inaugurated in May, 1955 by the Provincial Woman's Board, in recognition of the more than fifty years of service given by Bishop and Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl to the Southern Province and in appreciation of all they have done for the women's work.

It is hoped that in the near future the Women of the Southern Province will raise $10,000.00 for this fund and the Provincial Woman's Board recommends that the income from this sum be used for:
1. Ministers of the Southern Province to study and travel in the interest of the Moravian Church.
2. Aid to students from the Southern Province who are preparing for service in the Moravian Church.

A committee has been appointed by the Chairman of the Provincial Woman's Board, at the request of the Board, to work out details pertaining to the setting up and raising of this fund and to direct the campaign. Mrs. T. Holt Haywood has been named Chairman of this committee, and serving with her are:
Mrs. Marian Blair, Home Church, Mrs. Will Bollin, Mayodan, Mrs. Caesar Ebert, Ardmore, Mrs. Edwin Fussell, Bethabara, Mrs. Hamilton Horton, Calvary, Mrs. Robert Shore, Kernersville, Mrs. J. B. Snyder, Fairview, Mrs. F. O. Stuts, Hopewell.

Both the Provincial Elders' Conference and the above named committee have given their wholehearted approval of the Provincial Woman's Board action.

Mrs. T. Holt Haywood made an enthusiastic appeal for the women of the churches to carefully and prayerfully consider this project and stated that members of her committee will be glad to visit the women's meetings to discuss the Pfohl Fund. A report on the progress of the Fund will be given at the Fall outing, which will be held at Friedberg, Wednesday, September 26.

Contributions are to be sent to Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell, Box 33, Route 1, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Provincial Woman's Board, feeling that the women of the Southern Province would like to do something special in recognition of the quincentennial of our church, announced at the Workshop that copies of "Through Five Hundred Years" by Dr. A. W. Schattschneider and "Count Zinzendorf" by John Weinlick would be given to the public libraries in the following places: Charlotte, Greensboro, Leas­ville, Mayodan, Mr. Airy, Reidsville, Raleigh and Winston-Salem. It is hoped that individual Women of the Church groups will want to give copies of these or other books about the Moravian Church to school libraries in their communities.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

The Rev. and Mrs. C. Truetty Chadwick are to be congratulated on the birth on May 18 of their third child, a daughter, named Leigh Adele Chadwick.

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**Musical Notes**

**Donald M. McCorkle**

**Music Editor**

(On March 4, 1956, a story appeared in the *Winston-Salem Journal* describing the discovery of the earliest known copy of the Symphony No. 17 in F major by Haydn in the Salem Archives. This story was immediately picked up by the Associated Press which placed it in every major American newspaper. The interest aroused by the find was also reflected in foreign newspapers and in American music magazines. To top it all off, the *Boston Globe*, on March 12, ran an editorial which took the Puritan divines to task for not permitting a musical development in New England, while the contemporary Moravians in Pennsylvania and North Carolina promoted music to an almost unbelievable degree. We have thought that our readers might like to share this fascinating article, "Symphonies and Sausages," as taken from the *Boston Globe*, Ed.)

**SYMPHONIES AND SAUSAGES**

The Dead Sea Scrolls have a numerous progeny. Long-buried works of literature and art have a way of rising from their tombs, often to the discomfiture of those who wish they would stay dead, for the human race is not so rich in treasures of the mind and spirit that we can afford to leave them entombed when they are ready to re-arise.

In the archives of the Moravian Church at Winston-Salem, N. C., has been found a manuscript which had lain neglected nearly 200 years in a large collection of 18th century music. Perfectly legible, it is the earliest known copy of Haydn's Symphony in F-major, No. 17, and its derivation is traceable, since this copy was made by John Frederik Peter (1746-1811) before he came to America and established himself as a memorable Moravian composer.

Why Moravian? Behind that word is an immense historical movement. They were called Moravians for the region of their origin, but they called themselves *Unitas Fratrum* (United Brethren) and were followers of Jan Huss, the martyr. Gentle people, they came to this continent in the 18th century and founded religious settlements along the Atlantic littoral from Pennsylvania southward to the Carolinas, social units economically and administratively strongly pacifist in sentiment, and practicing a communism reminiscent of the early Christians.

Being Central Europeans, they could not imagine life without music, so, unlike the Puritans, when these Moravians crossed the ocean they brought with them a fairly high musical culture and were performing the best of music at a time when here in New England a church community was rent by dissensions over the intrusion into a meeting house of the first pipe organ, which outraged sectaries denounced as "an ungodly kist o' whistles," (cheat of whistles).

The hostility of Puritans to the arts is one of the curiosities of history, going upstream to the strange pruency of the fine arts in the Judea of its remoter origins, and this Philistinism still lingers in our universities. Only within a few weeks Yale has announced as a distinct innovation (which in fact it is) that an advanced academic degree is to be awarded in the Department of Drama, where Yale excels. Some day a bright young candidate for his Ph.D will find a rich subject for a brilliant thesis "On the Requickenment of the Creative Arts in American Universities, 1900-2000 A.D.," for it is even now only about one-half accomplished.

Our cultural lags are picturesque. As recently as thirty years ago the only time and the only place in the Western hemisphere where Bach's B-minor Mass (now often and widely performed) could be heard once a year in May at the old Moravian settlement in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; but still the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City at two performances, one before and one during Holy Week, remain the only time and place in the Western hemisphere where we can see and hear Wagner's "Parsifal."

Even a century ago the Moravians did not have things all their own way. A visiting Elder at one of their settlements, hearing the young instrumentalists playing a symphony of Haydn on a Saturday afternoon asked severely: "Shall you use these same instruments to worship the Lord tomorrow on which you are now playing secular tunes?"

But neither did the Elder have things all his own way. "And shall you, sir," retorted one of the young men, "use the same mouth to preach with tomorrow with which you are now eating sausages?"

**Junior Choir Expert Teaches At Salem Choir School**

Highlight of the seventh annual Salem College Summer Choir School to be held June 11-16 will be the children's choir classes conducted by Mrs. Ruth Krebsbiel Jacobs, founder and director of the Choristers' Guild. Mrs. Jacobs will be in charge of two sessions, a demonstration class in the morning and a lecture-repertoire class in the afternoon.

Mrs. Jacobs is a nationally known authority in the field of children's choirs. She is also author of the book, "The Successful Children's Choir," and conducts workshops and festivals throughout the United States. Her home is in Santa Barbara, California, where she and her husband are actively engaged in church music.

By popular demand she will return for her third summer on the faculty of the Salem College Choir School. With the increased number of children's choirs in the Moravian churches and a definite need for choir directors trained in this particular field of church music, the choir school is fortunate in having Mrs. Jacobs on its staff. As editor of the Choristers' Guild letters, Mrs. Jacobs is able to maintain contact with her students throughout the year. New repertoire and suggestions for improving children's choirs are constantly emphasized in the Guild letters.

Three Moravian musicians, Henry Pfohl, director of the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, New York, Mrs. Rose Siewers Kapp, organist of the Home Moravian Church, and Paul Peterson, Head of the Voice Department at Salem complete the faculty. Mrs. Nell Starr of Salem College will serve as hostess and assistant teacher of voice. The choir school has shown a steady growth since it was founded seven years ago with a total enrollment of twenty students.

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Recent weeks have seen a good deal of movement by our missionaries. Early in March Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Marx left Honduras to assume charge of the hospital in Bilwaskarma so that Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Thaeler could take a short furlough of three months in the homeland. The Thaelers will spend these months with friends and members of their family at Winston-Salem, Bethlehem, Arlington, New Jersey, and Daggert, Michigan. In the middle of March the Rev. and Mrs. Werner G. Marx left Honduras on furlough which began earlier than anticipated for reasons of health. They are located in the Whitefield House, Nazareth. The Rev. and Mrs. Howard Housman have moved to Brus to take temporary charge of that station and of the superintendency of the field. The Rev. and Mrs. Clark Benson and Jeanne Cribbs, R. N., are planning to replace the Housmans at Kaukira. Early in April Mrs. C. C. Shimer came home on a short vacation to be spent chiefly in Madison, Wisconsin. A few days later the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Nowick were to return to the States on their first furlough. For the beginning of their stay, their address is to be c/o Morris C. Nelson, 709 George Street, Kewanee, Illinois. At the end of April Elizabeth Marx planned to return to this country for her furlough and to spend the first weeks in Winston-Salem.

Measles in Dillingham

Miss Siebke wrote on March 21: "Here in Dillingham there is a very bad epidemic of measles. Of the 203 school children in town 133 were sick on Monday when school was to open. A public health nurse has come to visit the outlying villages and to vaccinate the children. So far no children have died but many have been very sick indeed with high fever."

Moose's Loss—The Home's Gain

The Rev. Clarence Henkleman writes on February 20 from the Children's Home in Alaska: "The Fish and Field Life Department at Anchorage has sent the Home 1600 pounds of moose meat. We have to pay the freight on it, about twenty-five cents per pound. At that it is cheap meat. When we get it all canned we ought not to need to order too much reindeer next fall". The meat came from animals which had drawn the short end in an encounter with the Alaska railroad.

Expansion at Bluefields

Due to the growth of our missionary activities in Bluefields and to the developing life of the community, the Rev. and Mrs. David Jones have been called to serve as associates with the Rev. and Mrs. Shimer in this large congregation—the "mother" congregation in Nicaragua. To enable them to occupy the Old Bank Mission House and to accommodate the missionary teaching staff of the Colegio Moravo in a residence more conveniently located for their work the Mission Board has acquired two lots with buildings on them just across from the property on Reyes Avenue. The price for land and buildings amounted to no more than what a single new mission house would have cost at present day prices. The land thus acquired represented a valuable extension of the church's holdings in Bluefields.

Picture of Old Bethania Wanted

The Women of the Church at Bethania are anxious to secure a picture of the church there as it was before the renovation about 1859. Before that time the pulpit was between the windows on the east wall and there was a balcony at both the north and south ends.

Anyone having such a picture is asked to contact Mrs. L. T. Butner or Mrs. W. T. Strupe, Bethania.

... Foreign Mission Briefs ...

Special to the Times

"In the Middle of March the Rev. and Mrs. Werner G. Marx left Honduras on furlough which began earlier than anticipated for reasons of health. They are located in the Whitefield House, Nazareth. The Rev. and Mrs. Howard Housman have moved to Brus to take temporary charge of that station and of the superintendency of the field. The Rev. and Mrs. Clark Benson and Jeanne Cribbs, R. N., are planning to replace the Housmans at Kaukira. Early in April Mrs. C. C. Shimer came home on a short vacation to be spent chiefly in Madison, Wisconsin."

"Miss Siebke wrote on March 21: "Here in Dillingham there is a very bad epidemic of measles. Of the 203 school children in town 133 were sick on Monday when school was to open. A public health nurse has come to visit the outlying villages and to vaccinate the children. So far no children have died but many have been very sick indeed with high fever.""

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

MACEDONIA

Five or six weeks before Easter the women and men of the church started having a workday each Saturday in order to improve the general appearance of the church and the church grounds. And, although the turnout for the workdays was less than 30%, the amount of work that was accomplished was noteworthy. For instance, Mr. George Thomas Fry and Mr. Willie Fry replaced the two broken window lights in the front gable of the church.

The latest improvement is the donation and installation of the new cement posts across the front by Mr. Willie Fry. Mr. Fry also put a coat of black paint on the chain that hangs between the posts. All of these things, including the labor of love, help the general appearance of this "House of God" which has just celebrated its 100th birthday.

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LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

Excellent progress is being made on the construction of our new Youth Building. We should be able to occupy it in the last of spring. It is a one story building which is located immediately west of our new church sanctuary. According to present plan it will house all the children's department of the church school up through primary.

We have a number of new arrivals in the congregation. Born to Lt. and Mrs. Herbert Spaugh, Jr., a daughter, Renee Leigh, on February 2 in Orleans, France; to Captain and Mrs. A. G. Thompson, a daughter, Margaret Browning, on March 19 in Rutherford, New Jersey; to Cpl. and Mrs. Charles Howard, a son, Frederick Alan, on March 18 at Fayetteville, N. C.; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Price, a daughter, Miriam Stewart, on February 27 in Charlotte. We also welcome the father's return, in the latter case, from military service after an extended tour of duty in the Navy.

We welcome into our membership the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Ball who came to us from the Christian Church. Mr. Ball left the active ministry to enter military service as chaplain in the Air Force. Upon his discharge, he became associated with the Wells Organization, whose services are available to churches for fund raising. He is the Carolina's manager for this organization. He is assisting the pastor in ministerial functions, and gave brief meditations following the reading services each night during Holy Week. He also occupied our pulpit on March 4 and March 25. Mrs. Ball is an accomplished organist.

Roland B. Jones addressed the annual Pastor's Conference, sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches, in Burlington.

On Sunday morning, February 26, members of Temple Lodge were special guests of our church.

HERBERT SPAUGH

ADVENT

We have been very happy to receive into our fellowship the following new members: Mary Aldridge, Vicki Gilbert, Bonnie Wheelis, Diane Wheelis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gilley, all by Adult Baptism; Tony Brewer, Treva Harrison, Nancy Miller, Ronald Harper, and Terry Hill by confirmation; and Curtis Myers and Riley Matthews, Jr. by letter of transfer.

On Sunday, March 11, Almeda Tesh, Carolyn Todd, Becky Kasuboski, "Chippy" Myers, Edith Hege, and Jeanette Holmer, all members of our Girl Scout Troop assisted the pastor in the morning worship service as part of our observance of Girl Scout Week. The girls represented four Moravian congregations, a Baptist Church, and an Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Edwin Sawyer spoke to our congregation on April 8 at the morning service. Charles W. Fishel, candidate for the Moravian Ministry, presided at the service. In the evening Jimmie L. Newsom presided and presented the slides of the West Indies Mission of the Moravian Church.

On April 15 William F. Hartman, representative of the Gideons International, spoke at the morning worship service. A special offering was received to assist the Gideons in their program of Bible distribution. The Rev. Norwood Green, pastor of Hopewell and Enterprise churches, preached at the evening service. The Rev. Ed Brewer delivered a challenging message to our prayer meeting on April 11.

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We enjoyed another period of record attendance as the March average was even 400 for morning services and 457 for Sunday school. Our membership increased by 41 communicants during Lent, 38 of whom joined in the Palm Sunday services.

Changes in our music department are: Mrs. Jarvis Hauser will succeed Mrs. Henry Lewis as director of the Junior Choir on June 1. Mrs. Walter Martin has been appointed as co-organist, due to the resignation of Mrs. George Purches, and Mrs. R. N. Newsom has been appointed as assistant organist to replace Mrs. Martin. A new chapel choir director will begin June 1, the name to be announced a little later.

Sunday School Workers conference for the spring quarter was held at Trinity Methodist Church with Fred Hauser, a teacher at Centenary Methodist as speaker. About 30 persons attended.

Youth Fellowship supper meeting was addressed by Mr. B. C. Snyder in April and by Judge Roy Deal and I. Harding Hughes in the two previous months.

The budget committee and joint boards have adopted a budget of $24,770.30 for the new fiscal year. Along with this, we expect to raise more than $11,000 for the building fund. This means our total financial goal for the new budget year will amount to a whopping $40,000. Clyde Dula has been chosen to head a canvass committee which will make an all out effort to meet this challenge.

HENRY A. LEWIS

MIZPAH

Church attendance experienced an awakening at Mizpah with the inauguration of an attendance plan for the children on April 1. Since that time a group of eager children occupy the front pews in each service, intensely interested in the sermon given by the pastor. Older folks seem to appreciate the children's messages as much as the children, so we have felt a distinct increase of interest in our worship services.

Our Building Fund deserves special mention at this time also. We have met our quarterly payments on time and have in hand enough for the next two quarterly payments. In addition, a special gift of $500 from Mrs. Flora Pfaff and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Pfaff, Jr., have put us in a position where we might possibly pay a total of $5,000 on our building fund debt during the first twelve months, in addition to the interest payments amounting to $465. With such interest sustained, we could be debt free five years from the completion of our new building.

Our Church Board has heartily approved a plan to hold a monthly mission meeting at Mizpah for showing available mission pictures and to hear missionaries whenever they are in the Province. Our first meeting of this nature was held Sunday evening, May 13.

With the coming of Spring, all the hard work of grass sowing last Fall is now producing results and our church grounds are taking on a beautiful and finished appearance.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

LEAKSVILLE

The months of March and April found our people quite busy. The Sunday School sessions and all regular church services were well attended, and the various organizations made a good record in their usual activities.

The Good Fellowship Class has started a Sunday School building expansion fund and other classes will be joining in this move. We hope for some real interest and progress in this much needed project.

The Rev. J. G. Bruner made a visit to our community and spoke to the Women of The Church at their quarterly business meeting at the church on Thursday evening, March 22. His message and visit were greatly enjoyed.

Our church choir rendered the "Hymn Time" program over radio station WLOE Palm Sunday morning and also furnished special music in revival services at the Providence Baptist Church and the Wentworth Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds were received into our membership on Sunday, April 22, by transfer and re-affirmation of faith, he by Adult Baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berrier and children have also moved back home and are now back in the services and work.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

FULP

A group of colored slides "Moravians In The Virgin Islands" were presented on the evening of March 18 at the family night supper program. Communion for the season of Lent was held on Palm Sunday.

On April 8, a rededication service was held for married couples. Some decorations were provided as well as special music. Couples participating in the service gathered in the front of the church as an adaptation of the wedding service was used. A certificate was provided for all couples who participated in the rededication.

A committee with Mr. M. O. Jones as chairman assisted by Mr. James H. Fulp, Mr. R. G. Hampton, and Mrs. Robert Hale has been appointed to study the future building needs of...
the church. The first meeting of the commit­
tee was held on April 28 in the home of Mrs. 
Robert Hale.

Union Sunday School was held at the Salem 
Chapel Congregational Christian Church on 
April 29. A new mowing machine has been 
purchased for use on our constantly expanding 
lawn.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.
ARDMORE

Emphasis on the foreign missions aspects of 
our church's work continued to occupy an im-
portant place in this congregation's program in 
the period under review. Guest speakers includ-
ed the Rev. Kenneth W. Nowack and Br. 
Ralph Stewers, III. Five new life memberships 
in the Foreign Missionary Society have been 
secured by Br. Ralph VanLenn and his corps 
of workers. Those who became life-members 
were: Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Gobble, Jr.; Mrs. 
Gwyn Harris; Miss Doris Binkley and Br. 
Charles Peterson. In addition 70 new members 
have been added to Ardmore’s membership in 
the provincial society. As this goes to press we 
are looking forward to May 20 at 3:30 P. M. 
when the Rt. Rev. Kenneth G. Hamilton will 
speak at a mission rally and lovefeast at Ard-
more.

our capable and efficient organist, Mrs. Don-
ald Jeffries, has applied for and received a three-months leave of absence. Miss Margaret 
Chadwick, a member of the Bethania Church 
and an associate organist there, has accepted the 
position of interim organist.

New members received since our last report 
are: confirmations: Charles E. Bennett, III, 
Mack J. Cook, III, Fred Lee Ebert, Thomas Ebert, Elizabeth Harris, John A. Hutcheson, Jr., 
Jane Keith and Marcia Stafford; Adult Baptisms: Brenda and Patricia Barringer, Rebecca 
Collins, Ruth Lee, Hazel Ann Pypees, Jane 
Sherrell, Robert Stimpson and Gerald W. 
Walker; right hand of fellowship: Mr. and 
Mrs. Charles E. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Harry 
L. Collins, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Fultz, Mr. 
and Mrs. Wm F. Crater, Miss Ann Lee and Mrs. 
Gerald W. Walker.

RICHARD F. AMOS

WILLOW HILL

On March 11, we organized a Junior Young 
People's group which many of us felt was long 
over due. The group elected the following of-
ficers: Phillip Coulson, president; Carol Hiatt, 
vice-president; Randy Coulson, secretary and 
treasurer; and Mrs. Virginia Hiatt as advisor. 
Eleven days later they showed their interest by 
12 of them turning out to attend the rally at 
Home Church. They enjoyed the rally very 
much and are looking forward to being able to 
attend another one.

Along with our emphasis on missions, the 
second Sunday night in April, we were glad to 
have Br. Robert Inaba, pastor of Grace Church 
with us to show slides of Nicaragua and give 
his comments on them.

WILLIAM MARSHALL

MESSIAH

The Sunday school continues to be a high 
spot in the program of the congregation. A 
new attendance record was set on the last Sun-
day in April, when 123 were present. This 
marked the third time since the beginning of 
the year that a new height had been reached.

The Cub Scout program also has shown de-
cided gain with the formation of a fourth Den 
announced by Cub Master Robah Moser. On 
April 24, the American Legion presented the 
Pack with an American flag. Procured by Re-
presentative Thurmond Chatham, the flag once 
flown over the nation's Capitol.

May was observed as Mission Month. Special 
services began on the first Sunday with a cov-
ered dish supper followed by the film "Old and 

FRIEDBERG

The Lenten and Easter season seemed to hold 
an unusual amount of spiritual blessing for our 
congregation this year. From the lovefeast and 
communion for the first Sunday in Lent 
through the Easter Graveyard Service our at-
tendance was higher and interest keener than 
in many years.

March was also the month of our solicitation 
campaign for the parsonage building fund. Br. 
Russell Kimel has done a remarkable job in di-
recting the campaign and enlisting the help of 
numerous workers. Over $12,000 has been 
paid to our building fund treasurer, Br. Herman 
Foltz. The building committee, headed by Br. Wm. J. Fishel, is busy drawing up plans which should soon be completed.

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New in Nicaragua.” Other programs in the
month of mission emphasis included an illus-
trated, recorded talk on missions in the British
West Indies by Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton, a
union mission lovefeast at New Philadelphia,
and a congregation mission lovefeast.

Received into our communion on Palm Sun-
day were the following new members: Mr. and
Mrs. E. D. Hargadon, Mary Hargadon, Mrs.
Harriett Ives, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor, Mr.
and Mrs. M. J. Simmons, Pat Simmons, Mr. and
Mrs. Harry Turner, Richard Turner, and Micky
Turner by the right hand of fellowship;
and Catherine Hargadon by the sacrament of
Adult Baptism.

BURTON J. RIGHTS

HOPEWELL

“If our folks see a need, they act quickly,”
said a Hopewell member recently. This was
certainly proven a few weeks ago. The congre-
gation felt they needed a piece of land adjoin-
ing the graveyard, and within a few minutes,
they raised around a thousand dollars for the
purchase of it. Two generous friends of the
Home Church added a hundred dollars apiece
toward the purchase of the property.

The attendance at our Passion Week services
was the best we have ever had. Many stated
that the death of the Saviour was made more
real to them. These services were climaxed
with an Easter Sunrise Service in our grave-
yard. Br. Vestal Whitt again brought his band
and lead us in chorales.

Following Easter Week, the Rev. B. A. Car-
roll, a Baptist Minister, held a week of revival
services for us. Br. Carroll stirred our hearts
with his warm evangelical messages. Several
responded to his altar calls. Some wanted as-
surance that their sins had been forgiven, oth-
ers desired to re-consecrate their lives to Christ.
Everyone felt that his preaching blessed our
church.

Recently, Br. John McKown, a candidate for
the Moravian ministry, preached for us.
Everyone enjoyed his message.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

OAK GROVE

The Year of Missions has aroused a great deal
of interest among our people during recent
months. Several special mission services have
been held on Sunday nights, and a special Sun-
day School lesson on missions was taught
throughout the Sunday School in March. A
drive for new members in the Foreign Mission-
ary Society has resulted in 111 new members,
which means that over fifty percent of our
communicant members are now enrolled in
the Society.

At the Palm Sunday Service we were happy
to receive into our membership Jane Covin-
gton and Ellen Gardner by Adult Baptism; and
Katherine and Douglas Franklin Sheek by con-
firmation.

The young people have been active during
the past months and were the first ones to pay
their share of the Provincial Young People’s
Budget and Camp Fund. Since paying this off
on the first of April they have sponsored sev-
eral projects to raise money for their organ
fund.

On Easter Monday the pastor and the Rev.
James C. Hughes left for a month’s visit to
our mission field in Nicaragua. This visit was
made possible by the Oak Grove congregation
and proved to be a very thrilling experience.
During the pastor’s absence the pulpit was fill-
ed by the Brethren G. E. Brewer, R. Gordon
Spaugh, Clyde G. Barber, and Edwin A. Saw-
yer. Br. E. L. Stockton and the young people
conducted the two evening services during the
month.

Final plans are now being drawn for our
new sanctuary. It is hoped that construction
work can begin sometime this summer. A con-
test now being held among three of the adult
classes should add several thousand dollars to
the building fund, which now totals well over
$20,000.

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER

FRIES MEMORIAL

Our congregation has had a blessed and hap-
py Easter occasion. The Lenten season was a
fitting preparation for the climax of Easter.
During the entire season a total of 25 individ-
uals united with our congregation, the major-
ity of them by profession of faith, and 8 of
them in the Instruction Class.

On the second Wednesday following Easter,
under the auspices of the Women of the Church,
a Reception was held for those new
members who have united with our congre-
gation within the past year. About 100 people
gathered for an evening of enjoyment and fel-
lowship closing with a spiritual thought.
Sunday evening attendances with our Young
People’s Union continues to run high. Interest
has been greater this year than any year past.
We are grateful for this enthusiasm on the
part of our young people and grateful to their
parents as they provide the means of transpor-
tation over long distances that they make to
attend to their services.

The Supper of the Ushers of the Church will
mark a step forward in the organization of the
Church on Wednesday night, May 9. In this
meeting there was instruction for ushers and a
period of questions in planning the ushers
work in the church.

Our congregation rejoiced to have Br. G. E.
Brewer as preacher on the morning of April 15,
while the Pastor preached in Washington.
Br. Brewer’s message was enjoyed by all and
greatly appreciated.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

BETHANIA

A significant step in the congregational life
was taken at a special Church Council on
March 18 when the church voted to proceed
immediately with the construction of a new
parsonage. An attractive building site has al-

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ready been purchased and a Building Committee is at work on plans for the new house. It was also decided to retain the original portion of the present parsonage which will be useful for various church functions.

We congratulate our young people for being one of the first groups in the Province to raise their full amount toward the purchase of the land for the new camp site. They raised all of the moneys themselves sponsoring the showing of a religious film once Sunday night and putting on a fried chicken supper in which practically every member of the group was actively at work.

Bethania was happy to serve as host to a Rural Church Institute on May 2 sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches. This brought together 33 ministers representing 6 different denominations from churches in the Piedmont area of the state.

New members received on Palm Sunday were Bruce Alan Doub by Infant Baptism, Jane Shouse and Jenny Lee Adams by Confirmation, and Jimmy Cline and Dwight Morris by Adult Baptism.

The plans for the observance of the Quincentennial of the Moravian Church were explained by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh at our Fellowship Supper for April. Our church has accepted its quota of $550.00 for this cause and has already raised $165.00 of that amount. The remainder is to be raised from offers at special services and through the use of the Quincentennial coin banks.

F. HERBERT WEBER

BETHABARA

The misnomer "Old Town" is fast disappearing from our community as markers and signs directing the public to BETHABARA have been erected at every village crossroad and busy intersection. We are indebted to the State Department of Archives and History for erection of the historical marker on Highway 421 at Old Town Road, and to the State Highway and Public Works Commission for the road signs. It is hoped this change will be made on all future maps of the County and State, once again restoring the village to its original and rightful name, Bethabara, the oldest Moravian settlement in Wachovia.

Of special interest in recent weeks has been the organization of a Church Band. On April 11, Br. L. C. Swaim, director of the Fries Memorial Band began work with an interested and enthusiastic group. Enrolled are: Charles Bailey, Odell Calloway, James Chambers, Bob Clodfelter, Derry English, Elmo L. Reich, Fred W. Sapp, Jr., Mrs. Fred W. Sapp, Jr., Martha Ann Sapp, Eddie Smith, Lary Smith, Emory A. Thomas, Calvin Wooten and the Pastor. Br. Sapp has been appointed Chairman of the organization and we anticipate with great joy having our own Band to play for Anniversary Services in November.

Special evening services held during the period under review include: March 11, presentation of the "Martin Luther" film; April 15, the Rev. Robert Iobst brought an illustrated message on our mission in Nicaragua; April 22, the Bethania Youth Groups joined with our Youth Fellowship for their evening meeting, Mrs. Carl Kerner of our Kernersville Church spoke most interestingly on the subject, "Church History and Customs."

Birthday Greetings were extended to Br. R. W. Pou on his eightieth birthday, April 25. He teaches the Adult Bible Class every Sunday and is always in his accustomed place for 11 o'clock Worship. A faithful steward of the Lord!

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Odell Calloway upon the birth of a son, Timothy Joel, on March 16, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee Fox upon the birth of a son, Richard Allen, on April 18.

We were happy to receive on Palm Sunday by Infant Baptism, Catherine Joy Clodfelter, Susan Marie Doub, Brenda Ann Doub, and Orrin Edward Doub III; by Confirmation, Gloria Ann Fox and Henry Michael Watts; by Reception, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Edward Doub, Jr.

K. EDWIN FUSSELL

DEATHS


Newsome, Mrs. Mollie Belle m. n. Day, widow of Charles O. Newsome, daughter of Christopher Columbus and Mary Melissa Day, m. n. Green; born October 1, 1889; died in Winston-Salem, March 1, 1956; member of Trinity Church; funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights, the Rev. Paul A. Snider, and the Rev. Frank Penninger.


George, Frank A., died March 31, 1956 at Winston-Salem, N. C. Funeral conducted by Bishop J. K. Phöhl and Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. Interment in the Graveyard. A member of the Home Church.

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BOOK REVIEW


The author states near the close of the book that it is a "brief account . . . of the origin and development" of the Moravian Church. This more aptly describes the book than to think of it as a full fledged history. There are twenty-one chapters in the book and at the eighteenth you are only to the death of Zinzendorf. For anyone wanting "a glance" at Moravian history up until the late eighteenth century, this work will be helpful. In addition, some material is given about the origin of several early mission fields and closes with a discussion on church government, doctrine, worship, ministry, and statistics.

Langton relies on several older Moravian histories such as Crazn, Bost, and Hotton, all of which have been out of print for some years. Very little is given about the Moravian Church in America. Considerable space is allotted to the relationship between the Moravians and the Wesleys, somewhat out of proportion to the rest of the book, but the author is a Methodist. According to the publisher, this is the first history of the Moravian Church written by a Non-Moravian. It does help us to "see ourselves as others see us."

Several misconceptions are explained such as the idea that Zinzendorf was the founder of the Moravian Church and the reputed conversion of John Wesley in a Moravian prayer meeting. It is, as one reviewer says "an interesting introduction to an attractive corner of Christ's vineyard."

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

BAPTISMS

Burton, James Howard, Jr., son of James Howard and Margaret m. n. Sweatman Burton. Born December 19, 1947, Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane, on February 5, 1956, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Burton, John Michael, son of James Howard and Margaret m. n. Sweatman Burton. Born August 16, 1950, Asheville, N. C. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane, on February 5, 1956, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Burton, Charles Richard, son of James Howard and Margaret m. n. Sweatman Burton. Born November 1, 1955, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane, on February 5, 1956, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.


Boyd, Fred-daniel Britt, son of Frederick Daniel and Betty Jane m. n. Maynard Boyd, born January 22, 1956, Atlanta, Ga., baptized April 1, 1956, Calvary Church by the Rev. John W. Fulton.


Whitsett, Donnel Mateen, son of Burton and Mildred m. n. Minter Whitsett; born January 8, 1956 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized on March 25, 1956 at Advent Church by the Rev. Paul A. Snider.

Gilley, Robin Marie, daughter of Paul and Nora, m. n. Jones Gilley; born May 12, 1949, at Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized April 22, 1956 at Advent Church by the Rev. Paul A. Snider.


Davis, Marion Johnson, Jr., son of Marion J. and Carrie m. n. Chamberlain Davis. Born September 1, 1953 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized March 11, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Davis, Martha Ann Joslin Davis, daughter of Marion J. and Carrie m. n. Chamberlain Davis. Born December 30, 1951 at Raleigh, N. C.; was baptized March 11, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Haile, Richard Saunders, son of Cornelius Saunders and Barbara m. n. Walter Haitz. Born August 19, 1954 at Great Lakes, Ill., was baptized March 16, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Barber, Clyde Graham, son of Clyde G. and Sue m. n. Forrest Barber. Born October 5, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized March 18, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


Peters, Jeanne Elizabeth, daughter of William G. and Alison m. n. Glenn Peters. Born November 1, 1955 at Boone, N. C.; was baptized April 1, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


Mickey, James Samuel, Jr., son of James S. and Betty m. n. Withers Mickey. Born December 1, 1955 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; was baptized April 1, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. E. T. Mickey, Jr.

Schau, Marc Alan, son of Ira Obed and Pauline m. n. Cooke Schau, Jr., born January 17, 1952, in Raleigh, N. C., was baptized into the Raleigh Congregation on March 25, 1956, by the Rev. Walsie H. Allen, Jr.
DEATHS

Stein, Miss Annie M., died March 24, 1956 at Jacksonville, Florida. Funeral and interment in Florida. A member of the Home Church.

Sink, Clyde E., born October 24, 1901, died May 2, 1956. Funeral conducted at Friedberg Church by Bmn. Fulton, Teich, and Marshall.

Koontz, Daisy (Fishell), born October 2, 1893, died April 30, 1956. Funeral held at Friedberg Church by Bmn. Hornbuckle, Marshall.


Sutton, Homer George, died March 9, 1956, member of Calvary Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. John W. Fulton. Interment in Salem Graveyard.

Grohbs, Charlie Preston, died April 1, 1956, member of Calvary Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. John W. Fulton. Interment in Salem Moravian Graveyard.

Jones, Leon R., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Jones born in Lewistown, N. C., May 13, 1893; died March 25, 1956 in Norfolk, Va. Funeral service conducted at Wall's Glade Hill Chapel by the Rev. F. Herbert Weber with interment in Bethania Graveyard.


DR. WEINLICK WILL SPEAK ON NATIONAL RADIO PULPIT

Dr. John Weinlick, professor of historical theology at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, will represent the Moravian Church on NATIONAL RADIO PULPIT over NBC in cooperation with the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches.

This 13-week series will come in 1957 during April, May, and June as a highlight of the quincentennial year. The announcement was made by the public relations office of the quincentennial of the Moravian Church.

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The music—anthem and hymns—will be selected from a number of church choirs of Moravian congregations.

Dr. Weinlick is a graduate of Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary. In 1939, he received his M. A. from the University of Wisconsin; and in 1951, he gained his Ph. D. in religion and society from Columbia University.

He has served two pastorates—one at Fairview in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and one in Madison, Wisconsin.

In February of this year, Dr. Weinlick's book, COUNT ZINZENDORF, reached the newspapers, published by Abingdon Press.

EXCERPTS from LETTERS from TANGANYIKA

Herbert B. Johnon

SISTER ELLEN NIELSEN, Sikonge:—Our hospital has recently received an evangelist to render spiritual service to our patients. He is the aged Brother Martin from Igiga. Although appointed by the church he gives all his time to the hospital. One end of the old building will soon be made into a chapel. It will be a great day for us when Bishop Ibsen can come to dedicate it. Now that the rainy season has begun our burden has eased up. It has been a struggle for us to secure water sufficient for our needs. This was the worst water shortage we have had here, according to my recollection.

ELIZABETH ORTING, Ichemba:—For some time now we have become accustomed to seeing two men sitting together in our yard and reading aloud. Perchance they are reading the Gospel of Mark, or it may be a little book entitled "The Way of Salvation," or again it may be our little church periodical. These two men are reading and seeking. One of the men is a Roman Catholic and the other is a Muhammadan. The wives of both of them are patients at our hospital. The Roman Catholic is likewise a leper who comes once a week for treatment. He is always so anxious to be here in time for the reading from the Daily Texts Book.

