

**ANKER, HARRY P. AND MRS.
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Mrs. Harry P. Anker

... who died in October, was born in South Holland, Ill., in 1888. She married Mr. Anker in 1914. Two years later they were assigned as missionaries to the Central Congo. This was only two years after Bishop Walter E. Lambuth of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, had begun the mission work there. They served this rapidly expanding mission station until 1951. *McFrost Luman 7-1968*

American Methodists are most aware of, there are also 14 scholars doing graduate study in countries of Europe, Asia, South America and Oceania. Another 24 are enrolled in undergraduate schools in Africa.

Miss Swift explained that the church would desire to support scholarship students in schools in their own countries or neighbor-

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H. P. Anker, Congo Missionary, Dies

The Rev. Harry Peter Anker, of South Holland, Illinois, for thirty-eight years a missionary-educator of the Methodist Church in the Belgian Congo, Africa, died in Clearwater, Florida, on October 15, after a lingering illness. He had reached his 70th birthday two days before death.

Mr. Anker was one of the builders of the far-famed mission station at Wembo Nyama, where he had been in charge of the Trinity Bible School from its founding, until his retirement in 1954. For some years he had served also as treasurer of the mission station. A central station, it includes a school, teacher-training department, hospital with nurses training department, an industrial plant and mission press. The mission serves thousands of tribal groups.

Mr. Anker first went to Africa in 1926, two years after the opening of the Central Congo Mission work by Bishop Lambuth, of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. During his years in the Congo, Mr. Anker had taught hundreds of young men whose fathers and grandfathers were just out of heathenism and cannibalism. In addition to his work at the school, he had travelled through the vast Congo district to preach, teach, gather people into congregations, and to supervise the work of his students.

Mr. Anker and his wife, the former Eva Van Erden, who survives him, were both born in South Holland, Ill. He was educated at Hope College, Western Theological Seminary, Garrett Biblical Institute and Vanderbilt University.

The women's school has been held in the afternoon of the first term and Mrs. Towson during the first term and Mrs. after the second term. It was attended mostly by the wives of some of the central program as carried out. 51 were enrolled.

An interesting experiment was tried this year by having a class of women. This corresponds to our evening school of classes at home. All who took part in this as teachers or pupils were well pleased with this. It is felt it will continue and grow in popularity. It was good training also for our teacher-leaders. There were 21 enrolled in this dept.

Our students had two special periods of development when the regular school programs were set aside. In April Mr. Lamb and party spent more than 2 weeks with us demonstrating his adult teaching methods. This was of great interest and value to our students and teachers and preachers. Only the upper class men could attend this conference. Further training in stress on this kind of adult education will be given at the next Central School curriculum of the remainder of the term. Plans are made to send our teachers and student leaders to neighboring villages to carry on the launch program during the vacation period. In October we were privileged to have Mr. J. J. Collins of Boston, Mass. give two weeks series of lectures on the values and writings of the prophets. These were splendid and did the students a lot of good as they were in the audience. Mr. Collins' lectures were held.

School was opened a week early this year and the first level of the school is at the beginning of the second term in January. Most of the regular classes were carried on in the morning. The service-club held its meetings in the afternoon. The meetings continued daily.

We have improved our school this year. We have had a very good year of work. We have had our first period, second, etc. There has been much success in this line as the work has been very good. We have had more attention given to our agriculture and manual work as part of the program. We have had members who have been our regular but school equipment which has been such needed. We were helped by our faithful helpers in the Central School. We were helped by our faithful helpers in the Central School.

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We have been increasing our tuition rates. It is asked for next year that Central school students bring in 35 francs at their tuition money.

Graduating exercises were held Sunday, June 27th. In the morning 62 students were graduated from the 5th year of the Second Degree dept. At the evening services, 9 were graduated from the Normal section & 7 from the Bible section of Central School. At the close of last term in December two other Bible School boys graduated, making a total of 18 graduates for the year. Each of our Conference Districts should make definite efforts to secure more young men for this kind of training.

