THE SOWTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR, 1957 IS A YEAR OF

Celebration and Dedication

The long awaited and carefully planned for year of 1957, the 500th anniversary of the Moravian Church, has now arrived!

The anticipation of this event has been foremost in the church's planning for the past eight years and more. The Year of Evangelism, the Year of Christian Stewardship, and the Year of Mission Emphasis, while important in themselves, were but preparation for that which was to come. They were but prelude to 1957.

The year 1957 is first of all a year of celebration. For five hundred years of history in which God has used our ancient church and brought it back from the brink of extinction, we could not but give thanks. From these years we draw inspiration for the present and the future. It is this that motivates the planning for this year of celebration.

Begins on March 3

The observance of the anniversary year will actually begin on March 3, the Sunday nearest the traditional March 1, 1457 date of the founding of the Unity of the Brethren in Bohemia. On this date, March 3, services will be held in Winston-Salem, N. C. and Bethlehem, Pa. and in other parts of the Moravian Church in America. In Winston-Salem a public service is scheduled for the Memorial Coliseum and will bring to the Southern Province two outstanding speakers.

One of the speakers will be Dr. Waldemar Reichel of Koenigsfeld, Germany. Dr. Reichel is the head of the system of Moravian Schools in Germany and a church historian. He visited the United States a few years ago to study our private and public school systems. He speaks excellent English and will deliver the historical address of the day.

The second speaker will be Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches and a Presbyterian clergyman of Philadelphia. Pa. Dr. Blake will close the meeting with a challenge to the service of Christ in the world of today.

For the March 3 service music will be provided by a massed choir made up of singers from the churches of the Southern Province and a massed band likewise from all the churches led by Austin E. Burke. The director of the choir will be Donald M. McCorkle.

Following the opening service of the anniversary year, the celebration will continue through the winter and summer of 1957 closing with a service of rededication and Holy Communion on November 10. During this time the most significant event will be the convening of the General Synod of the world-wide

EUGENE CARSON BLAKE: One of the speakers at the 500th anniversary service on March 3.

Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on August 13.

IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE QUINCENTENNIAL IS OUR

Heritage--Asset or Handicap?

John R. Weinlick

(An address given at a public service of the Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church in America, Northern Province, Bethlehem, Pa. September 2, 1956)

The American Church in America within recent years has assumed a forward look. I want to say something about this as it relates to the coming observance of our Quincentennial. To a church eager to move forward, five hundred years of history gives both advantages and disadvantages. Our procedures in the days ahead must be such that the advantages predominate. Let me present the disadvantages first, so I can better conclude positively.

Dangers

Among the dangers I see in our Quincentennial is the admiration we shall be getting from the outside. If the celebration runs true to form, we are going to be hearing a lot of good things about ourselves in the course of the next year. Beware of it. You will recall what Christ said: "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you." It's been a long time since the rank and file of Moravians have deserved the tributes paid to our Church's piety and missionary spirit. Let's not permit praise to bolster our complacency further.

Closely related to this is our respectability. With respectability comes loss of zeal. On the home front we're a culturally mature church with a well developed tradition of worship. We love our chorales, litany and liturgies, communion service, Passion Week and Easter services, our Christmas vespers, and in our older Eastern and Southern churches, our lovefeasts. I am uneasy about this beauty of our services having developed into an end in itself. Sometimes I feel that we cross the line to the point where the aesthetic qualities of our services mean more than the Gospel truths underlying them. As a result of this cultural maturity, like the great majority of Protestants, we are so middle class that we have become awkward and ineffective in evangelizing the "less respectable."

We have, too, the handicap of quaintness, a legacy from the eighteenth century way of Moravian life in our settlement congregations. It brings tourists to Bethlehem, Nazareth, Winston-Salem, Lititz, Schoenbrunn. It gets our pictures in Life, National Geographic and Hol...
Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference

The Provincial Elders’ Conference met on November 14 and organized by electing the following officers to serve for the coming three years: Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president; Dr. W. Herbert Spaugh, vice-president; and Dr. George G. Higgins, secretary.

The following assignments were made to the five members of the conference on the various provincial boards, committees, and interdenominational groups: Salem College Executive Committee, G. Spaugh; National Council Executive Committee, G. Spaugh; World Council United States Division Executive Committee, G. Spaugh; Southern Division National Council Executive Committee, G. Spaugh; North Carolina Council of Churches Executive Committee, H. Spaugh; Building and Expansion Committee and Board: from the Provincial Elders’ Conference, A. Pfaff; from the Financial Board, T. Kimball; Advisory Building Committee, A. Pfaff and G. Higgins; Board of Foreign Missions Moravian Church in America, G. Spaugh; Quincennial Committee, G. Higgins and other members of the Conference; Archives Committee, H. Spaugh; Moravian College Promotion Committee, T. Kimball; Provincial Music Committee, H. Spaugh; Provincial Evangelism Committee, G. Spaugh; Laymen’s Conference Committee, A. Pfaff; Inter-Provincial Hymnal Committee, H. Spaugh; and the Book of Order Committee, G. Higgins.

The consecration service for Dr. Edmund Schwarze, who was elected a Bishop by the Synod of 1956, will be held on December 30 at Calvary Church at 3 p.m. Bishop J. Kenneth Pföhl will preside and preach the sermon. Attending in the service will be Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Bishop Carl J. Helmich of Lititz, Pennsylvania.

Delegates to the General Synod will hold a brief meeting on January 2 at 10:30 a.m. Those recently elected to attend the Quincentennial Synod in Bethlehem from August 13 through September 14 were Bishop Edmund Schwarze, Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, Dr. George G. Higgins, Dr. Edwin A. Sawyer, Br. Clarence T. Leinbach, and Br. Alton F. Pfaff. Dr. W. Herbert Spaugh was appointed from the Provincial Elders’ Conference as the seventh representative.

The Rev. William A. Cranford was ordained a Presbyter of the Moravian Church on November 13 under Bishop J. Kenneth Pföhl at Rural Hall. Br. Cranford’s ordination had been scheduled in October but due to the illness of Bishop Howard Rondthaler the service was postponed.

Activities of the president of the conference include: Leaksville anniversary sermon; Provincial Woman’s Rally; Salem College Memorial Service for Bishop Rondthaler; dedication of the Mary A. Weaver Wing, Salem Academy; installation Br. Norwood Green at New Eden; address Christ Church Day of Prayer; Wachovia Arbor anniversary lovefeast address; Fulfill anniversary sermon, and sermon morning service at Macedonia.

Board and committee meetings attended were: Moravian College Board of Trustees; Joint Provincial Elders’ Conference sessions in Bethlehem; Salem Academy and College Trustees; Provincial Elders’ Conference; Provincial Financial Board; Directors Foreign Missionary Society; and Mission Board of the Moravian Church in America.

R. Gordon Spaugh, president

Provincial Woman’s Board

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

The following women were elected by Synod to serve on the Provincial Women’s Board.

For 1 term expiring 1959: Mrs. Sam Vance Jr., Kernersville; Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs, Ardmor; Mrs. P. L. Thorpe, Calvary.

For 1 term subject to re-election for 1 additional term: Mrs. Harvey Price, Mayodan; Mrs. M. E. Miller, Home Church; Mrs. Alfred Stultz, Rural Hall.

For 1 term subject to re-election for 2 additional terms: Mrs. J. B. Bynum, Konnoak Hills; Miss Marion Blair, Home Church; Mrs. Alan Turner, Greensboro.

These women met November 27 and elected temporary officers and also the following to serve on the Provincial Women’s Board.

For 1 term expiring 1959: Mrs. Joe Gray, New Philadelphia; Miss Nan Kiger, Christ Church; Mrs. Fred Pfaff, Home Church.

For 1 term subject to re-election for 1 additional term: Mrs. Kenneth L. Greenfield, Kernersville; Mrs. W. E. Shore, Calvary; Mrs. W. E. Stauber, Rural Hall.

For 1 term subject to re-election for 2 additional terms: Mrs. John F. Butner, Bethania; Mrs. E. W. Crow, Fries Memorial; Mrs. Aaron Hughes, Hope.

The entire Board is scheduled to meet in January to elect permanent officers and set up their organization for the next three years. Women of the following churches sent, as Christmas gifts, subscriptions to magazines to various American and British Missionaries in the East West Indies; Advent, Ardmore, Calvary, Christ Church, Fairview, Greensboro, Kernersville, Konnoak Hills, Mayodan and New Philadelphia. Home Church sent magazines to missionaries in Alaska, Honduras and Nicaragua.

BAPTISMS


Fulk, Mark Joseph, son of Joseph Edgar and Betty m.n. Dinkins Fulk; born September 8, 1956 in Mount Airy; baptized November 18, 1956 at Grace Moravian by the Rev. Robert Allen Iobst.


Chadwick, Leigh Adele, daughter of C. Truett and Jo Anne m.n. Atkins Chadwick. Born May 18, 1956 in Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized October 7, 1956 at Friedland by Dr. Edmund Schwarze.

Rud, Nola Jane, daughter of Ralph A. and Joyce m.n. Chambers Reed, born June 30, 1956 at Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized November 18, 1956 at Home Church, by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


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Asset or Handicap?

(Continued from page 1)

iday. But it also causes a lot of people to think of us in museum terms. What does it do for the men assigned to new work in California, Fargo, Madison, Utica, Edmonton, or even as nearby as Yardley, Pennsylvania, and Union, New Jersey? The outside loves us for our quaintness—it makes for good Kodachrome pictures—and would like us to be even more quaint. But when it comes to joining a church, most Americans prefer something more contemporary.

Let us add just one more negative. It's much more difficult for an old church to move rapidly than it is for a young church. We have long-standing commitments which we as Christians must continue to honor. There are plenty of open fields for mission work, but we have many old fields to nurture and some to rehabilitate. We have established patterns hard to depart from. We are confronted with legal technicalities not so easy to resolve.

Transforming handicaps

These things are with us as we look ahead. Yet I believe we can rise above them and even transform them into advantages. For one thing, we can capitalize on the inspiration of our history. The Christian Church has always been doing that, and it has paid off. The New Testament Church moved forward with an appeal to history, the history of redemption as progressively related in the Old Testament. If you have forgotten how the New Testament church appealed to history, read again how Stephen, Paul and Peter presented the Gospel, or read again that great chapter of Old Testament history you find in the New Testament, namely, Hebrews 11. Do you realize that a sense of history is something almost exclusively Hebrew-Christian? It hardly exists in other cultures. The Greeks didn't have it. The Orientalists, with all their antiquity, don't have it. Only in Hebrew-Christian tradition do you have this awareness of God breaking through into human life with a revelation of Himself, working out His purposes through time into eternity.

The sense of history played a prominent part in the formation of the Renewed Moravian Church, during its most creative period. Before that, the sense of history preserved the Hidden Seed, when our church was driven underground. When the refugees came to Herrnhut, Zinzendorf did his best to keep them a church, is to confront people with Jesus Christ as Savior. This task is unique enough for anyone. Of course, in carrying out this commission, it is but natural that we follow our Moravian way of doing things, for churches develop personalities as do people. We should present unashamedly the things our Church believes—and don't make the mistake of thinking that Moravians have no creed. We have no particular confession that we hold up as a Moravian confession of faith. But we do have a definite body of beliefs that we spell out in our liturgies, in our catechism, in our book of order. We do have methods of evangelism, Christian

nurture and orders of service that have proven effective down the years. Let us by no means turn our backs on these things.

I repeat: our task as Christians of the Moravian Church is to confront people with Jesus Christ as Savior. If we do this, I have no fear about God not keeping our church alive for a while longer, perhaps even another five hundred years. We Moravians still have a lot of unfinished business to do. Let us be up and doing it.

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 support it in a moral and financial way.

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Reorganization of Board

The Board of Foreign Missions in its fall meeting in Winston-Salem elected the following officers. For a five year term: Dr. Edwin W. Kortz, Executive Director; Stanley R. Frantz, Treasurer. For a one year term: The Rt. Rev. Kenneth G. Hamilton, Chairman, Dr. W. E. Allen, Vice Chairman; Theodore F. Hartmann, Secretary. Executive Committee: the above officers and the Rev. Clayton H. Persons. Br. Kortz took over his duties on December 15. All correspondence concerning the missionary work of the American Provinces should in future be directed to him.

Successful Operations

The Board is thankful to report that Mrs. James P. Dittmer is making a good recovery after an operation at the Mayo Clinic. She has hope that this will completely relive her from her long-standing illness. Word has also come to the Board that the Rev. Edward Hasler had to submit to an emergency operation recently for appendicitis on Trinidad. He too is convalescing in a gratifying way.

Retirement

It is with sincere regret that we must announce the retirement of two British missionary couples from the Eastern West Indies Province. The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Hoad, formerly stationed on St. Kitts, have requested permission to remain in England when their furlough ends. Mrs. Hoad having reached retirement age. The Rev. and Mrs. E. E. New have asked to return to England from Tobago because of the continuing serious condition of Sister New's health. Each of these couples have spent more than ten years of ministry in this field, both brethren having volunteered for Moravian missionary service as clergymen from sister denominations. The Moravian Church will remain grateful to them for the aid they have given to our mission work in a critical time. Sr. Hoad, formerly Edith Kiesel—be it said—is of very old Moravian stock, her family having hailed from Moravia in the early years of the Renewed Church.

A Bequest for Moravian Missions

With sincere gratitude the boards responsible for missions acknowledge the bequest of the late Ellen Bishop, long an active member of the Third Moravian Church of New York City, who passed away in 1953. Originally from the island of Barbados, Sister Bishop took a deep interest in the welfare of Moravian missions in every part of the world. She directed that $200 of her estate be used to promote the missionary activity of the Moravian Church. Her bequest has been added to the capital of the Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen.

When Everyone Owes Someone Else

Dr. Samuel Marx wrote from the Honduras Clinic on October 14: "Economic conditions are so bad that the men folks are running from one place to another looking for work. People come pleading for work so that they can earn enough to buy a pair of pants and a shirt. There are only two or three people here in Auas that have any rice. Up the river there is more rice but nobody much interested in buying it. That is one of the reasons we haven't been so busy in the Clinic either. Criswel, the carpenter whom we have working now, is paying off trust with Johnny Sam by working for us since Johnny Sam has trust with the Clinic. So it goes—everyone seems to be in debt to someone else."

The Home to the Rescue

Since the public school building in Kwigillingok had become a hazard, it has been closed temporarily by the authorities. To provide opportunity of schooling for at least a few of the most promising children in Kwigillingok, plans are under way to have the Moravian Children's Home accept four of them for the winter, if satisfactory arrangements can be made for their travel.

St. Croix

Recent letters from William and Carol McElveen tell of their having found a suitable apartment in Frederiksted. They report having plenty of work to do in their mission charge but that they are enjoying it and are meeting with a warm welcome from the congregation.

A Gift for Alaska

It is with deep gratitude that the Board acknowledges a gift of $1,000.00 recently made by Mrs. L. J. Eckemberger of the First Moravian Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to the Alaska Mission Fund administered by the Society for Propagating the Gospel.

Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl continues to serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Council. In addition, according to recent information received by this columnist, the Council's Executive Committee may soon vote to allocate the Moravian Church another ex-officio position, so that the president of the other member of the Provincial Elders' Conference may also have the privilege of serving.

Readers of "The Ecumenical Corner" will recall our report of the last annual convocation of the North Carolina Council of Churches, which was held in January at the First Presbyterian Church of Burlington. The writer of the report has had the pleasure of attending such annual meeting in a number of Tar Heel cities but is very happy to announce that the 1957 convocation of the Council will take place at the Home Moravian Church, January 30, 1957, preceded by the annual Pastors' Conference on January 29—also at the Home Church in Winston-Salem. The Rev. James C. Hughes, pastor, issued the invitation to the delegates assembled at Burlington last January with a sense of appropriateness which was fully appreciated by all who came to realize that the Moravian Church would be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1957. This was done at the suggestion of the Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, the Executive Director of the North Carolina Council, who thought that Moravians would enjoy entertaining the Council in their Quin­cennial year. We think it's a grand idea!

BAPTISMS

**Fetter, Frederick Marc, son of Charles E. and Annie Lee m.n. Beroth Fetter, born February 14, 1956 at Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized September 9, 1956 at Olivet Church by the Rev. Alan H. Barnes.**


**Lounsbury, Eric David son of Tracy M. and Mary Elizabeth m.n. Reavis Lounsbury, born July 14, 1956 at Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized October 21, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. J. C. Hughes.**

**Turner, Stephen Spencer, son of Clifton Spencer and Carolyn m.n. Reid Turner, born February 28, 1956, at Charlotte, N. C. Baptized November 4, 1956 at Home Church by the Rev. J. C. Hughes.**

**Willard, Janie Marie, daughter of John Wel­ley and Mozelle Willard, m.n. Knights, born in Winston-Salem, January 22, 1956; baptized at Trinity Church October 14, 1956, by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.**

**Stonestreet, Nancy Elaine, daughter of Ashley D. and Violet Stonestreet, m.n. Painter, born in Winston-Salem April 3, 1956; baptized at Trinity Church October 14, 1956, by Dr. D. L. Rights.**

**Shelton, Sandra Gayle, daughter of Earl De­priest and Mary Ruth Shelton, m.n. Painter, born in Winston-Salem June 6, 1956; baptized at Trinity Church October 14, 1956, by Dr. Douglas L. Rights.**

**Foil, Mark Alan, son of William C. and Patricia Ann Foil, m.n. Petree, born in Winston­Salem June 16, 1956; baptized Trinity Church October 14, 1956 by Dr. D. L. Rights.**

**Fisher, Jack Yokley, Jr., son of Jack Yokley and Rebecca Mae Fisher, m.n. Hastings, born in Winston-Salem June 28, 1956; baptized at Trinity Church October 14, 1956, by Dr. D. L. Rights.**

**Sparks, David Lee, son of Jack Lee and Mary m.n. Shaw Sparks, born August 2, 1956, in Winston-Salem. Baptized October 7, 1956 at Christ Church by the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes and Dr. Edwin Sawyer.**

**Raymer, Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Milas Brady, Jr., and Elizabeth Anne m.n. Holton Raymer, born August 23, 1956, in Winston­Salem. Baptized October 14, 1956 at Christ Church by the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes.**

**Pratt, Dona Karen, daughter of Donald Ray and Bonnie m.n. Michael Pratt, born August 14, 1956 in Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized October 28, 1956 at Christ Church by the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes and Dr. Edwin Sawyer.**

**Knox, James Lee, son of William B. and Ruth m.n. Ferguson Knox, born September 8, 1956 in Winston-Salem. Baptized October 28, 1956 at Christ Church by the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes and Dr. Edwin Sawyer.**

**Brown, Dale Edward, son of Paul E. and Grace m.n. Hinshaw Brown, born September 12, 1956 in Winston-Salem. Baptized October 28, 1956 at Christ Church by the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes and Dr. Edwin Sawyer.**

**Pitts, Robert Wilson, son of Wilson H. and Mary m.n. Ragland Pitts, born August 3, 1951 in Winston-Salem. Baptized October 28, 1956 at Christ Church by the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes and Dr. Edwin Sawyer.**

**Cash, Billy Keith, son of Billy Norman Cash and Rebecca m.n. Long Cash, born August 14, 1956, Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized October 14, 1956 at New Philadelphia Church, by the Rev. Henry A. Lewis.**


**Paris, Helen Anderson, daughter of Oscar Hall Paris, Jr. and Helen Watts Paris. Born July 16, 1956, Chapel Hill, N. C. Baptized in the Little Church on the Lane on August 12, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.**
REPORTS FROM
RALEIGH

With the generous assistance of a good many folks from the Calvary Moravian Church we held our Christmas lovefeast and candle service on Sunday afternoon, December 9, at four o'clock in the Vanguard Room of the First Presbyterian Church. Under the direction of Br. Austin E. Burke, Jr., 16 members of the Salem band, most of them from the Calvary congregation, played Moravian chorales and Christmas cards on the steps of the First Presbyterian Church from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. During the service which followed, 18 members of the Calvary Church choir rendered two beautiful Christmas anthems, including the traditional "Thou Child Divine." They were conducted by Br. Paul W. Snyder, whose wife sang a solo as the third musical offering of the afternoon. Br. Timothy Cahill accompanied the Calvary choir; and Mrs. Waylon D. Snead, Jr., of Raleigh, played for the congregational singing. Under the leadership of Mrs. Howard Powers eight diners in white served buns and coffee to more than 225 Moravians and friends from other churches. In addition, eight brethren doubled as coffee-carriers and candle carriers. Our head usher, Br. Ralph Frazier, and his first assistant, Br. Charles Craft, were on hand to help in a number of ways. And behind the scenes were our chief sacristan, Br. Fred Kimel and his assistant, Br. William Oden, who prepared the lovefeast. We are indebted to the Kernersville Church for the equipment which they loaned us this year as well as last. But the Women of the Church have bought 200 new mugs, and Br. Ira O. Schaub, Jr. has made four candle boards for us; so we are now almost fully "outfitted" for a lovefeast service.

We are happy to welcome Br. and Sr. Wilson A. Van Hoy into the fellowship of our congregation. They came to us from the Fairview Moravian Church.

The present prediction is that we shall be able to occupy our new church building some time after the first of February.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

KONNOAK

Our Midweek School, begun during the pastoral of the Rev. John Goserud in the fall of 1955, completed a term of eight weeks this fall on December 3. The School met on Wednesdays in four departments with the Kindergarten and Primary ages meeting from 3:45 to 5 P.M., and the Junior and Intermediate groups from 4:15 to 8:15 P.M. The average attendance for the eight weeks was 65 pupils and a staff of 13. The four circles of the Women of the Church took turns providing the supper meals each week. The main project work of the two older departments after supper was the study of Moravian missions in the fields supported by the American churches. Interest in the school and support of it by the parents was fine, with grateful appreciation to the faithful and capable staff, and the women who provided the meals.

THE CHURCHES

We have received 12 members since last reporting, 8 by transfer from other churches, 2 by re-affirmation of faith, 1 by adult baptism and 1 by confirmation. They are respectively: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Loggins, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Paff, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Spanihour, Mr. Tommy Minor, Mrs. Spencer Warren, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Martin, Buddy Elliott and Judy Weingarth. There also were two infant baptisms, those of Michael Alan Pope and Kenneth Michael White. Five members were transferred to other churches.

Scout Master James E. Bennett, Jr. and Scout Bobby Charles received the coveted Eagle Award in Scouting on Sunday, November 18.

Konnoak Hills had its first representative from Moravian College speak in the service on November 18, with Prof. George Tyler as guest. On November 25, in the evening, the Rev. Cyril Aldersley, British missionary to the West Indies, showed his pictures of our missions there.

JAMES G. WEINGARTH.

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Our two fall Communions broke the 400 mark for morning services. There were 421 present on November 18 and 471 attended the World Wide Communion on October 7. Sunday school attendance hit an all time high of 556 on Rally Day, and it was 503 on November 11 which was the first time we passed 500 without a special drive.

Thanksgiving Day we had our usual service at 8 A.M. with all three choirs singing and 153 persons present. We were pleased to have the Rev. James C. Hughes, pastor of Home Church to speak and show his slides on Nicaragua at an evening service.

New members in the past two months were Carey Davis, Jeanette Davis, Theon Vance, Ted W. Foster, Lindsay Miller, Tishie Miller, and June Miller.

Father and Son Dinner for Scout Troop 15 was held on November 30 in the Fellowship Hall with Thomas L. Dunnagan as speaker. Edwin Vitek, who is president of our Youth Fellowship and a Horace Hiedt Talent Show Winner presented a number of selections on the accordion. Theron Vance was presented as our new scoutmaster, and a rising ovation was accorded Charles D. Bunnagardner who stepped down after more than six years of faithful service. Girl

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Scouts are active, also, this fall. Their new leaders are Mrs. Ray Cashion, Mrs. C. Y. Flynt, Jr. and Mrs. F. G. Crater, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Windsor have taken over our Sunday evening Pioneer Fellowship, and Reuben Hughes has been elected president of the Men of the Church. Coach Joe Popp and Mrs. Gene Greene, both of Southwest High Faculty, spoke to the young people recently while the Rev. G. E. Brewer and Dr. George Higgins have addressed the Men of the Church.

Social meetings are being held almost nightly in our new parlor, and our choirs, band, and Sunday school groups are preparing special Christmas programs.

HENRY A. LEWIS.

MOUNT BETHEL

Does anyone need his face washed? Those of us who were unable to be at the Young People’s Halloween Carnival understand that they had a wonderful time in bobbing for apples and other games. The young and old alike were participating. The carnival netted much financial help towards our organ.

During the month of November the services were conducted the first and second Sunday by Br. Alfred Dawson while the pastor and his family were on vacation. On the third Sunday Mount Bethel commemorated its 104th anniversary with a lovefeast at 7:00 o’clock in the evening. On the fourth Sunday we were privileged to have Mr. Vernon Nelson, a elder of Moravian Theological Seminary from Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, to bring the message commemorating college prayer day. Br. Clayton Hall took charge of the Bible Study for the first three weeks in November while the pastor was away on vacation and at the provincial synod.

The delegate to synod from Mt. Bethel, Mrs. Luke Dawson, enjoyed her work at the synod and came back very much inspired.

Saturday evening, November 17, we enjoyed a turkey supper which is an annual affair presented by the Women of the Church.

On Wednesday night, November 21, instead of our regular Bible Study we had a Thanksgiving service at which time we took an offering and brought produce which was presented to Salem Home.

On Sunday morning, December 2, at the ten o’clock worship service the Junior Youth Fellowship presented to the church a large picture “Sallman’s Head of Christ,” for which we wish to thank them.

GLEN E. CRAVER.

MORAVIA

At the time this report is being written, the Moravia congregation is busily preparing for the Christmas services of the church. We are grateful to our leaders who will be in charge of the annual Sunday school service on Sunday, December 23; they include Mr. and Mrs. John Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. West, Jr., Mrs. Howard Ledbetter and Mrs. Joseph Barham.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe A. Lee who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with Open House on Sunday, October 21.

Since we had fallen behind in our budget, the Board voted to set aside November as “tithe month.” The response was not as good as expected, but there was a marked increase in the giving.

Howard Kirkman and Hubert Valentine for our inspiration a song service for Sunday, November 4. We appreciate having had a number of vocalists from our neighboring churches.

Br. Chester Matthews, pastor of the Community Baptist Church, Reidsville, very ably led us recently in our current study in Romans for the mid-week Bible hour.

John Lee, Ted West and the pastor represented the congregation at the Triennial Synod of our Moravian Church, South, at the time of its convening on Tuesday, November 13. These brethren wish to express their gratitude to the congregation for the opportunity afforded them.

The evening worship of November 11 brought a different type worship to Moravia when Br. C. V. Whitt and about thirty members of his band led us in an inspiring service of instrumental, sacred music.

In order to purchase a new stove for, and make repairs in, the church fellowship hall, the Women of the Church sponsored a supper at Summerfield School on Saturday, November 17. In spite of the cold, wet weather which undoubtedly kept some away, the ladies were able to claim profit enough to move ahead with their project.

Once again on Thanksgiving Day the congregation met in a service of praise and worship. There were two offerings presented in worship of our Lord, a money offering for the mission, and a food offering for a needy family.

We are grateful to the following who have brought inspirational, challenging messages to our congregation since our last report: the Brm. Burton J. Rights, Herbert B. Johnson, C. M. Hedrick, Cyril F. Aldersley. Br. Aldersley spoke during the Sunday school hour on November 25.

We welcomed home from the army Leonard Lee, only to have Bill King leave our midst for his tour of duty a few days later. Ben Barham, also a member of Moravia, is now serving in the army.

R. T. TROUTMAN.

RURAL HALL

World Wide Communion Sunday was observed on October 7. On October 2, a junior choir was organized with Mrs. Mary Lancas­ter, Mrs. Hugh L. Key and Melinda Smith in charge.

A series of services was held at the church from October 28 through November 2 with Br. Norwood Green as evangelist. A community Thanksgiving service was held on the evening of November 15 in the Methodist Church. An offering was received at the service which was given to CROP.

Bishop J. Kenneth Fohl was in charge of
the service on November 18 at which time the pastor was ordained to the Presbytery. A goodly number of the Fulp congregation was over for the service.

Miss Elizabeth Marx was with us on the evening of November 25. First she spoke to a group of junior young people, telling them something of the school—Colegio Morava and what it would be like to live in Bluefields and attend this school. Then she spoke at the evening service.

Great headway has been made on a campaign for new Sunday school hymnals, our present hymnals being somewhat well worn and too few in number. It is hoped that we will be able to have our new hymnals by the first of the year or shortly thereafter.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

KING

Thanksgiving and a desire to help those in need seemed to be the theme of our work at King during the month of November. Our Thanksgiving service on November 20 was planned for with beautiful harvest decorations and a social hour afterward with pumpkin pie and coffee for all present. It was a fine get-together for the congregation. Cash offerings for Salem Home totaled $23.28 in addition to many gifts of produce. We were proud to deliver the generous offering to Salem Home.

Our King congregation caught the spirit of the county-wide CROP canvass during November and contributed $81.50 for this worthy cause. Our local committee consisting of Medjames Paul Lewis, Paul Kiser, Paul Meadows, S. B. Brandon, Miss Maxine Meadows and Dempsey Lilly, canvassed the entire congregation. Cooperation throughout Stokes County was splendid and offerings will reach a total of more than $1800 with some $800 from Yadkin Township in which King itself is located. We found that our people have a real heart of sympathy for those in need.

As a result of our recent drive for new members of the Foreign Missionary Society, King now has 34 members in this Society. Through the efforts of our committee, Miss Maxine Meadows, Mrs. R. Holton Gentry, and Mrs. Hilary Southern, membership in our congregation was doubled.

King’s revival from September 30 to October 7 with Br. J. C. Hughes as the evangelist was a bright spot in the church’s schedule. Attendance should have been better and only those who regularly attend church were in the services but hearts were revived and refreshed by the earnest preaching. We feel these services are necessary to keep us awake, though we fail many times in reaching new people, which is our desire.

Br. Larry Lindenmuth, senior theological student, preached at King and Mizpah on November 25 in observance of Moravian College Day of Prayer. He was entertained in the home of Br. and Sr. R. Holton Gentry.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER.

BETHESDA

The Ladies of the Church have met with Mrs. G. E. Brewer and Mrs. Helen Hicks with Mrs. Frances Saylor as joint hostesses. During these two months the Ladies have remembered four shut-in ladies in the community with sunshine gift boxes. Also during the Thanksgiving season there was 17 fruit boxes sent to the shut-in friends and members.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Knouse have taken over the duty of getting our young people organized and the results are encouraging but we hope for a greater number to take part in this work.

We thank the Br. C. M. Hedrick and Alan Barnes for helping the pastor while he was enjoying a week of meetings at Olivet, Br. Hedrick with the prayer meeting and Br. Barnes with the two morning services. From the reports that come in these two brethren will be welcome to come again.

November 18, at 7:30 our Church was filled for the lovefeast to hear the Rev. and Mrs. Cyril Aldersley from the East West Indies, who showed us their slides and told us of their work on the mission field. It was a service we will remember for some time to come. We also want to thank Br. A. E. McElven for bringing his machine and running the slides for us.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burke are the proud parents of a baby boy born on November 26.

G. E. BREWER.

MESSIAH

The congregation was privileged to have a former pastor Br. R. T. Troutman, as guest preacher for the fall revival services. Attendance for the week of spirit-filled services averaged 30 per cent above that for last year’s revival. Many thanks are due the Revival Committee whose careful planning and preparation helped make the week a truly blessed one.

Another former pastor spoke at the fifth anniversary lovefeast on November 18. Br. Henry A. Lewis, in reviewing the beginnings of the congregation, brought a cheerful and challenging message.

Bountiful offerings of food for Salem Home and cash for CROP were received at the Thanksgiving morning service.

During the fall months Girl Scout, Brownie, and Boy Scout Troops have been organized to expand the scout program begun with the chartering of a Cub Pack last January. Leaders of the newly formed Boy Scout Troop are Jack Saylor, scoutmaster; Wallace Gough and Carl Pusey, assistant scoutmasters; and Jack Simmons, James Cook, Elbera Ketner, Luther Mendenhall, Joe Crutchfield, Bobah Moser, and the pastor, committee.

An unexpected event of the period in review was the surprise stock shower given by the Men’s Bible Class for its teacher, Jack Saylor, and the pastor. Long live the stork!

BURTON J. RIGHTS.

BETHANIA

Our fall revival services always come during the month of October. This year we were hap-
stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

New members welcomed into the congregation were: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. George Crews, Jr., Rebecca Crews, Mack Crews, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Orcutt, Jane Orcutt, Dick Orcutt and Richard Price.

HERBERT SPAUGH.

MAYODAN

Mayodan Moravian Church observed its 60th anniversary of its organization Sunday, November 25, with Holy Communion in the morning and lovefeast that night with Br. William A. Kaltreider, former pastor and one who drew the original plans for the new parsonage, to bring the message. Our goal was to receive enough in cash and pledges to be paid by December 31, 1956 to liquidate the parsonage debt. There was a good response and, although we didn’t quite reach our goal, that day, John Vaughn, our church treasurer, solicited enough for an additional week to enable us to meet it. This was a time of rejoicing for us all.

We joined with other churches in Mayodan and Madison in a united Thanksgiving service in Madison High School auditorium the evening before Thanksgiving.

On the Sunday evening of November 18 we received an offering for Salem Home. At this time we had interesting reports from our delegates to Synod in the place of the sermon. We appreciated having Raymond Coleman and Emory Joyce conduct the midweek prayer service in the absence of the pastor who was attending Synod.

We had a good series of revival services from October 7-14 with Br. C. M. Hedrick bringing the messages. It was a time of inspiration and reconsolation.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hoffman to speak and show pictures of Honduras at our mission program Sunday evening, November 4. We are glad to report additions of members to the Foreign Missionary Society.

Our congregation has been saddened in the passing of Willie Watkins, John Webb, and Mrs. Lena Bollin. Mr. Watkins was faithful in his attendance and was always friendly. John Webb would be seen distributing hymnals at Sunday school. Mrs. Bollin was faithful in the various phases of the work of the church.

JOHN H. KAPP.

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since the renewal of the church in the days of Zinzendorf, have gathered in Holy Communion to acknowledge Christ as the Head of the Church and to pledge anew their lives to His service. This year this service will hold a meaning never known to it before. On that day every Moravian in every Moravian Church in America will be challenged to rededicate himself to work for Christ and His Kingdom in the year that for us lies ahead.

The year 1957 is not a year that just looks back to draw inspiration from the past; it is a year that calls upon us to look ahead. In the words of St. Paul, "forgetting those things which are behind, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

As was stated in 1952 in the first announcement of the Quincentennial observance "this celebration of the five hundredth anniversary of the Unitas Fratrum, or the Moravian Church is prepared with the firm conviction that it is a fitting thing to do. It is fitting because in the heritage of our past lies the seed of the harvest of the future we may yet be privileged to reap for God and His Kingdom.

"The concern for the lost, which gives motive to our evangelism and witness at home and to the uttermost part of the earth; the acceptence of our task and obligation as stewards, which provides the means for this witness; the desire to give religious training to the young in our homes, in our churches, and in our Christian schools and colleges; the dependence upon Christ as the Chief Elder of our Church—these are the 'seed of the harvest of the future.'

"It is the purpose of this celebration to strengthen these foundations upon which the Moravian Church in history and in the present so firmly rests."

BAPTISMS


Robertson, Stuart Dale, Jr., son of Stuart Dale and Marjorie Katz Robertson. Born December 5, 1956, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in the Little Church on the Lane on October 7, 1956, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Daly, Martha Elizabeth, daughter of Roswald Bernard and Elizabeth Louise Miller Daly. Born July 9, 1956, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in the Little Church on the Lane on November 23, 1956, by Dr. Herbert Spaugh.


DEATHS


Spaugh, Mrs. Bessie W., died October 10, 1956, member of Home Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. J. C. Hughes. Interment in the Graveyard.

Miller, Miss Dora, died October 10, 1956, member of Home Church. Funeral conducted by Dr. Douglas L. Rights and the Rev. J. C. Hughes. Interment in the Graveyard.

Kirkman, George E., died November 9, 1956, member of Home Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. J. C. Hughes. Interment in the Graveyard.


Campbell, Mrs. Bertha, died September 25, 1956, member of Calvary Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. John Goerud. Interment in Bethania Graveyard.


Angel, Christine m.n. Elliott, born May 1, 1875; died October 12, 1956. A member of Moravia Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. E. T. Mickey and the Rev. R. T. Troutman. Interment in Moravia Graveyard.

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In June, they will attend the official anniversary celebrations in Bad Boll in Western Germany, the seat of the government for the Moravian Church on the continent of Europe. They plan to make a number of side visits to other important centers of the Moravian Church while on the continent. In July, they will proceed to Great Britain and hope to share in the Anniversary Synod at Fulneck during the latter part of the month.

Haupert is President of Moravian College and is chairman of the Music Festival Committee for the Moravian Music Festival and Seminar to be held in Bethlehem from June 23-30 as another highlight of the quincentennial year. He also heads the steering committee for the revision of the Moravian Hymnal.

Thomas is the President of the Western District Executive Board and Vice-President of the Provincial Elders Conference of the Northern Province.

As was announced earlier the official delegates from the Southern Province will be Dr. W. Herbert Spaugh and Dr. George G. Higgins.

Spaugh is the pastor of the Charlotte Congregation and vice-president of the Provincial Elders' Conference. Higgins is the Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Southern Province and Secretary of the Provincial Elders' Conference.

The delegates will sail from New York for Le Havre on May 8 on the "Flandre" of the French Line. Reservations for the return trip are on the "Isle de France" which sails on July 30 and arrives in New York on August 6.

Delegates To Europe Named for 1957 Trip

Dr. Raymond S. Haupert, of Bethlehem, Pa., and the Reverend Victor L. Thomas of Madison, Wisconsin were chosen as official delegates from the Northern Province to visit the Moravian European Provinces during the 500th Anniversary year—1957. Announcement was made by the Executive Board of the Church at a recent meeting.

As the Moravian Church (or Unitas Fratrums) has remained a unity from its beginning in 1457, the European and American Provinces are exchanging visitors to help share their common heritage which began with the followers of the martyred John Hus of Czechoslovakia.

Haupert and Thomas plan to leave early in May and return the end of July.

In May, if the necessary permits can be secured, they plan to attend the observances of the 500th Anniversary in Czechoslovakia, the homeland of the Moravian Church.
THE MEMOIR OF PASTOR AND HISTORIAN.

Douglas LeTell Rights

H. B. JOHNSON

It is most fitting for us in this hour and upon this occasion to think and to speak of our departed fellow Christian Douglas LeTell Rights as a friend; for his friendliness was one of his chief characteristics.

Br. Rights was a friend of God, even as Abraham of old was called "the friend of God." He was born of Christian parents, George Hanes Rights and Emma Jones Rights, in Winston-Salem, N. C., on September 11, 1891, thereby beginning his earthly pilgrimage in a Christian home and in a Christian community. As a child he received instruction and training in Christian living and goodliness at home and also in the Sunday school and church services of the Home Moravian Church. The fruit of this upbringing was his reception into the communicant membership of the Home Church during the pastorate of Bishop Edward Rondthaler on Palm Sunday, April 5, 1903, by the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Even in his elementary education his parents sought to surround him with Christian influences. This beginning was made upon his enrollment in the Infant School, then held in the Widows House and taught by Miss Donna Smith. Later he became a pupil in the Salem Boys School. From this school Br. Rights was graduated with the class of 1905.

In response to the call of God to the Christian ministry Br. Rights matriculated at the University of North Carolina, receiving the degree Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1913. His preparation for the ministry was continued at our Moravian College and Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, Pa., being awarded the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1915. A year of study at Harvard Divinity School brought him in 1916 the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology.

Ordination to the office of Deacon in the ministry of the Moravian Church took place on October 8, 1916; he was ordained a Presbyter on February 24, 1923. Both these ordinations took place under the hands and with the blessing of Bishop Edward Rondthaler. Thereupon his service in the active ministry began with his parttime pastorate in Greensboro, while the remainder of his service was given to teaching in Salem College and Academy. In 1918 he served in the armed forces of his country as Army chaplain with the rank of captain. At the close of World War I he returned to the Southern Province and became the pastor of Trinity Moravian Church in 1919. His pastorate of thirty-seven years was abundantly blest of God. In the course of these fruitful years the membership of the congregation increased from about two hundred souls to more than 850 persons. Growth was likewise expressed in the erection of a parsonage, a Christian Education Building, which was the first such edifice erected in the Southern Province, the gallery in the church auditorium, and the fine pipe organ. Trinity congregation sponsored the establishment of two other congregations likewise, namely, Pine Chapel and New Eden. On November 15, 1916, the Southern Province, in synod assembled, expressed its appreciation and approval of the richness of Br. Rights' ministry by electing him to the high and holy office of Bishop.

That our Brother was a friend of people in general is manifested in the number of persons received yearly into the membership of the congregation. His benign influence was felt throughout the entire congregation. His leadership inspired the men, the women, the youth, the children, the Sunday school, the choir, the band, the church boards, the Boy Scouts, the Junior Bible Group, the midweek prayer meeting, the summer camp Anikanati; all felt the enthusiasm for Christian life and service which ever kept him busy about his Father's business.

His friendship for people was evidenced by his interest in community affairs and projects. He shared in the work of the Wachovia Historical Society and its Museum, Old Salem, Inc., the Masonic Order, the Kiwanis Club, the American Legion, the 40 and 8, the State Literary and Historical Society, the Archaological Society of North Carolina, the City Ministerial Association, Red Cross, and other organizations almost too numerous to mention here.

He was a friend of the Arts and Sciences. He was a musician, as well as a composer of music. Volume 8, Records of The Moravians in North Carolina, is a monument to his skill as a translator and an editor; while his book, "The American Indians in North Carolina", is worthy of a place in any library. We have read his books and literary and historical articles, we have listened to his lectures, his sermons and his music, we have enjoyed his poetry. We recall the New Year Hymn whose acquaintance we made at a New Year Vesper quite recently and whose concluding stanza we quote:

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.

Moravian College and Theological Seminary recognized his scholarship and accordingly conferred upon him in 1947 the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity.

Br. Rights was the friend of many families and many homes. Hearts and homes everywhere were ready and glad to welcome him to their hospitality. The same spirit beautified his own home; for his friends ever and always met with a cordial and hearty welcome to his home and fireside.

His home had been established on June 15, 1920, when at Kentland, Indiana, he was united in marriage with Miss Cecil Leona Burton. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Edward Rondthaler. This union was blessed of God with five children; two sons, the Rev. Bur­ton Jones Rights and Graham Henry Rights, and the daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Rights Roller, survive him and remain to comfort their mother in her bereavement. Two sons are deceased; Douglas LeTell, who died in infancy, and George LeTell, who lost his life in service with the Armed Forces in Korea. Br. Rights is also survived by an infant grandson.

Because of the good health Br. Rights enjoyed throughout the years it came as a surprise to all who knew him when word came of his sudden illness on November 8. As the days passed encouragement came through reports of occasional improvement in his condition. This made the announcement of his passing all the more distressing because of its suddenness and its unexpectedness.

Br. Rights went home to the Savior shortly after seven o'clock in the morning of Saturday, December 1, 1956. His age was 65 years, 2 months and 20 days.

The Mail Plane Functioning Again

Constance Sautelhini reports as follows from the Junior Citizens' Home on October 9: "The ground was white with snow Saturday morning and Miss Kirtitz had her first dogsled ride. There was a bit of ice in the river Friday but it was warmed up again. After two weeks of 'mechanical difficulty' the mail plane is flying again. We hope to receive our back mail before freeze-up."

DOUGLAS L. RIGHTS: Trinity's pastor of thirty-seven years.
Fresh Evaluation of Her Life and Service

J. Kenneth Pfohl

"O Lord, Thou art great and doest wondrous things; Thou only art God."
(Psalm 86:10).

"O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His Name together."
(Psalm 34:13).

Such is the faith and such the high purpose which prompt us each year to the recording of events "worthy of remembrance" in the form of what we term a memorabilia. Faith in an all sufficient God and Saviour, who during another cycle of the years has continued to do great things, even far beyond our expectations and imaginings. And purpose to witness to Him—His grace, His love and His power—in such manner as will magnify and exalt His Name, promote His glory and advance the cause of Christ and His Kingdom.

These are Memorable Days through which we are passing as the year of 1956 comes to its close, memorable for the remembrance to which they prompt us of the ancient Unitas Fratrum to which we trace our spiritual lineage as a Church. It was this Unitas Fratrum that, breaking openly with the Papacy, established, with the aid of the Waldsienists, its own Episcopacy, which by the will and grace of God has continued in unbroken succession to the present day. These days are memorable, too, for the opportunity they present for a fresh evaluation of the life and service of the Moravian Church, which, on that marked day, June 14, 1737, became the resurrection successor of the Unitas Fratrum and has continued her place ever since as a branch in the Vine of God's Planting, seeking to bear fruit to His glory and the advancing Kingdom.

Yes, and they may be memorable for us too, members of our World-wide Fellowship of this generation, if we share with each other in happy commemoration the five centuries of our Church's life and service and seek not only to give high and worthy praise to our Church's head but purpose and plan also as one united brotherhood for the spiritual advancement and further expansion of the work assigned us for the years which lie ahead.

How thrilling it is to know that, as the current year comes to its close, with only two brief months of 1957 to be added, The Moravian Church completes Half-a-Thousand Years of Christian ministry for the building of the Church and the extension of our Christian faith among the peoples of the earth. This is a unique and high privilege as the organization of the Unitas Fratrum anticipated the great Reformation under Martin Luther by three score years, and is an event of such importance that it justly lays priority claim not only to a worthy and honored place in the Memorabilia of the year, but to a reverent and joyous Commemoration as well by the membership of our entire Unity in all parts of the world.

Would that we might give it in that intelligent, sympathetic and deeply spiritual fashion which it so richly deserves. Making approximate evaluation of the years: the conditions that obtained, spiritual, educational, social, political, economic; the enemies to be encountered, the obstacles to be overcome; the quality of character and spirit of loyalty and devotion of the membership; and, above all, the spiritual resources which God made available and the timely aid He gave the leaders and their noble band of followers.

But, that cannot be, space forbids. So we content ourselves with a brief summary in the form of three observations of fact and truth of this long, long way over which our Church has come.

The first is The Manifest Presence, Protection and Blessing of God in Whom our faith was declared in the opening sentence of this Memorabilia, "O Lord Thou art great and doest wondrous things; Thou only art God." That faith we affirm anew, for we believe He has been present every day of the long, long way and in His three-fold personality as we have come to know Him, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Not only has He, the Triune God been with us, but has been the full and complete answer to every "Why" and "How" that has arisen.

As Father, in His Providential watchfulness and care, He has done "wondrous things" and has protected and saved us from a multitude of dangers, even from extermination itself, when it was thought all was lost.

As the Son and blessed Saviour, He has not only been Shepherd to us as individuals, but He has shepherded the Church and its congregations in all parts of the world as flocks of His own fold and has led them into pastures of grace and by the still waters of the renewal of life. And in governmental direction and counseling He has ever approved Himself a faithful and wise Chief Elder and Head of His body the Church.

And, as Holy Spirit, we have known His blessed presence as an indwelling Spirit giving us companionship, comfort and power. He has revived our faith; He has renewed and increased our love; He has provided the spiritual bond of fellowship that made and kept our widely scattered membership as a Unity. And He has given us power from on high.

Surely, at such a time as this, in such Commemoration as this, our spirits should bow low in reverent and worship before Him and say thrice over, to our Triune God, "Blessed be God!" "Blessed be God!" "Blessed be God!" And raise our Ebenezer to His praise—"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

The second observance, as we continue our overlook privilege from the vantage point of these long years, concerns The Church—The Universal Christian Church of which we are a part and of which Jesus
MISSIONARIES WILL VISIT IN SOUTHERN PROVINCE

Two missionaries will be in the Southern Province and available for speaking engagements in March. Dr. Werner Marx will be here from March 10-April 7. He will be the speaker for a week of services at Advent Moravian Church the week of March 17-23.

The Rev. Kenneth Nowack will be available for speaking engagements from March 3-17.

For appointments contact the Rev. Paul A. Snider, 1514 West Clemmons Avenue Road, Route 4, Winston-Salem, or phone 3-1994.

FILM ON JOHN WESLEY AT HOME CHURCH, FEB. 24

The film "John Wesley" will be shown at the Home Church on Sunday, February 24, beginning at 4:00 in the afternoon. The film is feature length and the running time is one hour, seventeen minutes.

Individuals and groups from other congregations are invited to attend.

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said, following Peter's great confession, "On this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." 

How well the record of this Pioneer Protestant Church bears witness to both Christ's promise and His power, and verifies His every word. For if ever the gates of hell swung open and the forces of evil were turned loose against the Church it was in those days of fierce persecution of the Unitas Fratrum in the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries.

Five times over, that Church of the Brethren in Old Bohemia and Moravia, yes, and in Poland too, received the terrible on-slaughters of her fierce and determined foes, until at length, church buildings and schools, printing houses and libraries, and the homes of the members burned and destroyed, the people driven into exile or put to death by the sword, it was boastfully said, "The Church is no more. The Church of the Brethren has perished."

Yet it lived. The Church of the Martyrs lived and still lives, and will. It is in the eternal purpose of God.

Surely if proof were needed of the divine character of the Church, its trustworthiness, the security it has to offer, its permanent place in God's great plan, it is here exemplified by half a thousand years of life and experience of the Church called Moravian. It bespeaks its triumphs and heartens the Church Militant for its further effort. Well might we sing in happy heart--

Zion stands with hills surrounded,
Zian, kept by power divine;
All her foes shall be confounded
Though the world in arms combine.
Happy Zion, happy Zion,
What a favored lot is thine!

The third observation concerns our own World-Wide Moravian Unity as it appears at the close of this period of half a thousand years, because, as has been suggested, "the half way mark is always a proper place to make reckoning and to contemplate what's ahead in terms of what has been experienced."

In saying this, let there be no great concern lest mention of "a half-way mark" implies that this Moravian Church has another exact half-thousand years ahead before our Lord's return in power to claim the Kingdom for Himself. The time of that return, for which we are taught "to watch and pray," no one knows but the Father. But, should the Lord tarry another half-thousand years, according to the scriptural teaching of God's form of time reckoning "one day as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day," it would mean only another "half a day," which would bring the achievement of the vast enterprise of the redemption of mankind to the establishment of the Kingdom on earth within a single one of God's days.

It is evident that in this long period which lies behind us and which we hold in review, the Superintending Providence of God was more than caring for and protecting our infant Church and preventing its extinction. He was shaping and fashioning us into the kind of Church He purposed us to be and was determining for us our particular sphere of service and allotted area of operation in the great Sisterhood of Churches. It was such fashioning under the guidance of God that took that small body of believers, who organized the first Unitas Fratrum out of their isolation and restricted sphere of operation in the Bohemian Mountains, and, through stage after stage, made the Church we now know as Moravian to be an International Church, a World-wide Unity, its four home provinces including congregations under nine different flags, while its thirteen widely scattered mission fields add many more.

Again it was through God's gracious leading that we became the Pioneer Church of Foreign Missions. An effort which was carried on with such zeal and consecration that our mission fields are now extended from Tibet to Alaska and from Labrador to South Africa, so that it is often said, "The sun never sets on Moravian missions." It is this strongly emphasized fact that has so influenced our world-wide membership that it shows three times the members in the foreign field to those in the home provinces.

So we might continue on and on, and that is what our observation of facts envisions. That, throughout our World-wide Moravian Unity, there would be such earnest reckoning made of those things which have been experienced, that we would come into a fuller knowledge of the course we are to take in the future. This Commemoration experience comes to render us great help in our endeavor, and for this we are very thankful.

There is urgent need that the rank and file of our membership know our rich heritage better. Not that we may boast of it, God forbid, but that we may be made aware of the gifts of God's grace, the blessings of the long years of discipline and training and the special markings of His providences, that we may the better render the special service required of us. "For the Heritage of the Past will thus become the seed of the future Harvest."

Remembering what our fathers told Thou didst in their young day,
This commemorative feast we hold;
That we, as then did they,
Ourselves in covenant may bind,
With soul and strength, with heart and mind,
Through life, in death, on land or sea,
Meekly to follow Thee.

PART II
The Southern Province—High Points of Progress

For the Moravian Church, Southern Province, 1956 has gained for itself high rating. Possibly the highest for cooperative effort and Christian edification which has yet been known in the experience of this generation.

It came to us on the advancing tide of a newly awakened interest and enthusiasm for Christian service, that can be accounted for only by the blessing of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, which has rested on the five years of effort with the special emphases which have been observed in the

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building up of right attitudes and purpose towards the Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Unitas Fratrum, now all but on the threshold.

The observance of

The Five Emphases

"Your Moravian Church,"

"The Church and Its Youth,"

"Winning Others for Christ,"

"Stewards of the Kingdom," and

"To the Uttermost Parts of the Earth" has accomplished great good and already we see the dawning of a new renaissance of life and activity throughout our Province, which should serve to "hasten the day" for which we often make petition, "when the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ." While we cannot point to wide revival blessing there has been steady growth and progress in spiritual things and years of real edification.

Though the regular channels of worship and service which obtain in our several churches have been maintained with vigor and effectiveness throughout the year, the emphasis, assigned for 1956 by the Quincentennial Committee,

"To the Uttermost Parts of the Earth" has not been forgotten. In fact, it has in 1956 been in a very real sense the theme and goal around which the life and service of the Province has centered, and we have been reminded again and again that as "The Pioneer Church of Foreign Missions," with two and a quarter centuries of devoted service given that cause, we of this generation dare not be slothful nor neglectful. Heavy responsibility was on us, not only for the vigorous continuance of our established missions, but for pioneering in new areas.

The Great Commission "Go ye" still stands. An eighty per cent pagan world remains in heathen darkness and sorely needs the gospel message of salvation. It is their only hope for individual salvation and for peace. We must answer the challenge with the same zeal and devotion as did our forefathers, our Nitschmans, our Dobers, our Zeisbers, our Heathens and our Thaelers.

The diligent effort of those charged with the promotion of this great mission cause has been greatly owned of God. A great awakening is taking place, a revival in the interest of missions is on and is producing results. We learn of fresh recruits for mission service. There has been a large gain, approximately 50%, in membership of our Provincial Missionary Society raising it to 4,000 members. Financial offerings beyond all previous records are being noted. The present year's budget was fully met and the call is now, "Forward and then Forward."

Break forth Thou Son of Righteousness
With healing beams the nations bless.
Thus we pray and toward this end we strive.

Looking further into the happenings of the year under review, it is interesting to find that the renewed zeal and offerings for the great mission enterprise, contrary to often expressed views of the opponents of missions, has in no wise diminished zeal and financial support for work at home. With us the year that has witnessed maximum giving to speed the Master's "Go ye," to foreign lands, has also witnessed largest offering for the "at home" enterprises of the Church and the Kingdom.

We speak directly in reference to the Building and Expansion Program which has advanced another stage in carrying out its part in the Program of Progress now in its eighth year. This has been another building year for our Province.

Congregations and their projects sharing in the program of the present year were Raleigh, erecting its Christian Education Building as first unit of its proposed church plant; Grace Church, Mount Airy, making extensive enlargement of Sunday School facilities; and New Philadelphia, building one of the most complete and commodious buildings in the Province for Christian education service.

At Bethania, Oliver, Friedland and Konnoak Hills new parsonages have been erected. At Oak Grove their new Sanctuary is well under way. And, at Bethabara, Clemmons, Fulp, Macedonia, Fairview and Union Cross important improvements and additions have been made.

Of this Program of Progress effort for better facilities for our growing work, the Provincial Elders Conference report to Synod says, "Nearly one and a half million dollars have been expended by our churches during the past eight years because they were encouraged by the four hundred dollars collected from the churches and divided to them by the Steering Committee of Building and Expansion. But as of June 21, 1956, only $313,400 was owed by the churches on this $1,500,000 building endeavor." To which we take the privilege of adding that, as of this date, December 31, the indebtedness has been reduced to less than $270,000. Surely the grace of giving grows among us.

Of Our Advancing Youth Work, directed by the Board of Christian Education, we are privileged to make good report, also. Lines of service in this ever-growing department include, Leadership Training, Sunday School activities, Youth Fellowship, Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Summer Conferences.

In all of these areas, the year has shown large increase of effort which has produced good returns.

Our Sunday Schools, have not only shown encouraging growth in enrollment and increase of average attendance, but are showing such improvement also in the quality of their teaching and their knowledge of the Sunday School enterprise that we may expect even greater things.

This relatively large body of our membership, numbering almost 13,000, is our great hope for the church of tomorrow. It is also our chief institution for encouraging systematic Bible study, and the source also from which are derived full 80% of the additions to our membership. That there is...
such quickened interest and improvement in this service should prompt us to even greater diligence in fostering this work and in leading greater assistance to its leaders.

The second organization which merits mention in our Memorabilia is our Daily Vacation Bible Schools which have become an integral part of our work for children and youth and have now come to total their membership above 2,000 and their teaching and helping staff to 400.

An important development in this line of service during the past summer was the assistance rendered by students of the Department of Religion of Salem College. These students gave to the schools the benefit of experience for those preparing themselves for positions as Directors of Christian Education, which we hope will work for good to the churches of our Province.

This summary of youth work would not be complete without some report regarding our Summer Conferences. The growing number of young people attending points to the need for the preparing as rapidly as possible of our conference ground on the property purchased in Ashe County for this purpose. We have been encouraged this year by the gift of 53 additional acres containing some excellent buildings. The demand for these additional youth facilities is one of the great challenges to our laity and ministers alike, who we trust will come to understand fully and with sympathetic spirit the many problems which our young people face in our present social order.

From the many other high points of achievement of the year which might be given place in this record, we make choice of but two more which we combine under one heading:

The Advancement in Moravian Publications and Progress of our Educational Institutions.

It is an imposing list which the Christian Education Board reports as having been issued in 1956 or being prepared for publication in commemoration of our 500 years of service and in preparation for our jubilee observance of the great Anniversary for 1957.

Through Five Hundred Years—Schatzschneider
Count Zinzendorf—Weinlick
History of the Renewed Moravian Church—Hamiltom
The School of Infancy—Comenius
Houses of Peace—(Second printing)—Eller
Story of Moravian Hymns—Adams
Children's Stories—Michel
Moravian Youth Hymn—(Fourth printing)

In addition to these publications there have been printings of many pamphlets and booklets on various phases of Moravian life and customs which are purposed to make our Church known both to our membership and the public. All in all it has been our greatest year in the issuing of publications and, if they are being read in the same proportions as their sales, it is safe to say that there is much wider knowledge of our Church's story and the principles for which it stands than has ever obtained before.