JOHANNE K. LARSEN, Usoke:—(preparing to close her work in this missionfield and take up deputation work in Europe.)—I am just about ready to leave; my weaving outfit is, for the most part, already in Sikonge. I shall spend a week there helping Sister Elly Jorgensen get started in the weaving.
FROM THE MISSION FIELDS COMES TESTIMONIAL OF

What The Gospel Means To Me

Christopher Desouza
Lay Leader in Pearl Lagoon

In looking back to my Christian experience I realize that it first began at the Young People's Conference in Pearl Lagoon in 1944. The Lord spoke to me in a consecration service. I felt as if I could no longer bear to hear the call, but still I hesitated until there was a Leadership Conference the same year in September. At the close of this Conference a Communion service was held. There were three of us who couldn't take part because we had not received our Saviour as yet. Then I could no longer fight against my inmost feeling but accepted my Lord also.

In receiving Him there is much revealed. At first I realized there are countless blessings we receive day after day; there are countless par­dons also. Then since through our Lord we receive those we should also learn to forgive. Since I understand these truths the opportuni­ty came to me to forgive many times, but I always think on one more than any other, for it was hard. It lay heavily on my mind but I prayed and was relieved. Then I learned to for­give more in little things and so became much happier in my every day life.

During these days I feel as if all my happi­ness comes through Young People's Fellowship. So I must devote my time to the young people, for the Fellowship has done more for me than anything else.

NOTE:
In connection with the above testimony the Rev. C. Conrad Shimer adds the following statement concerning the writer.

"Christopher is one of the young people whose decision for Christ represents a reward of the years which we spent in Pearl Lagoon. He had left school during the fifth grade. Indeed both he and his brother had little appreciation of the value of school, attending only now and then, as their inclination led them. I was privileged to confirm him and have been in touch with him ever since. He worked in the butcher shop in LaLuz for three years and during that time moved to North Carolina, was ambushed on his farm by Indians and was killed. So the story moves along and tells of the coming of the Moravian pastor, the Rev. George Soelle, under whose guidance some of the German families living in Broadbay migrated to North Carolina and had land assigned to them in the area called Friedland. In addition to names already mentioned in this review, there were the Greens (Kroehnls), Kastners, Kunzels, and others, including the Lagenauers. This last name seems to have disappeared from among the living in Wachovia, but the town of Lew­isville keeps the name of its founder Lewis Lagenauer, so named probably by residents who decided that the name they chose would be better handled than Lagenauerville.

Some of the immigrants who came to North Carolina did not choose to remain with the Moravian Church, and a few returned to Broadbay in Maine. Recently a tombstone was found on the farm of the Methodist Children's Home northwest of Winston-Salem. The name on the stone was George Adam Schumacher. Inquiry was made about the same, unknown to the finders. Later it was learned that the stone was found on what had once been the farm of Schumacher, a settler from Broadbay in Maine, who had married the widow Welfare (Wohl­fahrt), and had decided to live a mile and a half northwest of Salem.

Much more could be said of the connection between the communities in these widely sepa­rated states, and a reading of the two volumes is strongly recommended for those who have an interest in Friedland, in Broadbay Township, where the name of the northern settlement has been retained although it has been supplanted in Maine by the town name of Waldoboro. There are many descendants of the early set­tlers who should take renewed interest in col­onial affairs of their forefathers, and it might be possible to arrange an excursion from Broad­bay in North Carolina to Waldoboro in Maine.

Congratulations are in order for the author, Joseph J. Stahl, who "was born at Waldoboro in 1886. He grew up there, sensitive to the forces that dominated the town's life. He at­tended Bowdoin, then took graduate work at the universities of Munich and Berlin and at Harvard. Before World War I, in which he served as an officer of the Navy, he taught at Reed College, in Portland, Oregon. After the war he was Director of Studies at the Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania." Archives House thanks Ralph A. Reed, Sr., a North Carolina Broad Bayer, for his generous gift of the two volumes to the Moravian Archives.

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Strong Native Ministry For Nicaragua Church

Christian D. Weber

"Our people shall never forget that service!" Those were the words spoken by Dr. Howard Stortz after the morning service at Bilwaskarma on April 8. Goliath Castillano, a man forty-one years old and a Miskito Indian, had just been ordained a Deacon of the Moravian church before a congregation of over six hundred people.

There had been much to impress upon the congregation the wonderful significance of the service. A four-piece brass band composed of Rev. Rinkart Watson's sons had played the Moravian chorals flawlessly. Four missionaries, three ordained native ministers, and two visiting ministers from the Southern Province, had all taken part in the service and wore the surplice of the Church. There had been the challenging ordination sermon by the Rev. James C. Hughes, the spiritual significance of Dr. Stortz's charge to Goliath, and the laying on of hands by the nine ministers during the ordination. Many also had been moved by Br. Castillano's humble speech of acceptance, in which he had asked for the prayers and support of his people.

In this service there had been another note of great significance for Br. Hughes and myself. This was only the fourth day of our month-long visit to our Nicaraguan mission field, and we considered it a wonderful privilege to have a part in the service. The thought that came to us again and again that day was that here was the tenth man to enter our ordained native active ministry in Nicaragua.

Little had we realized before our arrival in Nicaragua the great part the native ministers are taking in the work of the Church. Actually, our eyes had been opened to this new discovery on our first day in Nicaragua, when we attended a District Young People's Conference at Twappi. At the service that night we sat in amazement as seven of the lay pastors gave an indication of their remarkable leadership abilities and their zeal for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

One receives many impressions as he visits our mission field in Nicaragua for the first time. He is inspired by the great work our Church has done during the hundred years we have been among the people of the east coast. He notices with interest, the fine work the schools have done in educating the people, the great love the people have for their Lord, and the respect our Church has gained throughout the east coast. But more than anything else, one is impressed by the great interest the people take in the Church and the fine work of the missionaries in training them to take positions of leadership. This has resulted in the taking of most of the pastoral and congregation work by the natives themselves.

The Moravian Church has eighty or more churches and chapels serving most of the villages and towns of eastern Nicaragua. These congregations are grouped under fifteen main stations which are supervised by six missionary pastors and ten native ordained pastors. Working under the ordained ministers are fifty lay pastors, who are in charge of the smaller churches and chapels. They conduct Sunday services and mid-week services. Many of them teach school, and they carry out all of the duties of the ministry with the exception of administering the sacraments.

What is the background behind this fine native participation in our work in Nicaragua? First of all, it is a tribute to the untiring efforts of our missionaries in instilling within the hearts of the people a love for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the response on the part of the people by realizing that the Gospel is something they must share with other people. Thus many of the young men have heard the call to the ministry and have volunteered for Christian service.

There is another factor, however, which has led to the strong native ministry of our Church today. About twenty years ago Br. Howard Stortz began to take young men into his home and train them for teaching and the ministry. Gradually this work grew, and when Br. Stortz moved to Bilwaskarma, the Mission Board set up the Instituto Moravo, which was to become the Moravian Training School for native ministers. Here young men come and live nine months out of the year, taking courses in Bible, theology, school-teaching, and finances. If a young man is married, then a home is provided for him and his family. A dormitory and dining hall are provided for the single men.

The Instituto Moravo is to be commended for its fine work in the training of our ministers. An indication of its progress is the fact that this year there are twenty students enrolled for the three-year course in theological training. Four of these young men have come from our Church in Honduras and will return to Honduras when they have completed their training. Also, for the first time there are four creole young men who have received their high school education at Colegio Moravo in Bluefields. Two of them received additional college education in Florida.

All of this adds up to one thing—our Instituto Moravo has become a very important part of our work in Nicaragua. Actually, it is the very heart of our work, and the future of our Church depends upon the training given to these young men.

The Instituto Moravo is not without its problems, however. One of the great difficulties is... (Continued to Page 3)


Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference

The Provincial Elders’ Conference announces Br. John Johansen’s acceptance of a call to the pastorate of Hope Moravian Church and to a position of part-time teaching in the Department of Religion at Salem College.

JOHN H. JOHANSEN: He will divide his effort between pastorate at Hope and teaching at Salem.

Br. G. E. Brewer has agreed to serve as interim pastor at Bethesda for the next year.

The above changes in pastorate were occasioned when the Provincial Elders’ Conference granted the request of Br. Archie Jones for release from his duties in the Moravian ministry for a pastorate in a sister denomination.

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Br. William McElwee will interrupt his studies at our Seminary during the coming year in order that he may serve a twelve months pastorate on the Island of St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. Br. and Sr. Siewers, with the permission of the Board of Mission, will divide their effort between pastorate at Hope and teaching at Salem.

FRED P. HEGE, ordained to ministry at Calvary Church on Sunday, June 17, ed a Deacon of the Moravian Church by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl at the 11:00 service in his home church, Calvary, on Sunday, June 17. Br. Hege will serve as Provincial supply pastor for the present.

The Provincial Elders’ Conference announces the acceptance of a call to Konnoak Hills Moravian Church by the Rev. James G. Weingarth. Br. Weingarth is at present pastor of the Lake Mills Moravian Church in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. He will begin his pastorate at Konnoak Hills on the 5th of August.

The activities of the President of the Conference during the past month include the following:

Board and Committee Meetings attended:
Hope Church Board; Konnoak Church Board; Bethesda Church Board; Willow Hill Church Board; Mt. Bethel Church Board; Trustees of Moravian Music Foundation; Provincial Woman's Committee, Joint Conference of Northern and Southern Provincial Elders' Conferences on May 16, 17, 18 in Salem; Pre-Synod Committee on the State of the Church; two sessions of Southern Provincial Elders' Conference.

Churches Visited:
Ardmore; Olivet open house at parsonage; Kinston, Provincial Young Adult Rally.

Sermons and Addresses at:
Friedberg May Feast; Macedonia's 100th Anniversary Lovefeast; Provincial Woman's Workshop; Christ Church Holy Communion; Calvary Foreign Mission Rally; Salem College Alumni and Commencement; Salem Academy Commencement; Fairview Anniversary; Home Church Holy Communion.

R. Gordon Spaugh, President.

DEATHS

Crater—Mrs. Emma Jane, widow of Edward T. Crater, daughter of Ransom and Mary Sink, m. n. Nifong; born August 12, 1875, in Forsyth County died May 22, 1956, in Winston-Salem; member of Trinity Church. Funeral service conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Right.

Simpson, Jasper LeRoy, born January 2, 1895, Stotesdale, N. C., died May 1, 1956, Tampa, Florida. Funeral services conducted by Dr. Herbert Spaugh at The Little Church on the Lane on May 4, 1956. Interment in Sharon Memorial Park.

Lubes, Ary Houston, born August 15, 1893 in Winston-Salem died May 24, 1956. Funeral services conducted by Bishop J. K. Pfohl and Dr. E. A. Sawyer. Interment in Salem Graveyard. Member of Immanuel Church.


Deal, Lawrence Clyde, born September 8, 1881; died April 24, 1956. A member of Fairview Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler. Interment in the Moravian Graveyard.


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Native Ministry
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the difference of educational backgrounds. The great majority of the students are able to receive only a sixth-grade education before they come to the Instituto, but a few are able to receive the full high school course at Colegio Moravo in Bluefields. Since classes at Colegio are conducted in Spanish and room and board must be provided for out-town students, most of the Miskito young men are not able to take advantage of additional education at the Colegio Moravo.

There is also the problem of differences in languages. Some of the young men speak Miskito but not English, and others speak English but not Miskito. Only a few know Spanish well enough to attend classes conducted in it. Thus, for the present, it is necessary to carry on two different curriculums, which means, of course, a sacrifice in the scope of training that can be given the students.

There is another problem which should be mentioned in connection with the Instituto Moravo. It concerns the great poverty of the people. The Instituto has the added responsibility of providing the students with food and very often clothing. Unfortunately, funds are available only for the bare essentials. It is amazing how many pairs of shoes have to be given out during a year! We of the Moravian Church in America can help by providing more funds for food and clothing for these ministerial candidates in Bilwaskarma.

The year 1956 will be remembered as a year of progress for the Instituto Moravo. It has now opened its doors to creole students in addition to its Miskito students and has its largest enrollment in history. But more than that, the Moravian Mission Board has called the Rev. Joseph Gray to be the first full-time superintendent of the school. For years Dr. Stortz has been the teacher at the school in addition to his many other duties. It meant that he could give only part of his time to a work which requires the full-time of one or more missionaries. Now that Br. Gray has moved to Bilwaskarma to take charge of the school it will mean that a more intensified program can be given to the ministerial students, and Dr. Stortz will have more time for his responsibilities as superintendent of the whole field.

However, we in the States must not be willing to be content with this one step forward! Br. Gray’s move to the Instituto Moravo means that there is now one less man in the active parvular work of the field. That is a vacancy which must be filled! Neither should we be willing to have only one teacher at the Instituto if there really should be two or three men there. We must see that men are available to train these future leaders of our Church in Nicaragua. The development of Instituto Moravo more than likely will mean added financial responsibilities upon us. We must be willing to meet these and thus provide a first-rate theological school for the Nicaraguan Church!

Br. Hughes and I were pleased to find such an active Church in Nicaragua. It pays tribute to the fine work of our missionaries and to the support of those of us at home. We were also overwhelmed by the friendliness of the people and their ability and zeal in carrying on the work of the Church. To us, it seemed apparent that the secret behind all of this has been the power of prayer. The Church is a praying Church and is always looking forward to new work for the Master. We can help them go forward if we too rely on the great power Christ makes available to those who undergird their efforts with prayer.

Provincial Woman’s Board
Mrs. Cromer R. Grabbs

One of the projects supported by the Women of the Southern Province is “Aid to Provincial Churches.” Mrs. Harvey E. Price, Mayodan Church, is chairman of this project, and she has sent in the following article which gives us news about her project for the coming year:

“From our budget of $100.00, this year we would like to contribute $125.00 each to Koonsk Hills’ parsonage, Friedland’s new parsonage, proposed storage house for Provincial Parsonage, and the Moravian Churches in California.

“We rejoice with Koonsk Hills that their permanent parsonage has been started. Temporary homes have necessitated the minister’s family having to move several times in a few years. Plans are for an eight-room house with two baths. One bedroom is to be furnished for visiting ministers. Part of the full-size basement is to be used as a social room for various church groups.

“The plan of the present parsonage at Friedland presents difficulties, especially for ministers with small children, as all bedrooms are located on the second floor. The building committee has been advised that it is more practical to build than to remodel the present parsonage, and the church owns a suitable site.

“Our provincial parsonage, the home of the president of the Provincial Elders Conference, is not equipped with a garage or any storage of outdoor equipment. At present the lawn mower and bicycles are kept on the back porch, and a storage house would be very useful.

“The Moravian Church at Downey, the first of our denomination on the West Coast, has grown very rapidly since its founding in 1914.
NEW ARRIVAL.
The Alaska Children's Home family reports a new arrival. Congratulations are in order for Br. and Sr. John Braun on the arrival of Kathryn Edna on May 1.

PROGRESS AT DILLINGHAM.

Superintendent Charles Michael visited the new station which is in charge of Mildred Siebke. He served Holy Communion to eighteen members and officiated at three confirmations.

YEARS OF MISSION EMPHASIS
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NEW MEMBERS TO JUNE 12
Advent ......... 88
Ardmore ......... 76
Bethbara ......... 3
Bethania ......... 10
Calvary ......... 18
Christ Church ......... 1
Clemmons ......... 2
Fries Memorial ......... 1
Fulp ......... 2
Immanuel ......... 2
King ......... 2
Messiah ......... 39
Mount Airy ......... 11
Mizpah ......... 1
New Philadelphia ......... 3
Oak Grove ......... 113
Olivet ......... 10
Pine Chapel ......... 1
Providencia ......... 11
Union Cross ......... 2
Raleigh ......... 5
Miscellaneous ......... 3

NEW LIFE MEMBERS
Ardmore ......... 5
Calvary ......... 1

Puerto Cabezas at Easter.

Br. Joseph Gray reports: "We had a wonderful Passion Week and Easter season. Interest and attendance was up considerably over last year, especially among the men and boys. A lot of this is due to the rather intensive visiting program that my theological students have been carrying out in the Beach and Baracanes areas. Good Friday night brought out so many people that we had to have two services, 670 for the first, 250 waiting outside till 9:00 for the second."

Baseball Everywhere.
The Colegio Moravo in Bluefields has begun another term and according to the teachers, "the children at present are a little too enthusiastic and peppery for comfort. We hope it will wear off before long. Baseball is holding their attention at present. Bluefields has had a series of successes and they are letting it show in everything they do. We happen to have the star pitcher in our Senior Class."

Alaskan Flood Report.
The newspapers in the United States carried news items about a flood on the Kuskokwim River. Constance Sautebin at the Children's Home relieved our minds when she wrote: "We here are most thankful that the flood did no serious damage. Mr. Henkelman, the other men here, and three men from Kwethluk spent most of the night of May 16 building up dikes of sod around the Girls' dorm and the Henkelman house to keep the water from getting into the basements as it came right up to the corner of the building. They did a lot of work to keep a current from washing under the greenhouse and across the campus. By their measurement the water at the back was fifteen to eighteen inches higher than the level of the Kuskokwim River (in the front). By Thursday the water began to equalize in the two rivers and then to gradually go down."

—Board of Foreign Missions.

Baptisms


Dellinger, William Harold, son of Elmer Harold and Barbara m. n. Sutton Dellinger. Born January 17, 1952, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane on April 15, 1956, by Dr. Herbert Spaug

Dellinger, Michael Wayne, son of Elmer Harold and Barbara m. n. Sutton Dellinger. Born January 31, 1956, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane on April 15, 1956, by Dr. Herbert Spaug

Rierson, Richard Troy, son of Robert Lea and Barbara m. n. McLeod Rierson. Born November 6, 1955, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane on April 29, 1956, by Dr. Herbert Spaug

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

FAIRVIEW
Our 61st anniversary was observed on June 3. Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh brought a very appropriate and homecoming day message. At noon many members and friends of Fairview enjoyed a picnic basket luncheon on the church lawn.

Fairview was happy to be the host church for the Salem Anniversary Lovefeast on May 27. The Rev. John Fulton brought the message and Bishop J. K. Pfohl presided at the service.

We were happy to receive a number of new members by Adult Baptism since the last report. They were Donald Folk, L. R. Blalock, Sr., L. R. Blalock, Jr., Jimmy Blalock, Adam Blalock, Robert Blalock, and James Westmoreland. Mrs. James Westmoreland was received by letter of transfer from another denomination. This brings our total number of new church members for the year to 41.

Two of our fine Explorer Scouts received the coveted God and Country award. Bill and Frank Cooper, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cooper, were presented the award after 14 weeks of work and church activities supervised by the pastor.

The United Commercial Travelers held their annual memorial service at Fairview in April. Each year the service is held at the church of which the Senior Counsellor is a member. T. Glenn Joyce, an Elder at Fairview, was the Senior Counsellor during the past year.

Some of the visiting speakers at the Family Fellowship during the past few months were the Rev. William Marshall, Dr. Edwin Sawyer, Dr. George Higgins, the Rev. Ray R. Fisher and the Rev. J. C. Hughes.

VERNON DAETWYLER.

RALEIGH.
The construction of our Christian Education building got under way the latter part of April. Good weather favored the contractor and his crew, so that they succeeded in digging the basement, pouring the concrete floor and walls, digging the footings, pouring the concrete for them, and laying several feet of masonry (concrete block faced with brick) before a delay occurred. At this point, operations are expected to resume shortly, upon receipt of the full approval of all concerned of a revised layout for the fellowship hall. This revision will add 11 feet to the length of the hall and thereby enable us to install the two-manual tracker-action pipe organ which was presented to us last summer by Mr. and Mrs. Alan O'Neal.

On Easter Sunday a joint sunrise service was held in the Ridge Road community by the congregations of Northmore Church, the Highland Methodist Church, the Ridge Road Baptist Church, and the Ridgewood Wesleyan Methodist Church. Pastors and choirs of the four churches participated in the outdoor service of worship, which was based on the Moravian Easter Morning Litany. Our eleven o'clock service that day was held in the new Danforth Chapel of State College, at the YMCA, a beautiful and restful place of worship. We were also privileged to meet there on April 15, when the Rev. Kenneth Nowack, missionary to Nicaragua, brought us an earnest and challenging message. Br. and Sr. Edwin L. Stockton provided the transportation, and the whole Nowack family visited us that day as did nineteen young people from the Advent congregation under the supervision of their counselors, Br. and Sr. Richard Rierson.

April 22 we were pleased to have Dr. and Mrs. R. Gordon Spaugh as our guests. Br. Spaugh preached an inspiring sermon on his experiences in Europe while visiting our brethren there several years ago. He also outlined and explained the Quincentennial celebration we shall all share in during 1957.

The Rev. Herbert B. Johnson filled the pastor's pulpit on May 20. He was accompanied to Raleigh by his son, Dr. Thor Johnson. Many friends of former days—from Fries Memorial and elsewhere—were on hand to welcome them.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

MOUNT AIRY.
Two doctors from Turkey spoke in our Sunday school session April 15. One had never been inside a Christian church before. He said less than five percent of Turkey's twenty million people are Christian and barely twenty percent can read or write.

Edith McHone, Ruth Burton and Rachel Jones continue to be faithful in folding, addressing and mailing the congregational News Letters. James Jarvis and John Walker led prayer meeting May 2.

Our congregation was pleased to have the Rev. Glenn Craver and the Rev. K. Edwin Russell preach to us in two evening services. The Rev. J. C. Hughes delivered a moving missionary address at the regional mission love feast held Mother's Day afternoon. Br. Glenn Craver, William Kalfreider and Paul Snider added dignity to the occasion.

The pastor spoke six times about missions throughout our Province. Missionary Elizabeth Marx showed excellent slides of both Nicaragua and Honduras at a prayer meeting. Dr. and Mrs. Thaeler showed slides also to 48 men at our monthly Brotherhood supper meeting.

Sixty-six members of our congregation signed petitions to outlaw sale of beer and wine in Surry County. The Mount Airy Ministerial Association hopes to make Surry the 31st dry county in North Carolina.


The Women of the Province gave us $125.00 to be used in furnishing our new building. spacious library shelves and church office cabinets are being built with the money. Br. Guy Rector is the carpenter and Br. Lee Boyd will finish them.

Rachel Jones, Barbara Jean Forrest, Polly Cox and Linda Cox at various times in past two months did some typing for the church.

Br. Bob Poff was the leader of our newly organized Junior Choir.

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LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

Our new Youth Building, one story, 33x66 has been completed and occupied. It is located just west of the church sanctuary. This is our fifth building on Moravian Lane, the others being the parish house, the hut, the sanctuary and the parsonage. It was used first June 4 for Daily Vacation Bible School, which was conducted under the supervision of Mrs. William Tranzou, our youth director.

Congratulations are extended to these graduates: Carolyn Spaugh, Salem College; Betsy Guerriant, Myers Park High; Stanley Thompson, Central High.

Miss Elizabeth Marx, principal of Moravian College, Bluefields, Nicaragua was a welcome guest on Sunday, May 13, speaking at the Sunday school hour, the morning service, and buffet supper of the Women of the Church.

Loyalty Sunday was held on May 20. The morning message was brought by the Rev. Kenneth Ball, assistant to the pastor, and Carolina’s manager of the Wells Organization.

We welcome into the membership of the congregation: Mrs. Walter Griffith, Mrs. Robert Rierson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shoaf and son Kenneth.

On May 19 the pastor united in marriage James Rudolph Thompson Jr. of Charlotte and Miss Janet Sumner of Mt. Airy and Charlotte. The ceremony took place in the main sanctuary.

HERBERT SPAUGH

ENTERPRISE.

The congregation is proud of the work of the redecoration and carpet committee. As a result of their efforts, we now have beautifully painted walls and lovely red carpet. The committee was composed of Robert Reich, Mrs. Verge Nifong, and Mrs. Olin Hartman.

Recently Bishop Pfohl was the guest speaker at our Anniversary Lovefeast. The theme of his message was love.

The pastor conducted a Youth Revival the last week in April. Many of the young people took part in the services.

We are happy to announce that Br. Clarence Hodge and his mother and sister are now in their new home. Recently their former one was de-
stayed by fire.

Congratulations to Jerry Tesh on his graduation from high school.

W. N. GREEN.

TRINITY.

Since our last report Trinity has been active twice beyond the gates.

On a pleasant Sunday afternoon a delegation of Trinity members journeyed to Boone and held a lovefeast in the Presbyterian Church. Miss Peggy Carter, a member of Trinity attending Appalachian State College, goes to the Presbyterian Church and is active in the young people's fellowship of the Boone congregation. She found that fellow students wanted to know more about the Moravian Church and they inquired particularly about the lovefeasts. The pastor, too, became interested and wrote to the pastor of Trinity, asking if such a service of fellowship could be arranged for his church. There was increased interest in the venture since Prof. and Mrs. Julian Yoder are members of this church. Mrs. Yoder was brought up in Trinity as Helen Barber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Barber, who also live now in Boone.

So the caravan started for the mountains, including the band, the coffee-makers, and others.

The service was blessed with hearty participation in Christian fellowship and the "thank you" notes since received indicate that the church in Boone appreciated this Moravian contribution.

Another activity that has gone beyond the gates has been the purchase of a freezer-locker by members of Trinity Church, not for our own use, but to be shipped to Alaska to serve in the parsonage of the Rev. and Mrs. Sam Vaughn. It may seem funny to send such a gift to Alaska, like coals to Newcastle, etc., but when the member of Trinity, Miss Saxon Bray, returned from a visit to the Alaska mission field last year, she told of the need of such provision to help in preserving the food supply where it must be stored safely for a long time.

Naturally our Trinity people were interested and were happy to have an opportunity to let our former member of Trinity, the Rev. Sam Vaughn, know that he is not forgotten here. Robert L. Sparrow made arrangements for the purchase and a commodious freezer-locker was bought, built up right so as to take little room in the mission kitchen. McLean Trucking Company made shipment free as far as Chicago. The gift has already reached Seattle, where it will go forward, either by steamship or airplane, and it is hoped that it will arrive at its destination in time to accommodate some of the 1100 pounds of reindeer meat that has been given to the inhabitants of Bethel, Alaska.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS.

MAYODAN.

The spirit of God has been moving in our church. We were glad to receive into our fellowship Mrs. Ted Williams, Ruben Franklin Gray, W. W. Watkins, and Raymond Joyce by Adult Baptism the first Sunday in May. The church attendance has been very encouraging.

We have had several special services. Miss Gordon, on furlough from India, spoke Sunday evening, April 8, slides on East West Indies and our Easter observance were shown May 6 following a family night pot-luck supper in the basement of the church in the observance of Family Week; our young people's society presented a play "Send Out Thy Light" the evening of May 13; and the regional missionary lovefeast at which time Leaksville Moravian Church joined and Miss Lillian Butner and Mrs. Kenneth Greenfield spoke was held May 20. All these services were well attended and very successful.

A nice macadam walk has been laid through our graveyard by one of the members of our church who wishes to remain anonymous. We greatly appreciate this act of generosity.

Our married couples fellowship sponsored a brunswick stew to raise money for the parsonage indebtedness. A number of the members also attended the Provincials rally at Kernersville. The fund raising contest in our young people's society closed very successfully with our meeting all our obligations.

Our church participated with the other churches in a town-wide religious census April 22.

Our men's chorus has presented a series of broadcasts over the Reidsville radio station and also sang at Pine Chapel Moravian Church.

JOHN H. KAPP.

MORAVIA.

A record attendance for the annual Church Council meeting, Sunday, June 3! The pastor brought a brief message on "The Standards for Christian Leaders." Those elected to serve during the coming Church Year include Charles Isley and Hubert Valentine, Board members; Gorrell Terrell, treasurer; John Lee, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Thomas Sizemore, pianist; Margaret Barham, assistant pianist; Bill Elliott, head usher. John Lee and Ted West were elected to represent Moravia at the Triennial Synod. We take this opportunity to thank all those who have served us so well during this past year. Our retiring Board members are Howard Kirkman and John Lee.

Br. Wm. A. Kalbreider conducted a fruitful series of evangelistic services April 15-22. There were numerous rededications and four who made first decisions and united with the church on Sunday, April 29. William Marion Crews, Virginia Carolyn Crews, Donald Carlyle Smith, Jr., and Edith Kathryn Smith were received by the rite of Adult Baptism. Br. Kalbreider gave us a return visit on Sunday evening, April 29, at which time he showed and 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.

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explained the film he had made while on a tour of the Holy Land.

As a result of their chicken-pie supper on Saturday, April 14, the Women of the Church were able to contribute an additional $150.00 toward paying our parsonage debt. Our goal for paying this debt in full has been set for Anniversary Sunday, October 7. We appreciate sincerely the all-out effort of our people to realize this goal. Our Young Adults recently made another pledge, $100.00, and already more than half of the pledge has been paid.

The Women of the Church elected Mrs. Joseph Barham to serve them during the new Church Year. Other officers are vice-president, Mrs. John Kellam; secretary, Mrs. Gerrell Terrell; assistant secretary, Mrs. Howard Ledbetter; treasurer, Mrs. R. T. Troutman; chaplain, Mrs. Lula Ellington; assistant chaplain, Mrs. Ira Harrell; missions' superintendent, Mrs. Wm. Elliott. Attempts are being made presently to increase the number of those who participate in the Women of the Church activities. Mrs. M. E. Miller, president of the Provincial Women of the Church, gave many helpful suggestions in an address she made to our women on Tuesday, May 29.

We congratulate Martha Lou Elliott and Ben Barham who graduated from the Summerfield High School on Monday, May 28. Ben has plans to join the Navy in the near future.

Bonnie Louise Robertson and Charles Lee King were united in marriage by the pastor on Saturday, June 9, at the Stokesdale Methodist Church. Charles and Bonnie will live in their new home in our Moravia community.

R. T. TROUTMAN.

KING.

Our children’s attendance effort in the worship services at King and Mizpah proved a marked success during April and May. Attendance of children at the two churches averaged between 40 and 50 for the nine week period. Adults seemed to appreciate the illustrated children’s messages as much as did the children.

On Christian Sunday, May 6, Moravian members of the 4-H Club at King school planned and carried out appropriate programs in both Sunday school and worship service, emphasizing the need for the whole family to cooperate in the church’s work and in establishing Christian homes.

May 27 was observed as annual mission day, with mission sermon by the pastor in the morning service and a special service at 7:30, featuring pictures of the Colegio Moravo, Bluefields, Nicaragua, by Miss Elizabeth Marx, principal. The pictures were beautiful and the message gave a most comprehensive understanding of the work of the school. Our people were much impressed. The summary of mission giving for the year showed contributions equal to 1951, but no per capita increase.

A memorial day program in the school auditorium on May 30 by all branches of the Boy Scouts in King showed a marked increase in Scout activity in the community. We were proud of the showing made by our Cub Scouts, organized just four months ago.

In the May meeting of the Church Board, a budget of $5,773.00 was adopted for 1956-57, quite an undertaking by a congregation of 75 members. This does not include payments to be made on the Building Fund debt which are now covered by an endowment fund. Loyalty Day was observed on June 3 and pledges were dedicated with the regular weekly offerings in the morning service.

New officers for the Women of the Church are Mrs. Paul Kiss, president; Mrs. Paul Low, secretary; Miss Maxine Meadows, treasurer.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER.

KERNERSVILLE.

A special Church Council, recently called by the Joint Boards, decided that we should begin planning for more sanctuary space. By way of procedure the problem was referred back to the boards for further study and planning.

Our congratulations go to two couples united in marriage this June: Gayle Dyanne Carpenter to Donald William Horton and Frances Jeanette Fontaine to Reuben Eugene Slave.

A welcome to new members was extended to the following in May: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marlow, Brenda Marlow, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCorkindale and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Singleton.

The Christian Education Committee has done the planning for our Daily Vacation Bible School to be held June 10-17. This is an experiment to begin the school during the Sunday school hour and the Closing Exercises will be held the second Sunday night. Superintendents of the departments are: beginners, Mrs. Cornelia Adams; primary, Miss Eugenia Stafford; junior, Mrs. E. L. Greenfield.

Our Junior Choir, under the direction of Miss Flavella Stockton, concluded their fall and winter program on Mother’s Day with special hymns and an anthem. They will take up their work again in the fall.

The congregation was most interested in the report of progress of the Ruth C. S. Thaeler. Hospital given by Dr. A. David Thaeler on May 20. We were especially happy that Mrs. Thaeler could be with him.

CLAYTON H. PERSONS.

RURAL HALL.

Carol Gough was received into the membership of the church by Adult Baptism on Easter. At the church council meeting of the congregation on May 4, Clyde Freeman and T. M. Smith were elected to the church board. Wallace Warren was elected to represent the church at the forthcoming provincial synod, with Mrs. W. E. Stauber as alternate delegate.

Dr. John S. Gosser spoke at the May feast on the afternoon of May 6. The lovefeast was preceded by a band prelude presented by the Advent Church band. This lovefeast marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Rural Hall congregation.

Communion was observed on WhitSunday May 20.

Several new puppies have decided to make their home under the church, at least for the present.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

MOUNT BETHEL.

On Saturday morning, May 5, a caravan of four cars left Mount Bethel church well laden with young people and food, headed for the
Moravian camp ground. Travelling by the way of the Blue Ridge Parkway, we enjoyed the scenery of the mountains along the way. The appetites were growing with each passing mile, then when we arrived a ball game and a hike were more important than eating.

The Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Carl Westmoreland is rendering its services to our Sunday school and worship hours.

On May 13 some of our Mount Bethel members went to the Regional Mission Rally held at Grace Moravian Church to hear the inspiring challenge by the Rev. J. C. Hughes, recently returned from a visit to our Central American missions.

GLENN E. CRAVER.

UNION CROSS.

An Usher’s Organization has been formed recently with the purpose of drawing our ushers closer together and clarifying the job of ushering. One meeting has been held with an attendance of 13. Rules were accepted and ushering was discussed. Chief usher is Br. Paul F. Motsinger, and assistant is Br. Earle Leonard.

It has been our good fortune to add the following items of equipment to the church; an A. B. Dick Mimeograph Duplicator, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Kinnamon; an Underwood typewriter and typewriter stand; and Bible markers for the pulpit in three colors, white, green, and maroon. The Bible markers were given by Mrs. W. C. Tucker and son, Roger. These items were dedicated by prayer to the service of the Lord on April 15, at the morning worship service. Also at this service Moravian bulletins were introduced and used for the first time. These are being sponsored from Sunday to Sunday by various families in the congregation.

The Ladies’ Auxiliary has placed a beautiful cherry dining room table with six chairs in the parsonage. This is a big addition to the parsonage furniture.

We were pleased and inspired to have the Union Cross Glee Club with us during the morning worship on April 29. The members of the club very ably sang three numbers and discharged the regular functions of the choir for the service. Many of their parents also were present which gave a big boost to our attendance.

Six new members were received on May 20. They were Kay Ellen Flinchum, Penny Ann Flinchum, Phyllis Adelaide Johnson, Robert Blain Tucker, Jr., and Charles Richard Leonard, received by Adult Baptism, and Noel James Kinnamon, received by the Rite of Confirmation.

LEWIS B. SWAIN.

IMMANUEL.

Variety is the word which characterizes activities at Immanuel. The spring evangelistic effort with Dr. Edwin A. Sawyer proved a blessing to many of the faithful in our congregation. We have been privileged to welcome into our church family Claude D. Holcomb, Ruth Elizabeth Brewer, Milton Turner Garwood, Jr., Jerry Wayne Hartle, Elsie Alberta Snyder, Donald Foster Miller, Catherine Marie Cass, Beverly Rose Snyder, and John Samuel Everhart.

Salem College Day was observed with a program of music by the Choral Ensemble and a brief address by Dr. Dale H. Gramley, and their presentations were much enjoyed by a large vesper congregation.

The Mother-Daughter banquet, planned to bring together many in our community who are associated through our Scouting program, was a success and promises to become an annual affair.

