

ter. Pastor Helm gave Mrs. Roy Morse credit for Mrs. Helen McClaren's decision to be baptized.

Elder Glen Smith, Stewardship secretary of the conference, met with the Elm Creek church board, November 18 to assist them in setting up the Stewardship Fund Raising Program.

I. H. HELM, *Pastor*

Piedmont Park Church Dedication

The dedication of the \$240,000 Piedmont Park church at 48th and A Streets in Lincoln on Sabbath, November 13, marked the climax of an all-member fund drive which began in 1957 and extended through three pastorates. But, as stressed by Elder R. H. Nightingale in his dedicatory address, of even more importance than the dedication of a church edifice is the personal dedication of our own talents and service to the Lord. "Except the Lord build the house, their labour in vain that built it: . . ."

Pastor William Elder, minister serving the congregation immediately after the initiation of the first financial campaign by W. K. Chapman, occupied a place of honor as speaker for the 11 a.m. service. It was during his pastorate that the main fund drive was completed and groundbreaking ceremonies were held. A year later, in November of 1961, the congregation moved from the old white frame building at 1020 South 15th Street to its new church home planned to accommodate 717 members. As one individual commented concerning the financial drive leading to this move, "Pastor Elder was aggressive in fund-raising, and often one would find himself pledging nearly twice as much as he planned to give in the beginning!"

Assuming the pressures of a second and third financial campaign along with a rapidly growing congregation, swollen by 73 members to a grand total of 466 during his pastorate beginning in February of 1963, was Elder Perry Green. Considered a "young people's pastor" because of his fond interest in the youth of the church, Elder Green intensely pursued completion of the Educational Unit until doors of the modern glass-walled wing opened in September of this year to the children and youth of the congregation.

Elder Green, serving as master of ceremonies, introduced participants in the 3 p.m. dedicatory service. Among them were: R. H. Nightingale, president



1. W. H. Elder, former pastor, was the guest speaker for the Sabbath morning worship service. 2. It was a special privilege to have Mayor Dean Peterson present for the dedicatory service. 3. R. H. Nightingale, Central Union Conference president, presented the dedicatory address. 4. Miss Marvelyn Loewen from the Union College music department played "Carrillon Sortie" by Henry Mulet at the dedicatory service. 5. Pastor Perry Green extended a warm welcome to former pastor, W. H. Elder, who is now lay activities director of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. 6. Church organist, Mrs. Ted Morris, and the string quartet, under the direction of Mr. Melvin Johnson, presented "Andante Cantabile" by Tchaikovsky.

of the Central Union Conference, with his keynote address; F. O. Sanders, president of the Nebraska Conference who led in the actual Act of Dedication; William Elder, spiritual history of the Piedmont Park church during its building program; architect, Dean Arter, and construction superintendents—Eugene Schander, main sanctuary, and Charles Henkelmann, educational unit. Others participating were Elder M. D. Hannah, pastor of the College View church, and Elder Myron Voegele, Northside church. Special music was furnished by Marvelyn Loewen, instructor in organ at Union College, and a ladies' triple trio composed of members of the Piedmont Park church.

Serving as coordinator of the multitudinous dedication service details was Piedmont Park member, from the Union College department of English, Bruce Ronk.

As Pastor William Elder emphasized in his Sabbath morning address, "So often throughout church history there has been a vigorous campaign of one kind or another which has been followed by a let-up and a let-down which has brought spiritual defeat to the church." He urged his former congregation to

work hard to avoid the pitfalls of this natural let-up after a strenuous church-building campaign.

Piedmont Park members, the responsibility is now ours!

FLORENCE L. CARLSON,
Church PR Secretary

Preparing Christmas Dinner

Grand Island Pathfinders did it again this year! Halloween night found a dozen faithful young people with baskets and sacks visiting houses—not for candy—but canned goods which will be used to give at Christmas time to those in need. They worked fast and hard and finally brought back three bushel baskets filled as a result of their visiting of the homes.

We are thankful that these young people have a heart for others and not just themselves. We want to thank Larry Boyd, Esther Littrell and Mrs. Schwab for their willingness in taking cars.

When the Pathfinders sit down to Christmas dinner and enjoy the meal God has blessed them with, they will realize someone else is able to enjoy eating a nice meal because they went out and worked hard that Halloween night.

E. R. SCHWAB, *Pastor*