Salem Academy and College

During 1956 Salem Academy and College present enrollment is more than 700. This happy condition, however, has necessitated a Capital Funds Drive. At the present time more than $600,000 of the $1,050,000 goal has been subscribed, and it is hoped to complete it as a special feature of our 500th Anniversary Celebration.

The Theological Seminary whose service is so vital to the education of our ministry is continuing its excellent program of instruction and is lending every aid possible for the larger enrollment which is needed to meet the growing demand of the home churches and mission fields.

Of The Triennial Synod which was convened on November 13, there is much that might be reported. It truly was one of the very "high points" of the year. More carefully prepared for than any preceding it, committees had been appointed well in advance of its convening, thus giving opportunity for more careful study of provincial conditions and needs, and making possible the introduction of wisely framed resolutions for needed legislation. The Synod was made up of 218 official dele-
generators from our forty-five congregations, the active ministry of the Province and the provincial boards of administration and finance. It partook of a delightful wider fellowship, too, because of the presence of a large number of fraternal delegates and guest speakers of other denominational connections.

In addition to the transaction of all business items of importance and the election of provincial boards, the Synod adopted a number of far-reaching changes effecting the life and work of the Province, and also chose two new bishops.

Those chosen for this high office were—Br. Edmund Schwarze, long time pastor of Calvary Church, now retired, though continuing actively in evangelistic and supply service; and Br. Douglas LeTell Rights, beloved and faithful pastor for 37 years of Trinity Church and archivist for both Salem Congregation and the Province. Both were brethren of high character and personal efficiency and deserving well of the entire membership.

Among the significant actions taken by Synod were the creation of a Building and Expansion Board, making permanent place in the provincial organization for the important service which a committee of the same name had been rendering for eight years with great success. A Board of Evangelism was provided for also and a Committee on "The Ministry."

Other advanced legislation was the endorsement of the projected expansion survey in the State of Florida and the adoption of a retirement age of 70 for ministers, together with the fixing of a higher minimum salary standard for pastors effective July 1, 1957; Synod also gave authority to the Provincial Elders' Conference to call a full-time Evangelist and a Director of Church Extension for the Province when in its judgement they were needed.

All in all it was a Synod of high purpose and caliber which accomplished much for the strengthening and well ordering for our provincial government and which greatly cheered and encouraged both ministers and laity for the future.

In the splendid progress of this year which we have been holding in review, and in which we have rejoiced to see how graciously God has led us as a Province towards our goals of endeavor for the climaxing of the half a thousand years of service of our Unity,

Our Provincial Ministerial Staff has played an important part, which we would be remiss in our duty should we fail to give due recognition.

They have been both faithful and efficient in their positions of leadership and have labored together in the spirit of true brotherhood for the cause of a Greater Brotherhood. We cannot but believe that the Southern Province has been especially blessed both through their high personal character and the fine quality of their service, and it is with a sense of deep regret that we must record that, in the last portion of this memorable year, yes, within the brief time of four short months, three of our staunch and experienced leaders have been lost to us through death—Our brethren George R. Heath, Howard Edward Rondthaler and Douglas LeTell Rights, each of them a recognized leader in a special line of service.

The first was a brother with a great passion for missions, a learned linguist and Bible translator of high ability and a Christian of deep piety. The second was widely known for his leadership in education and as a Bible student and teacher, who directed as its president for forty years our Salem Academy and College, and who also became a Bishop of his Church in 1947, the 246th in line of succession since 1467. The third was a beloved and faithful pastor of Trinity Church for 37 years, our leading church historian, our archivist and our most widely known representative with the public.

While we do not doubt God's wisdom or love in their going from us, for Whate'er my God ordains is right; His holy will abideth, we cannot fail to recognize the deep void which their going leaves, and the added responsibility which is now laid upon us. We shall ever cherish their memory, hold dear their high purpose and noble living, and take comfort for our hearts in the promises of the great Revelation, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 13:14). "And His servants shall serve Him and they shall see His face and His Name shall be in their foreheads. And they shall reign forever and ever" (Rev. 22:3 and 5).

And, with fresh inspiration and quickened zeal, gained from their high endeavor and faithfulness, even unto death, let us press ever onward and upward as did they in the spirit expressed in our great Moravian hymn of hope and victory—

Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord, Sing with a cheerful voice.
...Foreign Mission Briefs...

Some Remarkable Conversions

A young man working in Makantakan, Nicaragua, made a promise to give himself to the Lord in the New Year. However, there was no resident pastor in Makantakan, and he did not want to leave Makantakan to take instruction elsewhere for fear of losing his job. So he asked his employer for work on one of the tug boats that run between Makantakan and Karawala. On the tugboat he studied his Catechism and whenever he was in Karawala he received instruction. He did this for four months and now he is happy because he has been able to fulfill his promise to the Lord.

In Sangangua, Nicaragua, a middle aged man gave his life to the Lord. He had spent his entire life in sowing wild oats. For years he was an enemy of all the pastors who worked in this village. At last his heart was touched by the Gospel and he was civilly married and also married by the Minister of the church. He entered instruction and not only he but his wife and entire family became church members. His mother also, when she saw her son giving his life to the Lord, came back into the church. She had been a former church member but had drifted away from the church. This man is not only satisfied in being a member of the church but he is determined to become a living witness for the Lord. He is exerting a good influence not only in his own village but in other places as well for he was known in all places as a great sinner.

Busy Bethel Bulges

Attendance in Bethel has been unusually good at all services crossing the covered 200 mark in Sunday School. Several new activities have been started this fall; Native Bible Study devoted to the study of the New Testament in Eskimo which just recently arrived; Boys’ Club and Girls’ Club providing a much needed program of crafts, recreation, and worship for teenagers; new Sunday School classes; and several small prayer groups. Finding space for all these activities and seating the congregation becomes a greater problem and each passing week points up our need for better and larger facilities. In anticipation of a complete new plant, the church started a building fund last year.

Central American Visitations

The Mission Board has instructed its Executive Director to make a visit to the fields of Honduras and Nicaragua in the spring of 1957. This visit will include attendance at the General Church Conference in Nicaragua and the Assemblea in Honduras. These two legislative gatherings include missionaries, native pastors and representatives from the congregations and are comparable to the Synod of an independent Province.

Christmas Arrivals

The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Nowack at present on furlough in Wisconsin, announce the arrival of Timothy Louis on December 15, 1956, in time to return with his two brothers and sister to Bonanza, Nicaragua, in the spring.

From St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands has come the news of the birth of Brian Gordon to join the family of the Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Henkelmann. Brian was born on December 22, 1956.

Help Wanted: At the Children’s Home

The Alaska Children’s Home is in need of a single woman to relieve Miss Frances Hueter, Matron of the Home, in order that she may have a well-deserved furlough beginning in July of 1957. One who volunteers for this service should be prepared to stay for a three-year term in order to serve during the furloughs of other members of the staff in succeeding years. Anyone who is interested in this appointment should first speak to her pastor and then write to the Executive Director of the Board of Foreign Missions, 69 West Church Street, Bethlehem, Penna.

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant

For many years the Moravians have ministered to the Rama Indians of Nicaragua, a very small tribe living south of Bluefields. In recent years this ministry has been with the assistance of a devoted member of that tribe, Br. Clementy Bailey. Br. Bailey grew up in heathenism and in the early 1890’s went to live with a Moravian family in Pearl Lagoon where he was baptized by Br. F. E. Lennox. He entered the service of the Moravian Church in 1914 and continued in a loyal and devoted ministry to his own people until heart trouble afflicted him. He entered into the joy of his Lord at the age of seventy-six years.

Two Gifts Announced

The Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen has announced another gift of $500.00 from Br. Edward Helmich, a retired Moravian pastor in Wisconsin, to be added to the Mary E. Helmich Memorial Fund. This fund was established to perpetuate the memory of Br. Helmich’s wife and to serve the cause of foreign missions. The fund now totals $2,000.00 and the income each year is allocated to the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Estate of the late Br. Alfred C. Bette of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, included a gift of $1207.70 to the S. P. G. This amount together with a substantial annuity which the Society already holds insures a generous contribution to the work of missions annually.
REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

MOUNT AIRY
Br. John Walker's Young Adult Class has started a church library. Our church was host for all the churches of Mount Airy for the Thanksgiving morning service.

Br. Norwood Green was our revival speaker. Our people received a real blessing. Average week attendance was 70. Br. Norman Byerly and the undersigned exchanged pulpits December 9. Br. Vernon Nelson was our College Day speaker.

Sixty women attended the supper and candle trimming party December 18; 202 persons heard our choir's cantata the Sunday before Christmas; and over 350 attend­ed the Candle Light Love Feast (more than one-third were non-Moravians).

ROBERT ALLEN JOBST

FULP
Special services were held on the sixty-third anniversary of the congregation on November 11. Br. Gordon Spaugh spoke at the morning service which was followed by dinner on the grounds. The Rev. Clifford H. Pease, pastor-counselor of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. spoke at the after­noon service. A band prelude was provided by the Advent Band. Offerings from both services went toward the building fund and were more than enough to complete the payment of the debt on the furnace. Mr. Ira D. Fulp, Jr., united with the church at the morning service.

The year of missions emphasis was brought to an official close on November 25 with a special missions service. Miss Elizabeth Marx spoke at the service.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

MIZPAH
The spirit of giving marked the close of the year at Mizpah. With a CROP offering of $31.89, Thanksgiving offering of $22.28 for Salem Home, and a Building Fund offer­ing at Christmas amounting to $96.20, our horizons were broadened and we received extra blessing.

Our Christmas activities were a bit brighter than usual this year. A faithful Youth Choir of 15 served us well in three services of the season. The special program of the Sunday School included not only the usual recitations and songs by the smaller children but an impressive pageant featuring the nativity scene was presented by some of the older children. A hidden choir bringing to an official close on November 25.

DEATHS:
Pratt, Thomas Bernard, Sr., son of Francis M. and Sarah Axson Pratt; born April 3, 1885, in Forsyth County; died November 17, 1956 in Washington, D. C.; member of Bethabara Church; funeral service conducted by the Rev. K. Edwin Fussell and the Rev. E. T. Mickey, Jr. Interment in Forsyth Memorial Park.

Ryan, George Allen, born March 5, 1891 in Forsyth County; died December 6, 1956. Funeral services conducted in New Philadelphia Church; Interment in New Philadelphia Graveyard, the Rev. Henry A. Lewis officiating.


Pfohl, Mrs. Ruby J., died January 4, 1957, member of Home Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. James Hughes and Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. Interment in the Graveyard.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

PINE CHAPEL
We closed the old year by having a wonderful Christmas season. The Primary department of the Sunday school gave its program on Saturday night December 22. The Christmas message was delivered on Sunday morning and the adult pageant was presented on Sunday evening. The Christmas lovefeast and candle service proved to be a very inspiring service. Dr. George G. Higgins was the speaker for this service. Attendance was good for all the services of the Christmas season. The young people and some older folk went caroling after the lovefeast and returned to the church for sugar and coffee.

All in all this past year was a good year for Pine Chapel. The Lord blessed us spiritually as well as materially. The church debt was decreased $1000.00 beyond the regular payments. Carpet was installed in all the halls and on the stairways in the Christian education building. A new furnace was installed in the parsonage. A large attic fan was installed in the sanctuary, and new tile in the vestibule. Our people were host to the employees of Arista Mills Co. for their Christmas party. About 350 dinners of fried chicken and baked ham were served.

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**What The Gospel Means To Me**

By Werner Marx and Laura Benson

Some sixty years ago Listina Allen, a Miskito Indian baby girl was born, the third of a family of twelve children. As a child she was industrious. She made play houses, prepared food in tin cans she found along the beach, and sewed doll-sized sheets from scraps with thread made of wild hemp. She also made small bags which are so useful to the Indians and other native containers from twisted bark fibre. Early her father took an interest in this bright daughter and when he killed wild game he gave her some to cook. Nearby she planted native foods like potatoes and casava.

Her father was careful to teach his children to respect other people and not to beg for food as most people did. He also had higher moral standards than many of their underprivileged neighbors did. He remembered things which the Miskito King had taught when he was a boy. He could not forget how the king had whipped the men or the women who treated their partners badly and how the people had carried him on their backs along the beach.

Early in life Listina learned from her grandmother to use tobacco; however against her mother's wishes. In expression of her love the grandmother gave Listina a small iron cooking pot and cloth for a dress. The child sewed it by hand, for she was not to see a sewing machine until she was grown.

When she was probably about fourteen years old, a minister of the Gospel, coming from Nicaragua, passed through the village and invited the people to a service to be held in Iban a few miles away. Against her parents wishes, she ran along with the crowd who went to hear what he had to say. For the first time in her life she learned verse, who caused the simple incident of another sorceress throwing water over her one day as they chanced to be bathing at the same time in theagoon.

After many years a pastor came to live in the neighboring village of Brus. When he visited Kokobila she invited him to hold service in her house. She gladly listened again to the things she had once heard as a child. As the pastor made regular visits her heart was stirred more and more, until she was strongly convicted of sin. Her husband strongly opposed the Gospel and her interest in it caused him to persecute her. She tells of how once when the visiting minister came she wanted to help carry his luggage the long nine miles by beach as an expression of her love for the Lord. When she told Sonny he did not tell her that she couldn't go but demanded that he must have his noon meal at an early hour or she could expect a severe beating. She went and by running home she did the seemingly impossible in having his food ready as he requested. This made a deep impression on him.

One dark night when all were asleep she arose and secretly disposed of the wooden images her father had carved for her. They had been kept in the kitchen and were sup-

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posed to have been evil spirits which communed with her. Finally she came to the place that she felt that she must publicly confess her sins and profess the Lord as her Saviour. About this she prayed much and sought the Lord’s guidance. When she told her husband he was very angry and so were her parents. They only treated her the worse for it. She begged Sonny to leave her, but he refused to. Many a night she arose and went to her kitchen to pray. The Lord put a strong love in her heart for her husband. She was always kind to him. One day he had taken her to the plantation and was cutting bamboo when his foot slipped and he could easily have fallen to his death, but she managed to get him down. Later they paddled home. He was injured to some extent and he realized the danger he had been in. That night he accepted the Lord. Before his death a few years later he had become a leading helper with his wife in the Church.

From her conversion Listina had felt a concern the low and therefore was one of the first helpers chosen. She felt an urge to witness for the Lord in her own and in neighboring villages.

She never had the privilege of attending school and so has never learned to read. There were occasional schools when she was a child, but her parents had carefully kept the girls hidden and only sent the boys.

She says that she had been healed from sin by Jesus’ blood. She is a child of God who is just now learning to walk alone. She did not learn to do it from her own desire but He did it all for her and she is alive in Him.

When her husband knew that he was dying he asked her to keep the children in school and carefully raise them as Christians. She had to pray much about this. Many times the going was hard for her for four of the children were still small. She worked at boiling sea water to make salt until she was exhausted. This always brought a small income. Then soon after the Brus boarding school was opened, and as she says the Lord heard her prayers. She was asked to cook for the boys, which gave her a little income. For that reason she says she can’t give up her work until her boys are through school. She spent last year at home to take care of her aged mother who is better now. So her testimony continues and now covers an even greater sphere.

SCHOENECK PA. CHURCH GIVEN PROPERTY

The Schoeneck Moravian Church near Nazareth, Pa., recently received a gift—of land. An acre of land adjoining the church was given free and clear by Schoeneck Farms, an alfalfa corporation.

This land is to be used for the future development of the church in any way they see fit—future building, playground, or parking lot. This addition will give the church about 125 feet more frontage on Highway 12 which runs in front of the property.

BAPTISMS


Bryant, Gregory Hugh, son of Jack and Linda Ann (Lumley) Bryant, born April 6, 1956, Victoria, Texas, baptized December 23, 1956, Calvary Moravian Church, by the Rev. John Goserud.


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OFFERING AT 89TH ANNIVERSARY COMPLETES PAYMENT OF
Debt On New Building
Of Kernersville Congregation

The Kernersville Moravian Church celebrated its 89th anniversary November 18 with a lovefeast at which it wiped out the indebtedness on its Christian Education building.

Dr. Walser H. Allen of Bethlehem, Pa., who was pastor of the church when the building was first planned, was the lovefeast speaker. He recalled for the congregation the early days of his pastorate, days when the lovefeast coffee had to be carried to the church from the house across the street. After the lovefeast Dr. Allen and his wife were honored at a snack supper and informal fellowship hour held by the Women of the Church under the direction of Mrs. Fred Vance.

Some 342 people attended the lovefeast and supper. They included a number of friends of the congregation who had contributed to the construction of the new building. Before the lovefeast was over the Rev. Clayton H. Persons, pastor of the church, called on Theodore Kerner, Building fund treasurer, who announced the offering that afternoon had amounted to $2,745.05. This was enough to payoff the remaining debt on the Christian Education building and provide $916.92 for the start of a fund for building sanctuary space.

Kernersville paid off its debt with unusual speed. The building cost about $84,000, and when it was occupied May 4, 1952, there was a mortgage of $23,000 on it. This was retired in just 4½ years, at a rate of more than $5,000 a year.

The Kernersville church was built in 1867 by a group of Kernersville Moravians who found the long trip to Friedland Sunday mornings a good bit of trouble. The original building to which a kitchen and four Sunday school rooms were added in 1924 served well for a while, but by 1939 it was apparent that a great deal more space would be needed. A fund was started and a building committee named. Unfortunately, before the project got beyond the planning stage the United States became involved in World War II and all "nonessential" construction was halted.

Wartime restrictions, however, slowed neither the growth of the church nor the growth of the building fund. By 1947 the need for more space was so acute that the church bought a lot adjoining its property and converted the house on it to Sunday school rooms, a stop gap measure paid for by the building fund.

In 1948, with needs still more pressing and building prospects improved, the church named another building committee. It was headed by Fred Vance and included: John Flynt, Theodore Kerner, Mrs. Fred Linville, Mrs. Robert Shore, Ray Atkins, Kenneth L. Greenfield, Roscoe Smith, E. E. Shore, and the pastor. The committee had drawings prepared and submitted them to church council in January, 1951, and, after some revisions, again in April, 1951. Council in April approved the plans. Thirty-five thousand dollars was in hand.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held less than a month later on May 6. Bishop J. K. Pfohl spoke at the special opening ceremonies May 4, 1952.

Once in the building the Kernersville people applied themselves vigorously to the task of paying off the debt. Now that that is done there is no sign of slacking off. With about 300 resident members and an average church attendance in excess of 190, the need for more sanctuary space is making itself felt more clearly each month.

Church council has authorized the Trustees to study various proposals for adding sanctuary space and the building fund is being rebuilt.
GIFT OF $42,640 MAKES POSSIBLE

Dedication of Bethabara
Christian Education Building

Bethabara Christian Education Building: Three years after cornerstone is laid the debt is paid and the building is consecrated.

K. Edwin Fussell

On Sunday, January 6 a capacity congregation witnessed the consecration of Bethabara’s new $117,000.00 Christian Education Building. The solemn act of consecration was performed by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl at a 3 o’clock lovefeast following the burning of the mortgage.

The joyous service, held 7 years earlier than anticipated, was made possible at this particular time because of the generosity of Br. Gilmer C. Thomas of Charlotte, who made the final payment of $42,640.42 on the indebtedness. Two weeks earlier, on December 23, at the morning worship service, Br. Thomas had surprised the congregation by disclosing the gift and presenting the pastor with the deed of trust paid-in-full.

Provincial leaders participating in the service on this memorable day, in addition to Bishop Pfohl, were Bishop Edmund Schwarze, Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh and Dr. Herbert Spaugh.

Among the highlights in the service was the burning of the mortgage in which the following members of the congregation took part: W. C. Fox, Jr., church treasurer and chairman of the building committee; W. H. Andrews, vice-chairman of the church board; R. K. Morgan, superintendent of the Sunday school and president of the Men of the Church; Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell, president of the Women of the Church; Marsden A. Cleckley III, representing the youth of the church; and L. G. Crutchfield, chairman of the Provincial Building and Expansion Program.

The Bethabara Building Fund was begun in 1944 during the pastorate of the Rev. E. T. Mickey, Jr. The fund grew slowly and in September of 1949 amounted to only $3,262.34.

At first it was planned to erect a small Christian Education unit adjoining the old church. Provincial leaders and interested businessmen, foreseeing the development of this area and the great opportunity for restoration, advised against this. Acting upon this counsel, the membership, still determined to provide adequate and modern facilities for present needs and future expansion, began to look elsewhere for a building site. In the Spring of 1951, with the financial aid of friends, a 5-3/4 acre tract of land was purchased from the Luther C. Hine estate at a cost of $8,000.00. This purchase cleared the way for future restoration of the old Church and Bethabara village, and at the same time gave the building program a boost. The land was consecrated as a building site for a new Church and Christian Education Building by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, November 11; 1951.

On March 30, 1952, the Church Council accepted the architect’s final plans and on November 16, 1952, on the occasion of the 199th Anniversary, the congregation held a Ground-breaking Ceremony and finally, in May 1953, actual construction started. On November 8, 1953, the last service in the old Church was held and the following Sunday, November 15, the congregation celebrated its 200th Anniversary by holding services in the sanctuary of the new Christian Education Building and laying the Cornerstone.

In spite of the fund-raising efforts of the church organizations, the consistent and sacrificial giving of members and friends, together with the assistance of $17,500.00 from the Provincial Building and Expansion Budget, the congregation was still faced with an indebtedness of $60,000.00.

The next three years tell a dramatic story of a courageous and faithful people. Since that memorable day November 15, 1953, we can report each quarterly payment on the Bank Note paid on time. We had reduced the debt to $42,550.00 and were striving toward the next payment due March 1, 1957, when, inspired by the courage, faith and hard work of our small congregation, Br. Gilmer C. Thomas, our gracious benefactor through the years, was led of God to pay the entire debt in the amount of $42,640.42.

Essays On Moravian Music
Are Published

The Moravian Music Foundation has announced the publication of the first three numbers of the new series: Moravian Music Foundation Publications. This series, now being distributed nationally and locally, will make it possible for the first time for persons interested in the history of American music to build a library of essays dealing exclusively with the music of the early Moravians.

The essays are reprinted from key music and historical journals which are not easily obtainable by the general music-loving public. The Moravian Music Foundation’s interest in sharing the continuing discoveries in the Moravian Church archives with all has prompted the printing of this new series. Each number is handsomely bound in heavy paper and in a bright color. The articles are:


They are available at the office of the Board of Christian Education, 500 S. Church St., Winston-Salem or by mail (postage extra) directly from the Moravian Music Foundation, Salem Station, Winston-Salem.
IN WORDS AND PICTURES THE
Story Of Moravian Church Is Told

John S. Groenfeldt

This year our Church is celebrating the 500th anniversary of its founding, but its story begins long before that—even before the time of Hus—for it was the independent spirit of the people of Bohemia and Moravia that made them dissatisfied with the complete domination the Roman Catholic Church had been able to achieve in the Middle Ages.

As the Roman Church became rich and politically ambitious the people of Bohemia and Moravia became more and more restless. Courageous men began to speak out for reform.

This was the world into which John Hus was born in 1369. He took his last name from the name of a village where his parents lived. John became a priest and a teacher at the University of Prague where he became acquainted with the writings of John Wyclif, the English reformer. As a result Hus began to study the Bible for himself. The Word of God gave him light to see how far the Roman Church had strayed from the path of true Christianity. When he was appointed preacher at the Bethlehem Chapel, the largest preaching place in Prague, he proclaimed the teachings of the Scripture fearlessly and huge crowds came to hear him.

His followers began to press for freedom and independence from the Roman authorities. They were eager to have the Bible read in their own language, to have congregational singing (instead of chants by choirs of priests) and especially to have the wine as well as the bread served to the congregation in Holy Communion. The Roman Church had long ceased to do this as the clergy assumed complete authority and kept every essential aspect of the Church's life in their own hands. Hus appealed to the Bible as the supreme rule of faith for all Christians and his followers boldly broke with the practice of the Roman Church in forms of worship and in the manner of administering the Holy Communion. Hus paid for this with his life when he was burned at the stake on July 6, 1415, but his martyrdom proved to be the torch that ignited an open revolt against the Roman Church. After much bloodshed a large degree of independence was secured but the followers of Hus did not always agree among themselves and after a time it even seemed that the larger branch of the Hussite Church was bowing to Roman Catholic pressure.

Thus it was that a small group decided to withdraw to a secluded place in the hope of establishing a fellowship that would be closer to the New Testament concept of the Christian Church. They were given permission to settle on land near the castle of Lititz. Led by a man named Gregory and without fanfare they went to an isolated pan of this great estate, called the Valley of Kunwald, and there, in 1457, they established the Unitas Fratrum—the Unity of the Brethren. The exact date is not known but the traditional time is March 1.

The village priest of Kunwald, Michael Bradacius, joined the group. Soon other like-minded people found their way to Kunwald and in time whole congregations left the other Hussite churches and the Roman Catholic churches to take their places as members of the Unity of the Brethren. Within a few years the Brethren were the dominant church in most sections of Bohemia and Moravia, numbering several hundred thousand members. In spite of times of persecution the Brethren's Church (Continued to page 3)
**Provincial Announcements**

**PROVINCIAL ELDERS' CONFERENCE**

The Rev. Clayton H. Persons has accepted a call to become pastor of Trinity Church. He will be installed on March 10 by the President of the Conference. Br. Persons has served as pastor of Kernersville Church since 1947. He succeeds Br. Douglas L. Rights who passed away on December 1, 1956.

Br. William A. Cranford, Jr., has accepted a call to the pastoralates of Enterprise and Hopewell congregations. He will occupy the parsonage at Enterprise. The installation services for Br. Cranford are planned for March 3 at the 9:45 a.m. service at Enterprise, and 11:00 o'clock service at Hopewell. He succeeds Br. Norwood Green who became pastor of New Eden this past fall. Br. Cranford has served as pastor of Rural and Fulp congregations since 1951.

Miss Paty Eiffe, Secretary to Rev. Charles Brackbill, Jr., Supervisor of Publicity for the Quincentennial, arrived in Salem the first of February to supervise the publicity for the Quincentennial observance on March 3. Her headquarters are in the Provincial Office Building, 500 South Church Street.

The annual budget meeting for the church boards of the province will be held on Thursday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Home Moravian Church in Fellowship Hall. This will be a supper meeting at which all board members of Moravian Churches in the Southern Province are invited to attend. The Provincial Financial Board will present provincial budgets for 1957-58.

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**PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S BOARD**

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

Mrs. Fred W. Pfaff, Mrs. M. E. Miller, and Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs were hostesses at a tea recently at the home of Mrs. Pfaff honoring the retiring members and welcoming the new members of the Provincial Woman's Board. Miss Christa Menzel, student at Salem College from Germany, was a guest of the board.

Prior to the tea a business meeting was held and permanent officers were elected: Mrs. M. E. Miller, Chairman; Mrs. Sam F. Vance, Jr., Vice-Chairman; and Mrs. K. Edwain Fussell, Secretary.

The following is a list of the members of Provincial Woman's Board and the particular field of work under their supervision:

- Retired Missionaries, Mrs. Alfred Stultz; Nicaragua and Honduras, Mrs. Joe H. Gray; Education of Missionaries Daughters, Miss Nann Kiger; Alaska, Mrs. Kenneth L. Greenfield; Provincial Churches, Mrs. Harvey Price; Moravian Educational Institutions, Mrs. Fred W. Pfaff; Service Day Fund, Mrs. W. E. Stuber; Devotional Life, Mrs. J. F. Butner; Foreign Missions, Mrs. Sam F. Vance, Jr.; Mission Rooms, Mrs. W. E. Shore; Inter-Provincial Relations, Mrs. Isaac Byraum; Church History and Customs, Mrs. Alan Turner; Wachovia Moravian Correspondent, Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs;
- East Indies, Mrs. P. L. Thorpe; Parsonage Committees, Mrs. E. W. Crow;
- Pfohl Ministerial Fund, Miss Marian Blair; and the Pfohl Ministerial Fund and Magazines for Missionaries, Mrs. Aaron Jones.

Days of Prayer have been announced as follows:

- Home Moravian Church—March 6
- Trinity Moravian Church—March 13
- Ardmore Moravian Church—March 20
- Calvary Moravian Church—March 27
- Fairview Moravian Church—April 3
- Kinston Moravian Church—April 10
- Additional churches to send magazines to missionaries to East Indies are Bethania and Rural Hall.

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**RADIO-TV PROGRAMS TELL OF 500TH ANNIVERSARY**

Millions of Americans and people around the world will learn of the 500th Anniversary and the Moravian Church as a result of commitments for network radio and television programs. The Office of Public Relations has arranged for coverage on all networks and overseas broadcasting. General plans have been finalized for these programs:

- NBC Radio network: NATIONAL RADIO PULPIT
  - 13 Sundays: April, May, and June
  - Sermons by Dr. John Weinlick
  - Music by Home Church, Salem College Ensemble, Central Church, and Moravian College

- CBS Radio network: COLUMBIA CHURCH OF THE AIR
  - March 3
  - Sermon by the Rev. James C. Hughes
  - Moravian choral and brass music

- ABC Television network: DEAN PIKE PROGRAM
  - March 3
  - Discussion with the Rev. Edward Wilde, of Green Bay and Dean Pike
  - Moravian music

- CBS Television network: LAMP UNTO MY FEET
  - March 3
  - Half-hour dramatization on Zinzendorf

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flourished. A hymnal for congregational singing—the first to be so used by a “Protestant” church—was published in 1501. The Bible was translated in Czech and the

influence of the Brethren spread to all parts of Europe.

But storm clouds were gathering. This was the period preceding the Thirty Years War. Just as one of the most famous of all the Brethren—John Amos Comenius—began to assume leadership in the educational work of the Church and then as a leader of the Church as a whole, the storm broke.

A new wave of terrible persecution was launched by the Roman Catholic leaders and by the emperor, reaching its climax on the Day of Blood, June 21, 1621. On that day twenty-seven leaders of the Bohemian and Moravian people, including fifteen leaders of the Brethren’s church, were beheaded. As the persecution continued thousands of families fled their homes to find refuge in Hungary, Poland and Germany. Comenius stayed in his homeland, hoping that the tide of events would somehow change, but finally he lost hope of this happening and in January, 1628, he led a group of refugees across the Giant Mountains into Poland where he had some assurance they would be given a measure of religious freedom. As they reached the boundary of their own country the little group paused to look back for the last time and Comenius led them in an impassioned prayer that God would somehow preserve a “hidden seed” of those who would keep the

spark of faith alive in their native land.

The Period of the Hidden Seed

The next one hundred years was a period of great tragedy for the Unitas Fratrum. For a time the Brethren in Poland—those that had gone with Comenius together with a large number of others who had fled from their native Bohemia and Moravia even earlier—enjoyed a time of comparative peace and prosperity. But again war and persecution struck. Again Comenius lost his home and most of his prized writings. The Church was scattered and many of its members joined the Lutheran and Reformed churches which were recognized by the State. During this period Comenius was the outstanding leader who labored tirelessly to keep the Church together. He travelled from country to country on the invitation of scholars and kings who wished to have his help in the field of education. Everywhere he went he used his influence to secure help for his beloved Church but the terms of the Peace of Westphalia, ending the Thirty Years War, made it plain that it would be many years before the Unity of the Brethren would be allowed to work freely in its native land. Those who had remained behind in Bohemia and Moravia were forced to become Roman Catholics—outwardly, at least. Nevertheless an “underground Church” continued in existence. Some evangelical families had managed to keep Bibles, hymnals and other literature which they used secretly. Other books and leaflets were printed in Protestant lands and circulated by the “religious underground.” Anyone who was caught was punished severely but a “spark of faith” was nevertheless kept alive. At the same time the historic episcopacy of the Unitas Frat-
rum was maintained in Poland, even though the Church as such there had been largely absorbed into the Lutheran and Reformed bodies.

Comenius died in Holland in 1670. There seemed to be no hope of reviving the Unitas Fratrum. But the "hidden seed" continued and fifty years later when one of these "underground evangelicals" was traveling in Germany he found the opportunity for securing some measure of religious freedom on the estates belonging to a young German nobleman who had a deep interest in personal religious faith and practice. The traveler was Christian David. The nobleman was Count Zinzendorf. So begins the story of the "Renewed Unitas Fratrum."

THE CHURCH RENEWED

It was agreed that Protestant refugees from Moravia would be given a place to live on Zinzendorf's land if they could escape across the border. This meant leaving all their worldly possessions behind, except for what they could carry with them. The

situation was much like that of the Hungarian refugees of our own time, except on a smaller scale. In May, 1722, the first families arrived and shortly afterward they founded the town of Herrnhut, which continues to be the headquarters of our Church in Germany (it is now in the Soviet zone). To the Germans, the refugees became known as "those Moravians" and the nickname became that by which the Renewed Church was known.

At first the little community had a hard time finding a sense of spiritual unity—it was anything but the Unity of the Brethren. Many people who were searching for a deeper religious life were attracted to the new community, including a good many eccentrics. To weld this group into a cohesive fellowship took much study, discussion and prayer. Zinzendorf took the lead in this and on August 13, 1727, at a Communion service in the parish church at the nearby vil-

age of Berthelsdorf his prayers were answered in what Moravians have come to call the "Moravian pentecost." From that time on the work of the Brethren's Church reached out into the foreign mission fields and into other parts of Germany, Holland and Scandinavia, where the Moravians worked to deepen spiritual life within the State churches.

In 1732 Moravian mission work was begun in the West Indies. A base of operations was established in England and from there the Moravians came to Georgia on a journey that provided the famous meeting with John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church. When warfare between the English and the Spaniards who were in Florida made mission work among the Indians very difficult the Brethren accepted the invitation of the evangelist George Whitefield to come with him to the land he had purchased in Pennsylvania. There, in 1740, they helped build the "Whitefield House" in what is now Nazareth, Pa. In 1741 they moved to a nearby tract that Zinzendorf had purchased for their own use and founded the city of Bethlehem. It was in the first rude log house that Zinzendorf, himself, gave Bethlehem its name on Christmas Eve, 1741. The first permanent house, used for a number of years both as a church and a residence, was completed the following year and is still in use (although the logs are now covered with clap-board). From Bethlehem the Moravians launched their far-flung mission work among the In-
dians and established centers in other places such as Lititz, Lancaster, Lebanon, Philadelphia and New York.

In 1753 a large tract of land in North Carolina was purchased by the Moravians and the Bethabara community established. In 1765 Salem was begun and this became the chief center of the Southern Province.

Many names stand out in the story of Moravian beginnings in America. Perhaps the most important is Bishop Augustus G. Spangenberg. Perhaps nowhere in the history of missions is there a story of patient, persistent work that can be found in the life of David Zeisberger who served his Indian brethren for over sixty years. Bishop John Ettwein kept the Church on an even keel during the difficult days of the Revolutionary War.

Moving west with the frontier, our missionaries among the Indians established Moravian work in Ohio in 1772. Pioneers coming up from Salem established Moravian churches in Indiana and Illinois. Work was established among Germans and Scandinavians in Wisconsin in the early 1850's (many of these people had been in contact with Moravian societies in Europe) and forty years later Moravian work was begun in Canada. In 1852 our Church jumped across the miles to begin work in the West Indies.

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BAPTISMS

Robertson, Thomas Weldon, Jr., son of Thomas W. and Jean m. n. Hines Robertson; born October 13, 1956; baptized December 24, 1956 at Ardmore Church by the Rev. Richard F. Amos.

Whitman, Christine Elizabeth, daughter of Tommy G. and Shelvia Jean m. n. Reeves Whitman; born October 29, 1956 in Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized in the Rural Hall Church on February 3, 1957 by the Rev. William A. Cranford.

Reich, Deborah Anna, daughter of Elmo L. and Gay Nell m. n. Roberts Reich; born August 5, 1956, Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized February 3, 1957, at Bethabara Church by the Rev. K. Edwin Fussell.

Lassiter, Donald Lee, son of Vernon C. Lassiter, Jn. and Mary Leonard m. n. Lee, born January 28, 1956 at Atlanta, Georgia; baptized January 13, 1957 in Atlanta, Ga. by Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl.

Gray, Lindsay Garth, son of Howard and Greta m. n. Garth Gray; born May 19, 1956 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized February 5, 1957 at the home of the parents by the Rev. James C. Hughes.

Hiiatt, Mark Boyd, son of Clyde and Georgia, m. n. Boyd Hiiatt; born September 15, 1956, Mount Airy, N. C.; baptized December 16, 1956, at Mount Bethel Church by the Rev. Glenn E. Craver.

Pitts, Dave Allan, son of Paul Franklin and Mary Lou, m. n. Rominger Pitts; born October 16, 1956 at Winston-Salem, N. C.; baptized December 23, 1956 at Immanuel Church by the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch.

Couch, Gail Elizabeth, daughter of Houston T. and Ernestine m. n. Perryman Couch, born in Winston-Salem, N. C., September 23, 1956, Baptized January 6, 1957 at Immanuel Church by the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch.


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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

BETHESDA

On December 2 we were glad to welcome into our congregation Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cress. Mrs. Cress is our choir director and doing a fine work for her church. On December 23 Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bissette presented their son, Ted, to the Lord in Infant Baptism. On the same day we were happy to receive the following into our membership by the right hand of fellowship: Mr. and Mrs. William Atwood and their two sons, Bradley and Allen; Mrs. Della Yow; Mrs. James Jones; and Mrs. Melvin Knouse. We are sure our work for the Lord will be strengthened by their uniting themselves with us.

We are thankful to report that our budget was met for the first six months. We feel sure that we will be able to pay off our entire budget by June 30 of this year.

The January meeting of the Women of the Church was held at Mrs. Roy Fansler's home. Plans are being made to repaint and renovate the church kitchen, which is needed very much.

The Boy Scouts are planning to build a Scout Hut at the rear of the church. This work is to begin in the early spring. They are planning to build it with free labor, and hoping that 100 of their friends will send one dollar each to help with the materials. Mail to Scout Hut, 843 Lockland Avenue, Winston-Salem, N. C.

G. E. BREWER

KONNOAK HILLS

Ten Boy Scouts out of our Troop 144 have enrolled for the God and Country Award and are busy in the initial stages of this one-year program of Bible study and church service. They began their year's work in January, and if all can complete their work, it would make possible a unique service next January when all would receive their award. Eight of the boys are from our congregation, with a ninth one doing his work with us also.

Konnoak Hills lost its regular organist, Mrs. Wallace Wilson, when she asked for a leave of absence recently to await the birth of the Wilsons' second child this spring. But we count ourselves fortunate for a small congregation that we could engage two rookie organists from within our own membership until our head organist can return. They are teen-agers, Mescal Coe and Judy Weingarth, who are serving alternately with two Sundays in each stint.

Our Senior Youth Fellowship conducted the morning service on Sunday, January 27, in the absence of the pastor. The Rev. Edwin Sawyer was their preacher that morning.

We welcome a new choir, a band of Juniors, who will soon take a Sunday morning service in their "debut." The choir meets as part of the Midweek School program on Wednesdays and is being led by Mrs. James Weingarth.

JAMES G. WEINGARTH

GREENSBORO

Our church's community will probably never suffer from any lack of ministerial influence. On January 20th, sixteen of our members took a religious census of our immediate neighborhood. They contacted two hundred homes and found six clergymen from five different denominations, including a bishop, living in our neighborhood. Naturally they were invited to our services.

A special church council on January 25 unanimously passed a new set of rules and regulations for our church. They include a change from the single Church Board, to Boards of Elders and Trustees, six men to serve on each board. Elected to fill new positions created by the additional number were: Frank Crouch, trustee; and Julius Hayworth and John Oehman, elders.

Evening services have suffered from the usual Sunday night competition and have been discontinued until further notice. Taking their place will be an Adult Fellowship which will meet with our young people for supper, and then adjourn to a separate meeting to discuss timely topics.

Quincentennial plans call for the erection of a large illuminated sign on our church lawn. This, and a large number of other signs and posters in downtown shop windows, plus newspaper, television, and radio recognition, will be the Greensboro congregation's witness to our 500th birthday.

KENNETH W. ROBINSON

KING

The work at King has shown promising signs as we have begun a new year. Sunday school attendance has maintained a high average, worship services have been bright and the attendance at the Holy Communion was the highest of the present pastorate of more than three years.

Our youth group, though necessarily

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small, has shown marked faithfulness and interest. Our program of worship, recreation and seasonal social functions on a week night has been meeting a need for our youth. The week-night gatherings give opportunity to bring in visitors who also attend their own churches and we can thus render service to the community. The Cub Scout program which is completing its first year of service enters into its second year with considerable strength. We appreciate the faithful cooperation of the Cub Committee and other leaders.

On January 25, ministers of Stokes County met in Walnut Cove to organize probably the first Stokes County Ministers’ Association. The King Moravian pastor was elected vice president of the organization.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

MAYODAN

It was with deep appreciation that we received information that the Lena Roberts Bollin Endowment Fund had been established by an anonymous donor, the income from which will be applied to the foreign mission project of our church. Our congregation and community have felt a great loss in the passing of Mrs. Bollin, who was an inspiration to and a great influence upon all who knew her. Her devotion to her church and Lord, her thoughtfulness of and generosity to others, her cooperation and stabilizing influence, and her humble Christian spirit will long be remembered as an example to us. This Fund should be a challenge to the church to continue the emphasis upon foreign missions.

We are glad to report that we were able to liquidate the parsonage debt by the end of 1956. We are now confronted with the improvement of our church plant. More space is needed.

Our Board of Trustees has procured a 5 year lease on property across the street from the church and converted it into a parking lot.

The Married Couple’s Fellowship observed its fifth anniversary January 26 with a banquet. The Rev. Kenneth Robinson brought a challenging message.

We began the new year with splendid attendance. Holy Communion was observed the first Sunday at the morning service, and a memorabilia was read at the evening hour.

JOHN H. KAPP

MORAVIA

1957—“A Year of Celebration and Rededication.” In the spirit of this year’s special emphasis, our first act of the new year was a service of worship, begun during the last minutes of the old year. Refreshments and entertainment, prepared by the young adults, preceded the worship in the church sanctuary.

We are grateful to Br. D. Fleet Chidzie, member of the Laymen’s Quincentennial Committee, who spoke during the morning worship on Sunday, January 20.

The Junior Young People’s Fellowship, under the leadership of Br. John Lee, with able assistance from Br. Howard Kirkman, presented an inspiring visual aid lecture on the Tabernacle for the evening worship of January 27.

The young adults, with an eye to helping the church treasury reach the desired goal, have planned a fellowship supper for February 16. Donations of one dollar will be received.

R. T. TROUTMAN

IMMANUEL

Immanuel congregation experienced one of the best and most fruitful Youth Weeks of recent years with the observance extending over three Sundays. The banquet, though held on the rainiest night of recent date, brought forth a surprisingly large company in happy fellowship. Dr. George H. Higgins, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, spoke of the youth program in our Moravian Church and the development of the summer conference program with colored slides to illustrate his remarks.

Youth Sunday worship was presided over by Janet Groce, the invocation by Rita Parish, Scripture lesson by Harry Barnes, III, the offertory in charge of Kenneth Masten, grave closing speeches by Glenda Foster, and the speaker was presented by Becky Thomas, H. E. May, Jr., of our New Eden Congregation brought a most helpful message on first John 4:10-12.

Boy Scout Sunday worship was conducted by members of Troop 104, Dennis C. Landreth, Scout Master, with an address by H. Banks Newman, veteran Scouter.

The annual Missionary Lovefeast, always an occasion of particular interest at Immanuel because of the experiences with the “Red Box” offerings, gave us opportunity to convey greetings from Anthone Anvil, recently a visitor in our Province from Bethel, Alaska, and to express our joy at the apparent recovery of our Missionary Pastor James P. Dittmer of Clarks Point, Alaska. The address was brought by the Rev. Paul A. Snider, president of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Province, who challenged us forcefully to capitalize on this Quincentennial Year as a period of rededication to the great work of carrying the Gospel to all men.

SAMUEL J. TESCH

CLEMMONS

The renovation of the basement of Clemmons Church has been completed and work has begun on the main floor of the church. The modern kitchen is the delight of the ladies and the new dining room is doing double duty as the men’s Sunday school classroom.

The improvements in the church facilities are being reflected in the increased activity of the congregation. Sunday school attendances have been almost consistently higher than those of last year and the youth work has been expanded by creating a Junior Youth Group.

Recent speakers, much appreciated by the congregation, included the Rev. Frank Hollard of the Advent Moravian Church community and Mr. Ralph VanLehn who spoke on behalf of the Quincentennial celebration.

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Seven Bach Manuscripts Found

By Al Perry
Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel

Seven time-worn musical manuscripts, yellowed by the dust of a century and a half, have been found by the Moravian Music Foundation. They were discovered in Moravian Church archives, which are preparing to begin their 500th anniversary celebration by one of the world's leading musical historians, Dr. Karl Geiringer, chairman of music history at Boston University, told foundation headquarters here recently. He confirmed the authenticity of the discovery of these manuscripts as authentic. Each is the only known copy in the world of a work previously unknown.

The Moravian archives discoveries are:

Symphony in B-flat Major for two bassoons, two violins, viola and cello, J. E. Bach (1722-1777). Bethlehem Archives.

Symphony in D Minor for string orchestra, J. C. F. Bach (1732-1795), Salem Archives.

Symphony in E Major for two horns and string orchestra, J. C. F. Bach, Salem Archives.

Symphony in E Major for two oboes, two horns and string orchestra, J. C. F. Bach, Bethlehem Archives.

Symphony in B-flat Major for two oboes, two horns and string orchestra, J. C. F. Bach, Bethlehem Archives.

Two sonatas, one in A Major and the other in E Major, both by J. C. F. Bach, Bethlehem Archives.

Dr. Geiringer confirmed the authenticity of the discovery of these manuscripts. Each is the only known copy in the world of a work previously unknown. He wrote in the learned musical journal "Wolfgang Fischer Memorial Essays" published in Austria in late 1956.

The first modern performance of the J. E. Bach symphony will be presented at the fourth early American Moravian Festival at Moravian College in Bethlehem, June 23-30. Dr. Thor Johnson, permanent conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and a trustee of the Moravian Music Foundation, will conduct the symphony. He has termed it "a gem."

"We anticipate with much delight the forthcoming first modern performance of the J. E. Bach symphony because we feel that this symphony is an outstanding representative of its type and period," Dr. Johnson told foundation director, Donald M. McCorkle, recently.

One of the concerts at the festival will be devoted entirely to compositions of the sons of Johann Sebastian Bach. J. C. F. Bach was a son and J. E. Bach a distant cousin and godson. Both were undoubtedly pupils of the great Bach.

Mr. McCorkle, discussing the foundation's work, said here recently that "the discovery of these manuscripts comes at a time when the Moravian Church in America is preparing to begin its 500th anniversary celebration."
sary celebration of its heritage.”

He was referring to the Moravian Quin-centennial which will be celebrated this year in programs throughout the church.

The story of the discovery and verifica­tion of the Bach compositions is not complete without some recognition of the man responsible for their preservation.

Johann Friedrich Peter (who Anglicized his name on some Moravian records to John Frederik) was the documentor in his own right, the creator of more than 100 anthems and a collection of both church and secular music. He is known as the ear­liest composer of chamber music in Ameri­can musical history.

He made his copies of the Bach works and others while a student in a Saxony the­ological seminary. Today more than 200 copies of other musical works by 18th cen­tury composers exist because of Peter’s ef­forts to bring their music to the New World. He arrived in America in 1770, with his first home in Bethlehem.

From 1780 to 1790 he was in Salem as a musical director. While here, he was leader of the Collegium Musicum Salem, the community’s amateur musical society. He re­turned to Bethlehem around 1790, and his collection of 18th century music is today split between the two Moravian centers.

Mr. McCorkle considers the major in­portance of the Bach manuscripts to be in their study by scholars of 18th century Euro­pean music and their use by smaller or­chestras here in the United States.

The manuscripts, along with an earlier foundation find of a copy of a Haydn Sym­phony, will be listed in the international in­ventory of musical sources, an interna­tional music library project sponsored by UNESCO.

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**PIONEER IN CHURCH EXTENSION,**

**Edgar Andrew Holton Dies**

Br. Edgar Andrew Holton was born March 2, 1880 near Kernersville, in Fors­yth County, a son of Rufus E. and Eliza­beth Shields Holton. When he was but five years old his family moved to Yadkinville, N. C. where he grew into Christian man­hood. He received his early formal educa­tion in the Yadkinville Normal School and upon completion of his studies, accepted a teaching position in Patrick County, Vir­ginia. This was followed by three years in the State of Iowa where he also taught school. During this time, because of his deeply religious background and the influence of two uncles who were ministers of the Gospel, he heard the call of his Lord to full-time Christian service, a call to which he was to be faithful for a half cen­tury.

He entered Moravian College and graduated with the class of 1905. Here he de­veloped into a vigorous, energetic and cap­able athlete and became one of the out­standing stars of various athletic teams of the College.

On leaving Moravian College, because of the pressing need for ministerial supply in the Southern Province, he took a corres­pondence course in theology from the Sem­inary in Bethlehem and was ordained to the Ministry of the Moravian Church, be­ing consecrated a deacon by the late Bishop Edward Ronthalter in 1906. His first pas­torate was a charge consisting of four churches—Mayodan, Avalon, East Salem and Oak Grove. His last field of labor was Wachovia Arbor. Between the first and last pastorates he served 17 other churches, organizing two congregations, Greensboro and King. In addition to his duties as a pas­tor and preacher he served for a time as Field Secretary of the Southern Province, a forerunner of the present Church Aid and Extension Board in the scope of its activi­ties.

Our Brother was one to whose lot came long years of severe physical suffering, in­deed almost a decade of it. But his particu­lar “thorn in the flesh” was accepted by him with patience and strong faith. He knew personally and first hand that his Lord’s Grace was sufficient for him. And so he never wavered in the way. Thus it was that even after his retirement from the active ministry he in a wonderful way con­tinued his work, but this time by the min­istry of influence in the community in which he made his home. He truly “lived Christ” and when he received his call into the more immediate presence of His Chief Elder and Savior it was to him unspeakable gain.

It was during his first pastorate that his Lord gave him his devoted wife. On July 25, 1907 he was united in holy matrimony to Miss Alma E. Turner in Asheboro, N. C. To them God gave one daughter, Ruth Shields, who preceded her father in death on January 26, 1946. Throughout his busy and varied Christian Ministry, and later during his long illness, his wife stood by his side giving fully of her strength and love to him and their work.

As if God wished to give our Brother special reward for his faithful ministry and patient suffering, our Lord suddenly and quietly called his disciple to Him in a se­rene and beautiful way on the morning of February 9, 1957 at 5:30 A. M. It was to our Brother Edgar Holton the dawn of a new day which is to last forever. His age was 76 years, 11 months and 7 days.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one sister, Mrs. J. L. Crater; one brother, A. E. Holton and two grandchildren, Susan Ruth and Jane Holton Thomerson.
Foreign Mission Briefs

Bandages for Bethesda

Again the King's Daughters Union of Bethlehem is prepared to forward a shipment of gifts to the Bethesda Leper Home in Surinam and will be happy to receive contributions for the project. Bandages, towels and bed linens are especially welcome. Correspondence relating to this project and gifts of money to be used for it should be sent to Mrs. Sidney J. Johnson, 42 W. Laurel Street, Bethlehem, Pa. Packages containing supplies should be sent to the King's Daughters Home, 66 W. Church Street, Bethlehem, Pa., during the month of April.

Quincennial in Trinidad

Plans are being made for the celebration of the Quincennial on the island of Trinidad, British West Indies. Mrs. Edward Hasler, wife of the pastor there, says, "We have been promised an article and pictures in one of the local newspapers, a half hour radio program, as well as our usual allotment of time for broadcast services. We are planning a mass rally of all Trinidad Moravians in one of Port-of-Spain's public squares, as well as a concert of Moravian music."

On the Way to Self-Support

There is a new sense of stewardship on the part of the members of Memorial Church, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. The congregation raised enough money to meet the expenses of necessary repairs and additions and to have enough money on hand for a new organ. As a matter of interest the Cash Book for 1955 shows that the receipts for that year totaled $5,503. The receipts for 1956 totaled $10,987. Had $19 more been raised the church income would have been doubled on one year's time. It should also be pointed out that this amount was raised entirely through the efforts of the membership and rent from property, except for a gift of $100. The pastor, the Rev. Marvin Henkelmann added to his report: "As we look back over the year we begin to see what can be accomplished when God's children give to His work out of a sense of love and gratitude and do it regularly and systematically."

Nicaraguan Nurse Studies in Bethlehem

Miss Marie Forbes, a member of the Bluefields Church (Nicaragua), a graduate of the Colegio Moravo, and a Registered Nurse who trained at the Ruth C. S. Thae­ler Hospital at Bilwaskarma, is in Bethlehem, Penna., for a year's graduate study. Marie arrived at the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton airport in her first snowstorm and was then faced with one exciting "first" after another. She is working at St. Luke's Hospital and may be addressed at the Nurses' Home. Her duties will be varied as she studies new methods and procedures in the whole field of medicine, specializing in bacteriology. At the end of her year of training she plans to return to the staff of the Moravian Hospital in her home country.

GLEANINGS FROM DANISH MISSIONSBLAD

Translated by Herbert B. Johnson

The opening service of the QUINCENTEN­NIAL in Christiansfeld, Denmark, will be held on March 10, because then, for the first time in history, an African native minister from Tanganyika, will be present. Both he, Br. Teofilo Kisanji, and Bishop S. H. Ishen will speak in the service.

About June 16 a simultaneous jubilee festival will be shared in by all congregations from Scandinavia to Switzerland. Because of the Iron Curtain two meetings must be held; at Herrnhut, for all congregations east of the Iron Curtain, and at Konigsfeld, for those west of the Iron Curtain. The congregations in Czechoslovakia must arrange for their own festivals.

A married couple, Borge and Johanne Sorensen, have been accepted for missionary service in Unyamwezi. They are to leave for Africa as soon as possible. Br. Sorensen has studied in a mission school in Scotland and has taught in an orphanage in Fredensborg. Sr. Sorensen is a trained nurse. After

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a visit to England they will sail for Africa March 6.

Miss Ann Skovberg has been accepted for mission service in Unyamwesi. She has had hospital experience in Norway and England. Following a course in England in midwifery she will go to Africa.

Nurse Helga Wegeberg will leave for service in Tabora Hospital, Tanganyika, as soon as possible to relieve Nurse Ellen Neilson, who is returning to Denmark because of illness, of her duties at our mission hospital at Sikonge, Unyamwesi.

For personal and family reasons Dr. Due Masen has notified Mission Board that he will conclude his work as medical missionary at Sikonge, Tanganyika, in 1958 and return to private practice in Denmark. J. Corydon-Peterson, Education Secretary, also has given notice that he will leave the mission in 1959 when his term of office expires. Both these men make it known that their action is NOT in any manner criticism of missionary procedure or dissatisfaction with missionary methods. Because mission authorities at home must begin early to discover successors to these two men these notifications were made at this early date.

Shortly after New Year Bishop S. H. Ibsen received notice that he has been named Commander of the British Empire in recognition of his thirty-four years of service in Unyamwesi, Tanganyika, East Africa. Hereafter our good Bishop Ibsen can place the letters C. B. E. after his name, Characteristically, Bishop Ibsen feels that the honor should have distributed among the entire missionary staff in Unyamwesi.

Bishop Ibsen, C. B. E., has been congratulated by the Governor of Tanganyika, whose office is in Tabora and who is an official of the British Empire. Congratulations were likewise received from the Roman Catholic archbishop, who also lives in Tabora, Bishop Ibsen’s home is in Tabora; so these felicitations came from two fellow citizens who have plenty of opportunities to know him well and to evaluate the worthiness of his recognition.

MISSIONARY MARX WILL PREACH AT ADVENT CHURCH

Dr. Werner G. Marx will preach each evening at 7:30 at the Advent Moravian Church from Sunday, March 17 to Friday, March 22. The series will close with a Missions Lovefeast on Sunday, March 24, also at 7:30. The Advent Church is located at Old Salisbury and West Clemmons Street.

Dr. Marx is the Superintendent of the Moravian Mission field in Honduras, Central America.

Before each service, at 7:15, there will be a prayer meeting and on Sunday, March 24, there will be a band prelude at 7:00.

The Rev. Paul A. Snider is the pastor of Advent.

DEATH OF THREE MORAVIAN BISHOPS REPORTED RECENTLY

Three bishops of the Moravian World-Wide Church have been claimed by death in recent weeks. They are Bishop Samuel Baudert of Germany, Bishop Clement Hoyer of the Northern Province, and Bishop C. H. Shawe of England.

Bishop Baudert passed away on December 13. He served as a member of the German Provincial Elders’ Conference and for a time as its president. It was through his effort the establishment of Bad Boll came to the Moravian Church. Since World War II, Bad Boll has been headquarters of the Continental Province.

Bishop Hoyer who died on January 18 was for many years a bishop and pastor of the Western District of the Northern Province.

Bishop Shawe until his retirement two years ago was president of the British Provincial Elders’ Conference and Mission Board. In 1953 he and Mrs. Shawe visited in the Southern Province. His death occurred on February 1.

MORAVIAN COLLEGE REPORTS MORE STUDENTS FROM CHURCHES

One hundred ten of the students currently enrolled at Moravian College are affiliated with Moravian Church congregations. Of this number, it is significant that sixteen college men are pre-theological students, while twenty-five men are training for the Moravian ministry in the Moravian Theological Seminary.

Fifty-four Moravian Church congregations are represented in the present student body according to a recently concluded survey. Thirteen students, representing ten congregations, are enrolled from the Southern Province.

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Mass Meeting, Window Displays

The Year of Celebration and Rededication of the Five Hundredth Anniversary of the Moravian Church will be opened with a mass meeting at the Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem on March 3. A number of other activities such as the sponsoring of radio and television programs and window displays and exhibits will mark the opening of the year.

March 3 Service

"How Big Is Your Church" will be the subject of the Anniversary Sermon to be preached by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake at the Memorial Coliseum on March 3 at 3:30 P. M. Other speakers are Governor Luther Hodges of the State of North Carolina who will bring greetings and Miss Christa Menzel of Hamburg, Germany, who will bring a brief message from the Moravians in Europe.

A Prelude of Moravian chorales by the Combined Bands of the Moravian Church will begin at 3:00. Austin E. Burke, Jr. will be the leader.

In addition to the Band Prelude the service will include the opening hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God"; the Te Deum Laudamus; the reading of the Scriptures by Dr. Herbert Spaugh. Passages to be read are Isaiah 12 and Ephesians 3:14-21.

Three Moravian anthems will be sung by the Combined Choirs of the Moravian Church, directed by Donald M. McCorkle. The anthems are "It Is a Precious Thing" (Peter), "Jesus Christ, Our Strong Salvation" (composer unknown), and "Hosanna" (Leinbach).

The Rev. E. T. Mickey, Jr. is chairman of the general committee on music for the service. Mrs. Hege Kapp will play the Baldwin organ which is being installed by the Moxley Piano Company.