We rejoice to have had the privilege of having Dr. Edmund Schwarze resume his activity as guest-minister with a service here on June 3.

Numerous people in our congregation have been in attendances on the Young Adult Rally at Kernersville, the Young People’s Union Rally at Home Church and another at Olivet, the Missional Rally at Calvary, the Salem Congregation Anniversary at Fairview.

The Men of the Church heard Mr. Albert Berrier tell of his experiences in an Island-wide evangelistic mission in Cuba with a group of ministers and laity of the Methodist Church. Officers elected were, president George L. Cass, vice-president Clyde F. Gordon, secretary Henry E. Cass, and treasurer Paul F. Sturdvant.

Women of the Church will be directed by President Mrs. Julian Long, vice-president Mrs. Thomas Sink, secretary Mrs. Arthur Langtree, assistant secretary Miss Norma Libes, and treasurer Mrs. T. M. Foster.

The annual Congregation Council elected Milton T. Garwood, Carl E. Smith, and Frederick A. Masten to the Board of Elders; and Eugene F. Groce, Henry L. Masten, and Joseph S. Jones to the Board of Trustees.

SAMUEL TESCH.

BAPTISMS


Signs of Progress Seen in

The West Himalayan Mission

Pierre Vittoz

The unexpected departure of the Norman Drivers (for reasons of health) left this field entirely vacant until we arrived in 1930. As you probably know, we are natives of Switzerland and were associated with the Moravian Church there.

We can now truly realize that God's hand was at work in accomplishing Eliyah Puntosk to apply for mission service and in guiding the Mission Board who accepted him as a missionary in November, 1951. Brother Puntosk is taking his full share of the burdens in the Ladaki Church.

Another hopeful sign is that another native ordained worker, Yonatan Deskity, has been working for years as an assistant in Leh, and in time we feel he will become a strong leader in that congregation.

Enthusiasm for evangelism

We are trying to arouse new enthusiasm and new energy in the work of evangelism, and to this end have created a Mission Policy Committee. Evangelists, teachers, pastors and elders had a four-day conference with the aim of rekindling their missionary zeal and of coordinating their efforts. Various missionary methods were analyzed and discussed. We discussed leaflets and tracts as well. Instead of rekindling their missionary zeal and of co-operating toward self-support. The Elders' Council was sessioned at the other extremity of the Himalayas are the only literature in Tibetan opposing atheism. The congregation of Leh is finally moving forward. The Elders' Council was somewhat weakened by failing to re-elect some of their members, but the Council still does a good work and is the backbone of the congregation. Financially the congregation is self-supporting and pays its ministry assistant's salary as well as other expenses.

One exceptional feature of our program was the carrying out of an emphasis of re-dedication to the vows made at baptism and confirmation. An inspiring service was held in the Leh church where everyone stood up personally and re-offered his life to the Master. The climax of the service was the confirmation of eight young people. We find that our young people confirmed in last two years are among the most regular of churchgoers and their attitude makes us hope that they will build anew the needed young strength of the Ladaki Church.

Our primary school is now attended by over twenty children. Brother Stendzin, the schoolmaster, is a fine Christian who gives religion talks daily as well as teaching all the subjects required by the state program.

The Sunday school, too, is progressing well after a lapse of several years. Fifteen to thirty children, mainly Muslims, are taught Bible stories and hymns by Mrs. Vittoz and brethren.

Dewarung and Deskity.

All this is most encouraging when one remembers that the Ladaki church celebrated its centennial just this past summer. Work was started in Ladakh almost by accident. Two men, August Heyde and Edward Pagell, journeyed up the southern side of the Himalayas in search of a mysterious tribe of Central Asia, the Sogpos. They happened upon the location of Leh by accident and noted that it would make a fine mission site. However, their plans did not fit in with establishing a mission there and they traveled on across the high plateau.

In the end, though, they were unable to find the tribe they sought and so returned to Leh and founded a mission there.

What a contrast one hundred years later. The sound of mow or stone on plane on wood gives a busy note to the atmosphere. Masons and carpenters are engaged in enlarging the present Leh church. Built some thirty years after Heyde and Pagell's visit, it housed the tiny community of the beginning, with the addition of about ten Europeans. It must have been too vast and cold at that time with its five windows and its two pillars. Then, shyly, some new converts joined the former ones, others emigrated from other missions, families expanded, and finally the church was packed to overflowing on festival days.

The Elders studied the problem well—almost too well. It took them three years to come to the decision to enlarge, but start they did.

It wasn't anything spectacular; no big fund, no architectural services were needed. One wall which separated the assembly hall and the disused schoolroom had to be taken down, two or three doors and windows had to be moved and a belfry built. The main problem was to keep the roof from collapsing when we took the wall down. But it was managed without difficulty and in a short time we had a building that will seat 200 persons. The belfry is especially attractive with its wooden cross and brightly shining new gong (in place of a bell).

FAMILYSIDE

O. E. Stimpson

You can hardly find a parent, no matter what his limitations, who does not have definite ideas on how a child should behave. In fact all adults are prone to rate themselves experts in what is appropriate conduct for any child. At the same time, without the slightest hesitation, they criticize children for doing what they learned from adults. Indeed we parents are so busy "telling" children that we are apt to be surprised to learn that they have definite ideas about proper conduct for adults.

Just how should parents behave in the presence of their children? It may be a far more serious offense for parents to misbehave in the children's presence than for a child to be "naughty" when special guests are in the home.

A British teacher made a study, with the aid of educators and psychologists of the free world, involving 100,000 children from 8 to 13 years. This study revealed what children think about adult behavior. The older the child the more reluctant he was to criticize adults. The children generally had to be assured that their parents would not know their individual comments before they would cooperate. This fact is no compliment to the faintheartedness of adults.

Many comments were made in fun and some were naughty, but the amazing fact was established that children of all nations, all social and economic levels have fears and hungers remarkably similar. From the observations which these boys and girls wrote down the ten rules for parents which are clearly defined follow:

1. Do not quarrel in front of your children.
2. Treat all your children with equal affection.
3. Never lie to a child.
4. Exercise patience with each other.
5. Take time to be friends with your children.
6. Make your children’s friends welcome in your home.
7. Always answer a child’s question.
8. Do not punish a child in the presence of his associates.
10. Be consistent in your affections and attitudes.

The rules are listed in the order of importance to the greatest number of children. Some of them are not easy to practice. A parent may find that he dislikes one of his children. To show equal affection then becomes an extremely difficult task. The highly nerve-wracking life we experience makes constancy in affection and mood something hard to realize.

But notice how easily nearly all these rules can be followed! Quarrelling seems to be a favorite past time for children everywhere, but there is a grave difference when father and mother say harsh, threatening words to each other. The relationship between these two persons represents the security of the child’s world. Words recklessly spoken, forgiven and forgotten by parents, may linger years in the mind of a sensitive child. A child may boast to his young friends that his father knows everything, but he does not lose respect for an honest “I don’t know” answer. A child quickly detects pretended knowledge and he doesn’t forget when his question is ignored.

We rush about trying to manage two jobs so we can provide a college education or a financial “nest egg” for our children when in reality we are denying them what they would much more highly treasure—hours of companionship and appreciation—and this would better equip them to face problems in life than would several thousand dollars. Children who feel secure at home, know they are loved and respected will be ready for any normal run of problems.

Average parents with some honest effort can measure up to the conduct which children expect of them. Isn’t it only fair that we try? We do say so often to our children, “Why don’t you behave?”

FROM THE MISSION FIELDS COMES TESTIMONIAL OF

What The Gospel Means To Me

Rev. Muilms Tellith
Minister of the Raiti District

In my childhood days my aim was to become a cattle owner and live well. At the age of sixteen this picture changed. At that time Rev. Dannie Dows came to Honduras from Nicaragua as a Missionary. On hearing him preach I felt a yearning to become a Christian and to go out and preach too. At this time there was no preacher in our village. My parents were not Christians and other people in the town were not Christians either. So I heard that there was a Missionary in Kaurkira. Here I was instructed by Lewis Mueller and at the close of my instruction period I was baptized by Rev. Stortz. From that time I began to pray that the way would be opened up for me to become a Missionary.

Much to my surprise a friend of mine was called first to be trained for service. Rev. Stortz had a school in Cabo Gracias, Nicaragua and Moses, my friend, went to that school. This made me quite sad but I continued to pray that I also would be able to go someday. When Rev. Stortz came to Kaurkira on his next visit I asked him whether it would be possible for me to attend the school as well. He told me that he was willing to take me but that he would have to speak with the members of the Nicaraguan Mission Board first. He said he would do so on his return. I anxiously awaited word from him. Finally he wrote and said that at present there were not enough funds to take care of another student but that if I would be willing to help out in their home they would be willing to take me into their home and I would be able to attend the school until such a time as funds would be available to take me into the school properly.

I did not wait long to go to Nicaragua. I lived with my friend and attended the school. Shortly after my going to Cabo Gracias Rev. Stortz was called to Bilwaskarma and so the school was moved from the Cape to that place. The following year it was possible for me to be taken care of and become an official member of the school.

At first I had a hard time in school because when I was a child there was no school in my village. I wanted to learn and I worked hard at my lessons. I know the Lord answered my prayers and helped me. Even though the lessons were hard I did not give up and was very happy when I was able to finish my course of training.

Now the time had come for me to go out and preach. I was sent to one of the remotest stations in Nicaragua. This was in Bocay. After a few months work in Bocay I was transferred to Raiti. I began work as a single man but I returned to Bilwaskarma and married one of the grandfathers. She was Laura Wilson, one of the daughters of a Moravian Missionary. We worked in Raiti for nine years. Then we were called to Kruta. Here we served for five years. The call came for us to go back to Raiti again. Before going back to Raiti I was ordained a Presbyter by Rev. Stortz in Bilwaskarma.

These fifteen years as a Missionary I have had much to give thanks to God for. I left home and relatives but He has made every place I have been home to me, and the people my relatives. He has also given me health and strength to serve Him. Always bearing in mind to keep looking ahead to bring many more to the saving knowledge of the Gospel and to teach them of the loving Saviour who died to save them.

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Spread The Good Word

Everyone of us can make the coming Quincentennial a by-word in our communities by giving correct impressions of the Moravian Church and their purpose for which it stands. Here are some ways.

The next time your church stationery is reprinted, you could enter a statement at the bottom or at the letter head “... the Moravian Church, celebrating its 500th anniversary... 1457—1957...”

If a minister broadcasts on radio or television, be sure to announce the statement that the Moravian Church is celebrating its 500th anniversary in 1957.

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BERNARD J. PFOHL: Awarded honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Moravian College. For 51 years he was the director of the Salem Band.

Bernard Jacob Pfohl, who was born in Old Salem and has been a life-long resident of Forsyth County, has been awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters, by Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at the annual commencement exercises held June 10 on the College campus.

The citation for degree, delivered by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, pastor Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, stated:

"It is my happy privilege to present, in absentia, Bernard Jacob Pfohl, who has been selected by the Board of Trustees of Moravian College to receive a well-deserved honor.

"Probably in no other city in the world except the one in which Bernard Pfohl was born and where he has spent a long life, is it possible to assemble a group of amateur musicians numbering 580 persons, and ranging in age from 8 to 80, who give their services without financial remuneration for the work of their church. For 77 years Bernard Pfohl has been a member of the Moravian Easter Band of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and for 11 of those 77 years he was its distinguished conductor.

"But Bernard Pfohl has been more than a conductor. Year in and year out week after week, he has taken a group of young boys and taught them the rudiments of music, and developed in them the ability to perform on brass instruments. He instilled in them not only a love of good music, but a deep devotion to Christ and His Church.

"While music has been his avocation, and a large part of his life, he was also associated with the pioneer electric power company of his community, and was one of its valued employees for 59 years.

"President Haupert, Moravian College honors itself by conferring upon Bernard Jacob Pfohl the degree Literature Humanorum Doctor honors causa."

Moravian College, the 29th chartered institution of higher learning in the United States will celebrate the 150th year of its founding in 1917 in conjunction with the Quincentennial of the Moravian Church.

This writer is often asked about the meaning of the word "ecumenical." How did it come into our modern religious vocabulary? What does it stand for in Christianity today? Our English word "ecumenical" is an adjectival form of the Greek noun oikoumenē, which Webster's Dictionary defines as "the inhabited world." The origin of the word "ecumenical," then, is secular, and even within the last century, German philosophers have used it to indicate the inter-relatedness of the whole inhabited earth—an inter-relatedness comparable to that which characterizes the nervous system of any living organism.

But in The Unfinished Reformation, Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison reminds us that "it is an old and distinguished word, used from near the beginning of Christian history to express the universal character of Christianity and the Christian Church. Thus an ecumenical council was a council constituted of representatives of the world-wide church... The new movement for Christian unity (in the 20th century) needed a word that would express both the concept of universality and of unity in faith and order. The word "catholic" (with a small "c") itself would have been perfectly suited to serve this need. But the presence of a great church that carried "Catholic" in its title caused ambiguity and confusion in its use by the non-Roman churches. Thus the term "ecumenical," for which, naturally, a divided Protestantism had virtually no use... was brought forward with the idea that it would eventually, by actual usage as the title for the movement for Christian unity, take on the whole meaning of "catholic."

At the Edinburgh Conference of 1917 its chairman, the late Archbishop William Temple, of the Church of England, gave the word "ecumenical" a kind of official coinage as the titular term for the movement toward greater Christian unity. But the secular root of the word, encompassing the full extent of the globe, established what may be its primary meaning, even in religious circles. In 1900 the last of a series of seven international interdenominational missionary conferences was held in New York City. There, for the first time in the history of modern missions, the word "ecumenical" was used to describe such a meeting. It was so employed because those attending felt a sense of global urgency in their task of extending the Church, the body of Christ, to the ends of the earth.

Today, therefore, the significance of the word "ecumenical" is two-fold: (1) It symbolizes the unity of the Christian church, that unity which we all should pray the Holy Spirit to send upon us and which we all should work to recover in every possible way.

(2) It represents the sense of mission which rests upon Christians everywhere, the mission which comes from Christ Our Lord, who commanded us, saying, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Samuel J. Tesch Is Awarded Honorary Degree

The Rev. Samuel J. Tesch, pastor of Immanuel, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity at the commencement exercises of the Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pa., the first Sunday in June.
DEVELOPMENT OF CALIFORNIA WORK

Bring Change to Indian Mission

Kenneth G. Hamilton

Since 1889 the Moravian Church has maintained a mission on the Morongo Reservation near the town of Banning in southern California. From its founding until the present it has had the technical status of a foreign mission field. In the beginning the Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen administered it as agent of the international Moravian mission board. When the first World War brought about a division of our mission fields among the separate provinces, the Society for Propagating the Gospel continued to carry on this work in the name of the American Province, North. However, in 1949 the two American Provinces made the Board of Foreign Missions responsible for their joint foreign missionary program, including the work maintained in California.

Though nearly seventy years old, the Morongo Mission has remained very small. In recent years the total Moravian membership on the reservation has numbered less than one hundred souls, about two-thirds of whom are communicants. Various factors have been responsible for this—chiefly the limited number of Indians who live on the reservation. Until a short while ago it seemed that this little Moravian community had small prospects of development. It appeared to remain indefinitely an undertaking maintained by the American Moravian Church at large in pious commemoration of the days when Moravian work among the Indians of North America had had great significance and promise.

New prospects

Then in 1954 the organization of a Moravian congregation in Downey opened up new possibilities, since it gave the Moravian Indians brethren and sisters of the same communion worshipping within some sixty miles of the mission (and that is just around the corner as distances go in California). God has blessed the venture of faith which this new Moravian beginning on the West Coast represents. On June 3, 1956, the second anniversary of the organization of the Downey congregation, the Rev. Mervin C. Weidner baptized three adults. This brought the total communicant membership at Downey to 160. By that date the Sunday school enrollment had reached 350. This two year old congregation is carrying a budget of approximately $16,000, which indicates the total benevolence quotas assigned to it as fair share of support of our Moravian provincial and interprovincial enterprises.

Furthermore, the second anniversary of this young congregation brought to successful completion its recent “Progress Program.” The Moravians of Downey, assisted by friends living in the immediate neighborhood, have pledged $20,000 to make possible the addition of a new wing which is to house their expanding church activities and also to reduce the capital debt incurred in the erection of the beautiful building now used for worship, for many other church purposes, and for extensive community service.

Nor is this the whole story. Plans have been made for another Moravian center at Covina, some twenty miles east of Downey, and therefore twenty miles nearer to the Morongo Reservation. As these lines are being written, the Rev. Fred Gale and his wife are preparing, under Br. Weidner’s direction, to provide a Christian ministry among their neighbors at Covina. For the time being, the large house in which they live will also serve as a place for worship, for Sunday school, and for other Christian activities. It is a large building and has been thoroughly renovated—with the Downey Moravians actively assisting in this. A second building, formerly the garage, can easily be converted into additional classrooms as they are needed. If God grants

CONFERENCE GROUND RECEIVES GIFT OF

House and 53 Acres of Land

PROPERTY DEEDED to Conference Ground: Looking on as Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Pendry sign the deed are (standing left to right) Treasurer Edwin L. Stockton and Attorney Ira T. Johnson.

The acquisition of 53 acres of land adjoining the original Woodie tract of 112 acres has increased the holdings of the Southern Province in the Blue Ridge mountains to a total acreage of 165. The newly acquired land on which is located a seven room house is the gift to the Conference Ground of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Leinbach.

This property is especially valuable in that it is located at the natural entrance to the main conference area, will protect this entrance, and afford a suitable year round home for a resident caretaker. On the property, in addition to the house, there are a number of out-buildings, a well and a beautiful, free flowing spring. The entire 53 acres lie south of the county road leading into the area and will provide a rugged mountain trail for the purposes of hiking and nature study.

The new tract is located in Wilkes County, while the Woodie tract is in Ashe, and was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Pendry, E. L. Stockton, treasurer of the province, handled the details of the transaction. A further benefit in the securing of the Pendry tract is that it will provide a center and housing for work camp groups in the early stages of the development of the Conference Ground. To make it possible for small work groups to stay over night on the property the Conference Ground Trustees have repaired and furnished the Leinbach House.

With the help of Treasurer Stockton 14 single beds and mattresses have been secured through an anonymous gift as well as three dressers, a dining room table, 13 chairs and a refrigerator. Yet needed is an electric stove and it is hoped that before long a bath and shower can be added.

Any church group desiring to go to the Conference ground for a week end or overnight trip is asked to contact the office of the Board of Christian Education for assignment to a work project.
Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference

The Rev. John S. Goserud was installed as pastor of Calvary Church at the eleven o'clock service on July 15 by the President of the Conference.

Br. Fr. F. Stocker, president of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Northern Province, has been chosen as chairman of the General Directory for the next three years. He succeeds Bishop H. G. Steinberg of the Continental Province who has served as chairman of the General Directory since July 1, 1953.

The activities of the President of the Conference for the past month includes: Board and Committee Meetings; Board of Christian Education; five meetings of the Pre-synod Committee on the "State of the Church"; Hope Church Board; Bethesda Board; Inter-provincial Laymen's Convocation Planning Committee; Clemmons Board; Building and Expansion Dinner at Bethabara; Provincial Financial Board; Moravian College and Ministerial Student Promotion Committee; Board of Foreign Missionary Society, South; Salem College Executive Committee; Christ Church Board; two sessions of the Provincial Elders' Conference.

Sermons and Addresses: Friedland Men-of-the-Church; Ardmore Anniversary Lovefeast; Hope Church Council.

R. GORDON SPAUGH, President

Provincial Woman's Board

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

One of the most satisfying jobs of the Women of the Southern Province is the care of the Mission Rooms in Salem, 115 S. Main St. These rooms are used by visiting missionaries and their families. They consist of a living room, bedroom, entrance hall used as dining area, kitchen, and bathroom. Before each family visits here, the committee with Mrs. W. E. Shore as chairman, assisted by Mrs. Harriet S. Nisbet, Mrs. C. B. Kirkman, and Mrs. J. B. Snyder, goes down and cleans the rooms, stocks the refrigerator with food, washes windows, puts up fresh curtains, and sees that all linens are fresh. Then after each family leaves, they clean the rooms again, and get ready for the next visitors. As one member of the committee described the work, "We do everything one would do at home getting ready for guests."

During the past several months many new furnishings have been added to the home. The committee, always anxious to have the missionaries feel comfortable and enjoy their visit, stated some time ago that the "Missionary Home" needed a general going over. As usual when a plea goes out to our women, the results are always favorable.

From money received from the Service Day Fund and donations, the kitchen has been painted, a new gas stove purchased, and a new Youngstown sink; also new electric fixtures in each room, and venetian blinds in the kitchen. Fairview Women gave pillows for the living room, dish towels, wall racks, rubber mat, and a dish drain. Trinity Women gave a garbage pail, and a check toward draperies for the living room was received from Christ Church Women. Friends interested in the Home gave an electric toaster, coffee table, and a beautiful spread which was badly needed.

The Women of Ardmore Church served the Winston-Salem Real Estate Board several monthly dinners this past year, and the profits were used to buy a rug and cushion for the living room, mirror, glass top for the coffee table, and a Bissell carpet sweeper. The Ardmore Primary Department gave an electric coffee pot.

Home Church Women gave a check and donations were received from many other interested friends. The committee has used these as it saw the need.

Mrs. Shore and her committee plan to hold open house at the Missionary Home this fall and all women will be invited to see what has been accomplished.

ARCHIVES HOUSE
Douglas L. Rights, archivist

Wilderness Christians. By Elma E. Gray in collaboration with Leslie Robb Gray. Illustrations by Clara Bice. (Cornell University Press, Ithaca, N. Y., 1956. $5.00)

Many years ago there was an elderly pasto­tor at Friedberg, broken in health and spirit, having a hard time as his diary clearly shows. As we read the book "Wilderness Christians" we can understand something of the plight that had struck him a shattering blow, for this minister, Br. Dencke, had been caught in the terrors of Indian warfare when his Canadian mission was de­stroyed in the War of 1812, and he was forced to flee from the doomed village of Fairfield.

This is only one of many links by which our interest is attached to the Moravian missions among the northern Indian tribes, with glorious triumphs and bitter defeats.

Earlier writers have produced excellent books about the Indian missions, and "Wilderness Christians" takes its place among them, adding much by research and carrying the record further down the years. The name Zeisberger stands out most prominently, followed by a host of others. Connected with the Southern Province there is an array that includes in addition to Dencke the names Hagen, Jacobson, Kilbuck, Rights, Schnall, and Vogler.

This book is available at Archives House, but it would be better for you to buy it to add to your home library.

PRAYER ON TV PROGRAM

On Friday, July 13, Dr. Allen Schattschneider offered the closing prayer on the HOME show, an NBC-TV network program. Every Friday, HOME, starring Arlene Francis and Hugh Downs, closes with a prayer given by a leading minister. This daily broadcast is heard over 102 stations across the country and has an estimated listenership of 2½ million each day. Dr. Schattschneider is the author of the recent book, THROUGH FIVE HUNDRED YEARS, a popular history of the Moravian Church over the past five centuries.

YOUNG PEOPLE OFFICERS

On June 14 at the summer rally at Olivet the following new officers were elected: Sarah Tesch, president; Ed Vitek, 1st vice president; Don Yarbrough, 2nd vice president; Sarah Ebert, recording secretary; Betty Blum, corresponding secretary; Burke Johnson, treasurer; Martha Bowles, mission superintendent; The Rev. Alan Barnes, assistant pastoral counselor. The Rev. Kenneth W. Robinson is automatically the pastoral counselor.

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California Indian Mission
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success to this new venture of faith, then the Moravian Indians on the Morongo Reservation will gain still more new friends and fellow believers.

As yet no definite plans have been formed for further extension of Moravian work in California. But the possibility has been discussed of an unchurched area being found between Covina and Banning. In such a case perhaps this third center and the Morongo congregation could—at least for a time—form one parish served by a third Moravian minister.

Thought to the Future
In view of all this it seems a propitious time to give serious thought to the future of our work on the Morongo Reservation. Obviously our ministry there can hardly be considered a foreign mission undertaking. Yet by itself—at least for the present—it cannot be expected to maintain its identity as a Moravian congregation very much longer. However, in view of the new beginnings of Moravian church life at Downey and (we trust) at Covina it should be possible to have the Morongo Mission acquire the status of a full-fledged Moravian congregation. At first, no doubt, it would need to be given stated support from the denomination as a home missionary project. The presence of other interested Moravians in California should also assure the little group on the reservation help as long as they would need it. The interest is already there. Recently the Downey Church bought and donated chairs for the use of the Morongo Sunday school and other work among the children living at the mission.

It is to be noted as well that thanks to the assistance given to the Rev. and Mrs. Oerter by Mrs. Eastman, an experienced Christian worker lately led of the Lord to help them in their efforts, activity especially among young people of the reservation has shown a marked increase. In other ways, too, the prospect for the future of our work near Banning appears brighter. Indian families are returning to the reservation, a development which those in authority are actively encouraging. Our church should be able to minister to the spiritual needs of these new families and thus in turn the little congregation at this place would grow and be strengthened.

The plan touched upon in the preceding paragraphs was outlined briefly by the writer of this article in a meeting of the communicants of the Morongo mission after the morning worship service on Sunday, June 17. Opportunity will be given our brethren and sisters on the reservation, after they have considered and discussed this proposal, to indicate their attitude toward it. The provincial church boards hope that it will commend itself to them and receive their hearty cooperation.

A memorial is to be submitted by the Board of Foreign Missions to the provincial synods in Bethlehem and Winston-Salem this fall, suggesting in some detail the steps which the church could take to help the Morongo mission become a full-fledged congregation of the Moravian Church in America. If these bodies approve the step, General Synod will be asked to ratify the project, since it involves an end of foreign missionary endeavor in what is now one of our Unity’s mission fields.

Some who read these lines may think it strange that an article should be devoted in our church publications in this “Year of Missionary Emphasis” to the suggestion of our terminating missionary activity in one of our fields. But if such action will aid a mission congregation to strive purposefully to become one of the self-dependent congregations of our church in America, surely this must be considered one worthy way of celebrating the special emphasis of this last year preceding the five hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Moravian Church.

Anniversary Edition Prepared of Textbook for 1957
The Textbook for 1957 will appear in new form as a part of the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Moravian Church.
Two editions will be published. One which is the regular edition will be with a cloth binding and will sell for $1.00. The paper edition which formerly sold for 50 cents will not be published. The second edition will be bound in red leather and will sell for $5.00. Orders for this leather bound edition must be placed and paid for by September 1, 1956.

Among other changes, the 1957 textbook will have a page for each day with Scripture, hymns, and historical notes. Bishop J. K. Pfohl of the Southern Province selected the hymns and Bishop I. Richard McWald is the editor.

The sale of the textbook will be handled by the Board of Christian Education.

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On the Solstice
Kaye Lynne Vaughn chose the longest day of the year on which to be born at Bethel, Alaska. To Sam and Edith Vaughn, the proud parents, and to all others who were looking forward to this event with anticipation, the Church extends cordial good wishes.

Delayed Confirmation
On June 10 seven young people were confirmed at the Children’s Home. A measles epidemic had caused the services to be postponed from Whit Sunday. Marion, one of the girls, is the daughter of Br. and Sr. Braun. The others professing faith in Christ that day were Agnes Will, Martha Wollin, Bobby Yako, Robert Derendly, Clyde Pavil, and David Jimmie.

Volunteers in the Fish Camps
The Rev. Clarence Henklemann writes of Vacation Bible School work in the fish camps along the Kuskokwim by Clara Cooper and Frances Hueter, members of the Children’s Home staff, aided by Mrs. Pancher, a Bethel school teacher. At Tuluksak an average of twenty-five children attended, brought by their parents daily to the school from more distant camp sites. At Akiachuck an average of fifty children came. Kwethluk and Akiak were to have their turn in July.

Able to Travel
The Rev. James Dittmer’s health has so improved, thanks to his treatment, that the doctor has permitted him to return to Clark’s Point to help his family prepare for the extended sick leave made necessary by his recent illness. Our gratitude is due to God for this remarkable improvement in Br. Dittmer’s condition.

HONORED BY MORAVIAN
The Rev. Werner G. Marx was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at the recent commencement of Moravian Theological Seminary—an honor well deserved. His health too had shown such marked improvement that he could attend a conference of evangelical missionary workers in Cuba, concerned with providing more Christian literature for Latin America.

At the same commencement exercises the Seminary recognized the services of the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch to our Church by granting him the same degree. Br. Tesch has done much to promote the cause of foreign missions throughout the American Moravian Church. Here again our Board joins in felicitating the new doctor.

Ordination on Antigua
Br. Lloyd Kitson of Trinidad, who spent last year attending the Union Theological Seminary in Jamaica, was ordained a Deacon of the Moravian Church in Basseterre, St. Kitts, by Bishop Peter Gubi on July 8. Br. Kitson is to begin his ordained ministry on the Island of Antigua.

Illness Among Our Missionaries
The recent weeks have brought new anxieties to the homes of our missionaries and those responsible for the work. Murray Adam, the little son of our missionaries at La Lur, Nicaragua, must be brought home for prolonged treatment. This will probably mean that the whole Adam family will return to Canada this year. Mrs. Pearl Bishop, who spent so many years in Nicaragua, has had a long siege of illness. From Bluefields word has reached Bethlehem of Mrs. Willred Dreger’s having had to seek medical help in Managua. Rebecca Wenger broke her collar bone in a fall. These and all other workers who do not enjoy full health are commended to the prayer of the Church.

Movements of Missionaries
The past weeks have again seen much coming and going of our representatives. From Alaska, Constance Sauterbin has come to Fargo, North Dakota, for a brief furlough. Dr. and Mrs. Thaeler have returned to Bilwaskarma, taking with them Barbara and Gwendolyn Jones to join their parents in Bluefields. The Wolfram Fliegels have sailed for the Dominican Republic. The John Befuses are travelling back to Nicaragua; the David Bratsches have left home for St. John, Virgin Islands. We commit them all to the protection of our Lord.

Emergency Appeal
Because of illness in their families emergency leaves have been granted to the James Dittmers and to the Lorenz Adams. As a result the work in the Bristol Bay area in Alaska and in the mines area in Nicaragua is without ordained resident missionary leadership.

The Alaska and the Nicaragua boards have appealed to the Mission Board to send out help on an emergency basis. The Mission Board in turn herewith appeals to the church for volunteers for these posts. The need is real and urgent. We pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest.

DEATHS

Shields, Douglas Dee, son of Oscar and Julia Elizabeth m. n. Reich Shields, born May 28, 1903; died June 19, 1956. Funeral service conducted at Messiah Church by the Rev. Henry A. Lewis, R. T. Troutman, and Burton J. Rights with interment in Mount Carmel Methodist Graveyard.

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ADVENT

We were happy to welcome into our communicant membership on May 6 Mrs. Edith Wilson and Mrs. Thomas Gibson by reaffirmation of faith.

On May 13, Mother’s Day, the largest families present were recognized in our morning worship service and gifts were presented to the oldest mothers, the mother with the youngest baby, and the largest families present at Sunday School. Mrs. Frank Hellard and Mrs. C. W. Watkins were the oldest mothers present. Mrs. Larry Crissman had the youngest baby. Mrs. Roger Snyder and Mrs. W. O. Gilbert, Jr. had the largest families present.

Our Every Member Visitation was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. D. Fleat Chiddie, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crrots, Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Fishel, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fishel, Jr., Mr., and Mrs. R. S. Hege, Jr., Mr., and Mrs. Richard Riesner, Mr. and Mrs. James Long, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williard, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Estick, Mr., and Mrs. Robert G. Reeves, Jr., Mr., and Mrs. G. C. Gilley, Mr., and Mrs. John E. Davis, Mr., and Mrs. Terry Jones, Mr., and Mrs. Fred Long, Mr., and Mrs. Ed Snow, Mr., and Mrs. John Taylor, Jr., Mr., and Mrs. Burton Whitner, Mr., and Mrs. Rex Knowles, Mr., and Mrs. Earl Price, Mr., and Mrs. Clyde Gobble, Jr., Mr., and Mrs. Ed Long, Mr., and Mrs. Paul Gilley, Mr., and Mrs. Grady Fry, Mr., and Mrs. J. L. Newsom, Mr., and Mrs. Fred Tesh, Mrs. R. M. Kimel, and Miss Claude Parks.

At our annual Church Council on May 27 the following men were elected to serve on the boards of the church: Elders, James Brewer, Jr., Henry Snyder, and John E. Davis; Trustees: John W. Snyder, Sidney S. Kinney, Jr., Roger A. Snyder.

The Rev. Dick Knox held a series of evangelistic services for our congregation and young people, June 6-10. His messages were helpful and many of our people were deeply touched by them. Many hearts were warmed anew by the love of the Saviour and three of our young people volunteered for full-time service in the work of the Lord. Out of those services has come a cottage prayer-meeting group which meets regularly each week in the home of one of our young people.

The Children’s Day program on June 17 was attended by a large congregation and the programs presented by the children were enthusiastically received. Mrs. Roger Snyder, Mrs. Henry Snyder, and Mrs. Irvin Ebert were in charge of the program.

Our thirty-second anniversary service was held June 24. Following a picnic dinner in Fellowship Hall the anniversary Holy Communion service was held at 1 p.m. At the Lovefeast at 7:30 p.m. the Rev. G. E. Brew-er was the special speaker.

PAUL A. SNIDER

WILLOW HILL

Slowly but surely the building fund to remodel the inside of the church is growing. Since our last report the ladies of the church sponsored a bake sale in Mount Airy and sold our early in the afternoon. At our annual church council a committee was elected to draw up plans of the work on the building. We hope that it isn’t too far in the future before this can become a reality.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Virginia Hiatt the young people are continuing to progress and, after only three months of being organized, they were able to report their part of the Young People’s Union budget paid in full at the last rally. These young people will continue to gather each Tuesday evening to sing and play together. The problem is not getting young people to attend the rallies but in finding transportation to get them there, which problem we are more than glad to work with to continue the interest of the young people.

This year we did not have a large enrollment in our Bible School but we were glad that so many of the children could have a perfect attendance. This made it possible for our faithful workers to teach more to those that did attend.

Continuing with our Mission Emphasis for the year, on May 22 we were happy to have Miss Elizabeth Marx to show slides and tell us about some of her work at the school in Nicaragua. After an upset of the box of slides and a short delay in re-arranging them, we had a very enjoyable evening. This program was preceded by a 15 minute band concert presented by the joint Mount Bethel-Willow Hill band.

We were happy that the Church Treasurer and 6 of the board members were able to attend the Building and Expansion rally at Bethabara. There we viewed pictures showing the progress of the building expansion campaign over the years.

GLENN E. CRAVER

LEAKSVILLE

The Young People’s circle of the Woman’s Auxiliary sponsored the evening service the first Sunday in May and had as their guest speaker Br. George G. Higgins, who spoke on the Quincentennial celebration in its various phases. A special offering was received for the work of this circle. Br. Higgins was with us again for the second Sunday evening service in June and at this time gave us much information regarding the work of the Board of Christian Education, Vacation Bible Schools and Summer Conferences.

One hundred new church hymnals were given to our church by Dr. and Mrs. Fran-
ces Barham of Asheboro in loving memory of his mother and his sister. These hymnals were put into use on Mother’s Day, May 13, and are greatly appreciated by the congregation.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 11 through 22 with Miss Anne Tesch as provincial worker and director of the school. Miss Tesch and her junior department gave a fine demonstration of their work at the mid-week prayer service June 20.

For some time past in our mid-week Bible study and prayer services we have been studying some of the great doctrines and teachings of the Apostle Paul in his writings. Lay leaders have had charge of the devotional part of these services and the pastor led in the study portions. Br. McConnell spoke at one of the mid-week services during June.

Br. Samuel J. Tesch was with us for the Sunday evening service, June 17, and along with his message brought us much information on our mission work in the West Indies by pictures and a tape recorded message by Bishop Kenneth Hamilton.

