

church, appealing to all young folk, save those laboriously indoctrinated with the alleged superiorities of certain denominationalisms. It offered what they sought—thoughtful Christ-centered preaching; excellent music; opportunities for expression through a thriving youth group; and an opportunity for service through the Church School and the choir. The parsonage doors were wide open for fellowship, ice box raids, hundreds of meals, scores of parties, and counselling. Counselling concerning every personal problem from light romance and confused religious conceptions, to (on one occasion) the confession of murder! The church offered what those homesick lads most wanted—an unmilitarized touch of the domestic—the sweet aroma of the life they had left; home, and the familiar. This they received in uncounted homes as guests and in the church life as a whole. More than 13,000 service men came in a single year! Their eager faces inspired the preacher into the best sermons of his career. Their “folding money” swelled the “plate offerings” to a full one-fourth of the total budget. During one nine month period the registration cards revealed men from every state and Puerto Rico, Canada, Hawaii, Australia, England, France, New Zealand, Trinidad, Holland, India, Costa Rica, Scotland and Italy. During that same typical period 2,800 were counted in the youth group meetings.

No effort was spared in demonstrating and in saying, “This is *your* church.” Every Thursday evening, and frequently on Saturday afternoons, a party was planned. Not on isolated occasions, but every week during the entire war period and for months thereafter, the church women served gallons of punch and mountains of cakes. At regular intervals there were evenings planned for both civilians of all ages and service men. A record was kept of one of these, attended by 350 persons, of whom 225 were in uniform. Starting in 1945, and currently in practice, is the custom among folk in attendance at the Church Service to lunch together at the Hotel Tivoli on Sundays.

Every local service man registering at the Church Services subsequently received in the mail an invitation to return. All transients were asked to give the name of a near relative, so, literally thousands of cards were mailed to anxious wives and

mothers all over the world. An account of this singular service to Military Personnel was carried by *The Federal Council Bulletin*. The harvest of gratitude for all this grew into enormity. With tear-filled eyes and in broken voice, man after man at his departure tried to express a deep appreciation.

From the home folks receiving post card news of the fact that their husband or son had been in the Balboa church service came thousands of letters. Such expressions of gratitude were augmented by unexpected gifts totalling almost enough to finance this phase of the work. The following merged excerpts typify these messages:

"His grandmother, a cripple for twelve years, lives for word from him. You are doing a fine thing for the boys in the service. May God bless you." "My son told me about attending your church and of the great work you are doing." "James has written me about the Balboa church and what a wonderful sermon he heard, and how friendly the people are." "Your card is the first news I have had about my husband in many weeks." "Words cannot express our gratitude for your card to our son's wife. Waiting for news is terrible. This small donation may help in your worthy work."

Accompanying a letter to Dr. Rolofson, signed by J. F. Shafroth, Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy Commandant, came the following:

United States Navy  
BUREAU OF NAVY PERSONNEL  
takes pleasure in presenting this  
**CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**  
to  
BALBOA UNION CHURCH  
in grateful recognition of  
outstanding services to Naval personnel  
During World War II  
One thousand nine hundred forty-seven  
(Signed) **T. L. Sprague**  
Rear Admiral U. S. Navy  
The Chief of Navy Personnel

### Some Special Speakers

The records have yielded the following roster of special speakers in the Balboa Union Church. They range from the

obscure to leaders of world renown. Some were caught while in transit at the world's crossroads; others were brought by the church on special missions.

- 1916** Dr. Samuel Guy Inman, The U. S. President's consultant on Latin American affairs.  
 Dr. John R. Mott, World Leader, Y. M. C. A.  
 Dr. Robert E. Speer, World Leader, Presbyterian Foreign Missions.
- 1920** Mr. R. R. Hand, member of the Hoover Food Commission in Europe.
- 1926** Dr. David G. Wylie, Sec. Presbyterian Board Foreign Missions.  
 Col. Harry Burgess, Acting Governor Panama Canal.  
 Bishop George A. Miller, Methodist, Latin America.
- 1927** Rev. R. E. Wade, Wesleyan Methodist Missionary.  
 Rev. Robert H. Milligan, Secretary American Bible Society, Peru.
- Of uncertain date**, Mrs. Amie Semple McPherson, Founder Four Square Gospel Movement.
- 1928** Bishop George A. Miller, Methodist.  
 Rev. Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master A. F. & A. M., Massachusetts.  
 Dr. Wm. A. Huff, Methodist Evangelist, South America.  
 Dr. George P. Howard, Methodist, Bishop-elect, Latin America.  
 Mr. Richard Halliburton, traveller, writer, lecturer.
- 1929** Fleet Chaplain L. N. Taylor U. S. S. California.  
 The Rev. Corwin E. Hartzell, Missionary, South America.  
 Mr. John Ritchie, Missionary, South America.
- 1930** Dr. N. L. Englehardt, Columbia University.  
 Dr. George Ridout, Evangelist.  
 Dr. Archibald Jessons, Concert Organist on World Tour.
- 1931** Bishop Titus Lowe, Methodist, Portland, Oregon.  
 Senator Smith Brookhart, Iowa.  
 The Rev. J. W. Wright, Supt. Wesleyan Methodist work, Panama.  
 Chaplain M. M. Witherspoon, U. S. S. Mississippi.
- 1932** Mr. C. B. Bond, Secretary National Council Army & Navy Y. M. C. A.
- 1933** Brigadier Gen. James R. Nicklin, Salvation Army.  
 Bishop George A. Miller, Methodist, Latin America.
- 1934** Dr. Herbert Money, Anglo-Peruvian College, Lima, Peru.  
 General Julian L. Schley, Governor Panama Canal.
- 1935** The Rev. Luther Plankenhorn, Evangelist, Latin America.  
 Rev. Wm. R. King, Executive Secretary Home Missions Council, U. S. A.  
 Dr. Roy B. Guild, Associate Gen. Sec., Federal Council of Churches.