Presiding over the service will be Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders' Conference. Bishop Edmund Schwarze will offer the Prayer and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl will pronounce the Benediction.

A distinct feature of the service will be the singing of two hymns that were among the five prize winning hymns in the Five Hundredth Anniversary contest. One is by Mrs. Mary Fries Blair of Winston-Salem entitled "Our Father's God, to Thee We Raise." The second is by Mrs. Edward G. Manning of Raleigh who wrote the words of "Come Let Us Raise Triumphant Song". An original tune for this hymn was written by a sister of Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Allen A. Lenius of Durham, N. D.

An offering will be received for the repair and rehabilitation of the mission buildings of the East West Indies Province. This is the mission field for which the American Provinces assumed responsibility in 1955. Many of the buildings there are in need of much repair.

Window Displays

Many window displays depicting the history, life, and service of the Moravian Church will be seen in store windows in Winston-Salem the last of February and the first of March. These displays have been planned by a committee headed by Mr. and Mrs. H. Harold Vogler.

In the Winston-Salem Public Library are three displays of unusual interest. One is an exhibit of manuscripts of Early Moravian Heritage Music furnished by the Moravian Music Foundation. A second is based on the works of Lewis David von Schweinitz, a pioneer American botanist. The third is the display of one volume of the Kralitz Bible of the early Bohemian Unionis Fratrum. This volume, loaned by the Moravian Archives of Bethlehem, Pa., for the occasion, contains the poetic books of the Old Testament and was published in 1582.

The Salem College Library is the scene of an exhibit of the work of the educator, John Amos Comenius, a bishop of the Moravian Church.

Other Publicity

Extra attention will come to the church through many outdoor billboards throughout the province. The signs will be up in February and March. Total number on display in the Southern Province is 22. News coverage of the anniversary in national magazines is being worked on and wide use of a Quincentennial poster will bring still more attention to the church in many communities.

Other projects planned by the Office of Public Relations include: special church bulletins during 1957 in cooperation with the bulletin committee; Moravian articles and stories in other denominational magazines and interdenominational papers; a popular folder about the church for non-Moravians; a set of slides of Haidt's popular folder about the church for other denominations; and a half-hour tape of "Highlights" of the Quincentennial year.

BRITISH MONTHLY PAPER

The new "MORAVIAN MESSENGER", a monthly publication of the British Province is now available to those who would like to subscribe. The new paper combines the "MORAVIAN MESSENGER" and "MORAVIAN MISSIONS". The subscription rate is $2.00 a year.

Anyone desiring the paper is asked to send $2.00 and their name and address to Dr. George G. Higgins, 500 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, N. C.
MORAVIANS THRONG PLACES OF WORSHIP AS

Memorable Services Open 500th Anniversary Years

The founding of the UNITAS FRATRUM or Moravian Church, memorable in history, was made memorable anew throughout the Moravian Church in America by the celebration of the events of March 3, 1957. The manner in which the Five Hundredth Anniversary was celebrated proves that the Moravian Church in America is alive to the needs of our day and becoming alert to the methods and techniques of our times.

Sights Lifted

The events of March 3, if nothing else, serve to lift our sights. In the future as a church we should be able to think in bigger terms. This is true not because nice things have been said of our church and of its accomplishments in the past. It is true because we have discovered that we can do things in a bigger way. The use of means of mass communication for the first time is but one, if perhaps the best, example.

In some of our areas we have planned services for March 3 on a scale larger than ever attempted before. Special Five Hundredth Anniversary services were conducted Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Winston-Salem, N. C.; Madison, Lake Mills, and Green Bay, Wisconsin; Chaska and Berea, Minnesota; and Canaan, North Dakota. Over 13,000 people attended these seven services from which we have received reports.

Most of the congregations in isolated areas, not able to join in these mass meetings, held their own observance in the services of the day. Br. Vernon I. Graf of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, reports that his church held an anniversary service in the morning with an attendance of 300 people. This service, like all the others in the country, featured the singing of Moravian music.

Other areas will hold an anniversary service later during 1957. The Canadian District churches will mark the year with services on May 12.

Mass Communication

The events of March 3 prove that as a church we can think in larger terms of the use of such modern media of communication as radio and television. In Winston-Salem the entire service was telecast on three of the large stations of the state and carried on many more radio stations. This was true also of many other places.

For the first time, with the exception of the Winston-Salem Easter Sunrise service, the Moravian Church was presented on a nation wide network of both radio and television. These programs were the CBS "Columbia Church of the Air," the dramatization on Zinzendorf on "Lamp Unto My Feet," and the "Dean Pike Program" on ABC.

To follow these programs will be the "National Radio Pulpit" for the thirteen Sundays in April, May, and June with Dr. John R. Weinlick as preacher.

Out of this observance in many ways beyond these mentioned should come the realization that working together as a Moravian Church in America we can not only think but do bigger things. This should be our aim as we move now into the other events of the Year of Celebration and Dedication. The Moravian Music Festival, the

GOVERNOR LUTHER H. HODGES brings greetings to the Moravians in the Southern Province. Shown on the speaker's stand (left to right) are Dr. Herbert Spaugh, Bishop J. K. Pitch, Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, Miss Christa Menzel, and Dr. G. G. Higgins. Not shown in this picture are Dr. Eugene Carson Blake and Bishop Edmund Schwarze. The flowers under the seal were sent for the service by the Winston-Salem Sertoma Club.

DR. R. GORDON SPAUGH, leads the Five Hundredth Anniversary Service in Winston-Salem, N. C. Standing next to Dr. Spaugh is Dr. Eugene Carson Blake who preached the anniversary sermon; and Bishop Edmund Schwarze, Miss Christa Menzel and Dr. George Higgins, Layman's Conference, and the General Synod can raise our sights even more.

Indeed the entire observance of the Five Hundredth Anniversary in those years leading up to 1957 has enabled us to discover that working together we can develop new plans and programs in Publications, Church Extension, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Missions. In these fields we now know that new methods have been developed to enable us to do the work of the church in better ways. Much more can yet be done in all these areas and that is our challenge now and in the years to come.

In Winston-Salem

Over 8,000 Attend

F. Herbert Weber

About 8,000 Moravians and friends almost filled to capacity the huge Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem for the 500th anniversary service on the afternoon of March 3. This is believed to have been the largest group of Moravians in the Southern Province ever to have assembled under one roof. Large delegations were present from (Continued to Page 3)
Convenience Keynotes

NEW FRIELAND PARSONAGE

Having dedicated their new church building in December, 1955, Friedland Congregation has continued its individual Program of Progress with the completion of a new parsonage last November.

Convenience is the keynote of this lovely home, located diagonally across Friedland Road from the church. It is of ranch-style construction, with four large bedrooms grouped together on one end of the house, two on the front and two on the back. Each pair of bedrooms is separated by a full-sized tile bath. There is also a large living room, a dining room, a paned den with fireplace, and a Youngstown kitchen, featuring a built-in range and oven. A half-bath is adjacent to the kitchen, and a utility room separates the kitchen and den. A glass enclosed breezeway connects the garage and the house, with doors opening into both the den and kitchen from the breezeway.

The new parsonage is built on a concrete slab, with the walls consisting entirely of clay tile and brick. Being an all-masonry unit, therefore, it is almost completely fireproof.

Additional features include genuine cork floor covering in bedrooms, hall, and den, baseboard radiant heat, awning-type aluminum windows, a large exhaust fan in the hall ceiling, venetian blinds in all rooms, wall-to-wall carpet in the living room and dining room, washable wallpaper in the kitchen, and harmonizing pastel shades of paint throughout the house. An asphalt driveway provides easy access to the garage as well as ample parking facilities.

The Woman's Auxiliary has provided new furnishings for the living room. Members and friends have donated plants and shrubbery for landscaping.

Architect for the parsonage was Gordon Howard Kunz, who was in charge of the Old Salem Restoration. The Building Committee consisted of Paul H. Kimball, Chm., W. C. Hine, Eugene A. Reed, Virgil Reid, W. W. Hines, and Jack White. Mrs. Raleigh Ingram and Mrs. C. Truett Chadwick were advisory members.

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the churches on the boundaries of the Province. These included an 80 car caravan with police escort from Mount Airy about 40 miles from Winston-Salem and 2 chartered busses plus a caravan of private cars from Charlotte, a distance of 80 miles from Winston-Salem.

The anniversary sermon was preached by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, the president of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Blake called for an Ecumenical Reformation in our Protestant churches that would bring the new life and vitality into present-day Christianity that was brought by the Protestant Reformation of 400 years ago. North Carolina's Governor, Luther Hodges, paid tribute to the contribution of the Moravian Church "to the citizens of this state, and region, and, truly this nation" as he brought the official greetings of the state of North Carolina. He cited the Church's strong beliefs, consistency, and simplicity as factors which have enabled it to "develop a community of generosity and cooperation which ... leads this territory and stands as an example."

A band of 400 instruments from throughout the Province played for 30 minutes prior to the service. A choir of 300 voices sang a number of Moravian anthems during the service. Anthems used were "It Is A Precious Thing" (Peter), "Jesus Christ Our Strong Salvation" (Hus), and the "Hosannah" (Leinbach). Two prize-winning anniversary hymns were also introduced at this service. It was interesting that the authors of both hymns, Mrs. Mary Fries Blair and Mrs. Ann Borhek Manning, were present at the service.

Extensive radio and television coverage was provided. WUNC-TV, the television station for the University of North Carolina, and WSJS-TV of Winston-Salem both carried the service. A network of 20 North Carolina radio stations also carried the service. In addition coverage was provided by the Voice of America which will rebroadcast the service to the Far East and on the continent of Europe.

Presiding at the service was Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, the president of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Southern Province. A message of greeting from President Eisenhower and one from the Northern Province were read by Dr. George G. Higgins, chairman of the Quincentennial Committee of the Province. Greetings were brought in person from West German and East German Moravians by Miss Christa Menzel, a special student at Salem College and a native of Hamburg, Germany.

An offering amounting to $3,468.92 was received to be used in aid in the renovation and repair of mission property in the East Indies Province.

This moving service of inspiration and praise and simplicity served as a fitting beginning for the Quincentennial Anniversary Year in the Southern Province.

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SERVICE IN BETHLEHEM
OVERFLOWS DAILY MEETING PLACE
by Ted Wilde
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Overfloving College Hall on the Moravian College Campus, Moravians from congre­gations in a four-state area assembled in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania for the Eastern District's central 500th Anniversary Service.

This gathering of over 3,500 people heard the Rev. Dr. Charles Wesley Ranson, Dr. Cavert and Dr. Parry with specially inscribed anniversary textbooks.

Greetings from President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Albert Schweitzer, Pennsylvania Governor George M. Leader, and the Southern Province were read by Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton. In his night letter from the White House, President Eisenhower commended the Unity of the Brethren, whose "vigorou spirit, expressed in sound and good works, has made a splendid contribution to the nation and to the world."

From the Lambrene Hospital in French Equatorial Africa, Dr. Schweitzer tele­grammed (translated from French) "I observe with you in spirit the grand anniversary of the founding of the Moravian Church." Governor Leader praised the strong faith of the early Moravians as an important factor in the foundation of Pennsylvania. The Rev. Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, President of the Southern Provincial Elders' Conference wrote, "As we hold simultaneous services of praise and thanksgiving today in both our Provinces, we feel anew the strength of fellowship which God has given us through our Uniones Fratrum."

Bishop Hamilton gave individual recognition and welcome to the Rev. Gordon Hejl of Granger, Texas, representative of the Evangelical Unity of Czech Moravian Brethren, and to Mayor Earl Schaffer of Bethlehem.

The Moravian tone of the observance was set early by the eighty-piece brass band, under the direction of Mr. Stanley G. Beid­elman or the New York 1 Church, which played chorales outside of College Hall for a half hour before the service.

The choir of 250 voices, made up of the choirs of the Lehigh Valley churches, Moravian College, and Moravian Seminary for Girls and the glee club of Moravian Preparatory School, sang two selections of early Moravian music, "Sing O Ye Heavens" by Johann Friedrich Peter and "Thou Lord, Art My Shepherd" by Christian Gregor. The choir was directed by Professor Richard Shantz of Moravian College.

As an organ prelude, Robert Elmore, organist of Central Moravian Church, played Bach's Locatto and Fuge in D Minor and his own chorale-prelude on "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice."

The impressive procession which began the service had as its focal point the open, pulpitr-sized Bible carried to the lectern by the Rev. Floyd Peterson, president of the Lehigh Valley Moravian Ministerial Association, and the crimson anniversary flag inscribed with a silver Moravian seal, carried by William Keck, president of the Eastern District Regional Youth Council.

More than fifty ministers from the participating Moravian churches and the students in the Theological Seminary followed in the procession.

Bishop Carl J. Helmich read the Scripture lessons, Psalm 103 and Ephesians 3:14-21. The prayer which followed was offered

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by Dr. Stocker. Bishop Samuel H. Gapp announced the benediction.

The meeting was the largest group of people ever assembled in College Hall, crowding the building so greatly that people had to be turned away. Fourteen buses from the more distant churches in the New

COUNTESS ERDMUTH ZINZENDORF depicted as financial patron of Moravian Brethren in Montaldo window. The scroll at bottom of picture reads: "Zinzendorf's vast estates, devoted to the re-establishment of the Moravian Church, were in her possession. She dedicated her life to the spiritual organization of the Unity and financial administration of Church properties in Germany, Holland, England and America.

York and Philadelphia areas brought Moravians to the gathering.

A fellowship hour followed the one hour and forty-five minute service. Within another hour, all those who remained had been served sandwiches, coffee, and traditional Moravian sugar cake and mints.

As the anniversary observance ended, there could be felt an inspiration from the heritage of the past and the example of our forefathers, "based solely on the Bible as the Word of God and the freedom of Christian men to live by the Word ... in the conviction that it is the truth that makes men free," as Dr. Ranson expressed it. Even more important, however, was the challenge of God on which Dr. Ranson ended his message, "He calls us once more to bind ourselves to Him in whose service alone we may find perfect freedom." 

WEINLICK SPEAKS AT WISCONSIN CELEBRATION

A fanfare of trumpets marked the opening of special services held March 3 by Central Wisconsin Moravians in commemor-

tion of the Quincentennial year.

A public program, sponsored by the Wisconsin Rapids, Kellner, Rudolph and Veedum Moravian congregations and to the Saratoga Union Church, attracted an overflow crowd at the theater auditorium.

Moravians was described as a symposium of dedicated, courageous Christian pioneering by Dr. John Weinlick, professor of church history at Moravian Theological Seminary.

In inspirational and forceful fashion, Dr. Weinlick, especially emphasized the influence of John Hus upon the Protestant Reformation.

"Martin Luther himself acknowledged the debt of the ground work laid by the Brethren, when, in 1520 he stated, "We are all Hussites without knowing it," Dr. Weinlick pointed out.

Without the tragedy of Hus to guide him in his own strategy, Luther might have suffered the same fate, according to Weinlick.

While Moravian missionary zeal was directed to faraway places, the middle of the last century brought a new spirit—that of home mission expansion, the audience was told. Weinlick said since that time, home churches have grown steadily. "One third of the churches have been founded in the present century," he said.

Referring to modern-day Moravians, Dr. Weinlick asked, "Is not our witness the same as those of our forebearers 500 years ago?"

He described the birth of denominations as well as general Protestantism, as a "recognition of simplicity, freedom and the laymen's religion.

Christianity, according to the college professor, is a basically simple religion, as taught by the New Testament. The scriptures tell us what we must do in order to be saved, and that is "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."".

An inner faith in Christ was the Savior was emphasized by Dr. Weinlick as one of the witnesses of Moravianism, in his address "Their Witness and Ours." He said this is often covered over by form and ceremony in Roman Catholicism.

"The main thing to uphold is inner faith. Does the simplicity shine through, is the question to be asked," said Dr. Weinlick.

In discussing the recovery of freedom, he said this is based upon the witness that the center of authority is in the personal experience of Jesus Christ.

Freedom is risky and difficult, according to Dr. Weinlick, but he expressed the belief that this is the way God wants us to take as normal human beings.

In opposition to complete domination of decision, Dr. Weinlick declared, "I prefer to place my emphasis upon freedom. We were born to be free."

Declaring that Protestants emphasize the importance of the layman in religion, Dr. Weinlick said, "The church is not first. Faith in Christ is first." He added that churches arise when people of faith wish to band together in fellowship.

The seat of Moravian authority, according to Dr. Weinlick, is not in the bishop's chair but in the layman's pew. He was of the opinion that too often we are unappreciative of the "government of our church by the people."

He predicted that this 500th anniversary could well mark the beginning of a still further renewed Moravian Church—"If we rise to the challenge."

Central Wisconsin Moravians preluded the official opening of the 500th anniversary by being featured on a television program, "The Churches Speak" March 2. Dr. Weinlick was a guest of the regular church panel and music was provided by a group of Moravian young people.
SMALLER GROUPS IN WEST
ALSO CONDUCT SERVICES
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Not only in the larger centers of Winston-Salem and Bethlehem, but also in areas of smaller concentration of Moravians were special Five Hundredth Anniversary Services held. This is true especially of the areas of the Western District.

One was at Lake Mills, Wisconsin, where a joint celebration was held for the Lake Mills, London, Ephraim, and Mamre congregations. Six hundred fifty were present at this service which heard an address by Dr. C. Earl Albrecht, Moravian physician and public health official of the state of Ohio.

At Madison, Wisconsin, where Moravian work is comparatively new the Glenwood, Lake View, and DeForest congregations met at the Glenwood church with 300 present. Bishop H. Clifford Northcott, bishop of the Wisconsin Methodist Area spoke on "Methodism's Debt to the Moravians." Dr. John R. Weintuck delivered the anniversary sermon at Green Bay, West, to 400 worshipers that filled the sanctuary. Uniting with the host congregation were Green Bay, East, and Freedom.

Chaska in Minnesota reported a fine service with 565 present. Other churches of that area participating in the afternoon service were Waconia, Lake Ashburn, Betheda, Elm, and Northfield. Dr. Victor L. Thomas, president of the Western District Board was the speaker. At Chaska a light snow fell just prior to the service marring slightly the otherwise perfect record of good weather for the day.

A second special service in Minnesota was held at Bera for the Bera, Hebron, Bethany, and Stockholm, Wisconsin, congregations. The Rev. Frank Spies, pastor of Bera, spoke to the more than 200 present.

For the North Dakota churches the anniversary service was held at Canaan with visitors attending from Goshen, Castleton, Fargo, Bethel, Alice, and Embden congregations. The Rev. Paul deS. Couch from Indianapolis, Indiana, was the guest speaker.

REPORTS FROM
RALEIGH

Members of the Raleigh congregation exerted every possible effort to prepare for the celebration of our Quincentenary year.

Our own Anne Borhek Manning composed two of the five prize-winning hymns written to commemorate the Moravian Quincentenary; and one of them, of course, was sung at the March 3 service held in Winston-Salem's Memorial Coliseum. But she served us well on the local level, too, in the capacity of chairman of the Raleigh Moravian Quincentenary Committee. Assisting her on the committee were Dr. Margaret Wilson, and the Brn. William A. Diehl, Ray S. Foltz, and Walser H. Allen, Jr. This group encouraged folks in Raleigh to attend the 500th anniversary service with such notable success that a third of our number joined the throng in Winston-Salem for the afternoon. And five of us sang in the choir.

The Quincentennial Poster and Exhibit Committee worked equally hard. Our hats are off to Mrs. D. S. Grosh, chairman, and Mrs. K. D. Morgan, Jr. With the close cooperation of Br. and Sr. Harold Vogler of the Provincial Quincentennial Poster Committee, they distributed over 35 posters announcing the March 3 Anniversary service and set up 8 exhibits of "Moravians," one of which will be permanent.

Four stores welcomed exhibits, as follows: (1) Womble's Inc.—antique chairs and other furnishings of early Salem manufacture, together with brochures and photographs of the restored buildings of Old Salem; (2) Baptist Book Store—18th century and recent Moravian publications (two displays); (3) Stephenson Music Company—booklets, brochures, anthems, etc., in the field of Moravian music, early and modern; and (4) Hudson-Belk Department Store—an exhibit featuring the domestic arts as practiced by Moravian women.

Four institutions also gave space to exhibits, as follows: (1) N. C. State College YMCA—and depicting the extent and character of Moravian missions around the world; (2) N. C. State College—material (objects and books) dealing with historical Moravian missions to the Indians; and (4) The Hall of History (of the state of North Carolina)—a permanent display of early Moravian handicrafts.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

WILLOW HILL

Since our last report renovation of the church building at Willow Hill has moved from plans to reality. Many of the improvements have already been completed with work continuing on others which we hope to have done in the early spring. We are all

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On Youth Sunday, January 27, the young people took charge of the service at 11:00 A. M. with Harry Baum presiding. We are happy that our young people are so willing to take an active part in the church worship services. Many of these same young people as scouts gave a dinner for their parents and scout leaders on February 22 at which time they reviewed their work of the past year.

On two Saturdays, February 2 and February 23, some of our men worked at the Moravian Campsite pruning the apple trees. Some of the wives and children were able to go along and enjoy themselves on top of the mountain.

We are looking forward to a wonderful time at our Apple Blossom Festival. We have secured Bishop Edmund Schwarze as the speaker. The beauty of the occasion always lifts our hearts in thanksgiving and in hope through seeing the blooms on the trees expressing the glory of God.

GLENN E. CRAVER

FAIRVIEW

Because the present plans for the North-South Expressway indicate that it will pass to the rear of Fairview Moravian property on the west side, it became necessary to set up a Steering and Progress Committee. This committee has been assigned the responsibility of finding a new location for Fairview Church. Just how soon a move will be necessary, no one knows. At the time of this writing it is not definitely known just where the congregation will have to move.

The Central Board of Trustees, the Building and Expansion Board, the Provincial Financial Board, and the Provincial Elders’ Conference have given their approval of this committee.

Members of the Steering and Progress Committee are composed of two elders: James Forkner (Chairman) and H. T. Ferguson; two trustees: Lewis Hubbard and O. Melvin Warren; the president of the Women of the Church, Mrs. W. D. Newsome; the Sunday School superintendent, Vernie R. Snider; and the pastor.

Our Scouting activity has been on the increase in the past few months. The Cub Scouts recently held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet. John E. Crouch is the new Cub Scout Master. The Boy Scouts, with Bill Oehman, Tommy Weatherman, and Julian Stith taking the lead, have secured permission from the Board of Trustees to buy a 1946 model school bus and put it in first class condition. This will be a real asset to the camping trips of the Boy Scouts.

The Rev. Paul A. Snider, pastor of the Advent Church, was the guest speaker at the annual Missionary Lovefeast sponsored by the Monnie Southern Chapter of the Foreign Missionary Society, South. He brought an inspiring message and stimulated most generous giving inward buying an ice box for Dr. Frank Marx’s clinic in Honduras, and essential items needed by the Rev. Cyril Aldersley in his work on Antigua. The day was one of rejoicing for all those interested in missions.

The Sunday School classroom for the 11 year old Juniors has been given a major face-lifting by Miss Margaret Lucile Syers, superintendent of the Junior Department. She has donated new chairs, tables, a book case, drapes, and a combination blackboard and bulletin board. The walls and floor have been refinished by the Trustees, with Homer Yarbrough and L. S. Syers, Jr., wielding the brushes.

A very active and hard working Weber Memorial Class sponsored a Baked Ham Supper. The proceeds went to the numerous Weber Class projects.

Blum Chapel Service speakers since the first of the year included Miss Martha Ann Bowles, Dr. Edwin Sawyer, the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes, the Rev. John Johansen, the Rev. James Weingarth, the Rev. William Marshall, and Rabbi Ernest Conrad.

New members received into Fairview congregation since the last report are Mrs. Jack Harniss, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Journell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Ayers, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ball.

VERNON E. DAETWYLER

MIZPAH

Mizpah awakened to the challenge of the Quincentennial celebrations during the past weeks and took considerable interest in the service of March 3. The little ceremony for presentation of the Quincentennial buttons was carried out in the worship service of February 24.

To maintain interest for weeks to come and in order to inaugurate the regular spring effort for church attendance among the children, the pastor is giving the life of a Moravian hero each Sunday to the children.

This is an opportunity also for adults to learn much of the historical background of our denomination. The children have been given a folder with the Moravian seal in English words. Each Sunday one is present, he receives a Quincentennial “trading stamp” for his folder. These are saved and at the close of the attendance effort will be exchanged for beautiful gifts. Interest is running high. On the first Sunday a total of fifty children attended the worship services at King and Mizpah.

The men of Mizpah cooperated well on Saturday, February 16, in putting the church lawn in fine condition for spring and summer. We will be disappointed if we do not have one of the nicest church lawns anywhere by midsummer.

Our church organist, Mrs. Joe Talley, after many years of unbroken service, asked for a two month’s vacation. Her place was ably filled by Mrs. Laverne Speas and one Sunday by Miss Mary Lee Long.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

RURAL HALL and FULP

On February 10, new Sunday school hymnals were used at Rural Hall for the first time. The old Sunday school hymnals were sent to Thelma Good for use in the Bluefields, Nicaragua, area.

On Thursday, February 21, a reception was given in the church parlor at Rural Hall for pastor and family, sponsored by the Women of the Church. After the morning service at Fulp on February 24, the back seat of the car was loaded with various kinds of useful items. Both acts of recognition were greatly appreciated.

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W. A. Murphy — H. D. Sink
A pastorate of a little more than six years was closed at the Rural Hall and Fulp churches on February 24, with a morning service at Fulp and an evening service at Rural Hall. At the time of this writing, both Rural Hall and Fulp churches are in need of expanding their Sunday school facilities. It is hoped that planning in this direction will continue for both churches. The pastor has greatly enjoyed his work at these two churches and will remember the many friendships which he is leaving there.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

CHRIST CHURCH

Unbelievable! Most remarkable! Astounding! Extremely encouraging! There is no other way to begin this report! The Lord has surely been with us—and wonderfully blessed us in so many ways. Attendance at all services is excellent—but our Sunday evening attendance has averaged over 200 since the beginning of the year—and is “holding up” since Alton Pfaff’s solo (he agreed to sing if we had as many as 250 present).

Since our last report we have received the following members—as communicants: Charlie M. Hedrick, William Bruce Bailey, as non-communicants: Rita Ann Bailey, Wiley Fletcher Stanford, and Steven Allen Brown.

Attendance at Youth Fellowship meetings is close to 70.

Our total church program is now in high gear and the response and cooperation of the membership is wonderful.

J. CALVIN BARNES

NEW PHILADELPHIA

Nineteen young people have enrolled in the course of instruction given by the pastor to prepare for church membership. They have been meeting each Friday since the beginning of January and plan to unite with the church Palm Sunday. Accessions to membership during January and February include: John Bryant from Christ Moravian; Sylvia Bryant from Warner’s Chapel; Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDowell from North Winston Baptist; Mrs. H. D. Cooksey, Richard Cooksey, Phyllis Cooksey, and Syndia Jo Cooksey from South Fork Baptist.

Our week of services for 1957 was held from January 20 to January 27 with the Rev. James Weingarth as guest preacher. Attendance for the evening services averaged 212. Eleven young people made first decisions and there were over 150 rededications recorded. Attendance at morning services was 385 during January, Sunday School averaged 485. Our problem now is to encourage more people, especially those with small children to attend the worship services as well as the Sunday School hour.

The large Bona Vita Class has voluntarily divided to form two classes, the new one being known as the Sanctuary Bible Class. Of the 130 enrolled in round numbers, 70 went to the new class and 60 remained with Bona Vita. These classes cover the 30 to 45 age bracket. The Open Door class for young adults from 21 to 30 now has 53 enrolled. Mrs. Leslie Shutt teaches the new class with Judge Roy Deal as assistant. Mrs. Gene Greene teaches the Bona Vita with W. Scott Buck as assistant. Clarence Gabard is teacher of the Open Door Class with Francis Trogdon as assistant.

The Wednesday Lenten Prayer Series has begun with an average attendance of 76.

Mrs. Jarvis Hauser has resigned effective April 30 as director of the Junior and Adult choirs, due to family circumstances. No successor has been named as yet.

HENRY A. LEWIS

BETHANIA

There have been several encouraging developments in our work during the past three months. Worthy of mention are the increased mission interest, the large increase in Church School attendance, and the widespread interest in the Quincentennial observance.

Our recently organized Foreign Missionary Society has continued to present a special mission service on the first Sunday night in each month. Our speaker in December was Miss Elizabeth Marx. In January we saw the set of slides on our mission work in South Africa. We were very happy that in February we could have with us Mrs. Katie Wolff Nelson who grew up in the Bethania congregation. She showed slides of the Presbyterian mission in the Belgian Congo where she and her husband have been working for several years.

During February our Church School had the highest average attendance in the history of the church, that in spite of our full share of bad weather. On the last Sunday in February the Church School had a special assembly when the Quincentennial story was told and the Quincentennial pins were distributed. This brought forth an attendance of 175, which was only 4 short of our record attendance.

Other visiting speakers during this period were: Mr. T. A. Kimball on January 13 who told the congregation about the Quincentennial observance; Mr. Wilson Edwards who told of the plans for the Laymen’s Convention at the February Fellowship Supper; the Rev. John Sills of New Hope Methodist Church and the Rev. Alan Barnes of Olivet who spoke at the New Year’s Eve services; and Miss Christa Menzel of Germany who spoke at the General Meeting of the Women of the Church in February.

Our young people took an active part in the observance of Youth Week. They con-
duced the Sunday night service on January 27 and participated in the Sunday morning service on February 3.

Our men are engaged in a visitation program among the members of the congregation. This effort promises to do much good in our church.

Our Choir Director, Mr. Howard Conrad, after many years of fine service was very reluctantly granted a three month leave of absence in January. We are looking forward to the time when his health will permit him to resume his work.

The new parsonage was occupied by the pastor and his wife on January 9. After some finishing touches are completed, we plan to have an open house for the congregation and the Province at large.

F. HERBERT WEBER

MOUNT AIRY
Charles Worthington, Ila Bell Urt, Juniana Westmoreland, Douglas Yopp, Vance Collins, Betty Collins and Aaron Draughon joined the catechetical class to become communicant members on Palm Sunday.

Ruth Burton, Edith McHone, Besie Tillotson and Mary Jo Key promise to be a really active parsonage committee.

Officers for the Brotherhood recently elected are: president, John Wolfe; first vice president, James Snow, Jr.; second vice president, Robert Wolfe; secretary, Jack Jones; treasurer, Wade Key; and chaplain Curtis Simmons.

Br. Charlie Johnson's 100 voice High School Glee Club sang in our church to 350 people Quincentennial Sunday morning.

An estimated 400 persons from Mount Airy attended the now famous Coliseum service.

Pastor's wife is in charge of the Pink Lady training program for the new 100 bed hospital in Mount Airy.

Ralph Van Lehn spoke to our congregation at 10 a.m. January 20, and Br. Samuel Tesch spoke about the eastern West Indies in the evening service.

Frances Chandler Smith has assumed leadership of Circle 6 because former leader Pat Tesh was expecting an addition to her family. Judy Pruett brought home from Brevard College a Cherokee Indian girl and introduced her to our Sunday school January 27. Thirty-four additional persons joined the Foreign Missionary Society the first part of this year, A Cub Scout Pack has been started and is functioning happily. We hope you are, too.

ROBERT ALLEN IOBST

LITTLE CHURCH ON THE LANE
Mr. and Mrs. Gail Kurtz, formerly associated with the late Dr. Rebecca Beard, were with us for a Prayer Mission on January 12 through 21. As a result of this mission, our prayer groups were revived to include the Moravian "Hourly Intercession."

The first meeting of our newly organized Boy Scout Troop was held in the hut on Thursday, February 21. W. L. Yarbrough was appointed by the Board of Elders to undertake the organization of this troop.

Russell Holder, Jr. will be our Scout Master and Gary Idol and Richard Price will be Assistant Scout Masters.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wayne Blair upon the birth of daughter, Eleanor Ann, on January 24 at Mercy Hospital.

The pastor has commenced a confirmation class for a large group of intermediates to be confirmed on Palm Sunday.

We welcome into the fellowship of our congregation Mrs. Louisa L. Hoppe, and Mr. William S. Ball.

Dr. George Higgins was our pupil guest on February 3 at which time he presented the Quincentennial program for 1957.

Miss Carolyn Spaugh has returned after an absence of eight months in Europe. We are happy to have her back in our midst.

ESKIMO NEW TESTAMENT IS FEATURED IN DISPLAY

The American Bible Society in its big display window on Park Ave., New York City, during November and part of December featured a new translation made by a Moravian minister.

The book is the Eskimo New Testament, translated into the language of the Alaskan Eskimos by the Rev. Ferdinand Drebert, former missionary to Alaska. The display features not only a copy of this New Testament, but also a large picture of Dr. Drebert and young August Alexi, the Eskimo boy who was in this country this summer.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY JOINS OLD SALEM, INC.

Robert O. Conway, formerly of Waynesville, N. C., has joined the staff of Old Salem, Inc., as director of publicity, it has been announced by Ralph P. Hanes, president of the restoration group.

Mr. Conway, a native of Ashland, Ky., and a graduate of the University of Kentucky, served as a reporter, photographer, and sports editor in Waynesville for four years, and earlier worked in Ohio and Virginia.
... Foreign Mission Briefs ...

Gratitude from Labrador

"On behalf of our people here in the Hebron district I would like to thank you and all the many friends who have helped to collect and pack this wonderful clothing for these our most northern folks. I do not know what they would do without such help. Whereas our people on the more southern settlements are better off on the whole, these folks here still live in fairly extreme poverty. And it is not easy to get them out of this. Of course they have not the same opportunities for earning a living as those in the more southerly settlements, I believe that these people would come out of their misery if there was some regular way of earning better wages. Now, all they have is the short summer season to get some trout, and then back they go on relief. Of course their primitive way of thinking has a lot to do with it, also the fact that with education we are still far behind the southern places. But then again, up to a few years ago, it was almost impossible to bring any solid education to them, as they lived so scattered, and came to the station only for short periods. Now this is different the majority lives here on the place, and through school a lot of progress is made, but it is slow and difficult. Kate has quite a job on her hands."

Supplies for Labrador

The annual shipment of clothing and supplies for the needy people of the Labrador coast, among whom Moravian missionaries are working, is to be forwarded early in July this year. Any gift to be included in this shipment should be forwarded to the First Moravian Church, Packer Avenue and Webster Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, by the end of June at the latest. A letter addressed to the pastor, the Rev. John Morman, should accompany each shipment and should contain whatever instructions may be necessary.

The use to which these gifts are put and the gratitude expressed for past shipments may be gathered from the article above entitiled, "Gratitude From Labrador."

Coming Furloughs

Miss Klara Dahlke, a teacher in the Colegio Moravo at Bluefields, Nicaragua, will leave her station in April for her home in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Miss Mildred Siebke, now stationed at Dillingham, Alaska, will come to her home at Palmyra, New Jersey, leaving Alaska in June.

Miss Frances Huetter, Matron at the Children's Home in Alaska, begins her furlough in July and will go to her home in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The Rev. Howard Housman, now serving in Honduras as acting Superintendent and Warden during the furlough of Brother Werner Marx, will bring his family to the States for furlough beginning in June. He has not yet decided where he will spend his furlough.

"A Stranger and Ye Took Me In"

John (age 6) and David (age 8) Walter are recent arrivals at the Children's Home at Kweethliuk, Alaska. They have come under the care of the Moravian Church because their parents have been hospitalized for tuberculosis. Since there was no one to care for them in their village of Platinum the Alaska Native Service (a government agency) has placed them in the Home and contributes toward their room and board. Patrons in the Moravian Churches in the States will keep them warm and happy by providing outfits for them.

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**GROWING BETHEL NEEDS LARGER CHURCH PLANT**

Samuel G. Vaughn

The new Bethel, Alaska, Municipal Airport is to be completed this fall and soon thereafter the entire village of Kuskokwim (now, across the river from Bethel) will move to Bethel. This move will bring the Civil Aeronautics Authority, the Weather Bureau and the Tenth Radio Squadron to the community of Bethel which already is the headquarters for the area public school program, the government hospital and public health service.

The recently completed Air Force project will be staffed by approximately 200 men, beginning this summer, and further installations requiring a large construction crew for a while and an enlarged service personnel will follow. The community is already the economic center for a tremendous area of western Alaska bringing new families from Moravian villages and from the United States each year.

Now the question is, "Do we have sufficient facilities to meet these rapidly increasing demands?"

The answer is, much to our dismay, "No!" Even at present our facilities are taxed far beyond what they can serve efficiently. Three homes and an incomplete furnace room are used for classes and anywhere from 60 to 90 youngsters meet each Sunday in a Primary room hardly large enough for half that number. We are unable to handle the number who come to special services and are taxed beyond the limit many times for regular services. The number of non-members attending our services is now around 40 and this number should at least double and possibly even triple within the near future. We are already losing people because of overcrowded conditions and the plainness of our church building.

The Board of Foreign Missions has given earnest consideration to these facts. There are many reasons why additions and changes to the present building would not be a solution. The present building has already been moved and the elements have not been kind to the materials used. In anticipation of a new building the Bethel congregation has already raised $6,000.00 ($4,000.00 during the past year). The Mission Board has granted permission for immediate action in erecting a new church and has pledged its financial support. The total cost of this first unit has been set at $30,000.00 with the hope that the Bethel congregation will be able to raise a total of $15,000.00 by August 31, 1958.

The Board appeals to friends in the church at home to go beyond the assigned quotas and to match dollar for dollar the funds given by the Bethel congregation for this cause, thus uniting their efforts with the enthusiastic support which has already come, and will continue to come, from Christians in Bethel whose Church has a challenge to meet on the Kuskokwim.

This cause is particularly commended to those who seek special projects to show their interest in missions.

**BAPTISMS**


Brady, Karen Lynn, daughter of John Thurman and Nellie m. n. Brown Brady, born August 1, 1956 at Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized February 24, 1957 at Home Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


Clark, Ralph Neal, Jr., son of Ralph Neal and Willie Mae m. n. Craver Clark, born October 5, 1956 in Winston-Salem, N. C., baptized November 25, 1956 at Fairview Church by the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler.


**DEATHS**

Pfohl, Mrs. Rose Haas, died February 12, 1957, member of Home Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. James C. Hughes and Dr. R. Gordon Spague. Interment in the Graveyard.


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The General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America honored the Moravian Church in a special session recognizing the Five Hundredth Anniversary at Williamsburg, Virginia, February 28. President Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, who presided over the two-day meetings of the General Board, introduced Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton, president of the Council of the Churches of Christ in America, to introduce the anniversary program. He reminded the congregation that Zinzendorf's Christian work, "authentic reformers and authentic evangelicals," and declared, "Moravian roots go into every Protestant communion in the world!"

The Lutheran leader traced the effect of the Moravian Church on Protestant theology, education and missions. He pointed up their emphasis on the stewardship of life and vocation, their ecumenical leadership, their discipline in "an ennobling piety," and their Christian family life. He reminded the delegates of the Moravian contribution to Church Music, saying that Zinzendorf wrote 2,000 hymns. "Moravian worship," he said, "has combined serenity and solemnity, all suffused with a glowing, Christian joy." "Finally," he commented, "These people, like no others, have caught the pristine fact of the Easter message. They stand at a grave where everything looks like defeat to proclaim a victory."

The General Board then stood to sing Zinzendorf's hymn "Jesus, still lead on."

Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders' Conference, Southern Province, presented a red-leather Five Hundredth Anniversary edition of "The Daily Textbook" to President Blake at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Other Moravian leaders introduced to the General Board by Dr. F. P. Stocker, Moravian representative to the Council's General Board and President of the Eastern District Board, were: (Northern Province) Dr. Claude Deischer, member of the Provincial Elders' Conference and the Rev. John S. Groenfeldt, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education and Evangelism; (Southern Province) Dr. Edwin A. Sawyer, Head of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, Salem College, and the Rev. James C. Hughes, pastor of the Home Church.

The Rev. Gordon Hejl represented the Evangelical Unity of Czech Moravian Brethren in Texas and gave a brief review of his group's history and present life.

NEW BRITISH PUBLICATION
COMBINES TWO PAPERS

With the January, 1957 issue, our British Moravian mission paper, Moravian Missions, combines with the official journal of the British Province, The Moravian Messenger.

With the merger an outstanding advocate of Moravian Mission work in England officially lays down his editorial pen. Dr. Samuel King Hutton has for twenty-eight years served as editor of Moravian Missions. Doctor Hutton is a medical doctor who served as a medical missionary in Labrador from 1902 to 1912. His own health forced him to return to England where he combined the practice of medicine with another career as missionary journalist. He is the author of several books on our Labrador mission work, including the well-known Shepherd in the Snow. He has served for many years as an associate member and editorial secretary of the British Moravian Mission Board.

The Rev. A. James Lewis, who has served as editor of The Moravian Messenger, will continue as the editor of the combined paper, also to be known as The Moravian Messenger. Br. Lewis has not been able to carry the full responsibility of making arrangements for the new paper, however, because he was forced to spend a considerable length of time in the hospital this past fall. Early in the fall, as we understand it, Br. Lewis submitted to surgery in order to give a piece of bone from his own body to his young son who had been left with a weakened spine by an attack of polio. The boy recovered nicely, but Br. Lewis himself had serious post-operative complications. When last we heard, he was making steady improvement at an orthopedic hospital and it was hoped he could resume his editorial duties for the February or March issue.

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Plan to Organize Moravian Church in State of Florida

"Tonight we are thinking of something new and big," said the Rev. Christian D. Weber in his report on his survey of Florida to the official boards of the churches assembled in the annual Stewardship Dinner at the Home Church on April 4.

"The opportunity for more churches is definitely there," said Br. Weber and he continued by asserting that this venture "holds great challenge for us and perhaps the greatest opportunity in the history of the Southern Province."

Br. Weber’s report on his recently completed three month’s survey of Florida was the concluding feature of the Stewardship Dinner attended by about four hundred members of the boards and pastors of the congregations. In addition to the Florida Survey Report, the budgets for all of the provincial boards and provincial benevolences were presented.

Among the budgets for 1957-1958 discussed was that of the Church Aid and Extension Board which is charged with the responsibility for the beginning of work in Florida. In presenting this budget, Br. C. L. Ray, a member of the Board, pointed out that this budget had been increased one-third to provide a fund of $10,000 for the expenses for one year in beginning the first congregation in Florida.

Three Questions
In telling of what he found during his visits throughout the state, Br. Weber said, "You have already gathered that I am enthusiastic in favor of beginning work in Florida." "On January first," he said, "I went to Florida to find answers to certain questions. (1) Is there a future in Florida for the Christian Church? (2) Should the Moravian Church consider Florida a field for Expansion? (3) Are there enough Moravians there to establish a church?"

"My answers are these. The future for the Christian Church is very bright—and astounding bright to us who live in N. Carolina—the population has increased one million in the past six years and shows great promise of growing even more rapidly in the future. In addition to that many of the outstanding industries of the nation are moving to Florida which of course means thousands of people moving there. Today in the large cities there are communities of anywhere from 500 to 2000 homes which have no church to serve them. The Protestant Church has not been able to keep up with the rapid growth of population.

"As for the second question—should the Moravian Church go into Florida? That is more difficult to answer. The opportunity is certainly there. I feel certain that we can establish strong churches in Florida. Because the Moravian Church can make a great contribution to the state, and because in years to come Florida is going to grow very rapidly, I would say, by all means, let us begin work there immediately."

The third question was are there enough Moravians there to warrant a church? In going to Florida we cannot depend on Moravians to start a church. They are few and far between. However, a strong Moravian fellowship has been organized in South Florida in and around Miami. They number around 40 and are very enthusiastic. I think in a way we have an obligation to them.

When it comes to starting churches in Florida, however, our main purpose must be to serve communities where churches are greatly needed. The number of Moravians might not warrant us going to Florida, but certainly the rapid growing population does.

Br. Weber pointed out that success for the Florida venture of the Southern Province depends upon what is done in the next twelve months. "To have a strong foothold" he asserted, "we must... within the next year be able to purchase land for three churches and begin at least one congregation."

Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders’ Conference, who presided over the dinner, stated that the Provincial Elders’ Conference concurs in the decision of the Church Aid and Extension Board, and that the province is committed to begin a work in Florida at a place yet to be determined in the fall of 1957.

In conclusion Br. Weber said: "Of course this is going to mean money—a large amount of money. It is going to mean men in the years to come. I know what many of us must be thinking—you are planning to build a new Christian Education building or a new parsonage—your church has a heavy debt. However, dare we give up such an opportunity that now faces us by lack of faith? It will mean sacrifice—but shouldn’t we be willing to sacrifice for a venture as this?"

As was emphasized in the presentation of the budgets the cost for the first year of the beginning of Moravian churches in Florida is provided for in the Church Aid and Extension budget which includes a $10,000 item for this cause.

Dr. Weinlick Speaks

On Radio Program

The Reverend John Weinlick, professor of historical theology at Moravian Seminary in Bethlehem, Pa., is occupying the NATIONAL RADIO PULPIT over NBC for May and June as a feature of the Quincentennial year. The music for these programs will be sung by Moravian College, Central Church—both in Bethlehem, Pa., Home Church, and Salem College—both in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; each performing for two or more Sundays.

NATIONAL RADIO PULPIT is the oldest network program in radio. It pre-dates the formation of the National Broadcasting Company by five years, having been launched on station WEAF (now WRCA) in New York in May of 1923. From the beginning the program has attempted to complement and increase interest in regular church services. Response through the years indicates that it has consistently reached many thousands of people who would not ordinarily attend their local churches. The messages of NATIONAL RADIO PULPIT are non-controversial, emphasizing those broad religious truths that are common to all groups.

The program has developed and expand-
**Provincial Announcements**

**Provincial Elders Conference**

The Provincial Elders' Conference announces the appointment of Br. Clyde Barber, Sr., as lay pastor of Bethesda congregation for one year beginning July 1. For the past year Rev. G. E. Brewer has served this congregation on an interim basis. His request for release from this service was granted by the Provincial Elders' Conference early in the year.

The Board of Provincial Elders has approved the report of Br. Christian Weber to begin the establishment of Moravian Churches in Florida in the fall of 1957. The financial board, together with the church aid and extension board, have likewise voted approval of this project. The place where the first church will be established has not been determined until a full report of Br. Weber is made to the above three boards. Provincial budgets for 1957-58 have included amounts for this new project.

Activities of the president of the conference include: sermons and addresses at Macedonia, Konnoak Hills, St. Philips, Enterprise, Trinity, Bethabara, Calvary, Home Church day of prayer, Washington fellowship, opening of new Christian education building at Raleigh; installation services at Enterprise, Hopewell and Trinity.

Visits were made to the following churches: Bethesda, Union Cross, Home Church, Christ Church, Calvary, Friedland, New Eden, and Messiah.

Board and committee meetings attended were: American Mission Board, Quincen­tennial Committee (three meetings), Pro­vincial Elders' Conference (six meetings), Directors Foreign Missionary Society, South (two meetings), Salem College Trus­tees Executive Committee, Trinity Joint Boards, Board of Christian Education, Church Aid and Extension Board (three meetings), two meetings General Synod delegates, Bethesda Church Board, Kerners­ville Joint Boards, Financial Board.

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 22, at Calvary 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 retiring members of the board will be rec­ognized for their years of faithful service.

The 1957-58 budget will be presented by Mrs. Sam Vance, vice chairman of the Pro­vincial Woman's Board.

At both sessions 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. Young women first entering the work of the church and women taking office for the first time will find the group meetings in­spiring as well as informative. The Work­shop is actually a gathering of our women to learn more about the work women can do within their church and to exchange ideas with other women. All women, whether they hold an office or not, are cor­dially invited, as a program of interest to all is being planned. A more detailed pro­gram will be sent to all presidents the first of May.

The United Church Women's newest pro­ject is "The Day Care Center for Children of Migrant Workers" at Elizabeth City, N. C. An explanation of this worthwhile under­taking will be given at the Workshop.

Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell, secretary and treasurer of the Pfohl Ministry and Christian Service Fund will report on the progress of the fund to date.

Rev. John S. Goserud is pastor of Calvary Moravian Church, the host church, and Mrs. Philip L. Thorpe, president of the Cal­vary Women of the Church.

**WASHINGTON GROUP MEETS**

The Moravian Fellowship will hold its monthly service on May 19 at 3:00 P. M., in the downstairs Fellowship Hall of the Luther Place Memorial Church, 1226 Ver­mont Avenue, N. W., near Thomas Circle. This will be the anniversary and lovefeast. The service will be in charge of Dr. F. P. Stocker, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The Washington, D. C. Committee extends a cordial invitation to Moravians and their friends. Correspondence should be ad­dressed to Mr. Paul F. Geinderfer, 1383 Som­erset Place, N. W., Washington, D. C. He is chairman of the Washington, D. C. Moravian Fellowship.
New Truck Goes to Bonanza

BOUND FOR BONANZA: This new pick-up truck will shorten trips and lighten burdens for missionary Nowack, right. It was purchased through Owen C. Anderson of Waconia, Minnesota, at the right. The Rev. Arnim H. Francke, pastor of Waconia, is shown in the center.

Kenneth W. Nowack

Slightly over three years ago permission was received to secure a vehicle to aid the work being carried on in Bonanza, Nicaragua. Nearly two years elapsed before the fund grew sufficiently to include not only cost price, but the license and insurance temporarily needed in the States, fees, duties, water and air transportation and the garage needed to protect it from the torrential rains in the Bonanza valley.

Now dream has become reality! The light blue 1957 Ford Pickup Truck was purchased thru Mr. Owen C. Anderson, member of the Waconia, Minnesota, congregation of which the Rev. Arnim H. Francke is pastor.

For the moment the truck is being "broken in" in Watertown, Wisconsin, to receive the 1000-mile check before being driven to New Orleans for shipment. A Truck Name Contest among our Sunday schools of the adjacent mid-Wisconsin congregations is designed to stimulate further interest among the young people. After its ship­deck ride on the regular freighter to Puerto Cabezas, the pickup will be dismantled to allow it to be flown the final segment of the trip into Bonanza, and reassembled.

Cargo doors on the DC-3 plane are too low to admit the cab intact.

Of the nearly one hundred miles of roads included in the Neprune Gold Mining Company concession surrounding the actual town of Bonanza, we will normally use the truck on about half that mileage for services in outlying villages, visiting and for speeding and shortening the trips to outstations each quarter. Now visitors to Bonanza will share the convenience of the truck in eliminating an otherwise most trying and often time-consuming trip to the airfield. Br. and Sr. Richard Amos will be among the first passengers! Last and far from least will be the help to us personally in "fetching" groceries, supplies for building and repair, hospital and official visits to Company and local authorities—all at the far end of a hilly mile's walk. Experience shows there will be an occasional emergency trip to the hospital. As the best example, the trip to our Constancia Chapel, which to arrange and execute consumed a minimum of five hours, now will be quite, possible in three! Several times plans went completely awry and the promised ride never did materialize—the service was canceled or continue without the parson.

The last calculation indicated that gas costs about sixty-five cents per gallon, so it is obvious that "pleasure jaunts" will be kept to a drastic minimum. Company officials have extended their good will in regard to facilities for maintenance and if need be, repair. A promised telephone in the mission house will do much to eliminate unnecessary trips.

We eagerly and gratefully look forward to using this modern tool to increase both our efficiency and potential as your representative's in the Lord's service. Please accept our thanks again for the many gifts large and small that have come from North and South, from organizations and congregations and individuals of our Moravian Church and from folks without as well.
MORAVIANS OF MIAMI ORGANIZE FELLOWSHIP

The Moravian Fellowship of South Florida was organized in Hollywood on Sunday, February 24. The meeting was held at 4 o'clock in the Temple Methodist Church of Hollywood, and was attended by 31 adults and 6 children from Miami, Hollywood, Ft. Lauderdale, and Pompano Beach.

After a brief worship service conducted by the Rev. Christian D. Weber, director of the Florida survey for the Southern Province, and a report of the progress that has been made in Florida, it was decided to organize the South Florida Moravian Fellowship, which will meet monthly.

The officers elected to serve as our executive committee for the Fellowship were Mr. Wilbur Stith, chairman; Mr. Jack Maddrey, vice-chairman; Mrs. Virgil Bode­neheimer, secretary; and Mr. Harry Garrett, treasurer.

Any Moravians or friends in the South Florida area are asked to contact Mr. Stith, Apt. 20, 336 N. E. 28th St., Miami. His business telephone number is Plaza 9-2496.

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Missionary Marx Visits Churches of Province

Paul A. Snider

The Rev. Werner Marx, superintendent of the Moravian Missions in Honduras, Central America, brought to our province a vigorous witness for Christ and Foreign Missions as he spoke in the various churches March 10 to April 7. The churches contacted by Br. Marx were Union Cross, Bethania, Trinity, Konnoak Hills, Advent, Kernersville, Ardmore, Friedland, and New Eden. He also spoke to the students at Duke Divinity School at Durham and to the local Moravian Minister’s Conference.

Br. Marx conducted a week of services which combined the missionary and the evangelistic emphases at Advent, March 17-24. Not only were people saved and members added to the church as a result of the meetings but there has been a quickened interest in all phases of missionary activity. Three mission prayer groups have been organized. Sixty persons have volunteered to increase their contributions to Foreign Missions by $1.00 a week. Several young men and young women have indicated that they have received a call to serve in the name of Jesus on the mission fields of the church.

The concluding service at Advent brought together large delegations from neighboring congregations for a Missions Lovefeast. A combined choir with musicians from Konnoak Hills, Friedberg, Hope, Hopewell, Enterprise, New Eden and Advent sang for the service. The Advent Band, directed by Vestal Whitt, began the lovefeast with a prelude of Moravian Chorales.

Marx’s message was both challenging and inspiring. “To God be the glory, great things he hath done!”

**YOUNG ADULTS ELECT OFFICERS AT COUNCIL**

Officers for the Young Adult Fellowship were elected at the annual council meeting held on Sunday afternoon, April 28 at Konnoak Hills Church. James Fulp, retiring president, presided over the meeting.

Elected to serve for the coming year were Miles Carter, president; Albert Tucker, first vice president; James Southern, second vice president; Mrs. May Jackson, recording secretary; Mrs. Katherine Rierson, corresponding secretary; Kelly Chadwick, treasurer; and the Rev. George Chiddie, pastoral counselor.

Announcement was made during the meeting of the Young Adult Summer Conference at Camp Hanes May 31 and June 1 and 2 and also of the Spring Rally at Ardmore Church on May 18. Ralph Bell presented the plans for the conference and Arthur Helsabeck for the rally.

A report on the effort to raise $1300 for a road into the Conference Ground in Ashe County was given by committee chairman, Richard Rierson. Robert Van Horne gave a brief summary of plans for the period of Hourly Intersession for July 30 to August 18 in the Southern Province.

**DEATHS**


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Ordinations

On Sunday morning March 31 the Rev. Kenneth W. Nowack was ordained a Presbyter of the Moravian Church by the Rt. Rev. I. Richard McWaldt. The service was conducted at the Watertown Moravian Church. The Nowacks planned to return to their post at Bonanza, Nicaragua, by the end of April.

On Sunday evening March 31 the Rev. Loren W. Adam was ordained a Presbyter of the Moravian Church by the Rt. Rev. Kenneth G. Hamilton. The service was held in the Old Chapel of the Bethlehem Moravian Congregation, the Rev. Walser H. Allen participating in it. Brother and Sister Adam are to spend some months in language study at San Jose, Costa Rica, before resuming their duties at La Luz, Nicaragua.

Visitation in Central America

In a letter dated March 16 the Rev. Edwin W. Kortz, the Executive Director of the Board, and Mrs. Kortz reported briefly on their activities in Nicaragua. They represented the Board in the recent dedication of the fine new Baptist Church in Managua; in Bluefields they participated in the graduation exercises of the Colegio Moravo and in the March 3 anniversary services, Br. Kortz being the main speaker on this occasion. They proceeded to Bilwaskarma where they attended the graduation exercises both of the Nurses Training School and of the Instituto Biblico. Together they visited the Moravian mission stations on the Wangks River below Bilwaskarma. Br. Kortz then planned to proceed far up this river while Mrs. Kortz took part in the annual Young People’s Conference at Pearl Lagoon. They then were to spend a week in the Puerto Cabezas District and return to Bluefields for Holy Week and Easter.

The Laymen Active

Br. Storz writes:

“A very encouraging feature of the work in Nicaragua is the number of consecrated lay men and women in the various places. It has been impossible up to the present time to supply trained workers for all the places under the care of the Mission. In order to supply those places we have had to call on these consecrated Lay Men and Women. At present there are thirty-two of our places under the care of such workers. There are times when the doors are opened for us to enter a place and when a worker is needed at once. We are happy to state that there were always lay men who were willing to answer the call extended to them to go to these places.”

A Bequest for Missions

The Board acknowledges with heartfelt gratitude a bequest in the amount of $1,000.00 received by it under the terms of the will of the late Brother Theodore G. Buchholz of the Fargo Moravian Congregation. This bequest will establish a memorial fund honoring Br. Buchholz’s parents, the late Karl Wilhelm and Dorothea Maria Buchholz, its interest being used for missions annually where most needed.

Death of the Rev. C. J. Francis

A cablegram recently from Antigua brought word that the Rev. C. J. Francis had entered into rest on March 26. Br. Francis had served faithfully and with blessing as a Moravian minister for forty-four years and was living in retirement on Antigua. To the Eastern West Indies Province and to the surviving relatives we express Christian sympathy.

Testaments Asked For

Peter Andrews, one of the young men who has attended our Training School at Bethel and is now serving as a teacher for the government at Manokutak, wrote Miss Siehke on March 25. He reported having made a trip to Koliganek up the Nushagak in company with William Beaver and Andrewski Gloko. He writes: “The people there were very eager to hear the Word of God. We had a wonderful time preaching to them and encouraging them to try to learn to read. I think they are very sincere in wanting to learn the Word because in the two services we had with them the whole village came to both services. Fifteen asked me to send them Bibles. So if you have any on hand please mail some to them and I will pay for them when I go to town. Please remember them in your prayers.”

“The Crab”

The following was written by a young Eskimo reporter for the monthly paper mimeographed at the Children’s Home.

“The stuff at the Girls Dorm received a crab for a Christmas present. All the children wanted to see it. The little boys climbed on a stool to look into the boiler where it was cooking. It looked like a starfish. When it was cooked it smelled like a fish.”
MOUNT BETHEL

We seldom rejoice in failures, yet, in this case we do rejoice that we failed to have enough glasses for those partaking of the opening communion of the year. We rejoice not because of the lack of glasses but because of so many partaking of the Lord's Supper.

How we saw on Youth Sunday that the future of a church lies in its young people. On that Sunday the Young People took charge of the worship service with Jeffrey McHone presiding. The Young People demonstrated their ability and willingness as future leaders of the church.