Our church choir rendered special music in revival services at the Spray Methodist Church, and also at the regional missionary rally at the Mayodan Church.

Our congregation was represented at three provincial rallies, the Women’s Workshop, the Young People’s rally and that of the Building and Expansion meeting, all held during the period covered by this report. Much interest has been shown in the many activities of the church year just closed with all financial obligations met in full and a nice sum in the church treasury to begin the new fiscal year.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

PINE CHAPEL

We are very fortunate to secure Dr. Milton J. Scripture, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance church in Jacksonville, Florida, to conduct our spring revival. The meeting was very successful and rewarding. Many of our people rededicated their lives to the Master and His service. Mrs. Scripture, who accompanied her husband here, proved to be a wonderful worker with the children. We thank God for them and their ministry among our people while they were here.

Our Vacation Bible school under the direction of Mrs. Fred Crouch was indeed a success. Mrs. Crouch has been the superintendent of our school for the past two years and she has done a very good job. Our record attendance was 136 and the average daily attendance was 96. We appreciate the fine work of the following people who helped in the school. Miss Susie Spry, Miss Merinda Sprinkle, Mrs. Bruce Charles, Mrs. Luther Butner, Mrs. Grey Haigwood, Mrs. Stella Atwood, Mrs. John Foster, Mrs. Tommy Wooten, Mrs. Koyt Everheart, Reaves Gardner, Miss Linda Martin, Miss Jeannie Foster, Tommy Spry, Richard Vestal, Mrs. Robah Vestal and Mrs. Ester Baugess.

Our Church Council was held on Sunday morning June 17. At this time we elected new board members as well as other officers in the Church and Sunday school. Bill Hutchins was elected as Superintendent of the Sunday school. New board members include, Mitchell King and Bruce Charles for the Board of Trustees and Grey Haigwood for the Board of Elders. We commend the congregation for the election of these fine men to the official family of the Church.

Many of our young people are looking forward to the camp sessions at Camp Hanes this summer. Already we have twelve registered for the Junior and Junior High Camps.

We are happy to report 32 new members for the Foreign Missionary Society of our church, and we are planning to increase this number to many more.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of service for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the Moravian church.

J. TAYLOR LOFLIN

FULP

Several years ago, the ceiling of the church was lowered. At that time, no change was made in the church lighting and the lights hung too low. The lights have been raised giving us a better appearance as well as better lighting. As a picture of the church was to be made, some repair work was done on the steeple.

At the family night program of May 20, the Rev. and Mrs. F. Herbert Weber were guests of the evening. Br. Weber showed some colored slides taken last Summer on a journey to the Western part of the United States. Included in the pictures were several of the Downey Moravian congregation in suburban Los Angeles.

On May 27 at the morning service, recognition was given to several members of the church whose interest and loyalty have been with the Fulp congregation for a number of years and who have also served the church in varied capacities. Those hon-
ored were: Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Jones, Mrs. C. H. Marshall, Mr. J. I. Zimmerman, and Mrs. S. M. Johnson. Each of these were given a church seal pin. The theme of the service centered around the Lamb of God.

At the church council meeting of June 10, Mr. Jones Morgan and Mrs. Ralph Morgan were elected to the Church Board to replace Mr. Robert Hale and Mr. M. O. Jones whose terms expired at the end of the year. Mrs. S. M. Johnson was elected to represent the church in the forthcoming triennial synod, with Mrs. Grady Ziglar as alternate delegate. New officers for the women of the church are: Mrs. R. G. Hampton, president; Mrs. Charles K. Jones, vice-president; Mrs. S. M. Johnson, secretary; and Mrs. R. L. Flinchum, treasurer.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

OLIVET

Since our last report, we have received 18 new members: Mr. and Mrs. James Pleasants, Mr. and Mrs. James Bolen, Virginia Bolen, Bonnie Conrad, Mary Pfaff, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Luper, Robert Seymore, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pruett, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Talbert.

Our Building Fund Drive, inspired and directed by the Joint Boards, is proving a great success. More than $10,000 has been pledged, and these pledges are being paid steadily, Sunday by Sunday. In addition to our regular quarterly payments, the money from the Building Fund Drive is being used to cut down the principal of our debt.

With the help of a gift of two hundred dollars from the Women of the Church, Olivet balanced its budget for the year 1955-56 and closed out the year in the black. This is especially encouraging since this is the first year that Olivet has had a full-time pastor and has been on her own.

It was our privilege to have the Moravian Young People at Olivet for their Spring Rally, on June 14. Approximately 275 persons were served supper on the lawn by the Women of the Church. Our Joint Boards would particularly like to commend the Young People and to express our appreciation for their enthusiasm and for their cleanliness. Following the meeting, it was found that all books were in the racks, leaflets were taken home, and all cups, plates, etc. were neatly burned in the incinerator. Thank you, Young People of the Province. Keep up the good work! You are most cordially invited to return to Olivet at any time.

Our annual Church Council met on June 17 at the eleven o'clock service, and the following people were elected to office: Board of Elders—Weldon Conrad and Roger Harris; Board of Trustees—Marvin Douglas and James Pleasants; Sunday School Superintendent—Thomas Conrad; Delegates for Synod—Mrs. Oscar Doub, Mrs. Weldon Conrad, and Vernice Beroth; Alternates for Synod—John McKaughn, Marvin Beroth, and Mrs. Samuel Pruett.

Our Band is meeting every Monday night for Summer rehearsal under the direction of the newly appointed director, Mr. Robert Conrad.

On June 10, Miss Rebecca McKaughn was united in Holy Wedlock to J. E. Shepherd, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd will be living in Raleigh for the next three years while Mr. Shepherd attends State College to work toward an engineering degree.

ALAN H. BARNES

ARDMORE

The Ardmore Church Sanctuary is now air conditioned! On May 30 it was decided by church council that this step should be taken and on July 8 the congregation worshiped for the first time in cool comfort in spite of hot and humid weather.

At the council the Br. L. M. Dize, F. R. Smith, Jr. and W. R. Hudspeth were elected to the Board of Trustees. The Br. D. B. Odens, E. F. Hanes and M. R. Sicloff were elected to the Board of Elders. H. E. Howerth and R. E. Foltz, Jr. were reelected to the Central Board of Elders and to the Central Board of Trustees, respectively.

Our Church Treasurer reports a total of $33,909.01 was paid toward the modified unified budget for the fiscal year ending June 30. This enabled us to end the fiscal year "in the black."

Over 85% of the church budget of $39,100 for the fiscal year 1956-57 has been pledged by our members so far. We believe this to be a good result of the month long every member canvass in June.

In cooperation with the "Year of Missions" in the Moravian Church's Quincennial observance the congregation has increased its mission contributions by 26 per cent over last year.

RICHARD F. AMOS

OAK GROVE

There were a number of things which made June an eventful month for our congregation. On June 3 three of the adult classes ended a three-month contest for the 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.

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building fund, reporting a total of $4,894 raised. This brought to almost $12,000 the amount raised for the building fund during the last fiscal year. The plans for the new Sanctuary and Christian Education Building are in the hands of contractors, and bids will be received on July 10.

Our second annual Missionary Lovefeast was held the first Sunday in June and brought a good response. The Rev. William A. Kaltreider brought a fine message to challenge us to increased mission interest.

The Daily Vacation Bible School was the most successful that has been held in recent years. The average attendance for the two weeks was seventy children, most of whom had perfect attendance. Interest continued high throughout the two weeks, and the children responded to the course of study in a wonderful way. Appreciation is expressed to David Burkette, Mrs. Noah Whicker, Mrs. Harvey Seivers, and their fine staff of teachers for a job well done.

On two Sunday nights during the month the pastor showed colored slides of his recent trip to Nicaragua. Many members braved the June heat to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about our missionary endeavors.

On June 28 the annual church council was held. Ernest Idol and Roy Hester were elected to the Board of Elders; and Raymond Pegram, Frank Fulcher, and James Fulp to the Board of Trustees. Elected as delegates to the Provincial Synod were Ralph Bowman, Tam Church, C. P. Disher, Sr., and John Hampton. Alternates will be Mrs. Roy Hester, Mrs. James Fulp, Mrs. P. G. Suber, and Mrs. Ernest Idol.

Not the least of the events during the month was the installation of a new oil furnace in the Parsonage to replace the coal furnace, which had about outworn its usefulness. This was a thoughtful gesture on the part of the congregation and is greatly appreciated by the pastor.

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER

FRIES MEMORIAL

The close of the fiscal year brings Fries Memorial to many things for which to be thankful, some of them material, but many of them spiritual. We are thankful for them all, but particularly thankful for the spiritual blessings.

Attention to Holy Communion has grown rapidly this year, until the former seating arrangement in the church has had to be revised to secure more space. Attendances upon regular services have been larger than in the previous year, though evening attendances have lagged somewhat. Sunday School finds itself at a stalemate until we can find more room for our children’s departments.

By God’s grace and the generosity of our people, we have had a victorious year materially. The kind assistance of a friend gave us the necessary push to complete the renovation of our church interior, the purchase of new pulpit furniture, the rearrangement of our Communion Service, and other improvements which have made our worship services more beautiful and enjoyable.

We have been particularly happy that this year brought us a total gain of twenty-eight new members, the largest of any list of accessions of the past five years.

Bible School, held late this year, and with excellent teaching staff, was smaller in attendance, but strong in quality. Many of our families were away on vacations at the time, both in the congregation and in the community.

Exceptional progress is now being made in our Scout Troop which has grown by leaps and bounds. We have added to the organization an Explorer Post unit and are now in process of developing a Cub Pack, all of these being in the nature of community service.

Kindergarten closed a successful year and looks forward to another, registration having been completed by May and a waiting-list growing daily.

Our Band has offered new service in the form of special instruction on Monday nights. Considerable interest is being evidenced.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

MESSIAH

In stressing the theme of the year in the Moravian Church in America, May was observed as Mission Month. Special services were climaxed with the annual mission lovefeast, at which time we were privileged to have Mr. Herbert B. Johnson bring an interesting and informative report on Moravians in Africa. The forty new members received into the Foreign Missionary Society during the month received certificates of membership at the lovefeast.

Sunday School “Membership Day,” the last Sunday in May, saw an attendance record made for the fourth time since the beginning of the year. But, as records are made to be broken, this mark was surpassed two weeks later when 127 were present for Sunday School. The annual picnic held at Miller Park was enjoyed by all.

Daily Vacation Bible School reached a record enrollment of 74 pupils. Deep appreciation is extended to the staff of 20 adult workers whose contribution of time and talents made the school a success in its spiritual endeavors.

The Church Council elected the following to begin terms of office: Board of Elders, Jack Saylor and Jack Simmons; Board of Trustees, Mrs. James Peoples and Ray Jones. Harry James was elected delegate to

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the forthcoming Provincial Synod and Miss Alma Wilson alternate delegate.

Among the officers elected by the Sunday School Council to serve for the coming year are W. Frank Mayberry, superintendent; Earl Davis, assistant superintendent; Elbert Ketner, secretary-treasurer; Harry Campbell, assistant secretary-treasurer; Robah Moser, superintendent of youth department; Mrs. Clanden Everhart, assistant superintendent of youth department; Mrs. Elbert Ketner, superintendent of children's department; and Mrs. Robah Moser, assistant superintendent of children's department.

BURTON J. RIGHTS

MIZPAH

Mizpah has shown a fine spirit of cooperation as we have come to the close of the financial year. Raising our increased budget in full was proving a bit difficult but one needed only to make announcement of impending deficiencies and we closed the books on June 30 with a balance in the treasury.

This cooperative spirit was also evident in our Vacation Bible School held June 11-22. Practically the whole congregation had a share in the school in one way or another — providing refreshments, a closing picnic, and offerings which more than covered the school budget of $47.60. More than a hundred people attended the closing exercises. In the school this year, we enjoyed so much the leadership of Br. David Burkette who supervised and taught the Juniors.

We have no youth organizations in the church at present but the Intermediate Class, taught by Bobby Long, upheld our honor by holding a hamburger supper on Saturday, June 2, thereby raising $104.80 to be applied on Mizpah's share of the cost of the new Moravian camp site. We were much pleased with this effort by the Intermediates.

The Women of the Church have organized for another year of work and elected Mrs. Dallas Helsabeck, president; Mrs. Jim Speas, vice-president; Mrs. Jack Long, secretary; Mrs. Joe Talley, treasurer.

Our annual Church Council on June 17 featured written reports presented by every organization in the church. The reports were well prepared and gave the impression of a steady year of work. H. F. Pfaff, Jr., and Laverne Speas were elected to replace K. P. Long and Raymond Holston, whose term of service on the Church Board has expired. Burton Winfrey and Laverne Speas were elected delegate and alternate respectively to represent Mizpah in the coming Synod.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

NEW PHILADELPHIA

We were overjoyed to enter our new Sunday School building on Sunday, July 22, after more than a year of construction. The new building will house the cradle roll, toddlers, primary, kindergarten and will have officers for the pastor and church clerk, a conference room, church parlor, and two kitchens. It is estimated that with the new facilities we will be able to take care of a Sunday School of 800 enrollment with an average attendance of 600. At present we have 611 on roll and an average attendance this quarter of 460. The cost of the new building and renovating the old one is $125,000.

Vacation Bible School reached 150 enrollment with William McElveen as leader and James Johnson as assistant. Teachers who helped include: Mrs. C. J. Grubbs, Ann Spaugh, Mrs. A. T. Newsom, Mrs. Frank Robertson, Mrs. Lucy Reich, Mrs. H. L. Speas, Martha Ann Martin, Mrs. D. F. Stilwell, Mrs. I. E. Martin, Mrs. William Sides, Mrs. George Rock, and Mrs. Clarence Gabard.

Youth Fellowship has continued active right through the summer. With a good attendance at Sunday evening meetings, they have also enjoyed an all day outing at Hanging Rock plus an evening of baseball at the Twins Ernie Shore Field.

Julius Miller, formerly an elder at New Eden Church, and an employee of Western Electric, has moved into our caretaker's house to look after our building nights and Sundays. George Bruner will continue to serve us on a five and a half day week.

The band and choirs have kept a full schedule for the summer, and so have the Women of the Church. The band presented an outdoor concert, complete with lemonade on July 25.

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What The Gospel Means To Me

Antonio Rosales
A Spanish Speaking Moravian

In the little Miskito village of Agricola, which lies on the banks of the Prinzapolka River, there lives an elderly white-haired Spaniard by the name of Antonio Rosales. This man is different from most Spanish people on the eastern coast of Nicaragua in that he is a Christian and a member of the Moravian Church. He is also different in that he has given his children a Christian upbringing so that today several of them are members of the Moravian Church and one of them often conducts church services in the absence of the regular lay pastor.

Br. Rosales was born into a Roman Catholic home in the country of Honduras sixty-eight years ago. Like so many other young men in Central America, he liked to wander from place to place. When he was eighteen he settled in the town of Prinzapolka, which is at the mouth of the river with the same name. There he married a Miskito woman and became the father of two sons and two daughters.

He had been raised in the Roman Catholic faith but the hunger of his soul was not satisfied with what he had. He was looking for something better. Gradually he began to attend some of the services of the Moravian Church and there the truth of the Scriptures was opened to him. Never before had he heard the words of John 3 in which the Gospel message is so very clearly presented.

The Lord spoke to his heart and at the age of thirty he became a Christian. He has been happy ever since, in knowing and in serving the Lord Jesus, his Saviour. Whenever Br. Rosales speaks of what the Lord means to him, his whole face beams with sincere joy.

NOTE:
This testimony is given by the Rev. Lorenzo Adam, missionary in charge of La Luz, Siuna, of the district in which Agricola lies. Br. Antonio Rosales, though an active member of the church and a leader of the work in his area, was not one to write about himself; therefore, in this case the message had to be about him rather than from him.

He stands as a representative of the small but growing number of Spanish-speaking believers who have confessed faith in Christ under the preaching of our missionaries and have united with the Moravian Church in Nicaragua. The future of our work in that field will increasingly depend upon men and women like him. Therefore, this message is of unusual significance.
opportunities presented on the mission fields. She was working for the Presbyterian (U. S. A.) Foreign Mission Board in New York City when she joined the First Moravian Church of that metropolis. Br. Fliegel met his bride-to-be when he was sent to New York first as a student pastor during his days of training at Moravian Theological Seminary, in Bethlehem, Penna. He graduated from the Seminary in June of this year.

Though educated in America, Br. Fliegel was born of German parents in Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana. Soon afterwards, Br. Fliegel's parents were called back to Germany, where young Wolfram was reared. Br. Fliegel's father, the Rev. Walther Fliegel, was a Moravian missionary in Surinam before returning to Germany, where he has been for more than a score of years the pastor of a congregation of the state-supported church in Eastern Germany.

Br. Wolfram Fliegel's grandfather was also a minister of the Moravian Church. His name was Bernard Fliegel and his first charge was in Russia. When he had to give up that work, he went back to Germany and served for some years at the Neukoln church in Berlin.

Wolfram's great grandfather Raillard was a Swiss citizen and a Moravian diapora worker. In fact, he acted as a lay secretary for the Moravian diapora movement in Switzerland.

And finally, Southern Moravians may need to be reminded that Br. Wolfram Fliegel is a nephew of the Rev. John Fliegel, a Moravian minister who recently retired from active service in the Western District of the Northern Province in order to devote his labors to research in the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem, Penna.

It was a pleasure to have Br. and Sr. Fliegel spend a few days with us in North Carolina before they sailed for the Caribbean, and we pray for them God's blessing and guidance as they take up their new duties in Santo Domingo!
Young People Accept Challenge; Raise $4,510.69

Paul A. Snider

"There's gold in the mud-flats of the Mayo!"

"I know I can! I know I can!"

"Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Num. 13:30

Four hundred young people (with their friends at home) accepted the challenge presented to them at the January rally of the Moravian Young People's Union, Southern Province. They were asked by their executive committee to raise funds for five different Foreign Mission items, the Quincentennial Youth Fund, the Moravian Young People's Union expenses—and the Moravian Conference Ground in Ashe County!

Six months later, Raymond Ebert, president of the Moravian Young People's Union, Southern Province, jubilantly reported that a total of $6,092.06 had been received from the youth groups of thirty-two churches.

The charges for the Calvert courses for the Dittmer children in Alaska, $145.00, were paid. A contribution of $160.00 was made to the Inter-Mission Conference in Honduras. A nurse's outfit, $150.00, was purchased for Nicaragua; $145.00 was sent to the East West Indies; $400.00 was designated to be used in the translation of the New Testament into Eskimo by Dr. Ferdinand Dreibert; $300.00 was set aside for the Quincentennial Youth Fund. Union expenses are being paid and $4,510.69 was given to the fund for the reduction of the debt on the camp site in Ashe County.

From all over the Province have come interesting bits of information explaining how the funds were raised. The Young People of Mayodan "bagged" the fertile soil along the Mayo river and sold it to their neighbors for their flowers and window boxes. Doughnuts brought in the "dough" to the Greensboro young people. Many of the Young People prepared supper boxes to raise funds.

In January a large-scale map of the camp site with proportionate areas for each church blocked off was prepared by the Brn. Kenneth Robinson, Paul Snider, and Raymond Ebert. In a graphic way it presented to the Young People the amount they were being asked to raise for the Camp grounds. As funds were received from the various churches a corresponding section of the map was blacked-out. More than a third of the map has been blacked-out to date. In addition to Oak Grove, Bethania, Enterprise, Leaksville, Mayodan, Oliver and Union Cross have contributed the full amount of their goals for the Camp site fund. Two churches, Leaksville and Union Cross, have exceeded the goals they were asked to attain. The largest contribution by any church has been given by the Home Church Youth Fellowship. A single gift of $700 boosted their contributions to a total of $1,380.02 of which $1,212.35 has been applied to the camp site fund.

The officers of the Young People's Union for this year included the following: Raymond Ebert, president; Susan Luckenbach, 1st vice-president; Jean Cook, 2nd vice-president; Sara Long, recording secretary; Alicia Conrad, corresponding secretary; Gordon Spaugh, treasurer; Richard Redden, mission superintendent; The Rev. Kenneth W. Robinson, assistant pastoral counsellor; the Rev. Paul A. Snider, pastoral counsellor.

MAP OF CONFERENCE GROUND: Studying the contributions of the young people are (left) the Rev. Kenneth Robinson, assistant pastoral counsellor, and Raymond Ebert, Jr., retiring president.
Most Inspiring Feature of Work in Nicaragua Is

Seeing Missionaries at Work

By James C. Hughes

The rare privilege of seeing our missionaries at work provided one of the most inspiring and challenging features of our visit in Nicaragua. Br. Christian Weber and his family were among the many people who had visited among us on furlough. We saw them in a different light as we went about their work in this “other world” into which we had suddenly stepped.

The remark of a seminary professor came to new meaning. He had said: “We need our strongest men for mission service.” One feels constrained to add a sounding “Amen!”—and we have them in Nicaragua!” Yet we were supremely conscious that their strength was not mere human strength; rather, here were ordinary ministers and wives who were made able through divine power. The feeling of absolute dependence upon God and the experience of super-human help seemed more real than at home. Our lives in the United States are so cluttered with materialism; our churches are so highly organized; our needs are so easily met; our problems, by comparison, so easily solved. Here were people having to take the raw material of life and lift it to God for transformation.

We saw men and women with their hands overfull with varied responsibilities, but we knew they were never alone. The experience of sharing their family devotions was unforgettable. The Monday night prayer meeting of the foreign staff at Bilwaskarma was moving beyond words. To hear their intercessions for each other and their petitions for the whole of Nicaragua and the larger church was a compelling sense of the adequacy of our Lord. His power, working through them, was alone the key to their accomplishments.

Living Conditions

Many have asked about their living conditions—the kind of homes they have. All of the homes are comfortable and roomy, though in a tropical sort of way. Most of the furniture is old and none of it is plush, but their houses are attractive and very liveable. All of them feel that their homes are far superior to the native houses, and they wish to live among them rather than far above them. All homes have kitchen plumbing, but some are not blessed with full bathroom facilities. Each of the wives has domestic help, which is inexpensive and an absolute essential. Often the task of training native help to acceptable requirements is difficult because of their unfamiliarity with basic cooking and household procedures. Miskito girls often learn to read and write in the missionaries’ homes. Most of us have forgotten how much time is consumed in feeding a wood stove. Casava alone takes about two hours boiling, the first step in preparing many dishes in which it is used as the basic food.

The native foods are used extensively because import foods are hard to get and very expensive. Rice and beans are a staple in the diet, but good beef is available at comparatively reduced cost. Bananas, grapefruit, oranges, pineapple, mangoes, and cashew fruit are available and are often grown on mission property. We enjoyed the food—even sea turtle served in a native minister’s home. The missionaries still enjoy the story of the visitor who was served ham at several homes—the same ham which he unknowingly transported from one home to another. They can laugh now at his feeling that the missionaries were living “high up on the hog.”

Our men have known how to pick their wives for there are no “helpless women” among them. They are capable, consecrated helpmates who are sharing the work to the fullest and who have a sense of call that is striking. They direct choirs, play and teach organ, conduct Vacation Bible School, teach Sunday School, teach their children with the Calvert courses, and counsel with people in every sort of problem imaginable. We literally have “two missionaries for the price of one” at every place.

Master of Many Trades

The men must be masters of many trades and every ability is called into service. They must know the Miskito language and increasingly must be conversant with Spanish, the official language of the country. In Bilwaskarma and Puerto Cabezas, services are held regularly in both Miskito and English.

Dr. Stortz and Dr. Thaeler must keep the power plants going. All of them need some knowledge of carpentry and building for termites are a constant plague to the buildings. If the washing machine stops, there is no “fixit man” to telephone—in fact no telephone. In Puerto Cabezas, the missionary receives all mail for anyone in the area remotely connected with the Mission.

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Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference

The Rev. James G. Weingarth was installed as pastor of Konoak Hills at the eleven o'clock service on August 5 by the president of the Provincial Elders' Conference.

Oak Grove has granted the Rev. Christian Weber a leave of absence for three months beginning January 1, 1957 to conduct a survey of Florida for the Southern Province preliminary to the beginning of Moravian work in that state.

During his absence Oak Grove will be served by Dr. Edmund Schwarze as interim pastor.

The President of the Conference has been appointed by the Provincial Elders' Conference to attend the Synod of the Northern Province, August 28-September 5, as fraternal delegate.

Activities of the President of the Conference for the past month include:

Meetings of the following Boards and Committees: three sessions of the Pre-Synod committee on the "State of the Church"; two sessions of the Salem College Executive Committee; Christ Church Joint Boards; two sessions of the Provincial Elders' Conference; Macedonia Church Board. Installation of the Rev. John Goserud as pastor of Calvary on July 15.

R. GORDON SPAUGH, President

PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S BOARD

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

Miss Elizabeth Marx will be the speaker for the provincial fall outing, which will be held at Friedberg on Wednesday, September 26. Miss Marx is principal of Colegio Moravo, the Moravian school in Bluefields, Nicaragua. She is in the United States on furlough at the present time and we feel most fortunate to have her as our guest at the fall outing. The meeting will begin at 11 o'clock and the Pot-Luck luncheon will be served at 12:30. There will be no afternoon session, but one of the important features of the morning will be a report on the Fphol Fund. Women of the Church presidents will receive a letter regarding this report around September 1.

The Provincial Woman's Board was invited to lunch and to hold its summer meeting at the home of Mrs. Joe Stone in Reidsville on August 22. Mrs. Stone is Chairman of Inter-Provincial Relations for the Board.

The Chairman of the Provincial Woman's Board has visited Women of The Church groups of the following churches this summer: Trinity, Moravia, Hope, Fries Memorial, New Philadelphia, Macedonia and Providence. Mrs. Joe Gray accompanied Mrs. Miller to Macedonia and Mrs. J. B. Snyder went along to Providence.

Has your Women of the Church organization sent Mrs. Fussell the budget sheet and names of officers she requested? Nearly all are in, and Mrs. Sam Vance and Mrs. Rex Freeman have been busy sending out the Mission Studies and the Devotional material to the officers whose names have come to Mrs. Fussell.

BUILDING AND EXPANSION PROGRAM EXCEEDS BUDGET

For the eighth successive year the churches of the province have contributed over $30,000 to the Building and Expansion Program. The total received this year as of July 20 was $52,775.27, according to a report of Provincial Treasurer E. L. Stockton.

Participating in the budget for 1955-1956 were Raleigh which received $20,000; Mt. Airy, $6,000; and Bethabara $2,500 for new church or Christian Education projects. Oliver was given $2,500 for a new parsonage and $16,500 was allocated for the parsonage for the resident of the Provincial Elder's Conference.

Every one of the forty-three churches of the province contributed to the fund with forty-two paying the amount in their budget in full. According to Mr. Stockton this is the best record yet for collections for the program.

Meanwhile announcement has been made by the Steering Committee of the Program of the budget for the ninth year, 1956-1957. This budget again calls for the expenditure of $50,000 for new churches and parsonages.

BUILDING AND EXPANSION CAMPAIGN—1956-1957

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BAPTISMS


Melton, Martha Jean, daughter of Paul E. and Sarah m. n. Holton Melton; born March 10, 1956 at Oak Ridge, Tenn.; baptized at Christ Church on July 15, 1956 by the Rev. and Mrs. John E. Johansen.


Shore, Lauranne Tolea, daughter of William P. and Ann m. n. Toler Shore. Born February 20, 1956 at Winston-Salem, N. C., was baptized June 3, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. J. C. Hughes.

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FROM THE MISSION FIELDS COMES TESTIMONIAL OF

What The Gospel Means To Me

Pineda Herrera

"How would you like to go to the Aquila-Priscilla School?"

When the missionary asked this question of the tallish Indian young man, he had to tell him a lot about the school. It's main purpose is to give training in the Bible. It is not meant to train regular pastors and preachers, but to help local young men to help more effectively in the work of the local congregation.

"But," objected Pineda, "though I can struggle he reached the calm water,—how, he cannot explain.

He finished his work, and then went home, and one of the first things he did was to make known his decision to become a Christian. And (this is characteristic of him) he did not wait as so many do, but entered the instruction class right away and stayed with it until he was safely within the Arik, where flood waters and whirlpools cannot harm him.

Pineda Herrera: "he felt his feet touch the bottom.

read a word or two, I cannot write at all."

"You are just the kind of man we are looking for," said the missionary, "for one of our toughest jobs is to straighten out the writing some men come to us with. If you come to the school, you would attend classes in the mornings, and work to earn money in the afternoons. In this way you would pay for your own expenses as you go ahead in school; moreover, we close school during the rice work so that you can get enough money to buy whatever clothing you need."

Pineda was cautious. After all he had to consult with Candelaria, his wife. Next day they said they would come to the school. At first the going was hard, but in the end, Pineda read better and wrote better than most of the men in the school. On graduation night, when each man gave a farewell word of testimony, it was Pineda who made the best talk.

Soon after he finished, the pastor of his congregation abruptly left. There was no one who could be sent in his place. "It looks as if the Lord has been preparing you for this place," the superintendent said as he spoke with Pineda about doing the work. He was willing to try but the going was hard.

One time, when the missionary went to their village for the quarterly communion service, he noticed that the house was bare of any foodstuffs. The poor Aquila-Priscilla couple were thin and discouraged. One morning everyone's breakfast consisted of a small cup of milk. One evening, the supper consisted of a slice of watermelon. But neither one complained as well they might.

On the next visit, things were worse. Candelaria had been ill. The main trouble seemed to be undernourishment, and we asked them to go back home and they agreed to make the four-hour trip to the chapel once a month, from their home.

"Heathen darkness"—what does this mean? This is what it means—that people love the darkness more than the light. When the Light comes then immortality and drunken debauches, sin-breeding dances have to go. So Satan fights tooth and nail, and he has found that starving a good Christian worker is one of his most effective tools.

How is it that Pineda is willing to put up with so much when he might be working for himself and earning as comfortable a living as any of his neighbors?

It happened when he was still a heathen young man. He was working with the mahogany company. They had cut the logs high up in the hills, by means of ox teams and tractors they had dragged the logs to the edge of the river. After that there was not much to do; they had to wait for the flood. Their timing was not bad because soon the clouds piled up slate blue and black against the southern horizon. Thunder rumbled menacingly and sheet lightning lighted up their lean-to camp. In a few days the color of the river turned from green to orange-brown, and everyone made ready to float the great logs down some three hundred miles to the sea.

Riding bobbing, revolving, swinging logs in a deep rushing river is a job for real men. They reached a sharp bend in the river, its waters pressing against the rocky sides and turning back again into a giant whirlpool. With so many things to watch out for, Pineda's foot slipped and he was sucked into the middle of the pool. Down he went until he felt his feet touch the bottom. With a mighty push he tried to reach the surface, but only his hand emerged and waved. Down he went again and again he pushed with all his might. This time his head broke through and he could see his companions in a dugout vainly trying to help him but they did not dare paddle into the vortex of the pool. For the third and last time Pineda was sucked down; his strength was failing him and he prayed, "Lord save me, and if you do, I will serve Thee from now on." Again Pineda pushed against the bottom and with a mighty
REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

MOUNT AIRY

Eight pastors brought greetings at Open House service at Grace Church in Mt. Airy June 24. Ministers present were Douglas and Burton Rights, Herbert Johnson, Edward Mickey, Jr., Glenn Craver, Herbert and Christian Weber, Clayton Persons, and pastor, Robert Iobst.

Band members came from various congregations to augment the Grace band.

For Eight Room Annex, Mt. Airy holds open house.

Among the players were Austin Burke and Joe Pfohl. There was a ten minute band prelude before the three o'clock service started and a half hour concert while refreshments were served after the 40 minute service. Refreshments were served under the trees of the newly landscaped terrain.

Everyone present had a tour of the new eight room Christian Education building. Grace members enjoyed talking to former pastors, Ed Mickey and H. B. Johnson.

Landscaping has now been begun across the street from Grace Church on the Moravian cemetery. Two large parking areas are being cut out and paved and great lengths of sidewalks are being poured. Water connections for the new, little gardens and the cemetery are being made also.

ROBERT A. IOBST

RALEIGH

The progress on our Christian Education building is of foremost interest. So we report on that first of all. Work has seemed slow throughout the summer, but valid reasons exist for every delay which occurred. According to our contractor, he lost the three best weeks of weather while we were putting through the change order which calls for the lengthening of the Fellowship Hall by a little over eleven feet.

About the time that the masons and other men of the crew were beginning to pick up speed, the rains started to fall. Furthermore, at this point construction (on the basement and foundation) proceeds at a snail's pace in any case. But workmen will be ready to pour the concrete for the main floor of the building during the week of August 13-18. And the bricklayers will get back on the job the first of the following week.

The Women of the Church have concluded a year of helpful service and fellowship under the leadership of Mrs. C. Scott Venable, Jr., president. Other officers were Mrs. Howard E. Powers, vice-president; Mrs. William L. Oden, secretary; Mrs. J. Kenneth Reynolds, treasurer. The newly-elected officers are as follows: Mrs. Edward G. Manning, president; Miss Maud Schaub, vice-president; Mrs. George T. Smith, secretary; Dr. Margaret Wilson, treasurer.

At the annual Church Council in July Mrs. Howard E. Powers and Br. C. Scott Venable, Jr., were chosen to replace Mrs. Edward G. Manning and Br. William A. Diehl as members of the Church Board. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Mrs. Manning and Br. Diehl for their capable, efficient, and faithful service. The Council also elected Br. Diehl as our delegate to Synod this fall.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

IMMANUEL

The most significant activity of the summer is that of the Vacation Bible School. Without the aid of a Provincial worker we were able to hold our school at a time most convenient to our staff of workers. We omitted the Monday sessions and held a two weeks school of four days each with the result that everybody was pleased with the results. The congregation is indebted to an excellent and adequate staff composed of Carol Tuttle, Berta Joe Thomas, Becky Thomas, Barbara Garwood, and Janet Groce in the Nursery; Mrs. Julian Long, Mrs. Ralph Bell, and Mrs. C. E. Tuttle, Beginners; Mrs. W. T. Sink, Mrs. Wm. H. Day, Mrs. C. W. Beck, Linda Grites, Glenda Foster, and Sara Hoover, Primary; Mrs. J. B. Robertson, Mrs. Hobart Rodden, Mrs. T. M. Brown, and Mrs. Arnold Charles, Junior. With a total enrollment of 84 we were able to average 79 in daily attendance. We are much indebted to Mrs. J. F. Broadway, Mrs. Maude Newsom, Mrs. Alice Shaw, Mrs. L. E. Everhart, Mrs. A. W. Landreth, Mrs. E. M. Crouch, and others who served so efficiently under the supervision of Mrs. T. M. Foster in providing refreshments each day.

 Newly elected members of the Boards of Elders and Trustees were installed in appropriate ceremonies at the first Sunday in July. Officers of the Women of the Church, were inducted into office in impressive ceremonies at the regular quarterly meeting.

The Men's Bible Class were the guests of D. C. Butner and David E. Day, Jr., at a supper meeting; and the Young Men's Class had their wives, friends and families as guests at an ice cream supper, the men having turned out gallons of delicious frozen delight for the occasion.
The congregation was happy to receive into its fellowship Guy Francis and William F. Weston and we trust they will find abundant opportunity to serve the Lord in this new association.

SAMUEL J. TESCH

PROVIDENCE

We were pleased with the attendance and interest in Church Council. Newly elected Board members are R. D. Grubbs, Jesse Doss, Gray Grubbs and William A. Fulp.

Our Vacation Bible School was one of the best, due especially to our fine staff: Mrs. Joe Crews, Mrs. Roy Parks, Mrs. Odell Owens, Mrs. J. W. Porter, Mrs. Gene Koehn, Mrs. Earl Trivette, Miss Yvonne Crews, Mrs. George A. Chiddie, Mrs. W. C. Crews, Mrs. B. B. Grubbs, Miss Brenda Owens, and many others.