- Dr. Evelyn Miller, Dean women, Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.  
Col. Alva J. Brasted, Chief Chaplains, U. S. Army.
- 1936** Dr. James J. Pailey, Missionary, Korea.  
Dr. Chas. S. Detweiler, Member Federal Council committee on Religious Work in the Canal Zone.
- 1937** Bishop Roberto Elphick, Santiago, Chile.  
Col. Herbert Hodgson, Commander Salvation Army.
- 1938** Bishop Harry Beal, Episcopal, Panama Canal Zone.  
Dr. E. M. Dodd, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.  
Bishop George A. Miller, Methodist, Latin America.  
Dr. H. J. Bergstahler, Pres., Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.  
Dr. James Freeman Jenness, former pastor Christobal Union Church.
- 1941** Dr. Samuel McCrae Cavert, Executive Sec., Federal Council of Churches.  
Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Methodist.  
Dr. A. W. Wasson, Secretary Board Missions and Church Extension, Methodist Church.  
Miss Muriel Lester, Noted peace advocate, world citizen, Social Worker, London, England.  
Dr. W. S. Rycroft, Committee on Cooperation in Latin America.
- 1942** Dr. Forrest L. Knapp, Gen. Sec. World S. S. Assn.  
Dr. Charles S. Detweiler, Sec. Baptist Mission Board.
- 1943** Dr. Wm. Barrow Pugh, Chmn. Chaplain's Commission and Stated Clerk, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.
- 1945** Dr. E. Stanley Jones, World-famous Missionary Evangelist.  
Bishop R. Heber Gooden, Episcopal, Panama Canal Zone.  
Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Methodist.
- 1946** Dr. G. Pitt Beers, Ex. Sec. Am. Baptist Home Missionary Society.  
The Rev. Richard C. Raines, Hennepin Methodist Ave., Methodist Church, Minneapolis.  
Dr. J. Quinter Miller, Associate Gen. Sec. Federal Council of Churches.  
Dr. Charles T. Leber, Sec. Board Foreign Missions Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.
- 1946** Dr. David L. Cowie, Linwood Blvd., Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Missouri.  
Bishop Henry C. Balloch, Methodist, South America.  
Dr. George P. Howard, Committee on cooperation, Latin America.  
Pres. John A. Mackay, D.D. Litt.D., Princeton Theological Seminary.  
Mr. Murray Fastier, Professor, Concert Organist, New Zealand and Australia.  
Mrs. Murray Fastier, Radio Soloist, New Zealand and Australia.
- 1947** Dr. Paul R. Hanna, Professor Leland, Stanford University.

- Dr. Edward A. Thompson, Park Congregational Church, Grand Rapids.
- Dr. Albert D. Moore, Religious Editor.
- Dr. Wm. G. Campbell, Professor, Author Lecturer.
- 1948** Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Pastor Emeritus, Riverside Church, New York.
- Dr. H. H. McConnell, Dept. Evangelism, Federal Council of Churches.
- 1949** Lt. General Matthew B. Ridgway, Chief Caribbean Command.
- 1950** Mrs. J. Quinter Miller.

During the current pastorate, the Preaching Mission has been emphasized for reasons long familiar to North American Protestants. A diversity of Preaching also helps to counteract the spiritual denials inherent in the isolations of a strange land far from home. This program has brought to, and shared with the Canal Zone three of the era's most prominent prophets. In April, 1945, came Dr. E. Stanley Jones, world famed missionary and ecclesiastical leader. The second, Dr. Charles T. Leber, successor to Dr. Robert E. Speer in Presbyterian Foreign Missions administration, came during May, 1946. May of 1948 brought Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor emeritus of the Riverside Church, New York, the world's largest and most famous "Union" church. Each of these speakers remained for approximately ten days. They addressed 15,000 people, in a total of 72 engagements. A majority of these were in the host church, but many other groups were served, including clergymen, Union Churches across the Isthmus, women's groups, Chaplains, West Indian congregations, schools in both the Zone and Panama, purpose dinners, U. S. O. staffs and groups of service men—some of them fifty miles in the interior.