It was gratifying that so many had the opportunity to join in the memorable service at the Coliseum on March 3. This will be long remembered in hopes that it inspires us to greater things for Christ.

All of us like to eat, and on March 9 the Ladies Auxiliary observed their Family Night with all joining together with a wonderful supper at the church.

The Young People enjoyed the rally on March 28 at Home Church and feel that it is one of the best rallies we have ever experienced. It brought them to a re-examination of what their lives mean to Christ for His Kingdom.

GLENN E. CRAVER

MAYODAN

We estimated well over 100 of our members attended the 500th anniversary observance in the Coliseum March 3, as a large caravan went to Winston-Salem. Over 20 of our adult choir and men’s chorus sang in the mass choir at that service. At our morning worship we had our band render several chorals and the choir and men’s chorus sang. A special message also was delivered.

We had a splendid series of revival services from March 7-17 with the Rev. Norwood Green delivering challenging messages. Special music from our and other churches were a part of our program. There were four professions of faith and a number of dedications.

The Married Couple’s Fellowship had a potluck supper Saturday, March 28, after which the Rev. W. A. Kaltreider brought an interesting talk. A large number of married couples were present.

An interesting play, "From Small Beginnings," was given by our Foreign Missionary Society under the direction of Mrs. Harvey Price Sunday evening, February 24.

JOHN H. KAPP

ENTERPRISE

The pastor was installed on March 3 by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. At the installation service, an after set, presented to the church by Dr. E. H. Reich, was dedicated for use in the church with a prayer of dedication by Dr. Spaugh. The following day, a group of the men of the church met at the parsonage and spent the evening in making some improvements and repairs there. Some needed repairs have also been made on the church furnace. Mrs. C. H. Reich was received into the membership of the congregation on March 24.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

KING

Our King Sunday School is in need of more class room facilities and we are in the process of raising funds to complete one or two rooms on the second floor of our new educational building.

Our 31st anniversary lovefeast was somewhat saddened because of the funeral of the late Br. Edgar Holton being held at the same time on Sunday, February 10. Br. Holton was the minister instrumental in getting the congregation here established and our people have ever since held him in very high esteem.

In the anniversary celebration, Br. Weingarth of Knochak Hills brought an inspiring message and the music was highlighted by the appearance of the King High School Band, both in playing for us before the service and in furnishing the special numbers and accompanying some of the singing in the service. This was a fine occasion.

Roll Call of our congregation could have been carried out at the Coliseum on March 3 with a ready response for it seemed that the whole membership attended the Quincentennial service. Eight members of King School Band assisted in the band.

Cub Scout Pack No. 102, sponsored by King Church, has applied for its charter for a second year. This group has brought blessing to our church and we trust it has been of value in the lives of the boys and to the King community.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

BETHANIA

All non-resident members, former members, former residents, and friends of Bethania are invited to attend the Homecoming celebration planned for Sunday June 9, the day of the June Feast. Guest speakers for the day will be Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl bringing the Communion meditation at the morning service, and Bishop Edmund Schwarze, bringing the address at the afternoon lovefeast. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds following the morning service. The events of the day will mark the 198th anniversary of the selection of the site for the town of Bethania by Bishop Spangenberg.

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MORAVIA

At the time this report is being written Moravia is engaged in an eight-day evangelistic endeavor, with Br. C. M. Hedrick bringing the messages. Fruitful results are already in evidence, as almost 100% of the attending membership have rededicated their lives to Christ and His service. We are sincerely grateful to our visiting evangelist, Br. Hedrick. A music committee, specially appointed for this series of services, consisting of Herbert Isley, Howard Kirkman and Ted West, have secured musical groups from neighboring churches to help us in the worship.

To encourage better attendance our Sunday school has instituted a recognition day every Sunday honoring the class with the greatest percentage in attendance. Winners thus far are the Senior Class and the Adult Class.

We wish to thank our Young Adults who have accepted the project of selling candy, the profits from which will go to pay our quota of the quincentennial expenses.

"Sunday School Night" has received very enthusiastic support each month at Moravia. The Young Adult Men's Class conducted the service on Sunday, February 24, inviting the young Bible college student, Frank Crisco, to speak. Br. Crisco stirred the hearts of all present with his timely Biblical message. Special music was provided by invited guests and also by the class itself, with the result that the men's class has now organized the Moravia Men's Chorus. The Senior Class, for their contribution to the evening worship services, presented the Pacific Garden Mission documentary motion picture of Chicago's Skid Row, "Out of the Night," on Sunday, Mar. 24. Herbert Isley, teacher, sang for the service. The next "Sunday School Night" will be under the sponsorship of the Beginner Class on Palm Sunday, as they, under the direction of Mrs. Howard Ledbetter, presented the account of the first Easter morning in a pageant and recitations.

Another special service brought Br. Clyde Barber to our pulpit on Sunday, March 17. Br. Barber is one of Moravia's favorite visitors.

R. T. TROUTMAN

FRIEDBERG

With the election of a local Christian Education Board we hope to make a thorough study of the Sunday School age groups and find the best solution in combining and dividing classes. We feel that the total program of the Sunday School will be greatly helped by this move. Elected to this board were: Herman Foltz, Travis Hanes, Miss Mary Crouse, and Mrs. Arnold Miller. The superintendent, the secretary, and the pastor will serve as ex-officio members.

We were wonderfully pleased with the work our choir did in the performance of Stainer's "Crucifixion" to open our Easter observance. With the help of several guest singers and a string quartette from the Winston-Salem symphony we were able to present a truly moving setting of the passion story. Our choir was happy for the opportunity to be of service by singing for the opening of the Raleigh church. We appreciate also the good work being done by our junior choirs in our morning services at various times.

Through the efforts of Br. J. E. Swaim we were able to secure a nice sign for the front lawn which is a replica of the outdoor billboards for the 500th Anniversary Year.

Our congratulations to the fine group of young people who are preparing for church membership and will be received into the church on Palm Sunday. We look forward to another thrilling experience of the blessings of renewal and power that come from the Easter message.

WILLIAM T. MARSHALL

BETHESDA

The Women of the Church met with Mrs. E. M. Knouse for their February meeting with a good number present. After the regular meeting an auction sale began with Mrs. Roy Fansler as the auctioneer. A nice sum was raised for their work.

The March meeting was held at Mrs. Julius Miller's home. Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell came out and explained what the Bishop Pfohl Fund was used for and our women are busy on this work at present.

In February at our social supper the pastor and his wife were surprised with a large birthday cake. The supper was enjoyed by a large group of members and friends. After the supper we gathered in the church for a song session led by Br. Paul Sappenfield.

In the two months we have had two guest speakers. Br. J. G. Bruner held one Sunday morning service and one Wednesday night prayer service while the pastor was on the sick list. Br. H. E. May, a layman from New Eden Moravian, brought us a fine message on Love. He is a home boy and the people came out real well to hear him.

The Boy Scouts are getting ready to start their hut. The lot has been cleaned off and the foundation laid. Plans are to start the walls in the next week or two.

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Is Gov. McKeldin

"We use the distractions and perplexities of the age as an excuse for intellectual and spiritual indolence," said Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland in addressing the 150th anniversary celebration of the founding of Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, held in conjunction with the annual Comenius Day of observance on April 5 in College Hall.

"To that sort of thinking the life of Comenius offers a stern reprimand. If we as a nation are falling short of greatness, let us not flatter ourselves that the times will excuse us. Let us face the truth that it is not opportunity, but energy that is lacking," the Governor continued. "The good life can be lived in 1957 as certainly as it could in 1642, when Comenius in the midst of a world filled with horror and devastation surpassing anything we have known... turned his thoughts to the rising generation and labored to create for it a world that should be closer to the heart's desire."

Governor McKeldin's conclusion was a challenge: "Now is the time when the things of the mind and the spirit, far from being neglected, should take precedence over all else. Now is the time when there is least excuse for the flight from intelligence, for the repudiation of the soul. The very chaos that has overwhelmed the physical world is a command to the world of the spirit to bring order out of chaos."

More than 500 alumni, students, faculty members, and members of the Bethlehem community heard Governor McKeldin's anniversary address and applauded the Reverend Byron K. Horne as the recipient of the annual alumni Comenius Day Award. The Reverend Horne, president Linden Hall School for Girls and Junior College, Lititz, Pennsylvania, served as pastor of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, immediately prior to his present position. A graduate of Moravian College, 1922, and Moravian Theological Seminary, 1927, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by his alma mater in 1947 and has served the Moravian Church on the Eastern District Executive Board as well as being a member of the Board of Trustees of Moravian College and Theological Seminary.

The 150th anniversary celebration also featured a many-tiered birthday cake cut by the presidents of the men's and women's senior classes, Anthony Falco and Miss Joan Schnable, both of Bethlehem.

**Baptisms**

Pruett, Barbara Gail, daughter of Gary and Marianne m. n. Jones Pruett, was born December 2, 1956, in Salisbury, N. C. and baptized March 24, 1957 in Grace Church by the Rev. Robert Allen Jobst. 

Draughon, Debra Forrest, daughter of Gilbert and Lillie m. n. Worrell Draughon, was born December 15, 1956, in Mount Airy, N. C. and baptized March 24, 1957, in Grace Church by the Rev. Robert Allen Jobst.

Murray, Nancy Melia, daughter of Jack and Fannie m. n. Young Murray, born December 9, 1956 at Greensboro, N. C., baptized February 24, 1957 at Mayodan Moravian Church by the Rev. John H. Kapp.


King, John Staples III, son of John S. Jr. and Agnes m. n. Tate King, born December 30, 1956, baptized at First Moravian Church, Greensboro, March 31, 1957, by the Rev. Kenneth W. Robinson.


Green, Garry Marion, son of Arthur L., Jr. and Laura E. m. n. Waynick Green; born November 29, 1956; baptized February 17, 1957 at Ardmore Church by the Rev. Richard F. Amos.

Alspaugh, Edwin Terrence, son of Thomas M. and Mary m. n. Aldridge, Alspaugh; born October 14, 1956; baptized March 3, 1957 at Ardmore Church by the Rev. Richard F. Amos.

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Not two hundred yards from Westminster Abbey, the shrine of British history where Ann of Bohemia lies in her tomb next to Richard II, and where Zinzendorf often walked from his house in the Dean's close, British Moravians gathered to remember their forefathers of five centuries ago.

It was March 1, and the Methodist "Cathedral" at Westminster was filled with our brethren and sisters sharing in an historic lovefeast and greeted by eminent representatives of the other Christian traditions. Doctor Don, the Anglican Dean of Westminster, addressed us as "Brethren in Christ" and spoke of the long association of the Moravians with the Church of England. The Moderator of the Free Church Council, the Rev. K. L. Parry, spoke admiringly of the Moravian pioneers in the Free Church history, of Moravian hynmody and of the ecumenical and irenic spirit which had shed a golden light over the sombre struggle of narrow bigotry in the annals of Christendom. And the President of the Methodist Church, the Rev. H. Crawford Walters, with a fervent sincerity acknowledged the unpayable and fathomless debt which his Church owed to the Unitas Fratrum. He called upon the youth who looked down the high gallery to seek the faith of their fathers and that same dedication which had taken them to the ends of the earth in the service of the Lamb of God.

The Rev. F. E. Britill, Chairman of the British P.E.C., in simple words and quietness of spirit, told the epic story of the Moravians. And the fruits of the Moravian missions were brought in the persons of the Rev. Eliyah Tsetan-Puntsok from Western Tibet and the Rev. Teofil Kisanji from Unyamwezi. Teofil witnessed with great joy to the ancient message: when the heart is given to the Lamb, all things become new and we become the "Saviour's happy people.

From all over the world the greetings came to cheer us: from Europe, from America, from Africa, and from our Queen Elizabeth II. But chief of all the Spirit of the Lord spoke again to us, and the future was filled with the eternal glories as we sang "Hallelujah.

The 500th Anniversary of the Moravian Church will be familiar to all Moravians through the activities in their local churches, but the general public will need to be informed through different media outside of the local churches. As one way of doing this billboard displays featuring the Quincentennial will be placed in various centers throughout the United States where Moravian Churches are located. This commercially-expensive project is possible because of the fine gift of Richard Rusk of the Lehigh Advertising Company in Allen-town, Pa. His company was not only provided free space on twenty billboards in the Lehigh Valley area but has also provided the art work for the development of the large posters. This has meant that churches in both provinces have been able to secure reproductions of this poster at the bare cost of printing. Altogether a total of over 100 posters will be displayed in various areas of the Church.

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE
DATE, PLANS ARE SET

The Young Adult Conference is planned for the week end of May 31 and June 1 and 2 at Camp Hanes. The Rev. George Chiddie, as dean, will be in charge of the over all program of the conference.

This year for the first time a special speaker from outside the province is being brought in for the conference. As main speaker and counsellor, the Rev. Gordon Stoltz is coming from Bethlehem, Pa. Br. Stoltz is pastor of the College Hill Moravian Church located near to the campus of Moravian College.

The theme of the conference is "Forward with Christ."

The Rev. Frederick P. Hege will be the vespers speaker and the Rev. John S. Gove­ raud will be in charge of camp fire.

The Young Adult Conference committee of which Br. Ralph Bell is chairman is planning looking toward a vital Christian experience for all who attend. The program will also provide activities for children who may accompany their parents.

SUMMER CHOIR SCHOOL
MEETS AT SALEM COLLEGE

The Salem College Summer Choir School will be held for the eighth year from June 10 to June 15 with Paul Peterson as director.

Classes will be offered in Organ, Voice, Conducting, Musicanship, Repertoire, and Children's Choirs. Lodging and meals will be provided at Salem College. A total registration fee of $57.00 is charged which includes tuition, $25.00; music, $10.00; and board and room, $22.50.

This year's faculty will be composed of Paul Peterson, head of the Voice Department, Salem College; author, "Natural Singing and Expressive Conducting;" Henry Pfohl, director Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Clemens Sandresky, dean, School of Music, Salem College; and Mrs. Haskell Boyer, nationally known director of children's choirs, workshops and festivals; and Margaret Sandresky, head of the Organ Department, Salem College.
Fire Safety Record

Set by Old Salem

Bucket brigades and fire engines that were moved by manpower instead of horsepower are not recommended for fighting fires today.

Nevertheless, it was just such ancient equipment that helped to establish a record of fire protection that probably has never been equalled in North Carolina or anywhere in the United States, for that matter.

Records show that Salem, established in 1766, lost only one dwelling by fire in the first century of its existence! And that one blot on Salem's record occurred during the Civil War when many of the community's men were fighting for the South on distant battlefields.

Prior to 1784, Salem relied solely on its bucket brigades to battle fires, but when Salem Tavern burned the night of January 31, 1784, Moravian church boards that governed the congregation town voted to buy equipment from Germany to build two fire engines.

Metal equipment for the engines arrived from Germany May 10, 1785, and the necessary woodwork was done by a Salem craftsman.

The smaller of the two engines was manned by two men and could be carried into buildings. The larger engine, mounted on low wheels, required a crew of four men, who pumped water with a wooden device resembling a teeter-totter.

For 77 years, Salem's "fire department" consisted of the majority of the residents of the village—including able-bodied men and women and older boys and girls, all of whom were assigned specific duties to perform when fire broke out.

The first regular fire-fighting group, the Vigilant Fire Company, was organized in Salem in 1845, but was disbanded during the Civil War. After the war, the company was reorganized and later chartered as the Rough and Ready Fire Company.

Early Salem's fine record in fighting fires will be commemorated May 11 at the dedication of the Fire House Museum by Old Salem, Inc., at ceremonies beginning at 11 a.m.

Principal features of the program will be a talk on fighting fires in Salem by Dr. Mary Wiley, the principal address by writer-traveler Carl Goerch, and a demonstration of 18th Century fire-fighting equipment by Winston-Salem firemen in colonial dress.

Following the dedication, the Fire House Museum will be open as the fourth exhibition building in Old Salem and will display Salem's first two fire engines—the first ever used in the state.

Baptisms

Ebert, Cynthia Christine, daughter of F. Aldine and Rebecca m. n. Gardner Ebert, born April 6, 1956 in Winston-Salem, N.C., baptized April 14, 1957 at Ardmore Church by the Rev. Richard F. Amos.

Miller, Donna Denise, daughter of Roscoe C. and Donna m. n. Cates Miller, Jr., born January 4, 1955 in Winston-Salem, N.C., baptized April 14, 1957 at Ardmore Church by the Rev. Richard F. Amos.

Walker, Charles Richard, son of James H. and Betty m. n. Martin Walker, born September 7, 1953 in Dallas, Texas, baptized April 14, 1957 at Ardmore Church by the Rev. Richard F. Amos.

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Interprovincial Laymens' Conference Meets June 7-9

D. E. Angel

For the past three years Moravians have been preparing for this Quincentennial celebration—500 years of dedication to the service of our Lord and Saviour.

During this three-year period we have had successively a Year of Evangelism; a Year of Stewardship; and a Year of Missions. We surely should have our hearts and minds ready to receive a particular blessing in this Festive Year.

The history of our Church tells repeatedly of the devotion of Christian men and women who have given unstintingly of their time, talents and resources. If the years to come are to look back on such a rich contribution as our part, then we must examine ourselves as Moravian laymen of 1957 and see if we are willing to give of ourselves to the service of our Lord and Master as did those laymen of the past 500 years.

If we as individuals wish to improve our opportunities for advancement in our business relations we study our jobs and try to prepare ourselves for the time when such advancement presents itself. However, we seem to believe that preparation for Christian service does not require that we extend our efforts to the point where we are ready to spend time and energy in order better to execute our responsibilities to Jesus Christ. Just what are our responsibilities to Christ, as Moravian laymen? After the three years of preparation just past there should be no doubt in our hearts that we are to be telling people of the love and saving grace of Jesus; we are to be good stewards of our time, talents and possessions; and above all that we are to ponder our minds ready to receive a particular blessing.

Going back again to the realm of business—whether we be salesmen, clerk, laborer or management—we are constantly telling others of the advantages of working for our particular employer. Or, if we are members of a fraternal, or civic organization we are eager to extoll the virtues of our particular lodge or club to newcomers to our community. If we win them over we are happy—if we fail we wonder where we were lacking in selling our group or association to them.

Are we, as Moravian laymen, as diligent to approach that newcomer and sell him or her on the advantages of being affiliated with the greatest of all fraternal organizations, brotherhood with Christ?

Why do we hesitate to tell other people of the love so great that it gave itself up to death that we might live eternally? How do we know that by so doing we might not have saved a soul from destruction? We cannot excuse ourselves before the throne of grace if we fail to tell others of the promise of God through Christ Jesus.

This is serious thinking, and requires serious rededication on our individual parts. On March 3, 1957, here in Winston-Salem, some 8,000 people gathered to attend the official opening of our Moravian Five Hundredth Anniversary. Obviously of that number the vast majority were laymen. What if each one of those attending were able to bring one soul to Christ in 1957? Wouldn't that truly represent a Year of Rededication?

To afford laymen an opportunity to be of greater service to Christ there will be held the Second Interprovincial Layman's Conference of the Moravian Church in America in Winston-Salem, June 7, 8, 9. The program as determined is as follows:

Friday, June 7
2:00 to 6:00 P.M.—Registration and Room Assignments Main Hall, Salem College
6:30 P.M.—Dinner—WILSON EDWARDS, Conference Chairman, presiding. Address—DR. DALE H. GRAMLEY, President of Salem College
8:45 P.M.—Social Hour, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 8
8:00 A.M.—Breakfast
Deviations led by Bishop J. K. Pfohl
9:15 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Workshop Sessions
Elders
Trustees
Evangelism and Visitation
Women’s Work
Men’s Organizations
Church School and Youth Work
Church Music
Missions
12:30 P.M.—Lunch
2:00-5:00 P.M.
Sight seeing tours of points of interest in Winston-Salem and vicinity.
6:00 P.M.—Dinner
7:00 P.M.—Band Concert—Salem Square
8:00 P.M.—Assembly, Home Church
THEODORE F. HARTMANN
Conference Vice-Chairman, presiding (This meeting open to public)
Address—Dr. Edward D. Grant, Chief director for State of Louisiana, Dept. of Institutions.

Sunday, June 9
8:00 A.M.—Breakfast—Deviations led by Bishop Edmund Schwarz
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School and Church of Christ. Transportation available.
11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion, HOME CHURCH—REV. JAMES C. HUGHES, Pastor
12:30 P.M.—Lunch

CONFERENCE IN 1954

WAS MEMORABLE EVENT

Mrs. E. F. Hanes

In June, 1954 my husband and I had the opportunity of attending the Moravian Layman's Convention which was held in Bethlehem, Pa. This meeting lasted for three days. We lived on the Moravian College Campus and the meetings were held there in College Hall. This occasion gave us a good chance to visit our Men's College and also theological Seminary where our young men are prepared for the Ministry. This was a rare treat for us as we had never been there before.

The hospitality of our Northern Brethren was all that could be desired, and the wonderful fellowship we enjoyed with Moravians from other churches all over the United States was really inspiring.

We had the opportunity of hearing some very interesting speeches made by Dr. Clovis Chappell, also the teacher of the Men's Bible Class of Lititz, Pa., and others. The workshops were also very interesting and beneficial. We learned a lot how things are done in other Moravian Churches and were given a chance in these groups of exchanging ideas.

Among other things we enjoyed was the conducted tour of some of the older buildings and the Grave Yard. Our guide was a most attractive lady, dressed in the costume of the early Moravians, and a member of the Central Church. We also took a trip to Nazareth, Pa. and visited the Church there.

Sunday morning of the last day of the Conference we were invited to worship at the Central Moravian Church where we heard an inspiring sermon by the pastor, The Rev. Walser H. Allen. After this service we returned to the College Campus where we were served dinner. We then disbanded, hoping that we might have a chance to repeat this occasion again in the not too far future, as we felt that coming together in this manner bound us closer together as one Church, working in the cause of His Kingdom.
Young People to Gather
For First Convention

As part of their activities of this quincentennial year, young people from Moravian Churches throughout the United States and Canada will gather on the campus of Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, for a Moravian Youth Convocation—the first of its kind.

Preparations for the conference from August 19 to 23 have been going on for months and a special convocation committee composed of Moravian young people from Canada, Wisconsin, North Carolina, New York, and Pennsylvania has been working on plans for this mammoth conference. Details are numberless, but interesting features have already been released.

The conference theme, "To Serve the Present Age," will highlight a program consisting of fellowship, inspiration, and instruction. Dr. James J. Heller of the Moravian Theological Seminary Faculty will teach a course on "Essentials of Our Faith." Discussion groups with the thought-provoking titles, "Expressing our Faith in Doctrine," "... In Relationships," "... In Vocations," and "Sharing Our Faith with Others," will be led by outstanding members of the Moravian clergy and laity.

Workshop sessions also have been planned to help young people participate more effectively in church related fields of art, music, group singing, drama, and recreation. Tips on how to produce good programs in youth fellowship meetings also will be discussed.

Since General Synod of the World-Wide Unity will be in session during this week, the young people will be afforded the privilege of observing meetings of this official Moravian gathering. Members of the Synod from various provinces will participate in a panel discussion as a part of the Youth Convocation program.

The young people will also find time for recreation and songfests, a huge campfire on Moravian College's athletic field on Tuesday evening, a drama especially written for the young people, to be presented in Central Moravian Church, and a tour of the Bethlehem Steel plant.

Churches throughout the Southern Province have received publicity and registration blanks for the American Moravian Youth Convocation of 1957. The nominal cost of the five days of fellowship and inspiration will be $25.00.

The Rev. Kenneth Robinson, pastoral counselor to the Young People's Union of the Southern Province, says, "We would like to have a large number of young people from the south attending. Car pools and buses will be employed, throughout the Moravian Church, to bring the young people to the convocation. Any assurance that they may receive to enable them to be present in Bethlehem on August 19 will bear fruit throughout our Moravian Church for years to come."

Moravian Youth Move "Forward For Christ" in Anniversary Year

Helen Dickey
Dir. of Youth Work, Northern Province

"Forward For Christ"—this is the spirit in which the youth of our church have approached the Quincentennial Year.

True to the nature of youth they are more concerned with the present and the future than with the past. It is therefore not surprising that they should include in their plans for celebration a new venture, the first Convocation of American Moravian Youth. From north, south, east and west young Moravians of both the Southern and Northern Provinces in America will gather in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on the campus of Moravian College from August 19 to 23, 1957 to consider ways "To Serve The Present Age" as Christian young people and members of the Moravian Church. The spiritual potential of such a gathering can be tremendous if adults join youth in prayer to that end. (Elsewhere in this issue more Convocation detail is given.)

QUINCENTENNIAL EMPHASES

But the Convocation is only one way in which youth is sharing in the Quincentennial emphases. Thinking back over the years of preparation preceding 1957, we recall that in 1953 the emphasis was on The Church and Its Youth. It was then that the groundwork was laid for the Moravian Youth Fellowship program for our denomination. In developing that program the role of youth in the life of the church and in its total program began to be more evident. Young people are not only the future of the church but as teenagers they are an important part of the church family.

With the initiating of a denominational youth program a full-time Director of Youth Work for the Northern Province was appointed. This made possible the preparation and publication of MORAVIAN YOUTH, weekly program materials for use in the local church. These programs have emphasized the teachings of our Moravian Church, its heritage and its work at home and abroad and have raised up Christian standards for youth in daily life and practice.

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Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference

The Provincial Elders' Conference announces that Br. David Burkette has accepted a call to become the pastor of Clemmons Moravian Church. He succeeds Br. Conway Pruett who has served Clemmons as pastor since September, 1954, and who is serving as Provincial supply while pursuing graduate study at Wake Forest College.

Br. Burkette will conclude his studies at Moravian Theological Seminary early in June and will be ordained immediately. He will assume his duties as pastor of Clemmons during the month of June.

The Brn. George G. Higgins and W. Herbert Spaugh sailed on May 8 for Europe where they will officially represent the Southern Province at the Quincentennial observances of the Moravian Church throughout Europe. They will be joined by the Brn. Raymond S. Haupert and Victor L. Thomas who will represent the Northern Province. Br. Herbert Spaugh and Br. Victor Thomas will be accompanied by their wives. Br. Higgins and Br. Haupert will be joined by their wives early in June.

Br. Edwin A. Sawyer, head of the Department of Religion at Salem College for the past six years, has accepted a call to become the pastor of Nazareth Moravian Church. He succeeds Br. Conway Pruett who has served Nazareth as pastor since September, 1954, and who is serving as Provincial supply while pursuing graduate study at Wake Forest College.

An album of Quincentennial highlights will be published late this year by the Publications Office. The album will consist of three records (six sides) thirty-three and one-third L. P. microgroove. Excerpts from the Quincentennial year will include music from the March 3 services, music festival, local churches, and radio programs. Order blanks will be available in each Moravian congregation early in the summer and all orders must be accompanied by the cost of the pre-subscription edition which will be $10.00. Should a minimum of three hundred albums not be ordered, money will be refunded to each subscriber. A deadline for orders will be August 1.

Activities of the President include sermons and addresses at Kernersville; Home Church Maundy Thursday Communion; Oliver, Good Friday Lovefeast; Seminary students at Moravian College.

Board and committee meetings attended were Salem College Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees; Clemmons Church Board; supper meeting for local Church Boards; Salem College Board of Trustees; Provincial Financial Board; Provincial Elders' Conference; Joint Provincial Elders' Conferences (three sessions); Moravian College Board of Trustees; and Quincentennial Committee.

PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S BOARD
Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

The second Interprovincial Laymen's Conference of the Moravian Church will be held in Winston-Salem June 7, 8, and 9. There will be many women from our Northern Province attending and women from the Southern Province will welcome this opportunity to meet our sisters from other states. Come on Friday, June 7, between 2 and 6 P. M. and register for the conference (if you have not already mailed your registration) so you can attend one of the workshops on Saturday morning.

The meeting on Saturday night, June 8, at Home Church, is open to everyone, whether a delegate to the conference or not. Members of other denominations are invited, and we hope the church will be filled. Dr. Edward D. Grant, prominent Presbyterian layman, will be the speaker, and special music will be presented by a choir composed of members of Moravian Churches.

One of the highlights of the Workshop at Calvary, May 22, was the presentation of the work of United Church Women in North Carolina by Mrs. T. A. Newbold of Rocky Mount. She is the immediate past president of The Department of United Church Women and is at present chairman of Leadership Education. The project for the year for the church women of North Carolina is to raise $1,000.00 for a Day Care Center for children of Migrant workers in the Elizabeth City area. Contributions from individuals or churches, plainly marked, may be sent to our treasurer, Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell.

BAPTISMS


Weatherman, Bonnie Lynn, daughter of Ransom C. and Betty m. Harris Weatheman, born August 30, 1956 at Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized April 7, 1957 at Home Moravian Church by the Rev. James C. Hughes.


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Christian Education Board Gives
Schedule of Summer Conferences

The Board of Christian Education announces the following summer conference programs which include sessions for young adults, senior young people, junior high, and juniors. All conferences this year will be held at the Winston-Salem Y. M. C. A. Camp, Camp Hanes, near King, North Carolina.

YOUNG ADULTS
May 31—June 2
The summer program officially began with the young adult week end conference led by the Rev. George Chiddie, dean.

Following the theme, "Forward with Christ," the Rev. Gordon Stoltz, pastor of College Hill Moravian, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, conducted the conference periods.

Also featured on the schedule was the Rev. Fred Hege, vespers leader, and the Rev. John Gooserod, camp fire director. Miles Carter, newly elected president of the young adults of the province, was in charge of the recreational program. Ralph Bell served as chairman of the conference committee.

SENIOR
July 22-28
The first of the youth groups to meet will be the senior young people.

This year's senior conference will include visitors from three other provinces of the Moravian Church. The Rev. J. Kirby Spencer, from the English Province, and Peter Reichel, from the Continental Province (Germany), will be fraternal visitors. Dr. Allen W. Schachtschneider, pastor of New Dorp Moravian, Staten Island, New York, will teach a course based on his popular history of the Moravian Church, Through Five Hundred Years.

Other staff members will include the Rev. Charles W. Eichman, pastor of the Palmyra, New Jersey Moravian Church, as vespers speaker; Paul W. Peterson directing the youth choir, the Rev. Henry Lewis in charge of camp fire, the Rev. Lewis Swaim directing recreation, and the Rev. Clayton Reichel, who will teach a course on "Preparing for Marriage."

The conference, which will open Monday at 9:30 A. M. and close on Sunday at 2:30 P. M., will be under the general supervision of the Rev. Kenneth Robinson, dean.

JUNIOR HIGH
July 28-August 3; August 3-9
The Rev. R. T. Troutman, dean of the Junior High Conference (ages 12 1/2 thru 15), announces that young people attending this session will discuss the theme of the church during this quincentennial year, "Honoring the Past—Dedicated to the Future."


Joining the junior high group will be the Rev. Spencer and Mr. Reichel, who will add the British and continental flavor to the days of inspiration and fellowship. One day visitors include the Rev. James C. Hughes, who will preach the theme sermon, the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch, who will assist in the "Moravian Personalities" study, and Bill Hutchins, who will lead in the "get acquainted" assembly.

The junior high conference session will be composed of two six-day periods.

JUNIOR
August 9-13; August 13-17; August 17-21
The junior conference program (ages 9 to 12 1/2) is being expanded this summer to include three periods of four days each, led by the Rev. Burton Rights and the Rev. Fred Hege, deans.

Juniors attending the conference sessions will travel through the pages of the Old Testament as they look into the lives of "Old Testament Heroes." Assisting them in their study will be Miss Martha Bowles and Miss Elaine Elrick, who will present "Abraham, Joseph, and Moses;" the Rev. Norman Byerly, who will tell of "The Judges and Kings;" and the Rev. Robert Lobst, who will review "The Prophets."

Vesper leader will be the Rev. George Chiddie. Roger Kimball will have charge of camp fire. Directing the afternoon recreational program will be Miss Bowles and Miss Elrick, and assisting as pianist, Miss Jeannie Turner.

Swimming and boating are to be supervised by members of the Y. M. C. A. staff.

All Moravian conferences are geared to a program that provides spiritual enrichment and wholesome fun. There are lessons of life learned, camp songs sung, hearts and voices lifted to God in worship. There are the enjoyments of swimming, boating, softball, hiking, and other recreational activities.

The blessings of attending a Christian camp await all who enroll in the summer conference program.

Death
Kime, Ray Dennis, born February 4, 1905, Friedberg, N. C., died April 15, 1957, Charlotte, N. C. Funeral services conducted by Dr. Herbert Spaugh at The Little Church on the Lane on April 17, 1957. Interment in Evergreen Memorial Park.
**Daily Vacation Bible Schools Present Challenge**

**Paul A. Snider**

More than a hundred years ago, William Wordsworth wrote these famous lines:

The Child is father of the Man
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.

To a great extent the child is the father of the man, and one of the surest ways to secure Christian adults is to cultivate Christian children. The Daily Vacation Bible School movement was begun fifty-six years ago in order to provide children with the opportunity "to let their light shine" for the Lamb of God.

When in the summer of 1901 Dr. Robert G. Boville enlisted the assistance of students from Union Theological Seminary and began five vacation church schools in New York, he did so in response to a challenge. He stated that the conscious background for these schools was "idle children filling the streets. Idle churches darkened and silent. Unemployed students on vacation. Idle vacation days and Children's Courts."

In a day when Children's Courts are more active than ever, the challenge which stirred Dr. Boville to action demands our attention. In discussing the challenge of the Daily Vacation Bible School, three subjects will be presented—the Daily Vacation Bible School and the Child, the Daily Vacation Bible School and the Church, and the Daily Vacation Bible School and the Community.

**D. V. B. S. and the Child**

The growing child is the object of the Daily Vacation Bible School; to meet his needs is the first purpose of the program. While no two growing children will be the same there are basic needs which are common to all.

Everyone needs to feel secure. A leader in Christian Education has said, "Belonging, achieving, believing—these make for security and are basic needs of everyone." By changing the positive active verbs of John 3:16 to "loving, giving, believing" and substituting for the noun life the verb "living" we may find the clue to the emotional elements which make for a sense of security or the quality of living which is worth keeping forever. Loving relationships give a sense of belonging. Giving oneself for others, for worth-while purposes, makes possible a sense of achieving. Believing in God, in others, and in oneself is essential in the faith one lives by.

The growing child, then, challenges the Daily Vacation Bible School to foster his development by providing an experiment in worship, study, handwork, and recreation which will bring him to a sense of security as his basic needs, belonging, achieving, believing, are satisfied. The growing child challenges the Daily Vacation Bible School to enable him to increase in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

**D. V. B. S. and the Church**

Although the needs of the child must be the central purpose of the Vacation Bible School, it can often supply the answer to several real problems of the church.

In the Daily Vacation Bible School the church has the much needed opportunity to train effective lay leaders and future teachers. Young people who are used as assistants learn how to teach through practice, if properly guided and given training courses. In the daily sessions of the school, the church has the unparalleled opportunity to bring its teacher training program out of the realm of theory into the area of the practical. The sustained period of teaching provided by the Daily Vacation Bible School presents a work shop in which the rough edges of inexperienced teachers may be removed much more quickly than in the ordinary once a week sessions on Sunday mornings.

Despite the opportunity for teacher training provided by the Vacation Bible School most churches have not integrated the Bible school with their teacher training program. The need for better and more efficient lay teachers can be met by the Daily Vacation Bible School if the church will recognize its resources and use this "work shop" to train the young people who will teach in the future.

Not only can it help the church solve the problem of lay leadership, but it also presents a splendid opportunity for the training of the growing child for fuller service in the larger program of the church. The child can experience in the Bible school the reality of Christian fellowship in work, study, and play. He learns the significance of united worship. He learns to pray in public and recognizes the bond between himself, God, and his friends. The formal elements of worship can become personal for the child.

Furthermore, not only does the child have the opportunity to experience the significance of worship, but the church may enable him to appropriate as his own some of the aspects of the morning worship of the congregation. The apostles creed, the Lord's prayer, the liturgical responses, and the chants may become a part of the early experience of the child in his church life through the Bible school.

In one church a group of junior boys and girls whose parents were reared on the snappy gospel choruses of the last century learned to sing from memory with prayerful devotion "We Would See Jesus." The same group sang with spirited emotion "Blessed Saviour, There I Love" and "O Could We But Love That Saviour." As a processional and recessional these same young Christians learned two stanzas of "Children of the Heavenly King." In addition to these four hymns the children learned several "fun songs" which are popular around the camp fires of youth conferences. The church should use the daily vacation schools to help the boys and girls to appreciate and enjoy the music which will be used in the worship services of the church.

**D. V. B. S. and the Community**

Not only do the needs of the growing child and the church but also the needs of the community present a challenge to the Daily Vacation Bible School.

Rightly defined, the vacation church school is both a local church and a community project. The vacation school is one of the best means of teaching the unchurched children of a neighborhood. Through these children whole families are often reached. In a society which is mobile the church can perform a great service by helping the boys and girls who have been uprooted from their former homes to adjust themselves to the life of a new community in which they now live.

Even in the average community the Daily Vacation Bible School is presented with a challenge, for much can be done by the church through young people to mold the life of the community along Christian concepts. The need for the community to integrate itself through the church may in part be satisfied by a Bible school which brings all elements of the community together for a common spiritual purpose.

Fifty-six years later the same needs which prompted Dr. Boville's first experiment in the vacation schools of New York still constitute the challenge which confronts the Daily Vacation Bible School. The needs of the growing child, the needs of the church, and the needs of the community demand that an active program of religious education become a vital part of the summer activities of the church.

The words of Paul Calvin Payne effectively present an aspect of the challenge confronting the Daily Vacation Bible School which must receive prayerful and thoughtful consideration. "The church's greatest untapped opportunity lies in the summer months—that long annual vacuum in the life of the child when schools are closed, and, unfortunately, churches, too. Here the church has a golden opportunity but the door will not be open long. Some organized program for children will be set up soon, if not by the churches, then by secular agencies. Beneficent agencies like the public school will be forced to step in, but many unwelcome interests will also move in on the children's summer. Then, again, we will see religious workers at the wailing wall lamenting that 'the public schools have monopolized the children's life all year round.'"

The challenge must be met—and now!
Foreign Mission Briefs

The Principal Returns
On May 6 Elizabeth Marx reached Bluefields again after a busy year's furlough. To quote an understatement by Dr. Kortz: "The teachers are all happy and glad to see Elizabeth back".

A Teacher Returns to Alaska Too
Mary Jeanie Moser, compelled by health to leave her post at the Children's Home in Alaska two years ago, has so recovered her strength that she has offered to return to her work among the children at Nunapitchuk. She had been "homesick" for Alaska ever since her return to the States. The present plans are for her to travel to the North at the end of July and begin her duties early in August.

Anxious Days Along the Border
Recent reports appearing in the public press have emphasized the threatening state of affairs along the border which separates Honduras and Nicaragua near the Atlantic. This territory has long been a cause of dispute between the two republics, each laying claim to it. Since this whole coast line is inhabited mainly by the Miskito Indians among whom our missionaries have been carrying on their gospel ministry we can but pray God to keep them and their flock from harm. May He hear the earnest prayers which have been offered for a peaceful settlement of the most recent disputes between these two nations and "Watch over our messengers by land or sea". May He in mercy bring fighting and bloodshed to an end.

Back at His Post
On April 25 the Rev. Werner Marx began his return journey to La Mosquitia. In view of the troubled political state of that part of our work his friends will follow his movements with concern. His return will certainly encourage the other workers in that field. Because of conditions of health his wife has remained in Nazareth and plans to be reunited with him later.

Laid Aside By Illness
Recent correspondence from the Virgin Islands has brought the distressing news of Br. Marvin Henkeleman having suffered from what is hoped will prove to be a passing indisposition. On his doctor's advise he has had to reduce his schedule of work. After Easter he was to recuperate on the Island of St. John. Happily more recent news reports more favorable progress on his part.

A Singstrunde on Santo Domingo
Br. Wolfram Fliege reports that March the first was observed in San Pedro de Macoris by the congregation holding a Singstrunde. The Moravian choir sang "The People that in Darkness Wandered" by Johannita Herbst. About one hundred people attended. On Sunday March 3 the Fliegels conducted a Lovefeast to which about one hundred and fifty came. A sweet bun and lemonade took the place of the usual bun and coffee in this country. Confirmation was to have been on Palm Sunday. In La Romana there were eight candidates, in San Pedro—Santa Fe eleven.

Official Visit—Honduras—Postponed
As these lines are written the official visitation which Br. Edwin W. Kortz had planned to carry out in Honduras will not be possible at this time. The political situation in that area prevents the holding of the annual church conference called the "Asamblea". Our missionaries have unanimously advised Br. Kortz not to carry out earlier plans in view of these facts.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

LEAKSVILLE

A large number of our congregation attended the Quincentennial celebration at the Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem Sunday afternoon, March 3, and greatly enjoyed the service along with the thousands of other Moravians and friends.

On four Sunday evenings in March, various groups arranged and conducted the worship portions of our services. The pastor brought the messages at three of these services and Mr. Jack Simmons spoke at one. These Sunday evening services averaged more than 70 in attendance.

Our congregation was saddened at the sudden passing of one of its members in the death of Br. W. K. Frith on Saturday evening, March 23. For a number of years he took an active part in the work and had served the church and Sunday School in several official positions.

Four new members have been received into the church. Mrs. Bobby Kirks came to us by transfer and three others, Jane Marie Rodgers, Locksley Ann Saunders and Barry Gartham Martin, by adult baptism.

The Palm Sunday and Passion Week services were well attended this year. Easter Sunday was an ideal day and as usual our people assembled for the early service beginning in the church at 5:00 A.M. and concluding on the Lawson Cemetery at sunrise. A 25 piece band under the direction of Mr. Jesse Griggs assisted in the service.

A number of our people have been sick, several in the hospital, but we are glad to report all are either well or much improved.

HOWARD G. FOLTZ

CHRIST

Wonderful things are still taking place on the hill over here in West Salem! The following members were received during the Easter Season — non-communicants: Timothy Pfohl Chatham, Robert Cookly Rucker, John Stewart Beaudry and John Lyons Truelove; communicants: by the Rite of Confirmation—Samantha Wilkins Breuer, Almon Franklin Carr, Howard Burgess Chambers, Jr., Larry Eugene Crutchfield, Terry Regan Crutchfield, Richard Michael Disher, John Kenneth Pfaff, Jr., Sylvia Patricia Pfaff, David Walter Saunders, Bonnie Catherine Sheppard, Linda Ninnell Sheppard, Pamela Kay Shore, Anita Louise Truelove, and Robert William Young; by Adult Baptism—Larry Wayne Bowman, Sara Kay Cook, Donald Richard Crater, James Alexander Freeman, Albert Norman Fry, Donald Gray Johnson, Rita Lee Johnson, Sharon Leigh McMillan, Harold Douglas Page, Bonnie Michael Pratt, Violet Ellis Smith, Coy Cox Smith, and Joseph Lindsay Wheeling; by Letter of Transfer and Reception—Millard Filmore Barnes, Sr., Cuba Reid Click, Beatrice Matlock Grubbs, Clarence Roosevelt Grubbs, Hassell Leon Grubbs, Julia Snow Grubbs, Irene Reins Pfaff, Robert Harold Pfaff, James Alvis Palmer, Barbara Alexander Selig, Arrie Powell Wilkes, the Rev. Robert W. Woosley, Jr., Estelle Mussels Wootten, and Herman Theodore Wootten.

J. CALVIN BARNES

MIZPAH

Mizpah has felt the rejuvenating effects of spring and has shown marked signs of improvement in recent months. Our Palm Sunday and Easter season was especially bright with all services during Holy Week showing attendances double those of a year ago. Easter Sunday saw the next highest attendance of the present pastorate.

These changes have come about for the most part because of our efforts with the children. The pastor's Quincentennial series of talks on Moravian Heroes has held the interest of the children since March 3 and will continue to the end of June. The Women of the Church have sponsored the project to make choir robes for the children. They made their first appearance on Good Friday and attended thirty strong on Easter Sunday, greatly brightening the services. They are already planning for other special occasions in the near future.

The children had their reward in the annual Easter Egg Hunt, held Easter Monday afternoon.

Our church board has been active, organizing teams of men to keep our large church lawn in good order free of charge. All our board members attended the budget conference at the Home Church on April 4.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

HOPEWELL

The present pastor was installed on March 3 by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh; and in this manner, the congregation began the Quincentennial year. Rebecca Myers and Judy Perrell united with the church by adult baptism on April 7. The painting of the exterior of the church has been completed.

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greatly improving its appearance.

Br. Edwin A. Sawyer spoke at the Passion Week Lovefeast on Palm Sunday evening. We were glad to hear from Br. Sawyer before he leaves the province for work elsewhere.

Br. Lorenz Adam was with us for the prayer meeting on April 24 and spoke on the work of a missionary. We were glad that he could share some of his experiences with us before he left the next day for Costa Rica where he will attend a language school. Mr. Robert Spaugh was in charge of the prayer meeting on May 1 in the absence of the pastor.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

MT. AIRY

Fifteen persons have become communicant members of Grace Moravian in the last two months. Seven hundred persons enjoyed the Easter Sunrise Service, which was broadcast on station W. S. Y. D. A second Cub Scout Den has been organized with Ruth Burton as Den Mother.

The parsonage is being painted inside by volunteer painters. Our monthly church newsletter is sent regularly to 310 homes of members and prospects.

Jack Portis and Delane Coble were married April 22.

An egg hunt in the afternoon for Sunday school primaries and a family supper and talent program in the evening made Easter Monday a full day.

People were urged to take the privilege of private Holy Communion in their homes whenever they are sick and unable to attend the Lord's Supper in the church.

Fay Coleman and Barbara Jean Forrest did a lot of typing for the church.

An average of 50 persons attended the Passion Week services nightly. Women of the church are preparing to publish a cookbook. An average of 90 persons attended the Passion Week services nightly. Women of the church are preparing to publish a cookbook.

FAIRVIEW

Fairview Church participated along with North Winston, 25th Street, and Temple Baptist; Burkhead Methodist; Lee Memorial Presbyterian; and Bon Air Christian Churches in a Religious Census on March 17. This is the first complete census of North Winston that has been made in over five years, and should be helpful to us in learning of Moravians who are living in this section of town.

The Rev. Fred Hege, assistant pastor of Home Church, brought the sermon on Youth Sunday. Fairview Young People participating in the program with him were: Melvin Hicks (Liturgy), Bill Putman (Scripture), Gene Wright (Offertory Prayer), Wayne Robbins (Introduction of the Speaker), and Cynthia Wright, Katyna Wright, Janet Putman, Linda Hardie, Son dra Branson, and Vivian Wilkins (Ushers).

After serving for many years as Head Usher, Roland Bennett asked to be relieved. The Board of Elders has asked Bynum Yarbrough to assume this responsibility on a temporary basis. Mr. Bennett had served as Head Usher during the ministry of the Rev. C. O. Weber, the Rev. E. C. Helmich, the Rev. John R. Weinrick, the Rev. Howard Chadwick, and during the current pastorate.

The Fairview Day of Prayer services brought much satisfaction and happiness to our Fairview women who planned, arranged, and worked out the details for the day. The speakers were the Rev. Henry Lewis, the Rev. Fred Hege, and the Rev. James Weingarth. The general theme for the day was "Forgiveness."

The new 1956-57 officers of the Fairview Women of the Church are: Mrs. L. S. Styers, Sr. as president to succeed Mrs. W. D. Newsome; Mrs. Elizabeth Hardie as vice-president to succeed Mrs. J. B. Snyder, Jr.; Mrs. Harry Beal as secretary to succeed Mrs. Ben Bennett; Mrs. Charley Spainhour as treasurer to succeed Mrs. Ed Mendenhall; Miss Nancy Manuel as chaplain to succeed Mrs. Clyde Wall; Mrs. John E. Crouch as Mission and Bible Study Leader to succeed Mrs. O. M. Warren; and Mrs. Harry Joyce as Benevolence Secretary to succeed Mrs. Tom Hedgcock.

Dr. Werner Marx brought us a splendid message on the first Sunday in April. This service was sponsored by the Monnie Southern Missionary Chapter, and all of the loose offering was used toward the transportation expenses for the refrigerator which had been purchased for Dr. Samuel Marx.

Those who united with Fairview Church since the last report were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Ayers, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ball, Mrs. Ralph Knott, Mrs. E. M. Wright, Mrs. Howard R. Faust, Jr., Mrs. Robert C. Johnson, Susan Williams, Susan Whitney, Elmore Journell, Keith Hutcherson, Jesse Ball, Floyd Ball, Sammy Hardister, Larry Farmer, Cathy Morris, Billy Hobart, Terry Faust, Judith Stith, and Rebecca Crutchfield.

VERNON E. DAEWTYLER

GREENSBORO

A number of redecoration projects have been undertaken in the past weeks. The Junior High department is redoing its worship center and has installed a new lectern and bookshelves. New draperies and a fresh

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coat of paint are next on the agenda.

The Fellowship Class of young adults has engaged in a talent program to raise funds for the redecoration of the Scout Hut where the class meets for Sunday School. New benches, complete painting of the walls and floor with shuffleboard courts, an acoustic ceiling, recessed lighting, and game tables are included in the projects, designed to make a Club Room available for youth and adult activities. The male members of the class raised more money than their female counterparts, and so they will be treated to a supper in the near future.

The Fishermen’s Club has been reorganized and meets every second and fourth Thursday evenings for the important program of visitation evangelism. The congregation is now richer by one dozen, for twelve new members joined our fellowship on Palm Sunday week. A reception held in their honor on Sunday evening, May 5th, was attended by the largest crowd ever present for such an event. The religious film, I BEHELD HIS GLORY, was shown in the sanctuary at 7:00 o’clock, and everyone adjourned to Fellowship Hall for refreshments served by the Women of the Church.

Loyalty Day is scheduled for May 19th, when our members present at the morning service will have an opportunity to pledge to the financial work of the church for the new fiscal year beginning July 1st.

KENNETH ROBINSON

WILLow HILL

The Apple Blossom Festival on April 28 turned out to be a wonderful occasion even though the apple blossoms were gone. This was the first service held in the newly decorated sanctuary.

We at Willow Hill were very happy that so many of our friends from the other churches could join with us on this occasion. The church was well filled with chairs in the aisles and some of the children sitting on the edge of the platform. There were approximately four hundred people present for the festival.

We were very happy to have Bishop Schwarze as our guest speaker. He met the occasion with a very inspiring message on the subject, “The Household of Faith.” Also taking part in the service were Br. Clyde Davis, Paul Smider, and Norwood Green. Prior to the service, chorales were rendered by the Mount Bethel-Willow Hill band with the help of Br. Charles Johnson, who has directed our band, and others from Mount Airy.

Observance of Easter Sunday began at 5:00 A. M. with the band traveling about the community playing chorales to announce the risen Lord. After which, sugar cake, donuts, hot chocolate and coffee were served. In the afternoon Willow Hill had the Easter Litany on the graveyard.

GLENN E. CRAVER

CHARLOTTE

During the Lenten season, district prayer and fellowship meetings were held in the eight Parish Districts on each Friday night. The Reverend Kenneth Ball, assistant pastor, gave our Holy Week Meditations on the topic, “The Cross Is Urgent.”

On Palm Sunday, Dr. Spaugh administered the Rite of Confirmation to the following young people: Charles Frederick Abernethy, Jr., John Cloyd Blythe, David Franklin Caldwell, Jr., Douglas William Caldwell, Camille W. Crouse, William Harrison Guarrant, Michael Henry Harwell, Alice Ann Kimel, Shelley Jean Laws, Norma Lynne Morris, Richard A. Pitts, Jr., Gretchen Cluche School, Herbert Carl Schoof, Jr., Byron Atkins Slaughter, III, Catherine Lester Smith, David Albon Smith, Richard Morris Srouge, Alice Vickers Vaughn, Robert Owen Wilson, and Walter A. Yarbrough. These new members received their first communion on Maundy Thursday.

Congratualations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. R. O. McCorkle upon the birth of a daughter, Kathy Lynn, on March 7; to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Holder, Jr., upon the birth of a daughter, Cynthia Lynn, on March 31; to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Anderson upon the birth of a daughter, Patricia Dianne, on April 5.

Presentation of a Boy Scout Charter was made to our new Boy Scout Troop during the morning service on April 7. W. L. Yarbrough is chairman of the Troop Committee; Russell Holder, Jr., is Scout Master, with Richard Price and Gary Idol as his assistants.

Our congregation and community were deeply grieved by the sudden and tragic death of Sacristan Ray D. Kimel on April 15th. He had been particularly active at the church on Palm Sunday, when he functioned as a sacristan in the Service for Baptism of Children that afternoon and later joined his fellow sacristans in preparing for and serving the Palm Sunday Lovefeast. Our affectionate sympathy is extended to his wife and daughter, Alice Ann.

On Sunday, April 28th, a congregational supper was given in Fellowship Hall in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Spaugh upon their departure to Europe to represent the Moravian Church of America in the 500th Anniv.

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HERBERT SPAUGH

OAK GROVE

The congregation welcomed their pastor home on April 7, with the sanctuary filled to capacity and a Church dinner honoring him and Bishop and Mrs. Schwarze. During the pastor’s three-month absence in Florida the congregation was under the care of Bishop and Mrs. Edmund Schwarze. This association proved to be a most happy one, and much growth was manifested in the congregation.

On Palm Sunday thirteen new members were received by letter of transfer from other denominations. The Passion Week Services were better attended than in previous years, and over five hundred members were present for the Easter Morning Service. The first part of 1957 has truly been a time of increased interest and of marked attendance gains at all services. Many new friends are now worshipping with us, and a number of them have enrolled in the Sunday School.

The new $120,000 Sanctuary and Christian Education addition is now undergoing the finishing touches and will be ready for occupation by June 2, when the opening services and cornerstone laying will be held.

CHRISTIAN D. WEBER

YOUTH

(continued from page 1)

In the years of denominational emphasis on evangelism and stewardship the young people were encouraged to share in these through the program in their local church. Stewardship and evangelism continue to be concerns of our Youth Fellowship and are stressed as means of making our Christian witness.

Having two young people, who had come to know their Lord because of our mission work in Alaska and Nicaragua, spend the summer of 1956 visiting our various camps and conferences gave our youth a wonderful experience. Here were the "live" fruits of the labor not only of those on the mission fields at present but indicative also of missionaries who had gone before. Who could help but have his interest in missions heightened? Alice Hooker and August Alexi, through their visits, awakened a new prayer interest and also a desire within some of our youth to serve their Lord through the medium of missions in the future.

VISITORS FROM EUROPE

In 1957 we are again being privileged to have visitors at our youth camps and conferences. The Reverend J. Kirby Spencer will come from the British Province and Peter Reichel from the Continental Province of our Moravian Unity. What unusual opportunities our young people are having to strengthen that spirit of unity which we prize as Moravians. When the plans for the Youth Convocation were being initiated a deliberate effort was made to have the dates coincide with the meeting of the General Synod of the Unity in order that our youth might come to know our church leaders and have the enriching experience of seeing our highest official body at work, charting the course of our Unity as we move into the next 500 years of service for our Christ.

One special concern of the Board of Christian Education in the area of youth is that of recruiting for church vocations, especially for the ministry at home and abroad, and for a vocation new to our denomination, that of director or assistant director of Christian education in the local church. The Board encourages young people to consider church vocations and offers guidance to them. How essential such a program is if our church is to go "Forward For Christ."

In this Quincentennial Year we find an increased number of summer camps and conferences scheduled and at these as well as all year long in the local church our young people are directing their thought, plans and prayers toward going "Forward For Christ." This calls for personal surrender and resultant action.

When 1957 draws to a close and all the "specials" are memories, may they be memories rooted in deep commitment which will spur our youth on to serve their age with the same zeal as did our Moravian forefathers whose efforts we cherish. In this way we seek to build well on the solid foundation of our glorious heritage.

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Blair, Eleanor Anne, daughter of Paul Wayne and Barbara Anne m.n. Jordan Blair. Born January 24, 1957, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane, Charlotte, N. C., by Dr. Herbert Spaugh, on April 21, 1957.


Sims, Richard Jackson, Jr., son of Richard Jackson and Juanita m.n. Spainhour Sims. Born May 13, 1955, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in the Little Church on the Lane, Charlotte, N. C., by Dr. Herbert Spaugh, on April 21, 1957.

Lawrence, William Ernest, Jr., son of William Ernest and Mary m.n. Spaugh, Lawrence. Born May 23, 1955, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in the Little Church on the Lane, Charlotte, N. C., by Dr. Herbert Spaugh, on April 28, 1957.

Lawrence, John Frederick, son of William Ernest and Mary m.n. Spaugh, Lawrence. Born November 27, 1956, Charlotte, N. C. Baptized in The Little Church on the Lane, Charlotte, N. C., by Dr. Herbert Spaugh, on April 28, 1957.


Carroll, Robert Lindsay, Jr., born February 14, 1922; died April 16, 1957. A member of Fairview Moravian Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler. Interment in the Woodland Cemetery.


Spaugh, Mrs. Katherine Miller, died March 25, 1957, member of Home Church. Funeral conducted by The Rev. J. C. Hughes, Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl and Mr. George Hall. Interment in the Graveyard.


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by John Goserud

How great the bliss to be a sheep of Jesus
And to be guided by His shepherd-staff!
Earth's greatest honors, how-so-ever they please us
Compared to this are vain and empty stuff.
Yea, what this world can never give,
May, 1bro' the Shepherd's grace, Each needy sheep receive.

In the spirit of these words of confidence and trust our departed sister laid down her earthly life.

Martha Bishop was born May 7, 1885, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Emil and Margaret Kautz Bishop. Through the influence and guidance of her Christian home she developed an early interest for the things of God and a love for the Saviour. Such found natural expression in her church activities—the Central Moravian Church of Bethlehem—both in younger and in those of early maturity. Having been baptized in infancy she made her confirmation vows and continuously translated her Christian faith into action as the years unfolded. She sang in the choir and expressed her special love and interest in young people by teaching in the Sunday School and working most devotedly with Christian Endeavor groups.

She was graduated from the Moravian Parochial School of Bethlehem, known today as the Moravian Preparatory School. Her love for music made her seek special training, and this was a gift she used to the Glory of God in succeeding years.

On June 29, 1911, she was united in marriage to the Rev. Edmund Schwarze. Two children blessed this union.

The pastor and his bride first served in the Moravian Church in Newfoundland, Pennsylvania. From there the call came for work in the Southern Province in 1913 at the East Salem Chapel, which later developed into the Fries Memorial Congregation, and then that of Calvary Moravian Church. From here the call came for work in the Southern Province in 1913 at the East Salem Chapel, which later developed into the Fries Memorial Congregation, and then that of Calvary Moravian Church. In each of these pastorates Mrs. Schwarze assisted her husband in countless ways. Principally, however, this was shown in the continued use of music as a choir singer and as the director of youth choirs, and also in her teaching of Women's Bible classes.