Additional Statistics-

Average attendance, enrollment regular, for 1st Degree School - - -	79
Average enrollment for 2nd degree school - - - - -	303
Average enrollment in Bible & Normal sections - - - - -	171
Men teachers, missionary and native - - - - -	9
Women teachers, missionary and native, - - - - -	5
Practice-teachers (10 in first term) - - - - -	12
Adult class - - - - -	1
Women's School - - - - -	12
Girls in 1st and 2nd Degree classes this term (In the first term there were about 50 more on the list our Girls Boarding dept. open then)	28
Married students, an average of - - - - -	70

Missionaries who have stayed in the Central School program during the year, besides the writer, are: Mr. J. W. Townsley, Mr. & Mrs. Hapwell, Misses Parker & Smith and Mrs. Baker.

We are indebted to the station agent, Mr. J. W. Townsley, for his help in getting more than six hundred students.

Respectfully submitted,

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 CENTRAL AMERICAN SCHOOL, LIMBO, P.R.

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Francs</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Cash brot forward from last year	7,256.90	167.77
Tuition received from students	17,975.70	417.65
Misc. sale receipts of handwork, supplies	6,729.00	155.22
Foreign Dept. of General Division (first term)	44,589.50	1,028.00
" " " (second term)	29,709.05	687.83
Pro. .S.C. (first term)	35,828.75	825.00
" " (second term)	11,248.75	255.00
Gifts (total) (350.25)	15,617.50	350.00
From designated gifts	1,890.05	43.60
Debit balance	747.25	17.26
Total from July 1947 thru May 1948	172,294.15	3,971.21
Variance due to differing exchange rates of sums received and spent		3.56
		<u>3,974.77</u>

Expenditures

Salaries of teachers	25,095.00	302.07
School supplies	25,449.00	587.05
Stipends to married students for 1/2 time	12,439.50	725.00
Food supplies, cooks, preparation of, etc.	72,862.00	1,681.22
Misc. supplies, soap, gasoline, kerosene,	9,406.70	215.37
Postage on sending school exhibits to Vol. Dur.	177.05	4.11
Building repairs & supplies, carpenter,	17,320.80	340.55
Woman's school, supplies, nursery, -	1,275.00	29.50
Now out remaining supplies of school book-		
store which had been under separate financial	3,900.00	91.00
control		
	<u>172,801.15</u>	<u>3,974.77</u>

Submitted by

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INFORMATION ABOUT MISSIONARIES GOING TO THE FIELD.

1. Full name and date of birth. *Harry Peter Anker. Oct. 13, 1888.*
2. Nationality. *American.*
3. Date of formal application.....
4. Date of first departure from home to engage in our work. *Aug. 29, 1916.*
5. Date of first arrival on the mission field. *Dec. 29, 1916.*
6. Date recognized as a missionary if appointed on the field. *Dec. 19, 1915. Nashville.*
7. Testimonials from.....
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8. Conference relation.....
9. Medical Certificate approved by Board's Physician on.....
(Date)
10. Preference of field.....
11. Application presented to Committee by.....
12. Date application was accepted by Committee.....
13. Date appointed by Bishop.....
14. Date of Marriage. *Oct. 24, 1914.*
15. Wife's full name. *Eva Van Erden*
16. Wife's present address.....
17. Date of Wife's birth. *Sept. 4, 1888.*

Sturroughs. W. New York July 12, 1920. Lv. June 1, 1921.

18. Children's full names and date of birth respectively (and date of death, if any have died),.....

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19. Names and addresses of persons who are your representatives in the United States in family or business matters of yourself and wife:

(1) Family.....
(Self) (Wife)

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Mr. Peter A. Antker
South Holland
Post Co. Ill.
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(2) Business.....
(Self) (Wife)

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Same as above.
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20. Photograph of self and wife. *yes but they are taken from some magazine.*

REV. H.P. ANKER

Probably no missionary on any field is doing a more far-reaching piece of work than the Rev. H.P. Anker, who is director of the Trinity Bible School at Wembo Nysma station in the Congo Mission in central Africa. In this school are trained all the native evangelists who go out to preach the gospel to their own people. Between 65 and 100 students are enrolled in this school each year. More than 200 graduates from this Bible School are now at work in the different villages of the Congo.