It was while enroute to remote interior military stations that the following conversation took place. Dr. Jones had landed in the tropics with only heavy clothing. This he attributed to Mrs. Jones being in far away India. The local pastor loaned him several suits of summer whites. These together with one suit purchased locally, sufficed. "I have a confession to make, Dr. Rolofson," humbly and gravely ventured the noted Missionary Evangelist as they drove along. "Is that so?" "Yes, I stole something of yours." Envisioning a mild ice box raid or its equivalent, the host pastor replied, with mock concern,

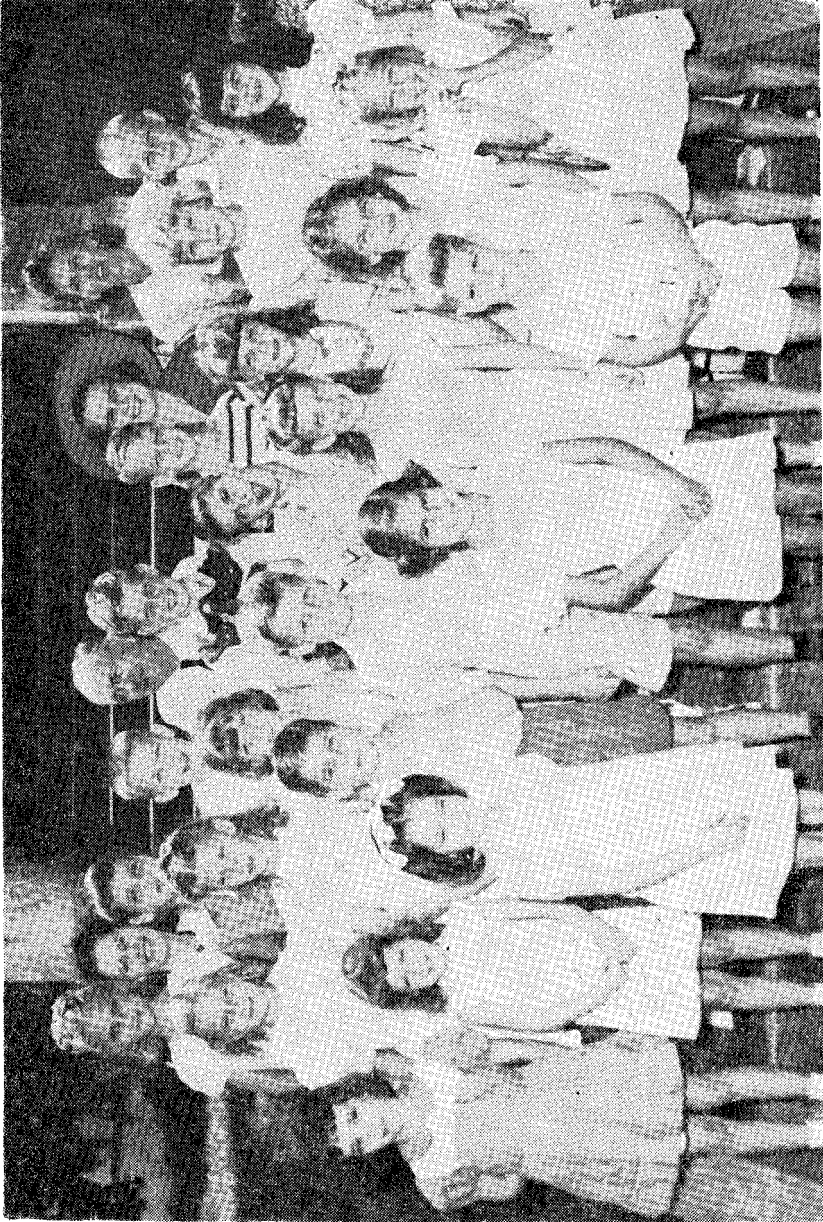
"No!" "Yes, the buttons off your trousers. The suit I bought had no provision for attaching suspenders. I recalled that you use a belt, so I appropriated your buttons." "Excellent," replied the host, "Certainly that's one crime where the means were justified by the not unimportant ends. Moreover it fortifies me in advance." "Against what?" puzzled Dr. Jones. "Well, if a judge should ever get inquisitive concerning my "appropriating the property of another I shall settle the matter by informing him that I learned the trick from the internationally famous Stanley Jones."