She was active in community activities and again with special emphasis on those with musical bases. Her interest in inter-denominational fellowship was evidenced in that she was the co-organizer of the Ministers' Wives Auxiliary and remained an active supporter of it through the years.

Except for a critical illness of some four years ago, our friend seemed to possess relatively good health. She was most active and was with Bishop Schwarze in all his work. It was a particular joy to return from time to time to Calvary, the church of their longest pastorate. The last visits were made during the triumphant Holy Week and Easter season when Bishop Schwarze conducted some of the services. On Easter morning she joined in the great affirmations of the Resurrection faith! As recently as the Sunday of the week she died she was with her husband in the work they both had come to love in the years of retirement—serving in special appointments and that of supply assignments. During the week following that Sunday, though, a burdensome fatigue seemed always present and yet her condition did not give too grave a cause for alarm. She was stricken with a sudden heart attack, however, on the morning of Saturday, May 4, 1957, and passed away within a short time. Her death was most unexpected, but in the mercy of God she was spared prolonged suffering. She was 71 years of age, with her 72nd birthday being just several days away from that on which she died.

Mrs. Schwarze loved her work in the ministry as a co-laborer with her husband. Her inspiration to him was maintained through the years not only in their home and in the work of the Church, but she was also given strength to stand by him in critical illnesses. In gratitude to God we must recall, too, that she was able to see with earthly eyes a culmination of their faithful ministry when, with humble pride, she witnessed the consecration of Br. Schwarze to the office of Bishop of the Moravian Church. This was at Calvary on Sunday, December 30, 1956.

Mrs. Schwarze is survived by her husband, the Rev. Edmund Schwarze; by a daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Edwin Kortz of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; by a son, Edmund B. Schwarze of Rocky Mount, North Carolina; and by one grandchild, Martha Elizabeth Schwarze, and by a large number of friends.
Friedland to Stage Outdoor Play Written for Quincentennial Year

The quincentennial pageant, "The Seed of the Harvest", written by Doris Jahne, of the Goshen, North Dakota Moravian congregation will be presented in the Southern Province by the Friedland Congregation Sunday, June 16, at 8:00 p.m.

To be staged out of doors, in the fashion of the historical pageants of this area which have won such wide acclaim, "The Seed of the Harvest" portrays in a manner both pointed and picturesque the magnificent account of the origin and history of the Moravian Church. Accompanied by narration, scenes such as "The Trial and Martyrdom of John Hus", "The Day of Blood", "The Experience of August 13, 1727", and "The Sending of the First Missionaries" depict the unsparing faith, the burning devotion, and the simple, stalwart courage of the spiritual ancestors of present-day Moravians. The spirit of each scene is greatly enhanced by the singing of appropriate hymns and anthems by a concealed choir.

Jack White, member of Friedland and faculty member of Glenn High School, will direct the pageant, which is being produced by the local Quincentennial Committee, composed of James Thore, Chairman, Mrs. Clifton Sapp, Raymond Ebert, Sr., Eugene Reed, and Thomas Kimball.

The presentation of the pageant is a maximum congregational effort, utilizing the assistance of more than one hundred men, women, and children. Costumes are being prepared under the supervision of a committee headed by Mrs. J. W. Crews and Miss Pena Stewart. Mrs. Dallas Chappell and Mrs. S. R. Reid are serving as co-chairmen of the properties committee. The choir will be under the direction of Mrs. Clifton Sapp, and Jeremiah Johnson will be organist. The only technical assistance solicited from outside the congregation is that of Paul Newman, lighting supervisor, and A. L. Byrd, who will handle staging and settings. Mr. Byrd's assistant, Miss Elizabeth Jahne, is a cousin of the pageant's author.

In its May meeting, the Moravian Ministerial Association wholeheartedly endorsed the Friedland presentation of the pageant and voted unanimously to encourage the discontinuance of services in the local congregations the evening of June 16. Preparations are being made to accommodate an audience of 2000 Moravians and friends of Moravians throughout the community.

Raleigh Congregation Opens New Building

The opening of the Christian Education building for the Raleigh congregation was held on Sunday afternoon, March 24.

At three o'clock a brief ceremony took place outside the new structure before the doors were formally opened. The pastor, the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr., read an appropriate Scripture passage; then Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders' Conference, led the assembled members and friends in prayer, after which everyone united in singing the Doxology.

Following the actual opening of the doors to the public, instrumentalists from the bands of Bethania, Olivet, Friedberg, and Kernersville Moravian Churches combined to render a half-hour concert of traditional chorales. This group played under the direction of Br. W. T. Strupe of Bethania.

Special choral music for the lovefeast service held at 3:30 was provided by a choir from the Friedberg Moravian Church.

The main speaker for the first service held in the recently completed house of worship and instruction was Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh of Winston-Salem, who preached about the things that are ours through the Moravian Church. The Rt. Rev. J. Kenneth Pohl, senior bishop of the Southern Province, also of Winston-Salem, added words of greetings and felicitations. Other Moravian platform guests included Br. E. T. Mickey, Jr., who is Director of Extension for the Church Aid and Extension Board, and the Brn. F. Herbert Weber and William T. Marshall.

Visitors to the initial unit of the Raleigh Church that afternoon noted that the pipe organ which had been presented to the Raleigh congregation is now being installed. It is expected that installation will be completed sometime in June.

A week-long series of preaching services in the new building took place from March 24-29, with the Rev. E. T. Mickey, Jr., as evangelist.

Sunrise Service

Another outstanding event in Raleigh occurred on Easter Sunday, when the congregation sponsored an Easter Sunrise Service for the first time. More than a hundred people gathered on the church grounds at dawn. Bells chimed the hour at six-o'clock and the pastor walked forth from the church to proclaim "The Lord is risen!" In addition to the other worshippers, a twenty-five piece band accompanied the singing of hymns as they played the familiar old Moravian chorales, under the direction of A. Moreland Cunningham. The players in this band, drawn from several sources, had responded to the request of Br. William Diehl, who organized the group of musicians particularly for the purpose of playing for this service. Before (and afterwards) they, and other friends, enjoyed doughnuts and coffee prepared and served by the Brn. Fred Kimel, William Olsen, Wilson Van Hoy, and Stanley Fishel.

The impressive Easter Morning Litany of the Moravian Church evoked many appreciative comments from those in attendance at the rites. The existence of the new Christian Education building as an effective background for the service also brought commendation. And the favorable weather added the finishing touch to the auspicious setting of the service. Thus one and all rejoiced to proclaim, "The Lord is risen, indeed!"
Visitors From Europe To Attend Conferences

Early in June, two men arrived in America to visit the Moravian summer camps in both the Northern and Southern Provinces. By their visit during this quincentennial year, we realize that "to Christ there is no east or west . . . ." but we can all join together as one body of followers of Christ.

Mr. Spencer

One visitor is the Rev. J. Kirby Spencer, a Moravian minister in the church at Bradford, England. Some miles to the south is Ockbrook, a Moravian center where the Ockbrook Girls' School was founded in 1799 and where Brother Spencer was born in 1919. Coming from a family which enjoyed music, he recalls happy childhood moments on Sunday evenings when his family would gather for a musical session of songs and hymns with piano and violin accompaniment.

His religious training began in the home. Being active in church was natural and important to young Spencer. In his early teens he decided to be a minister. First he had his education, the war, and other complications to face.

When Brother Spencer was fifteen, he took a job as a clerk on the railway company. At this time his father passed away, which put considerable responsibility on the only child in the family. He continued working for the railroad and taking night classes to prepare him for Fairfield College and the Moravian ministry. High school sports of particular interest were soccer and football. He still takes part in cricket and tennis games.

Hard work rewarded him and he was ready for college. Before the first day of school, he was called to military service. Duty usually lasted six months, but this time it was six years, for the year was 1939.

Two significant events occurred in 1947. He was ordained a minister of the Moravian Church and was married to Mary Elizabeth Gillan. His first pastoral work was at Crook in Durham County. Here he became active in the British and Foreign Bible Society and was elected secretary of the local branch.

Work With Boys

His opportunities to work with young people widened when he was asked to become chaplain of the Boys' Brigade in that district. The purpose of Boys' Brigade (12-18 year olds) is to advance Christ's Kingship, (Continued on page 4)

Ed Friedenberg

Three-hundred laymen and women attended the second Interprovincial Laymen's Conference at Salem College the weekend of June 7 and went away apparently well pleased with the event.

The conference got started with a rush Friday, when a busload of delegates from Bethlehem showed up five hours ahead of schedule. They had started at 8 o'clock the night before and made the trip in 13 hours. The early birds had to wait while the registration desk was hurriedly set up, but after that everything went smoothly.

Later in the day, another busload arrived and throughout the afternoon carloads of Moravians turned into Salem Square. The tally was 131 participants from the Northern Province and 169 from the Southern Province. Many of them from the Northern Province had taken their annual vacation early in order to attend the conference.

At dinner the first night the laymen heard Dr. Dale Gramley, president of Salem Academy and College, challenge them to "start competing" with other denominations for manpower. "If we are to keep pace with other Protestant denominations in population growth," he said, "we need to modernize our church property, our pastorates and our pastor's salaries." Dr. Gramley asked for financial support to back a competing Moravian Church and said, "Until we put our money into our church, we won't take any interest in it."

Dr. Gramley's talk was followed by a social hour and a special industrial tour for the few delegates who were still wide awake at 10 p.m.

The next morning the delegates got together for the major event of the conference—the workshop sessions. Eight work-
Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference

The Provincial Elders’ Conference announces the purchase of a site on which the new church for the St. Philips congregation will be erected. The property adjoins the grammar school in the Happy Hill Gardens section and lies between Vargrave and Mock Streets. A committee composed of the Brn. Alton F. Pfaff, chairman; Theodore Kern, and William Park has been appointed to prepare plans for the new church building.

The Rev. John Johansen has accepted a call to become Head of the Department of Religion at Salem College beginning in September. Br. Johansen has served as part-time instructor in the Department of Religion at Salem during the past year and has likewise served as pastor of the Hope congregation. He will continue as supply pastor at Hope for the next fiscal year.

The Provincial Elders’ Conference approved the recommendation of the Church Aid and Extension Board that the first Moravian Church in the state of Florida will be located in the northern Miami section and will be begun this fall. Other sites will be chosen according to a schedule recommended by the Church Aid and Extension Board and approved by the Provincial Elders’ Conference. These recommendations were made by Br. Christian D. Weber, who spent three months in a general survey of the state of Florida this past winter. Br. E. T. Mickey, Jr., Director of Church Extension, spent ten days with Br. Weber during the latter part of his visit there.

Prayer days for our foreign mission fields have been set by the two Provincial Elders’ Conferences, North and South. They are: Nicaragua and Honduras, the Sunday after Epiphany; Alaska, the second Sunday in June; Eastern West Indies, the second Sunday in October.

The Provincial Elders’ Conferences of the Northern and Southern Provinces have appointed a committee to plan for the next inter-provincial ministers convocation. The committee consists of the Brn. Samuel J. Tesch, Victor L. Thomas, and Roy Grams.

The Provincial Evangelism Board met on May 31 and organized with Br. C. Truett Chadwick, chairman; and Br. Douglas Carter, secretary. Other members of the board are the Brn. Clyde Dula, J. Calvin Barnes, Norwood Green, Norman Byerly, C. Ray Vernon, Ralph Siewers, Jr., Kenneth Ball, John Frank Fry, Thomas Conrad, Woodrow W. Conrad, and the members of the Provincial Elders’ Conference, ex officio.

Moravian College and Ministerial Student Promotion Committee reorganized on May 30. Br. Claude Phillips was elected chairman of this committee, and Br. LaVerne Speas was re-elected secretary. Other members of the committee are the Brn. Clyde Puckett, Clarence Coulson, Clark S. Starbuck, Charles Vance, Jr., John M. Walker, Robert E. Masten, Frank Willingham, and two members of the Provincial Elders’ Conference ex officio, Thomas Kimball and R. Gordon Spaugh.

The Provincial Elders’ Conference announces that Br. Samuel J. Tesch, an alternate to General Synod, will replace Br. Edwin A. Sawyer as a delegate from the Southern Province.

A committee was appointed by the Provincial Elders’ Conference to arrange for the entertainment of the General Synod delegates who will visit the Southern Province following the adjournment of General Synod on September 11. The committee held a preliminary meeting on June 5. The committee consists of the Brn. James C. Hughes, chairman; Clayton Persons, Ralph Van Lehn, Mrs. Paul Bahnson and Mrs. R. W. Newsom; and Br. R. Gordon Spaugh, ex officio.

The special programs of music planned for September will be directed by Dr. Thor Johnson. The first program will be held on Friday night, September 13, and the second program on Sunday afternoon, September 15. The programs will include special anniversary music and the first presentation in the Southern Province of "The Canticle of Martyrs" composed for the 500th anniversary of the Moravian Church by Dr. Vittorio Giannini. A committee in charge of arrangements for these occasions has been appointed by the Provincial Elders’ Conference and consists of the Brn. E. T. Mickey, Jr., chairman; Austin Burke, Archie K. Davis, Sam Vance, Jr., Hal Nifong, John Goserud, Clemens Sandresky, Mrs. Margaret L. Kolb, Mrs. Margaret S. Turner; and Br. Donald McCorkle, ex officio.

Activities of the President for the month of May included sermons and addresses at Ardmore, Holy Communion; Friedberg, May feast; Ardmore, morning sermon; Salem College Commencement; and Salem Academy Commencement. Official greetings were brought by the President of the Conference at the following occasions: New Philadelphia budget supper; Provincial Woman’s Work at Calvary; Salem College Alumni annual meeting; Konnook Hills anniversary.

Board and committee meetings attended by the President of the Conference included: Provincial Elders’ Conference; Kernersville joint boards; Church Aid and Extension; Executive Committee Salem College; Laymen’s Convocation Steering Committee; Hope board; Moravian College and Ministerial Student Promotion Committee; Evangelism Board; and Provincial Young Adult Rally at Ardmor.

R. GORDON SPAUGH, President

Provincial Woman’s Board

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubb

One of the highlights of the Workshop held at Calvary Church was the tribute paid the retiring members of the Provincial Woman’s Board by Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell. For these very deserving women Mrs. Fussell said, "Today, on behalf of the Provincial Woman’s Board, it is my privilege to express gratitude to six retiring members. They are Mrs. Carl Kerner, Mrs. Joe Stone, Jr., Mrs. Rex Freeman, Mrs. A. L. Fishel, Mrs. R. W. Newsom, and Mrs. J. B. Snyder. We would pay tribute to them for Benefits Received, because of their loyal and efficient service for the cause of Christ in our beloved Church.

Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Freeman, and Mrs. Fishel were elected by the Synod in 1947, and they have served nine years. From 1953 to 1956, Mrs. Stone has served as Chairman of Inter-Provincial Relations. Through correspondence and the exchange of ideas she has helped to strengthen the bond between the women of the Southern Province and our Moravian sisters throughout the entire Unity.

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work as Chairman of Devotional Life for the past three years. Aided by members of her Committee she has selected and distributed the Bible Studies to each Church. She has also written devotional programs for Women of the Church meetings and conducted devotions at meetings of the Board.

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For the past three years, Mrs. Kerner has been Chairman of a new work; that of Church History and Customs. Under her guidance women’s groups have made and are keeping scrapbooks. It is interesting to note as we think of Mrs. Kerner that she has served under the leadership of Mrs. Hansel Thomas, Mrs. Robert Shore, Mrs. T. Holt Haywood, and Mrs. Miller, our present Chairman. She has not only been a capable leader, but she has been a good follower.

These friends of ours who are retiring from an active status on the official Wo-
Moravians in Honduras Show Faith in Crisis

Clark D. Benson

The conflict between Nicaragua and Honduras over territorial rights could not but disrupt the normal routine of living on the part of those who live in the area of dispute. When Christians are alert to their opportunities, a time of strife can be used to good advantage in proclaiming the Christian faith. Our people were led by God again and again in these days to be witnesses unto Him.

It was necessary for some of our pastors to leave their villages but this was used of the Lord for a greater ministry. Pablo Miller, who had just come to Yaurabila the previous week, decided to take his family back to Brus; but the way was closed so Yaurabila did not lose its spiritual leader. The Laka pastor for the safety of his family expected to cross over to Palkaka, his old home, but could not secure permission and stopped with a spiritually neglected family at Kyaskira. We had decided to go to Yaurabila when it looked like it might be dangerous to stay here, but for the protection of the town and the food supply permission was not given to the townspeople to leave and we did not want to leave them. How glad we were that we could stay here to encourage our neighbors. Many Spanish Gospels and tracts were distributed at that time. On Saturday night two of the Brus Mission school teachers arrived to add their fine Christian witness to our efforts.

A great many fearful people came to our house to sleep, on the advice of the authorities, and their conversation sorely tempted us to be afraid. We had to fight strongly the temptation, for this was the time to prove that what we had been trying to teach people about trusting in God was not worthless. He could be depended upon in this sort of situation, too. We sang, read messages from the Word of God, played Miskito phonograph records, and played the accordion in an effort to turn thoughts away from fearfulness.

PRAYER SERVICES

More prayer services were held in the homes than usual and undoubtedly with greater fervor. As Thursday of the second week was the last day of a four day truce, which had been declared for peace negotiations, special attention was given to prayer in the homes, so that it was a great joy the next day to hear the news that a treaty had been agreed upon to stop the war. On Friday afternoon the new Comandante came to visit us. He arranged with us (it really was his idea) for a special service of thanksgiving for the soldiers and the townspeople. We were delighted to see that in spite of the fact that so many were away the church was full, for many who do not often appear in church were there.

A week after the peace treaty, at the regular Friday morning service, without previous warning an opportunity was given to any who wished to express their thanks for the Lord's help in these days. Testimony services such as we have had on New Year's are usually very dull, for only a few take part and not very eagerly. But in this service their hearts were ready, and without hesitation one after another expressed thankfulness until almost all had spoken. They have seen that the Lord has done something for them. He had taught us in six weeks a lesson in faith which years of Bible teaching had not been able to put across. Please pray that this lesson may not be forgotten, but learned so thoroughly as to bring "fruit unto everlasting life." make 1957 a memorable year.

Lists of prospects were prepared and visitors were recruited. Classes for instruction were held first for the pastors and then for those who were to do the visiting. A preaching mission was coupled with the visiting. Miskito Indian pastors exchanged pulpits and the revival was underway. The pastors donated their efforts eliminating the need for fund-raising as a part of the preparations. The people in a village would send a boat and paddlers up or down the river to provide transportation for the preacher or he just walked to his destination. One pastor walked twenty-five miles one day to reach his home after a week of preaching.

NEW CHRISTIANS

One village church with a membership of thirty-nine reported thirty-six new Christians. Another with thirty-six members had twenty-six converts. Larger congregations reported figures in the hundreds. Even now these thousand or more candidates are not members of the Church but are in instruction classes. The Bilwasarma congregation alone has seven such classes for instruction. There was joy over the repentant. "The people didn't want to go home," said Melius Men, a Miskito pastor, "they stayed in the service until after 11 o'clock just singing hymns."

The Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America sent one of its pastors and his wife to assist with the services among the English speaking people of the East Coast. The Rev. Richard Amos preached at such places as Puerto Cabezas, Bluefields, Pearl Lagoon and Tachapauine. When the results of the campaign in these large centers are reported there will be even more rejoicing because of the harvest of souls.

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REVIVAL SPIRIT MOVES CHURCHES OF NICARAGUA

CANTOY TAYLOR, Miskito pastor, preaches in a church at Waspam, Nicaragua.

The revival spirit is moving in the Moravian Churches of Nicaragua with the force of a cleansing tide. Already over 1,100 people have come forward for Christ. Hymnals and Bibles are being sold at an unprecedented rate through the Moravian Book Store in Bluefields. New churches are being built and the national church is pressing into new areas with Nicaraguan leadership and funds. Not all of these results can be attributed solely to one specific campaign but the movement has been greatly aided by a carefully planned year of Evangelism to mark the Quincentennial.

The Rev. David R. Jones, the most recent volunteer for service in Nicaragua, had seen the Year of Evangelism at work in the United States. As the pastor of the River side (N. J.) congregation he was able to learn the details of organization and procedure. He outlined the plans for a campaign and the entire Mission Province set out to do the work we had been trying to teach. We saw and heard more rejoicing because of the harvest of souls.

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 part in its work and help to support it in a moral and financial way.
National Honor Goes To Nicaragua Moravian
Kenneth G. Hamilton

An unusual honor has been bestowed on a fellow Moravian in Nicaragua, one who has been a life long member of the Bluefields congregation, and in recent years a missionary deacon of the Unitas Fratrum. The Republic of Nicaragua has issued a series of stamps commemorating the 100th anniversary (in 1956) of the birth of Lord Robert Baden Powell, founder of the International Boy Scout Movement. The 30 and 50 Centavo stamps in this series carry a fine shoulder length likeness of the Rev. Joseph A. Harrison, founder of Boy Scouting in Nicaragua.

As a former co-worker of his, the writer of these lines is happy to draw the attention of Moravians in this country to the recognition thus given Brother Harrison by his countrymen of many faiths. It is an honor well deserved, and it brings to the memory of Brother Harrison, while he is still well and happy, proof that his efforts to benefit others have been widely appreciated. That is another happy feature of this outstanding distinction given to him.

Brother Harrison has had a many-sided career. One characteristic, however, runs through all of its phases—he has always been one who could be trusted with responsibility. He has been a life member of the Church, but a layman who sought to multiply his talents in the service of his Lord and of the Church. When I first met him nearly forty years ago, he was active as a lay pastor, as a Sunday school teacher and officer, a member of the choir, a prominent leader in the congregational youth groups (the "Unions," founded by the late Rufus F. Bishop). If I remember correctly, it must have been in 1920 that he organized a Boy Scout troop, and—since this body was then unknown in Nicaragua—took steps to have it become affiliated with the Boy Scout headquarters in the United States. This was his way of trying to aid the more active boys in his community to develop along sound lines.

At this time he was a trusted employee of the Bluefields Steamship Company, serving it as its local treasurer. And though the control of this banana shipping concern was to pass from one corporation to another in the following years, Brother Harrison kept his post until at the request of the President of Nicaragua he enlisted in the newly formed Guardia Nacional (the army of Nicaragua). He received a commission of captain, as a practical acknowledgment of the wide influence he exercised in his community, not only among the Creoles, of whom he was one, but also among Spanish-speaking Nicaraguans and prominent foreigners as well. In this capacity he gained and held the confidence of the President. He remained with the Guardia Nacional until it had become firmly organized. Then in 1945, in compliance with a demand of captain, as a practical acknowledgment of the wide influence he exercised in his community, not only among the Creoles, of whom he was one, but also among Spanish-speaking Nicaraguans and prominent foreigners as well. In this capacity he gained and held the confidence of the President. He remained with the Guardia Nacional until it had become firmly organized. Then in 1945, in compliance with a

Several years ago, when the Nicaraguan government decided to develop a public water system in Bluefields, Brother Harrison was asked to supervise the project because of the general confidence placed in his integrity. While thus active he continued to serve the Church in his capacity of an ordained minister so far as his new duties permitted. Because of political developments work on the water project has recently stopped— at least for the present—and "Captain Harrison" is again active as "Brother Harrison", co-pastor of the Bluefields congregation, responsible especially for work in the Southern end of the town, known as Cotton Tree.

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shops were offered—all of them under the direction of laymen—and most of the delegates managed to attend two. Eight phases of church activity were discussed: elders, trustees, evangelism and visitation, women’s work, men’s organizations, church school and youth work, music, and missions. Minutes were kept on the sessions and are being edited and published for distribution to interested Moravians.

The afternoon was given over to tours of Old Salem, Bethabara and Bethania—historic sites for North Carolina Moravians.

After dinner Saturday night the delegates lined the fence on the square to hear chorales played by a section of the Salem Band. They were joined by a number of visitors after the concert for a worship service in Home Church at which Dr. Edward Grant, director of the State of Louisiana Department of Institutions spoke. Dr. Grant, a native of Scotland and a leading Presbyterian Layman, told the gathering that “an intelligent, active church is the only answer” to communism. He told the Moravians that they have a “great church” and shouldn’t “object to sharing it with other churches.” “There are no differences in Protestant churches,” he said, “we are the church of Jesus, we are brothers in Christ.”

The most popular feature of the conference, however, was not on the program. It was the fellowship of Moravians, old friends and new.

Comments on the conference were almost universally favorable. Dr. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Southern Provincial Elders Conference, credited the sessions with two “key accomplishments.” “It brought together laymen of both provinces so they could get to know one another and did a great deal to bring about a spirit of goodwill.” Dr. Spaugh said the conference also pointed up the importance of lay leadership. Ours is a church whose program should be planned by both clergy and laymen.”

Wilson Edwards, general chairman of the conference called it “a source of spiritual inspiration to laymen who attended.” He said the laymen of both provinces saw and accepted the responsibility of forwarding the work of the church.

MORAVIANS FROM EUROPE

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In 1951, he left Crook and began serving at Horton in the center of the woolen industry. The following year, he was ordained a Presbyterian by Bishop C. H. Shawe. At Horton he has continued his interest in the Boys’ Brigade and numerous other youth groups. He has elected general secretary to the Provincial Youth Committee of the Moravian Church in Great Britain and Ireland at the Bath Synod of 1955.

In September, 1955, he was appointed Moravian Representative to the Youth Committee of Free Church Federal Council in England and Wales.

Mr. REICHEL

Our other visitor to the summer camps is Peter Reichel. Peter was born near the city of Konigsfeld (in 1934) where his father, Dr. Waldemar Reichel, is now headmaster of the Zinzendorf Gymnasium. His early childhood was spent at Herrnhut, for at that time his father was a member of the Provincial Elders Conference of the Continental Province.

When Peter was ten, the war interrupted the happy, normal life at Herrnhut. Peter’s father was called to the service, and in the winter of March, 1945, the Russian armies came so close that the rest of the Reichels fled into Sweden, where Peter’s uncle was a colonel in the Swedish army.

Peter felt welcomed in Stockholm and learned the Swedish language that summer in order to continue his education. In school and out, he grew to love the Swedish friendliness and culture which left a lasting impression upon him.

It was a year after their flight into Sweden before they heard any news of their father. Through Bishop Shawe in London they were informed that Doctor Reichel was safe in a prison camp for POW’s in France.

In 1948 the family returned reunited to Bad Boll, Germany, where Peter attended high school, adjusting himself to living in Germany once again.

In 1952, Doctor Reichel received his present post at Konigsfeld. Peter became active in the “Blaesчерхор” or brass band and played at all Moravian events in true Moravian custom.

At school Peter’s courses included German literary history, general history, Latin, mathematics (including differential and integral calculus!), religion, chemistry, physics, biology, music, art, and sports. Peter says about these subjects: “The life of a German high-school boy is not easy with all these subjects to master, but when I had done seven years of Latin, I really enjoyed it.”

SCHOLARSHIP

In 1955, he graduated from the Zinzendorf-Gymnasium and received a scholarship to study at Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany. Here he will graduate in 1959 with an economics degree. He anticipates working in a publishing house because the art of printing, bookbinding, and typography appeal to him very much.

Among his numerous interests are classical and folk music, good books and how they are made, and sports—hiking and swimming.

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UNION CROSS

Church Council was held on Sunday evening, June 2. The congregation was inside reviewing the work of the past year and electing new officers for the new year while the crops outside were being watered by a generous downpour. The brethren I. F. Tucker and E. L. Reid were elected to the church board for three year terms, filling vacancies left by the retiring of Br. W. C. Tucker and Br. Cecil R. Sisk. Br. Raymond McGee was elected to fill an unexpired term of two years.

In the Sunday school election, also held on June 2, Br. C. P. Tucker was reelected superintendent, and Br. Noble was reelected assistant superintendent.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 229, under sponsorship of the congregation, have been very active since the troop was organized in January of this year. A line of trees along the church property facing the Union Cross road is the result of their efforts, and the boys, for another project, have volunteered to mow the church cemetery during the summer months. A "parents night" was held on the evening of May 28, and the following awards were presented: one Star, thirteen Second Class, and four Tenderfoot Scoutmasters are Leonard W. Meade and Cecil R. Sisk. Other men working with the troop are Earlie Leonard, Institutional Representative; Herbert B. Myers, Committee Chairman; Noble O. Tucker, Raymond McGee, Leolin Sells, James M. Phillips, Holland Bodenhamer, William Vaughn, John Webster and Thurman Johnson.

Seven women of the church attended the Workshop held at Calvary Church, May 22.

We were glad to welcome into our fellowship Judy Marsh, Mrs. Esther Mae Newsom, Mr. Aubrey E. Miller and Mrs. Elizabeth Jean Miller, who joined the communication membership of the church on April 14.

The men's class of the Sunday School met on Sunday, June 9, at the home of Br. E. T. Newsom, who for several months has been unable to attend at the church because of ill health.

LEWIS B. SWAIM

MESSIAH

Sunday School "Attendance Day" the last Sunday in May saw a record smashing 167 present. This marked the third time since the beginning of the year that an attendance record had been broken.

Records also were broken in the Daily Vacation Bible School, in which the average daily attendance was 70 pupils. Summer activities for the children did not stop with the school's close, for a midweek Bible school program every Wednesday afternoon has been organized.

The Sunday School picnic held at Tanglewood Park was enjoyed by over 100 members of the Sunday School and friends.

Special services featured the Sunday evening worship during May. The first of these included the presentation of the charter of the newly organized Boy Scout Troop and message by Jimmy Morgan, an Eagle Scout and member of Bethabara Church. Mr. Robert Conway and Mrs. Joseph Mason, members of the staff of Old Salem, incorporated, presented an interesting program on "The Role of the Church in the Old Salem Community." Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hoffman gave an inspiring pictorial account of their visit to Honduras.

The congregation council elected the following to three-year terms of office on the boards: Boards of Elders, Harry James and Luther Mendenhall; Board of Trustees, Robah Moser and Paul Brown.

BURTON J. RIGHTS

NEW PHILADELPHIA

We have just completed our financial canvass with some gratifying results. Our building fund pledges were taken on a two year basis, and counting our budget pledge we will have a total of over $90,000 for the period. In other words our pledges amount to a little better than $40,000 per year, or better than $900 per week. This, compared to our budget canvass of ten years ago, when we could raise only $1300 or about $25 per week, looks good indeed to us. The spirit of real sacrifice has taken hold of our people, and we are grateful to God.

One of the highlights of the canvass was our Loyalty Dinner, held at Mineral Springs School, for which we had 510 reservations. Several of our men presented inspiring stewardship talks and the congregation had an evening of wonderful fellowship.

Attendance during April was not only the best of the year, but the best in our 111 years. The average was 496 for worship services and 548 for Sunday School.

George R. Scilley of Fargo, North Dakota, and a senior student at Moravian Theological Seminary, is working with us as church assistant for the summer months. George will help conduct services, visit in the community, lead the work of the young people in the junior high age, help with Bible School and general church detail. We are most happy to have him with us, and appreciate his fine influence.

We were delighted to have as our guests on June 20, 350 board members from various churches of the province for the annual Building and Expansion picnic and rally.

On Whitsunday we were happy to receive Noel Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hutchins, and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Holcomb.
into our membership.

HENRY A. LEWIS

MOUNT BETHEL

The response to the service Easter Sunday proved to be equal to the day. With the sun shining bright, we gathered in front of the church to proclaim the Lord is Risen with a good attendance. This year the band of twenty pieces divided and played chorales antiphonally during the procession to the graveyard. This, many felt, added greatly to the service.

Our services this spring have had a slow but steady increase in attendance and it is our prayer that this may continue.

At the present time we are planning and making preparations for our revival services which will be conducted the second week in June. The week preceding is filled with cottage prayer meetings in homes throughout the community with the prayer that God will give us a real spiritual revival.

GLENN E. CRAVER

MAYODAN

We were glad to receive the following into our church on Palm Sunday: Patty Gwynn Sims, Karen Gray McDonald, and Linda Louise McDonald by infant baptism; Nancy Watkins and Carl Veach by confirmation; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Priddy, Mrs. Ruby McDonald, Mrs. Conrad Alberty, and Miss Margaret Connelly by adult baptism; Mr. & Mrs. Ben Sims and Mrs. Noel Ackias by reaffirmation of faith; and Mrs. George Martin and James Shreve, Jr. by transfer.

On Easter Sunday we were happy to receive Margaret Ruth Hedberg by infant baptism and on May 19 Mrs. Bill Price by transfer. We wish for them God's richest blessings.

Our Palm Sunday, Passion Week, and Easter services were well attended. The Louise Hedgcock Class prepared a delicious breakfast for the band and ushers on Easter. This was a very inspiring season.

On the Sunday marking the beginning of Family Week the congregation sat in family groups for the morning worship. A special Mother's Day program was presented by our young people's society the evening of the second Sunday in May. The Women of the Church sponsored a delicious potluck supper in the basement of the Church as an added feature for family month.

The primary department gave an interesting program for our mission service the first Sunday evening in April and an interesting picture on "Christian Service in Ladakh" was presented the first Sunday evening in May.

Our Sunday School officers for the coming year were elected as follows: superintendent, Emory Joyce; assistant, Rudolph Joyce; recording secretary, Donald Gann; assistant, Gilbert Brown; corresponding secretary, Miss Nelda Joyce; assistant, Mrs. Jean Baily; treasurer, Roy Via; assistant, Harold Berrier; song leader, Ike Veach.

We are glad to report that two of our older members, Mrs. S. P. Tesh and Mrs. Lillie Mae Matthews, are recovering satisfactorily from recent operations.

JOHN H. KAPP

KING

The King School Band again this year helped us to a successful Easter Sunrise service under the direction of C. M. Driver. We regret very much that Mr. Driver is leaving King.

In connection with the pastor's series of children's talks on Moravian Heroes, our children and young people have been most useful in providing special music each Sunday in our worship services. On May 5, their contribution was a 4-H worship program both in Sunday School and church services. This is the second year they have observed 4-H Sunday for us and we have learned to encourage them in their 4-H Club efforts. We are glad for the spiritual note in this work.

The use of Quincentennial banks in our church may possibly be the means of bringing in the full amount requested from our congregation for the Quincentennial year of celebration.

The Church Board recently installed a new electric range in the parsonage in place of one that was completely worn out. The pastor and his wife are grateful for this.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

ENTERPRISE

Mrs. Herbert Tesh united with the church on April 7 by letter of transfer. Dr. Edwin A. Sawyer spoke at the church anniversary lovefeast on April 14. The Friedberg band was on hand to play prior to the service.

Revival services were held during the week of April 28 with Br. James Weingarth bringing the messages. We were glad for the fellowship with Br. Weingarth both in the services and as he was able to visit in some of the homes.

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given to the church by Mrs. O. G. Hartman in memory of Mrs. J. S. Craver and in honor of Mr. J. S. Craver. The bulletin board arrived just in time to be erected before Easter. Our Easter service was held at 3:00 P. M. with the Friedberg band assisting. The old pulpit and pulpit furniture have been given to the Lickskill Methodist Church which burned sometime ago.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

MORAVIA

Since our last report we have received the following new members: Curtis Fentress and Jerry Lee, by rite of confirmation; Mrs. Wallace Elliott, by letter of transfer.

Recent services of special emphasis have included a continuation of "Sunday School Night", with the beginner class, under the leadership of Mr. Howard Ledbetter, bringing a special worship on the Easter theme, and Mrs. John King's primary class leading the worship on May 26. Br. Edwin L. Stockton brought an unusually fine illustrated address on "The Moravian Sunrise Service" on April 28. Our Sunday school honored the following on Mother's Day: Mrs. Lula Ellington, Mrs. Kenneth James and Mrs. Ida Lee. Every mother present was presented with a small rose corsage.

We are indeed grateful to our membership for the good boost given our treasury during these closing months of the church year. We received an encouraging return from our Lenten Sacrifice Folders.

MORAVIA is honored that John Lee, member of our Board, has assisted in the planning for the Interprovincial Laymen's Conference.

"Come to Vacation Bible School!" This is being repeated a number of times these days by the leaders of our 1957 school, including Mrs. T. C. West and Mrs. Ted West, beginners; Mrs. Donald Smith, primaries; Herbert Isley, juniors; and Howard Kirkman, intermediates. The pastor will serve as general superintendent.

Our newly-organized Christian Men's Organization elected the following officers: T. C. West, president; Herbert Isley, vice-president; Leon Beeson, secretary; Claude Isley, treasurer; John Lee, chaplain. The current agenda includes possibly sponsoring the Cub Scouts in our church.

Church Council Meeting was called to order by the pastor on Sunday, June 2. Elections resulted in the following being named to offices: Herbert Isley and John Lee, Board members; Gorrell Terrell, treasurer; John Lee, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Thomas Scissmore, pianist; Margaret Batham, assistant pianist; Hubert Valentine and T. C. West, head ushers; Mrs. Clyde Howerton, Mrs. Howard Ledbetter, Mrs. Donald Smith and Mrs. Ted West, deacons; Charlie Lee, in charge of coffee for love-feasts; Herbert Isley, choir director; Mrs. R. T. Troutman, junior choir director; Dewey Long, lawn detail; Mrs. Howard Ledbetter and Mrs. Eri Elliott, in charge of ordering flowers; Izula Fentress, in charge of church clean-up schedule.

R. T. TROUTMAN

RALEIGH

What a joy it is to have our own house of worship! Attendances at our Sunday morning services have continued to be encouraging ever since the grand opening of our Christian Education building on March 24, and everyone agrees that nothing could be more satisfying than to have a church home of our own. How good it feels to have found our spiritual haven and to begin growing deeper roots at last!

As our fellowship draws nearer to God and knits more closely together, we are also happy to report that it has expanded somewhat this year. Those who have become communicant members of our congregation in recent months include Mrs. A. L. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold W. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Kurian, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Wall, Mr. Marvin W. Stephenson, and Mrs. Walser H. Allen, Jr. We pray God's richest blessings upon all of these brethren and sisters as they labor and worship together in His kingdom.

Our big project at this point is the re-assembling of the pipe organ which was presented to us by Mr. and Mrs. Alan O'Neal. This two-manual instrument is being installed in our Fellowship Hall, and we expect the work to be completed by the end of June. At that time the dedicatory service will be held with a recital by Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl.

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After a year of successful service under the leadership of Mr. Edward G. Manning, retiring president, the Women of the Church have reorganized for the ensuing term. New officers for the group are the following: Mrs. Ray S. Foltz, president; Mrs. Daniel S. Grosch, vice-president; Mrs. Ira O. Schaub, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. Waylon D. Sned, Jr., treasurer.

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BETHANIA

The largest congregation in recent history gathered on a beautiful Easter morning at sunrise to witness to their faith in the Risen Christ. The congregation this year numbered 381. Another attendance record was broken Easter Sunday when our Church School attendance climbed to 181 to break the old record of 179 set only a few weeks before. Our Church School attendance continues to show an encouraging increase over previous years.

On Palm Sunday, Miss Evelyn Leinbach and Calvin Conrad were received into the membership of the church by the rite of Confirmation.

We benefitted greatly from the series of Wednesday night messages brought by Dr. Edwin Sawyer during the season of Lent. His subject was the "Person of Christ."

We were happy to have Bishop Pfohl and Bishop Schwarze with us to help us observe our 198th anniversary on the second Sunday in June. Again the day was marked by the largest attendance in recent years for the services of the day.

Church Council elected Harold Adams, Thomas Allred, and Kenneth Leinbach to the Boards of Elders and John Hunter and Ralph Flynt to the Board of Trustees. Our largest budget to date, $14,700, was also adopted by Church Council.

One of the finest developments in the past year has been the increase of mission interest among our people. A local chapter of the Foreign Missionary Society was organized during the fall and has been active throughout the year. It has sponsored one special mission service each month. In addition it has promoted mission interest in the congregation in other ways. Dr. Werner Marx brought the address at the annual Missionary Lovefeast. At that service an offering was received to be used for the renovation of mission properties in the East Indies.

A large group from the Bethania band journeyed to Raleigh to play for the official opening of their new building on March 24. We appreciate the fine support our people gave to this undertaking.

HERBERT WEBER

BAPTISMS


McDonald, Karen Gray, daughter of Malcolm and Ruby m.n. Smith McDonald, born April 22, 1949, in Leasburg, N. C., baptized April 14, 1957, at Mayodan Church by the Rev. John H. Kapp.


Hedberg, Margaret Ruth, daughter of Dr. Louis and Margaret m. n. Bollin Hedberg, born March 2, 1956, in Staunton, Va., baptized April 21, 1957, at Mayodan Church by the Rev. John H. Kapp.

Venable, Francis Preston, son of Charles Scott and Erudth Dormothea m.n. McCaus- ton Venable, born April 14, 1956, at Raleigh, N. C., was baptized March 24, 1957, at the Moravian Church of Raleigh by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.


Troutman, Randall Bender, son of the Rev. R. T. and Marion m.n. Bender Troutman, born December 8, 1956, at Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized April 14, 1957, at Moravia Church by the Rev. J. George Bruner.

Hester, Kim Marie, daughter of Harvey Westmoreland and Jayne m.n. Foster Hester, born March 5, 1957, at Winston-Salem, N. C. Baptized June 2, 1957, at Oak Grove Church by the Rev. Christian D. Weber.

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One record, both sides, will be devoted to documentary features which will include as of now: Bishop Pfohl giving the Daily Text for the first day of the year at the New Year's Watchnight Service, parts of the March 3 Anniversary programs, a portion of the Easter Sunrise Service, interviews with international visitors to General Synod, excerpts from the Laymen's Convocation and Youth Convocation, a portion of the pageant specially written for the anniversary, and Christmas selections. Here will be a lasting record of some events which will never happen again and some which are well-loved by each member who attends year after year.

The second record, both sides, should most fittingly be devoted to the Fourth American Moravian Music Festival and Seminar, one of the most outstanding events of the 500th Anniversary year. The featured work will be Vittorio Giannini's, CANTICLE OF THE MARTYRS, written for the 1957 Festival at the Commission of Dr. Thor Johnson.

The last record in the album will have music from the Moravian college choirs on one side and excerpts from national radio and television programs on the other. These programs are: NATIONAL RADIO PULPIT with Dr. John Weinlick and four Moravian choirs; LAMP UNTO MY FEET, a drama about Count Zinzendorf; DEAN PIKE, interview with the Rev. Edward Wilde; CBS CHURCH OF THE AIR with the Rev. James Hughes; and the CBS Thanksgiving program. The conclusion of the entire three records will be Bishop Pfohl's Benediction.

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The theme of the conference was "Forward with Christ." James Fulp, president of the Young Adult Fellowship; Ralph Bell, chairman of the camp committee; and the Rev. George Chiddle, pastoral counselor, were in charge of the camp. We were indeed fortunate to have as our guests, the Rev. Gordon Stoltz and Mrs. Stoltz from College Hill Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Br. Stoltz presented three inspirational addresses: "Our Gospel," "Our Helper" and "Living the Christian Life with the aid of the Scriptures." These messages were truly a challenge to us to use the Scriptures prayerfully and to pray daily for a closer fellowship with Christ.

One of the highlights of the conference was a panel discussion Saturday morning with Br. Stoltz as moderator. Such questions were discussed as: "What is God seeking to accomplish?", "What is your idea of a successful life?", "Should I be in full time service to fulfill my calling as a Christian?", "How do you account for the slow progress of Christianity if it is God-inspired and directed?", "What can I do in my local church to help the cause of Christ?" After an hour and one half of really good discussion, the campers came to the conclusion that truly to go forward with Christ, they should first accept Christ as Saviour, and with His divine guidance work for Him in every phase of life—home, community, church, and business. If we have a God-centered life, we will go all the way in supporting our churches and missions.

The Rev. Fred Hege was the speaker for the evening vespers services held in the outdoor chapel. His messages in the quiet of the evening with the varying sounds of the little animals of nature gave the campers a serene sense of the nearness of God.

Our campfire director, the Rev. John Goserud, with his enthusiasm and vivaciousness, led the campers into a wonderful spirit of fellowship.

The recreation on Saturday afternoon was directed by Miles Carter. No one was "young" enough to admit it, but there were some sore muscles on Sunday morning. Swimming, boating, softball, golf chipping, horseshoes, and fishing were the sports enjoyed.

As the Adult Fellowship has as its project for the Quincentennial year participation in the "Hourly Intercession" (a full year of continual prayer by Moravians all over the world) Bob Van Horn, chairman of the project, challenged the campers to work in their local churches to make the "Hourly Intercession" a success.

Sunday morning the bugle awakened the campers to a lovely morning. Very quickly they dressed and rode up to the top of the mountain overlooking Camp Hanes. There on top of the mountain, we had a Service of Rededication led by Br. Stoltz. As we looked down on the beauty and splendor of nature, we were filled with the awe of God's love and mercy.

With these wonderful inspirational experiences afresh in our minds we are once again better prepared to go "Forward with Christ."

On Sunday, June 2, the Oak Grove congregation laid the cornerstone for their new Sanctuary and Education Building. On that day and during the three days following, special services of thanksgiving to God were held for the congregation and many friends from throughout the province.

Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders' Conference, preached the first sermon in the new Sanctuary, and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl and Bishop Edmund Schwarze were present to officiate at the laying of the cornerstone and the lovefeast. Former pastors J. Calvin Barnes and John H. Kapp, who helped develop plans for the new church, were guest preachers during the week, and the Women of the Church held a Day of Prayer for the province on Wednesday with three outstanding sermons on "Confirming Our Calling" by the Brethren James C. Hughes, F. Herbert Weber, and George A. Chiddle.

The impressive building of Moravian colonial architecture brings to completion the new church, which replaces the old frame church torn down in 1951 after sixty-four years of service. A first unit, consisting of Sunday School rooms and a Fellowship Hall, was erected in 1951 at a cost of $55,000. When this unit was dedicated, debt-free, in January 1953, a building fund was started for the Sanctuary. Just three and one half years later in August, 1956, ground was broken. The growing demands of the Sunday School made it also necessary to construct facilities for the Children's Department and one adult class.

The new building, designed by the Stinson, Arey, and Hall Architectural Firm, was constructed at a cost of $112,000. Pews and other furnishings increased the total cost to $120,000, of which almost a third has already been raised by the congregation. The beautiful and well-equipped building is an outstanding tribute to the faith and dedication of a congregation which up until four years ago had never had a full-time pastor. The present pastor is the Rev. Christian D. Weber.

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Similarly, in two World Wars Moravians were on both sides of those tragic conflicts but when the fighting ended, representatives from each side met together and discovered that our Unity was still intact.

Possibly the most dramatic of these meetings was the Unity Conference of 1946, held in Switzerland—a neutral country—following World War II. Present were a German, a Dane, a Czech, a Hollander, two Swedes, an Englishman, two Swiss and two Americans. Their countries had been at war. Relatives and friends had lost their lives and property. The memory of atrocities was still fresh, but all were brethren in Christ and members of the same church! At the very first session of this conference, any fears that our Unity had been destroyed were proved completely groundless. To those present it was a thrilling illustration of the power of the gospel to lift men above the hatreds engendered by war, race, nationality and all other barriers.

Other Unity Conferences followed, and now, for the first time since 1931 and only the second since 1914, a General Synod, the highest symbol of our Unity, is meeting here in our country. Furthermore, for the first time ever, it is not being held on the Continent of Europe.

The very fact of our Unity is remarkable when one understands the differences which exist (how could it be otherwise?) between the European, the British and the American provinces of our church.

If the old UNITAS FRATRUM, the quincentennial of whose founding in 1457 we are celebrating this year, could have continued, the story might have been different. But after two hundred years the UNITAS FRATRUM was persecuted to death—except for the "Hidden Seed" out of which came our present day Moravian Church.

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CELEBRATIONS IN GERMANY
Victor L. Thomas

The Five Hundredth Anniversary celebration at Koenigsfeld in the Schwarzwald (Black Forest), Germany, opened with a service in the Zinzendorf Square on the evening of June 13. Several thousand people had gathered not only from Koenigsfeld but from the far places as well—brethren and sisters from Africa, South and North America, Switzerland, England, Holland, Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Herrnhut, Niesky, Berlin, Neuwied, Bad Boll, Neugnadelfeld, Hanover, Hamburg and other places. Br. H. Schmidt, the local pastor, welcomed the huge congregation; and the combined trombone choir from Koenigsfeld and Neuwied played chorales and accompanied the singing.

This was a joint anniversary. Not only the Five Hundredth Anniversary of the Moravian Church, but the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of Koenigsfeld as well as being celebrated. A huge exhibition of articles pertaining to the history of the Moravian Church and the Koenigsfeld congregation had been prepared in the new modern John Amos Comenius School building. Br. W. Reichel, who is well known in America, is the head of this preparatory school, which has as an enrollment of 350 boarding students and 140 who...

CELEBRATIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA
George G. Higgins

Observances of the Five Hundredth Anniversary of the Moravian Church were held during May and June in various Moravian centers in Europe. Attending these celebrations were the delegates from the American Provinces and visitors from the other provinces and mission fields.

The first of the celebrations was held in Czechoslovakia the last of May and featured a Jubilee Synod at Zelezny Brod and a tour of historic places in Bohemia and Moravia. The second was at Koenigsfeld for the West German Churches and the third was at Herrnhut in East Germany.

In all three of these centers the celebrations met with enthusiastic response on the part of the people. At Zelezny Brod, Koenigsfeld and Herrnhut the church auditoriums are large, but in all cases they were filled to overflowing. Many of the services were repeated to accommodate the large crowds that wished to attend.

THE REV. R. G. LLOYD of England stands with two girls of Zelezny Brod, where the Synod of the Czechoslovakian Province was held.

A feature of all the European observances was the large number of foreign visitors who came as official delegates from all parts of the Moravian Church. Participating in the service from America were Dr. Raymond S. Haupert and Dr. Victor L. Thomas, representing the Northern Province, and Dr. Herbert Spaugh and Dr. George G. Higgins from the Southern Province.

Fittingly the first of the continental gath-

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Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference

Br. David Burkette was ordained a deacon of the Moravian Church by Bishop Edmund Schwarze at Advent Church on Sunday evening, June 9. The following Sunday, June 16, the President of the Conference installed him as pastor of Clemmons congregation at the 11 o'clock service.

The Provincial Elders' Conference again calls the attention of the churches to the two programs of Moravian music that Dr. Thor Johnson will conduct during the month of September. The programs will be presented in Memorial Hall at Salem College on Friday night, September 13, and Sunday afternoon, September 15. Among the numbers that will be presented will be "The Canticle of Martyrs" composed for the 500th anniversary of the Moravian Church by Dr. Vittorio Giannini. Br. E. T. Mickey, Jr., is chairman of the committee in charge of arranging for these occasions.

The Southern Province received word of the tragic fire which destroyed the church and parsonage of the Lititz congregation with deep concern and sorrow. We express our Christian sympathy to our brethren and sisters of the Northern Province in their great loss, and assure them of our prayers and brotherly interest.

Activities of the President of the Conference for the month of June included the following: sermon at the opening of the new sanctuary at Oak Grove at 9:45 a.m. on the 2nd, followed by dinner, cornerstone laying and lovefeast; greetings at Laymen's Convocation on the 8th; Sunday School lesson at Men's Bible Class, Home Church, on the 9th; participation in the service of ordination for Br. David Burkette at Advent on the 9th; installation of Br. Burkette at Clemmons on the 16th; participation in Building and Expansion Rally at New Philadelphia on the 20th; address at anniversary lovefeast at Advent on the 23rd.

Board and committee meetings included Provincial Elders' Conference, Committee for entertainment of General Synod visitors, Provincial Board of Evangelism, Willow Hill Church Board, and Mr. Bethlehem Church Board.

Other churches visited during the month included Friedland, Christ Church and Bethania.

R. GORDON SPAUGH, President

Provincial Woman's Board

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

It was a fine experience to meet so many of our Moravian sisters from the Northern Province who came here for the Inter-provincial Laymen's Conference in June. From letters received from some of them we gather that they enjoyed the exchange of ideas and fellowship with us too. One of the most interesting things that came out of the Workshop on Women's Work was the unanimous decision to go on record as saying that there would be great advantage in having an Inter-Provincial Woman's Board to handle the selection of projects and study materials for all the women. We were quite glad to have three members of the Provincial Woman's Board of the Northern Province at the Conference. They were Mrs. John G. Anderson, Mrs. Theodore Hartman and Mrs. W. Miller Weiss.

Miss Elizabeth Marx, head of the Bluefields, Nicaragua school, Colegio Moravo, writes that the Youth Hymnals sent by the Women of the Southern Province have started arriving. She says, "I haven't opened the boxes yet to see how many there are. I want to open them as soon as I can get some help to have them varnished before we put them into use. There are some bindings that the cockroaches relish. I had three little New Testaments on my shelf in the school office and they have been completely eaten off, and I don't want to take a chance on the hymnals."

The Chairman of the Provincial Woman's Board, Mrs. M. E. Miller, has enjoyed visits with the women of Hope, Hopewell and Ardmore during June, and Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell, Sec. and Treasurer of the Board, and Mrs. Miller were invited to meet with the women of Rural Hall on July 11. Members of the Board welcome opportunities to visit Women of the Church groups throughout the Province.

Miss Christa Menzel, of Hamburg, Germany, who spent this past winter as a student at Salem College, is working in Bethlehem, Pa., this summer at St. Luke's Hospital. When she left Winston-Salem in June, she expressed her appreciation of the many kindnesses shown her by the Women of the Province during these past months.

BAPTISMS

Smith, Anne Pender, daughter of George Thomas and Ruth M. Brit Smith, born February 18, 1956, in Raleigh, N. C., was baptized June 30, 1957, at the Moravian Church of Raleigh by the Rev. Walser H. Allen, Jr.

Foster, Sterling Johnson, IV, son of Sterling Johnson, III, and Theresa M. Thompson, born March 18, 1957, at the Little Church on the Lane, Charlotte, N. C., by Dr. Herbert Spaugh on May 5, 1957.

Children from Bible Schools Visit Old Salem Restoration

Some 120 Moravian Bible-School children visited the Old Salem Restoration during the month of June, according to Mrs. J. C. Mason, Director of Visits at Old Salem.

The children, representing the Junior and Intermediate departments of the Home Church, and the Intermediate department of Trinity Church, toured the Boys School Building, the Salem Tavern, the John Vogler House, and the Market Fire House.

CONTRIBUTORS

Dr. Walser H. Allen, Sr., former pastor of Kernersville Church, is pastor of Central Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The Rev. William A. Cranford, Jr., is pastor of Enterprise and Hopewell churches.

Miss Marsha Pedersen, R. N., is on the staff of the Kidugalo colony for lepers, Unyamwezi, Africa.

Dr. Victor L. Thomas is president of the Western District Board, Northern Province.

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The unique character of the Moravian Church has always consisted, in part, in the fact that we are a world-wide unity. The fact of our unity will be most forcefully demonstrated in August of this year when the first General Synod since 1931 will be held at the Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

In addition to the rare opportunities for fellowship to be afforded those who will attend, matters of far-reaching importance for the whole Moravian Church will be considered and decided upon. Delegates from the Northern and Southern Provinces have already met in preparatory deliberations of the delegates and guide have already met in preparatory session and will gather for further briefing before the Synod convenes. Let us join together in praying that the Holy Spirit will manifest the presence of God Himself during the deliberations of the delegates and guide them throughout their month together with His most gracious leading.

For the information of our readers, here-with is submitted a list of those who will represent us at the General Synod:

From the Continental Province:
- Bishop Johannes Vogt, Herrnhut, Eastern Germany
- Bishop Herman G. Steinberg, Bad Boll, Western Germany
- The Rev. Heinz Motel, Bad Boll, Western Germany
- The Rev. Heinz Renkwitz, Arnolds- shain, Western Germany
- The Rev. Paul Theile, Menziken, Switzerland
- The Rev. Wilhelm Lutjeharms, Zeist, Holland
- The Rev. Jens Hansen, Christiansfeld, Denmark

From the British Province:
- Bishop E. W. Porter, Bristol, England
- Bishop Herbert P. Connor, Fulneck, Pudsey, Leeds, England
- The Rev. Edward Wilson, Oldham, England
- The Rev. A. J. Lewis, Fairfield, Manchester, England
- Dr. Samuel King Hutton, Bridgewater, Somerset, England
- Mr. S. Twine, Yorkshire, England

From the American Province—North
- Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton, Bethlehem, Penna.
- Dr. F. P. Stocker, Bethlehem, Penna.
- Dr. Raymond S. Haupert, Bethlehem, Penna.

From the American Province—South
- Bishop Edmund Schwarze, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Dr. W. Herbert Spaugh, Charlotte, N. C.
- Dr. George G. Higgins, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Dr. Samuel J. Tesch, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Dr. Clarence T. Leinbach, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Mr. Alton F. Pfaff, Winston-Salem, N. C.

From the Czechoslovakian Province:
- Bishop Karel Reichel, Usti, Czechoslovakia
- The Rev. Radim Kalfus, Nova Paka, Czechoslovakia

From the Mission Provinces:
- *Bishop Peter M. Gubi, St. Kitts, Eastern West Indies
- *The Rev. Nevin S. Neil, Nazareth, Jamaica
- *The Rev. Adolf Hartman, Eastern South Africa
- *The Rev. Elmo Knudsen, Nyassa, Tanganyika, East Africa
- The Rev. Victor Muller, Surinam, (Dutch Guiana), South America
- Bishop P. W. Schaberg, Western South Africa
- The Rev. Jack Coleman, Nicaragua, Central America
- The Rev. Charles B. Michael, Alaska

(Note: * indicates a delegate from the mission provinces; the other Mission Province representatives are advisory members of Synod.)
Moravian Work Praised

Dr. Eugene A. Nida, of the American Bible Society, reported that in Guatemala there are approximately a score of significant Indian tribes, which constitute fully sixty-five per cent of the entire population of the country. In the rest of Central America there are, with the exception of the Miskitos of Nicaragua and Honduras, only small scattered remnants of what were earlier much more extensive groups. The Miskitos, however, are a very important group, having their own New Testament, hymn book, catechism and numerous other publications, put out by the Moravian Mission, which through the years has developed what is without doubt the most outstanding piece of Indian work in the western hemisphere.

Antigua Junior Choir Wins Contest

The Spring Gardens Junior Choir, on Antigua in the West Indies, has won the first prize of one hundred dollars, and the Esso Shield in the 1957 Choral Festival.

Seven choirs participated in a contest of very high standard and in the presence of a selected audience, including His Honour the Administrator, Lt. Col. A. C. Lovelace, and the most prominent citizens of the community.

The contestants included the Willikies Choral Group which won the contest last year and which has been famous here since they had the privilege of singing before Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret in 1955. On this occasion Willikies Choir was placed third; the St. John’s Youth Council Choir secured second place. The Spring Gardens College Choir, also Moravian, came fourth and received a consolation prize of fifteen dollars.

The excellence of the singing of the Junior Choir reenabled them to be placed above choirs with four part harmonies, and although a local Senior School sang well and was placed fifth, our Junior Choir included the youngest children participating. About fifty members of the Junior Choir sang at the contest.