A number of our young people attended summer conferences at Camp Hanes. They were Pat Owens, Elaine McGuire, Judy Myers, Caroline Parks, David Crews, Johnnie Kay McGee, Patsy Moser, Mabel Crews, Libby Grubbs, Susie Southern, Larry Krause, Richard Crews and Jerry Isenhour. From their reports they had a wonderful time.

We wish to congratulate the following people who recently became members of the Foreign Missionary Society: Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Porter, Mrs. Fred Brann, G. G. Brooks, Jesse L. Doss, Gray Grubbs, Mrs. E. B. McGuire, R. A. Parks, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Southern and daughter, Susie.

During the absence of the pastor the Brethren Clyde Barber, J. H. Reid and Roger Kimball supplied for the pastor. We wish to thank them for the fine messages they brought us.

GEORGE A. CHIDDIE

BETHESDA

Our little church has been very active for the month, at the Church Council the following were elected on the Board for a term of years. Alvin Higgins, Roy Burke, and Horace Redman. Pete Jarvis was elected for a term of three years. John Harp Sr. was elected treasurer of the church. At the first Board meeting Br. Ed Reavis was elected vice chairman of the board. The Women of the Church gave a picnic supper at Miller Park with a good number attending and fine fellowship was enjoyed by all.

On each fifth Sunday night the people come and bring a basket for a fellowship supper together and on the fifth Sunday in July about 50 came, after the meal we gathered in the church for a sing fest and a good time serving the Lord with song and gladness. Br. Paul Sattenfield had charge of this service.

Our Sunday School and church service attendance has been only fair, the largest for Sunday School was 124; for church service 97; Wednesday prayer service 37. We are looking forward to good increase in the next month. If you haven’t been coming make plans to come next Sunday.

Mrs. John Harp Sr. who has been on the sick list and in the hospital is back home and to her church again. We thank Him who sends the healing Power.

"Nails would not have kept Christ fast to the cross had not love held Him there."

G. E. BREWER

MOUNT BETHEL

While many churches are entering into the summer curtailment of activities, here at Mount Bethel we experienced the busiest month of the year. On June 11 we opened Bible School and for the two weeks following averaged 38 pupils each day. Attendance though not too large was a steady one. Our school closed on Friday night June 22 with a grand program after which we enjoyed ice cream as a refreshment.

Sunday night, June 24, we began 8 days of revival services with the Rev. Paul A. Snider as our guest speaker. We had a very good attendance for the revival services with several nights going over the hundred mark. We feel it was truly a time that many were brought nearer to our Lord and Saviour.

Also, during this month five of our board members were able to attend the Building and Expansion rally at Bethabara Church enjoying the fellowship and the wonderful ham supper.

The night of July 15 Mount Bethel with many from Willow Hill turned back the pages 30 years and took a look at the work carried on here by Br. Allen Hedgecock as he showed them slides of that time. Many of the people recognized themselves 30 years ago and every one enjoyed reminiscing.

July 22 is a memorable day in Mount Bethel as on that Sunday 11 young people united with the church through the sacrament of Adult Baptism. Also, we were privileged to have visiting with us a member of the PFC Br. Alton Pfaff with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Tucker of Home Church.

Throughout the summer there has been a growth in our Wednesday night Bible
study with the last month averaging around 40 each Wednesday night which is about one-third of our communicant members. We hope that is only the beginning of a growing interest in services to our Lord.  

GLINK E. CRAVER

RURAL HALL

The gift of a mimeograph machine to the congregation has made possible the use of church bulletins. A cabinet for the mimeograph machine has also been given to the church. Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 11-15. Br. S. J. Tesch conducted the evening service on June 24 due to the illness of the pastor. The pulpit was supplied on July 15 by student Roger Kimball. We appreciate the services of both of these brethren.

The July lovefeast was held on July 22 with a band Prelude being given before the service by the Bethania Band. Br. T. Conway Pruett brought the message for the lovefeast. A special bulletin was prepared giving the names of the charter members of the first Ladies' Aid society in Rural Hall together with other information about the same.

The budget for the new fiscal year was adopted on July 29. There had been some delay in setting up the budget for the new year. Newly elected board members are: Mr. Clyde Freeman and Mr. T. M. Smith. Mr. Manly Lancaster was elected vice-chairman of the board. Mr. Carlis Fulk began serving as Sunday school superintendent the first of July.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

FRIEDBERG

Our congregation was indeed happy that we could close another church year with all our bills paid and all provincial pledges met in full. With an increased budget and the parsonage fund going in full swing, we hope to be able to say the same next July! According to the reports given at the annual church council all our organizations seem to be faring rather well. The Youth Fellowship under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sink, Jr. raised the largest amount in their history and the Women of the Church are continuing to do a fine work. The women served lunch at two auction sales in the community and to other groups as well.

Elected to the Board of Elders were: Carl Reich Jr., H. R. Anderson, and Henry Nifong; to the Trustees: A. A. Foltz, S. H. Fishel, Jr., E. E. Essick, and Russell Kimel. An outstanding job of lay leadership was evidenced in two efforts early in the summer. The women did a fine job in organizing and carrying out the Vacation Bible School. On the first Sunday in June the morning service was conducted entirely by laymen. Russell Kimel presided, Clarence Livengood sang, and S. H. Fishel, Jr., and James Taylor made short talks on "What Christ Means to Me." The Sunday school picnic, held at Tanglewood Park this year, drew our largest attendance in many years and a table of food that could hardly be equalled anywhere.

We were happy that a number of our young people could represent us at all three of the summer conferences. All the good wishes of the congregation go with one of our fine young men, Bob Rierson, as he begins his studies for the ministry at Moravian College.

On the first Sunday in August we welcomed into the life of our church Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gibson. Mrs. Gibson has assumed the duties of director of music. She will serve as organist and choir director and supervise and initiate other musical activities for the congregation.

WILLIAM MARSHALL

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE

The first Sunday in June was observed as "Youth Appreciation Sunday" in our church when the Senior Class conducted the entire 11 o'clock service. Sermonettes were given by Rolly Blythe, David Boyter, Tom Guerrant, and Stanley Thompson. Betsy Guerrant was lay reader; Mary Lynn Caldwell and Carol Slaughter read the Scripture; Migen Blythe gave the announcements, and Mary Jo Wooten was at the organ. The Youth Choir sang. It was a wonderful service in every way.

We welcome into the membership of the congregation Mrs. Margaret Wentz and daughter, Linda, and Mrs. Ellen Freesland and daughter, Roberta.

The quarterly general meeting of the Women of the Church" was held in Fellowship Hall on June 12. Supper was served by the Night Circle. The following new officers were installed: Mrs. James N. Smith, president; Mrs. W. W. Transou, 1st vice-president; Mrs. W. K. Wilson, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. O. L. Allen, recording secretary; Mrs. Lester Smith, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Fred Hood, treasurer; Mrs. T. C. Guerrant, chaplain; Mrs. H. C. Schoof, chairman, Morning Circle; Mrs. H. S. Thompson, chairman, Afternoon Circle.

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At a special Congregation Council held Sunday, June 24, the following delegates and alternates were elected to the Triennial Synod: O. L. Allen, J. F. Crouse, Grady Byrum, Basil Wilson, Richard Pitts, James Smith, Cleatus Fulp, Ben Horton, and Kenneth Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kemmerer entertained the Primary Department and the parents at a barbecue-picnic on their lovely farm on June 13. Over 60 guests were present. The children enjoyed planned games, horseback riding and many of them experienced their first visit to a farm. Mrs. Kemmerer is superintendent of the Primary Department.

The Wohlford Memorial Bible Class enjoyed a party on June 16 at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lineberger. Mrs. Lineberger is president of the class.

Our new $28,000.00 Youth Building was inspected by the congregation at an open house Sunday afternoon June 3. It was occupied by the Kindergarten, Beginners and Primary Departments on the following Sunday. The Goodfellowship Class (young adults) renovated and painted the space in the Hut vacated by the children and moved from the balcony of the church into this space together with the Intermediate department.

Col. and Mrs. Charles E. Moore, Jr., and their two sons, Michael and David have been transferred from Camp Jackson, S. C. to their new station in the Phillipe Islands.

HERBERT SPAUGH

CLEMMONS

A fund-raising campaign in which a dollar raised by the congregation is matched by an anonymous dollar began with enthusiasm on July 22. The goal is six hundred dollars in “new” money from the congregation members in six Sundays and from all indications the goal will be reached. The total of twelve hundred dollars will then be used for painting the Sunday School assembly room and improving the church sanctuary.

New board members elected at church council are J. S. Moser, Sr., Sam Howard, and L. F. Mock, replacing retiring members Joe Huff and Jacob Cumby. L. F. Mock replaces Lynn Johnson who has been transferred to New York City by the Western Electric Company. Delegates elected to Synod are Felix Hege and H. B. Stimpson, Sr., with alternates Mrs. B. L. Johnson and Mrs. Carl Lutz.

A small but successful Vacation Bible School was held under the director Roger Kimball of Friedland. The teachers were Mrs. John Maynard, Mrs. Carl Lutz, Mrs. Jack McCuiston and Miss Ruth Green.

Mr. Alec Bahnson was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Ladies of the Church held at the home of Mrs. T. Holt Haywood.

On Sunday, July 8, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCuiston were received into the congregation as transferring members from the Friedland congregation.

CONWAY PRUETT

MAYODAN

We had a very successful Vacation Bible School from June 4 to 13. There were 105 pupils and 15 teachers enrolled, making a total of 120. The average attendance was 103. This is the largest school we have had for some time. One of the things of interest done was the making of dolls by the junior and junior-hi girls for the children of our orphanage in Alaska.

Members of our young people’s societies attended the provincial rally. They have been successful in meeting their mission and camp site quotas. In addition they were able to double their contribution to the parsonage debt. The junior C. E. Society presented an interesting Father’s Day program the third Sunday in June.

Our annual missionary lovefeast was held the fourth Sunday evening in June, with the Rev. George Chiddie bringing a challenging message. Contributions from the organizations and individuals amounted to $2,001.00.

We were glad to receive Mr. and Mrs. Mack Griffin into our church by Adult Baptism Sunday, July 1.

We were glad to have the Rev. J. K. McConnell conduct the morning worship service July 15 in the absence of the pastor who was away on vacation. Raymond Coleman and Mrs. Ben DeLuca, who had Dr. Clay to speak, conducted the two prayer meetings.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held at Mayo Park Saturday, July 28 with a large number attending. Good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

One of our active young people, Dorothy Coleman, was given in marriage to James Robert Shumate July 5 in the church. We wish for her and her sister, Jeanette, who also has recently married, a very happy future.

JOHN H. KAPP

CHRIST CHURCH

The annual meeting of Church Council, held on the first Wednesday in June, elected the following to the official boards at Christ Church: Board of Elders: A. R. Carr, W. H. Adams, E. L. Pike; Board of Trustees: Hal B. Nifong, T. L. Shepherd, Howard DiBer, W. W. Barber; Board of Christian Education: Mrs. L. H. Conrad, H. A. Tesh, Sr., Walter Crouch; Central Board of Trustees: D. N. Hire. These newly elected
board members were installed at the morning service on July 8.
Again this year a very successful Vacation Bible School was held for a two week period, with William McElveen, a Southern Province theological student, as the leader of the school. The total enrollment was 101, with 78 pupils and 23 workers, and an average daily attendance of 66.6. Superintendents of the Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior departments were Mrs. Leroy Chitty, Mrs. Robert Johnson, and Mrs. Lucy H. Conrad. A program and picnic for parents and children, held on Friday, July 6, brought the school to a close.

Br. William A. Cranford, Pastor of the Rural Hall and Fulp Moravian churches, and a "son" of this congregation, was the speaker at our Children's lovefeast on August 5.

This is the final report of the undersigned as pastor of Christ Church. It must end with a sincere word of appreciation to the loyal folks of this congregation with whom it has been my privilege to serve for 3 years and 8 months. Truly he is blessed who had such steadfast and loyal followers.

JOHN H. JOHANSEN

TRINITY

After fifteen years of service our Sunday-school superintendent, R. W. Lawson, has tendered his resignation, effective August 1. Members of the school regret that Br. Lawson found this step necessary and have requested him that he remain a member of the council so that he may continue to assist in direction. His faithful and efficient service is indeed appreciated. Meanwhile, J. C. Cook, Sr., and Coy B. Yokley, assistant superintendents, will be in charge of the school.

An exchange of pupils brought the Rev. Robert A. Iobst to Trinity and his message was pronounced one of the best heard on the subject of missions. Courtesy shows Trinity pastor and wife by families Jarvis and Pruett and all others of the Mount Airy congregation will be long remembered. What a long way Mount Airy has come since Trinity sent a Sunday-school superintendent to that town to start a congregation in a room over a store on Main Street!

The picnic at Tanglewood Park was a great occasion with nearly three hundred attendants.

Larry Reavis has returned from military service in Alaska and will be a student at Wake Forest College. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Morgan, Jr., have returned from military service in Germany where their son Joseph III was born in Wuerzburg.

The pastor had the privilege of speaking to the Presbyterian young people at Camp Grier, near Old Fort, of greeting Cherokee friends on the reservation in the Great Smoky Mountains, and of attending the Third Annual World Affairs Institute at Blue Ridge Assembly, where Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Levering and their children had a prominent part.

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald W. Roller (she was Eleanor Rights) are located in Seattle, Washington, and Graham Rights has been with a church work group in Mexico.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS

MORAVIA

"Champions for Christ." For two weeks, June 11-22, this theme rang out for the annual Vacation Bible School at Moravia. A sample of the work accomplished was presented in the evening worship service, June 24, when each department helped to lead in the worship. We appreciate the fine work of our excellent staff of teachers and helpers including Mrs. Leon Beeson, Mrs. Ted West, Mrs. Howard Ledbetter, Bernice Howerton, Mrs. Paul Fentress, Mrs. Joseph Barham, Louise Howerton, Mrs. R. T. Troutman, Howard Kirkman, Mrs. Dewey Long, Clyde Howerton, Ted West, Margaret Barham, Mrs. Ida Lee, Leon Beeson, Mrs. Charles Lee, Mrs. Grover Crews, Mrs. Edward Scoggin, Edward Scoggin, Ollie Baker, and the pastor.

Mrs. Charles Robertson King united with our congregation on Sunday, July 8, when she was received by Letter of Transfer.

Wallace Elliott, pre-theological student at Moravian College, is home and helping us greatly during this summer vacation.

The Young Adults' Fellowship elected the following to serve them during the new year: Mrs. Gorrell Terrell, president; Mrs. Leon Beeson, secretary; Mrs. Riley Lowe, assistant secretary; Mrs. R. T. Troutman, corresponding secretary; John Lee, treasurer; Riley Lowe, assistant treasurer; Riley Lowe and Gorrell Terrell, Social Committee Chairmen; Mrs. Paul Fentress, Church Clean-Up Chairman.

Elections for Sunday School officers and teachers resulted as follows: Ted West, superintendent; Herbert Isley, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Paul Fentress, secretary; Mrs. J. T. Nance, assistant secretary; Marie

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Softball, volleyball, plenty of delicious food and ice-cold lemonade all went together to help make the annual Sunday School Picnic at Oak Ridge Military School on Saturday, June 30, a tremendous success.

We wish to thank the Brn. J. H. Reid, Clyde Barber and Howard Kirkman who conducted worship services during the pastor’s absences while he was on vacation and serving as a member of the staff of the Junior High Conference.

The newly-organized Circle II of the Women of the Church elected Mrs. T. C. West to serve them for the coming year as president, Mrs. Leon Beeson, secretary; Mrs. Ted West, treasurer, Mrs. R. T. Troutman, chaplain.

Those attending summer conferences from Moravia include William Barham, Linda Hunsucker, Joe Long and Kathryn Smith.

R. T. TROUTMAN

BETHANIA

The annual Church Council on June 3 brought with it reports of real progress in the work of the church during the past year. We thank God for blessing us in such a wonderful way financially. All of our needs were met. In addition to assuming the full-time support of a pastor for the first time, there were unforeseen expenses amounting to several thousand dollars in the repair of church property that came up during the year. Our new budget of $13,351.55 was adopted which was an increase of $1,350.00 over the budget of last year.

New board members elected were Russell Hunter and William Crews to the Board of Elders and Paul Barnard and Atha Morris to the Board of Trustees. W. T. Strupe, Kelly Chadwick, and Miss Margaret Chadwick were elected delegates to Synod with R. M. Butner, Harold Adams, and Elmer Kearney as alternates. The board members and officers of the Women of the Church were installed at the morning service on June 24.

The walls of the new parsonage are beginning to rise as work has been progress¬ing on it. The foundation is in at this writing and work has begun on the floor joists. Quite a few of our men have been doing free labor on the building on Saturdays and at night.

Bethania was happy to serve as the host congregation for the Regional Missionary Lovefeast on May 20. Our speaker was the Rev. Robert Iobst. The choirs from Bethabara, Olivet, Providence, and Mizpah assisted in the service as did the band members from the various churches. Other churches included in our region were Rural Hall and Fulp.

Our June Feast, marking the 197th anniversary of the congregation, was observed on the second Sunday in June. Bishop Pfohl presided at the Communion service and brought a Communion meditation. This was followed by a picnic lunch in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker for the Lovefeast followed at 2:30 was Dr. Edwin Sawyer.

We wish to thank Br. William McElveen and the staff for the fine Daily Vacation Bible School we had this summer.

While the parsonage family was vacationing in Florida for three weeks, the congregation enjoyed having the Brethren William McElveen, Roger Kimball, and George Higgins as supply ministers.

We were happy that about fifteen of our young people were able to take advantage of the fine opportunities afforded by the summer youth conferences. They returned from the conferences with glowing reports.

F. HERBERT WEBER

HOPEWELL

Recently a group of our Young People formed a Fisherman’s Club. They have been meeting on Tuesday Night for instruction and then they go out and witness for Christ.

Camping has been uppermost in the minds of our Boy Scouts and young people this summer. Nineteen Boy Scouts represented the Hopewell troop at Camp Raven Knob. Gail Smith and Rachel Berrier represented the seniors at Camp Hanes, and Jerry Bodenheimer and Wayne Pope represented the intermediates. Sheila Kasubaski and Jo Ann Fesmire will attend the junior camp.

Teachers in the Vacation Bible School this year were as follows: Nursery: Lois Smith and Rebecca Kasubaski; Beginners: Gail Smith, Nancy Davis, and Nancy Berrier; Primary: Thelma James, Rachel Berrier, Doris Lambeth, and Judy Beshears; Junior: Sylvia Pope, Wilma Culler, Doris Guy, and Donald Comer; Intermediates: the pastor. Miss Mildred White acted as secretary, pianist, and assistant in one of the departments.

The Ladies Bible Class means business. They voted sometime ago to raise one thousand dollars toward the building fund. From the last report received from them, it will not be long until their goal is reached.

The Girl Scouts have impressed us with the interest they have taken in tidying up the church grounds. Keep up the good work, girls.

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W. NORWOOD GREEN

Early American Moravian Music

Interest in the musical culture created and nourished by the early members of the Moravian Church in America has been steadily growing since 1937 when the eminent musicologist, Hans T. David, produced some results of his studies in the Moravian Church Archives at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. His findings revealed that an enormous number of music manuscripts by previously unknown composers, many of whom were very gifted creators, were reposing in the dust of neglect. Furthermore, many of them were products of the United States, and at a time when American musical creativity was not by any means on a par with that in Europe.

The sum total of this research caused many music lovers to add the name of Johann Friedrich Peter, Johannes Herbst, Jeremiah Dencke, Simon Peter, Jacob Van Vleck, Georg Gottfried Mueller, David Moritz Michael, Johann Christian Bechler, Peter Wolle, and Francis Florentine Hagen to the roster of American composers. Henceforth the roster had to be enlarged to include the names of Johann Friedrich Peter, Johannes Herbst, Jeremiah Dencke, Simon Peter, Jacob Van Vleck, Georg Gottfried Mueller, David Moritz Michael, Johann Christian Bechler, Peter Wolle, and Francis Florentine Hagen.

Early American Moravian Music is a title chosen to refer to the two classes of music used by the American Moravians during the century, 1740-1840: the compositions of American Moravians on one hand, and European Moravians and non-Moravians on the other, which constitute the advanced musical life in the American settlements. The music of the American Moravians is especially significant because it is some of the finest music written in the early United States.

Early American Moravian Music Festivals

To make practical use of these musical finds, an Early American Moravian Music Festival and Seminar was organized in 1950 by Thor Johnson, who foresaw a wealth of opportunity for using this source of unknown or forgotten music to strengthen the repertoires of choruses, symphony orchestras, and chamber ensembles. Subsequent festivals in 1954 and 1955 firmly established the wisdom of the venture and caused Early American Moravian Music to receive international acceptance. Future festivals will continue to stress the policy of presenting modern-day premieres of forgotten music.

The Moravian Music Foundation

In 1954 a research grant, said to be the largest ever given for a study of American music, was given to Salem College to enable a musicologist to make a comprehensive study of the music of the North Carolina Moravians, and to relate the findings to the work already accomplished in Pennsylvania. So significant were the discoveries—among them the earliest known copy of a Haydn symphony and several previously unknown works of the Bach family—that the Moravian Church in America in 1956 elected to create a separate organization in which to vest control of all research and publication rights of the music.

The Moravian Music Foundation, Inc., was chartered as a North Carolina nonprofit corporation in May of 1956 to advance the knowledge of Early American Moravian Music through research, publication, and recording. Broadly stated, the purpose of the Moravian Music Foundation is to promote the advancement of Early American Moravian Music by any and all means at its disposal. More specifically, the Foundation will serve as the central agency from which all music publications, recordings, and research assistance will emanate. While the major part of the efforts of the Foundation will continue to bear the commercial labels of the leading publishers, the Moravian Music Foundation will be responsible for the authoritative editorial of each work.

By the above stated purpose, The Moravian Music Foundation, Inc., as an educational, benevolent, and nonprofit corporation, will endeavor to make one of the largest collections of American music available for performance and research. And, as the first foundation ever established for the advancement of any phase of early American music, The Moravian Music Foundation will cooperate with any recognized groups or persons interested in furthering the knowledge and appreciation of America's music before 1900.

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THE SALEM BOOK STORE
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Winston-Salem, N. C.
George R. Heath,
Former Missionary, Dies

When we come to the funeral hour of one of God's servants, there often seems to be a verse of Scripture that summarizes the supreme purpose of the earthly life and endevor of the departed. This is true, in a singular way, for our brother, George Reinke Heath, whose witness is summarized in the text he used for one of his first sermons:

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Galatians 6:14

More than a year ago, he made this request for his funeral service. "Please say little of me and much of Him ... and sing the great hymns of the Church."

George Reinke Heath was the son of missionary parents, George Octavius and Charlotte Elizabeth m. n. Reinke Heath, and was born at Fairfield, Jamaica, West Indies, on February 16, 1879.

At the age of eight, he was sent to England where he enrolled at the Fulneck Boys' School. He confirmed his baptismal covenant on April 13, 1892, at the age of 13. Shortly thereafter he faced the question of his life's work, coming again to the desire that had always been in his mind—to follow his father whom he admired so greatly. Though other alternatives were considered, he returned always to the conviction, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel", and preferably among the heathen.

He was then sent to the Manchester secondary school at Fairfield to complete his education and entered the University of Manchester in 1895.

It was in May of 1901 that he was ordered to discontinue his studies and to enter service in Nicaragua where an English speaking missionary was needed. Ordination followed on June 27 and our brother soon began service in Bluefields.

Some eighteen months later, according to prior arrangements with the Mission Board, he went to Jamaica to meet his betrothed Ensell, Miss Emma Heath of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; by two brothers, Herbert W. Heath of Ottawa, Canada, and Harold A. Heath of St. Petersburg, Florida; and by a multitude of friends and fellow Christians who rejoice in his victory, even while they sorrow in his passing.

Tar Branch is a straight-flowing stream coursing over a bed of metamorphosed rock that underlies the town of Salem. A good example for speaking and writing, it is simple and direct, though shallow and fast.

Now with the construction of the by-pass for Old Salem, Tar Branch will soon be lost from sight, flowing underground through large cement pipes, and it is fitting to bid it some kind of farewell. The subject may appear trivial, but Records of the Moravians, meticulously written, often mention trivalities that prove to be important in later years.

Evidence of the first inhabitants is furnished by the archivist, who found two Indian arrowheads on the bank of Tar Branch near the old Elm Street Chapel.

When the Moravians moved in, the Brother's House garden with terraced squares extended down to the eastern shore, where a spring refreshed thirsty gardeners and weary travelers. It was here that the British Army halted in 1781 on its march through Salem. On this site, adjacent to the boyhood home of the archivist, in juvenile exploring he found big English copper pennies and gun flints, possible evidence that these soldiers of the Crown followed the accustomed ways of the military by shooting cranial adjusting their weapons while at ease near the spring.

Near its lower end a dam was built and water from the pond turned a wheel to furnish power for gunsmith Vogler, who lived in the Chimney House.

The branch was useful for draining the watershed east of Main Street. It also furnished a resort for children who wished to wade and splash in water. Since it skirted the back lots of the inhabitants on Salt Street, now Liberty Street, including the Boner and Hagen families, there is little doubt that John Henry Boner and Franz Florentin Hagen, later famous as poet and composer of music respectively, in boyhood days cooled their bare feet in the hospitable stream.

The joy of wading in the water was considerably enhanced after the cotton mill upstream began to empty dye waste in various colors that resulted in christening the stream as Tar Branch. Some of our Salem folk, both male and female, can remember how they waded in the branch and came out of it with legs and feet colored blue, on another day red, and on another day green, according to the dye schedule of the cotton mill. Parents were not so pleased as were the frolicking children.

Fishing was attempted from time to time on a small scale (pardon, please), for minnows managed to find their way up from the creek, as well as tadpoles and crayfish. Perched on the rock wall of the garden, little Pauline Peterson (now Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton) one day tried her luck at angling with a bent pin without bait on the end of a line. Mischievous boys of the neighborhood dug up a dead minnow they had buried, slipped beneath the wall unnoticed, and fastened the poor fish on her hook. When she unsuspectingly hauled in her prize, she scampered up the house shouting, "Grandpapa, look, I've caught a fish!" For several days the catch was kept in a jar of water, liberally supplied with crumbled crackers which, alas, the dead fish could not nibble. Another fisherman was Harold Vogler (of W. T. Vogler & Son, jewelers), who as a nimble youth caught goldfish (appropriate for a jeweler's family) in the stream behind his home. These fish were certainly not natives but had probably slipped down the drain from somebody's kitchen when the goldfish bowl was being refilled.

But there will be no more fishing, wading, for Tar Branch must be buried alive. No ceremony has been scheduled for the interment of this benevolent water course, but hidden from view of man it will continue its solitary flow.

For men may come and men may go, But I go on forever.
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TWO SOUTHERN PROVINCE MEMBERS AMONG

Five Winners Of Hymn Contest

The Inter-Provincial Quincentennial Committee has announced the selection of five winners among the entries submitted in the new hymns contest which they sponsored. According to the rules, any member of the Moravian Church could submit an original hymn, either to be sung to hymn-tunes already in use or with original music submitted with the hymn. One of the hymns selected did have an original hymn tune.

The following is the list of winners and the titles of the hymns they submitted: the Rev. Samuel Wedman, "Christ Our Lord;" Mrs. William A. Blair, "Our Father's God, to Thee We Raise;" Mrs. Edward G. Manning, "Our Fathers Sang Thy Praise, O Lord" and "Come, Let Us Raise Triumphant Songs,"—the latter accompanied by an original tune composed by Mrs. Allen Lenius; and Charles H. Rominger, "In the Tumult of the Ages."

The Rev. Samuel Wedman served as pastor in various Moravian Churches in the Canadian District and for many years was District Superintendent. He was largely responsible for the securing and building of Camp Van-Es, the Canadian District youth camp.

Mrs. Blair is Mary Fries Blair, only sister of Dr. Adelaide Fries, a descendant of Zinzendorf and a member of Home Moravian Church. She is a scholar of ability, having translated a number of books and done much writing. While Mrs. Blair is in her 80's, her mind and spirit are vitally alert.

Dr. Charles Rominger was at one time headmaster of Moravian Preparatory School and for many years a member of the faculty, both of Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa., and Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa. He continued active even after the age of retirement, serving as pastor of the Moravian Church at Coopersburg, Pa.

Mrs. Manning is the former Anne Borhek, and sister to Mrs. Allen Lenius. The two worked together on some of the hymns she submitted to the contest. She lives with her husband and small son in Raleigh, N. C., and is a member of the recently organized Moravian congregation there. She has been actively interested in writing for many years and has had a number of poems published.

Oak Grove Breaks Ground

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a sanctuary and additional Sunday school rooms were held at Oak Grove on August 12, at 2:30 P.M. Music for the occasion was provided by band members from six congregations. Three members of the Provincial Elders Conference and nine ministers were present to help break ground. Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders Conference, brought a message of gratitude and encouragement and turned the first shovel of earth.

Preliminary work for the construction of the new building had begun the previous week under the supervision of the Floyd S. Burge Construction Company. In the event of good weather the building should be ready for use in the early spring. The actual construction costs amount to $104,911; and the total cost, including architects fees, furnishings, and organ, will be slightly over $120,000.

The erection of the sanctuary will complete the Oak Grove building plans, which were begun some years ago. The first unit of the new church plant was built in 1951 and dedicated in January 1953 at a cost of $53,000. In this first unit space is provided for ten Sunday school classrooms, church office, pastor's study, kitchen, and fellowship hall.

Original plans called for a sanctuary addition only, but the growth of the Sunday school in the past five years has made it necessary to provide additional educational facilities as well. Thus, the new building of Moravian colonial design will provide cradle roll, nursery, kindergarten, and married couples classrooms; a complete primary department; choir room; and two restrooms. The sanctuary, which is of colonial design with divided chancel, will seat 450 people. A hot water heating system converted into forced hot air is being installed in anticipation of adding an air condition unit at some future date.

Of the total cost of the building, which measures 141 feet by 42 feet, $28,000 has already been raised. The congregation will obtain a ten-year loan with yearly payments of around $12,000 to finance the building.
Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference
The Rev. Jack Barnes was installed as pastor of Christ Church at the eleven o'clock service on Sunday morning, September 9, by the President of the P. E. C.

The Rev. John Johansen was installed as pastor at Hope by Dr. George G. Higgins at the morning service on September 2. Bro. Johansen will also become a part-time member of the department of Religion at Salem College beginning with the fall session.

The Provincial Elders Conference announces that the Rev. Ephert Lineback, at his own request, has been granted a period of release from the Moravian Church in order that he might pursue his study in the field of theology at Union Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

The Northern Synod, meeting in Bethelhem, Pa., from August 28th through September 4th, enlarged its Provincial Elders Conference from three ministerial members to seven members, three of whom were laymen. Those elected were: The Rt. Rev. Kenneth G. Hamilton, President; Dr. F. Paul Stocker, V. Pres. and President of the Eastern District; Dr. Victor L. Thomas, V. Pres. and President of the Western District; Rev. Elmer R. Stolte, President of the Canadian District; the lay brethren elected were: The Bro. Claude Deischer, Sec'y. P. E. C.; Wesley Belter and Gordon Thompson.

New ministeral students attending Moravian College and Theological Seminary from the Southern Province this fall include: College Freshmen: Charles Bennett from Knoxa Hills, Charles Fishel from Advent, John McKeown from Hopewell and Robert Rienzo from Friedberg. A new ministeral candidate in the Theological Seminary, first year class, is Bruce Weber from Fairview.

Provincial Woman's Board
Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

Mrs. Dale H. Granley, President of the Women of Home Church, announces that the annual Provincial Rally will be held Wednesday, October 24, at 12:10 P. M. Lunch will be served, followed by a guest speaker.

The Provincial Woman's Board has received many requests to again see the Historical Scrapbooks made by the various organizations of the Women of the Church which were on display at the Workshop held in the spring. Mrs. Carl R. Kerter, Chairman of History and Customs, has made arrangements for their display at the Rally. Each Woman of the Church organization is requested to bring its scrapbook. They will be on display in the Men's Bible Class room opposite the Ladies Parlor. These books are still in the making and will be added to throughout the year.

A meeting of the presidents of the Women of the Church will be held Thursday, October 11, at Fairview Church. Mrs. M. E. Miller states that each president will receive a letter giving full details of the meeting.

Four members of the Provincial Woman's Board served on Pre-Synod committees which met during the summer. These committees studied various fields of our church's work. Mrs. M. E. Miller and Mrs. R. W. Newsom served on the committee to study the "State of the Church," and Mrs. Rex Freeman and Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs "The Ministry."

The Day of Prayer for Christ Church has been set for Wednesday, October 24, according to an announcement of Mrs. S. R. Shore, President.

Archives House
Douglas L. Rights, archivist


Dr. Harry A. Wolfson has been styled "perhaps the nation's most savant scholar on Jewish and medieval philosophy and literature."

The first problem examined by Professor Wolfson is the relation of faith and reason. He begins with writers of the New Testament, among them Paul, who explained the difference between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world and asserted "that he was not going to adorn his teachings with persuasive arguments based on the wisdom of the world. Professor Wolfson describes the circumstances and influences which nevertheless brought about the introduction of philosophy into matters of faith." The various attitudes of the Fathers toward philosophy are analyzed with the various attitudes of the Fathers toward philosophy.

Subjects next studied are the Trinity and the Incarnation, with the basic New Testament statements and the voluminous discussions and controversies of the Church Fathers, who sought to harmonize conflicting opinions and ultimately formulated doctrines acceptable to church authorities, stated in terms of philosophy.

Although this is a monumental work in itself, it is only one part of a series of twelve these have already been published, two on Philo, one on Plato, one on Plato's "Elements," one on Philo, one on Plato's "Elements," and the recently published book on the Church Fathers.

There has been wide recognition of the masterful studies of Professor Wolfson. This year he received an honorary degree at Harvard. The archivist is proud to have received from the author an autographed copy of this book, which comes from an old friend, a companion of student days in Divinity Hall at Harvard University. Well remembered are the discussions of those hours of youth, some wise and some otherwise.

Congratulations are extended to Professor Wolfson and good wishes for him in the lonely hours of his research (he is unmarried) as he performs wonders of scholarship.

Young Adults Plan
(Continued from page 1)

sent to Mrs. Brooks Snyder, 2357 Ardmore Terrace.

Two main items of business will be presented before the council. First, the completion of the 1955-1956 project to raise $2,000 for the new Moravian Camp. According to the treasurer, the project is still $895.77 from completion. In addition, there are $222.00 in unpaid pledges. The young adults hope to have this money in hand before the Fall Rally.

A second item of business is the planning of projects for the coming year.

Lost and Found

A number of items which were left at the Summer Conferences are in the office of the Board of Christian Education, 500 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, N. C. These include bath towels, sweaters, shirts, pants, and Bibles. Owners may claim these items by calling.

Change of Address

The address of the Rev. John H. Johansen, new pastor of the Hope congregation, is 1718 Lancelot Lane. His telephone No. is 3-2061.

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New Philadelphia Adds Wing

NEW PHILADELPHIA opens new Christian Education Building. The older church, now brick veneered, is at the right.

HENRY A. LEWIS

New Philadelphia Congregation has now completed the erection of a new Sunday School wing and a redecoration of the existing building. The total cost of the project, including new furnishings was $130,000. Thus far $61,000 has been raised from all sources, and the indebtedness stands at $69,000. The initial fund raising effort began less than three years ago.

The new wing adds 10,000 square feet of floor space to give a total of 25,000 square feet available. It will house the cradle roll, nursery, kindergarten, primary and two large adult classes. In addition there are two new kitchens, two offices, six ceramic tile baths, and a choir room.

General contractor was C. E. Fetter Co. Heating was by Wall-Turner, Plumbing by Brownlow, and wiring by Twin City Electric Contracting Company. Stinson-Arey-Hall were the architects.