Another amusing incident was the detaining of Dr. and Mrs. Fosdick at the Fort Amador Guard Gate when enroute to the Sailfish Club where he was scheduled to address 300 people. To the youthful sentinel, who had been instructed to pass only those with dinner tickets, orders were orders. Naturally the guest speaker and his wife had no tickets, so, there they stood *outside* the gate, fair representatives of the "When a Feller Needs a Friend" cartoon. Their transportation hosts, Professor and Mrs. George Lee, were allowed to remain in their car, which had been ordered parked to permit traffic movement. There they sat, a composite illustration of a thousand alibiing youngsters who, through long years had sought to marshal convincing arguments for the consumption of these veteran teachers. Evidence of Mr. Lee's connection with the Division of Schools finally assured the young vigilant of their probable dependability. By deduction he then arrived at the conclusion that perhaps the Fosdicks might not be diabolical agents after all, and with reluctance, admitted the world-famed but humbled dominie and his wife. First, however, the Lees were sternly admonished—"You are held responsible for them and will see that they get out, with no loitering!"

As these pages go to press the Board of Elders has consummated arrangements for a fourth Preaching Mission shortly to be led by Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin, President emeritus of Union Theological Seminary.

### **Features in Education and Worship**

Following are central objectives of the Balboa Union Church:



F. D. Sykes

**The Primary Congregation. Charter membership, 1949**

Front Row: Jennie Kay Jefferies, Dona Trasavage, W T. Jefferies.  
 First Row: Mary Turner, Lisa Phelan, Bobby Scherzer, Jimmy Farrell, Andrea Terrell, Beth Kennedy, Ellen Matheney.  
 2nd Row: Karen Clark, Charlene Shore, Diane Shore, Peter Thibodeau, Beverly Smith, Patricia Dempsey.  
 3rd Row: Judy Hotz, Miss Dorothy Knowles, Jimmy Marshall, Glenn Yankee, Dr. Rolofson, Tom Cunningham, Richard Morris, Mrs. Harold Sosted, Patsy Walker, Mrs. T. F. Hotz, David Browne.





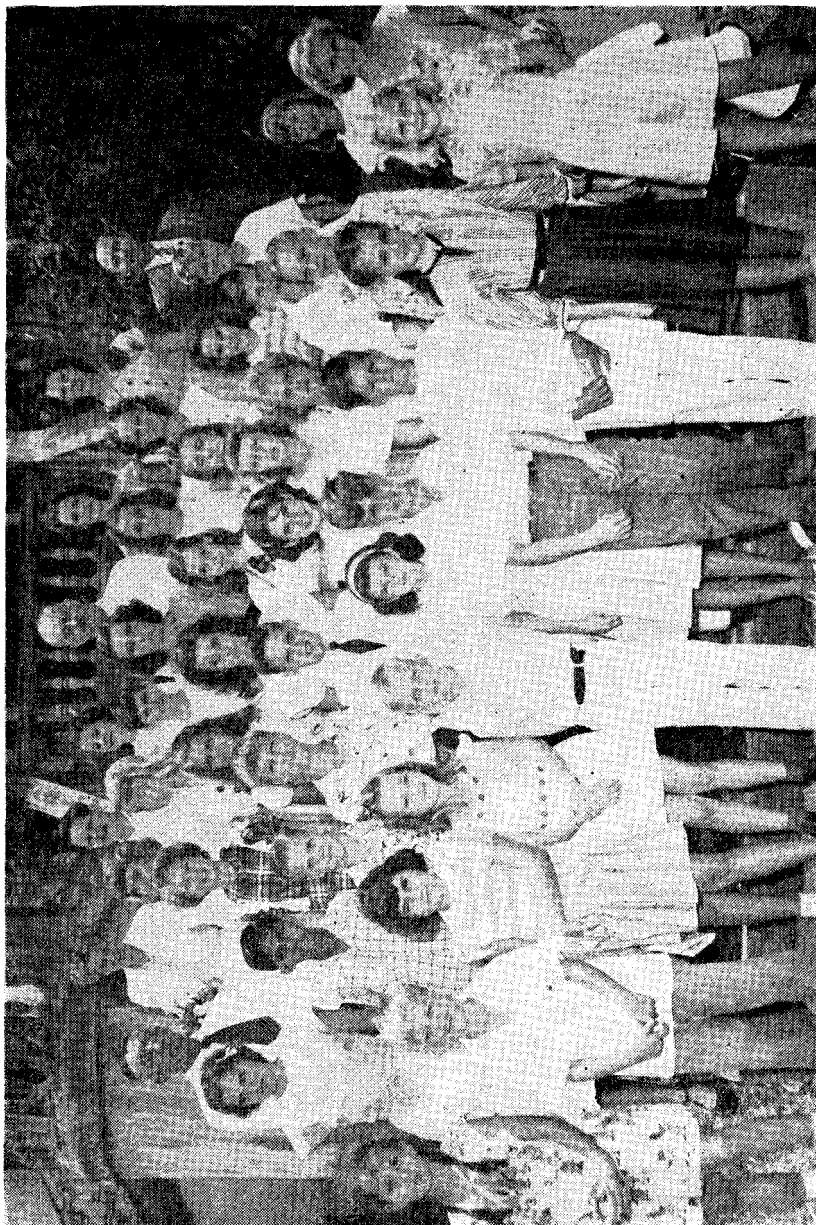


Photo by Robert H. Rolofson, Jr.