The first prize of $100.00 was presented by Messrs. Nuffield Exports Ltd (Morris, MG and Wolseley Cars). The attractive shield will be on display in the church. The Rev. C. F. Aldersley is the pastor at Spring Gardens.

Ordinations in the West Indies

The Provincial Elders’ Conference of the East West Indies Province has authorized the ordination of Oliver Maynard and Dufferin Culpepper, two West Indians who have been serving the church in their home Province. They were ordained deacons by Bishop Peter M. Gubi on July 14 on Barbados.

The Rev. Edward Hasler from England and now serving on Trinidad was ordained a presbyter on that island by Bishop Gubi on July 21.

A New Moravian Hospital in Nicaragua

Some years ago the Seventh Day Adventists erected a hospital at Puerto Cabezas in Nicaragua. Puerto Cabezas is on the East Coast and is a Moravian stronghold about ninety miles by road from Bilwaskarma, the site of a Moravian hospital. The Adventists developed a training school for nurses and erected a number of adjoining buildings as well as a doctor’s residence.

About a year ago they decided to move to another section of Nicaragua (to an area where there is no medical help now available) and offered their buildings for sale.

In the meantime Dr. David Thaeler had been busy raising funds for building a new wing to the hospital at Bilwaskarma. He raised $9,000.00 in Nicaragua and received $8,000.00 from an anonymous donor in the Southern Province. All of these donors agreed to have their gifts used for the purchase price of the Adventist hospital instead of building the new wing. The purchase price is $23,500.00 for the hospital buildings including the doctor’s residence; therefore, there remains only $6,500.00 yet to be raised to complete the transfer of the hospital to Moravian hands debt-free.

Equipment for this hospital is vitally necessary. Mrs. W. T. Buchholz of Durbin, North Dakota, has given the sum of $5,000.00 in memory of her husband. This amount will be used specifically for new equipment in accordance with the wishes of Mrs. Buchholz.

The most urgent need is for a missionary doctor to be on the field as soon as possible. At this writing efforts to find one have been in vain. The prayers of the church and assistance in recruitment are sought in this important search.

The new hospital will be operated in conjunction with the present one under the direction of Dr. Thaeler. Since Puerto Cabezas has daily air service to and from other parts of Nicaragua (Bilwaskarma has only two planes per week) the acquisition of the “Port” hospital will mean a greatly expanded medical service for Nicaraguans through the already widely respected Moravian Church.
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erings in observance of the Five Hundredth Anniversary was held in Czechoslovakia, the land of the birth of the Unitas Fratrum in 1457. There the celebration began with a Jubilee Synod at Zelezny Brod. Zelezny Brod is the largest Moravian Congregation in Czechoslovakia and is located only a few miles from Herrnhut across the border in Southern Germany.

The president of the synod was the Rev. Radium Kalfus, the Executive Secretary of the Inner Council. Bishop Karl Reichel preached the synodal sermon.

Prominent among the ecumenical delegates was Bishop F. Sigg of the Methodist Church in Switzerland and the Rev. VACLAV Vancura, Methodist District Superintendent in Czechoslovakia. Br. Vancura is the son of the first Moravian bishop to be consecrated in Czechoslovakia since John Amos Comenius and was educated at Moravian College and Theological Seminary in Bethlehem.

Church Union

The most significant issue to come before the synod was the question of union of the Moravian Church with the Evangelical Church in Czechoslovakia. This branch of the protestant church which is affiliated with the Presbyterians has a membership of about 400,000. It, like the Moravian Church and the Czech Brethren's Church in Texas, traces its origin to the Ancient Church of John Amos Comenius that are to be found all over Czechoslovakia. In front of the museum is a very large statue of Comenius and one wing of the museum is given over to a display of the writings and of pictures of this last bishop of the ancient Church.

The tour ended at Prague on Saturday, June 1. On the morning of arrival in Prague the party was officially received by the deputy minister of Education and Culture. A special guest at this reception by the high ranking government was Dr. Joseph Hromodka, dean of the Comenius faculty of the University of Prague.

The festival closed with two services, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, at the San Salvatore Church located near the town people led by school children who offered the foreign guests bouquets of beautiful Czechoslovakian spring flowers. In some places there was a band and songs by the children and always speeches of welcome from a local government official.

The birth place of John Amos Comenius was also visited. In the yard of the old church there are to be found the graves of some members of Comenius' family.

At Uhersky Brod is located the largest of the many monuments and museums to Comenius that are to be found all over Czechoslovakia. In front of the museum is a very large statue of Comenius and one wing of the museum is given over to a display of the writings and of pictures of this last bishop of the ancient Church.

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well as sanction. Thus when our "Ancient Unity" began to be reconstituted—in 1722—largely through the influence of Zinzendorf, State Churches were in the field. In Saxony, where Zinzendorf lived, it was the Lutheran Church, and he himself was an ardent member of it. In the British Isles it was the Church of England.

This left little room, in those days especially, for the growth of independent churches. Every citizen by right of his citizenship belonged to the State Church, and whether or not he chose to associate himself with some other, part of his tax money went toward the support of the State Church.

Zinzendorf's Views

Zinzendorf was opposed to the idea of another denomination, a subject on which he held strong convictions, but he did want to do something for foreign missions. Therefore, even though he finally agreed to re-establish the old UNITAS FRATRUM, he thought of it more as a missionary society than as a church which should expand in the homelands. Consequently, he encouraged the development of "settlement congregations" made up of people living in a small settlement where they had their church and school, and from which missionaries were sent out to foreign lands. These settlements were distinctly Moravian; everybody who lived in them belonged to the Moravian church and worked in one way or another to serve it.

Because a State Church, being a governmental unit, cannot propagate itself outside of its own territory, it cannot consistently engage in foreign missions, except within its own colonies. But because there were many devout souls in the State churches who were not indifferent to the "Great Commission," the Moravians in Europe soon learned that here was a vital source of support for their missionary endeavors. They began to send ministers—and missionaries on furlough—to preach in the State Church churches, nearly always with a warm welcome from the State Church pastors, and to gather offerings for Moravian Missions. In England what is known as "The London Association in Aid of Moravian Missions" came into being—composed largely of members of the Church of England—and annually contributed large sums of money for our missions, especially those in Labrador and Tibet. Similar societies were formed in various countries on the Continent. Several of these still exist—as does the London Association—and without their aid, the work of our missions in the Eastern Hemisphere would have been curtailed.

Furthermore, Zinzendorf established schools for the express purpose of provid-
Lepers Come to Acquire New Faces at Kidugalo

Martha Pedersen, R. N.

I shall never forget the sight I saw when a truck filled with lepers swung into the grounds of our leper colony, Kidugalo.

There were thirty-nine lepers in all, far gone in the ravages of the disease; verily they were in the worst condition I have ever seen. The terrible knots on their swollen faces made it utterly impossible for us to differentiate between the sexes or to distinguish between the adults and the children. A fourteen year old boy looked like an old man down on all fours.

They had travelled about one hundred forty miles in an open truck in order to get here. What a sight they were! Not only were they filthy, but the reek of them extended far and wide. Many of them had large, open sores, undressed, filled with proud flesh and covered with flies.

An aged man, who lay on the floor of the truck, was more dead than alive, being able neither to walk nor to sit. We had him carried inside and laid upon a bed, but immediately discovered to our great alarm that the entire room was filling up with vermin of every sort. We took him outside again and had the bed and the room sprayed with DDT. The man was washed and provided with a new blanket and a mat, and also a place to sleep.

The next morning a great clean-up was set in motion. First, all sores were treated and bandaged. Then each one was provided with a piece of soap sufficient for a scrubbing from head to foot. Next in order at­

tion was given to their filthy clothing.

All were conducted to the new lavatories, where they found both soap and water. Gradually we became able to sniff the air without wrinkling our noses.

One after the other now underwent an examination, receiving blood tests, skin tests and such like. Doctor Due Madsen photographed every individual patient. This will enable us to see the difference more clearly when they begin to acquire new faces. This comes to pass with incredible speed. Week after week one can perceive how they are improving and, when a year has passed, the patient looks nearly normal again.

In spite of the odor and the filth there is a great joy in being able to receive such a flock of destitute unfortunates.

Gradually, as they improve and regain their strength, each one will be entrusted with some small responsibility. Thus they come to regard themselves as useful citizens of society.

This was only one truckload among others. There is a steady stream of new patients. The new leper colony will never stand vacant.

The patients are busy at building several houses to make room for as many more patients as possible.

They know what it is worth; they see the results; and they are fully conscious of the fact that the more patients come to the colony the less will the plague of leprosy spread throughout the land.

(Translated from Martha Pedersen's book, LEPROS WITH NEW FACES, by Herbert B. Johnson.)

Blair Publishes New Edition Of Rights' Book on Indian

William A. Cranford, Jr.


The author's interest in "hunting Indians" began at an early age with the finding of some arrowheads on his grandfather's farm. From this beginning he continued his search, not only for arrowheads but also for information concerning the "first citizens" of the land, which he gathered "bit by bit at odd moments." Some of this information has been given a permanent form in the present volume which was recently brought back into print as a publication of the Wachovia Historical Society.

Much of the book is concerned with the conflicts which arose between the Indians and the white settlers as well as the ways in which the Indians participated in the white man's wars. Over one hundred illustrations add to the interest of the book and include Indian artifacts, numerous maps, landscape scenes associated with Indian history and a number of pictures of the Indians themselves, including some of the John White pictures now in the British Museum. Quite a variety of records of the colonial period were consulted, including the Moravian records.

A good historical background is given for those who may have seen the Cherokee Indian outdoor drama "Unto These Hills" on the Qualla reservation in Western North Carolina and would like further information concerning the events upon which the play is based.

A number of statements bring to mind the author's humorous manner of expression. In the preface he states, "Just as it is with people, some of the chapters are long and some are short." The Indians Wanchee and Manteo are described as "the first American tourists to reach England." A description of the Eno Indians, who once lived near the present town of Hillsboro, is given. To this is added, "Not far from Eno town the young braves of North Carolina and Duke universities still carry on ball play with much labor and violence, the government of the country is still Democratic, and the three crops a year are possible for farmers who space corn plantings properly."

The mysteries of Sir Walter Raleigh's "Lost Colony" and the origin of the Indian group in Robeson County are discussed but are not solved.

The effective mission work carried on by various religious bodies is described, as well as some which wasn't so effective. One Cherokee chief who was suspicious of missionaries had several chapters of the gospel of Matthew read to him before allowing his Indians to hear it. Afterwards he remarked, "Well, it seems to be a good book—strange that the white people are not better, after having had it so long." In an early description of the Cherokees, a Mr. Martin in is mentioned as "having preached the Scripture till both his audience and he were heartily tired, was told at last, that they knew very well, that, if they were good, they would go up; if bad, down; that he could tell no more; that he had long plagued them with what they no ways understood, and they desired him to depart the country."

Also included are legends, charms, and a section on antiquities which help to make the book an interesting, as well as entertaining, work.

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REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES

BETHABARA
Since our last report we have been very happy to receive into our fellowship the following new members: Barbara Beck, James Beck, Mark Hall III, Beth Hall, and Sharron Hine, all by Adult Baptism; Kathrynn Fox, Pamela Reich and Paulette Rickard, by Confirmation; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Hine, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Munday, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Rickard, and Mrs. Emory A. Thomas, by the right hand of fellowship; Deborah Anne Reich, Monica Rickard and Stanley Rickard as Non-Communicants.

We extend congratulations to Br. R. K. Morgan, Jimmy Morgan and Carl Shore who have received the coveted Eagle Scout Award; and to recent graduates, Richard Lee Fox, a Degree in Business Administration from the University of N. C.; Warren Strupe Lackey, an A. B. Degree from Guilford College; and James Lee Chambers, a diploma from R. J. Reynolds High School.

Vacation Bible School was held for a one-week period with marked interest and success. The pastor directed the school with the capable assistance of 10 staff members. Enrollment reached 54 with an average daily attendance of 51.

The annual Church Council on June 23 elected for a three-year term the brethren E. T. Smith and Fred W. Sapp, Jr. as Board members, and Br. Emory A. Thomas as Council secretary.

K. EDWIN FUSSELL

CHARLOTTE
The pastor and his wife left during the first week of May for Europe where they are representing the American Moravian Church in the 500th Anniversary celebration. During their absence the Rev. Kenneth Ball and Br. James Blanton have assumed the pastoral duties of the Church. An active correspondence has been maintained between Dr. Sprague and his congregation which has proved a real blessing to many.

The congratulations and good wishes of the congregation are extended to our own member, friend and Trustee, James S. Smith, Sr., who was recently elected Mayor of Charlotte.

During the summer vacation our Senior fellowship group is continuing to meet in the homes of the young people. On May 26 this group was in charge of the morning worship service. Twelve of the young people participated in the service. Several of our young people attended the Spring Youth Rally held at Friedberg Church.

With the wonderful cooperation of teachers and parents our Vacation Church School began on June 17 and continued through June 21. The school ended with a closing exercise and a picnic on the front lawn of the church. Many of the parents joined in expressing their gratitude to the teachers for a work well done.

At their quarterly meeting "The Women of the Church" installed their newly elected officers for the coming year. The officers are as follows: Mrs. James Smith, Sr., president; Mrs. W. K. Wilson, 1st vice-president; Mrs. C. A. Kemmerer, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. R. V. Bruton, recording secretary; Mrs. Lester Smith, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Fred Hood, treasurer; and Mrs. D. F. Caldwell, chaplain.

JAMES BLANTON

FRIEDBERG
These summer months have held many blessings for Friedberg. We are thankful for God's leading in the undertaking of the every-member canvass, the results of which give us cause to rejoice and brighten our hopes for the future.

We have been fortunate to have as guest preachers in our pulpit the Rev. Robert Wendt, Bishop Schwarze, and the Rev. Vernon Daetwyler. Our two ministerial students, Bob Rierson and Jerome Livengood, assisted in one of our services and Br. Herman Foltz capably conducted the opening worship on another occasion. We were happy to be host to the provincial youth rally and to a regional missionary love feast.

Ten new members have come to us during the summer, adding new life and interest.

WILLIAM T. MARSHALL

FRIEDLAND
Many thanks to our brethren and sisters throughout the province for the splendid response to our presentation of the Quincennial Pageant, "Seed of the Harvest". The number present equalled our expectations, and the offering received enabled us to meet our expenses without difficulty. Especially do we appreciate the promotional efforts of our ministers, the contribution of the band members, and the assistance given our choir by friends from the various churches. A sound motion picture of the
entire pageant is being produced and will be available in the fall.

A Midweek Fellowship School for Juniors and Junior-Hi's, combining the best features of Daily Vacation Bible School and Youth Fellowship, is meeting each Wednesday afternoon for ten weeks during the summer and has proved tremendously successful. The regular Bible School for younger ages has also been held with unusually good results. More than one hundred of our boys and girls are enrolled in the two groups.

A Church Attendance Crusade during May had as its goal 350 in church each Sunday morning. We are grateful for the privilege of reporting that we exceeded that goal two Sundays and averaged 334 for the month.

C. TRUETT CHADWICK

FRIES MEMORIAL

We close the fiscal year with thankful hearts for God's goodness and mercy and for His Spirit's guidance throughout the past twelve months. Attendances at all of our services have risen, morning worship and Communion being the most notable. Each of these is marked by an increase of more than twenty-five per Sunday.

The new wing which will house our children's departments and our new Fellowship Hall, as well as our Kindergarten, is rising brick by brick. Already the majority of the masonry is completed. All things being equal, we shall be able to occupy it in September as planned. Then, again, for the first time, we shall have room for really worthwhile department activity in our Sunday School, which has heretofore suffered sadly.

Faithfulness has been the mark of the year among our people. Happiness in our work together has been the result. Problems, which are many, are the more easily met when faced with the cooperative effort of all on a united front; and this has been our experience.

Much sickness has also marked the year, and we have watched with regret as not a few of our people have found it necessary to drop out of positions of leadership and faithful work because of infirmity. We would not fail to express our regret and at the same time our appreciation for the long and faithful service of those who have now turned over to others the responsibilities which they have so long shouldered in the Lord's Name. May God richly bless them as they continue to advise and to watch the growth of that which they have helped to build for the Lord.

EDWARD T. MICKEY

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The following were elected to the official board: Fred Cook, Mrs. Ella Mae Johnson, Lester Wafford, R. C. Ryan, Jr., and Mrs. Estelle Jones. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Leroy Reid, secretary of Church Council; Dean Spauge, superintendent, and Ralph Sides, assistant superintendent, of the Sunday school; Pete James and Mrs. Treva Jones, dieners; Mrs. Estelle Jones, church pianist; James Allen, treasurer; and Fred Cook, assistant treasurer. These officers and all Sunday School teachers and officers, as well as officers of The Women of the Church, were installed at the Morning Service on July 7.

JOHN H. JOHANSEN

MIZPAH

Mizpah's annual church council on June 16 furnished a fitting summary of the work of the fiscal year. Written reports from every branch of our work gave a favorable impression of faithful stewardship and activity. The Brn. James Speas and Dallas Helsabeck were elected to the Church Board to succeed the Brn. J. E. Booze and E. E. Speas. Br. Jack Long will begin his term of office as church treasurer, succeeding Br. C. E. Robertson, Jr., who served very efficiently for three years.

The pastor's series of historical talks to the children in worship services came to a close on June 30. The children attended well and were rewarded with gifts according to the number of Quincentennial "stamps" in their books. This effort has benefited our whole church in attendance, interest and greater appreciation of our church's past. On a number of occasions, church attendance exceeded that of the Sunday School.

Our Vacation Bible School was held just one week this summer with three hour sessions and with effective results. Practically the whole school was perfect in attendance. Parents cooperated well to give us one of the best schools we have had.

Mrs. Burton Winfrey has undertaken a new work by meeting with her Junior Department on week nights. Recreation is enjoyed for an hour, then there is serious work and worship centered upon a study of Christian doctrine. Thus far, there has been perfect attendance each night and gratifying interest on the part of every boy and girl.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

MOUNT AIRY

John Walker and wife, Kathy, will be going to our College and Seminary in Bethlehem this fall. They are two of Grace Moravian's most energetic and devoted young adults.

Kermit Jefferson and J. Walter Brannock became communicant members. Parsonage interior was painted by volunteers.

This has been particularly evident in the work of the Women of the Church and in the annual Congregation Council. Elected to membership of the Boards were the brethren Alfred J. Hammons, Paul F. Sturdivant, Sr., David E. Day, Jr., and Hugh T. Dyson; Davis C. White, John F. Cude and Julian K. Long. These were installed in the service of the Fourth Sunday.

Our Vacation Bible School was a splendid success due in large part to the supervision of Mrs. T. M. Foster, who has accepted the task of directing this portion of our summer program. We are most grateful to Mrs. Foster and the very excellent staff engaged in the school.

SAMUEL J. TESCH

HOFFWADE

In our revival meeting, which was held during the week of May 5, we had the assistance of the Pine Chapel congregation. The pastor, Br. J. Taylor Loflin, was the evangelist. Bill Hutchins, a member of the Pine Chapel Board of Elders, served as song leader. Also, various other individuals and groups rendered special music during the meeting and on Wednesday evening, the Pine Chapel congregation worshipped with us.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Lovette who were married on the evening of May 17. Bishop Schwarze brought the message at the Homecoming service on June 16. Following the morning service, dinner was served on the grounds. The Advent band was present to play following the morning service and before the dinner. This marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Hopewell congregation.

A group of young people attended the Quincentennial pageant at Friedland. Vacation Bible School was held during the week of June 24, closing with a picnic on June 28.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

IMMANUEL

Material prosperity has been our portion at Immanuel during the past fiscal year. A substantial bequest from the estate of our late brother Samuel Mitchell enabled us to procure the property of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics which fronts on Waughtown Street and adjoins us on the east boundary. Having procured the Carter property four years ago, we now hold a sixty foot area through the block from Waughtown to Bretton on the east. This is of tremendous importance to the future of our work here and will enable the development of our future sanctuary without property-line hindrance and afford off-street parking for many cars.

There is a bright side to the work in its spiritual aspects also since there is much evidence of a deepening of our consecration and greater zeal for the work of the Lord.
The Rev. Glenn Craver of Mount Bethel and the undersigned’s last pastor before he entered the ministry, the Rev. Henry Kuehl, pastor of our Moravian Church in Stapleton, Staten Island, preached for us.

Men’s Brotherhood is helping some Juniors and also Youth Fellowship members to attend camp this summer.

Judy Pruett and Jesse Franklin Beaty were married in the church June 29, Daily Vacation Bible School as slightly larger this year than last year. The average daily attendance was 75. Miss Elaine Elrick was the director.

Women of the Church officers elected for the coming year are Edith McHone, president; Euella Wolfe, vice president; Nell Jo Tesh, secretary-treasurer; Rachel Jones, assistant secretary.

Bill and Polly Cox are the new Youth Counsellors. Edward Pruett was appointed Sunday school superintendent for the next 12 months.

Robert Wolfe, Jack Brown and James Midkiff were elected Trustees. Joe Tesh, James Jarvis and Fletcher Frye were elected Elders.

ROBERT ALLEN IOBST

OAK GROVE

The Oak Grove congregation continues to be “bursting out” with enthusiasm in all quarters. The opening of the new building June 2 was accompanied with a spirit of pride and thanksgiving, and among many, with a new interest in the Church and spiritual things. Another encouraging factor in our church life during recent months has been the noticeable increase in church attendance. The attendance for the second quarter of the year (Easter excepted) averaged 211, which is a forty percent increase over the similar period in 1956.

The annual Missionary Lovefeast held Sunday night, June 23, will remain as one of the highlights of the year. Br. Richard Amos, who recently returned from six weeks of evangelistic work in Nicaragua, warmed our hearts and challenged our consciences with the account of what he had discovered about mission work. The offering of the evening was devoted to rehabilitation work in the Eastern West Indies.

New board members elected at Church Council on June 27 were Henry Westmoreland and Marvin Mackie, Elders; and C. P. Disher, Jr., Wilburn Hester, and Gray Barneycastle, Trustees. A total of $23,000.00 was raised for all causes during the past year, and encouraging reports were made by all organizations.

An excellent staff of teachers helped to make our Daily Vacation Bible School held the last two weeks in June the most successful school in a number of years. The attendance was substantially increased over previous years, and the children seemed to benefit greatly from the school. Over two hundred people were present for the school closing on Friday night, June 28. What a thrill it was to hear the Primary Department sing “Gentle Jesus, meek and mild” and “I love to hear the story which angel voices tell”. We would recommend these two hymns for every Primary Department.

Christian D. Weber

TRINITY

At a Loyalty Day Dinner of the congregation considerable enthusiasm was evident for our Every Member Canvass. This is the first year that such personal visits are being made in behalf of the church’s financial program since the Unified Budget was adopted several years ago. Brother Rucker S. Hennis has served as chairman of the committee in charge of the planning. Those who have served with him on the committee are: Charles Noel, Earl Shelton, Alex Spach, and Stanley Vaughn. While no final results are yet available, the interest of the congregation is high and the total amount pledged will in all likelihood be more than the congregation has heretofore raised in any one year.

Church Council elected the following to the Board of Elders: C. F. Carpenter, George C. Swaim, Charles A. Hege, Robert E. Lee and Ralph Carter. Those elected to the Board of Trustees were Harvey A. Tesh, Jr., Jack Fisher, Herbert H. Foltz, Charles A. Noell and Miles M. Carter, Jr.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School under the general direction of Douglas Carter and provincial worker James Johnson, went very well with a fine attendance of children from the Beginners through the Intermediate ages.

CLAYTON PERSONS
attend from the village.

Friday and Saturday were memorable days packed with services and events. One such event was the opening and dedication of a home for the aged. Another was the occasion on which Bishop Steinberg received an honorary degree from the University of Tuebingen. But Sunday, with services in a huge tent (made in Georgia) erected to accommodate a congregation of several thousand, was the crowning day.

Bishop Johannes Vogt of Herrnhut conducted the services and preached the festival sermon. As he pronounced the benediction, first in French, then in English, followed by Surinam and German, one was impressed again with the truth that language, race, nationality—often barriers in the associations and relations of men—are surmounted in the worship of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

A service at which numerous greetings were brought—including those from America—followed in the afternoon. The American brethren assisted in serving the elements of the Lord's Supper at two services in the church sanctuary on Sunday evening. A bus trip to the city of Constance, where places significant in the life and death of John Hus were visited, followed on Monday. A lovefeast in the church that evening closed the celebration.

Herrnhut

It had been our hope from the beginning that this journey to Europe might include a visit to Herrnhut. It was our good fortune to have it become a reality. The plans for the house were drawn by Whalen King.

Quincentennial festivities began on Saturday evening, June 22, with a service at the conclusion of which Bishop Vogt was awarded the honorary degree Doktor Theologie from the University of Rostock. Two morning services were held simultaneously—one in the church sanctuary with a thousand worshippers and the other in the Sisters' House garden with one hundred in attendance.

Monday included a visit to Berthelsdorf and the presentation in the evening of a very excellent historical play dealing with the time of Bishop August. The unforgettable days in Herrnhut came to an end on Wednesday with a visit to Grossehannsdorf, the castle-home owned by Zinzendorf's grandmother, where he spent his youth. The departure from the Herrnhut railroad station was made amid strains of the trombone choir and the waving hands of the brethren and sisters who had come to see us off.

The third building project in twelve years has recently been completed at Bethania. In 1946 the church, rebuilt after the disastrous fire, was opened for worship. In 1952 the new Christian Education Building was put into use.

An Open House at the new parsonage brought visitors from 26 congregations in the province on June 23. This marked the final completion of the project, which was begun in the spring of 1956.

The ranch style house, located two blocks north of the church on a hillside on a one acre tract, has a living room, dining room, study, kitchen with dining area, three bedrooms, two baths, screened-in back porch, and a full basement including laundry, garage, and storage areas. The house is conveniently arranged. By closing two doors the front part of the house can be completely closed off from the kitchen and bedroom areas. The rooms are painted in blending pastel colors.

The modern kitchen features built-in electric stove and oven units, a built-in exhaust fan, adequate cabinet space, and a vinyl tile floor. The study, panelled in natural-finished West Coast cedar, has a cork tile floor. The Philathea Class and Men's Class, assisted by the F. Walter Grabs Class, plan to provide carpeting for the living room, dining room, and entrance hall. The fireplace wall, which separates the living and dining rooms, is panelled in West Coast cedar and the kitchen cabinets are of clear-grain fir.

The house, of brick veneer construction, was built at a cost of approximately $21,500.00, not including the cost of the land. Serving as members of the Building Committee were Miss Margaret Chadwick, Mrs. Catherine Cattner, Harold Adams, N. E. Flynt, and W. R. Yarbrough. W. T. Crews served as treasurer. The plans for the house were drawn by Whalen King.

Berlin

A hearty greeting from Br. and Sr. H. Meyer awaited us on our arrival in Berlin—greetings in which Br. and Sr. S. Boyer joined later. Festivities here were planned jointly by our two congregations—Neukolin and the Wilhelm Strasse churches.

Neukölln was the site for the Holy Communion on Saturday evening, June 29, and the Sunday morning service at which Bishop J. Vogt again preached the festival sermon. The Sunday afternoon service with a congregation of 1500 people was held amid the ruins of the Wilhelm Strasse church—the little "barracks" chapel, seating approximately two hundred, standing just adjacent. The misfortunes of war brought the destruction of both churches in Berlin. So far we lack the resources to rebuild them.
College President Visiting Europe Observes Educational Institutions

Raymond S. Haupert
President, Moravian College

One needs only a slight acquaintance with the Moravian Church in Germany to realize that the impact of its influence far beyond its 10,000 communicant members is perhaps its most significant characteristic. One evidence of the wide influence is seen in the fact that, whereas in the United States approximately 9,000 Moravian Daily Text Books are in circulation, in Germany almost 1,000,000 copies are used. Such well-known Germans as Bismark and Martin Niemoeller have paid tribute to the Moravian Text Book.

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In Gnadau also there is a remnant of former educational work in two Homes to be added that at Tossens, near the North Sea, a new Zinzendorf Gymnasium, begun in 1948, is being developed class by class. A school, well-established, and enjoying the distinction of occupying buildings which originally belonged to the Zinzendorf family, is the Girls' School at Montmirail, near Neuchatel, in Switzerland. Enrollment is 75. Instruction is in French.

Holland

In Zeist, Holland, the Moravian congregation operates five schools, each under the administrative direction of a headmaster responsible to the pastor of the Zeist congregation, as follows:

- A Kindergarten, years 4-6, 102 pupils
- A School for Boys, years 6-12, 210 pupils
- A School for Girls, years 6-12, 190 pupils
- A Secondary School for Boys, years 12-16, 90 pupils
- A Secondary School for Girls, years 12-16, 150 pupils

A dormitory housing 46 girls, called an "Internat," provided features of a boarding school. Government payments meet almost all of the operating cost of these schools on a payment-per-pupil basis. In addition to these five schools, the Zeist congregation also maintains a children's home with 20 children.

Initial steps have been taken for starting a theological seminary program at Zeist in the fall of 1957. Several students are expected. It is planned to carry on Moravian studies at Zeist and to have the students pursue their studies beyond specifically Moravian subjects at the University of Utrecht, only 6 miles away, on a basis similar to that which prevails in the British Province in co-operation with the University of Manchester.

England

The British Province has three boarding schools, all with long records of service. Two of these are at Fulneck, near Leeds, in Yorkshire. Fulneck Boys' School has an enrollment of 80 boarders, and 170 day pupils, and Fulneck Girls' School has 75 boarders and 230 day pupils. Both were founded in 1753, and are conducted as completely separate institutions.

A number of American Moravians had the privilege of meeting Miss E. L. Bailey, Headmistress of Fulneck Girls' School, during her recent visit to America.

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Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference
The Provincial Elders' Conference announces the acceptance of a call by Br. Howard G. Foltz to Rural Hall and Fulp Churches. He will be installed as pastor of Rural Hall on Sunday morning, September 1, at 11:00, and at Fulp on Sunday morning, September 8, at 10:00. Both installations will be conducted by Br. Tom A. Kimball.

Word has been received by the Provincial Elders' Conference of the passing of Br. Kurt Marx, Treasurer of the Western District of the Continental Province, Br. Marx was an outstanding Christian layman and had served the Continental Province for many years.

The sympathy and prayers of the Southern Province go out to Sr. Marx and the leaders of our Church in Germany.

The activities of the President of the Conference include sermons and addresses at Bethesda and Willow Hill.

Board and committee meetings included two meetings of the Salem College Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees; two meetings of the Provincial Elders' Conference; Bethabara Church Board; Provincial Financial Board; Church Aid and Extension Board; joint meeting of General Synod delegates; Board of Christian Education; Provincial Evangelism Board; Fulp Church Board; entertainment committee for foreign Synod delegates September 11-18.

Monthly services will be resumed by the Moravian Fellowship in Washington, D. C., on September 15 at 3:00 P. M. in the Chapel of the Lutheran Place Memorial Church, 1226 Vermont Avenue, NW, (near Thomas Circle). Bishop Kenneth Hamilton will conduct the September service.

R. GORDON SPAUGH, President

Provincial Woman's Board
The Fall Outing for all the women in the Southern Province will be held at Oak Grove Church on Wednesday, September 25, at 11:30 A. M. All women, whether members of the Women of the Church or not, are invited to come and everyone is asked to bring food for the pot-luck lunch which will be served at 12:30. Details of the program will be given in a letter which will reach the presidents about September 1.

We are happy to be invited to Oak Grove, for this will give opportunity for those who have not already done so to see the beautiful new sanctuary there. First services were held in this building the week of June 2, including the Day of Prayer sponsored by the Oak Grove Women of the Church. Mrs. James B. Fulp is the president of the Women of the Church and the Rev. Christian D. Weber is the pastor.

Oak Grove is just off of U. S. Highway 311—about six miles north of Winston-Salem and two miles south of Walkertown. If ever in doubt about the location of Moravian Churches, purchase a "Moravian Travel Guide". In addition to giving the locations of the churches in both provinces a brief history of each congregation is given.

There are over 3,000 women who are members of Women of the Church organizations in the Southern Province and many more who are members of the churches. The Constitution of the Department of United Church Women of the North Carolina Council of Churches states that each denomination "shall be eligible to appoint three (President and two others) voting representatives and one additional representative for every 1,000 women members of its constituent churches" to the voting body of the organization. Mrs. M. E. Miller, chairman of the Provincial Woman's Board, announces the appointment of the following to this body: Mrs. Ralph Bell (Immanuel), Mrs. Rex Freeman (Trinity), Mrs. W. E. Shore (Calvary), Miss Eugenia Stafford has also been named as the Moravian representative on the State Mi­grant Committee.

Baptisms


Byerly, Kathy Diane, daughter of John Frank and Edith m. n. West Fry, born January 12, 1957; baptized April 14, 1957, at the Macedonia Church by the Rt. Rev. Edmund Schwarze.


LOST AND FOUND
All articles which were left by campers attending the conferences at Camp Hanes have been placed in the office of the Christian Education Board, 500 South Church Street, where they may be claimed.

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When this column appears, the fourth National Triennial Conference of the Interseminary Movement will just have been held at Oberlin College, in Ohio, from August 27 to September 1. One thousand seminary students and faculty members will have experienced a closer relationship to the vast interchurch thinking, praying, and discussion of our day in Christianity.

What is the Interseminary Movement? "It is a movement of students and faculty," as their official statement describes it, "(1) who believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; (2) who, in institutions in the United States, are training for various aspects of the Christian ministry; and (3) who are dedicated to the ecumenical reformation, namely that fundamental reawakening among individuals, congregations, and confessions, which leads to the pursuit of the full mission of the Church of Jesus Christ in the entire world, and which seeks greater unity among Christians and churches in this world mission."

Every Moravian has an idea of what the Christian Church is and a vision of what it can and ought to be. That idea and that vision have developed chiefly under the influence of Moravian customs, doctrines, and practices. Some of the ministers of the Moravian Church, however, and a few other members, have felt the strength and truth of another factor which should help to form one's concept of the church. That factor is the ecumenical movement; and the Interseminary Movement, which had a profound influence on this writer's doctrine of the Church, is the arm of the ecumenical movement at work in the life of theological students.

The ecumenical movement cannot remain in a corner. It is global in nature; and its spiritual leaven will eventually pervade the entire Christian church, as the efforts toward greater unity and more common purpose among all Christians (the ecumenical movement) as the proper frame and mold wherein the picture of the future Moravian Church may be painted, God will rejoice! And He will enable us to bear rich fruit for another 500 years, as we further strive to witness to the redemption wrought by Christ and to comply with the great commission, 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.'

**MORAVIAN EDUCATION**
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Among the illustrious graduates of the Boys' School whose names are listed on the Chapel walls are:

- Christian Ignatius LaTrobe, entered 1760, Musician
- James Montgomery, entered 1777, Poet
- John Taylor, entered 1832, Missionary to the Lepers
- William Lawes Jackson, entered 1854, Baron Ellerton, Chief Secretary for Ireland
- Herbert Henry Asquith, entered 1861, Prime Minister of England
- Edward Gaulter Prior, entered 1863, Lieutenan Governer of British Columbia
- Robert Robinson, Kt., O. M., entered 1899, Professor Chemistry, Oxford University, President of the Royal Society, Nobel Prize for Chemistry, 1948
- Ockbrook Girls' School, located at Ockbrook, near Derby, was founded in 1799, and has 100 boarders and 165 day-pupils.

Moravian College, at Fairfield, Manchester, trains ministerial candidates in cooperation with the University of Manchester. A residence is provided, which is under the direction of the Rev. A. J. Lewis, principal, who offers lectures on the doctrine, history, and institutions of the Moravian Church. All other studies are pursued at Manchester University.

The foregoing factual summary of the educational work of the Continental and British Provinces represents the skeleton of a great living body with many members, all devoted to serving the Christian cause of teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

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World Peace Committee Publishes
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The Inter-provincial Moravian World Peace Committee announces that the Prayer for Peace has been printed on "pocket-size" cards and is available in ten languages.

The purpose of the prayer is expressed on the reverse side of the prayer card, which says: "The membership of the World Wide Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum) speaks many languages. The Prayer for Peace printed on the other side is also available in Czech, Danish, Dutch, Eskimo, French, German, Miskito Indian, Spanish, and Swedish. The prayer has been prepared to give us unity of thought in our mutual supplications to God."

The Prayer for Peace had its inception at the 1946 Provincial Synod of the Northern Province with full acceptance and adoption at the 1947 Synod of the Southern Province. The following is the text of the synodical action for a prayer for continued peace:

"WHEREAS the Moravian Church has always attempted to express itself in terms of positive Christian thought and actions in its doctrines and in its liturgies, and
"WHEREAS the times of peace are of longer duration than periods of war, and
"WHEREAS the 'Prayer in Times of War' on page 15 of our Litany appears as a negative factor in our worship experience,
and
"WHEREAS there is a great need for positive guidance through prayer for continuing peace, be it
"RESOLVED: that a 'Prayer for Continuing Peace' be inserted in place of and over 'A Prayer in Times of War' and be it further
"RESOLVED: that the Provincial Elders' Conference appoint a Committee to prepare and distribute to the congregations a suitable prayer for this purpose."

Thus came into being the Moravian World Peace Committee, which according to a further resolution was to be charged with acquainting the membership of our church with the causes of war and methods of overcoming war. This committee, which had in its membership brethren from the Southern Province and the three districts of the Northern Province, through the cooperation of a committee of five bishops prepared the composition, printing, and distribution of the Prayer for Peace in the year 1950.

The prayer was published in four forms: to fit into the regular Litany and into the condensed version of the Litany, a pocket prayer card, and a card suitable for framing. The Daily Text for 1951 had the prayer for Peace added to the Thursday "Prayer for Our Country." The Moravian Youth Hymnal also added the Prayer for Peace in the Order of Worship section in the revised edition published in 1954.

The acceptance and wide use of the Prayer for Peace gave birth to the thought within the World Peace Committee that the prayer should be made available in the principal languages through which our Unity serves.

The following members of our church had a part in the translating: the Rev. Warren Wenger, the Rev. C. Conrad Shimer, and Miss Elizabeth Marx, Nicaragua; the Rev. Werner Marx, Honduras; The Rev. Ferdinand Drebert and the Rev. John Hinz, Eskimo; Dr. Frank E. Luksa, Czech; H. Giemans de Quewain, Dutch; Frau Waldemar Reichel, Lit. Heinitz G. Renkewitz, and Bishop Oscar Gemueseus, German.

The Prayer for Peace will be brought out in additional languages and dialects as the need arises.

The Prayer for Peace cards are available at no charge from Fred O. Schwender, Chairman, Moravian World Peace Committee, 135 Eastwood Avenue, Utica 3, New York.

Thor Johnson to Conduct
Quincentennial Concerts

Two Quincentennial concerts, under the direction of Dr. Thor Johnson, conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, will be presented September 13 and 15 at Memorial Hall, Salem College.

The first will be an orchestral program. The second, to be presented by orchestra and 150-voice chorus, will include anthems and chorales by Moravian composers and will be highlighted by the "Canticle of the Martyrs." The featured work is by Vittorio Giannini and was commissioned especially for the 500th anniversary of the Moravian Church.

Members of the chorus are being enlisted from Moravian church choirs and include singers in the 1955 Music Festival chorus. Rehearsals will begin September 6.

Chairman of the Concert Committee is the Rev. E. T. Mickey, pastor of Fries Memorial. Clemens Sandresky, dean of the Salem College School of Music, is assembling the orchestra. Mrs. Paul H. Kolls, who accompanied the choral rehearsals at the Fourth Early American Moravian Music Festival in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, this summer, will be the accompanist.

Other committee members are Mrs. Alan Turner, Austin E. Burke, Jr., A. K. Davis, S. F. Vance, Jr., Hal B. Nifong, Donald McCorkle, and the Rev. John Gonserud.
Mountain Top Experience Inspires Campers at Senior Youth Conference

Kitty Avis

"Steal away, Steal away, Steal away to Jesus." Yes, steal away from the hurry and bustle of the everyday life to the mountain hideaway of God, Camp Hanes. There during the Senior Conference I was drawn higher up on this mountain top than I had ever been before.

It is quite difficult for me to say that one particular incident impressed me and prompted my writing these impressions of camp. Rather, I believe, it was each bustle of the everyday life to the mountain particular incident impressed me and walk with God that helped me up the hill that helped me up the hill.

My journey began in the familiar foothills of getting acquainted with other young people who, like myself, were to make the pilgrimage. They were also to have milestones in their journey as I had in mine.

Along also, on the journey were the guides — our counselors under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Robinson. These counselors were the lights when the milestones were difficult to see; these counselors were also friends with whom I shared a pleasant day to the journey's end.

As I began the upward climb, each morning I stopped in a quiet spot for meditation. Tryst—a time of slowing down and starting the day with God—was the pace setter of each day's speed. In the quiet of the morning, only prayers of thanksgiving for the glories of nature, for the fellowship of friends, and for the hardships that confronted me were appropriate.

Continuing the climb I paused, also in the morning, to learn of a church honoring the past. Here I heard stories of other Moravians who, in many years past, had also made mountain journeys in order that our church might exist today. Vividly, day by day, the Rev. A. W. Schartuchneider portrayed his story of "Through Five Hundred Years."

Also, honoring the past, the hymnology class studied the lives and inspirations of the great Moravian hymn writers John Cennick, James Montgomery, and Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf. Here I reached the halfway point of my upward climb. The past now rested behind me, and the future to which my church is dedicated lay ahead. The next and final milestones dealt, therefore, with moulding my life and those of my fellow travelers into better Christian lives.

One milestone at which I paused was the milestone with the arrow pointing to the preparation for marriage. At this sign, under the leadership of the Rev. Clayton Person, I was led and directed to believe more fully that God is the basis for a happy home.

At Senior Conference we were especially privileged to have as our fraternal visitors the Rev. J. Kirby Spencer and Br. Peter Reichel. From these visitors I gained an inside look at how other Moravians go forward for Christ. It was through knowing and being with these friends that I received one of the richest blessings of the entire week. One evening at campfire as I sang, with other campers, a favorite church hymn "Jesus Still Lead On", from behind me came words, to the same tune, that were entirely strange to my ears. Listening, I realized that the words were in German and it was at that moment that I understood the words:

"In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth."

The vesper services were highspots of my week also. Quietly as the sun faded away behind God's mountain hideaway, my feet found their way to the vesper site beside the quiet waters of the lake. There I was extremely impressed by the words of the Rev. Charles Eichman. There, with the white cross dominant in the foreground, was the perfect ending for a day.

Finally the end was reached. The journey was at a climax. My climb to the mountain top was over. Slowly as the day faded away to night, I made my way with my fellow campers, who by this time had become fast friends, to the consecration service—a service of dedication, of re dedication, and of full dedication. I watched as others made the pilgrimage to the campfire, and I, too, was drawn to place my faggot in the burning fire. These moments were perhaps the most thrilling ones of the entire conference. Here the responsiveness to the call of Christ was unanimous. We, the youth of today, are dedicated to our purpose. We, the citizens of tomorrow, will go forward for Christ to serve the present age.

I stole away to Jesus—to the mountain hideaway of God, Camp Hanes. Here I came with others seeking a fuller Christian life. It is my impression that the Senior Conference just past was a true blessing to all who attended. Never before had I felt such a closeness to God and to my fellowmen. Yes, I stole away to the mountain hideaway of God to one of the richest experiences life could offer.
MORAVIAN MISSIONS

Furlough Plans

The Rev. and Mrs. Wilton Schwanke, Alaska, will spend the first part of their furlough in the Canadian District beginning in September. From January to May they will live in Nazareth and study Eskimo with veteran Alaskan missionary Dr. Ferdinand Drebert. Their address for this period will be East Center Street, Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

Miss Frances Huetter, Alaska Children's Home, will spend the winter studying at Moravian College and will also take some courses in the Theological Seminary. Her address for that time will be 49 West Church Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Miss Mildred Siebke, Alaska, is now at home (Airport Road, Moorstown, New Jersey) recuperating from surgery. She is making a splendid recovery and will be available as a mission speaker throughout the fall and winter months.

Miss Clara Dabke, teacher in the College Moravo, Bluefields, Nicaragua, has been given permission to teach at Rudolph (Wisconsin) High School in order to complete State pension requirements which were begun prior to her mission service. Her address: 910 Wisconsin Street, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

The Rev. Howard Housman and his family will spend the winter at Houses of Fellowship, 5 South Portland Avenue, Ventnor, New Jersey. From here Brother Housman will commute to Princeton Theological Seminary for graduate study.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Stortz have been ordered to return to the States for a complete rest for two months. They will reside in the Mission Rooms in Bethlehem but are forbidden to accept any speaking engagements. They will return to their station at Bilwaskarma, Nicaragua, at the end of this period.

Bible Conference Speaker

The Rev. Percival Henkelman, pastor of the Edmonton, Alberta, congregation has been sent to Alaska by Canadian Moravians for an August visit. His main reason for the trip is to be the speaker for the annual Bible Conference and to conduct evangelistic services at Bethel. Brother Henkelman's Alaskan journey is part of the Quincennial celebration for that field.

The Hourly Intercession Stirs Pearl Lagoon, Nicaragua

Brother Charles Moses, the Nicaraguan ordained pastor at Pearl Lagoon, wrote a special letter describing the soul-stirring effects of the Hourly Intercession on his congregation. The assigned forty-eight hours were spent in audible prayer in the church. Each hour was in charge of four leaders with eleven people, each person praying for five minutes. The church bell was rung to notify the groups of the times for prayer.

"At 11 P.M. the first bell rang for the first group. They sat on the platform of the church, and to make it very quiet almost all of them took off their shoes in the vestry. The second group came when the bell rang and half hour and outside this group sang a hymn softly as a stimulant to those that were praying, then quietly, they entered ten minutes before the hour... The church was opened for the days assigned and lighted all night and not one person was late for prayer... One sister came to the Mission House to tell us that she had never prayed like that before. She only used to pray the Lord's Prayer which she had learned in instruction class. Now she learned to pour out her soul to God... Praying together made us feel an extra bond of love and unity which was never felt before. I've never had such an experience before."

The spirit of prayer was so strong that other meetings were held in addition to the assigned hours and the people have asked for more such services of prayer. Conversions have been reported as the direct result of these prayers and an instruction class of thirty-two candidates was begun.

Mass Marriage in Nicaragua

As a result of the evangelistic efforts of the Bluefields pastors and people, assisted by Bro. Richard Amos, about 125 people are taking instruction prior to uniting with the church. The excuse of many for not confessing Christ was that they were living in sin and could not afford a civil marriage. Arrangements were made with the local authorities for eleven couples to be married civilly in the Sunday School Hall and then to proceed directly to the church where Brother David Jones performed the religious ceremony. Brother Joseph Harrison was in the church office to get the necessary information for the church records, and the way was clear for uniting with the church. For this expense Brother Jones used part of a gift which had been given to him for his work.

Misfortune

The July-August issue of our Danish Moravian MISSIONS-BLAD brings tidings of a mishap which recently befell Nurse Inggrid Olsen, since 1947 a missionary to Unyamwesi, Tanganyika, Africa. Sister Olsen was thrown from the motorcycle she was riding. She sustained a broken upper right arm. Although greatly handicapped by this misfortune, Sister Olsen continues her work in the mission clinic at Ichemba.

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Alaska Staff Assembles For General Conference

Frances Hueter

"The Word of God Which Ne'er Shall Cease" was the hymn prayer of the mission staff as they convened for the opening of the General Missionary Conference on June 5 and 6 at the Children's Home. We were then led in meditation by superintendent Charles Michael who brought out the importance of prayer life and unity of purpose and spirit. This fact was further emphasized by the greetings we shared from other Moravians throughout the world.

G. M. C. is somewhat of a clearing-house for the discussion of problems and reports relative to the work of the province. From these meetings the resulting advice and decisions are turned over to the Alaskan Provincial Board who then work out with the American Mission Board the solutions for the general good of the Lord's work here.

Throughout the sessions brief sketches were given covering the history of our church up to the present day. From the reports the fact was revealed that since Miss Siebke is out on furlough and the Schmids have accepted responsibilities at the Home, the Bristol Bay area is in desperate need of a place for its first new church in the publication of the Southern California Auto Club. It was written up there because the denomination chose Downey as the place for its first new church in California—and the Downey Chamber of Commerce did the rest.

Publicity about the Downey Church and the Moravian 500th Anniversary has spread far and wide over the west coast.

Another favorable report was that evangelistic services and rallies have brought many to the Lord. More good news was the better organized groupings among the teen-agers, young people, and young adults in many congregations, and the use of improved worship material prepared on the Alaskan field. We became aware that even though the student body is small at the Bible School (now called Moravian Bible Seminary) the students are earnest and purposeful. A favorable report came concerning the two graduates of the Home, both received 10th grade ratings on their 8th grade territorial exams.

As important as the business meetings, is the time when as a group of missionaries we enjoy fellowship with each other and with the children of the Home. It's grand to be able to have everyone sit down to a meal and chat about the latest happenings in a village or share a local humorous event. Anyone would chuckle over seeing a little two year old Denny Vaughn sitting at the supper table with the Home children who are 4 to 12 years of age, and being very much a part of them; or seeing Mrs. Schattschneider endeavor to catch every drop of a rapidly overflowing sundae. What a thrill it is to gather about the piano and join in on favorite hymns and chorales. And, of course, everyone took part in the charivari for the most recent newly weds and latest members on our mission staff here, Brother and Sister Donald Schmidt.

A renewed spirit of oneness in Christ was experienced as each member gathered about the Communion Table bringing General Missionary Conference to a close.

(Note: Miss Hueter is a school teacher at the Children's Home and is at present on furlough in Green Bay, Wisconsin.)

California Congregation Appears on Television

The August 4 Sunday morning service of the Downey Moravian Church, Downey, California, was televised for the program "Great Churches of the Golden West."

This church, the first in Downey to be selected for this honor, was chosen when members of the television program staff happened to notice an article about it in the publication of the Southern California Auto Club. It was written up there because the denomination chose Downey as the place for its first new church in California—and the Downey Chamber of Commerce did the rest.

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CHRIST

Many wonderful things have happened here since our last report and it is therefore hard to know just where to begin. We started holding two morning worship services for the summer months on June 9—and our attendance has been good. The 8:45 o'clock A. M. service is the most popular as far as attendance is concerned.

The new parsonage is "on the way"! The pastor and his family are now living at 2344 Maplewood Avenue—and hope to move back to the present parsonage site (304 W. Academy) within five months.

On June 1, the pastor united the following in marriage: Larry Carlton Talbert and Helen J. Denny; Marshall M. Vickers and Evelyn Louise Crater. William Hinton Olive, Jr. and Shirley Ann Denny were united in marriage by the pastor on July 6.

Funeral services were held at the church on June 23 for Phyllis Lucille Oakley. Our sympathy is expressed to the family.

J. CALVIN BARNES

CLEMMONS

Clemmons is greatly indebted to the loyalty and uniting endeavors of our Bible School workers who helped to make this one of our best schools. We had an average attendance of 38 with 11 teachers. Miss Elaine Ellrick was in charge of our school.

At our annual church council on June 23, Jacob Cumby and John Green were elected to the Church Board replacing Felix Hege and C. E. Snyder, Sr. Other officers of our church for the year include Mrs. J. L. Quinn, Church Treasurer; C. E. Snyder, Sr., Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. B. L. Johnson, President Women of the Church; Mrs. Carl Lutz, President Circle No. 1; and Mrs. James Hege, President Circle No. 2.

The Young People were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Holt Haywood, Sr., for hot dogs in June. Also they were treated to an ice cream supper by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lutz and Mrs. Ruth Wellman, and in July were invited to the parsonage for hot dogs and hamburgers.

The Women of the Church were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Holt Haywood, Sr., on July 19. Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Kortz were present with Dr. Kortz rendering a most inspiring talk on foreign missions.

It is indeed gratifying to witness the response to our worship services during July with an average attendance of 111.

DAVID BURKETTE

ENTERPRISE

The Sunday School Council was held on June 2. Robert Reich was elected superintendent, with Verge Nifong as assistant superintendent.

FAIRVIEW

At the annual Church Council Meeting on June 30, five Elders and four Trustees were elected. The Elders who were elected were James Forkner, Arthur Helsabeck, Julian Stith, Bill Markland, and Ronald Bennett. The Trustees who were elected were Lewis Hubbard, Homer Yarbrough, Tom Hedgecock, and Walter Turtle.

At the meeting the congregation voted to acquire 6 acres of property on the Silas Creek Parkway, just off Reynolda Road. This land will probably be the site of Fairview Church sometime in the years ahead, depending in large measure when the North-South Expressway crosses our present property at 18th and Liberty Streets.

New officers were elected at the first meeting of the new boards. Bob Van Horn was elected Vice Chairman and Lewis Kanoy was elected Secretary of the Board of Elders. The Trustees elected the following officers: Harry Joyce, Chairman; J. P. Jones, Vice Chairman; Brooks Snyder, Secretary; Homer Yarbrough, Financial Secretary; Cecil Page, Treasurer; Bill Morgan, Chairman of the Finance Committee assisted by Tom Hedgecock and Homer Yarbrough; Homer Yarbrough, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee assisted by Ben Bennett and J. P. Jones.

This summer, Fairview is participating in Vacation Bible School which was held the week of June 10. On the closing day, the intermediate department had a picnic at Tanglewood Park. Communion was observed July 7, with special recognition being given to the anniversary of the martyrdom of John Hus. The congregation was represented at the missionary lovefeast held at Friedberg on July 21.

The annual church council was held on July 28. Verge Nifong, Woodrow Tesh, and Robert Reich were re-elected to the church board. A new set of windows has been installed in the basement, replacing the older wooden frame ones. Plans are now in the offing for redecorating the basement.

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Our Vacation Church School was one of our finest in that we had a very adequate staff of 33 teachers and helpers. James Johnson was the provincial worker. The superintendents of the various departments were: Nursery, Mrs. Glenn Joyce; Kindergarten, Mrs. Bill Markland and Mrs. Ben Bennett; Primary, Mrs. Walter Tuttle; Junior, Mrs. Harry Joyce; Junior-Hi, James Johnson; Girl's Handwork, Mrs. E. H. Knight, Sr.; Boy's Handwork, Ben Bennett; and the Kitchen Staff, Mrs. Ben Eastman and Mrs. W. D. Newsome.

Fairview was happy to have two of its members attending the Fourth Early American Moravian Music Festival and Seminar in Bethlehem. They were Miss Elizabeth Wright and Mrs. Paul Barnes.

Those who united with Fairview Church since the last report were Lester Lee Boven­der, Jr., Sandra Gail Bodenheimer, Martha Ann Bodenheimer, Karen Frances McGee, Mrs. Pearl Puryear, Lester V. Puryear, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bodenheimer.

VERNON DAETWYLER

KING

Summer attendances have been increasing at King and there is no sign of the traditional summer slump. The services are a challenge to the pastor to keep from slumping in his work.

Our Vacation Bible School was held the last week in June with the pastor in charge and also teaching the Intermediate group. Sessions held again in the afternoons two and a half hours in length proved convenient and pleasant. Our teachers were all wonderfully capable and cooperative.

Sunday School picnic and Church Council were combined on the evening of Fri­day, July 19. Picnic tables were spread in the fellowship hall after which a lively game of "roll the bat" was enjoyed by all ages of both sexes. The Church Council indoors found many adults unwilling to leave the game. In the Council, David H. Petree and S. B. Brandon were elected as members of the Church Board to take the place of Dempsey Lilly and Mrs. R. Holton Gentry.

With the beginning of the new church year, Mrs. Holton Gentry resigned her position as teacher of the Young Adult Class, which she occupied for more than ten years. Her place is being filled by David H. Petree and Mrs. Paul Kiser, teaching alternately by three month periods. We trust this large class will continue its good work in the Sunday School.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

MOUNT BETHEL

On June 3 we began cottage prayer meet­ings in the homes in the community for the preparation of our revival. These cottage prayer meetings were well attended and gave us a great spiritual uplifting. For our revival services we were very happy to have with us Brother Norwood Green to bring the messages.

This year we used a new plan for our Bible School having it in the evening rather than the morning or afternoon. We found this was a much cooler time to have it and gave us an opportunity to have more help. Our attendance was good.

We had our annual church council on June 30. Frazier Westmoreland, Byrum Ayers, and Zeb Thomas were elected as new members to our Church Board. Ralph Ayers was elected to fill the unexpired term of Andrew Bondurant who felt he was unable to serve and asked to be relieved.

GLENN E. CRAVER

MORAVIA

A daily average attendance of 85 turned out for our successful, ten-day vacation Bible school. Much credit is due our fine staff including Mrs. Ted West, Mrs. John Kel­lam, Mrs. Howard Ledbetter, Mrs. Ira Har­rell, and Virginia Wray, beginner depart­ment; Mrs. Donald Smith, Mrs. Joseph Bar­ham, Mrs. Charles Isley, and Mrs. Gorrell Terrell, primary department; Herbert Isley, Mrs. Grover Crews, Clyde Howerton, Sue Puckett, and Ted West, junior department; Howard Kirkman and Marie Isley, intermediate department; Margaret Barham, Brenda Kirkman, and Mrs. R. T. Trout­man, pianists; Mrs. Paul Fentress, secretary; Ted West and T. C. West, transportation; and Mrs. Leon Beeson, Mrs. Craddock Lee, and Mrs. Dewey Long, refreshments. As a fitting climax to the school, the boys and girls took charge of the evening worship on Sunday, June 23, presenting the high­lights of their two-weeks' study.

For the last Sunday School Workers' Conference of this church year we enjoyed a fellowship meal, prepared by the Women of the Church, and the fine message of the

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The church has purchased a new piano for the sanctuary. Our plans include a dedication service at the end of one year, at which time we hope this new instrument will be debt-free.

We are grateful for the fine messages brought during the pastor’s absence while away at junior high conference and on vacation by the Brn. James Johnson, J. George Bruner, C. H. Hedrick, and Howard Kirkman. During the same time the Brn. Hubert Valentine, Herbert Isley, John Lee, and Howard Kirkman were in charge of the mid-week Bible study and prayer service.

R. T. TROUTMAN

PINE CHAPEL

Our congregation was greatly blessed and several new members were received as the result of our spring revival. The Rev. Milton Frazier was the evangelist and the Lord blessed his ministry in our midst. We are grateful to God for His visitation among us during these days.

We are happy to report that as a result of the every member canvass among our people, we have received more than $15,000.00 in pledges toward the new budget. This is a record, as the greatest amount pledged. Prior to this was about $121.00 per week which was a total of $6,292.00 for the year. We appreciate the support that the membership has given to the budget of the church. In addition to the budget the congregation has paid $5000.00 on the building debt in the past 28 months. We are hoping to completely eliminate this debt in the next two years.