The overall plan calls for the erection of a new sanctuary as soon as the present debt is retired, which is expected to be about 1960. A chapel is to be added in 1963, and additional Sunday school wing some time in the future.

SCHEDULE OF LEADERSHIP EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
FALL, 1956

ADULT BIBLE COURSE
For: Teachers of youth and adult classes using Uniform Lessons
Dates: Each Tuesday from October 2 to November 6
Course: "Great Passages of the Bible"
Taught by: Dr. Edwin A. Sawyer
Place: Salem College — Time: 7:30 to 9:00

INSTITUTE FOR LEADERS OF PRIMARY DEPARTMENTS IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
For: Teachers and Superintendents of Primary Departments
(children ages 6, 7, 8)
Dates: Monday, October 22 and Tuesday, October 23
Taught by: Mrs. Francis J. Brooke, Norfolk, Virginia
Place: Salem College — Time: 7:30 to 9:30
Registration Fee — $1.00

MEETINGS FOR ADVISORS OF SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUPS,
SALEM COLLEGE — 7:30 - 9:30
Seniors — October 2
Junior Highs — October 16
Juniors — October 16

MEETINGS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS
October 30, Salem College — 7:30 - 9:00

MEETINGS FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL CHURCH BOARDS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
November 6, Salem College — 7:30 - 9:00

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.
Foreign Mission Briefs...

The Aldersleys to Visit Us

As previously announced one part of the program for the "Year of Missionary Emphasis" is soon to be carried out. The Rev. and Mrs. Cyril Aldersley are to visit the American provinces as representatives of the Eastern West Indies Province. It is now planned for them to spend October 7 on Staten Island; October 15 at Littitz; October 21 in Ohio; October 28 in the Northern Wisconsin area; November 4 in the Edmonton area; November 11 at Watertown; November 18 and 25 in the Southern Province.

The Aldersleys are well fitted to give us a comprehensive report on the present state of the Moravian work in this field for which American Moravians now have the responsibility. It is hoped that many members from our other congregations within reach of the above centers will hear the Aldersleys. They will find it well worth their effort.

The New Movie on Alaska

Production of the movie on Moravian missions in Alaska, planned as a part of the program of this "Year of Missionary Emphasis," has been unavoidably delayed. But friends will be glad to know that it is now in its later stages. The movie should be available to our congregations at a small rental by the end of this year or the beginning of the next. Many individuals are cooperating in bringing this movie into being. It represents a joint effort of the Inter-Province Board of Christian Education and of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The New Testament in Mikito

While attending the Provincial Synod at Bethlehem Dr. Ferdinand Drebert could display with understandable joy the first copy of the New Testament in Eskimo which he had been so largely instrumental in bringing to America. Thus for the first time our brethren and sisters in Alaska will have access to the whole of the New Testament in their own tongue. The church is also indebted to the American Bible Society for this publication, which society will make it available in the field considerably below cost.

The Instituto Bíblico

As a step in realizing plans to enlarge the Instituto Bíblico in Nicaragua the Rev and Mrs. Joseph Gray moved to Bilw2skarma in the early summer. In September Br. Gray assumed responsibility for the institution as Dean. Dr. Stortz will continue to share in the teaching load in the school which he founded. The change in administrative responsibility was made at Br. Stortz’s suggestion and should enable him to give more time to his other duties as superintendent of the province.

Our Visitors

Warm thanks are herewith expressed to August Alexie and Alice Marie Hooker for the time spent by them in our church camps this summer. They have helped many to grasp the extent to which the Christian Gospel has transformed their homelands. We hope that they too have carried pleasant memories of Christian fellowship away with them. May the Head of the Church continue to bless and use what they accomplished during their stay among us.

Training Others

In addition to his many other duties, Br. Jack Coleman has now been given the responsibility of teaching Cornelius Omier, a Rama Indian believer from our little island congregation on Rama Cay. Br. Clemente, long the faithful lay pastor on the island, is of advanced age and suffers ill health. Cornelius has assisted him over a considerable period of time. Br. Coleman is to try to help him prepare for leadership among the Rama Indians.

Be reavement in Missionary Family

Friends of Frances Hueter, of the Children’s Home staff in Alaska, heard with deep sympathy the sudden death of her father on July 13. She made a short trip to Green Bay to be with her family for the funeral and flew back to Alaska on August 2.

A New Teacher for the Home

Gladys Kirtlitz joined Frances at Seattle for the trip north to her new work as teacher in the Children’s Home. She takes with her heartfelt good wishes of many friends both in Canada and in the East where she recently visited. The Board is happy that with her coming the Home seems assured of a full staff this winter.

FULTON CONDUCTS SERVICE FOR WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday afternoon, September 16, approximately 40 members and friends of the Washington Moravian Church met in the chapel of the Luther Place Memorial Church for the first fall meeting of the Washington Moravian Fellowship. The service was conducted by the Rev. John W. Fulton, Rondthaler Professor of Theology in Moravian Theological Seminary and until recently pastor of Calvary Church, in Winston-Salem.

Following the service the annual business meeting was held and new Board members chosen. Elected to three-year terms were Miss Irene Dotson, Mrs. Peyton Luckett, and Mr. Charles F. Kessler.

The Washington Moravian Fellowship well illustrates the worldwide nature of the Moravian Church. Moravians from all corners of the Northern and Southern Provinces, as well as from England, Germany, and often from the mission fields, are found in attendance at the services of the Fellowship. Services will be held on the third Sunday of each month through next June, at 3:00 P.M., in the Luther Place Chapel. Moravians visiting in Washington, and those who have moved to the District of Columbia area are invited to attend.
REPORTS FROM

LEAKSVILLE

Although many of our people were on weekend vacations, outings and reunions during the months of July and August we managed to continue all of our regular activities but with fewer people participating.

The Women's Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Irene Crowder furnished special music for services and special programs during the two months under review. They will represent our church during "Hymn Time" in September over the local radio station WLOE.

In keeping with the commemoration of the great spiritual awakening and renewal of the Moravian Church on August 13, 1727, Holy Communion was observed Sunday morning, August 12, with a goodly number in attendance.

Our Sunday school was represented at the two Junior Contemplations by Shirley Nifong during August by several of our boys and girls and some of them made fine reports to the Sunday school on returning from camp.

The annual fellowship rally of the women of the Leaksville and Mayodan congregations was held this year at our church on Friday evening, August 24, with an unusual large attendance. A specially prepared program was greatly enjoyed, followed by a fellowship social. These annual "get-togethers" prove to be a great blessing to the women of these two congregations.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

ENTERPRISE

Sixty-nine people had perfect attendance in church school last year. Twenty-three persons have had perfect attendance for six years. Two families, the John Wesley Heges and the Sam Phelps', have the distinction of being included within the latter group. They along with the others are to be congratulated on their attainment.

Mrs. Lettie Tesch reports that Enterprise held its most successful supper on August 25.

On August 12, the church held its annual lovefeast that commemorates renewal of our Moravian Church. Br. Alex Bahnsen of Winston-Salem was the guest speaker. His theme was "May the Lamb receive the reward of His suffering."

Mrs. W. N. Green has returned home from the hospital after two successful operations. At the present time Mrs. James Craver is in the City Memorial Hospital very seriously ill.

Congratulations to Shirley Nifong Craver and Kenneth Craver on their recent marriage.

W. NORWOOD GREEN

OAK GROVE

The year 1955-56 was an exceptionally fine year from a financial standpoint. The Church budget again was subscribed in full. All obligations were met, and a new parsonage furnace was bought and paid for. A total of over $23,000 was given through the various organizations during the year. We give thanks to God for the year and hope that the new fiscal year will be a year of service and growth, spiritually as well as financially.

The call of camp—a new call to many of our young people—lured sixteen of our youth to Camp Hanes for the summer conferences. It was the largest representation we have ever had, and we were thrilled to hear the young people tell of their experiences when they and the Junior Choir conducted the August 26 worship service in full.

Once again appreciation is expressed to the Sunday school for their continued interest in providing half scholarships to all campers.

The Women of the Church continued their activity through the summer months and had a very successful Old Fashioned Lawn Party in August. Enthusiasm is running high in the new circle organized under the leadership of Mrs. Harvey Seivers. Mrs. James Fulp is the new president of the Women's Work, and Mrs. Irvin Lewis and Mrs. I. D. Idol are leaders for the other two circles.

Through the generosity of Nathaniel and Kenneth Covington, Howard Sell, and Noah Whicker, two beautiful storm doors have been installed at the parsonage.

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER

MIZPAH

The outstanding event at Mizpah, of course, during the two months under review, was the annual Lawn Supper on Saturday, August 4, observed without fail for more than sixty years since the beginning of this work. The occasion this year was as well attended as ever. Without seeing, one would not believe the vastness of the crowds that attended. With patrons sitting everywhere on steps, lawns, car fenders, in addition to the hundreds at tables, more than 700 were served and net profit reached the sum of $710. A congregation at work could be the title for this event, for virtually the whole congregation participated in preparing for and carrying it through. As usual, our people were overjoyed with the results of their labors.

One project which continues month after month is our monthly night service for reviewing the many slides and films of Moravian missions which are available. Since May, a faithful group of thirty or more have thus gathered and also given their gifts for missions and we feel that there is an increasing interest in missions in our congregation. We also have a good committee working on the drive for new members of the Foreign Missionary Society and Mizpah will have its share toward the goal of 1,000 new members throughout the Province.

In the absence of the pastor on vacation the last two Sundays in August, the pulpit was supplied by Br. J. K. McConnell of Leaksville and Br. C. M. Hedrick of Winston-Salem.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

FULP

Vacation Bible School was held June 25-July 6 with Miss Anne Tesch in charge. She was assisted during the first week of the school by Jim

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WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

NEW PHILADELPHIA

The Sunday school classes have all worked together in completing the renovation of the fifteen class rooms in the old building, so that everyone could have new-looking quarters as some classes moved into the new wing.

Pulpit guests during the pastor's vacation were the Rev. Fred Hege, Dr. Edwin Sawyer, and Theological Student David Burkette. The attendance held up fairly well this summer as we recorded averages of 340 for morning worship and 421 for Sunday school during July and August.

The week-day kindergarten has registered 26 so far. Teachers this year will be Mrs. A. H. Bruce and Mrs. W. M. Wier.

We are very grateful to our many friends around the province who visited us at our open house on Sunday, September 16. We extend here the invitation to any others to come and see the new wing and the other portions of the building at your convenience. We say thanks also to the open house committee consisting of Mrs. Clyde Dula, chairman; Mrs. Frank Crater Sr., Mrs. F. R. Crater, Sr., and Rueben Hughes.

The pastor's family is grateful for the new venetian blinds recently installed throughout the parsonage.

HENRY A. LEWIS

Mount Airy

David Burkette was leader for an excellent Bible school which closed in July. Daily attendance was 71 pupils and 12 teachers.

July 8 the elders and trustees and women of the church officers were installed. Missionary John Befus preached that day. The following Sunday our people were delighted to have Br. Douglas L. Rights as guest preacher.

James Jarvis, John Walker and J. T. Palmer conducted several mid-week prayer meetings. Steve Jones attended our Senior Conference at Camp Hanes, July 29. Br. Edward Wilde told our people how he escaped from Russia and how the Lord lead him into the ministry. The pastor's cousin, Miss Grace Treichler, an elder of the 269-year-old Emmaus Moravian Church, sang a solo that Sunday.

Libby Tesh, Mary Helen Pruett, Betsy Cabe, Philip Hull, Lavinia Brown and Judy Goad enjoyed Intermediate Camp.

Alice Marie Hooker from Nicaragua visited our congregation August 12. James Jarvis was appointed to the provincial quincenntennial prayer placing committee. Terry Pruett, Cindy Lou Lobst, Pam Wolfe and Diann Simon attended Junior Camp.

We had a surprise visit from the Downey, California, pastor, Marvin Weidner and family and the Brands on August 19. Br. Weidner and Grace pastor grew up together in Emmaus. Br. Weidner gave greetings to the congregation.

Newly elected trustees are Wade Key and Herbert Hall. Elizabeth Midkiff has relieved Bonnie Goad as church treasurer. Women of the Church executive committee is composed of Edith McHone, president, Eudala Wolfe, vice-president, Clara Pruett, treasurer, Nell Jo Tesh, secretary, Laura Jarvis, assistant secretary.

ROBERT IOBST

Advent

On Sunday, July 1, the Elders and Trustees of the congregation were installed. New members of the boards are Elders Henry Snyder, James Brewer, Jr., John W. Davis, and Trustees Sidney S. Kinney, Jr., John W. Snyder, and Roger A. Snyder.

In spite of the fact that it rained both evenings we were happy to have attempted to have our-door vespers services on July 8 and July 15. On July 8 Mrs. Larry Crissman accompanied the singing with her accordion. The Advent Church Band, under the direction of Vestal White, played on July 15. The vesper service on July 8 was

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WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

FIRST CHURCH

(Greensboro)

This report brings to a close a happy pastorate of five years. Even though the pastor has accepted a call to another field of service, he leaves a large portion of his heart and love with this congregation and community. It has been a happy and spiritually rewarding experience.

We express our sincere thanks to all those who helped make the work a success—and pray for God's richest blessings to rest upon this congregation in the years of service that lie ahead.

A "going-away" party was given in honor of the pastorage family on August 28. After everyone had feasted on the delicious food, the pastor was presented with a lovely brief-case and a beautiful deskset. He will always cherish these wonderful gifts of love.

We announce our Day of Prayer which begins at 10:30 o'clock on October 3. Luncheon will be served—and all our friends of the Southern Province are cordially invited to attend.

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followed by a reception for those who had united with our church during the past year.

David Burkette, student at Moravian Theological Seminary and candidate for the Moravian ministry, directed our Daily Vacation Bible School, July 9-20. The total enrollment of the school came to 172 (145 pupils and 27 adult workers). The average daily attendance of the pupils was 111. One of the great blessings of the school was the Children's Lovefeast which was held on the last Friday morning. The boys and girls served as deiners and three of the boys spoke. Wayne Burkette, Billy Gilbert, and Alan Long all challenged the group with the call of Christ.

During July and August while the pastor was serving our young people and our church as Dean of the Senior Conference at Camp Hanes and as vesper speaker at the Junior High and the Senior Conferences at Camp Hope our pulpit was supplied by David Burkette, July 29; the Rev. H. B. Johnson and Br. Frank Hallard, August 1; the Rev. Fred Hege, August 12; and the Rev. George Higgins, August 19. Prayer meetings were held by the Brs. O. M. Whissett and G. C. Gilley.

PAUL A. SNIDER

TRINITY

This summer for two and one-half months we had the benefit of the services of Miss Betty Claire Warren as Director of Education and Youth Leader. She was enthusiastically received at Trinity and her effective leadership won grateful recognition. Our prayers and good wishes follow her on her return to the Assembly's Training School in Richmond, Virginia.

Among notable events of the month of August we can recall the picnic at Tanglewood Park, the Philalethe Class supper at the home of Mrs. L. N. Butner, Sr., the Young People's Banquet, Trinity Youth Conference at Anikanati, the annual watermelon feast on the church lawn, Union Sunday evening services of churches in Sunnyside, and a burst water pipe in the parsonage.

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS

WILLOW HILL

We were happy to welcome into our pulpit for the morning message on July 15, Br. Allen Hedgecock, pastor of Schoeneck Moravian Church and to have with us in the service his family and the Fahr family, members of Br. Hedgecock's church in Pennsylvania.

The Women are continuing to work on their building fund and gave a ham supper Saturday night, August 4, at which they cleared better than a hundred dollars. To go along with this work the building committee has had several meetings and are quickly formulating plans.

We are deeply grateful to Br. Alfred Dawson for his willingness to help by bringing the message on Sunday night, August 12 while the pastor was away at Junior Conference. At that time we were pleased to have three of our junior boys along with Mrs. Harvey Leonard as a counselor at Junior Conference.

Untiringly throughout the summer the band members from Mount Bethel and Willow Hill have continued to practice each Monday night. On Friday night, August 31, the band under the direction of Br. Donald Tesh gathered in front of Mount Bethel Church giving a concert of chorals which everyone appreciated.

GLEN E. CRAVER

MESSIAH

A high spot of the summer activities has been the Cub Scout program under the able leadership of Cubmaster Robsh Moser. Each den of boys has met weekly for activities conducted by the fathers and including visits to industrial plants and other points of interest, picnics, swimming, and baseball. With forty-two boys now participating in the Cub Pack, efforts are being made to begin Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops.

The congregation was represented at two of the provincial summer conferences. Attending the Senior Conference was Judy Campbell, while Ronye King, Linda Crutchfield, Jerry Jones, and Mike Simmons were present for the Junior Conference.

Plans for evangelistic services the third week in October are well under way with a committee appointed by the Board of Elders in charge of arrangements. Serving on this committee are Harry James, chairman; Mrs. Weldon Tavis, Judy Campbell, Ray Jones, Jack Luper, Luther Mendenhall, Walter Hilton, and the pastor.

BURTON J. RIGHTS

HOME CHURCH

The Annual Council of Home Church has given the unanimous approval to a $250,000 Progress and Development Program of their Church and Sunday School facilities. The plans presented by Frank F. Willingham, general chairman of the Progress and Development Study Committee, include: (1) a new pipe-organ for the sanctuary, (2) renovation of the Rondthaler Memorial Building to provide a small chapel and additional Sunday School classrooms, (3) an air-conditioning and heating system for the sanctuary and the Rondthaler Memorial Building, and (4) remodeling and re-equipping of the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

Sub-Committee Chairmen reported the results of their studies over the past year. Organ Committee Chairmen, C. T. Leinbach, Sr., reported that conferences with outstanding organ builders and consultants had resulted in his committee's unanimous decision to recommend an entirely new organ. Although the specific make of organ has not been finally determined, all tentative specifications have called for a three manual instrument with considerably more ranks of pipes than the present organ.

The committee on Renovation of Rondthaler Memorial Building was headed by Emil N. Shaffer. Plans shown to the Council called for the creation of a chapel to seat 150 persons, with a balcony to accommodate 22 choir members. The chapel would have a small pipe-organ.

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to facilitate the chapel use for weddings, funerals, worship services, baptisms. The Young Adult Department would use the chapel during Sunday School.

Additional Sunday School rooms would make possible a 33 percent increase over present Sunday School attendance.

John D. Siewers, reporting for the Heating and Air-Conditioning Committee, pointed out the antiquated and costly operating condition of the 1912 heating system. Air-conditioning and heating equipment would be installed at a central point between the church and Rondthaler Building to provide maximum efficiency and reduced cost of operation.

The Board of Trustees had completed plans and let contracts in June of this year for the kitchen renovation in Fellowship Hall. The council supper was prepared in the newly-equipped facilities in approximately one-half the former time. Architect Cyril H. Pfohl, member of the Board of Trustees, has planned and supervised the renovation.

Following the presentation, motion that the joint-boards of the church be instructed to appoint necessary committees to raise funds this fall for the Progress and Development Program. Frank F. Willingham and Dale H. Gramley were designated as co-chairmen.

J. C. HUGHES  
KENNETH ROBINSON

BETHABARA

The annual Church Council on June 10 elected Mrs. Rayford Maynard and E. L. Reich to serve on the Church Board. At this Council the congregation also voted to adopt, on a one-year trial basis, the Unified Budget system of church finance.

At the first Board meeting of the new year, W. C. Fox, Jr., our loyal church treasurer accepted re-appointment for the fourth consecutive year.

On June 16 the pastor united in marriage Lloyd John Evans and Miss Barbara Ann Doub. The ceremony was performed in the church sanctuary.

On August 24 the Rev. J. C. Auman united in marriage Charles Robert Kurian and Miss Wanda Lee Gibson. The vows were spoken in the Chapel of Centenary Methodist Church.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lehman upon the birth of a son, Steven Conrad, on May 16, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Reich upon the birth of a daughter, Deborah Anne, on August 5.

Luther K. Williams, Jr., was presented the coveted God and Country Award in Scouting on June 17, by Dr. John E. Wilson, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, Columbus, Georgia. Luther began his instruction under the guidance of the pastor but was interrupted when he moved his residence. The award was presented in behalf of his home congregation at Bethabara as well as the church there.

Conferences at Camp Hanes this summer were: Junior High Conference, Jeannette Snyder, Eddie Smith, Jimmy Morgan and Marsden Cleckley; Junior Conference, Gloria Fox, Michael Crotts and Larry Smith. Assisting on the staff at Junior High for a two-week period were the pastor and Mrs. Fussell, and for a one-week period Miss Barbara Shore, Miss Barbara Shore also served for the two periods of Junior Conference.

At Church Council on September 9, Mrs. R. W. Newsom was elected delegate to the Triennial Synod and Mrs. Carl E. Hine, alternate.

New members received since our last report are: By the right hand of fellowship, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Grey Brown.

K. EDWIN FUSSELL

KONNOAK HILLS

Konnoak Hills bade farewell to its first pastor, the Rev. John Goserud, on Sunday, May 27, in an overflowing service, and thus finished the first significant phase of its life as a congregation, its founding pastorate. The second pastor was installed on Sunday, August 5.

Since then we have learned much of the fine foundations laid down in that first pastorate. We have enjoyed and been blessed by the warm welcome of fine people. We have had the thrill of moving into a beautiful new parsonage, and of meeting members and friends of the congregation in Open House at the parsonage on Sunday afternoon and evening of Sunday, September 23. We have begun to see how great is the challenge and opportunity facing our congregation.

A kind of reaching-preaching-teaching evangelism program has been planned for six weeks beginning with world-wide communion Sunday, October 7 and ending with the communion service on November 11. There is to be a six-weeks series of Sunday morning services on Holy Habits of the Christian Life, and Adult Membership classes on the first five Sunday evenings of the period.

The popular and effective Midweek School, begun during the last year, will be continued in two-eight-week periods this fall and next spring. The school will begin on Wednesday, October 3 and continue through Wednesday, November 28, for the first period.

JAMES G. WEINGARTH

MACEDONIA

Macedonia is in the process of ridding its church building of termites. Kenneth Butner is supervising the repair of one of our classrooms from the ground up. The lumber from a tree near the parsonage lot was furnished by Miss Sophie Butner. Free work time was given by Jason Sheek, Willie Fry, John Frank Fry, Geo. Thomas Fry, Osburn Ellis, Tommy Hudson, John H. and John F. Sparks, Frank Myers, Elmer Beauchamp, Pink Hendrix, J. H. Plott, Jr., Donald Riddle, and others will give free time before the work is finished. Everette Riddle ran the sawmill for us.

The new Board members who were elected at our Church Council are: Kenneth Butner and Donald Riddle. The consecration of J. H. Plott Jr. and Elmer Beauchamp whose terms had expired was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Jack Miller, president of the Women of the right hand of fellowship, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Grey Brown.

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the Church, met with the women of Macedonia on Tuesday, July 19, to give information about the executive committee for Macedonia. Mrs. R. Paul Foster was elected president of the women at Macedonia.

Dr. Edmund Schwarze preached on two Sunday evenings, July 29 and August 5, in the absence of the pastor who taught a course at the Junior High Conference at Camp Hanes.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheek on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

NORMAN C. BYERLY

FRIES MEMORIAL

Eight of our young people attended summer conferences, and the pastor taught in the Junior High Group. This is not a large enough group from our church, but is better than we have sometimes done. The conferences were of high order and a credit to our church. It was a great privilege to be associated with them.

Congregation Council gave to our Elders and Trustees the authority to proceed with development and execution of plans for a much-needed new wing. How and when this important addition can be made is our greatest present problem. We are five years late at the present time in meeting the needs of congregation and community.


On Thursday night, August 30, fifty parents and boys gathered in our Fellowship Hall for the organization of Cub Pack No. 132, the last unit of our Scout family. It was a happy and inspiring meeting, hindered only by the necessity for our finding added staff to care for the larger number of boys who came.

Kindergarten began its work on Wednesday, September 12, with full enrollment and a waiting list. The Women of the Church met in fall quarterly meeting to an excellent beginning for the fall work.

E. T. MICKEY, JR.

FAIRVIEW

As this report is being written, we are looking forward to our Fall Revival to be held from September 16 through 23. Dr. John R. Church, a noted Methodist Evangelist, will be the guest speaker. He has held many successful revival campaigns in a vast number of Winston-Salem churches. We are looking forward to a grand outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Fairview during this week of evangelistic services. Miss Margaret Lucile Styers will be at the organ, Paul Pegram of the Centenary Methodist Church will play the piano, and C. Booser of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will lead the singing.

As a vital part of the preparation for the services we are planning a Pre-Revival Supper Rally with the Rev. Paul A. Snyder, pastor of the Advent Moravian Church, as our guest speaker.

Since the last report Mr. and Mrs. John E. Crouch, Mrs. James J. Hardie, Sr., Linda Hardie, Mrs. Lee Roy Blalock, Jr., and Carl Hinshaw have united with our congregation.

Bishop J. K. Pfohl was in charge of the dedication service for the Blum Memorial Chapel on Sunday, September 9. The Chapel was built by the Blum Memorial Class headed by its teacher, R. C. Williams, Sr. The class uses the Chapel during the Sunday school hour. It also provides a meeting place for the Adult group of the Family Fellowship. An infant baptism, two weddings, and a youth revival have been held in it since its completion.

VERNON DAETWYLER

BAPTISMS

Van Lenn, Heidi Louise, daughter of Ralph E. and Elicie m. n. Maly Van Lenn; born May 28, 1956; baptized July 29, 1956 at Ardmore Church by the Rev. Richard F. Amos.


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It had always been my desire and hope, at an early age, to become a member of Christ's band. When that longing was at its height, there was no Moravian church where I was.

After spending eight years away from home, I returned on August 16, 1923. I then had a talk with a relative who was a Christian. I expressed my desire to become a member of my Moravian Church. This relative, who was Miss Etta Shepherd, assured me I could take no better step. She went with me to Bishop Grossman's home. We talked with him and he encouraged me to become a member. I felt happy and an inner peace filled my heart as I left his home.

On April 13, 1924, I was confirmed by Rev. Geo. A. Heidenreich, who had arrived for the first time, with his family, in December 1923. The day of my confirmation was Palm Sunday and it was also the birthday of my grandmother who was a mother to me. I mention the day because I’ve always felt that that is the day suit-

For many years since her uniting with the church Elsie Ingram has rendered faithful and efficient service as a Moravian teacher in Bluefields, first in the Junior High School, then in the Colegio Moravo. She has made her influence felt for Christian character in the lives of class after class in our school.

able for such an occasion. Then too, I mention my grandmother because I shall never forget the debt I owe her for her loving care and the happiness I was able to give her.

God has truly been with me from the beginning of my life. Every day more and more, I prove His goodness and mercy. When one tries to serve Him all things work together for good.

Psalm 121 and the hymn "O for a faith that will not shrink," have been my guide. Whenever I feel tempted to be discouraged I repeat those wonderful words. We listen when we are told these truths and sometimes wonder if they are true. Unless one tries for himself, he can never know the joy it brings to be a follower of Christ.

Dear friends, share with me the wonderful truths, God is good. Let us think about it seriously and do our best to live very near to Him.

How wonderful to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

MANY EVENTS SCHEDULED IN

Observance Of 500th Anniversary

Many special events are already scheduled for 1957 in observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Moravian Church. The anniversary year, known as the Year of Dedication, officially begins on March 1 and closes with the service of Holy Communion on the second Sunday in November.

MARCH 1ST

The main opening services of the anniversary will be held on the Sunday nearest March 1, which is believed to be the day of the beginning of the Unitas Fratrums (1457) in Lititz, Czechoslovakia. Major services are planned for College Hall in Bethlehem, Pa., and the Coliseum in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. There will be other meetings in various parts of the provinces.

Speakers for the March 3 service in Winston-Salem, N. C., are announced as Dr. Waldemar Reichel of Koenigstein, Germany, and Dr. Carson Blake, president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America. At these events special music will be sung by large choirs, including an anniversary hymn to be sung for the first time. In Winston-Salem a massed band will also participate in the service. Exhibits will be shown in Moravian buildings as well as store windows.

SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER

Moravians in America will unitedly follow the theme of "This is Our Faith" in their Sunday morning services.

DURING SPRING MONTHS

A pageant has been written by Miss Doris Janke of Goshen, North Dakota, for use in all the Moravian Churches, dramatizing the history of the church. JUNE 23 - 30

The Music Festival of Moravian Music will be given in Bethlehem under the direction of Dr. Thor Johnson, conductor of the Cincinnati Orchestra. A similar festival will be held in Winston-Salem in 1958.

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SUMMER CAMPS

The Rev. J. Kirby Spencer of England and Mr. Peter Reichel of Germany will visit our church camps—north and south—giving us an opportunity to share with our European brethren. As this year the Youth Conferences in the Southern Province will be held at Camp Hanes from July 22 to August 21.

JUNE 7, 8, 9

The Laymen's Convocation in Winston-Salem invites all men and women of the church to attend this three-day session of Christian fellowship.

AUGUST 12 - SEPTEMBER 10

General Synod of the entire Moravian Church will meet in Bethlehem. The four home provinces will be present (Continent, England, America—north and south) as well as representatives from provinces in the state of transition and from the mission field. The last General Synod was held in 1931. As they have always been held in Herrnhut, Germany, this is the first one in the United States. After Synod the delegates will visit the Moravian Churches in the Southern Province from September 11 to 20.

NOVEMBER 10

Closing communion service for the anniversary celebration is on the Sunday nearest November 13, when in 1741 the church acknowledged Jesus Christ as the Head and Chief Elder of His Church on earth. This service gives all of us an opportunity to re-dedicate our lives and service to the Church of Jesus Christ—just as the small group dedicated their lives in Lititz, Czechoslovakia 300 years ago.
Baptisms


Weston, Guy Francis, son of William F. and Barbara m. n. Baynes Weston, born May 3, 1956 in Decatur, Georgia; baptized in Immanuel Church, July 1, 1956, by Dr. Samuel J. Tesch.


Deaths


Morgan, Morris Moore, Sr., born March 5, 1877; died June 21, 1956. A member of Fairview Church. Funeral conducted by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl. Interment in the Moravian Graveyard.


Byerly, Rosa m. n. Thomas, born October 17, 1881; died September 1, 1956. A member of Fairview Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler. Interment in the Moravian Graveyard.


Cahill, Helen Keith, died September 4, 1956, member of Calvary Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. John S. Goserud. Interment in Salem Graveyard.
DEATHS

Baylor, Katherine M. A. Jackson, born in Mt. Airey, N. C., November 4, 1904; died August 6, 1916. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. Robert Allen Ohnes in Grace Church; interment in church graveyard.


Ebert, Mrs. Minnie Transou, born May 2, 1883 in Forsyth County; died August 19, 1916; funeral conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh; interment in Salem Cemetery. A member of Ardmore Church.
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MANY THINGS A LAYMAN CAN DO BETTER THAN A MISSIONARY,

Roy Hoffman Installs Generator

Dr. Samuel Marx

Roy found that the missionary group at Fairview who provided the generator and electrical equipment had thought of everything necessary and had even exceeded the needs. The mission work at Auas and in all of the La Mosquitia has become indebted not only to Fairview and Christ Churches but to the Hoffmans as well for their willingness to come to live an entirely different life in order to accomplish a great task. The Mikimito, Spanish, Carib and English patients who come to the Clinic, sit in the waiting room, hear Moses Bendless opening Bible talks, read the tracts and finally receive medical attention have a debt to such laymen as Roy Hoffman of Christ Church and Lewis Ka­noy of Fairview.

"WE COULD HELP A LOT"

Roy Hoffman

My wife and I enjoyed every minute we were in Honduras. We lived with the Marx's and it deserves a lot of praise for all his work over at Brus. There is so much work that needs to be done there and they are so badly handicapped. We could help them a lot to overcome these handicaps if we were really interested in their work.

Synod of 1956 Will Meet on November 13

The Synod of 1956 for the Southern Province will begin a three-day session at the Home Church Tuesday, November 13. The opening session will be a service of Holy Communion beginning at 10:00 A.M. Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders' Conference, will preside over the first business session, following the service of Holy Communion, in the Randghaler Memorial Building where all of the remaining sessions will be held.

Preparation for the Synod of 1956 was carefully made by the work of four pre-synodal committees composed of both ministers and lay men and women. These committees were on the State of the Church, the Ministry, Church Extension, and the Book of Order. A number of resolutions drafted by these committees will be placed before the Synod for consideration.

A packet containing all of the material prepared in advance was mailed to all delegates of record on October 11. This packet, in addition to the resolutions from the pre-synodal committees, contained reports from all the Boards elected by synod as well as reports from standing committees such as the Quincentennial Committee, the Hymnal Revision Committee, and the Music Committee.

The largest single item included in the packet sent to the delegates was the 64-page proposed Book of Order for the Southern Province. This book was ordered to be ready for this Synod by the Synod of 1953 and its consideration will be one of the most important items of business to be taken up.

For the first time since 1930, the Synod of the Southern Province will be called upon to elect delegates to the General Synod of the World-wide Moravian Unity which is scheduled to meet in Bethlehem, Pa., in August of 1957. The Synod of 1956 will elect six of the seven delegates, one being appointed by the Provincial Elders' Conference.

A resolution from the Nominating Committee, if approved, will provide for the election of the General Synod delegates "by ballot without nominations, and by a simple majority vote."

It is, also, proposed by the Nominating Committee that the six elected delegates be "one bishop, two laymen, and three ministers."

Noon-day and evening meals will be furnish-
Provincial Elders Conference

The Rev. Kenneth W. Robinson was installed as pastor of the First Moravian Church in Greensboro on Sunday morning, September 30 by the President of the Conference.

The Rev. Frederick P. Hege has accepted a call to become assistant pastor at the Home Moravian Church. He began his official duties on October 1.

The Rev. W. Norwood Green has accepted a call to become the pastor of New Eden Moravian Church. He will be installed at the morning service on October 28.

The Brn. Herbert Weber and William Cranford were ordained Presbyters during the month. The ordination for the Rev. Herbert Weber was performed by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl at Clemmons while the Rev. William Cranford was ordained at Rural Hall by Bishop Howard Rondhailer.

Activities of the President of the Conference include:

- Oak Grove groundbreaking; Installation Service Christ Church; Trinity Women of Church; Opening of Christian Education Building at New Philadelphia; Opening Chapel at Salem College; Ardmore Fellowship dinner; Moravian College and Ministerial Student Promotion Committee dinner at Friedland; and Installation at Greensboro.
- Board and Committee meetings include: Conferences with the following Church Boards—New Eden; Home Church; Oak Grove; Bethlehem; Greensboro. Meetings of Provincial Financial Board; three sessions of Salem College Executive Committee; Board of Christian Education; Foreign Mission Board and three meetings of Provincial Elders' Conference.

R. GORDON SPAUGH, President

Provincial Woman's Board

Mrs. Cromer Grubbs

October has been a very busy month for the Woman of the Southern Province. Something pertaining to women's work has taken place each week. It is very fine that many churches are holding days of prayer in the fall. Wednesday, October 3, Greensboro held its Day of Prayer, and many from Winston-Salem attended. Days of prayer were also held October 17 at New Philadelphia Church and October 31 at Christ Church.

The president's meeting was held Tuesday, October 16, at Fairview Church. Two identical meetings were held, one beginning at 10:30 A. M. and one at 7:45 in the evening. These president’s meetings are very worthwhile in that each president is given the opportunity to discuss ideas with other presidents. Mrs. M. E. Miller, chairman of the Provincial Woman’s Board, had charge of the meetings.

Women of the Home Church were hosts at the annual Provincial Rally Wednesday, October 24. The women of the Province always look forward to this meeting. They again received inspiration and enjoyed the fellowship and hospitality of their hosts. Mrs. W. E. Shore, chairman of the Mission Rooms, assisted by her committee, held open house at the mission rooms, and the scrapbooks were on display.