**The Junior Congregation, Charter Membership, 1948**

Front Row: Carol Mussetter, Bobby Foreman, Catherine Monagan, Mara Jon Willhite, Ed Cunningham, Lois Spencer, Emmett Dye, Tim Hotz, Ethel Voss, Judy Sosted.  
 2nd Row: Joyce Collinge, Philip Moolchan, Bobby Smith, Tommy Smith, David Foreman, Sara Collinge, Virginia Campbell, Sally Mussetter, Dick Cunningham, Gayle Hasemann, Sue Besley.  
 3rd Row: Mr. S. H. Palmer, Ann Scherzer, Lyn Mecaskey, Viola Penc, Louise Tate, Donna Willhite, Elizabeth Monagan, Prentice Duell.  
 4th Row: Mrs. Ed McGinnis, Elaine Clark, Helen Thomas, Chris Hearon, Patsy Jo Lee, Carrol Adams, Margaret May Tewinkle, John Matthews.  
 Top Row: Louis Hasemann, Carol Harris, Dr. R. H. Rolofson, Shirley Harned, Miss Dorothy Knowles.

of sound elementary pedagogy. The principle of gradation has been observed in public schools for so long no one remembers when it was adopted. It is recognized in the Church school, Youth Groups, Public Libraries, Department Stores—everywhere. Yet in the highly important matter of becoming enthusiastic Christians and informed churchmen, this sound principle too often is abandoned. To expect pre-teen-agers, with feet dangling from adult pews, willingly to sit in a worship service, every phase of which, from sermon to anthem, is beyond their experience range, is to expect too much. With not the slightest voice in the management, or any knowledge of what makes the organization “tick,” why should it be supposed that such children will, by some undefined magic, mature into the pillars of tomorrow’s church?

In a Youth Congregation, worship is indigenous to the worshipper’s experience level. It cannot be of negligible concern, that, during life’s most pliable period, the church’s children learn at the fountain of personal experience—to think in the terms of the church, eagerly to attend and participate in its services. They learn techniques of praying, presiding, listening, reading the Scriptures, cooperating for common ends, carrying accepted responsibilities, giving liberally, objectively weighing policies in administrative board-meetings—and, what is of prime importance, falling in love with Christ, and accepting Him. It is the soundest method of evangelism known. Correctly planned, a Youth Congregation is not a duplication of the church school. It is, in no sense, “playing” church. Nor is it the old, psychologically incorrect, practice of seating children temporarily in a front pew, for the injection of a “Junior Sermon,” followed by their gleeful exit. That makes them the tail of an adult kite, whereas they should be, and in the Youth Congregation are, the kite itself. When, on occasion, they visit the adult service, it is to share some unusual treat, or that their choir may render the adults a favor.

Currently there are three thriving Youth Congregations with four excellent choirs and with a duplication, in miniature, of all the official boards found in “Big Church.” The normal attendance averages little less than fifty. The interest and



**The Chapel Choir**

Front Row: Rochelle Head, Charlotte Head, Judy Sosted, Melinda Marshall, Dixie Stoudner, Dorothy Sandrone, Roberta Baker.  
 Second Row: Audrey Johnson, Lyn Degeneer, Catherine Cheek, Charlotte Kilbey, Peggy Detamore, Louise Tate, Sara Collinge, Mildred Sandrone.  
 Third Row: Karen Sosted, Janet Stockham, Gayle Hasemann, Shirley Harned, Peggy Foiles.

**The Boys' Choristers**

Fourth Row: Danny Roberts, Emmett Dye, Jr., Teddy Webb, Michael Kerr, Louis Hasemann.  
 Top Row: Ben Thomas, Ed Cunningham, Tim Hotz, Miss Dorothy Knowles, Bobby Smith, Dick Cunningham, Jimmy Morton, Tom Smith, Mrs. Ben Thomas, Charles Phelan.

loyalty are characteristic of strong churchmen. The Balboa Church apparently has been committed to the Youth Congregation idea for some time. As of January 15, 1922, reference is made to "The increasing membership in the Junior Church," in a letter addressed to Mr. Des Jardines of the Y. M. C. A. Three years later the Elders' records refer to the matter of the Junior Congregation being recommended to the Local Council. A year later there is a further reference.