Mr. Anker arrived in Africa in 1916, just two years after the opening of the Mission in February, 1914, by the late Bishop W.R. Lambuth. Mr. Anker entered at once upon evangelistic work, and of this made a marked success. But his greatest work has been done as director of the Bible School, where he trains the native Christians for evangelistic work.

Mr. Anker was born in South Holland, Illinois. He is a graduate of the public schools of his home community, and also of Hope College and of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. He also attended Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill. and Peabody College at Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Anker was admitted on trial in the Virginia Conference in 1915 and is still a member of this conference.

For Bureau
June 10, 1931

PERSONAL ITEM

"Lo-Pemba" with his wife and baby daughter has ^{recently} ~~just~~ paid a visit to Mission Board headquarters at Nashville. ~~May~~

"Lo-Pemba" is not an Indian brave or an African chieftain, but a Southern Methodist missionary, the Rev. H.P. Anker, who is known in the dialect of the Congo native as "Lo-Pemba", or "White Sand."

Mr. and Mrs. Anker and little daughter, Nellie Jane, left the Congo early in April, landing in New York about the last of May and came direct to Nashville, where they spent several days. Mr. Anker is enthusiastic about the progress of missionary work in the Methodist Episcopal Congo Mission, mentioning with especially the new leper colony where more than 500 ~~patients from leprosy~~ lepers, formerly outcasts, are being given medical care and religious training. Mr. Anker sees many encouraging signs in the recent extremely successful revivals that have been held on the various stations and in the fact that students, anxious to learn, are thronging the mission schools. During the past year 40,000 treatments were given in the mission dispensaries and more than 1800 natives were admitted into the Methodist hospitals. All these things, he declared, marked a distinct ~~marked~~ progress in our mission work.

Mr. Anker has rendered a fine service since he went to the field in 1916 as an evangelistic worker and director of the Congo Bible School. During the past year he served as Superintendent of the Congo Mission. Mr. Anker's home is in South Holland, Illinois.

FOR MISSIONARY VOICE
June 10, 1931

PERSONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Gaiyher P. Warfield, American citizen, is the way the former Miss Hanna Mari Dropiowski of Klarysew, Poland, will be able to sign herself upon the return to her native country the latter part of the present summer. During her year of furlough in America, Mrs. Warfield has taken steps to ~~xxxxxx~~ complete the requirements for American citizenship.

Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Anker

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Mr. Anker was born at South Holland, Ills. October 13, 1888. He is a graduate of the Public School, Thornton Township High School, Hope College and Vanderbilt University. Attended Northwestern University one year; Peabody College 1 term; has an A.D. degree from Hope College (1910) and a B.D. degree from Vanderbilt University Theological Department, (1914). Is a member of the Virginia Conference, having been admitted on trial into that Conference in 1915.

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Mrs. Anker was Miss Eva Van Erden. She was born at South Holland, Ills. Sept. 4, 1888. She is a graduate of the Public School; had training during 1914 in the Chicago Training School, and in the Woman's Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, during the spring of 1916.

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Mr. and Mrs. Anker have been in Africa since the winter of 1916, having left New York for Tembo-Niama in September of that year. They are doing a great work in this the newest Mission of the M.E. Church, South.



Personal Biography.-

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and Vanderbilt Univ. Attended North Western Univ. one yr : Peabody 1 term

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(1914)

Member of the Dutch Reformed until 1914
Membership transferred to McKendree Ch. Nashville 1914.
Admitted to Va. Conference on trial 1916.

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Miss Eva Van Erden. Born So. Holland, Ills. Sept 4/1888.

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Chicago Training School (Meth) 1 yr-1914.

Womans Hospital, Nashville Tenn. Spring of 1916.

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