Our attendance has held up very well during the summer and vacation season. Our morning attendance far exceeds our evening attendance which is quite unusual for this congregation. Our Sunday School is going forward under the direction of John Holleman as superintendent.

We are grateful to the brethren J. K. McDonnel, James Johnson and Conway Pruitt for supplying our pulpit during the pastor’s vacation. The pastor preached in the Springfield Missionary and Alliance church in Jacksonville, Florida on Sunday morning, July 14th. He was happy to have several people inquire as to when the Moravians were going to start work in Florida. There seemed to be much interest in this particular section of the city of Jacksonville.

J. TAYLOR LOFLIN

RALEIGH

This has been a summer of significant events in the life of our congregation. On the tragic side, we have to report the accidental death on August 1 of James Hylton, our youngest member. "Jimmie," a charter member of the Raleigh congregation, lost his life when the boom of a crane on which he and other boys were playing suddenly swung out of control and into high tension wires above the street where a construction job was in progress. Jimmie’s home was nearby, on Dixie Trail, where he lived with his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Dean. Our prayers and sympathy go out to the Deans and to the rest of Jimmie’s family. The funeral service was held in our church, the first such service in our new building.

On the encouraging side, we welcomed two members into the fellowship of the Moravian Church of Raleigh. Br. and Sr. Charles E. Snyder joined with us on July 28. They came to us from the Friedberg Church and Good Hope Methodist Church respectively.

At the annual Church Council on Friday, July 12, the report of our faithful and efficient treasurer, William L. Wilson, showed something of a balance in both the General Fund and the Building Fund. It was revealed that the contributions which covered the cost of adding 11 feet to the Fellowship Hall in our Christian Education building—so that our pipe organ could be installed—came from Mr. and Mrs. Alan S. O’Neal, Dr. Margreet Wilson, and Mrs. Broadus Wilson. We are most grateful for the funds so generously given in the past, as well as for those now on hand. But the funds on hand are a drop in the bucket compared to what we shall need for our next two projects, viz., (1) the equipping of our kitchen—which doesn’t have a sink or stove, and (2) the grading and grassing of our grounds.

WALSER H. ALLEN, JR.

SUNRISE SERVICE

The church has purchased a new piano and a grand piano. The congregation was greatly blessed by the Rev. H. E. Strickland, our former pastor, who officiated. The church has purchased a new piano and a grand piano. The congregation was greatly blessed by the Rev. H. E. Strickland, our former pastor, who officiated. The church has purchased a new piano and a grand piano. The congregation was greatly blessed by the Rev. H. E. Strickland, our former pastor, who officiated. The church has purchased a new piano and a grand piano. The congregation was greatly blessed by the Rev. H. E. Strickland, our former pastor, who officiated.

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UNION CROSS

The new fiscal year was begun with a congregational picnic supper meeting, at which time the budget, a plan for liquidating the building debt, and other plans for the near future were presented by members of the board. Presiding at the meeting was Cecil R. Sisko. In addition to the program it was a wonderful time of fellowship for those present.

A successful eight-day Bible school was held, June 24-July 3, with Miss Ovella Williams as superintendent. We had a good supply of teachers, and members of the church were generous in serving refreshments each evening. Sixty-eight per cent of the enrollment had perfect attendance.

Union Cross was happy to be host for a regional missionary lovefeast on July 7, featuring the Rev. Warren Wenger as speaker. Also we are grateful to H. E. May, a member of New Eden congregation, for supplying the pulpit on August 4. The opening worship in this service was led by Noble O. Tucker. The last two Wednesday evenings in July C. P. Tucker and Noble O. Tucker were in charge of prayer meetings.

The women of the congregation gathered for a meeting on July 19 and heard Mrs. Philip Thorne, representative of the Provincial Women’s Board, explain the provincial plan for organizing the women of the church.

Summer youth conferences were attended by Brenda Leonard, senior conference, and Noel Kinnamon and Charles Leonard, junior high conference, and four of our young people are looking forward to attending the youth convocation in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

LEWIS B. SWAIM

BAPTISMS


DEATHS


Pitts, Ery McLean, died July 13, 1957, member of Home Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. James C. Hughes and Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh. Interment in the Graveyard.


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**Baptisms**


Kane, Donna Kay, daughter of Clifton B. and Margie Louise m. n. Lineback Kane, born July 18, 1956, in Wilmington, Ohio, baptized April 7, 1957, at the C. C. A. F. B. Base Chapel by the Rev. Perry E. Grimm.


Ferebee, Richard Barnes, son of John Spencer and Louise m. n. Barnes Ferebee; born March 11, 1956, in West Palm Beach, Fla.; baptized June 9, 1957, at Christ Church by the Rev. J. Calvin Barnes.


AFTER 26 YEARS OF "PAINFUL SEPARATION," GENERAL SYNOD

Meets to Strengthen Unity
Modernize Church Government

Forty-four delegates representing the Moravian Church on four continents assembled on August 13th for the first General Synod since 1931. Dr. F. P. Stocker, chairman of the General Directory, opened the Synod and Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton was elected president.

From the opening address by Dr. Stocker to the Cup of Covenant Service with which the gathering closed on September 10, the Synod set itself to the task of revitalizing the Unity of the Moravian World-wide Fellowship. As Dr. Stocker pointed out, "The twenty-six years since the last General Synod have been almost entirely years of painful separation. They have been years of struggle and poverty, of war and destruction, of trials of faith and of patient labor for Christ and His Kingdom. Our Unitas Fratrum has gone through fire and blood, through the heart-rending experience of brother fighting against brother. Today we come together to show forth once more before the world that the Moravian Unity is a living reality and that we are all one in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The second task which the Synod set out to accomplish was that of modernizing and bringing into new, living form the government of the Unity. This was the Synod's most difficult problem. The growth of the younger branches of the Moravian Church in such places as South Africa and Surinam demanded that these provinces be given a voice and a place in the councils of the Unity.

Church Government Modernized

The first significant decision of the Synod was to abandon the old terms of "home provinces" and "mission fields" and to declare that henceforth all areas of the Unitas Fratrum shall be known as provinces.

Three classifications for the provinces were agreed upon: Associate Provinces, Synodal Provinces, and Unity Provinces. "The classification of the Unitas Fratrum into these provinces," the Preamble to the new Constitution stated, "is an expression of the stature reached by each one in its growth toward maturity."

An Associate Province is "one which is not yet able fully to supply its own needs in respect of men, money, and leadership, but finds help in these matters from the Unity as a whole or from some other province."

A Synodal Province is "one which is deemed to be sufficiently developed to have its own Provincial Synod... It should be to a great extent able to supply its own manpower and train its own leaders... It should strive toward becoming completely self-supporting."

A Unity Province is "one which has developed its spiritual, material, and human resources to the point at which it can assume full responsibility for its own life and work... It orders its own affairs and holds and administers its property independently... It supplies and sustains completely its own ministry irrespective of race or color... It is fully self-supporting financially... It has the right independently to become a member of the World Council of Churches."

Designated as Unity Provinces were the

VISITOR TO MORAVIAN CENTERS TELLS OF

Church Life in Europe, England

By Herbert Spaugh

The warmth of welcome, the manifest love, and the strong sense of unity have been the greatest impression made upon the official visitors of our two American Provinces as we have visited the Moravian Churches in Europe and the British Isles. Wherever we have gone it has been the same. Never before have I been so conscious of the fact that throughout the world we truly have a unity of the Brethren as our ancient name, the Unitas Fratrum, implies.

In the homes, the churches, the prayer chapels, on the streets of the communities, we were received with the greatest cordiality and affection. The best they had was considered not too good for us. As we moved through our congregations the welcome was overwhelming.

Our tour of churches, congregations, and historic places associated with the Moravian Church commenced in Czechoslovakia. After we attended their Jubilee Synod, we traveled approximately 1,000 miles by autobus in company with other official visitors from Moravian centers in England, Germany, Holland, Surinam, including a Methodist bishop from Switzerland, and visitors from the Czech Brethren of Texas.

In many of the Czech villages of Bohemia and Moravia we were met by groups of children in colorful native costume all holding flowers which they presented to the visitors. In sev-
Weidner to Begin Work in Florida

The Rev. Mervin C. Weidner has accepted a call to become the director of Moravian Church Extension in the State of Florida. He will begin his work there on January 1, 1958.

Prayer Watch Brings Blessing to Nicaragua

C. Conrad Shimer

Reports are coming in to Bluefields of the rich blessings everywhere from the "Hourly Intercession" which was held throughout our congregations in Nicaragua. One conclusion reached is that our people everywhere want the prayer experience repeated, and that the periods allotted to the individuals were too short.

In Bluefields, where three days were used in this way, individuals prayed in their own homes. A mimeographed sheet had been sent out to those participating with suggestions for Bible reading and subjects for prayer. Half hour periods were given to each one. In Pearl Lagoon a different plan was used as this letter from the Rev. Charles Moses indicates:

“We are hoping that you too have experienced, the feelings that we had as a result of our forty-eight hours of praying. We had the days of July 4 and 5. We were not sure that the outstation would be able to carry out the arrangements and as we did not want the chain to be broken our groups prayed right through. We had four groups, each one of which had twelve people, and each group responsible for twelve hours. To mark the time, (nobody has clocks here) the church bell rang the strokes of the hour and one stroke for the half hour. Many people spent the time at the mission house or at 'Mis' Luddy's home. We did not have enough beds but between sessions they preferred to lie on the floor and rest rather than be late.

It seems as though God was directing us in all things. The town was more quiet than a Sunday for two days. The bell rang at 11:30 so that all could come. The church had been lighted since six that evening, when there was a congregation meeting. We all drank coffee. I guess we were a little nervous, but the power was so great that the next day we did not need coffee. You should hear how the people prayed and God really answered. The Spirit came. We all was a wonderful feeling to know when we lay down to rest we were surrounded by prayer.

It’s wonderful to pray together—one ceaseless prayer. As soon as one said 'Amen' the other took it up. The group that would be coming for the next period would gather at the church door and sing two hymns softly, then go quietly inside a few minutes before the other group was ready to leave. The group sitting on the platform would just as quietly leave through the vestry. There was not a hitch, everyone was on time, everyone was happy. Many of those who came into the church took off their shoes so as not to make any noise. There was no Scripture reading, only continuous prayer.

We have thirty-two candidates in the instruction class to be confirmed at harvest time in November and there is quite a number waiting for the next Palm Sunday class. May God continue to bless us all as we pray for one another.”

WISCONSIN CONGREGATION BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW BUILDING

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Moravian Church were held Sunday, July 14, and excavation began the following day for the $113,000 structure designated to replace the present church.

The $113,000 figure plus an estimated $10,000 for furnishings may fluctuate, since the building committee has the right to continue price negotiations on various work phases and to purchase some of the materials if more attractive prices are found.

The rear of the 74 by 45 foot sun-tan brick structure will adjoin the present Christian education building completed three years ago. Its basement portion will be a fellowship hall. Heating facilities and a full kitchen are already in the education wing.

Financing of the new church is being carried on through congregation pledges, subscription payments being designated to meet an approved loan. The Christian education section, handled under similar arrangements, was cleared of debt in three years, half the time designated for payment.

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Synod Meets in Bethlehem

COMMITEE ON CONSTITUTION: It was the task of this committee to modernize and bring into "new, living form the government of the Unity." Beginning with G. Spaugh who is speaking the members are (counterclockwise): P. Theile of Switzerland; Bishop H. Steinberg of Zeist; R. Kalfus of Czechoslovakia; G. Higgins; D. Moore of Barbados; E. Forster of Herekulu; Bishop P. Schaberg of South Africa, West; A. Hartmann of South Africa, East; R. Haupert, F. Stocker and E. Wilson of London.

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Czechoslovakian Province, the European Continental Province, the British Province, and the American Provinces, North and South. Provisions were made whereby South Africa, Western Province, after 1946, and Surinam, Jamaica and the East West Indies Provinces, after 1962, can advance from Synodal to Unity Provinces.

Nicaragua was listed as a Synodal Province.

Synod also declared that South Africa, Eastern Province, after 1960, and the Southern Highlands Province, and the Unyamwezi Province, after 1962, should advance from Associate to Synodal Provinces" whenever the conditions for a Synodal Province have been met."

Other former mission fields now to be known as Associate Provinces are Labrador, Tibet, Alaska, and Honduras.

Unity Synod

Under the new concept of provincial government, the next General Synod, which will be known as Unity Synod, will differ radically from former General Synods. In the Synod of 1957 there were thirty voting delegates from the Home Provinces and eight from the Mission Provinces. Of these three were appointed by the Mission Boards.

The Unity Synod of 1967 will have twenty-nine voting delegates from the present Unity Provinces. The various provinces known before as mission fields will be able to elect and send as many as twenty voting delegates. In addition from the Associate Provinces will come from four to six advisory delegates.

The Unity Committee

In a further effort to give vitality to the World-wide Moravian Unity, a new executive authority was created to be known as the Unity Committee. Members of the Committee are elected by Unity Synod, one each from the Provincial Boards of the Unity Provinces.

Elected to the Unity Committee were the Brn. Radim Kalfus, Czechoslovakia; Heinz Motel, Continent; L. J. Britton, England; F. P. Stocker, America, North; and R. G. Spaugh, America, South.

Many tasks were referred to this Unity Committee, but its chief duty as defined is "to uphold and further the development of the Unity in all parts of the world in every way possible."

"The Unity Committee will carry on its work largely through correspondence, but from time to time it may meet in a Unity Conference as the need arises. Synod specifically ordered such a Unity Conference to be held "every ten years between Unity Synods." The date set for the first meeting of the Unity Conference was set for in or about 1962.

The Unity Fund

To finance the interprovincial work of the Unitas Fratrum a Unity Fund was created. It was voted that each province should make an annual contribution to the Unity Fund on the basis of a fixed amount for each delegate the province is entitled to send to Unity Synod. This fixed sum per delegate was set at one hundred dollars in United States of America currency. The contribution of the Southern Province will be $600 annually.

The purpose of the Unity Fund is to "maintain the Unitas Fratrum by means of Unity Synods, Unity Conference and the Unity Committee."

College is Host

During the stay in Bethlehem, the delegates were housed on the South Campus and given...
their meals in the dining room there. On Sundays especially, the delegates were entertained in the homes of the members of the Bethlehem Moravian Congregations.

Congregational groups from Bethlehem and the surrounding area took turns in serving refreshments at the two coffee breaks which came daily at 10 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Many special events were planned during the thirty day period notable of which was the musical program on August 16 and the ordination as a bishop of the Rev. Elmo Knudsen on August 18.

Bishop Knudsen, a native of Denmark, is superintendent of the Southern Highlands Province with a membership of 50,000. The Southern Highlands Province is under the supervision of the British Mission Board. Bishop E. W. Porter, a delegate from the British Province, was in charge of the consecration service.

The Musical Program of August 16 was presented for the delegates by the choir of the Central Church under the direction of Organist Robert Elmore. The music was drawn from the hymns and anthems used by the Central Church throughout the church year.

**Ordination of Women**

One of the issues which was debated by the delegates with lively interest was the question of granting to the provinces the right to ordain women to the ministry. The decision of Synod was that "in principle such ordination is permissible" and that each province is at liberty to "take such steps as seem essential for the maintenance of the ministry of the Word and Sacraments."

**Marriage of Divorced People**

Another subject that brought forth expressions of widely differing points of view was that of the remarriage of divorced persons. The decision on this matter as finally approved by Synod stated:

(1) That the Unitas Fratrum regards it as a sacred obligation to hold an ideal of Christian marriage as pure as it is given by our Lord in His teaching, viz., that Christian marriage is an indissoluble union and requires the life long loyalty of the man and the woman towards each other in thought and deed;

(2) That General Synod urges that the young people in our churches be instructed, not merely immediately before marriage, but from years of adolescence in the meaning and obligations of true Christian marriage,

(3) That the Unitas Fratrum, honoring the example and injunction of our Lord, acknowledges the responsibility of dealing compassionately and redemptively with human frailty and sin in every area of life, including failure in the marriage state,

(4) That the problem of remarrying divorced persons be examined in special studies under the direction of the duly constituted authority of every province in the Unity in the light of its particular needs and prevailing circumstances,
MORAVIAN MISSIONS

New Development in Nicaragua
The capital city of Managua has been under consideration for some time as the site for a Moravian congregation. A number of factors have led to hesitancy in placing a full-time man in that city. The English-speaking people of Managua organized a Union Church which has now been in existence for several years. This Union Church has now requested the Moravian Church to allow Br. David Jones, now serving in Bluefields, to consider a call to become its pastor. All parties concerned with this proposal have agreed to a plan which will place Br. Jones in Managua as of October 1, 1957. He will serve the Union Church and organize a Moravian congregation. The two churches will remain as separate organizations and Br. Jones will divide his time equally between them.

This proposal was received by the Mission Board as a satisfactory plan for giving pastoral care and Moravian services to the many Moravians now living in Managua and its environs. The move, however, creates a special problem in the staffing of the Bluefields congregation. The large membership of this church with its many activities requires an experienced pastor to take Br. Jones' place.

Robert Lobst Visits Honduras
The Rev. Robert Lobst is now in Honduras at the mission station of Brus. He volunteered to assist the missionaries in that field during an emergency. There are, normally, four ordained missionaries in Honduras but at the present time the Housemen are on furlough and Dr. Werner Marx came home for a brief time. Since Br. Lobst had served in Central America, he is familiar with the languages and the people of the area and is equipped to act as temporary warden.

The Mount Airy (N.C.) congregation, of which Br. Lobst is pastor, released him for two months, beginning on September 5, and will continue to pay his salary, therefore his services are a gift of that congregation to mission service. The Provincial Elders' Conference, South, also granted the necessary permission.

The Mission Board is grateful to these officials for their cooperation and to Br. Lobst for his services.

A Letter From The Kuskokwim
Akiachak, Alaska
Dear Dr. Drebert:

For the first time since you left I am writing to tell you of my work. I am still working the same as before, and the people seem to want me to keep on. Last winter some of them suggested that I travel by airplane and some of the villages were willing to pay my plane fare. So far I have not done it. I still use my dog team, but I do not use many dogs any more, only five. When I get to a village the people eagerly come to the service. That is why I travel around to preach the Word and pray for them. I praise God that He has given me the strength to carry on. Your friend in Christ.

Joseph Ekangak

MORAVIAN MISSIONS

– Currently Speaking

(Rev. Drebert is the former Superintendent of the Alaska work and is retired)

Among The Missionaries

The Rev. and Mrs. Wolfram Flegel have announced the arrival of Paul David who was born at Johnson City, New York, on August 24, 1957. The event calls attention to our Moravian Unity. Br. Flegel is from the German Province, his wife is an American and they are serving in the West Indies in the Dominican Republic. Mrs. Flegel returned to her home to assure Paul David of United States citizenship.

Constance Santchin, teacher in the Alaska Children's Home, made an emergency trip to her home in Fargo, North Dakota, because of the death of her father. She will return to her duties in the near future.

Dr. Werner Marx, superintendent of our mission in Honduras, returned to his station in April leaving his family in the States for reasons of health. He has been given permission to come to Pennsylvania for a short time to be with his wife as she undergoes major surgery.

Mrs. Charles Michael, wife of the superintendent of the Alaska mission came to the States to visit her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Helmich, in California, and to place son David in school on the West Coast. She returned home with her husband who was a delegate to General Synod.

Alaska Tundra Fire

The town of Bethel, Alaska, was severely threatened with fire when a dump fire went out of control. The tundra, deep moss which dries out in the summer months, burns much like peat and is difficult to control. The big government hospital was threatened, along with Army ammunition supplies, and the mission buildings. All available manpower was used in fire-fighting—men of the town, Army personnel, teachers, missionaries, older boys from the Children's Home—and the women prepared sandwiches and coffee was served by the gallon. After days of work the fire was brought under control without serious loss to property.

BAPTISMS


Reynolds, Thomas Sterling, son of James Kenneth and Mary Aleen m. n. Hughes Reynolds, born June 26, 1956, at Raleigh, N. C., was baptized September 8, 1957, at the Moravian Church of Raleigh by the Rev. Walter H. Allen, Jr.


Tesh, Pamela Diane, daughter of R. D. and Patricia m. n. Hiatt Tesh, born February 11, 1957, in Mt. Airy, N. C., was baptized September 1, 1957, in Grace Moravian Church by the Rev. Robert Allen Lobst.

Chadwick, Charlotte Melinda, daughter of Kelly A. and Ann m. n. Wall Chadwick, born June 14, at Winston-Salem. Baptized August 11, 1957 at Bethania Church by the Rev. F. Herbert Weber.

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BETHANIA

During the period under review, undoubtedly
the most significant happening in our congre-
gation was our participation in the Hourly
Intercession. Words cannot describe the spiri-
tual benefit and the blessing that came into
our congregation as a result of this experience.
Our 12 hour period began at midnight July
31 with a public service that brought 35 peo-
ple to the church sanctuary for the first hour.
Throughout the period we witnessed the finest
spirit of cooperation and genuine interest that
any project has received in this congregation
in several years. It is the unanimous desire of
our people that the Hourly Intercession be
continued in some manner after the close of
this year.

Guest preachers during this period have been
Bishop Johannes Vogt of Herrnhut, Germany
who preached to a large congregation on
September 15; the Rev. J. Kirby Spencer of
Bradford, England, who brought the message
on August 4; and Seminarian James Johnson
who supplied on two Sundays during the pas-
tor's vacation.

A decision to change the August lovefeast
from afternoon to night brought very en-
couraging results. Our attendance at this love-
feast proved to be the largest in the last four
years. Br. Jack Barnes, through his lovefeast
message, challenged our people to a fuller ap-
plication of the Christian Gospel in their per-
sonal life. The attendance at the Communion
service in the morning set a new attendance
record for the morning service of the August
13th Festival.

The good food, games, and fun were en-
joyed by an unusually large group which
gathered for the annual Church School picnic
to Tanglewood Park on August 17.

We appreciate the fine services of Br.
Charles Johnson, Jr. of our Mt. AiryCongre-
gation who directed the Senior Choir during
the illness of our regular director, Br. Howard
Conrad.

Bethania was represented at the Youth Con-
vocation in Bethesda by four young people.
They brought back enthusiastic reports of the
Convocation. In addition the usual large num-
er of young people attended the various con-
ferences at Camp Hanes. James Johnson was
the director of our Daily Vacation Bible School
which was held in July.

F. HERBERT WEBER

FRIEDLAND

We rejoice to report the addition of the fol-
dowing new members to our Communicant
membership: Betsy Chappel, Donna Ingram,
Dale Comer, Larry Simmons, Mrs. Charles
Perry, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Parnell, David Hine,
Terry Sink, Kathleen Supp, Robert Reed, Mrs.
T. W. Comer, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth-
rock.

THE CHURCHES

The following brethren have been elected by
Church Council to our Official Boards: Luther
Hine and James Thore, Elders; Thomas Kim-
ball and Ray F. Hine, Trustees; and John
Craver and Leo Cook, Grayevad Committee-
men. The Council also approved a budget of
$24,600.00, the largest in Friedland's history.

A Men's Chorus, directed by our Choir Di-
rector, Mrs. Clifton Supp, has been organized
recently and has already made one appearance
in a morning worship service. We are greatly
encouraged by this splendid supplement to the
ministry of music in our congregation.

Seventeen of our young people attended the
Moravian Youth Convocation in Bethellem,
Pa. Through the kind generosity of a family
within the congregation, the pastor was privi-
eged to accompany them.

We are encouraged by our attendance dur-
ing the summer months, averaging 45% of our
total membership.

C. TRUITT CHADWICK

HOPEWELL

The Hourly Intercession came to Hopewell
on August 8 from 4:00 to 10:00 P.M. Several
spokes of receiving a blessing from this prayer
watch. On August 25 special recognition was
given to the Hourly Intercession as the 230th
anniversary of its beginning was noted.

The young people planned a trip to the
conference grounds on August 18 but post-
poned the trip until September 1 due to the
inclement weather. The trip was made on
September 1 and a picnic supper was enjoyed
in front of the Wilkes cottage, after a drive
to the top of the mountain.

Mr. I. A. Green was received into the mem-
bership of the congregation on August 18.

Dr. Edwin Kortz spoke to the young people's
group on August 21. Following this, a group
attended the regional lovefeast at Friedberg.
We were also glad to have Sr. Joanna Larsen
who spoke on August 14.

WILLIAM A. CRANFORD, JR.

NEW PHILADELPHIA

New Philadelphia was helped by the services of
our summer assistant, George R. Scilley, who
served during June, July and August. In ad-
dition to doing visitation, supplying the pul-
pit, and helping with Bible School, George
helped the secretary and caretaker, giving us
a lift in all departments.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond Barron and Mr.
and Mrs. Grover Chaney and Mrs. Paul Barber
were the new members received in the past
two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barber, Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Slater, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Smith
were all married in our church during the past
period.

In the hourly intercession, the larger at-
tendances came during the wee hours of the
morning. Mr. George Scilley led a congrega-
tion-wide service on the morning of Saturday,
August 17.

Paul Hiest and Judy Lewis attended the
Youth Convocation, and thirty of our young
people attended various conferences.

Mr. Robert Mayer has accepted the task of
training and directing our church band and has
already had good success. The band was pre-
sented in a summer concert in July. There was
a great improvement shown as over thirty
musicians and some 150 persons attending en-
joyed the varied musical program.

HENRY A. LEWIS

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People’s Rally at Friedberg, there were twelve young people attending, and then at the Building and Expansion Rally at New Philadelphia the Church Board and the Building Committee turned out in full. Both of these rallies were talked about for weeks following them by those who were able to attend them.

For three Sundays this summer we have had messages from visiting brethren. On June 30 Br. Alfred Dawson filled the pulpit and then the first two Sunday’s in July Br. John Walker filled the pulpit.

July 21 was another big day for our Church. At 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon we had Open House for our newly renovated church. We were happy on that hot Sunday afternoon to welcome nearly 200 friends and visitors to join us in the service of praise at which time president of the PEC, Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, brought us the message. Before and after the service many toured the building and viewed the improvements that had been made. Following the service refreshments were served. If you haven’t seen the church, we invite you to come be with us at any time.

On the night of August 10 the ladies served a ham supper which funds will go to our building fund.

On Friday afternoon, August 16, between 2:00 and 6:00 Willow Hill took their part in the Prayer Watch which was an overwhelming success and we were pleased that we could have a share in this great medium of serving the Lord.

At the time of this writing we are in the midst of a week of services conducted by Br. Henry Lewis and are reaping a great blessing from these messages.

GLENN E. CRAVER

CHARLOTTE

With the capable assistance of the officers and lay leaders of the Church the congregational activity has continued strong in the absence of the pastor.

The senior young people have had a very active summer. Informal meetings have been held in the homes of the young people on Sunday evenings. Early in July a large group journeyed to Windy Hill Beach in South Carolina for a weekend of good fellowship. Four of these young people attended the Youth Convocation in Bethlehem and on returning gave enthusiastic reports to the group.

The junior, junior high, and senior groups were represented at the church conferences at Camp Hanes. Thirteen children of the junior class attended the middle session of Junior Conference.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lee (Nancy White) upon the birth of a daughter, Lynn Angela, on June 28.

The Reverend and Mrs. Warren Wenger visited the congregation on their return trip to Nicaragua. A covered dish supper provided a good opportunity for the congregation to meet Br. and Mrs. Wenger and to become better acquainted with our mission effort in Central America.

About thirty members of the congregation participated in the Prayer Watch which was conducted here on August 2 and 3. Many remarked of the experiential blessing which they received.

Dr. and Mrs. Spaugh returned home on August 7 for a brief stay before General Synod, giving the pastor the opportunity to speak to the congregation at the August 13th festival. Following Holy Communion a coffee hour was held as an informal reception for the pastor and his wife in Fellowship Hall.

During the festival Dr. Spaugh announced the Rev. Kenneth Ball’s acceptance of a call to the Kernersville Moravian Congregation. Remembering the good work that Br. Ball has done here, it was not without some regret.

JAMES BLANTON, STUDENT PASTOR

MIZPAH

Mizpah’s 62nd annual lawn supper and the six hour participation in the Hourly Intercession made August this year an outstanding and busy month.

As usual, our annual lawn supper was a fine example of total cooperation with practically everyone in the congregation having something to do. More than 700 suppers were served and net proceeds totaled about $650.00.

The observance of the Hourly Intercession at Mizpah was a truly spiritual effort. A permanent plan after the pattern mapped out by the Prayer Watch Committee of the Young Adult Fellowship would provide an outlet for the services of all our people. Having the hours, 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., August 11 and 12, some 63 persons attended our six sessions, averaging 20 per hour with a low of 8 present at 1:00 a.m. Thirty-five persons had leading parts and 25 offered audible prayers one or more times. No other effort in the church has ever given opportunity of expression to so many people.

Jennie Lynn Joyce, Mary Carolyn Long, Mary Lee Long, Carol Helsbeck and Carol Winfrey attended the Moravian Youth Convocation in Bethlehem and received much help from the experience.

The pastor wishes to thank Brn. W. Clyde Davis and C. M. Hedrick for conducting the worship service on August 18 and 25 respectively, while he was on vacation attending the
Youth Convocation and portions of the General Synod.

WILLIAM A. KALTREIDER

OAK GROVE

We would like to take this opportunity to salute the young people of the congregation. During the past ten years, as the congregation made preparations for the new church building, the young people have given their unerring efforts to the purchase of an organ for the new sanctuary. In July, after trying various makes of electronic organs the Organ Committee and the Youth Fellowship voted unanimously to install an Allen organ. This is the first time we have had an organ at Oak Grove, and the congregation is deeply appreciative to the young people and to Miss Marlyn Idol and Mrs. Sherman Lewis, who are serving so capably as organists.

With the beginning of the fiscal year the Women of the Church organized a fourth circle. This is the second new circle in the past two years. Both have added greatly to the effectiveness of the Women of the Church and have provided the opportunity for participation by more of our ladies. In the first two months of the new year the women have contributed $600 to the building debt and now have an added project the buying of tables for fellowship hall.

The Hourly Intercession, sponsored by the two young adult classes, was very meaningful for those who took part. An average of fourteen people attended each hour, and each service was led very effectively by one of the young adults.

Inspiring messages were brought by the Rev. F. Herbert Weber and the Rev. George A. Chidde on the Sundays when the pastor was teaching at the Junior High Conference and was on vacation. The Sunday School again this year paid half-scholarships to the young people attending the summer conferences and to the three young people who took part in the Youth Convocation in Bethlehem.

CHRISTIAN WEBER

NURSE LARSEN SPEAKS AT IOWA QUINCENTENNIAL SERVICE

Sunday, July 7 marked a high day of observance of the Quincentennial at the Graceland, Iowa, church. They felt themselves fortunate to have with them that day Johanne K. Larsen of Christiansfeld, Denmark. Miss Larsen is a nurse at Usoke, one of our Moravian mission stations in Africa. She spoke at the morning service and in the evening showed pictures of the work in Tanganyika. Members of several neighboring churches were guests at this service. The day closed with a fellowship hour in the community building. The appearance of the Rev. Henry Williams of the Philadelphia, Pa., Fifth Church at the beginning of the church service added to the pleasure of the day.

One of the most vital issues to come before the recent General Synod in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, concerned the governmental status of the various sections of the Moravian Church. This column is being written prior to the conclusion of Synod, and without knowledge of whatever action Synod may have taken in respect to this matter. But an understanding of the situation, past and present, as well as a review of the reasons why several delegates raised the question, should prove enlightening to our readers.

For governmental purposes the Moravian Unity is divided into three different categories as follows: (1) The home or self-dependent provinces, (2) the provinces in a state of transition, and (3) the mission fields. Each of the four home provinces (Continental, British, American North, and American South) sent seven delegates to the Synod, whereas the provinces in a state of transition and the mission fields were allowed only one delegate each. In addition, two delegates came from Czechoslovakia, which is also considered a home province but does not have a position equal with that of the other four.

There was little if any wrangling at Synod in regard to the relative weight of the four self-dependent provinces. With scarcely 3,000 communicant members, the British Province bulked disproportionately large by means of 7 delegates in a Synod total of 38. It is said in fairness, however, that Synod welcomed the contributions and leadership of the capable and distinguished delegation which our British brethren comprised.

But the representatives from provinces in the state of transition and from mission fields apparently resented the inferior spheres of influence and limited balloting rights assigned to them. Evidence of this was the large number of applications to Synod for a step-up in status, from mission field to province-in-transition, or from province-in-transition to home province.

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Furnevermore, in their speeches before Synod delegates from most all parts of the Unity except the home provinces implied that they and their constituents—our Moravian brethren in Christ, let us remind you—look upon the three-step-ladder nomenclature as non-Biblical and unChristian. In some cases they reminded the Synod of the necessity of self-dependence which they had faced and met, particularly during times when support from the home provinces failed to materialize. In line with the ecumenical spirit and terminology of the world-wide missionary movement today, they indicated that they would prefer that the branches of the Moravian Unity be known as older and younger churches.

The origins of the policy of trying to encourage a mission field to become self-dependent go back to the General Synod of 1879. At that time according to Hamilton’s History of the Moravian Church, the Synod adopted “a plan for the development of the mission in the West Indies to a status of self-dependence and self-administration.” A general governing board was to be created in the West Indies, to occupy temporarily a position of responsibility between the Mission Board at home and the seven general conferences on the islands... For the next ten years financial aid was to be rendered according to a steadily descending scale, that the congregations might during their period gradually accustomed themselves to the burden of self-support.

Seventy-eight years later, in 1957, our West Indies work still consists of provinces-in-transition, Jamaica and the Eastern West Indies Province. Inevitably conscious of their partial yet continuing economic dependence on the home provinces, these and other provinces-in-transition—and even some mission fields—are nevertheless growing restive and discontent with the outdated, complex-producing step-ladder formula still applied to them.

We in this blessed and prosperous land of America may think it would be unrealistic or impractical to change the status of our provinces-in-transition and mission fields, to upgrade their positions, or to do away with degrading differentiations altogether. But the opinion of this column is that the policies and procedures of mission administration in our Moravian Unity smack of the 19th century and that our terminology, at least, is hopelessly antiquated. A new day demands new methods and new names. Whither Synod did or did not, Synod should have turned to both, so that we should no longer set ourselves above and apart from our brothers in Christ who are members of Moravian congregations all over the earth.

DEATHS


Osbome, Roberta Swaim, born 1877; died August 18, 1957. A member of Oak Grove Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. Bobby Robertson and the Rev. Joe Crews with interment in the Oak Grove Graveyard.

Jones, Mrs. Gertrude Wolff, born January 6, 1900; died July 31, 1957. A member of Bethania Church. Funeral conducted by the Rev. F. Herbert Weber with interment in the Bethania Graveyard.

Growth in Alaska Brings Many Problems

Frances Hauser

“The Word of God Which Ne’er Shall Cease” was the hymn prayer of the mission staff as they convened for the opening of the General Missionary Conference on June 5th and 6th at the Children’s Home. We were then led in meditation by superintendent Charles Michael who brought out the importance of prayer life and unity of purpose and spirit. This fact was further emphasized by the greetings we shared from other Moravians throughout the world.

G. M. C. is somewhat of a clearing-house for the discussion of problems and reports relative to the work of the province. From these meetings the resulting advice and decisions are turned over to the Alaskan Provincial Board who then work out with the American Mission Board the solutions for the general good of the Lord’s work here.

Changes in Bethel

Throughout the sessions brief sketches were given covering the history of our Church up to the present day. From the reports the fact was revealed that since Miss Siebke is out on furlough and the Schmidts have accepted responsibility at the Home, the Bristol Bay area is in desperate need of an ordained couple. Then, too, Bethel is undergoing a great change and growth and with it has come increasing liquor and moral problems. In several villages there is the need for consecrated lay pastors, and no present men to fill the need. There is some encouraging progress in the indigenous church in that our people are gradually growing in ability to take on and carry out various problems.
responsibilities faithfully, and to understand the financial support of their church.

Another favorable report was that evangelistic services and rallies have brought many to the Lord. More good news was the better organized groupings among the teen-agers, young people, and young adults in many congregations, and the use of improved worship material prepared on the Alaskan field. We became aware that even though the student body is small at the Bible School (now called Moravian Bible Seminary) the students are earnest and purposeful. A favorable report came concerning the two graduates of the Home, both received tenth grade ratings on their eighth grade territorial exams.

As important as the business meetings is the time when as a group of missionaries we enjoy fellowship with each other and with the children of the Home. It’s grand to be able to have everyone sit down to a fine meal and chat about the latest happenings in a village or share a local humorous event. Anyone would chuckle over seeing little two-year-old Denny Vaughn sitting at the supper table with the Home children who are 4 to 12 years, and being very much a part of them; or seeing Mrs. Schattenschneider endeavor to catch every drop of a rapidly overflowing sundae. What a thrill it is to gather about the piano and join in on favorite hymns and chorales. And, of course, everyone took part in the charivari for the most recent newlyweds and the latest members on our mission staff here, Brother and Sister Donald Schmidt.

A renewed spirit of oneness in Christ was experienced as each member gathered about the Communion Table bringing General Missionary Conference to a close.

ITS NAME MEANS “GRAVEYARD,” BUT

Raiti Is a Living Church

Edwin W. Kortz

The Nicaraguan village of Raiti (proounced rye-te) has a most unusual name even in Miskito country. The name means “graveyard” and was first used by settlers who discovered a grave on the site they had chosen for a town. During the days of Sandino and his bandits the village was abandoned and the inhabitants fled down the Wangks river for safety. After the hurricane of 1931, during a time of famine, people returned to this area in search of food and established a thriving community.

Tapping trees for chicle, the base for chewing gum, became quite an industry and employment attracted settlers. The Moravian Church followed her people by sending pastors to this up-river district. The Brn. Heath and Schramm had served the area occasionally and since 1940 the Rev. and Mrs. Mullins Tilleth have been giving unusual leadership to eager followers.

Br. Tilleth originally studied under Br. How-
Raiti is more than a village. It is the spiritual center of a growing district. New churches have been started within the last year which are being served by lay pastors whose salaries are supplied by he Young People's Conference of the lower Wangka river area. Work is now established in Burimac, Anristara, Siksa Yeri, and Bocay. The most recent church to be started is in the Sunu village of Amaka. Here lay pastor Audulio Richard, a Miskito Indian, is bringing the Gospel to the river.

There is no doubt that the spirit of God is moving the hearts of men and women. There is evidence in men like Marcelino, the faithful doormarin ( sexton) at Raiti. He was once a drunkard who ridiculed his Christian wife. She maintained her faith and was consistent in her prayers until he was converted. At once he witnessed to the love of Christ until his sister, brother-in-law and others gave themselves to the Lord.

When visitors want to reach Raiti a crew of boatmen is sent down river to bring the boat and passengers over the falls safely. Such a service means days of hard work, labor which is willingly given in order that the Gospel may be preached. One crew of men had brought Superintendent Storrz, Warden Dreger, and the official visitor from the States to the village. After a day of services the crew captain asked permission to speak. He said: These men have come not to get anything from us but for our souls. When we came through the falls they cut bread and boiled coffee with their own hands for us even though we are poor. We express our thanks to them and to all who have sent us the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Raiti still is called by that name, graveyard, but it is as alive as a church can be. Its testimony is powerful and its influence widespread. It is a visible sign of the Nicaraguan Moravian Church expanding with her own resources under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**DELEGATES TO BRITISH SYNOD AT FULNECK SEE PAGEANT**

By R. S. Bard
(From the Moravian Messenger)

One of the outstanding events at the Synod of the British Province, held at Fulneck in July, was the Pageant. What impressed me was the way the future generations of Moravian men and women, the children of today portrayed the Moravians of yester-year. It was a thrill and an experience that I am sure they will never forget.

Then the climax, over a hundred youngsters all in white forming a cross, for the heroes of the past to move symbolically towards. No one there can but have been moved by such as Christine Mutimer of Fulneck bringing up the rear of the Cross as gallantly as her three-year-old legs would carry her; and one and three quarter year-old Angela Fletcher of Wyke as a Bohemian Refugee.

These were but two of many such children, taking part in an experience that the majority will never forget.

But what a challenge to us who serve in the church today, to see to it that all those who took part in this event, and the same applies to other district events in this glorious year as well, are truly and firmly made the church of tomorrow. Our task is to see that the Christine’s and the Angela’s of today are in twenty years’ time making our church strong.

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Church Life in Europe, England

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Reformed. I have never heard such congregational singing of the old chorales. It was magnificent.

Most of the churches of the Ancient Unity have long passed out of our hands in the Counter Reformation. Some are museums, others in the use of other denominations, still others are being restored as museums. Our congregations there are growing.

My particular assignment was to write my impressions of the congregation life of our churches in Europe and the British Isles, and of the Diaspora work.

In Herrnhut, Koenigsfeld, Neuwick, Nisky, Kleinwelke, and Bad Boll in Germany; Christianfeld in Denmark, Zeist in Holland, and Fulneck in England, the group of buildings is quite extensive as in Winston-Salem and Bethlehem. There is the church surrounded by schools, the Sisters House, the Widows House, and usually a home for retired ministers, missionaries and older people. These operations are much more extensive than at Bethlehem and Winston-Salem.

In Europe the women still wear the white caps and shawls, especially on Festival occasions. The old choir system is still preserved and the men and women for the most part sit separately. Here, too, the single cup is used at Holy Communion and also sacramental wine instead of the grape juice which we use in our churches. The lovefeasts are more informal than ours. Tea in cups and saucers with buns are served and all partake while one or more addresses are given. The Singtunde (singing hour) is most interesting as observed in Germany. Lists of hymns or selected verses are distributed to the congregation. The minister commenced the hymn and then the organ and congregation follow. There are no organ introductions or interludes. The daily texts are usually read in the service.

Some of our churches suffered severely during World War II. Herrnhut lost 37 buildings including the church which has recently been beautifully rebuilt. The two churches in Berlin and the church in Hamburg were destroyed as well as the London Church in Fetter Lane.

The congregational singing is magnificent. There are few formal church choirs. Most of the churches have good pipe organs. Church Brass Bands are used extensively. At Herrnhut the Church Band welcomed us when we arrived by train at midnight, with the mayor (a Moravian) and many friends. The band likewise played farewell as we left.

The Diaspora work is a unique system used on the continent of Europe. Here the majority of the people belong to the State Church. This greatly limits the opportunity for growth in the Moravian Church over there. The State Church is government tax supported. So contributions to the Moravian Church are extra and above the required church tax.

As a result of the war and the forced displacement of large groups of the people in Germany, especially those of Eastern Germany, where a considerable part was given to Poland, many congregations were disbanded and the people became refugees in West Germany, there they came for resettlement. Neugnadenthal, near Hamburg, is entirely a refugee settlement which is making wonderful progress by hard work and government help and the assistance of other Moravian congregations. These refugees left all they had, except what they could carry with them, to come to the west.

As an example of this dispersion the congregation at Bad Boll has a resident membership of 130, while the non-residents bring the total to 1,200. These non-residents are scattered in villages and on farms wherever they could find work. They are visited by Diaspora (the word means work among the scattered) workers and ministers who hold services in homes, as these refugees wish to keep their Moravian membership even though they join the State Church of Germany. All of this calls for extensive travel by the Diaspora workers, often miles of it being done on foot.

Another phase of the Diaspora work of long standing involves the distribution of the Moravian Text Book and the taking of collections outside of our church for Moravian Missions. The Text Book has far wider distribution in Europe than America. In the German language upwards of one million copies are distributed; in French, 65,000 copies are sold. Thousands of copies are printed in other languages for the mission fields and for the large missionary societies in Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, and England. Membership in these societies is largely non-Moravian. Text Books are distributed through these societies which collect large sums for Moravian Missions. Diaspora ministers also fill speaking engagements in state churches with the approval of the pastors and take collections for Moravian Missions. These ministers and workers also minister to special groups in the large state churches. They are cordially received.

Moravian Congregation at Revensko is visited by delegation. The church is on the left just below the scaffolding. In the background can be seen Trouki with the twin towers of a ruined castle. Trouki is a landmark of this part of Bohemia. Walking up the street are R. S. Haupert, G. G. Higgins, Ronald Loyd of England, R. Kaffus and M. Kanak of Czechoslovakia and Heinz Schmidt of Koenigsfeld, Germany.

Our experience as visitors from the American Churches will never be forgotten. Great good-will was created and the ties of love were strengthened. The 500th Anniversary of our Brethren's Unity was outstanding in many ways.

Never before in recent years and perhaps since the time of Zinzendorf has a group of Moravian ministers had the opportunity in a relatively short period of time to have such a comprehensive view of our church. Again and again we heard in many lands and in many churches our motto: "Our Lamb has conquered. Let us follow Him."
Year of Celebration Into Year of Dedication

MASS MEETING, WINSTON-SALEM, one of the many held in Moravian centers on March 10, 1957, was designed to lead us first of all to a definite end; then to turn into a procession leading into the years that are yet to be. And this can be best accomplished by allowing the celebration to give way to dedication. How apropos the lines of Rudyard Kipling:

"The tumult and the shouting dies;\nThe captains and the kings depart;\nStill stands the ancient sacrifice,\nAn humble and a contrite heart: Lest we forget, lest we forget!"

The schedule calls for making November 10, the Sunday nearest our November 13th Memorial Day, a Day of Dedication. Moravians in both American provinces are being challenged to renew their individual and collective dedication to Christ, the Great Head and Chief Elder of his Church. In no more telling way can the parade be transformed into a procession, than by a definite determination to more faithfully follow the Lamb that has conquered, and with renewed zeal to seek to "win for the Lamb that was slain the reward of his suffering," so that he may at length, also because of us, come to "see of the travail of his soul, and be satisfied."

Dedication—what is it, and what does it involve? We will mention four of its constituent parts.

The Delivered Life
1. The dedicated life is the delivered life—delivered from Satan, sin, and self; set free from the fetters of past patterns and practices that have lost their appeal and thus also their effectiveness. There is danger in retaining the forms of an age that was deeply religious, but of losing the content. Often the forms have been retained after the essence has disintegrated. We should honor the past, but refuse to be bound by it.
November 10 Service

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bound by it. In the words of Friederich Rittelmeier "we do not wish at all to anchor the ship of mankind to the past, but to lade it with a full cargo of the treasures of history for use on its future voyaging." Isaiah, speaking for the Lord, admonished: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:18-19 RSV)

To honor properly our spiritual forefathers is not to copy their modes, but their moods; not to mimic their methods, but become endowed with their spirit; not to retain their practices, but to serve our present age as they did theirs. With the young lad who became irritated by the constant reminders of a noble ancestry, we may exclaim, "I am tired of being a descendent; I would myself become an ancestor." Or, let us express it in the familiar lines of Longfellow: -

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing leave behind us
Footprints in the sands of time."

Yes, verily, dedication implies deliverance from all that would deter from advancing according to the plan and program of God. The Devoted Life

2. The dedicated life is also the devoted life. It is devoted to Christ and to whatever task he has committed to us, and with what he may yet entrust us if we be found faithful. With the Baptist of old we may come to say, "He—the Christ—must increase, but I must decrease"; and with Paul, "I—the ego—am crucified with Christ"; and with Zinzendorf, "I have but one passion, it is He."

In the last line of each stanza of his hymn Theodore Monod has aptly mapped out the steps leading from self to Christ. This is the succession of them; "All of self, and none of Thee;" "Some of self, and some of Thee;" "Less of self, and more of Thee;" and finally, "None of self, and all of Thee."

General Booth declared, "God has had all there was of me." And it was Calvin who bore testimony thus, "I gave my all to Him, and so I have found everything in Him."

Yes, Christian dedication means total devotion to Christ. But it also means complete commitment to the task he assigns us. We will be careful not to squander time; nor neglect opportunities; but we will bring into play every talent of which we are possessed, harness every ounce of energy latent within us, and draw from Christ every resource he is willing to place at our command, to the end that we may by God's grace, at last be able to testify as did our Lord, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

The Directed Life

3. The dedicated life is the divinely directed life. It neither drifts, nor flounders, but fits itself into a particular pattern and pursues a definite course. It is not "driven by every wind of doctrine" nor does it continue the spirit of our times. The dedicated life is the life directed by God's Holy Spirit, and partakes of the spirit of him who even in Gethsemane did pray, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Difficulties do not become barriers nor do obstacles become hindrances. Stumbling-blocks may even become stepping-stones toward the accomplishment of our God given task.

The Dependable Life

4. And, finally, the dedicated life becomes the dependable life. As we have learned to depend upon Him, so may He be able to depend upon us. We are so dedicated to the spirit of our times. The dedicated life is the life directed by God's Holy Spirit, and partakes of the spirit of him who even in Gethsemane did pray, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Difficulties do not become barriers nor do obstacles become hindrances. Stumbling-blocks may even become stepping-stones toward the accomplishment of our God given task.

The Dependable Life

May the prayer of Charles Edward Mudie become our prayer of dedication as we fall in line with all the faithful in their great procession leading to victory and eventual glory:

"I lift my heart to Thee, Saviour divine!
For Thou art all to me, and I am Thine;
Is there on earth a closer bond than this,
That my Beloved's mine, and I am His?"

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Music notes... among gifts is

Microfilm of First Hymnal

Donald M. McCorkle, Director
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(With this issue Mr. McCorkle resumes his column on church music. His articles
have been absent in The Wachovia Moravian for nearly a year, during which time he has been intensively engaged in beginning the activities of the Moravian Music Foundation. The Foundation has successfully passed its first anniversary with noteworthy progress in all its functions: three scholars are publishing Moravian music for the Foundation; the Foundation itself published Vittorio Giannini’s Canzile of the Martyrs, a cantata based upon the Moravian liturgy for All Saint’s Day. Thor Johnson, who instigated the commission and planned the composition with Dr. Giannini, believes it to be one of the most significant sacred compositions of recent years. A number of large choirs of other denominations are planning to perform it in the near future. Moravians will want to share with them the spiritual satisfaction of singing this magnificent piece.

The very successful Early American Moravian Music Festival and Seminar (Bethlehem, June, 1957) and the Two Quincennial Concerts (Winston-Salem, September, 1957), both under Thor Johnson’s direction, presented for the first time in the 20th century many newly discovered works from the Winston-Salem and Bethlehem Archives. Most of these compositions are now available for use by church choirs, and are particularly recommended to Moravians to make the Quincennial Year more meaningful. A must for Christmas is the new edition of “Thou Child Divine.” (A complete list of published music is available from the Moravian Music Foundation.)

Our friends have been most gracious in recent months. From Miss Liley Clemens of England has come the complete collection of her late father’s (Theodor L. Clemens) original compositions. Many of these works are well worthy of reviving, and especially so in the United States where they have never been performed. Miss Frances Blandford and the Bristol (England) Archives have generously given the Foundation their only copy of an autograph letter of the fine American-English Moravian composer, John Antes. Bishop Porter carried this from England for presentation to the Chairman of the Foundation, C. T. Leinbach. Another particularly significant gift is a microfilm copy of the first Moravian (and first Protestant) hymnal, Prague, 1501, given to us by the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Washington. This gift, a complete surprise, apparently comes as a result of four years of negotiations between various scholars and government officials.

The National Federation of Music Clubs has recommended that its members devote one program to Early American Moravian Music during its “Parade of American Music” month (February.)

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Moravians will want to watch recent developments in musical activities of other denominations. The Methodist Church has organized a national body, the Fellowship of Methodist Musicians, to improve the standards of music in that Church. Next on their list is to be a magazine devoted entirely to sacred music. The Presbyterians maintain a music department in their theological seminary at Richmond, Va., to stimulate better music. The finest periodical devoted to sacred music and related arts I have yet seen is the new Worship and Arts, published as the official paper of both the Southern California Council of Churches and the Los Angeles Federation of Churches. Very reasonably priced and well-written, this paper discusses all modern trends in church music, architecture, drama, etc. I imagine that in a very short time every minister and church musician will be a subscriber.

Churches looking for a good moderately priced organ might inquire with the Organ Historical Society (c/o Kenneth F. Simmons, Wayne Presbyterian Church, Wayne, Pa.) for a list of old organs currently on sale. Several times a year this dedicated group seeks out old, but still very usable, instruments to try to relocate them in churches needing an organ.

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The Moravian Church in America has made a valuable contribution to sacred music in America by commissioning Vittorio Giannini’s Canzile of the Martyrs, a cantata based upon the Moravian liturgy for All Saint’s Day. Thor Johnson, who instigated the commission and planned the composition with Dr. Giannini, believes it to be one of the most significant sacred compositions of recent years. A number of large choirs of other denominations are planning to perform it in the near future. Moravians will want to share with them the spiritual satisfaction of singing this magnificent piece.

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MORAVIAN MISSIONS

Official Visit to the West Indies and Honduras

The Mission Board, in keeping with its policy of making an official visit to each major field once in five years, has instructed the Executive Director to visit the East Indies Province and Honduras. The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin W. Kortz left New York on the 28th of October for Santo Domingo. Their itinerary calls for visits on each of the islands in the Caribbean where Moravian work is carried on. In the middle of December Mrs. Kortz will return to the States from Trinidad and Dr. Kortz will continue on to British Guiana. After a week of meetings with the Provincial Elders' Conference of the entire Province he will visit the Spanish language school in Costa Rica where our missionaries have been receiving excellent training; the new work in Managua, Nicaragua; and then proceed to Honduras for the official visit which was made impossible earlier in the year because of hostilities in that area. He will be back in the office early in February.

Musical Instruments for the Children's Home

The Rev. Clarence Henkelman, superintendent of the Children's Home in Alaska, says that many of the children like musical instruments and seem to have an ear for music but do not have instruments. Anyone who has an instrument which is not now in use and who does not mind parting with it will do the children a favor by sending it to the Home. Shipping instructions are simple. Ship by parcel post addressing the package: Moravian Children's Home, Kweethluk, Alaska. A beginner's book for the instrument would be an added blessing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Werner Marxes, serving in Honduras but at present in Nazareth, Penna., announce the arrival of John Christopher Marx on September 13 in Philadelphia.

The David Jones family has now moved to Managua, Nicaragua, to begin Moravian work there. Their new address is: Apartado 1806, Managua, Nicaragua.

Appreciation from The Dominican Republic:

We were always praying that God would send us a minister and He answered our prayers. The Board has found the right man and we will do our best to help our beloved minister. We shall continue to ask God's blessing on him that he will continue to be faithful. We are also praying that some day God will send him a fellow worker as he has to travel so far to serve us that we are sorry for him. We have also to thank the American Board for

currently speaking

the present condition of our church, especially the walls around it. (Extracts from a letter written by Edwin Athill, a loyal layman from La Romana. This station is served by the Rev. Wolfram Fliegel who lives at San Pedro de Macorís.)

The Psalms in Miskito

The American Bible Society is again rendering service to the Moravian Church and the Christians of Central America by printing more of the Bible in the language

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The Rev. Paul Theile
Switzerland

The General Synod of 1957 closed a development which had begun 60 years ago, and it lays the foundation for the future. The General Synod of 1899 was attended by some native ministers of our Mission Fields. One of them, Br. Dingwall, had been charged, a few years earlier, to direct the Moravian work in British Guiana, whose able superintendent he was until his death in the early 1940s. But neither he nor another native minister attended the next three General Synods, in 1909, 1914 and 1931. Nevertheless, it would not be right to speak of a standoff. In 1909, four of the 54 voting delegates represented the two West Indian Provinces, all of them being missionaries. At that time, these two Churches were recognized as "Provinces in a State of Transition."

The 1931 session had a curtailed membership of only 43 deputies, one of them only, a missionary, representing the West Indies. But it then was decided to have one voting delegate of each of the West Indian Provinces, in spite of a further curtailed membership of 36 delegates.

That was the ruling under which the General Synod of 1957 assembled. But as some Mission Fields in the meantime had been recognized as Provinces in a State of Transition, the actual membership was 38, not including the non-voting members nor the fraternal visitors who represented three of these older Mission Provinces.

The next "Unity Synod," as we now say, is hoped to be held in 1967. If no change takes place, ten voting delegates of the Mission Provinces will assemble with 29 from the "Unity Provinces," including five from Czechoslovakia. But as seven Provinces may get a step further in the meantime, the number of the voting members coming from the "Synodal" and—then—new Unity Provinces may double from ten to twenty.

The significance of this General Synod, it seems to me, was its readiness to curtail the delegations of the old Provinces from seven to six, notwithstanding the permanent growth of two of them—in America in order to give room for delegations representing the younger branches of our church which were formerly known as mission fields.

We hope and pray that the Head and Chief Elder of our Church—I am writing on September 16—will use the work of this General Synod and lead day by day every part of our beloved Unitas Fratrum.

VISION: "UNITAS FRATRUM WITH MANY GROWN UP MEMBERS"

Bishop P. W. Schoberg
South Africa, West

To me as the representative of the 25,000 Moravians in the Western parts of South Africa, this General Synod had a very special significance. I am not speaking about the most significant aspects of this historical meeting for our whole Unity which I probably would find in some parts of the new constitution including especially its sections on doctrine. I am writing about the most significant aspect for us.

For us in South Africa, West this was the first Synod to which we were invited—as early as by the Unity Conference of 1948—to send a non-voting delegate elected by our Synod. I had the privilege to be this first unanimously elected direct representative of SAW in the highest assembly of our Moravian Church. Not only the good wishes but the earnest prayers of all our congregations supported me. This I knew and felt constantly with gratitude.

It was an encouraging experience that right in the beginning of Synod voting rights were accorded to the representatives of provinces in transition including SAW. This was only one proof of the fraternal spirit prevailing in this historic gathering. More proof were the brotherly assurances of more than one member of Synod that they wanted me to go home with the feeling that SAW had received what it asked for. Still more proof was the sympathetic reception of our report, unfortunately the longest of all, but one of praise to the Lord who had given us spiritual progress,
growth and church extension.

Our SAW Synod had asked through its Home Board in Bad Boll, Germany, that in 1960 we become a self-supporting Province, as General Synod renamed it later: a Unity Province. As a member of the relevant Committee in Bethlehem I had the pleasure to cooperate in framing the new constitution of the Unitas Fratrum in such a manner that not only for us the way was paved to achieve our goal through a decision of the Unity Directory in 1960, but that for all parts of the Unity the possibility was created to advance gradually to more responsibility and fuller representation within the Unitas Fratrum. Cooperation between white and nonwhite ministers will be maintained as it should be among the children of the Lord. This was not only the express wish of SAW, but happily for all of us the desire of Jamaica and others. We felt with pleasure that these growing and developing parts of our Church were willing to share more fully all the responsibilities of our Unity.

It was a remarkable day when the motions of the committee were accepted in full Synod, certainly the most significant day for SAW. We saw before us the vision of a Unitas Fratrum with many grown up members represented by varying numbers of delegates at the next Unity Synod in 1967 at . . . ja, where? Nobody knows if the hopes of our Czech Brethren will be realized to have Synod in the year of the founding of the Moravian Ministry in their homeland.