### Miscellaneous Items

The records indicate a dearth of Leadership Training Institutes. There was one in 1939. It was sponsored by the Religious Education Committee, with Mrs. George Lee, chairman and Registrar, Dr. George Howard, director, Mrs. James Morris and Dr. Loofbourow teachers. Doubtless there were other such efforts. The only ones recorded on a community-wide basis were during the Autumn each of 1948 and 1949. In addition to the representatives from the Balboa Union Church, host to



**A Teachers' Training Class, 1922**

Top Row, Left to Right: Nye Norris, Olemya Hutchings Neff, Edith Minch.

Middle Row: Irene Stewart Wright, Ellen Brumby, Edith Foster.

Bottom Row: Jean Norris, Viola Bolew Bigelow, John F. Warner (Teacher).



**The Adult Choir**

El Halcon, Panama



**The Nursery Department**

**The Beginners Department**

El Halcon, Panama

- Bottom Row: Wayne Johnson, Ethel Baumbach, W. T. Jeffries, Sydney Belle Townsend, Caroline Hancock, Ellen Madison.
- Second Row: Katherine Egolf, ? , Perry Schneider, Teddy Bahn, Benny Davis, Richard Zirkman, Beth Kennedy, Carol Jean Brown.
- Third Row: ? , ? , Campbell, Mary Turner, Billy Lierman, John Turner, ? , ? .
- Fourth Row: Allison Tracy, ? , Patti Jean Anderson, Eddie Salisbury, Douglas Will, Mrs. Jeffries, Jennie Kay Jeffries, ? , Francis Gravelle, Douglas Marti, Teddy Marti, Buddy Morgan, John Evans, Mrs. Evans.
- Fifth Row: Bobby Adams, Harriet Gravelle, Marguerite Engelke, Patricia Flatau Jack Sanders, Virginia Fapanti, La Donna Rae Sheck, Mary Alice Engelke, Michael Brown, Ramona Anderson, Peter Thibodeau, ? , Carolyn Kromer, ? , Mrs. Townsend, standing.
- Sixth Row: Diane Baltozer, Clara Percy, Diane Shore, ? , Marilyn McBride, Betty Joy Rickman, Linda Shiva, Patricia Black, Deborah Turner, Ellen Whittaker.
- Seventh Row: Vernon Douglas, Eddie Chambliss, Charlene Shore, Lacey Ann Hinkle, Jeanne Seaman, Carol Seaman, Tommy Cunningham, ? , Susan Thomas, Marilyn Will, Ricky Butz.
- Eighth Row: Peggy Ann Morgan, James Hancock, ? , Ray Caldwell, Schock Morgan, Ray Boyd Oldham, Linda Clark, Nancy Clark, Margaret Stahler.
- Top Row: Michael Norton, Richard Low, ? , Bobby Foreman, Richard Morris, Jimmy Marshall, Bobby McConaughey, Robert Haskell.

these Institutes, there were students from the First Baptist, Cocoli Union, Curundu Community, 15th Naval District Chapel, the Redeemer Lutheran, St. Andrews, St. Christopher, St. Peter's, St. Luke's Cathedral, Seawall Mission, Salvation Army and the Wesleyan Methodist. Several of these participating bodies are missions for colored folk in both the Zone and Panama. In addition to its pastor as the first Dean, the host church provided two of the seven teachers, Miss Dorothy Knowles and Mr. Harold Sosted in 1948 and in 1949—Miss Knowles, Mrs. Rolofson and Mr. Francis Campbell.

The Church-time Nursery, designed to provide organized play and safe keeping for children while their parents are at worship, was started in February, 1940. The record indicates this to have been initiated by Mrs. Loofbourow and Mrs. Bruse Cook. It is still in successful operation every Sunday.

The Church School Library, which reached highly useful proportions was initiated by Dr. Cranston E. Goddard. Record of it first appears in May, 1942, when a motion was passed in which the Church agreed to meet, dollar for dollar, all contributions of the Youth groups. A large bookcase was filled and the books carefully catalogued. Even though currently neglected those shelves, located in the office of the Minister of Education, yield literature of much value to teachers, students and group leaders.

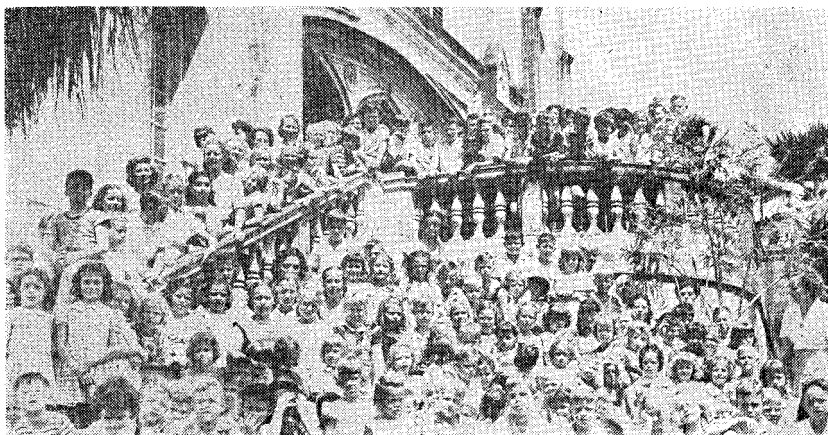
*The Union Church Bulletin* is essentially an educational medium. It has been published weekly for a score of years. Since 1945 this four-page sheet has been mailed to every church family. Instead of the conventional, and more formal, custom of devoting pages one and two respectively, to the name of the pastor and picture of the church and the order of service, and page four to an official roster, with news squeezed into page three, the *Bulletin* has the aspect of a more practical promotional-news sheet.