In spite of heavy rain and wind, the fall outing held Wednesday, September 26, at Friedberg Church was well attended. Miss Elizabeth Marx, principal of the Colegio Moravo in Bluefields, Nicaragua, was guest speaker. One of the highlights of the meeting was the report by Mrs. T. Holt Haywood, chairman of the Pfohl Ministerial and Christian Service Fund, that a total of $1,052.18 had been collected.

Bethabara Women of the Church announce that their Day of Prayer will be held Wednesday, November 7. Special emphasis will be made on prayer for Synod which will be held the following week.

ARCHIVES HOUSE

Douglas L. Rights, archivist

In the July issue of the “Bulletin of the Medical Library Association” is an article by Miss Dorothy Long, “Medical Care Among the North Carolina Moravians!” Miss Long is Reference Librarian, Division of Health Library, University of North Carolina. She has made a careful study of medical and nursing service in Wachovia in its first seventy-five years and of members of the medical profession practicing during that period. In the first paragraph of her article she states: “Since respects, medical care there was doubtless superior to that of most other communities of the time, but the one really unique thing about it is the extent of the remaining records.”

An anthropologist in New York has written for permission to examine the travel diary of Steiner and von Schweinitz so the Cherokee in 1800. A botanist from Knoxville, Tennessee, and a historian from Atlantic, Ga., have written for permission to examine the records at the Cherokee Mission. A newspaper writer in Salem, Va., has written for loan of a book on Count Zinzendorf. A member of the Frey family, early settlers in Friedberg, has written concerning an old family Bible in his possession. This is a portion of requests for archival service in one month.

Mrs. Elza Jensen, widow of Bishop Paul Jen- sen, now resides in Berlin. She wrote the archivist recently requesting that she receive copies of the Wachovia Moravian and added the inquiry, “Do you know where Dr. Paul Tillich is?” In October the archivist saw Dr. Tillich at a meeting at Harvard Divinity School, told him of Mrs. Jensen’s inquiry, and asked him if he knew of the Moravian Church in Berlin. “Yes,” he replied, “my father preached there.”

SYNOD 1956

(Continued from page 1) ed all delegates to the synod in the dining hall of the Home Church. Over-night lodging can be provided for out-of-town delegates through the Hospitality Committee, the Rev. J. C. Hughes, chairman, and pastor of the host church.

Bishop K. G. Hamilton, executive officer of the Board of Foreign Missions and as such a delegate to Synod, will speak at the opening service. Fraternal delegates from the Northern Province are Dr. F. F. Stocker and Dr. Raymond S. Hauper.

PRAYER FOR SYNOD

Lord Jesus Christ, Head of the Church and Chief Elder of our Moravian Unity, we seek Thy guidance for our Provincial Synod. May Thy divine counsel so direct us and Thy love so impel us that we may know Thy will and accomplish Thy purpose.

Keep us ever mindful that it is not through human power and wisdom that Thy Kingdom is established but through Thy love.

In this knowledge and certainty prepare our minds and hearts for the approaching Synod. Give grace and wisdom to each delegate. Create in our hearts a strong spirit of brotherliness. Bind us together through Thy spirit with our brethren and sisters throughout the world. Make us conscious of our unity as we observe the five hundredth anniversary of our Church, and keep us in everlasting fellowship with the Church Triumphant.

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Raleigh Celebrates Third Anniversary; Lays Cornerstone

Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, assisted by the pastor, Walter H. Allen, Jr., officially lays the cornerstone of the new Raleigh Christian Education Building.

Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl laid the cornerstone of the Raleigh Moravian Christian Education building in a service held at five o'clock Sunday afternoon October 7th. This ceremony concluded the Raleigh congregation's third anniversary celebration, which took place at three different churches. Sunday school and the Holy Communion service were held at the State College YWCA, which now boasts a beautiful new house of worship in the Danforth Chapel where Moravians of Raleigh are currently gathering for worship.

In the afternoon the anniversary lovefeast was served in the Vanguard Room of the First Presbyterian Church, at 3:30 P. M. Bishop Pfohl brought an inspiring message on St. Peter's confession of faith in Christ, a message which truly magnified the Church in the minds and hearts of all who heard it.

Then at 5:00 P. M., nearly two hundred people assembled on the Raleigh Moravian Church site, corner of Ridge Road and Darien Drive. At the appointed time, Br. Ray S. Foltz, vice-chairman of the Church Board, and Br. Stanley Fishel, chairman of the Building Committee, slipped into its permanent setting a handsome piece of Vermont blue marble which had been shaped, inscribed and donated by Br. Guy Wall of the Fairview Moravian Church.

Bishop Pfohl then struck the stone in the name of the Trinity and handed the olive wood gavel (from Jerusalem) to the pastor, the Rev. Walter H. Allen, Jr., and others, to do likewise. Br. Alton F. Pfaff represented the Provincial Elders Conference. Other Provincial and local church officials also participated in the rites.

A highlight of the afternoon was the music of the Kernersville Moravian band, under the direction of Br. Theodore Kerker, which played before both services and accompanied the singing of hymns during the cornerstone-laying occasion.

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Bethel Conferences

Successful Bible and General Church Conferences were again held at Bethel this August. The former brought new understanding of the Scriptures and deeper spiritual life to many.

In the latter the Rev. Samuel G. Vaughan was reelected as third member of the Provincial Board. At this gathering also the Tisissing congregation was officially discontinued, due to the removal of its membership to Kipnuk. The Tisissing church will also be brought there in the fall. A provincial budget of $2,290.00 for the Alaska Moravian Church was adopted.

Clark's Point

When it was known that the Dittmer family had to leave the recently established station at Clark's Point for reasons of health, it seemed that this new congregation might have to be left without regular pastoral care for a time. Providentially a young couple has offered to step into the breach: Donald R. Schmidt and his wife Lillie Elsie. Donald is the son of United States Commissioner Albert and Mrs. Ethel Schmidt, pillars of the Moravian congregation of Bethel, Alaska. Educated in the Bethel schools, he took additional work in Culver Academy, Los Angeles, and in the Prairie Bible Institute of Three Hills, Alberta. Mrs. Schmidt comes from Nebraska. We are grateful that they are willing to supply the need in Clark's Point.

Dillingham

Thanks to the deep concern of Mildred Siebke and her friend Loretta Burgardt in the work at Dillingham a piece of property adjoining that of our local mission has recently been acquired, to provide for future expansion of our work. The run of fish in the Nalnek area (one lot alone contained 32,000 fish) interfered temporarily with the regular program of church activities, but divine worship could be maintained. The little chapel building is being transformed, the work financed by local gifts. So far more than $1,500.00 has been paid for flooring, siding, roofing, chairs, etc. Some $1,000.00 has also been gathered to pay for necessary labor.

Life at Kwigillingok

Last year the Alaska native Service condemned the local school building in the village of Kwigillingok. Since then some one hundred children have been left without formal schooling. Incidentally the absence of teachers from Kwigillingok has meant that the Schwankes have been busy helping their local flock in additional ways: dispensing medicine, attending to welfare activities, filling income tax forms and writing letters of many kinds.

In addition Br. Schwanke carried out extensive repairs on the foundation of the mission house—a job to be completed with Br. Schattenschneider's help.

The Morongo Mission

On September 23 in answer to continued prayer and after several months' series of studies on the teachings in our catechism, eight high school members of Mrs. Eastman's Sunday school class accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Welcome in Spring Garden Church

Moravians on Antigua recently conducted a service of welcome to the Eighth Bicentennial Conference of the Caribbean Union of Teachers which met in that island this August. Warm expressions of appreciation of the service were voiced by many of those present. Our membership on Antigua considered it a happy privilege thus to be able to recognize the key place which Christian education occupies in the concept of our church.

Watch Your T. V.

Our Board is glad to draw the attention of our readers to a new television program which we believe will be of interest to friends of missions. Beginning on Tuesday, November 27, at 9:30 P. M. EST, the Kline and French Laboratories plan to produce a one hour documentary telecast in color entitled "Monganga." It is conceived as one of the series entitled "The March of Medicine." Filmed in the African Belgian Congo the program will present the activities of Dr. John E. Ross, who has served as a medical missionary to the Belgian Congo for the past eight years. After this initial showing the film is to be made available to religious groups.

—Board of Foreign Missions

Lucile M. Est,
FROM THE MISSION FIELDS COMES TESTIMONIAL OF

What The Gospel Means To Me

Moses Bendless

Today I am writing about myself. First let me tell you about that period before I heard the Word of God. I am a native of Kaurkira. When I was a boy there was no preaching of the Word of the Lord in Kaurkira; the old men even had not heard much and therefore we had many heathen doings nor did the younger men behave sensibly. That was in my boyhood.

One day we saw a large group of people approaching. They are riding horseback; they look for a place to spend the night. When they had found a house they announce a meeting; they invite everyone to come. I was there then but I did not enter for fear; I hid.

At another time my mother had a very sick daughter. Three missionaries had come from Nicaragua but the Honduran authorities would not let them hold services. However, they did speak to my sister about the Lord, and she was almost at the point of believing and whatever my mother heard at that time she passed on to me. My sister died and my mother was still an unbeliever, but because of what she told me, the fear in my heart began to go away. After hearing the missionaries preach again, I made a trip to Nicaragua and there heard a lay Creole preacher and I entered and heard him tell of Jesus rebuking the storm and of how a great calm ensued. That was the first story from the Bible that I really understood.

When the Rev. G. R. Heath moved to Honduras he was preaching the Word to us. However, my great weakness was riding horseback and so I did not take time to go to church. But he also had reading classes for men and women, and I attended those, and I began to think about turning to the Lord, but I did not tell him what I new training school there until 1940. After that I came back to my own country, to Honduras and I have been in the Lord's work ever since, by His help. I now have eight children. Their names: Miloisa, Joshua, Loren, Ruth, Norma, Magdalain, Delmar, and Meryna. Their mother's name is Lomati Bendless. I do the Lord's work together with my wife and children, living in different villages. I praise the Lord because He has taken pity on me and made me one of His. I am also thankful to the missionaries because they were willing to leave their home to bring the Gospel to us, continuing their witness up to the present time. There are still many people, among the Miskitos, who do not know Christ. May the Lord send His Spirit as never before, in order to bring those who have not turned to Him. So far I write my history. Please pray for us. This lay pastor, his wife, his children all send you their greetings.

Native Minister to African Mines Dies Suddenly

Herbert B. Johnson

The September MISSIONBLAD brings tidings of the sudden home-going of one of our native ministers in Africa.

Our East African Moravians in the South Highlands, Tanganyika, became concerned about the spiritual welfare of their fellow Christians who have gone to work in the great mines near Johannesburg, South Africa. So they inaugurated missionary activity in their behalf by sending an ordained native brother to begin and prosecute a spiritual work among these miners. Br. Amon took up this work and was carrying it on most acceptably until he was found lying beside his bed one morning dead as the result of a blood clot.

The Christians among whom he had been laboring raised 1000 shillings to meet the expense of flying his remains home to Tanganyika. The Lutheran missionary, under whose supervision Br. Amon had been working, wrote a personal and impressive letter in which he declared his conviction that the deceased brother had been a man of great faith who fearlessly bore witness to his Lord and Master. He also expressed the hope that a successor to Br. Amon might soon come to fill the vacancy. But no one can state at the present time how soon that can be done.

Br. C. Qvistgaard writes from East Africa:

"In April I undertook a visitation tour to stations lying along the highway leading southward from Rungwe. When I was sleeping in Maximbo a cloudburst sent a deluge of water through the poorly thatched straw roof of the overnight hut. I was compelled to seek shelter under my raincoat, which I spread upon the mosquito netting over the bed. My baggage I stowed under the table."

LARGEST MISSION FIELDS

In 1955 there were 39,938 Moravians in the Southern Highlands province of mission work. Only Surinam with 42,622 is larger.
REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

MORAVIA

"O give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever."

Moravia Burns Note on Parsonage: With the debt paid, the pastor, R. T. Troutman (left), prepares to burn the note which is held by Clyde Howerton, vice-chairman of the Church Board. Looking on is J. Taylor Loflin in whose pastorate the parsonage was built.

At Moravia we were even more convinced of the truth of this verse when on the occasion of our Sixtieth Anniversary, Sunday, October 7, the Lord provided more than enough to pay off the indebtedness on our parsonage. We are deeply grateful to our many friends who had a part in helping us rid the church of this debt.

It has been a truly thrilling experience to witness the sacrifice and love that have gone into this work, on an individual basis and also within organizational work. As we look to the future, our prayer is that we may have more adequate worship and Sunday school space to serve our Lord.

Br. Lewis Swaim, pastor of Union Cross Church, brought us an exceedingly timely message for our sixtieth birthday. Also present to speak were the Revs. J. H. Reid, J. Taylor Loflin, J. George Bruner, all former pastors, and Herbert B. Johnson and Larry Jarvis.


Mrs. Paul Fentress was recently appointed to serve as Sacristan for this church year.

Br. Wallace Elliott, a junior at Moravian College and a student for the Moravian ministry, returned to his studies early in September after having rendered fine service to our church all during the summer months.

Br. Howard Kirkman donated the showing of the film, "God of Creation," for the Sunday evening service on September 9.

We wish to thank Br. Christian D. Weber, pastor of Oak Grove Church, for his leading us in our evangelistic services, Sunday, September 30, through Saturday, October 6.

Your attention has already been directed to Sunday, October 7 (Our Anniversary Love-
er for the week, September 30-October 7, and we are most grateful for the messages he brought to us. Those who met in the “Upper Room” for prayer before each service received blessings from the Lord, and the spirit of these little prayer meetings carried over into the services. God richly blessed us with his Spirit, and we feel this experience has set us on a higher road in the service of the Master.

A Young Adult class was organized in our Sunday school on Sunday morning, September 23. The officers of this class are president, Paul Motsinger; vice-president, Furman Reid; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. David Sheets; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lewis B. Swaim; teacher, Paul J. Kinnaman, assistant teacher, Paul Stephens. This is a much needed class, and the enthusiasm already felt should greatly aid the effectiveness of our Sunday school.

Sunday evening, September 16, we celebrated our sixty-first birthday with a lovefeast. Those attending the summer youth conferences were seniors, Brenda Leonard, Rebecca Kinnaman, and Linda Flinchum; Junior Highs, Kay and Penny Flinchum, Billy Tucker, Ronnie Sink, and Charles Leonard; Junior, Wayne Mullis.

A new water system has been installed for the parsonage and church. A punched well with a good supply of water and a new pump were put in use the first of August. This is a very valuable addition to the property of the church.

The number participating in the sacrament of Holy Communion were 80 on August 12, and 90 on October 7.

LEWIS B. SWAIM

BETHANIA

Throughout the year our church has cooperated fully in the observance of the “Year of Missions.” We are happy to report now that this special emphasis will have permanent results in our congregation. At a Sunday night service on September 23 a local branch of the Foreign Missionary Society was formally organized. Serving as president is Mrs. Carl Riddle. At the same service the congregation enjoyed seeing slides of our work in Nicaragua which were shown by Br. Christian Weber. On the same afternoon an every-member visitation was carried out in an effort to enroll new members of the Foreign Missionary Society. At this time we now have approximately 100 members enrolled from Bethania. During this time the program for one Fellowship Supper consisted of the interesting film-strip on our mission work in Tibet. The pastor has also preached two sermons on missions during the past two months.

The work of our Church school continues to advance in a very encouraging way. We have been heartened by the recent sustained increase in attendance. A new attendance record was set when we had 179 present for our Rally and Promotion Day on September 10. A new addition to the program this year was a Children’s Lovefeast held on the afternoon of Rally Day. Our speaker for the lovefeast was Dr. Douglas L. Rights.

Work on our new parsonage is progressing at a very encouraging pace. At this writing the house is under-roof and waiting for the plasterer to come. We have hopes of getting into it about the end of the year.

Mrs. J. F. Butner, Jr., has been appointed as the new director of our Youth Choir. She succeeds Mrs. Herbert Weber who had directed the choir for a number of years.

The guest speaker for our “August Feast” this year was Br. Vernon Duetwyler. His timely message was an inspiration to all who were present for the occasion.

Our church boards selected the following officers to lead them through the new year: Trustees—Chairman, Harold Adams; vice-chairman, Atta Morris; Secretary, Miss Margaret Chadwick; Treasurer, Joe T. Conrad; Financial Secretary, Elmer Kearney. Elders: Vice-chairman—W. T. Strupe; Secretary, Mrs. Vernon Flynn.

HERBER WEBER

RALEIGH

Now that the cornerstone of our Christian Education building has been laid we feel that the end of construction cannot be far off. Actually, the walls have risen to the eave line around the entire perimeter of the structure. More masonry will be necessary to fill up the gables. But beams and trusses will soon be hoisted into place to support the high-pitched roof and carefully designed belfry. It is now estimated that we will be able to occupy the edifice in January or February.

Throughout the month of September, we have been holding our worship services in the newly-renovated State College YWCA auditorium, now known as the Danforth Chapel. It is a restful and beautifully-furnished sanctuary, and we feel fortunate to have had occasional access to it since the formal opening last April.

Three new members have joined our congregation by letter of transfer: Br. and Sr. Robert H. Pfaff and Mrs. Lillian Speas Anderson.

On Sunday, September 30, a number of our Sunday school scholars advanced to new departments during Promotion Day exercises. An appropriate program was presented by the Primary and Beginners Departments, under the direction of Mrs. K. D. Morgan, Jr., and Mrs. J. Stanley Fishel. Mrs. Ray S. Foltz continues to have charge of the Nursery, and Br. Foltz is our General Superintendent. Br. Edward G. Manning and Br. William A. Diehl alternate as teachers of the Adult Sunday school class. Br. D. S. Groves serves very efficiently as Sunday school secretary.

On Saturday evening, September 29, members of the congregation enjoyed a picnic at the home of Br. and Sr. George T. Smith, on the Greensboro Road. The appetizers were scuppernongs and muscadines, picked by young and old.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

KING

King experienced quite an encouraging lift forward when on August 12 we had the largest
Very interesting programs including mission skits and a talk on mission work by Alex Bahnson comprised part of our mission activities the past two months.

We appreciate Emory Joyce and John Richardson having charge of the prayer service September 19 in the absence of the pastor who was attending the Minister's Retreat.

The Married Couple's Fellowship sponsored a ham supper at the school cafeteria to raise money for the parsonage debt.

JOHN H. KAPP

ARDMORE

New members received during the month were Mr. and Mrs. John Buckingham, Mrs. Dorothy Herring and Mr. M. L. Lancaster.

Youth Fellowship activities were renewed on September 9 with 83 juniors, junior highs and seniors in attendance. Since this beginning we have averaged 81. The program is under the direction of the new Church school assistant superintendent, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Crews, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Savage, Mr. and Mrs. F. Aldine Ebert, Mr. and Mrs. John Buckingham and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Coghill as advisors.

We said "good-by and Godspeed" to our college students on September 9 with an 8:30 breakfast sponsored by the Women-of-the-Church. Twenty-five sleepy-eyed seekers after knowledge came to feast on eggs, bacon, coffee, and of course, sugar cake, but a baker's dozen found the bed just too comfortable.

The first Family Night Supper of the Autumn season was a success in spite of Hurricane Flossy who did her best to dampen our efforts. Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh spoke to the adults on our Moravian Unity and Administration. There was planned recreation for the children. We were all wet but Dr. Spaugh's talk was not.

Our Married Couple's' Class recently voted to finance, produce and stage the historical Moravian pageant, "Seed of the Harvest" during the 1957 Quincentennial Celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Angel and Mr. William F. Brown are the chairman.

RICHARD F. AMOS

MT. BETHEL

While the pastor was away at Junior Conference the morning worship service on August 12 was conducted by Br. Clyde Puckett and Br. Alfred Dawson with Br. Dawson bringing the sermon. Then on August 15 Br. Clayton Hall took charge of the Wednesday night Bible study. Mount Bethel was represented at Junior Conference by Jackie Lee.

On the fourth Sunday in September we commemorated Homecoming Sunday with the church well filled for Sunday school and worship. After the services while the table was being prepared the Mount Bethel-Willow Hill band rendered a few numbers. Then, we gathered around a table laden with food where we fellowshipped together. It was nice to have so

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many of our friends and relatives visiting with us and taking part in the activities of the day. We are happy to have Br. Luke Dawson as the Life's Work Counselor representative of Mount Bethel. Br. Dawson enjoyed the meeting of this group held at Friedland Moravian Church on Thursday, September 27. It would have taken more than rain to have kept him away.

On Sunday, September 30 the Young People of Mount Bethel and Willow Hill journeyed to Winston-Salem where they were guests of Trinity Young People and Dr. D. L. Rights. They were conducted on a tour of the Wachovia Museum and Salem Tavern. They were also taken out to see the old Bethabara Church, after which they enjoyed a buffet supper at Trinity and the Youth Fellowship meeting followed by a unity worship in the church. This trip has been the talk of the Young People since then.

GLENN E. CRAVER

BETHESDA

We were happy to welcome into the fellowship of our church on August 12 Br. Lester Pearce and Mrs. Fannie Sides, coming from other churches. Also Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Burke and Mr. and Mrs. Reece Higgins presented their infants to the Lord in Baptism. We feel by their faith in our church and the fellowship and Communion service that followed, we should be made stronger in the coming days.

The Women of the Church met with Mrs. Roy Fansler with a good attendance and plans were made for their coming work. We believe this group will be a great help to the future of the church.

On the last Sunday of the month was a feast day. The people brought filled baskets and gathered at the home of Br. Grover and Sister Jar­vis. They have a wonderful park of tables and benches and good water and there was plenty of food.

Sunday, September 30, a fellowship supper at 6:30 followed by a song service in the church, which was well attended.

Those that were chosen for Synod were Mrs. Ruby Jarvis and Mrs. Frances Saylor as delegates. Mr. Roy Burke and Mrs. Roy Fansler as alternates.

Our attendance showed some gains in the last two months. Our highest for Sunday School was 125; Worship Service, 104; Prayer Meeting, 14. Hurricane Flossy set us back to 8 for our last prayer meeting of the month. Then as we were praying the lights went out, but not to be outdone we found two candles and went on with our service.

G. E. BREWER

RURAL HALL

Communion was observed on August 12. Student Roger Kimball conducted the service on August 26 in the absence of the pastor. On the evening of September 21, an illustrated talk was given by the Rev. J. C. Hughes concerning his trip to Nicaragua this past spring. The service was followed by a social hour at which time questions could be asked. We were glad to have a number of special visitors for the service. An effort was made during September to increase the number of memberships in the Foreign Missionary Society.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

Three TV-Radio Programs
For March 3

The Public Relations Office for the Quincentennial announces that three network radio and television programs for the Moravian Church will be broadcast on March 3, the official opening date of the 500th Anniversary observance.

CHURCH OF THE AIR, on the CBS Radio Network, will have the Rev. James C. Hughes of Home Church, Winston-Salem, as the speaker. Moravian music will also be featured—(N. Y. time—9:30 a. m.)

LAMP UNTO MY FEET is a CBS Television program which will feature a Moravian topic on its half-hour broadcast.—(N. Y. time—10 a. m.)

DEAN PIKE, ABC Television program with Dean James Pike of the Episcopal St. John the Divine, New York City, will devote the half-hour on March 3 to the Moravians and their place among the churches.

BAPTISMS


Clabern, Melissa Marion, daughter of Charles L. and Hilda m. n. Adams Clabern, born April 19, 1956 at Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized September 30, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


Iley, Karen Elizabeth, daughter of Hubert and Lucy m. n. Elliott Iley, Born June 4, 1956, Greensboro, N. C. Baptized August 19, at Moravia Church by the Rev. R. T. Troutman.

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New Missionary Begins Work

David and Peggy Jones

Think of the missionary and you generally think of a well-tanned, pith-helmeted pioneer advancing along steaming jungle trails amid many hazards of the wilds to his next preaching station. This is not the mission picture in Bluefields. The pioneers came here over 100 years ago. This makes the Bluefields congregation older than many of our Moravian churches in the United States. It has also been said that Bluefields is one of the largest Moravian Churches in the world if you count the total number of souls under its care—a number approaching 3,000. The town itself has a population of over 7,000 persons, predominantly Moravian. Five Sunday schools and five youth groups meet every week. This is the work we have come to.

The Rev. and Mrs. Conrad Shimer are in charge of this work assisted by Brother and Sister Harrison of Bluefields. However, Brother Harrison is employed fulltime with the Water Company so his church time is limited. If a congregation of a thousand adults at home needs assistance, it is even more needed here. There is a total of six weekly services besides men’s group and Sunday school responsibilities, funerals and regular calling. Imagine in this situation a pastor going everywhere on foot, walking two to three miles to the cemetery for a funeral (last month alone there were 13 funerals) and never having a telephone when he needs to communicate with someone. Recently capable laymen have been taking over some of the funeral work, a grateful relief for time and energy.

All of which means that the efficiency of the work must be cut many times over what can be done at home. Yet the people need calling, guidance and help as much, if not more than at home. There is no unemployment agency to assist in getting jobs, no Community Chest to assist the needy, none of the helps which we take for granted. Many times a missionary with his wider background and perspective can be of assistance.

And so in our case, one could say that the beginning of a new work means getting oneself well settled, getting to know the people, winning their confidence and constant prayer for guidance.

Here in Bluefields we also have the Colegio Moravo, the finest high school on the East Coast. You would all be proud of the school if you could see the student body and know that they are learning to become useful citizens of their country. This gives added responsibility to the Church to reach these young people at the right time and win them over to a life of Christian love and service. All of which takes time. Our teacher missionaries from the States are carrying a very heavy load of teaching and administration plus Sunday school and Youth Group work.

All mission stations in this area try to minister to outlying areas. From here the ministers go to the nation’s capital, Managua, for monthly services. And since many of our Moravians are in isolated areas up the Escondido River, that will now be a regular trip for communications.

For each missionary beginning work, there is consuming work of supervising lay workers and keeping books and accounts.

A new missionary must frequently take up language study. For us it was necessary to spend the first six months studying Spanish in Mana-

This is a time of frustration for people accustomed to busy church work. For us the stay in the capital city was useful in becoming acquainted with our many Moravians there and permitted an easy adjustment into a totally new way of life. Tropical climate and strange foods take time for a northerner to get used to.

There are many thoughts we would like to pass on in our first period here in Nicaragua. We could not help but wish that many of our folks at home would use their vacation time to tour the field (make it a Quincentennial project for your family or yourself). Numerous people who have visited our mission stations can testify warmly to the educational and spiritual values in such a project. The West Indies and Nicaragua are now close to home by virtue of fast and comfortable air travel. But if you cannot move out of your house, there is still important service you can render the Lord for mission work—you can offer your daily prayers for those who labor on the field. We have a sure sense that as we begin, the Christ of all our prayers is swiftly and lovingly clearing the road ahead of blocks for He is more zealous than we can ever be for those souls still to be won in this place.

LABRADOR PLANS QUINCENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

The Rev. F. W. Peacocks, superintendent of the Labrador mission field, writes of plans of the people at Nain to celebrate the Quincentennial in a worthwhile way.

"For the celebration of the Quincentennial various projects were discussed by the people in Nain. Eventually it was decided to concentrate on two of them. The present Communion Table in Nain Church is an ordinary table covered by a tablecloth. It has been decided to get an oak Communion Table and reading desk with an inlaid brass plate commemorating this event, and also to enlarge the Church to accommodate all the people which by the end of the summer will be increased by ninety, bringing the total population of Nain to 470 persons. The estimated cost of these improvements is about $200.00, as much voluntary labor will be given. Already $92.00 is in hand without any special appeal."
UNITY UNDERTAKINGS

By W. H. ALLEN, JR.

A synod of the Moravian Church in Germany took place last June in Berlin, with representatives of both the Eastern and Western zones gathered together for ten days. Each zone was responsible for its own section and both had independence as to the resolutions adopted. But both met together for discussions, worship, and fellowship.

This report and news of the session in more detail may be found in Der Bruderbote, which is on file in our Provincial Archives. Dr. Douglas L. Rights provided the translation of the following excerpted items.

"On the first Sunday there was an open air meeting at Neukolln (one of our two churches in Berlin), with trombone choir, coffee and cakes, and greetings, and an offering for the rebuilding of the destroyed church, need for students. Of the enrolled theological students, 25 are preparing for the Moravian ministry.

In the College, the following freshmen have registered as Moravian pre-theological students: Charles Bennett, 316 Spring Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C.; John Thaeler, 647 Washington Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.; John Meckown, R4, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Richard Ehrenberg, Waconia, Minn., Waconia Church; Charles Fidel, R4, Sides Road, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Robert Gohdes, Durbin, N. D., Canaan Church; Robert Rierson, R4, Winston-Salem, N. C., Friedberg Church; David Schotttneider, 1256 Todt Hill Road, Staten Island, N. Y., Great Kills Church; John McKown, R4, Winston-Salem, N. C., Hopewell Church; Bernard Nering, 11212-77 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Edmonton Church; Robert Rierson, R4, Winston-Salem, N. C., Friedberg Church; David Schotttneider, 1256 Todt Hill Road, Staten Island, N. Y., New Dorp Church; Richard Twell, 647 Washington Ave., Bethlehem, Pa., College Hill Church; John Thaler, 228 E. Market St., Bethlehem, Pa., Central Church; and Theodore Wilde, 512 Moravian St., Green Bay, Wisconsin, East Green Bay Church.

Four Ministerial Students Enter Moravian College

Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pa., beginning their sesqui-centennial academic year, have an enrollment of 720 College students and 28 Seminary students. Of the enrolled theological students, 25 are preparing for the Moravian ministry.

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MANY PAY TRIBUTE

To George R. Heath

Many people around the world have paid tribute to Dr. George R. Heath upon learning of his death on August 5.

Among them Bishop C. H. Shawe of London, England, writes: "So George Heath has gone to his last home. I have always thought of him as the most perfect type of missionary we have known in our generation, tremendously gifted, intensely devoted, completely humble.

He was, I think, the last survivor of my childhood friends in Fulneck; I played with him when his parents spent a furlough there. I was in recent years in intermittent correspondence with him and had a long letter from him written, I believe, the very last day of his life, the handwriting as clear and steady as ever. He had finished his important Miskito translation which had occupied the last years. Oh, that God would give us some more men like him!"
Konnoak Hills Opens Parsonage

Konnoak Hills' first parsonage, a fine new red brick house at 3428 Luther Street, was formally presented to the congregation and province in "Open House" on Sunday afternoon and evening, September 23.

Konnoak Hills Parsonage: One story, eight room house features an excellent floor plan.

The parsonage, first major building venture on its own by the congregation, is a one-story, eight-room house. The excellent floor plan has the house divided into two main sections. The one on the north has the living room, dining room, den, or family room, kitchen and a screened porch off the kitchen. The south wing has four bedrooms and two bathrooms. A further merit of the floor plan is the arrangement of the north wing so that the kitchen and den, on the west side of the house, can be closed off from the living and dining rooms on the east side.

The living and dining rooms have wall to wall carpets, furnished by the Women of the Church. They also furnished the living room with davenport, four chairs, a round table, coffee table and two end tables and four lamps. In the kitchen the church women have provided an electric stove and a refrigerator. The guest room has been furnished by the Emma Spaugh class of the Sunday School. The den is lined with western red cedar and contains a fireplace.

The parsonage building committee had on it B. J. Kimel, chairman, Grover Fishel, Charles Hicks, Paul Johnson and Virgil Joyce. Chairman of the furnishings committee was Mrs. Virgil Joyce. Grover Fishel has been heading up teams of men working on the lawns and the front-lawn wall. Mrs. Herbert Smith was in charge of the women planning and carrying out the many duties involved with the Open House on September 23. Building contractor was J. Howard Shoemaker. Cost of the house was around $22,000, excluding some $2,500 spent for furnishings.

KITCHEN UTENSILS

Anyone having good used kitchen utensils as well as china and silverware for the dining room are asked to donate them for use in the Leinbach House at the Conference Ground. The house is now fully furnished except for these items.

Salem College Girls At Work In Churches

A new development in the life of our Southern Province this winter is the service being rendered various churches by Salem College students. Five girls, all majoring in religion and minoring in elementary education are now at work.

Imogene Reed Comer, who will graduate from Salem next May, is working in her own home church, Friedland, under the direction of her pastor, the Rev. C. Truett Chadwick. She has begun with some responsibilities in the primary department of the Sunday school and will be given enlarged duties as the year goes forward.

Martha Anne Bowles, a junior at Salem and a graduate of Salem Academy, is working in two of the churches. In her own church, Fries Memorial, she is assisting Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Boeger with the Sunday night intermediate fellowship group. The Rev. E. T. Mickey, her pastor, also calls on her for regular assistance in the office, and she has recently added to her broadening service the teaching of grade seven in the week-day church school of our Konnoak Hills Church.

A transfer this year to Salem, and also a junior, is Carole Cole from Advent congregation. She is assisting the Rev. Paul Snider in the work of the Thursday afternoon Bible Club and junior choir at Advent. Like the two previous students, Carole finds her service in the church an inspiring supplement to her studies and a splendid outlet for her service interests.

Gaining experience for her future work, to which she likewise is dedicated, is Faye McDuffie, also a member of the Advent congregation. Faye, however, has gone beyond the confines of her own church and is employed as a part-time assistant in Christian Education at Ardmore. The Rev. Richard Amon is supervising her work, which is concentrated on the kindergarten age. Faye not only assists in the Sunday morning teaching program, but has begun visiting present and prospective homes of members of the kindergarten department.

The last of the Moravian girls so far placed in a church is a sophomore from the Little Church on the Lane in Charlotte. Mary Jo Wooten. Mary Jo concentrates her work on a Sunday at Christ Church. Her primary responsibility is the intermediate fellowship group on Sunday night, but her supervisor, the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes, has other areas in mind for her service as the months proceed.

Some of this service to the churches is to satisfy requirements Salem has in its Christian education courses in field work. Other has been requested by the churches until such time as they find available full-time help in Christian Education. These five girls are among twenty from all denominations who are majoring in religion under the new program now in full operation.

It is hoped that more girls, promising scholastically and dedicated spiritually, will enroll through the years in this curriculum that tries above all to prepare girls for service to their future churches. At least one Moravian freshman will probably elect the program as her major, so that by the end of the year there may be a total of six or seven Moravians in training and perhaps twenty others from the other denominations represented in the Salem student body.

The churches of the province can feel that they are having a real part in this promising development because the money contributed toward support of the department of religion has made possible expansion of courses along this line. Dr. Edwin A. Sawyer continues to head the department, with the Rev. John H. Johansen giving half-time assistance this year.

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The Ministry
The ministry and related subjects came in for much consideration by the synod and its committees. Most significant perhaps was the adoption of the retirement age of seventy. The Synod of 1953 had made it possible for ministers to retire voluntarily at sixty-five. The Synod of 1956 said that retirement is compulsory at seventy with the Provincial Elders' Conference allowed to continue beyond that time a minister's services on an "annual or less than an annual basis."

Salaries of ministers came in for review and synod approved a new minimum for a pastor of a congregation as $3,500 plus $300 travel allowance. In addition it was ordered that after five years of service each minister should receive an increase of $100 each year for the next five years. The minimum for a pastor in service for ten years will be, beginning on July 1, 1957, $4,300 including travel allowance.

Synod voted once to change the constitution to abolish stipends for ministers' children, but on second reading reversed itself and, moreover, increased the annual payments from $15.00 to $25.00 for children under eleven years of age and from $25.00 to $40.00 for children between the ages of 11 and 14.

It was also voted to "require each church board of the province to grant a minimum of three weeks' vacation with one week to attend Bible conference, if the minister so desires."

Building and Expansion
The creation of a Building and Expansion Board was looked upon as one of the really significant decisions of the synod. The purpose of this board was stated as that of raising "from the congregations of the Southern Province the sum of $50,000 annually." This amount will be used "to build churches in new localities, to assist churches which cannot finance their own building programs, and to finance other building and expansion projects."