In the meantime we three delegates from Africa invited the next Unity Conference to have its 1962 meeting in Cape Town and visit not only the—as we hope—than 2 years old Unity Province, SAW, but also the new Synodal Province, South Africa East, and this blessed work of our Unity, the Central African Provinces of Southern Highlands and Unyamwezi.

At Bethlehem our Lord has opened a Future of service in His Kingdom for SAW and the Unitas Fratrum as a whole.

"BEING THE ONLY WOMAN"

Miss Hilda Appelbaum
Northern Province

As the first General Synod of the Moravian Church since 1931, this experience was unique for the majority of those in attendance. But for me there was the additional complication of being the only woman member among the delegates. Any pre-conceived apprehension concerning the latter, however, was quickly allayed by the courtesy and cordiality extended by the brethren from both the Old and New World.

In the light of world events during the twenty-six-year interval, there was every reason to expect a certain tension in relations as those of the fifteen countries—some unmistakably political enemies—met to consider the work of the Kingdom. But from the outset, one had the feeling that the Kingdom of God was supreme in the thoughts of all, and that the Unitas Fratrum did and must continue to exist. As the sessions progressed, this dominant drive grew ever stronger, until we rose to the climax during the last days, when the conquest of the love of Christ over all barriers was unquestionable.

Of course, the language walls proved a definite handicap and prevented the full enjoyment of fellowship throughout the early weeks of Synod. But in this realm also we grew and gradually evolved a "halb Deutsch, halb English" means of communication which afforded a real delight and enrichment.

Added to these difficulties were the varied backgrounds and inbred national philosophies which had to be reconciled to a greater or less degree in order to achieve a common ground of agreement. Here, too, it was a happy discovery to observe the vigorous efforts to maintain open-minded attitudes. Nothing but the grace of God could have surmounted such obstacles.

While never given pre-eminence, economic differences among the overseas delegates were quite startling when one inadvertently stumbled upon them. It is impossible to give adequate recognition and commendation to the Moravians of Bethlehem for their limitless generosity extended in most astute and unassuming gestures, without giving any slight occasion of embarrassment.

Something should also be said about the coffee-breaks and the part they played in the general scheme. To those of us who have become inured to the drive of provincial synods, this feature at first appeared a waste of time—not to mention the harm to measurements. But as the weeks wore on, we were completely "converted"! Not only did these fellowship periods contribute to general enjoyment, but they provided opportunity for informal discussions which frequently resulted in a solution of what had appeared an insoluble problem immediately preceding the break. All this was apparently automatically provided by the Moravian women of Bethlehem and the surrounding area under the efficient direction of Mrs. J. Donald Pharo.

"REALLY VERY LITTLE INHERITED TRADITION"

The Rev. Edward Wilson
Great Britain

A number of things that came out of General Synod stand out in my thinking as I look back on this great experience. First was the Painful Problem when we were faced with the difficulty of financing the work in Labrador; secondly, the Progressive Program when we were heartened by the record of new churches built in the...
American Provinces and in the Jamaica Province; thirdly, the Fruitful Field, when we were thrilled by the rapidly growing membership of our churches in Surinam and South Africa and especially East Africa; and finally our Unique Unity when we found that our Church is still true to its name, and may even we believe have added something to that name. It is on our Unique Unity that I would like you to concentrate as the most significant thing that came out of General Synod, 1957.

DIFERENCE OF LANGUAGE was one of the problems of the Synod. Miss Ann Groenewagen of Zeist, Holland, translates for Bishop Reichel of Czechoslovakia. In the background are Bishop Elmo Knudsen and C. B. Michael.

I have never been to a General Synod before. Few of those present had. Those who had been, found that in many things the passing of twenty-six years had made many impressions faint and memories indistinct. The point of this seems to me that there is really very little inherited tradition in a General Synod. The Rules of Order are much the same, the representation is about the same, the general program of business is much the same, but the members of Synod, the people themselves, come fresh to the problems. A Provincial Synod meeting every one, three or five years has a certain continuity about it, we know the men and their mannerisms; we know the sort of speeches they will make, how they think, and so on. In such a way the Provincial Synod comes to us readymade.

But the General Synod is different. We are nearly all new to it, and it is something we have to create anew. To me, that was the most interesting thing, to see how we were able to take the raw material and mould and shape it to our purpose.

What a problem, or what a set of problems, seemed to confront us at the outset; the problem set by difference of language, the problem set by difference of synodal procedure, the problem of conflicting ideas! Yet how quickly these problems were resolved. My own feeling is that the time spent in a sort of dog fight at the beginning, named "committee work" versus "open discussion," was not time wasted, but was an opportunity to work off some "steam" on procedural matters, so that we were later able to get down to business with a real determination to find all the answers to the questions facing us.

And were the main questions big ones? Who would ever have thought in the first few days that we would achieve such agreement on the questions raised by the younger Church growing in strength and anxious to take a share in the Church's main legislative assembly; who would have imagined such a careful and reasoned statement of the Church's constitution or such agreement on a statement of the Church's faith!

To me, and I am sure to all who took part in it, it was a stimulating and heartening experience to see how a sense of common purpose took possession of that varied cross section of the Moravian Church. It was indeed the Church of the Brethren working together in unity, striving to express what that unity meant, and finding an even greater unity even as it worked. Through hymns and history and pageantry we have commemorated the great gift of the Holy Spirit which brought unity to our forefathers in 1727; it does not seem too much to claim that that same Holy Spirit is at work still among his people and that in 1957 our labors have been blessed, our fellowship broadened and our unity enriched.

"UNITY CLOTHED IN HUMAN FORM"

The Rev. S. U. Hastings
Jamaica

Someone made a check and discovered that seventeen languages were represented by the delegates to the General Synod. This undoubtedly serves to indicate the many nationalities, cultures and racial groups which were brought together by this epoch-making event. The international nature of our Church was amply demonstrated during these four memorable weeks and to me the Unity of the Brethren was no vague,
eternal concept, but a vibrant, living reality—something clothed in human form.

Secondly, there was the unique experience of our Fellowship—our togetherness. Speaking for myself, there was not a single stranger at Synod, not even on the first day. Some people I had met before; with many I had corresponded in the ordinary performance of my duties, and of all I had read of sometime or another. Here we were, from different lands, with different cultural backgrounds and speaking different languages. But there was one language we all understood: the warm handshake and the inevitable "Brother." The New Testament idea of fellowship took on a new meaning for us during the days we worshipped and worked together.

There are only two other matters I wish to mention here and these have to do with legislation. This General Synod was the first in twenty-six years and I believe it to be the opinion of all those who attended that much of value is being lost by such long intervals between meetings. Synod took some positive action to remedy this. One of the important bits of legislation is that General Synod from now on will meet every ten years. I feel sure that the benefits of such action will be shared by the entire Church.

Then, too, there was the expressed desire on the part of the older mission fields (where the vast majority of our members are now to be found) for them to be brought into partnership with the "Home provinces" in the government of the Unity. Synod took quite a sensible view in recognizing this desire and in preparing the stage for change and progress. Certain basic requirements were clearly defined and accepted; a clear course has been charted and a goal has been set. The various mission fields and provinces in a state of transition now have the opportunity to move purposefully forward toward the attainment of full "provincehood," and it is hoped that by the next Synod these grown-up daughters will take their full share of responsibility in shaping the destiny of a Church which is only "500 years young."

"WE ENTER THE SIXTH CENTURY WITH JOYFULNESS"

The Rev. Erwin Forster
Eastern Germany

It is, indeed not easy to find out the most significant aspect of our recent Synod because there are many very significant matters which should be mentioned.

We were an assembly of brethren (and sisters) coming from all provinces of our Church and from nearly all our mission fields. We spoke many different languages, and of course, our ways of thinking and our convictions concerning the matters which had to be discussed and decided on were also very different. We couldn't think and speak in a narrow-minded way; we always had to have in mind the whole width and depth of the situations we face throughout the world.

One of the most important gifts God has granted us as a result of Synod was a new constitution for our growing Unity. Several mission fields have grown in numbers (and, what means much more, in spiritual life) so much that they have become nearly self-supporting young churches; and so they strive towards the goal of becoming self-sustaining provinces of our Unity. The problems connected with this situation were great. But it was one of the deepest experiences of Synod—and especially of the Committee on Constitution to which I belonged—that our Lord showed us a way to solve these questions. We have found for our Unity quite a new constitutional structure. We do not have "mission fields" any more. They have all become provinces of our Unity and they all have a representation in General Synod. There are, of course, differences in development which it is necessary to have in mind. Therefore it was decided to have three kinds of provinces: Unity Provinces, Synodal Provinces and Associate Provinces. It is my feeling that by this decision our Unity has been strengthened very much and that this is one of the most significant actions for the future of our Church.

And another not less significant fact is that God gave us a new theological statement on which the delegates of all provinces could agree. We called it "The Ground of the Unity." It consists of very important and weighty paragraphs and will become one of the most significant parts of the new "Church Order of the Unitas Fratrum or Moravian Church." You will have to study this document very carefully when it is made available to all our congregations around the world.

But what impressed me most was the strong testimony given by General Synod to the fact that our World-wide Unity is a living reality. Our Unity has never been so strong during the 500-years-long history of our Church as it is today. No difficult problems, no differences of nationalities or race can separate us. We are united as brethren and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Chief Elder of our Church today as he was in the days of our fathers. This, I think, is the greatest gift we have received from the hand of our God and now it is our task and our responsibility to do all we can so that this reality may remain and grow and become stronger and deeper in the years to come: One Lord, one spirit, one faith, one love, one hope.

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Pulpit Bookmarkers Given

A complete set of pulpifj bookmarkers was presented to the Enterprise congregation at the morning worship service on Sunday, September 22, by Mrs. O. C. Perryman and Mr. and Mrs. George Tesh in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tesh. In order to aid the congregation in its use, an article on the use of the five colors during the church seasons and festivals was prepared and distributed so that this new aid to worship will be better understood and the significance of the colors be made a more meaningful thing to those who worship. This is a helpful addition to the sanctuary.

Youth Help in Revival

Young people at King used their talents for the Lord in the annual week of revival services, September 29 to October 6. Seeing encouraging improvement of skill with the piano on the part of a number of teen-age girls, the pastor asked each to preside at the piano for a night during the revival services. Two weeks beforehand, all services were planned, including a sheet of special choruses, and order of service was given to the respective players. Young People's meeting on September 25 was given to rehearsal of all hymns and choruses. The pastor gave instruction on such fine points as playing an introduction to the hymns, speed and volume of prelude and postlude, etc. In the revival services the young people performed with marked skill and understanding of their work. Needless to say, their work was a great help to the meetings and much appreciated by adult members. Those participating in the plan were Mary Ann Gentry, Brenda Kiser, Carol Brandon, Betty Wall, Susan Southern and Patricia Wall.

Home Church Youth to Present Drama

The Senior High Youth Fellowship of the Home Church will present a fall drama Sunday, November 3, at 7:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

The Drama, entitled "Where Love Is," is written by B. Iden Payne, and is an adaptation of one of the stories by Leo Tolstoi, the great Russian author. The story concerns an old shoemaker named Martin who has had a vision telling him that Christ will appear to him during the day.

Playing the lead role will be Bob Gill, supported by Steve Gramley, Martha Frye, Carl Myers, Judy Steadman and Joan Groce.

The service will be open to all, according to Fred Hege, assistant pastor, and an offering will be received to help the Youth Fellowship meet its portion of the Provincial Youth Fellowship budget.

Knudsen Ordains Hansen in Provincial Service

The Unity's newest Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Elmo Knudsen, ordained his friend and fellow missionary to Africa, the Rev. Jens Hansen, a Presbyter during a provincial service at the Home Church September 15. Both brethren came to Winston-Salem after serving as delegates to the General Synod in Bethlehem, Pa.

Bishop Knudsen was consecrated a Bishop during the General Synod. During his message prior to the ordination, he spoke of the reason for the delay in the ordination of Br. Hansen as being the fact that in South Africa East they were simply too busy to get it done because of the marvelous Christian harvest taking place there at present. This rapid influx of converts has brought the size of this field to a present total of 55,000 members.

Br. Hansen, of Christianfeld, Denmark, long shared in this harvest. When it became necessary because of health for him to leave the field, he returned to his native Denmark where he now serves the church in Christiansfeld.

During the impressive service attended by some 350 members of the Southern Province, Bishop Knudsen spoke of his varied experiences in Africa where he stated that he came to understand that the right attitude of missions was not the paternal white man reaching down to help the lesser colored man, but rather the attitude of...
brother laboring with brother, that would further the kingdom of God. Based upon this spirit, the East African work now grows faster than any of our other fields or home provinces.

Unity Sunday Observed

Unity Sunday was observed in the Southern Province on September 15 with a delegation from the General Synod preaching in every pulpit of the province.

Those who participated in the services were the Rev. Jack Coleman, Nicaragua (Enterprise-Hopewell); the Rev. L. J. Britton, England (Fairview-Fries Memorial); Mr. S. W. Twine, England (Hope and Messiah); the Rev. Werner Hauffe, Herrnhut, Germany (Mizpah-King); the Rev. Charles B. Michael, Alaska (Mt. Airy-Willow Hill); Bishop Peter Gubi, St. Kitts (New Eden-Pine Chapel); Bishop Herbert P. Conn inor, England (New Philadelphian-Ardmore); the Rev. Nevins S. Neil, Jamaica (Oak Grove-Bethesda); Bishop Johannes Vogt, Herrnhut, Germany (Olivet-Bethania); the Rev. D. C. Moore, Barbados (St. Philips-Immanuel); Bishop P. W. Schaber, South Africa, West (Wachovia Arbor-Calvary); Bishop Herman G. Steinberg, Zeist, Holland (Advent-Konnook Hills); the Rev. Jens Hansen, Denmark (Bethesda-Bethabara); the Rev. Wilhelm Lutjeharms, Zeist, Holland (Charlotte); Bishop E. W. Porter, England (Friedberg); the Rev. Heinz Motel, Germany (Greensboro); the Rev. A. J. Lewis, England (Home); Dr. Samuel K. Hutton, England (Kernersville); Bishop Karel Reichel, Mr. Peter Reichel interpreting), Czechoslovakia (Macdonia-Clemmons); the Rev. Adolf Hartman, South Africa, East (Mayodan); the Rev. Radim Kalfus, Czechoslovakia (Moravia); the Rev. Victor Miller, Surinam (Rural Hall); the Rev. Edward Wilson, England (Trinity); the Rev. Erwin Foerster, Herrnhut, Germany (Union Cross-Friedland); the Rev. Paul Theile, Switzerland (Raleigh); Bishop Elmo Knudsen, Tanganyika, South Africa (Christ Church).

Provincial Women’s Board

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

Mrs. Herbert Spaugh of Charlotte and Mrs. George Higgins were guest speakers at the annual Fall Outing of the Women of the Southern Province. The outing was held Wednesday, September 25, at Oak Grove Moravian Church, with about 350 women attending. The speakers were introduced by Mrs. R. Gordon Spaugh.

Mrs. Spaugh and Mrs. Higgins accompanied their husbands on a tour of Europe in observance of the Moravian Quincentennial celebration. Mrs. Spaugh’s husband is pastor of the Charlotte Moravian Church, and Mrs. Higgins is a teacher at Old Town School and her husband is secretary of the Christian Education Board. They visited eight countries and were abroad three months; traveled approximately 16,000 miles; and visited 27 Moravian Churches.

Mrs. Spaugh told of their trip to Germany. Of special interest to the women present was the bonnet Mrs. Spaugh showed. She stated they were still used in Germany. The pink ribbon on the bonnet is worn by unmarried women; blue the married women; and white the widows. Mrs. Spaugh said they were very impressed with the “Home Management School for Girls.” This is a one year school, located at Bad Boll, Germany. Bad Boll is the headquarters for the Moravian Churches in Western Germany. They visited Constance where John Hus was martyred, and also Herrnhut in East Germany, where the renewed church was born.

The services were usually very long, lasting at least two hours, and one service they attended lasted for three hours and fifteen minutes. At the lovefeasts hot tea was served instead of coffee. The men sat on one side of the church, and the women on the other side.

Mrs. Higgins took the audience on an imaginary trip back to school, stating she was going to talk of nouns; nouns being the names of persons, places, and things. These persons, places, and things were connected with France, England, and Ireland. Mrs. Higgins talked of Paris, Bedford, and Dublin.

The persons Mrs. Higgins talked about were the Rev. Ron Lloyd of Bedford, England, Mrs. Norman Driver, also of Bedford, and Mrs. Ted Wilson from Manchester, England. Rev. Lloyd is the pastor at Bedford and he has a program on the British Broadcasting Company network. Mrs. Driver is a doctor and has been a missionary in Tibet. In spite of illness

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which required her return from mission service, she is a very cheerful person and is always active. She did an excellent job as make-up artist for the pageant presented at Fulneck. Mrs. Driver is an inspiration to all who know her.

Mrs. Wilson, a teacher in the first grade, doesn't let anything worry her. Her husband is pastor of the church and was elected a member of the English Provincial Elder's Conference.


Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl played organ selections prior to the meeting. She gave each woman present small pamphlets entitled "Home Memory Hymns of the Month," which she had arranged and suggested the women memorize each hymn listed in the pamphlet.

Mrs. James B. Fulp, president of the Oak Grove Women of the Church, extended greetings from her church.

A report on the Pfohl Ministerial Fund was given by Mrs. K. Edwin Fussell and the churches contributing since the May Workshop were recognized.

A pot luck luncheon and fellowship hour was held after the meeting.

DEATHS

Kinnamon, Amanda Elizabeth Miller, born October 4, 1874 in Forsyth County; died September 27, 1957. Funeral services were conducted in New Philadelphia Church. Interment in New Philadelphia Graveyard, the Rev. Henry A. Lewis officiating.

Ryan, Katherine Elizabeth, born November 28, 1886 in Forsyth County; died September 30, 1957. Funeral services were conducted in New Philadelphia Church. Interment in New Philadelphia Graveyard, the Rev. Henry A. Lewis officiating.

Davis, Della Transou, born May 24, 1883 in Forsyth County; died October 3, 1957. Funeral services were conducted in New Philadelphia Church. Interment in New Philadelphia Graveyard, the Rev. Henry A. Lewis and the Rev. Howard G. Foltz, officiating.

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The Rt. Rev. Karel Reichel was born at
Pottenstein in Bohemia, the son of a Morav-
ian minister and the great-grandson of
Karl Gotthold Reichel who was a "a president
and bishop of the Unity at Bethlehem" where
his son was born. Ordained a deacon
in 1939, the Rt. Rev. Reichel, and Mrs.
Reichel as well, were imprisoned by the
Hitler regime from 1942 to 1945. He is
the author of two books, "The Grated Win-
don and "Prisoner's Diary." He was elected
a bishop in 1948 and called to his pres-
cent congregation in Prague in 1956. Bishop
Reichel is a member of the presiding board
and is editor of the Moravian monthly
"Jednota Bratrska" and of the textbook.
The Rt. Rev. Hermann G. Steinberg, who
has been especially active in teaching and
missionary work, acted as chairman of the
Mission Board, Zeist, Holland, and then as
chairman of the Mission Board West at Bad
Boll, Germany, until his retirement in
March. Born in Poland, the son of a
"diapora" preacher, the Rev. Steinberg
was consecrated a bishop in 1926; directly
preceding World War II he was a teacher
at Niesky and lecturer at Moravian The-
ological Seminary, Gnadenfeld, as well as
archivist at Herrnhut. In 1945 he went to
West Germany to assist in the care of Mor-
avian refugees and the foundation of Neu-
gadenfeld. In 1954 he was named chair-
man of the Provincial Board from which
administrative duty he retired just prior to
the General Synod.

The Rt. Rev. Johannes Christian Vogt
was born in Ulm, Germany, the son of a
merchant. Deciding against a business ca-
reer as a young man, he entered the Morav-
ian mission college at Niesky in 1902, and
subsequently served for 14 years in Surin-
am. In 1921 he was named advocate of
missions in Stuttgart, Germany, and in this
capacity visited the United States for the
first time in 1927. He was subsequently
elected as a member of the Provincial Eld-
ers' Conference of the Continental Pro-
vince. He assumed the leadership of the
Church work in Herrnhut following World
War II, and was elected a bishop of the
Unitas Fratrum in 1947.

While a student at Manchester University
Medical School, Dr. Samuel K. Hutton of
Czechoslovakia Pastor Writes

Wishing you God's blessing,
I am yours,
Adolf Ulrich

The Moravian Prayerhouse in Holesov is
the only Moravian Church in Moravia.
It is also the most eastwardly located Mor-
avian Congregation not only in Czechoslo-
vakia but also in Europe.

Until 1615 there was a flourishing Sbor
of the Ancient Unity in the town of Hole-
sova. The synods were held here and in the
Brethren's House used to live for several
years the aged Bishop George Israel. The
school existed here in 1524 and the Church
before 1584. In 1615, three years before the
Thirty Years War broke out, Count Lobkovic, the owner of Holesov, forced the
Brethren to become Roman Catholics, the
Church was converted to the present Ro-
man Church of St. Anne and the school
was given to the Jesuits. Most of the Breth-
ren left the town.

The present congregation is not old.
Twenty-two years ago a group of Protes-
tants with its minister asked to be ac-
cepted by the Moravians. This was done and soon after, in 1937, they purchased a private house and converted it to church purposes.

I hope you are well after the long-and
often tiresome--journey. Remember me to
Br. Spaugh and tell him, that the organ in
Zelezny Brod is America made.

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regularly. Sometimes I use the information
for our Jednota Bratrska, also in my address
at Synod I based some statements on in-
formation from your paper.
OPEN HOUSE IS HELD TO INSPECT

Renovated Rondthaler Building

As a part of a $250,000 improvement project the Rondthaler Memorial Building of the Home Church has been completely renovated. The renovated building was used for Sunday School purposes on Sunday, November 24, after having been opened for inspection on November 17.

The building was erected in 1912 as a Sunday School unit of the Home Church and named the Rondthaler Memorial Building in honor of Bishop Edward Rondthaler who served as pastor of the Home Church from 1877 to 1908.

The main feature of the old building was a large auditorium as an assembly room with many small class rooms on two floors adjoining. The building became familiar to people throughout the province as the meeting place through many years of the triennial provincial synods.

The Chapel

The renovation plan called for the construction of a chapel with a seating capacity of 150 and a choir loft at the rear on the second floor level. The choir loft will accommodate a choir of 25 and the console of an electronic organ. The chapel occupies the central portion of what was formerly the Sunday School auditorium.

An intercommunication sound system is being installed connected with the church sanctuary which will allow the chapel to be used for an over-flow audience. It will also be used as a meeting place for the young adult department of the Sunday School. Other uses will be for private worship and for weddings and funerals.

Infant Nursery

A well furnished nursery for infants under two years of age has been added behind the chapel in the space formerly used as an office for the assistant pastor. A new office for the assistant pastor has been furnished on the second floor.

One of the most attractive of the new accommodations provided in the renovation is a vestry for the pastors. Other new fa-

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Synod Letter Lists

Notable Achievements

A letter from the General Synod to all the members of the Moravian Church is now being circulated among the congregations. The Quincentennial Committee of the Southern Province is making one copy available without cost to every family in the province.

The communication calls attention to the fact that Synod opened on the 230th anniversary of the August 13 Experience; that all delegates, coming from twelve different countries, reached Bethlehem safely; and that "This General Synod became one of the notable events of the 500th Anniversary Year."

The Outstanding Experience of Synod

"We see our Lord's leading," it continued, "in the further fact that after so long a time we have been able to come together and consult in brotherly unity in spite of the tragedy of war and the years of separation."

"We had difficult problems of many kinds to resolve, but God gave us the blessing of brotherly love and fellowship from the first day to the last. Not only did He give us this, but we also, as our fathers before us, have learned anew to love one another. For this we are most grateful, and we call upon you to rejoice with us."

Notable Achievements

The letter lists the important accomplishments of the Synod:

1. The approval of a new constitution that provides for a uniform provincial system "in the interest of the development of the entire Unity."
2. The re-establishment of the Unity Fund to meet the expenses of future Synods and other Unity causes.
3. The promise of financial aid for Labrador.
4. The change in the Morongo Indian Mission in California from a foreign mission work to a home mission congregation of the Northern Province.
5. The continuation of the Hourly Intercession.
6. The recommendation that a Prayer for Peace be introduced in all our congregations.
7. That the next Unity Synod be held in 1967.
8. The complete revision of the "Ground of the Unity" which states the doctrinal position of the Unitas Fratrum or the Moravian Church.

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Provincial Announcements

Provincial Elders Conference

The Rev. Mervin Weidner visited Florida during the first two weeks of November, making preparatory arrangements for the beginning of Moravian extension work in that state early in January. During his visit to the Miami fellowship he met with the executive committee, attended an informal social evening, and conducted the final Quincentennial Service on November 10 for Moravians living in the southern part of Florida.

Copies of the Proceedings of Synod of 1956 of the Southern Province are now available in the church office. The Proceedings have been printed in sufficient quantities so that members of the official boards of the churches of the Southern Province may have them without cost.

A letter from the General Synod to the churches of the Unity has been printed and is available for members of the Moravian Churches in the Southern Province in pamphlet form. A brief doctrinal statement has likewise been printed in pamphlet form and is available for distribution. Copies of these two pamphlets may be secured at the local churches.

The activities of the President of the Conference for October include: the installation of Rev. Kenneth Ball at Kernersville on October 6; anniversary address at Emanuel on October 6; and anniversary address at Christ Church on October 27.

R. GORDON SPAUGH, President

Provincial Woman's Board

Mrs. Cromer R. Grubbs

The Moravian Candle Tea will be held this year for three successive days: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 5, 6, and 7. During these days between the hours of 2:00 and 9:00 p.m. the historic Brother's House, which was built on Salem Square in 1768, will open its doors to the public.

In addition to the historic value of the Brother's House, the Candle Tea, which has come to be regarded as the opening event of Winston-Salem's Christmas season, features a demonstration of beeswax candle making, an enlarged "Putz" covering two rooms in the sub-basement, and hostesses in early Salem costumes serving sugar cake and coffee. The two sections of the Putz will depict the Nativity scene, surrounded by other Biblical stories, and a replica of Salem Square in the 1800's, with each tiny house constructed to scale of the original buildings.

Grade mothers and teachers may make plans for classes of school children to visit the Tea at convenient hours in large groups by telephoning Mrs. Charles Vance PA-4-2214. A special children's rate will be made under these circumstances. General admission for adults is 50c and children 25c; the money to be used to carry on the work of the Home Moravian Women of the Church.

Mrs. William C. Sugg is chairman of the Candle Tea, and Mrs. W. M. Spach, Jr., associate chairman.

Mrs. J. F. Butner, chairman of Devotional Life, suggests that all Bible Study Leaders use Lesson 12 for the December meeting. This lesson is taken from "Bible Homes and Family Life Today" by Caroline S. and William B. Ward. This study entitled "The Home at Nazareth" is especially appropriate for the Christmas season.

Ball Installed at Kernersville

The Rev. Kenneth W. Ball was installed as pastor of the Kernersville Congregation on October 6 in a service conducted by Dr. R. Gordon Spaugh, president of the Provincial Elders' Conference.

Br. Ball had served for more than twenty years in the ministry of the Disciples of Christ Church before entering the ministry of the Moravian Church. He was received into the Moravian Ministry by Dr. Spaugh at the Cup of Covenant service at Bethania on September 16.

He has served pastorates in Indiana, Mississippi, Minnesota, and Virginia. He also was a chaplain in the United States Air Force for three years during World War II. His wife, Mrs. Hilda Miller Ball, and he have been members of the Moravian Church in Charlotte for the past two years, during which time he has served as Regional Manager with the Wells Organization.

During the past summer Br. Ball assisted in the work of the Charlotte Congregation while its pastor, Dr. Herbert Spaugh, was absent in Europe.

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMEMORATES MORAVIAN ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The Reformation Service of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, held on October 27, commemorated the Five Hundredth Anniversary of the Moravian Church.

The printed program for the service stated, "The relation of Jesus as Savior of sinners is the pivotal doctrine of the Moravians. The litanies of the Church profess the Trinity; but every child is taught to know and to love Jesus, the Savior, as special friend. Deeply convinced of his sinfulness, the Moravian turns in a personal piety to Jesus as Redeemer, and in this faith he has a joyous religion."

Much of the music used was drawn from the collection of Early American Moravian Music.

SYNOD LETTER

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"The Ground of the Unity" has been printed in pamphlet form and is available in the office of the Board of Christian Education at a cost of 1c per copy. This is one of the most significant documents to come from the Synod of 1957.

The letter closes, "Let us press toward the goal which has been set before us, joining our hearts and hands to labor for the glory of our Lord while it lasts. Let all of us be eager and active each in his own place and station, that we may be able to stand as faithful stewards of God, on the day when we appear before Him and are called to account for the work which He has entrusted to us."

DEATHS


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Youth Facilities Provided

Youth Facilities

A second important feature of the renovation was to provide improved facilities for work with the youth of the church. On the second floor a new departmental center was created for the senior young people with a large assembly room and three class rooms. On the basement floor a club room has been provided for the young people. This large room will be used for week night activities and for Sunday evening fellowship programs. It will be used also during the Sunday School hour as a meeting place for the college age group. The room contains a snack bar for refreshments and provisions for games such as ping pong.

Church Organ

A second phase of the improvement program is the installation of a new organ for the church sanctuary. An order has been placed for an Aeolian-Skinner organ which will be installed in the spring of 1959. The church sanctuary as well as the Rondthaler Building was been equipped with air conditioning units.

Baptisms


Gentle, Gregory Lee, son of Harold and Shirley Myers Gentle; baptized in Immanuel Moravian Church April 14, 1957 by the Rev. Samuel J. Tesch.


MORAVIAN MISSIONS

Mission Board Meets in Bethlehem

The Board of Foreign Missions met in its regular semi-annual meeting in Bethlehem and had the unusual privilege of having interviews with Superintendent Howard Storey, Nicaragua; Superintendent Werner Marx, Honduras; and Missionary Howard Housman, Honduras. Actions of special interest to Moravians were:

- The approval of Clarence Henkelman as the third member of the Alaska Provincial Board. Br. Henkelman was elected by the General Church Conference of his field. The other members of the Board are the Superintendent and the Warden.

Service Opportunities

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A study of the needs in Alaska for air transportation.

- The granting of financial aid to Nicaragua to raise the salaries of native pastors; to Honduras to help establish a church in an area under consideration as a "state capital."

- The authorization of an official visit to Alaska in 1958 by the Executive Director.

- The consideration of the manpower needs in each of the fields under the care of the American Moravian Church.

Progress in Managua, Nicaragua

After one month of residence in Managua, where services have been conducted for several years by pastors from Bluefields, Br. David Jones reports that attendances have reached the 105 mark, offerings are averaging $81.00 per Sunday, the choir has a membership of 15, and plans are in the making for a Sunday School and a Women's Fellowship. There is a good spirit among Moravians in Managua and obvious enthusiasm has been generated because a Moravian pastor now lives in the city.

Miskito Textbook

The 1958 edition of the Daily Text Book in Miskito has been forwarded to Nicaragua and Honduras. As in past years a number of friends have joined in this project:

- Currently Speaking

Chiefly Mrs. Marguerite L. Heath, who was responsible for the translations and the typing of the stencils; Mrs. Flora Daneberger, who assisted her; the Rev. Erwin Boettcher and the Moravian young people of Winona County, who attended to the mimeographing and binding of the Text Books. The Miskito Text Book was first produced and circulated for many years by the late Rev. Rufus F. Bishop.

Temporarily Disabled

Word has reached the Board of an accident, resulting in a broken ankle, suffered by the Rev. Samuel Vaughn. The report contained few details but happily Br. Vaughn is on the mend. He had been temporarily supplying Moravian centers in the Dillingham area at the time of his injury but has since returned to Bethel. What with his many regular duties and the responsibilities connected with the drive for a new Moravian Church in Bethel, his convalescence promises to be a strenuous one.

Observing Work at First Hand

As planned, the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin W. Kortz left New York in the early hours of October 28 for their important visit in the West Indies and South and Central America. They are commended to the intercession of the churches for guidance in the tasks which they have undertaken.

SALEM AND MORAVIAN RECEIVE GIFT

A grant of $2,000 from the Esso Education Foundation has been made to both Salem College, Winston-Salem, N. C. and Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa. The gifts received during the last week of October were two of 345 such grants made to privately supported schools totaling $1,332,760. The Esso Education Foundation was established in 1955 by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

New Sunday School Record

The record smashing figure of 609 was recorded as the Sunday School attendance at New Philadelphia on Rally Day, October 6. On the next Sunday a phonograph record bearing the figures 609 was smashed by Mrs. H. C. Harper, 93 year old member of the Women's Bible Class. This class which, has an average age of 75 years plus, had 100 per cent attendance on Rally Day.

c. l. ray resigns "to provide opportunity for other leaders."

On this date also, Rueben Hughes took over as General Superintendent of the school replacing C. L. "Roy" Ray who has just completed 20 years of service. Mr. Ray had asked that he be relieved, "to provide opportunity for other leaders to use their talents in this high office."

Baptists Use Mizpah Fellowship Hall For Rainy Day Picnic

The fifth Sunday in September was hardly a day for picnics. Rain was unusually heavy and incessant. But Macedonia Baptist Church at Tobaccoville was observing its annual home-coming and everything was fine except that an outdoor fellowship dinner was an impossibility. Some of the Mizpah members were present and invited the congregation to make use of the fellowship hall in the new Mizpah Christian Education building, some two miles away. They were made to feel perfectly at home. Kitchen facilities, coffee urns, all were put to use. It was an enjoyable occasion and the homecoming day was not marred by the weather.

Naturally, the Macedonians appreciated the kindness greatly and the Board of Deacons wrote a letter, "Dear Fellow Christians," enclosing a check. The Mizpah Church Board accepted the check, not wanting to cause any embarrassment or misunderstanding by returning it. However, their letter in reply extended the invitation to Macedonia to use the Fellowship Hall again, should they ever fall into the same difficulty.

Neighbors in the community said this was a fine neighborly act. So we trust the cause of Christ was benefited and that the quick thinking of Mizpah members helped to give people around the impression that Moravians and Baptists are, indeed, "fellow Christians."

Macedonia Completes Renovation

The Macedonia Moravian Church has just finished renovating the interior of its sanctuary. The work was started last spring when the Board authorized the painting of the ceiling and walls. After this, there followed an $800 project of completely re-finishing the church pews. The women of the church had the floors sanded and re-finished. New light fixtures were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Douthit, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fry, and the pastor. New rugs were added by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sparks.

Rally Day at Providence

Rally Day was a big occasion at Providence this year. Observed on the last Sunday in September the day began with a special program presented by the children of the Sunday School. After conducting regular class sessions the congregation joined in a fellowship dinner with the Rev. and Mrs. J. Calvin Barnes and their two daughters as guests. After dinner Br. Barnes spoke to the congregation in an afternoon worship service.

Awards for 100% attendance were given to the following members of the Sunday School: Miss Clara Grubbs, Mr. Jesse Grubbs, Mrs. Mamie Grubbs, Miss Annie Davis, Mr. James Southern, Mr. Leroy Edwards, Master Joe Davis and Master Steven Parks.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Br. James Southern, announced that boys and girls having perfect attendance during the next year would have an opportunity to attend camp free.

Reception Honors Lewis Family

On Sunday October 20, the Women of the Church of New Philadelphia gave a reception honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Henry A. Lewis and children.

The Lewises have served for a total of ten years at New Philadelphia. The Women of the Church and the Sunday School combined to give a gift of sterling silver candelabra and trays to their parsonage family.

District Workers Conference Held at Oak Grove

The Oak Grove Sunday School held its third annual Workers Conference on Sunday, October 6, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. This year the conference took the nature of a District Workers Conference. Teachers from Providence and Fulp Moravian Churches were invited, and more than fifty people took part in the departmental discussion groups, the pot-luck supper, and the closing vesper service.

An added feature this year was the demonstration class conducted with junior children by Mrs. Henry Clodfelter, Junior Superintendent at Home Church. This proved most worthwhile since the Oak Grove Sunday School had just that day enlarged its Junior class into a full Junior Department.

Others who took part in the afternoon teaching sessions were Miss Terrell Young of the First Presbyterian Church Nursery Department; Miss Barbara Hine of Friedland Church; Miss Emily Morris of Calvary Primary Department; the Rev. James Weingarth, who led the discussion for youth classes; and the Rev. John Johansen, who led the discussion for adult classes.

The staff of superintendents who, in cooperation with the Christian Education Office, planned and conducted the Workers Conference were: Mr. James Fulp, general superintendent; Mr. Frank Fulcher, adult superintendent; Mr. Sam Syers, youth superintendent; and Mrs. Fred Caudle, children's superintendent.

Clemmons Continues Restoration

People who have not visited Clemmons Congregation for some time would hardly recognize the interior of the Church. The renovating work on the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall was completed last spring, but work has not stopped there. Lovely new carpet has been installed in the Sanctuary and adds greatly to the already worshipful atmosphere. The women of the Church have taken the carpet project and are rapidly making progress toward paying for it.

The men, not to be out-done by the ladies, decided it was time for something to be done to our Christian Education Building. The large Assembly Room has been redecorated with a new ceiling of celotex and fresh paint on the walls. New venetian blinds were installed at the windows. Needless to say we are all very proud of the efforts of our people at Clemmons.

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Seven years of dreaming, backed up by seven years of hard work and the generosity of members and friends of Calvary Moravian Church, reached its culmination Sunday morning, November 24, at 9:45. At that time Bishop Edmund Schwarze dedicated the Junior Department's Chapel, a from a rather drab, commonplace room.

New Choir Director at New Philadelphia

Clyde Cromwell, Jr. who is director of music at Lewisville and Vienna Schools, has been appointed director of the adult and junior choirs at New Philadelphia. Mr. Cromwell is a native of Tennessee and graduated from the Middle Tennessee State Teacher's College as a major in Music. He succeeds Richard Henderson, member of Calvary Church and graduate of Wake Forest College, who is resigning because of the pressure of other duties.

Green Grass Grows

Readers of the Wachovia Moravian will remember that the tract of land purchased for the Raleigh Church in July, 1954, amounted to almost three acres, including the parsonage site. Until recently, most of this land covered with dense weeds had proved to be an eyesore. This year the Raleigh Church Board appointed a Landscaping Committee, composed of Br. George T. Smith, Jr., chairman, Br. Paul M. Michael, and Br. J. Stanley Fishel. This committee laid very careful plans for the complete development of the property.

The Church Board approved the development plan and authorized the expenditure of $625.00 in order to get the most urgent work done. Far more has been accomplished than was expected for the money expended, but the bottom of the Raleigh Building Fund barrel had been scraped. So three contributions, totaling $325.00 from interested Moravians in Winston-Salem were more than welcome and enabled the Landscaping Committee to order enough gravel screenings to finish the walkways as well as sufficient crusher-run gravel to cover the entrance drive and a partial parking area.

There is genuine gratitude for the beautiful green grass which is now growing along Ridge Road and Darien Drive, on three sides of the Raleigh Christian Education building. And the handsome Moravian colonial edifice is thereby greatly enhanced to the pleasure and satisfaction of all who pass by.

Union Cross Annex Dedicated

Union Cross church held a lovefeast and dedication service on November 10, for the latest addition to its church plant. The Rev. G. E. Brower preached the sermon and Bishop Edmund Schwarze performed the dedication. Chairman of the building committee, Br. W. York Tucker, expressed thanks for cooperation of the congregation during the months of construction and debt liquidation, and introduced the other members of the committee. They were the brethren W. Oscar Weavil, Ernest L. Reid, Earlie Leonard, Clay P. Tucker, Ray L. Hine, Cecil R. Sisk and Francis Bodenhamer. Treasurer of the building fund was W. F. Cope.

Construction of this addition to the rear of the church building was begun during the pastorate of Br. Brewer in the spring of 1955, and it was first put in use in the spring of 1956. All debt was liquidated with a final offering on September 15, of this year, ending a sustained drive for this goal.

The outside measurements are 60 by 34 feet including rest-room facilities and one large room. The room measures 51 1/2 by 31 1/2 feet and has tile floor cement block walls, wood ceiling and gas heat. It is used for junior department assembly room in Sunday school and for the ladies class room, mid-week prayer meeting and Bible
study, other small assemblies and fellowship hall.

The estimated value is $15,000, but with many gifts of materials and free labor by members the actual cost in money was less than half this figure. The congregation is grateful to many friends outside its membership who contributed to this building and for the help from the provincial Building and Expansion program.

**HOME CHURCH CHAPTER IS ORGANIZED TO INCREASE**

**Interest in Mission Fields**

In order to meet the need of increasing a knowledge of the mission fields and thereby increasing the active interest in doing something for them, the Home Church organized a chapter of the Foreign Missionary Society on July 24. The purpose of this chapter "is to unify our mission efforts and develop an educational program for the congregation, to better acquaint everyone with what we are doing in the mission fields."

The Woman's Mission Society, the Mission Band and the Mission Secretaries in each circle keep the women of the Home Church congregation aware of mission needs. It was felt that the men and the youth of the Church needed to become better informed about missions also. Through the Chapter men and women may work together to secure and disseminate information.

The chapter organization is simple in form. The executive committee is composed of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, pastor, assistant pastor and a representative of the Board of Elders. Eighty members of the congregation at present serve on committees. As needs and projects increase committee members will be added. Every member of the congregation is a member of the chapter. There are no chapter dues. The present committees are: attendance, education, hospitality, mission contact, program, and publicity.

The Mission Contact committee members make direct and personal contact with each missionary in the four mission fields under the Moravian Church in the United States. The information secured is given to the Education and Publicity Committees.

The Education Committee adds historical and geographical information to the personal interpretation received from the missionaries. The combined information is used for Sunday School lessons and study groups.

The Publicity Committee uses the information from the missionaries for the bulletin board and other sources of distribution. The committee also publicizes church events of mission interest. An attractive bulletin board has been placed in the hallway of the Christian Education Building. On appropriate occasions it is placed in the vestibule of the Church.

The duty of the Hospitality Committee is to keep the congregation aware of visiting missionaries and to show visitors courtesies to make their stay in Winston-Salem pleasant.

This committee is working at present on a project in which the congregation is interested. The Church Board has made available to the chapter the second floor of the assistant pastor's home to be used as mission rooms. These rooms will supplement those already provided by the Province for entertaining missionaries on leave. Its use will be assigned by the Province in conjunction with the Hospitality Committee of the Home Church Chapter. It is hoped that this will make it possible for more missionaries to visit the Northern Province and to stay longer.

The Program Committee has the responsibility of providing for all missionary events including the Chapter programs.

The Attendance Committee is concerned with the methods of securing an audience for all missionary events including the Chapter programs.

The desire of the chapter to make every member of the Home Church aware of the mission fields and their needs is just beginning.

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James G. Weingarth

Konnoak Hills' third Midweek Church School began this fall on Wednesday, September 18, with 79 pupils, 11 teachers, 5 other helpers, a full-bodied curriculum with text-books for teachers and pupils, and an expanded term of from 25 to 30 weeks. The School also included the catechetical classes, Junior Choir rehearsal, music for Primaries, a family pot-luck supper, and closing service. Enrollment has reached just over 100 pupils, with a staff at present of 14 teachers and assistants and 5 other helpers. Average attendance the first four weeks has been 79 pupils and 16 teachers and helpers.

Our School began two years ago, on October 5, 1955, with Konnoak Hills' first pastor, the Rev. Goserud, calling out a corps of workers and leading them through a fine and effective first year of 25 sessions. Average attendance at 22 sessions of which there are records was 64.

**Time Schedule**

In our present term the schedule is as follows:

- 3:45-4:25 P. M. —Catechetical class—8th graders
- 2nd year class
- Junior Choir rehearsal
- 4th, 5th and 6th grades
- 27 enrolled

- 4:00-5:00 P. M. —Kindergarten Departments 4 and 5
- 1 group—2 teachers

- 4:00-5:30 P. M. —Primary Department
- (1st, 2nd and 3rd grades)
- 3 classes—5 teachers

- 5:30-6:00 P. M. —Primary Music Appreciation
- 21 enrolled

- 4:30-6:00 P. M. —Junior Department
- 4th, 5th and 6th grades
- 3 classes—4 teachers
- Intermediate Department (7th grade)
- 1st year catechetical—1 class

- 6:00-6:15 P. M. —Recess

- 6:15-6:55 P. M. —Family Potluck Supper

- 7:00-7:30 P. M. —Church Service

There is a Nursery for the small children of staff members. The Kindergarten and Primary children receive a snack (pop and cookie) between 4 and 5 o'clock for which each one pays five cents.

**Materials**

The materials being used are The Weekday Church School Series of the United Lutheran Church, printed by The Muhlenberg Press. For the Kindergarten there is a Reading Book for the parents, a Teacher's Guide, and a work kit for the children.

For each of the first 6 grades there is a Teacher's Guide, a Reading Book and 2 workbooks for each pupil. Each workbook has material for 15 sessions for the total 30-week course.

For the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades there are available Teachers' Guides, and Reading Books for the pupils.

How good are these materials? On the whole, very good! Our teachers, public school and non-professional, speak highly of the way in which the material is prepared and presented for teaching. The project work is good. Each Teacher's Guide is a text-book containing the Reading Book of the pupil bound in with the teacher's material.

As to content, I also say: on the whole, very good. The Lutheran slant is there, but only in one book, would I say, in some degree of unfairness and untruthfulness toward others. That is in the 12th grade book which we are using in our Senior Youth Fellowship on Sunday nights.

But the material is good, Bible-centered and solid. There is a wealth of Bible study demanded for each grade. The whole aim of the series is to present Christ and His claim, and calls for decision, commitment to Him, enlistment in His service. Sin is sin. Christ is Saviour. God wants to dwell in human lives as well as in pretty flower gardens. Life relationships are given excellent consideration.

**After 6**

The family pot-luck suppers have worked out fairly well. Families who come bring their food, own dishes and tableware. Children who stay, and whose families are not present, bring their own dishes and sandwiches. Everyone brings five cents for a drink. Circles of the church women take turns supervising the supper.

The church service is a half-hour of singing, Bible reading and study (passages or verses), pictures sometimes, and always, prayer. It is inspiring to hear the children pray.

We have problems and details still to work out, but count it a privilege to have this midweek school. It is an effort to provide more Christian education for our children, and to emphasize Christian practice in all of life.

**Congratulations:**

A son, their third, was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Fred P. Hege in Winston-Salem on November 20. Br. Hege is assistant pastor of the Home Church. The new arrival's name is John Baker.
The Moravian Church in America has experienced an anniversary year rich in many ways. Moravians themselves have found new meaning in their Church and in its great heritage. Other denominations have shared in the Quincentennial and have contributed immeasurably to its success. The November issue of the Presbyterian Survey, the official organ of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern), carried a fine article dedicated to the Moravian Church on the occasion of its Quincentennial. The article by Jean Gregory, entitled "For the Glory of God," is reprinted here.

"For the Glory of God"

"One man's curiosity, a pile of forgotten manuscripts, a streak of native genius—and choirs throughout the country are discovering a rich new heritage of American church music. The music is some of the oldest—and most beautiful—even written in the United States, works that were unknown to musical historians and almost forgotten by the people who wrote them. The people responsible for the compositions are the Moravians, a small Protestant denomination that settled in America about the middle of the 18th century, founding Bethlehem, Pa., and the Salem section of Winston-Salem, N. C. These are the chief Moravian centers in America today, and it was in Bethlehem that the late Dr. Albert G. Rau discovered the first set of old manuscripts, carefully preserved in the Moravian archives.

"What he found created something of a sensation, for it amounted to a new chapter in the history of American church music. Until that time, the 18th and 19th centuries were supposedly barren periods in American musical composition. The Middle Atlantic and New England States were singing simple psalms and writing simple English fugue-like tunes. The manuscripts at Bethlehem, however, contained elaborate concerted anthems written by American composers and modeled after the works of Handel, Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. In fact, the music was of such high quality that it compared favorably with the music that was being produced in Europe at that time. Subsequent investigations uncovered a similar treasure in the archives at Winston-Salem.

"Just why this genius of composition should have been concentrated in the Moravian denomination is not quite clear, but the fact itself is not surprising. A distinctive feature of Moravian worship is the prominence of music peculiarly their own. Bethlehem is famous for its trombone choirs. In Winston-Salem each church has its band, sometimes containing as many as three generations of one family. The music, with its organ-like harmonies and strange melancholy, is unforgettable.

"This intense love of music was known even in colonial times. Benjamin Franklin mentions coming across a group of Moravian artisans, still in their workclothes, playing an Italian concerto. Moravians are distinguished for giving the first performances of major oratorios and symphonic works in America, for producing the first instruments in America, and for composing the first chamber music in America.

"But the greatest Moravian composers were not musicians by profession. They were men who regarded music as an avocation—to be treated with reverence. As Donald McCorkle put it, in an article for the Musical Quarterly, "... the philosophy of all the Moravian composers; music to them was a necessity of life, but a necessity completely subservient to their work for the glory of God."

"This is only a natural outgrowth of Moravian history. Beginning as persecuted followers of the martyr John Hus, they have persistently striven for the glory of God. Their work in the mission field is outstanding, and they have three times as many converts in the mission field as there are native Moravians. Their colorful customs have lent richness of the worship of many other Protestant denominations. One custom that has been most widely adopted is the Easter sunrise service. They were pioneers in education. And in theology they strove always to eschew divisive peculiarities, centering their belief on 'Christ and him crucified.' Their motto is: In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.

"This year they are celebrating their 500th anniversary, an event that marks them as the oldest of all Protestant denominations, and the newly discovered music is playing an important part in the celebration. For although the initial discovery..."
by Dr. Rau was made in the 1930's, it was not until 1954 that money was donated to carry on sufficient research to publicize the find.

"While the cataloguing is not yet complete, it is estimated that altogether nearly 6,000 manuscripts will be recorded, among them copies of nearly 100 large choral works by European masters, some of them previously unknown. As the music is made available, it is being edited by the Moravian Music Foundation and published by various commercial music publishers. Consequently, some of the music has already become an established part of choir repertories throughout the country.

"Several music festivals have been held to publicize the new discoveries, the first two in 1950 and 1954 at Bethlehem, the third in 1955 at Winston-Salem and the last in June, 1957, at Bethlehem.

"The festival held in June has perhaps the greatest significance for Moravians, however, since it served as a part of their anniversary celebrations.

"It seems peculiarly fitting that these people, who have already contributed so much to the Protestant heritage, in their missionary zeal, their sane theology, their educational pioneering, should on this momentous occasion in their history celebrate yet another contribution—some of the greatest music America has ever produced, music composed 'for the glory of God.'"

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Theodore Gill of the Christian Century made these comments: "Whatever questions we, or anyone, have about the WCC, let none of them be about the seriousness of its leadership . . . From fifty-eight nations the top representatives of 165 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican churches are now gathering regularly to prosper an enormous enterprise, a going concern, which only yesterday was a dream too daring to be dreamed.

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"In the dedication ceremony, a student at Kansas State College from each of 17 CROP organized states carried a symbolic gift to the altar, representing the staple food given for relief. The service was opened by a pro-

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Summer Is Busy Time at Children’s Home

Gladys Kistlis

As I write this, we here at the Children's Home, are in the midst of making plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas. How quickly the summer months have passed! And they were filled with many new and varied experiences.

With the closing of school, May 24, our daily schedule shifted to activities entailed in gardening and fishing. For some it was preparation for fish camp Vacation Bible School work. With the very capable assistance of Mrs. Maxwell Fancher (a teacher from Bethel) and several members of the Staff taking turns, we were able to hold school at four of our village fish camps, as well as at the Home. We were pleased with the response and cooperation of the people at most all of these places.

General Missionary Conference, which was held at the Home during the early part of June, was again truly a grand time of Christian fellowship for all the missionaries in this field.

The weekend of June 15 and 16 saw much activity here, for that was our Home Reunion Weekend. Plans for it had been in preparation for quite some time, and we rejoiced at the fact that the weather was lovely for this event, making it possible for the approximate 200 guests to attend some part of our planned activities. Of course, not all our guests were one time "Orphanage" children, however a good number were able to be here; others sent their greetings. Those who had come the greatest distance were S. D. Benton and his family from Albequerque, New Mexico. Mrs. Benton, the former Anna Johnson, lived at the Orphanage when she was a young girl. As many others, who had not been here for years, she was surprised at some of the changes. From all appearances the other members of her family had a marvelous time also, and no doubt, had much to tell their friends back home, especially about the dog team ride they had in summer.

Besides pictures, a movie, and recalling and hearing incidents of the early days, there was a tour of the campus and a picnic on Birch hill. The activities were brought to a close on Sunday evening with a love-feast.

It was our pleasure also to have had Mrs. Lucile Huetter, Frances Huetter's mother, visit with us for a number of weeks during the beginning of summer. She returned to her home when Frances left the field for her year of furlough. Mary Jean Moser was welcomed back after being absent for two years due to ill health. A change of Staff personnel was also made at the boy's dorm. The Brauns returned to their home in Danberry, Conn. Accepting responsibilities in their place now are Mr. and Mrs. Don Schmidt who served at Clarks Point last year. We thank God for answered prayer for we are again a full Staff here at the Home this year.

It was during our berry picking season that the tundra fire threatened Bethel and the hospital. A few of the older boys accompanied Mr. Schmidt in joining the other volunteers in fighting the fire.

Following those anxious days were the two weeks of Special Services and Bible Conference held at Bethel. The Rev. Percival Henkelman from Edmonton, Alberta, was the guest speaker. We were happy to have both he and his wife include a visit to the Home during their stay.

During the months of July and August two weddings were held at the Home. These were exciting occasions for the important couples as well as for the children and Staff, as such events are rare at the Children's Home.

It was with all our heartfelt sympathy that Connie Sautebin left us the latter part of August to be with her family for a month after the death of her father. Miss Moser very kindly accepted the teaching responsibilities in Miss Sautebin's classroom until her return.

Although our gardens are now long in the past tense, we like to think back to the first week of September when we had a 4-H fair at which we displayed our garden vegetables. Most everything won a ribbon. The older boys had joined the 4-H club in Spring and did fairly well in taking care of their gardens.

We are now well on our way into another school year, a year that will present new opportunities and experiences of growth in many ways. We extend our thanks to our many interested friends who support us by their prayers and through other means.
Day Filled with Many Things, Boats, Rice, Soap, Oranges, Nails

In Honduran Holiday

Robert Allen Iobst

"Honduran Holiday" would be a good title for this article—except for the fact that it is not a holiday. Thus far today, I made several trips to the front door here in the parsonage to help the boarding school boys get some rice to hull in the primitive hollowed-out log basins. The inspector of public instruction came to visit. Austin came to rent one of the mission canoes for 6 days. I explained to him it was against the rules of the church to permit anyone to haul beer and whiskey in our canoes. He agreed and paid 25 cents in advance for each of the 6 days.

Not having any inside plumbing in this parsonage, it is important that you be able to mount the steps into the houseout back. Those steps were falling down. Moreover to get to the outhouse steps, you had to walk carefully over two logs placed across a ditch. So today I got a native carpenter to make a luxurious little bridge and to strengthen the steps and replace other boards. I can even go out there at night now.

Another knock on the front door. It was Joe Coff, looking for his father who was out back fixing the steps. Another knock: An Indian girl by the name of Austria came to wash my breakfast dishes. Austria worked 4 years in the little Moravian clinic Dr. Sam Marx built, 8 hours travel away from here (if you go by motor canoe) or 15 minutes away (if you go by plane). Austria is handling the medical work for the two months I am to be here in Brus Laguna. Three soldiers came to me for injections; I sent them to Austria.

I had barely started to prepare my breakfast when one of the native teachers came to tell me his younger brother might have the good fortune to be sent by the governor to a higher school in the more civilized part of Honduras and wanted to know if I had a suitcase he could borrow. The only way I could get time to get any breakfast was invite him to have some, too.

Next came a woman who wanted her nails. I searched and found them in this parsonage which in some rooms looks like a warehouse and in others like a barn. They really were her nails. She had sold the missionary who had been here some rice and did not want money, she wanted nails. Therefore the missionary ordered some nails from far-away La Criba. At last the nails had arrived. She had a baby on her back but she cheerfully carried 6 sacks full of nails in a large cardboard box.

Then came several additional callers but I've forgotten just what they wanted. The director of our school came for a brief conference. We have over 200 children in the school. Thirty-five boys are in our boarding school. They came from villages too tiny or too poor to have any school of any kind. Before the director left, the whole mob of 35 boys came trooping in. It was the day of the week for them to get their piece of soap. One of the boys went up to the altar with me and we got some soap and cut each bar into 4 pieces and each boy got one. Nine of the boys got the soap wrappers to wrap their piece in.

Several little boys at different times came for oranges. I said, "Yes, you may have one, but you must also bring me one," which they did. The oranges have lots of seeds but they are quite large and sweet. The orange trees have some thorns on them. A man who had killed a cow came this afternoon. I paid him 8 cents a pound for the 40 pounds of meat we had gotten for the boarding school. Then I asked him why he did not get married because he has been living with this woman a long time and they must be 60 years old. He had various, interesting reasons for not getting married. I urged him to get married so he could join the church and paraakte of Holy Communion and have God's blessing on his home. He left the parsonage not convinced he really should get married.

After that a couple of boys who had seen me take pictures asked whether I'd take a picture of them that they could have. I then went out to the parade ground between our school buildings and the Moravian church and watched the 200 children practice marching. This week-end (two days) is their "Fourth of July." Each of the 5 Central American republics celebrate the same days as its Independence Day.

At 4 p.m. all our school teachers came together for a conference. I got the director (or principal) some money (and entered the amount in the record book) so refreshments could be prepared for the independence day celebrations. One of the teachers, our only lady teacher, (even kindergarten and first grade are taught by men) had not gotten all of her salary. I therefore gave it to her and got a receipt from her. The government pays part of her salary and the mission pays part.

Some more boys came. I found an old soccer ball and pumped it up and gave them a small rubber ball which they kick also with their feet and they raced out of the house with great delight to try out the balls.

It was getting dark. I had lit my kerosene lamp. Another rap on the door. A little dark skinned boy appeared with a small lantern. I stood there while he dipped out some kerosene from the pail on the veranda and filled his lantern. They needed the lamp in his dormitory. Two other boys came for permission to pick some guavas from the mission trees. I let them each have two. There are lots of boys that have not gotten any as yet.

Another merchant sent me a note written in Spanish with beautiful handwriting asking whether he could borrow a mission dory. I sent for the boarding school boy who is in charge of the boat house. I told the messenger, as I had the other, that he could not transport any intoxicating stuff in our boats and he agreed.

This day is almost over now. I'll be glad to get a sleep. Perhaps I can describe another day here in the mission field for you later. Today is Monday. Next time may be I'll describe for you a typical Tuesday—or would you like a Thursday just as well?

God bless you. Please pray for these people here.

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