The vast potentialities inherent in the Vacation Bible School seem not to have been tapped until 1948 when, under the capable leadership of Miss Knowles, preparations in staff and materials were made for 100 pupils. When 210 registered, consternation almost reached the stage of frustration for those

in charge. The following year brought a similar school with improved technique and a better organized opportunity for the splendid staff of 40 teachers, supervisors and helpers.

The church's youth program appears to have been above the average throughout the years, with characteristic fluctuations. The groups pictured in these pages typify the present.

It would be pointless to record the history of the Church School, since it duplicates the widely familiar. Several of its departments and classes are pictured here. On normal Sundays the attendance approximates 325. Present innovations



**The Vacation Church School, 1948**



**The Vacation Church School Staff, 1948**

First Row, Left to Right: Dorothy Knowles, Anita Morris, Florence Scott, Mrs. Roger Greene, Mrs. Carl Browne, Mrs. Merle Piper, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Richard Baltozer. Middle Row: Mrs. Stewart Trail, Mrs. Janet Cunningham, Mrs. Wesley Townsend, Mrs. Harold Sosted, Mrs. Theo. Hotz, Mrs. R. H. Rolofson, Mrs. Robert Scherzer, Gloria Ives, Loretta Smith. Top Row: Mrs. John Voss, Geri Snodgrass, Leona Hart, Elmer Moolchan, Joe Crawford, Ben Burns.





the beneficiaries of this spirit are the prisoners in the Canal Zone Penitentiary at Gamboa. The class sponsors religious services there one Sunday each month. This actually began in 1932, upon the suggestion of Mr. A. M. Anderson. Upon his retirement from the Canal service, the burden of promoting this religious program fell upon the capable shoulders of Mr. Russel Klotz. He is currently aided by the Post Hi Fellowship. The portable piano, donated by the class, has long since been devoured by tropical rust and termites. Bibles are provided for both the English and Spanish-speaking prisoners. Another benevolent project, giving aid to incarcerated persons, is that led by Mr. and Mrs. Holness of Panama. Each Sunday



El Halcón, Panama

**On Mother's Day** young parents present their children for dedication and baptism.

this noble couple seeks to bring the Gospel to those in Panama's largest prison. At all times they are alert, on behalf of these unfortunate members of society. During the holiday season, gifts are taken to as many of them as possible. In this worthy work they are materially aided by the Baraca-Philathea Class. The Class also assists young Panamanian Christians from homes of modest means, to acquire a better education than they otherwise might get. Thoughtfulnesses too numerous to mention include gifts to Panama's needy, flowers to the sick, May

baskets to the aged, large contributions to Methodist Missions in Panama, and the work among the San Blas Indians. Annually, some 250 subscriptions to *The Upper Room*, in Spanish, are purchased for Methodist Mission stations in Panama and Costa Rica and for independent missions in Chile.

The excellent teaching services of Mr. Warner continued until his retirement in 1932. He was succeeded by Mr. Noah L. Wine, who retired in 1940. Late in 1943, Mrs. L. A. Taylor, whose fine scholarship and teaching talents are still enjoyed, began as the class' third regular teacher in a score of years.



**Mr. Noah L. Wine**  
pioneer and teacher Baraca-Philathea  
Class, 1932-1940.



**Mrs. L. A. Taylor**  
Baraca-Philathea, 1943 to 1950.

During the interim the teaching load was carried by Mr. Wilson H. Kromer, Mrs. A. C. Ellis, Mr. Harvey McConaughy, Mr. Perry Starbuck and Mrs. Maxwell Smith.

Three indispensables to spiritual success have long characterized this Class—capable officers, teachers, whose lives reflected the philosophy and Faith they have advocated, and an enthusiastic and loyal membership. Among its original members who are still active are: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baltozer, Mrs.

B. A. Getman, Mrs. J. H. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shedlock, Mr. and Mrs. Terrill Toone, Mrs. Marie Van Clief and Mrs. Ruth Westman.