Special Bulletin
It is with deep regret that announcement is made at this issue of the WACHOVIA MORAVIAN was prepared for the press that Bishop-elect Douglas L. Rights had died suddenly in the early morning of December 1. It had been thought that he was making satisfactory progress in his recovery from a heart attack suffered just prior to the opening of Synod.
Synod Approves Changes

SECRETARY OF SYNOD: Edwin L. Stockton (right) goes over items to come before synod with R. C. Flynt, Sr., delegate from Kernersville and P. E. C. member Alton F. Pfaff. Seated is Mrs. James Stevens, secretary of the Provincial Treasurer’s Office.

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mainteinance and operation of such a home.”

Evangelism

The Provincial Elders’ Conference was asked to appoint for the next three years a Board of Evangelism. It will be the purpose of this board to “fill the church buildings being built by the Building and Expansion Program.” It will direct the evangelistic effort of the province in preaching missions, spiritual life missions, and visitation evangelism.

Integration

A resolution introduced on the floor called for “synod to go on record as respecting the decision of the Supreme Court concerning integration, as the law of the land.” The resolution was referred to the synodal committee on the State of the Church.

In returning the resolution, the committee on the State of the Church asked that the “Southern Province recognize that the decision of the Supreme Court regarding segregation in the public schools has placed before our people problems of far reaching consequences.” It urged all Moravians in this situation “to act with restraint and in a spirit of brotherly love in recognition of the human rights of all people.”

Synod approved of this position and reaffirmed the church’s historic position regarding its relations to the Civic Power as follows: “In our relation to the Power which has rule over us, we recognize it as a sacred duty to render punctual obedience, according to the precepts of Holy Scripture, . . . to the laws and ordinances of the country in which the Lord has set us. It is the duty of every member of the Church scrupulously to observe all the ordinances of the government of the country and the regulations in force in the parish.”

Elections

Much of the time of Synod was taken up with elections. The first board to be chosen was the Provincial Elders’ Conference. Re-elected were R. Gordon Spaugh, Herbert Spaugh, and George G. Higgins, ministers; and Alton F. Pfaff, layman. Succeeding Clarkson S. Starbuck, whose term of office had expired, Thomas A. Kimball of Friedland was elected as the second layman.

Delegates to General Synod

Six delegates to the General Synod of the Uniaty which will meet in Bethlehem, Pa., in August 1957 were elected by secret ballot. They were Edmund Schwarze, bishop; R. Gordon Spaugh, Edwin A. Sawyer, and George G. Higgins, ministers; and C. T. Leinbach and Alton F. Pfaff, laymen. Alternates chosen were Bishop J. K. Pfohl, Herbert Spaugh, E. T. Mickey, Samuel J. Tesch, Edwin L. Stockton, and R. Arthur Spaugh.

Other provincial boards elected were:

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A. Crouse Jones
John R. Flynt
For 1 term subject to re-election for 2 terms
Rev. Christian D. Weber
Wilson Edwards
O. E. Armstrong
Charles W. Miller

Board of Christian Education
For 1 term expiring 1959
Rev. Henry Lewis
B. O. Dishier
Mrs. H. H. Kapp
For 1 term subject to re-election for 1 term
Rev. John H. Johansen
Mrs. Henry Clodfelter
Mrs. F. M. White
For 1 term subject to re-election for 2 terms
Rev. J. C. Hughes
R. E. Ebert
Mrs. Dale Gramley

Provincial Woman’s Board
For 1 term expiring 1959
Mrs. Sam Vance
Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs
Mrs. P. L. Thorpe
For 1 term subject to re-election for 1 term
Mrs. Harvey Price
Mrs. M. E. Miller, Sr.
Mrs. Alfred Stultz
For 1 term subject to re-election for 2 terms
Miss Marian Blair
Mrs. Alan K. Turner

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HUNRED AT SYNOD DINNER: Among those honored for past service at a special synod dinner are Kenneth L. Greenfield, retiring from the financial board, (seated) and Clarkston S. Starbuck (standing, left), who completed his term of service on the Provincial Elders’ Conference. With them are Mrs. Greenfield and R. Gordon Spugh, president of the Provincial Elders’ Conference.

ARCHIVES HOUSE
Douglas L. Rights, archivist

The School of Infancy. By John Amos Comenius. Edited with an introduction by Ernest M. Eller. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press. 1956. $3.00.)

Long out of print, this book in a new edition is now available, thanks to the interest and guidance of Ernest M. Eller.

John Amos Comenius, called “The Father of Modern Education,” was a great educational leader of his time and his influence has come down through the centuries. He has something to say to teachers about problems they face today.

The Moravian Church has fostered education and has never lost the stamp of the character of Comenius. It would be well for all of our church members to have this book in a collection of Moravian literature.

Mr. Eller is the author of “Houses of Peace,” a widely read narrative of the Wachovia locale, and now for a second time deserves a vote of thanks for his contribution as publisher in the Moravian field.

Through the generosity of the sons and daughters of the late Bishop Howard E. Rondthaler, his library has been donated to the Moravian Archives. The books not needed in the archives collection will be available for Salem College and for the ministers of the Southern Province.

It is needless to say that the thoughtfulness of the family is presenting this collection is very much appreciated.
FORMER SALEM PRESIDENT DIES,

Bishop H. E. Rondthaler

HOWARD E. RONDTHALER: His Men's Class was nearest to his heart.

J. C. Hughes

As we consider the life of our departed Bishop, it is appropriate that we pause to profess our faith in the unchanging Truth revealed in the hallowed pages of His Word. The promises of the Saviour are filled with new meaning as we contemplate the triumph of a life of service. We are met to proclaim a victory over death and the grave. In this final service for our brother, we would catch again the reflected radiance of his love for the Truth and his witness for his Lord.

Howard Edward Rondthaler was born June 17, 1871, at the Moravian Parsonage of Brooklyn, New York, the son of the Rev. Edward and Mary m. n. Jacobsen Rondthaler. A child of singular Christian background, he was the grandson of Bishop John Christian Jacobsen, who had given long service to the Moravian Church in America, and was the great grandson of the Rev. Immanuel Rondthaler, Diaspora Pastor of Moravian Churches in Poland.

The sacrament of Baptism was administered during his infancy and he confirmed his faith at the age of 15, in 1886. On October 18, 1887, he came with his parents to Salem, N. C., where his father became pastor of the Home Church and later Bishop of the Southern Province.

He completed his preparation for college at the Salem Boys' School and was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1894 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Shortly thereafter, he entered Moravian Theological Seminary as a student for the ministry, and received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1896. Further graduate study won for him the Master of Arts Degree in 1907. Two honorary degrees were later conferred upon him—the Doctor of Divinity degree from his Seminary in 1913 and the degree, Learned Doctor of Laws, from the university in 1931.

He was united in marriage with Miss Katherine Genther Boring of Philadelphia on September 29, 1898. A woman of unique ability and outstanding Christian graces, she joined her talents to the fullest degree with the activities and services of her husband. Their first service was at Christ Moravian Church, where he had been serving since his ordination as a Deacon, July 2,
gress. When our brother was called to the presidency of Salem Academy and Theological Seminary for the next forty years of his administration, the institution experienced notable progress. Student enrollment increased largely; ten new buildings were added to the campus facilities; older buildings were restored; and a building of three units was erected for Salem Academy. He was held in the highest affection by the hundreds of girls who passed through Salem's portals. His chapel talks, always glistening with humor, were anticipated with eagerness. His traditional Christmas Story, with eagerness. His traditional Christmas Story and his individual talks with his students in the daily college affairs made him truly their campus father. Although he had retired in 1949, he was often present on campus. He was recalled to service for a brief period in 1952 to teach religion courses and an extension course for adults. He was particularly grateful for this opportunity which came soon after his wife's passing on May 3rd.

As a churchman and spiritual leader, his influence went far beyond the bounds of the Moravian Church. A much-sought Bible teacher and a capable lecturer in the history and geography of North Carolina, his speaking appointments were many and varied. His Bible Classes at the Y.W.C.A. had been a most popular annual series; sponsored by the Adult Education Committee. He was leading a new six-week series at the time his illness began.

His Provincial Service in the Moravian Church was marked by the same devotion that characterized his college administration. In addition to the demands for his presence in special services of the many churches, he had held short pastorates at Fairview, Mayodan, Avalon, Moravia and Wachovia Arbor Churches. He had served for a number of years as member and vice-president of the Provincial Elders' Conference.

His election to the episcopacy of the Moravian Church came at the Triennial Synod of the Southern Province, November 19, 1947, after more than 51 years of service. He was consecrated the following January 12th as the 246th bishop in direct succession since the birth of the ancient Unitas Fratrum. His counselling with persons in spiritual need and with persons wanting Biblical information continued to grow. For a number of years he was Director of training classes for lay workers and candidates for ministerial ordination.

The labors nearest to his heart, over the long years, were his weekly lessons with the Men's Bible Class of the Home Church. Using the Bible as his textbook, he made the geography, the times, and the teachings of each book come alive with meaning. None could compute the influence on his men nor on the wide radio audience who had listened in their homes through more than 25 years of consecutive broadcasts. His Bible Study series at the Mid-Week Prayer services had given him decided pleasure also. He often had new studies planned before dates were set for a new series. His love for the Word of God and his inspired teaching will linger in the minds of many who knew him as their most treasured memory of his outstanding life.

In the mercy of his Lord, he was allowed to remain active in the work he loved until five days before his passing. He had suffered a weakness and dizzy spell on Thursday, October 18th. Although he was hospitalized for observation, his condition had not been considered critical. Two of his children were able to be with him during the last few days and had talked with him only moments before his sudden attack on the evening of Monday, October 22, 1956. In God's good providence, his suffering was short. His Saviour's call came at the hour of 9:12, and his labors here received the blessed approval "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful. . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

His age was 85 years, 4 months and 5 days.

He is survived by two sons, Theodore Rondthaler of Ocracoke, N. C., and Edward Rondthaler of Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.; by two daughters, Mrs. Henry C. Pfohl of Brooklyn, New York, and Mrs. Clayton L. McFagan of El Verano, California; and by five grandchildren.

"Thou Child Divine" Appears in New Edition

The Moravian Music Foundation announces the forthcoming publication of the beloved Moravian Christmas anthem, "Thou Child Divine," by J. A. P. Schulz. The new edition, expected to be ready in time for Christmas, will be published by Brodt Music Company, 1409 N. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, N. C. Donald M. McCorkle, executive director of the Moravian Music Foundation, prepared the edition from the earliest source, an English collection of church music printed in 1811. "Thou Child Divine", while strictly speaking not a Moravian composition, has become so closely identified with the Moravians through the past century-and-a-half that it has become a traditional part of the Christmas season.

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IMMANUEL

It was our hope that by beginning our fall revival effort at a time which would enable us to bring it to a close with our anniversary might stimulate additional interest in the effort. Such was not the case. The indifferent members remain indifferent. But those who were faithful experienced a week of wonderful fellowship and inspirational preaching. The Youth Night, held on Saturday, was a success in several ways. The revelation it gave of the ineffectiveness of our church school instruction methods was an eye-opener and we are now in the process of doing something about it. We are grateful to Brother Paul A. Snider for his excellent work among us.

The 44th anniversary was a time of real joy and blessing and it was our pleasure and privilege to have a number of former members and workers worship with us. A check of our communion attendance for the year showed that this occasion was above the average. Speaking of anniversaries at Immanuel always brings to mind the fact that not long ago our budget was one of the lowest in the Province and now it ranks with any on a per communicant basis.

Our delegation to Synod was led by Br. John F. Cade with able support from Mrs. T. M. Foster, David E. Day, Jr., Carl E. Smith, and Eugene F. Groce. The impression derived, according to their reports, was that it was a great spiritual experience.

We are exceedingly happy for the new interest being manifested by some of our more mature men in our church band. The group has been active for many years and indications are that it is to be substantially strengthened.

Mrs. C. E. Tuttle has been added to the staff of workers with our Youth Fellowship and is directing the program in the Intermediate group. Additional workers have been added in the Junior group, couples who have volunteered to serve on a part-time basis thus affording opportunity for relief for the leaders.

We are happy to welcome into our church family Mrs. Wanda Fay Hartle, wife of Donald Hartle of the U. S. Marine Corps.

SAMUEL J. TESCH

THE CHURCHES

ICE. This year our anniversary speaker was Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. A large congregation was present for the eleven o’clock service and many remained for the basket picnic and fellowship hour which followed the morning service. Quite a number of former members and visiting friends were with us on this happy occasion.

Our fall evangelistic services were held beginning Wednesday evening, October 10, and continued through Thursday evening the 18th. Br. William A. Kaltreider was our guest preacher in these services and we feel that his strong gospel messages were a great blessing to our people. We were happy to have Mrs. Kaltreider with us in several of the services. Our Women’s Chorus rendered special music two evenings and the Men’s Chorus from the Mayodan Moravian Church along with their pastor, Br. J. H. Kapp, gave us four special musical numbers in the closing service on Thursday evening.

Br. William R. Lovick has been elected to represent the congregation at the Synod to be held at the Home Moravian Church November 13-15. Br. Roscoe Richardson was elected at the alternate delegate.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

OAK GROVE

“Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow!”

These words have been ringing in our hearts many times during recent months, for the Lord has been good to us and has blessed us in many wonderful ways.

Br. Paul Snider was with us a week of real revival services. Night after night the Holy Spirit was at work in our midst, calling us to repentance and renewed dedication to Christ. Many experienced the redeeming love of Christ for the first time. Br. Roy Snow entered our membership through Adult Baptism; and Ted Bowman responded to God’s call to the ministry.

A number of the young people are now meeting weekly to pray for our church and the community.

This report must of necessity stress the youth work of our congregation, for it is the young people who are bringing about

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LEAKSVILLE

With the mills running full time, and even some parts running seven days a week, our people have been kept unusually busy. Even though much work and many other interests have engaged our people we have managed to carry on all of our regular church activities.

Sunday, October 7, we celebrated the 28th anniversary of the congregation. It was on this day, October 7, 1928, that our new church was opened for the first serv-
an awakening in the church and who are causing many of us to look more seriously at our spiritual lives. New life has been evident in the Youth Fellowship. Attendances have been the best in two years. The young people conducted one of our evening services and on Halloween went out to trick or treat for the organ fund. The treats amounted to $70! Our young people are thinking seriously and praying earnestly, and the challenge faces the whole congregation as to what opportunities and examples are being provided to young people that they might grow spiritually.

Other highlights during recent weeks have been the Sunday School Retreat with outstanding messages by Dr. Edwin A. Sawyer and the Rev. John H. Johansen; the 69th Anniversary Service with Bishop Pfohl as speaker; a visit one Sunday night by the young people of Christ Church; and the parsonage wedding of a couple who had gone together for twenty-one years.

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER

ADVENT

Our Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Group concluded its study of the Gospel of John in September. Since then we have also studied the First Epistle of John. While our pastor was holding services in other Moravian churches in September and October several of our faithful laymen conducted the Wednesday evening services. Roger Parks presided at an inspiring testimony meeting on October 3 at which he asked two questions: "How Did You Become a Christian?" and "How Did You Lead Your Friend to Christ?" Volunteer answers were given by those who attended the service. Br. Frank Hellard spoke to the group on October 17 and 31. On October 24 J. D. Gardner conducted the Bible study.

Our Junior Choir and Youth Choir rehearsals and Bible study are being held on Thursday afternoons. Riley Matthews, Jr., directs the musical portion of the program; Miss Carole Cole is teaching the Bible study; and Mrs. Ora Mae Gibson is directing the handwork.

We miss the consecrated leadership of several of our members who are away at school in preparation for service in the work of the Lord. David Burkette is at Moravian Theological Seminary. Charles Fishel is at Moravian College. Carole Cole and Faye McDuffie are at Salem College. Nancy Hege is at the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina, and Peggy Cole is at the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing.

The Advent Band, directed by C. Vestal Whit, presented a fine program of sacred music at our evening worship service on October 7.

Following the morning worship service on October 14 the pastor was presented the keys to a new 1956 Chevrolet. Jimmie L. Newsom, a member of the Board of Elders, made the presentation on behalf of the congregation and friends. Needless to say, the pastor was speechless from surprise and overwhelmed by gratitude.

PAUL A. SNIDER

OLIVET

In the month of September, the Joint Boards of Olivet visited every home in our congregation to encourage our people to support the Missionary Society. The final results are not yet in, but it looks as if at least 80% of those contacted will join as new members.

The month of October was a "good" month, if for no other reason than we had fine eating at two special outings. It is the custom at Olivet to hold a Fellowship Night one night during each month. During October, the Fellowship program was a Fish Fry to which all our members and their friends were invited. This was an especially appealing program since everything was financed by the Men's Bible Class and the Baracca Philathia Class.

Three weeks later on October 27, the Sunday School Department sponsored our annual Chicken Stew. We have no way of knowing how many people attended, but we do know that those who were willing to bring their own bowl and spoon were certainly well repaid with a most delicious supper. Mr. Victor Beroth (Olivet's oldest member) and his close friend, Mr. Claude Linback were at the church the entire afternoon, along with Mr. Gene Binkley, Mr. Wesley Beroth and Mrs. Alex Beroth making sure that the stew was "just right".

The fine attendance of our eating ventures carried over into the most important event which has occurred at Olivet this year—this was our revival. Beginning about the middle of October, the Joint Boards, with the assistance of Mr. Donald Johnson, Mr. Fred Luper, Mr. Samuel Pruett, and Mrs. Price Aaron, made a door to door canvass of the entire community surrounding Olivet Moravian Church. At each home, they paid a short visit, invited the people to attend our revival, and left a card giving all of the vital statistics as to when, where, why, who and so forth. On Sunday, October 28, our revival began with the Rev. G. E. Brewer bringing the messages.

For nine services, Br. Brewer preached at no one has preached at Olivet in the last year and one-half, and the people returned service after service to hear more. Average attendance for nine services was 128. Even more important than the attendance is the fact that there have been lasting results from these meetings.

One final word on how our Church is doing financially. On the fifteenth of October, our church treasurer, Mrs. Price Aaron...
made not only the regular payment on our Bond Issue Debts, but also a special payment, which, with the money from the Women of the Church, totaled $14,400.00. This means that within the past six months, the people of Olivet Moravian Church have reduced their indebtedness by just over $5,000.00. We report this success to encourage others to build and to witness to the truth that if we will only try God, He will truly open the storehouse of heaven and pour out His blessing upon us.

ALAN H. BARNES

FRIEDBERG

Worldwide Communion saw one of our largest numbers of communicants present during the year. On this day we continued our emphasis on missions by remembering those of our brethren and sisters in far-flung places of the world. We were happy to be able to enlist 70 new members for the Foreign Missionary Society during our fall emphasis.

Our Young People are very happy over the fact that in exactly one year they have been able to complete their goal of almost $1,000 for the campsite. Our Women of the Church are always a boost to any project. They came across with $500 for the parsonage fund for a starter. They will have quite a job later in the development. Our women were delighted to play host for the Fall Outing of the women of the province. And what wonderful group for one of the worst days of the year!

During September we were happy to welcome into our fellowship Mrs. Dallas Anderson by Adult Baptism and Mr. Anthony Sides by the right hand of fellowship. A number of visitors were present with us on the occasion of our Founders' Day on the third Sunday in October. We listened with keen interest to Dr. Robert A. Dyer from Wake Forest College. Dr. Dyer was formerly a missionary to Japan and spent three years in a concentration camp.

The month of November was ushered in with our fall revival series at which Dr. Samuel Tesch, former pastor and beloved friend of the congregation, brought timely and helpful messages to fine audiences each evening. Our thanks to him for his efforts on our behalf. The closing night gave us an opportunity to have our newly organized children's choirs sing. We now have a Junior Choir and a Cherub choir with about 18 children each. We are looking forward to their participation in our future services.

WILLIAM T. MARSHALL

PROVIDENCE

A number of special events highlighted the period under review. On "Back-to-School" Sunday our young people assisted the pastor in the morning service. These young people were Garland Brooks, Bill Clayton, Douglas Phelps, Miss Yvonne crew, Miss Elaine McGuire, Miss Patricia Owens and Miss Carolyn Parks.

The Rev. J. G. Bruner invited the Providence folks over to Wachovia Arbor on the evening of September 2. A large group of our people accompanied the pastor. Our ladies trio, Mrs. Cecil Stoltz, Mrs. Earl Trivette and Mrs. Gay W. Grubbs, and Br. Jesse Grubbs with his violin, went along to supply special music.

Our fall Revival had particular significance this year. We had different speakers each evening from neighboring Baptist, Methodist and Moravian churches. This experience brought us closer to our neighbors and closer to Christ. We wish to thank those ministers who assisted in these services: the Rev. R. L. Billings, Shiloh Methodist; the Rev. William A. Cranford, Rural Hall Moravian; the Rev. N. C. Williams, Oak Summit Methodist; the Rev. Paul Ledford, Halden Road Baptist; the Rev. M. H. Phillips, Jr., Bethany Baptist; the Rev. Ed- win Fussell, Bethabara Moravian; and the Rev. Herbert Weber, Bethania Moravian.

In honor of the older folks of our church and community we held a "Golden Age" Service on October 14. Bishop J. K. Pfohl was our guest and brought the morning message. We were so happy that on this occasion a number of our shut-in's were able to be in church.

GEORGE A. CHIDDIE

FRIELAND

In this first report from Friedland since the illness of the undersigned began last January, he would like to express to friends throughout the province his gratitude for their prayers and numerous expressions of interest and encouragement.

Also, as a congregation, we would express to our Provincial Elder's Conference and our brethren who have served as supply ministers our lasting appreciation for the splendid cooperation and capable assistance they have granted us during this time.

But most of all, we would offer our thanks to our Lord, by whose grace our combined efforts have been made to redound to glory of His name and the continued growth and progress of this congregation.

During these months all stated services have been conducted with encouraging gratifying attendance. Only twice has the attendance at Sunday morning services dropped below the 200 mark. With the exception of the Visitations Committee, all organizations have met regularly. Also, we have been privileged to our community membership the following: Mrs. Joe Cude, Miss Colleen Hine, Mrs. John Craver, and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hensdale.

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At this writing, the new parsonage has been occupied, though finishing work on the interior continues. Announcement of an "Open House" date will be made soon.

C. TRUETT CHADWICK

FAIRVIEW

The major development at Fairview since the last report is the Sunday School Improvement Program. We are already witnessing progress. The Juniors have redecorated one of their classrooms and new chairs have been purchased through the generosity of Margaret Lucile Styers, Junior Department Superintendent. We also look forward to many improvements in the Primary and Intermediate Departments under the leadership of V. R. Snyder, general superintendent of the Sunday School.

Not only materially have advances been made, but Dr. George Higgins and Miss Dorothy Wooten of the Christian Education Board have met with our Beginner, Primary and Intermediate teachers for special training.

Our Family Fellowship program began its fall season with plenty of enthusiasm in all eight departments. Most of the departments use materials that are supplementary to those used in the Sunday School. At the Evening Chapel Service R. Carroll Williams has been instrumental in arranging for excellent speakers who are speaking on the Old Testament prophets. So far we have heard the Rev. J. George Bruner and Dr. George Higgins.

Dr. John R. Church, full-time Methodist evangelist, preached a week of revival services that were well attended and very inspirational. Many of our people were richly blessed by his sound doctrinal preaching.

The Monnie Southern Chapter of the Foreign Missionary Society has almost completed its current project of purchasing chimes for Trinity Moravian Church at Kingston, Jamaica. These chimes will be presented in memory of the Rev. George Heath who served so faithfully for many years in our tropical mission fields. In his retirement he had been a member of our local chapter.

Synod delegates for the Triennial Synod are: Robert Van Horn, V. R. Snyder, Lindsay Crutchfield, Mrs. L. S. Styers, Sr., Mrs. O. Melvin Warren, Mrs. J. B. Snyder, Sr., Mrs. W. D. Newcome, Mrs. Paul Barnes, and Miss Julia Barnes. The Alternates are J. B. Snyder, Jr., Ben Bennett, Homer Yarbrough, Mrs. Arthur Helsabeck, T. C. Hailey, Sr., Mrs. V. R. Snyder, Mrs. T. W. Barnes, and Mrs. Tom Hedgecock.

Since the last report Mrs. E. P. Berrier, Mrs. Doris Harkins, Alonzo Berrier, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Calder, Miss Vivian Wilkins, and Mrs. P. G. McGee, and Mrs. John H. Miller have united with our congregation.

The following were united in marriage by the pastor since the last report: P. G. McGee and Frances Joyce, Jack Hartness and Dianne Ziglar, Virginia Ruth Byerly and David Walker. The first two couples were wed in the Blum Memorial Chapel and the last couple in the church sanctuary.

VERNON DAETWYLER

MOUNT AIRY

Mayor Carter and five councilmen were present at our October 15 Brotherhood Supper. Frank McHone and Herbert Burton served a turkey supper. Bill Cox assisted.

October 28 approximately 170 of the 198 persons present at the regular 10 o'clock Sunday morning service came forward and promised to try to do one good deed for Jesus every day for the next three weeks.

The Sunday school now has closing assemblies. This dispels some of the loneliness of doing things only by small departments. All the departments meet now for an eight minute closing assembly in the sanctuary. J. T. Palmer is Sunday school superintendent. Curtis Simmons, former superintendent, is now Life Work Youth Counsellor.

The Rev. Christian Weber showed his beautiful Nicaragua slides at the last quarterly meeting of the women of our congregation. Our church was host for all churches of the community when Mr. George Thomas, member of British Parliament, spoke on October 2.

The Rev. Clayton Persons was our guest preacher when we started the first night service of the season, October 7. The occasion was the annual autumn lovefeast.

Chairman of Board of Trustees Howard Sumner has led our men in reseeding our lawn, fertilizing it and rolling it. He has been trimming shrubbery, replanting the church corner gardens and laying tile in a rest room. Fins are being made to landscape our church graveyard. Thanks also are due Alphonse Williams for doing some repair plumbing both in the church and the parsonage.

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Jarvis conducted a Prayer Meeting one Wednesday night in absence of pastor. We are glad that many individual members have bought Moravian hymnals to use in their own homes for private devotions.

ROBERT A. IOBST

HOME CHURCH

The Christmas program is getting into full swing at the Home Church. For two months the workers have been preparing for the Candle Tea which is to be open Thursday through Saturday, December 6-8, at the Brother's House here in Old Salem. The hours are from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All are invited to attend and share in this experience.

Preparations for the four Christmas Eve Lovefeasts are going on space with the Women of the Church already involved in preparing the paper to be put on the candles. This effort is to be concluded in an all day candle trimming on Tuesday, December 11.

The Young People of the Church are in rehearsal for their Christmas Drama scheduled for Sunday evening, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. The drama is designed to tell the story of God's dealings with mankind from the beginning through his sending his Son into the world. The production will involve the majority of all three fellowship groups, and a special offering will be received in order to assist them in their provincial projects.

Following the Christmas Eve celebrations there will be the traditional Christmas Caroling on Salem Square. The singing is to be led by our band augmented by members of the bands of other congregations. This will take place at 9:00 p.m.

On Christmas Day the congregation will assemble for the Liturgy for Christmas and an appropriate Sermon at 11:00 a.m.

JAMES C. HUGHES  
FREDERICK P. HEGE

WILLOW HILL

September 16 is a day to be remembered by some our young people as a day when they proclaimed their faith in Christ as their Saviour by uniting with Willow Hill Church as communicant members. Seven were received through the sacrament of Baptism and two by the rite of confirmation.

Rain and mud was the order of the day but Br. Clarence Coulson did not let this stop him from enjoying the fellowship and wonderful meal at Friedland Moravian Church for the Life's Work Counselor representatives meeting. We hope that we will be able to help many young people in making important decisions about their life work.

We at Willow Hill feel that we have a distinction which very few churches have. Maybe we don’t have many festival days but the first Sunday in October is one that is filled. On this Sunday we observe as near as possible the founding of the Church, the Hiat reunion, and have added to that, Homecoming Day for the congregation. It is a good day for us to take count of the Hiaters and to have an enjoyable time together renewing old acquaintances while we partake of dinner on the grounds. This year for the first time the joint band of Mount Bethel-Willow Hill rendered some special music under the direction of Br. Donald Tesh of Grace Moravian Church.

Beginning on Sunday night, October 21 and running through Sunday night, October 28, Br. Robert A. Jobst, pastor of Grace Moravian Church of Mount Airy, N. C. brought us some very inspiring messages awakening our thoughts and we hope our actions toward richer Christian lives. May this be only the beginning of a revival with far reaching effect with the words of the Lord upon our hearts, " Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

GLENN E. CRAVER

FRIES MEMORIAL

October has been good. Young People's Evening Meetings, Junior Choir, and evening services began on the first Sunday night. All have had good response with the exception of Junior High Young People.

In this phase of our work we are in a slack period and to have an enjoyable time together. Br. Norwood Green, in addition to his duties as pastor, has succeeded again in dearing over a thousand dollars after expenses.

Our annual revival, October 21-28, started and closed in the midst of heavy rain. Nevertheless, attendance showed an increase over last year. Br. Norwood Green brought fine, straightforward messages and our congregation was helped by these services. There were three reconsecrations, one possibly a candidate for foreign missionary service.

Our campaign for new members for the Foreign Missionary Society added 40 new names to our list which now totals 53. Much praise should be given to our committee, Mrs. Dalton Robertson, Mrs. Everett Speas, Mrs. Lulu Spaugh, who so faithfully worked on this project.

On October 4, 23 persons met for the first of a series of Bible studies which are
being given by Mrs. Kaltreider upon request by a number of the women of the church. These studies will be given regularly on the first Wednesday night of each month and will be open to men, women and children.

Our Women of the Church are sponsoring a monthly family night for the congregation and have set their first gathering for Sunday night, November 18. We look for much good fellowship and congregational unity to come out of these gatherings.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

CHRIST CHURCH

The present pastorate began in this wonderful congregation on September 9. Our people have been enthusiastic and cooperative; attendance at all services has exceeded our expectations; the Spirit of God is surely present with us—and we acknowledge with thanksgiving the goodness and mercy of the Lord!

Additions to the Church Staff include: Dale L. Kaltre as Minister of Music, Mrs. Mary Estep as full time Secretary, and Jo Ann Wooten as Student Director of Christian Education.

We now have regular meetings for the Senior High, Junior High, and Junior Youth Fellowship. Our counsellors are: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Chatham, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dishier, and Mrs. Sibyl Johnson. The Women of the Church serve refreshments each Sunday evening.

Our Junior Choir has been reactivated and is under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Lashmit Kaltre, assisted by Mrs. June Hire Stanford.

We observed our 60th Anniversary service on October 8. At the eleven o'clock service we received Wilson H. Pitts, Gorrell W. McMillan, Jr., Sara P. Holder, and Mary Sibyl Johnson as communicant members; baptized five children—and celebrated the Lord's Supper. Dr. Edwin A. Sawyer was our speaker for the evening lovefeast.

The Women of the Church held a Day of Prayer on October 31. We appreciate the great work our women are doing for the total program of the Church.

Our Sunday school attendance continues to increase and we are hoping to reach the 400 mark by Christmas (we had 350 present on October 28).

For over a "month of Sundays" the parsonage family was well-fed each weekend by the Women of the Church. Our sincere thanks to everyone who prepared the good and tasty meals.

J. CALVIN BARNES

NEW PHILADELPHIA

World-Wide Communion set a new attendance record when there were 421 present for the morning services on the first Sunday in October. Rev. T. Conway Pruet and Rev. Sinclair Tebo assisted the pastor in administering the sacrament.

Dr. Edwin Sawyer was the speaker for our anniversary lovefeast on November 4, which marked the 105th since our first building was opened for worship. All three choirs sang, and the band offered a prelude for the occasion.

Veteran's Day was observed on November 11 with all veterans of the armed forces sitting in a body for the service, and the pastor preaching on "Foundations for Lasting Peace."

Accessions to membership during the period include Worth Craft, Peggy Craft, Carey Graham Davis, Jeanette Davis, and Ted W. Foster by transfer and Theon H. Vance by Adult Baptism.

Our Day of Prayer on October 17 proved a real blessing to us, and we were most happy to have many visitors from other churches of the province, bringing our total attendance to 238 for the day. Speakers were the Rev. Paul Snider, Dr. Edwin Sawyer, and the Rev. James Weingarth. Theme for the day was "Overcoming Our Problems Through Prayer."

Rally Day made it possible for us to take a hammer and smash the phonograph record bearing the figures 554, which symbolized the record Sunday School attendance.

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HENRY A. LEWIS

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German Studying at Salem

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"The best birthday present of my life!" exclaimed Christa Menzel, a young Moravian girl from Hamburg, Germany, when asked how she felt when she learned she had been accepted as a Salem student for a year. "You see the letter came on my twentieth birthday—May 21, 1956."

Christa was well prepared for her year of study at Salem. She speaks English very well, and in addition to her early education, she has attended the University of Hamburg. "There are no colleges in Germany; only universities, and they are quite different from the ones in the states," Christa remarked.

When asked about her plans for the future Christa was most enthusiastic. She is studying philosophy, religion, and sociology while here. Then she plans to return to Germany next summer and continue her study of medicine for four more years at Tübingen, a south Germany medical center. By the time she reaches twenty-five she will be ready for her chosen career—a Moravian medical missionary.

Christa feels quite at home here in Salem. Her "family as Moravians dates back to the 18th century, but was broken when her grandfather married a girl who was not a Moravian, but her father re-entered the Moravian church." Christa is attending Salem College under the sponsorship of the Provincial Woman's Board.

In thinking back to her childhood, Christa told of her father becoming a soldier in 1945 and her mother fleeing with her four sons and daughter. About six months later her father found his family, and he became a gardner at Bal Boll, which is the center of the Moravian Church in West Germany. Later Mr. Menzel moved with his family to Hamburg, and he is now managing director of a glue manufacturing company in Hamburg.

Christa smiled when asked about her trip to the United States. She was seasick most of the time, but "just loved it," thinking how envious her friends were that she "had the opportunity to even be on the ship."

Christa loved to talk about her Moravian Church at home. "There are 10,000 Moravians in Germany, 5,000 in East Germany and 5,000 in West Germany." They do not have Sunday as we do, and only have a worship service about every two weeks. "Our biggest problem, besides the spiritual problem, is the great numbers separated from their churches because of distance. There are only ten churches in West Germany. We always put emphasis on Christ, and we have Holy Communion more often than there. The girls have a meeting every two weeks, but no boys, because we have no boys. Three years ago just the opposite, boys, but no girls."

I had a most enjoyable visit with Christa in her lovely room in Lehman Hall at Salem College. She proudly showed me a picture of her family; also cut flowers which were given her by a Moravian family who had taken her on a Sunday afternoon trip with them. She was very gracious and charming. Before leaving I asked if she ever felt homesick. "Not yet," she replied, "but Christmas, I don't know. I write my family once a week and sometimes I get a letter from home in two days."

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS AND NOTES

Sunday Schools at Work in Bluefields

"Self-Denial offerings of the Sunday Schools which were gathered in the latter part of July and the forepart of August totaled $680.45. Of this amount a check for $20 was bought and sent to Brus to continue the schooling of a boy there, and the balance was sent to our Bilwakarma Hospital for the Esperanza work, as we have done in other years.

"Our annual Children's Day was observed in the usual way on August 26, with the usual short parade in the morning, two simultaneous services after the march, one for the main departments in the church and the other for the younger children in the Hall. The Primary Departments had their program in the afternoon and at night there was as general service for the entire congregation. There were 928 in the five Sunday Schools on this day."

Returning with New Zeal

In a recent letter the superintendent of the Alaska Mission writes: "All of the former members who strayed to the Adventists have returned to our fold. They have not only applied for reinstatement but they have done so as the result of a deeper, brighter and fuller experience of their spiritual relationship with their Saviour. In several instances their conviction was climaxd at the Goodnews Rally last January. Some who were, before leaving our fellowship, spiritual liabilities have become active witnesses in their respective congregations."

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