### The Couple Club

Within recent decades, there has been an enormous and appropriate emphasis in North American Protestantism upon the younger adult. In this, the Balboa Union Church has had a modest, but effective share. For some years, there was the "T.N.T. Club"—Teachers, Nurses and Technicians. Strangely enough, the records provide nothing concerning it. Verbal accounts indicate an enthusiastic and profitable, even if short, career for this discussion medium.

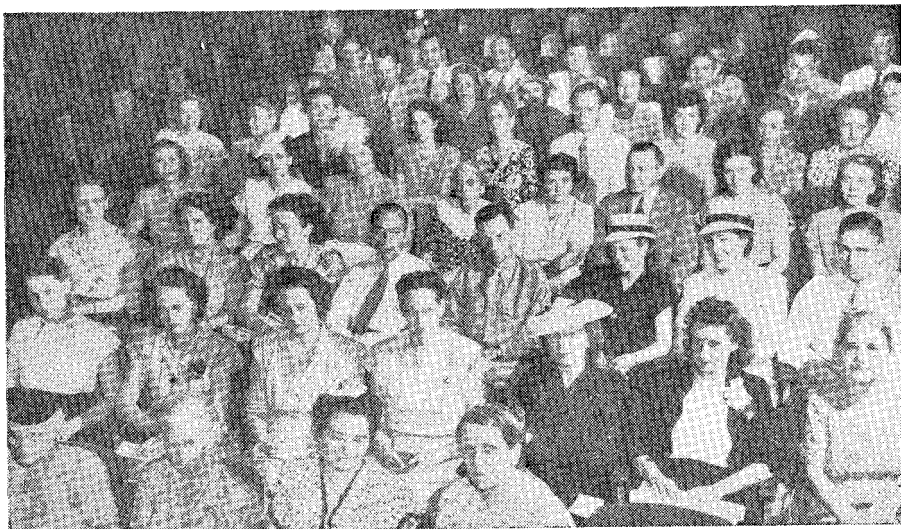
In the Spring of 1945, there was created "The Couple Club." The first officers were Pres., Jack Kromer; V.P., J. O. Davis, Secty.-Treasurer, Winton Webb; Program Chm., Maxwell Smith



El Halcon, Panama

### The Couple Club, 1947

Bottom Row: Mr. Sheppard Clarke, Mr. M. Townsend, Mr. Sosted, Dr. R. H. Rolofson, Mr. Chambliss.  
 Second Row: Mrs. Rene Kromer, Mrs. Sheppard Clarke, Mrs. Wes. Townsend, Mrs. Sosted, Mrs. Chamb'iss, Mrs. Vosberg.  
 Third Row: Mr. Winton Webb, Mrs. Winton Webb, Mr. Bill Allen, Mrs. Bill Allen, Mrs. Doris Kelly, Mr. Jack Greer, Mrs. Purefoy.  
 Top Row: Mrs. ? , Mr. ? , Mrs. Jim Harned, Mr. Jim Harned, Mrs. Franklin Sykes, Mr. Frank Sykes, Mr. Vosberg.



El Halcon, Panama

### The Baraca-Philathea Class, 1947

Bottom Row: Mrs. Getman, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. R. T. Toone, Mrs. L. A. Taylor (Teacher).  
 Second Row: Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. R. Scherzer, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Schoch, Mrs. Chambliss, Mrs. F. S. Baumbach.  
 Third Row: Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Sylvia, Mrs. Segara, Mr. Segara, Sgt. Frank Yarbrough, Mrs. Frank Yarbrough, Mrs. Purefoy, Mr. Purefoy.  
 Fourth Row: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Shedlock, Mrs. F. A. Pierce, Mrs. Earl Baltozer, Mr. Earl Baltozer, Mrs. C. Shekell, Mrs. Wilhite.  
 Fifth Row: Polly Oldham, Mrs. Colston, Mrs. Earl Westman, Mrs. Raymond Gross, Mrs. Lillian R. Farrell, Mr. Raymond Gross, Mrs. Jim Harned, Mrs. Copins, Mrs. Musseter, Mrs. Klamp.  
 Sixth Row: Mr. George Miller, Mr. Wilhite, Mrs. Andrews, Mr. Thorberg, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Jordan.  
 Seventh Row: Mrs. F. S. Baumbach, Mr. F. S. Baumbach, Mr. R. T. Toone, Mrs. Marie Van Clief, Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. E. Erickson.  
 Eighth Row: Mr. Simms, Mrs. Bradley.



El Halcon, Panama

### The Senior High Fellowship, 1947

Back Row: Roy Hohmann, Gloria Ives, Howard Armistead, John Toone, Phyllis Albritton, Edward Armistead, Mrs. Albritton, Mrs. Rolofson, Sr., Dr. R. H. Rolofson.  
 Front Row: Dan Klotz, John Burns, Anita Harris, Ben Burns, Tita Smith, Miss Dorothy Knowles.