



Heritage HORIZONS

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...a memorial book was written in His presence, recording those who revered Him
and those who had the highest respect for His name... Malachi 3:16

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HORIZON WORDS

Horizons are all around us. Houses across the street. Distant Fields. Prairie expanses. Panoramas from the

Empire State Building. The endless expanses of the ocean. From the 747 the immensity of the atmosphere. Or cosmic boundlessness engulfing the spaceship. Horizons limiting and limitless to the eyes.

Here is the faded red silk sash of the bride. How beautiful must have been his Beloved to A.E. Rauschenbusch, on their wedding day, two centuries ago. Napoleonic wars ravaged Europe. The years of Newtonian physics, Religious Awakening, of Beethoven, Darwin and Marx. Horizons limiting and limitless to the historians.

Within arm's reach lies Posner-Raichle's volume "Images of Mind", just published. Description of PET. Positron Emission Tomography. How neuroscientist investigate the brain's blood flow during sensory stimulation and its measurements. This involves child development and mental disorders. Horizons limiting and limitless to the scientist and to the Christian.

Horizons mean perspectives. Near depth perception. Bird's eye scan. It is like standing in some Dakota's straight railroad tracks which narrow-front and back- to vanishing points. Personal memory events merge by time intervals to mere points. Thought-trains may derail. Receding images blur

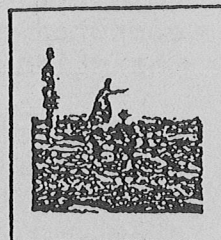
to dimming scenes. Proceeding mental images may shine in hope or fray with anxiety and fear.

Perspectives: Physical, historical, mental, "mindal", spiritual, ethical. The WORD, described by Scripture words. is much more than persuasive... he said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart" and interpreted to them in all Scriptures the things concerning himself..."as were the days of Noah so will be the coming of the Son of Man..." and "...the King will say to those at his right hand, 'O blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom...to those at his left hand, depart from me, you cursed...into the eternal fire...".

Now the personal, ultimate horizon perspective: "...DO YOU LOVE ME...?" Inspired Scripture. Revealed Truth. Recorded, visible, readable Horizon Perspectives. Limitless. Almost innumerable. Very many of them preserved, guarded and waiting to instruct and to enjoy, even in our N.A.B.

Heritage Commission.

George A. Dunger



FROM MISSIONARY TO RESEARCHER:



Retirement to many people has meant drastic changes of life-style and adjustments. I want you to know God has been very good to me. Before I returned to the USA from my last tour of service in Cameroon I was asked by Dr. G.A. Dunger if I would

consider helping him in the North American Baptist Heritage Commission, in Sioux Falls. My answer was a quick YES and I have not regretted that yes.

My life has been filled with reasons to thank God for placing me in this satisfying position and I rejoice in the challenges and blessings that God permits me to have each day as I learn more of YOUR HISTORY.

Your inquiries have come from Texas, Iowa, New York City, S. Carolina, Tennessee, S. Dakota and Canada. Some of you are already known to me or are a relative of someone I know who is/was an NABC leader or pastor.

Our rich NABC Heritage continues to amaze me when I can add a bit more to our store of historical facts. Putting those historical facts into a system that will be helpful for easier research is one of the things I would like to have happen. In preparation I have come back to the USA to learn to read German, operate a computer and take a course in Christian Heritage.

I have seen the computer at work in a number of places and must say that it is really an asset. For that reason I would like to see one in use in Your Heritage Commission Office. It would save so very many hours of work in searching for information.

A scanner along with the computer would save wear and tear on the old, fragile, oversized, Sendboten which we have to put upside down on a photocopier when we want to send you a copy of an article or obituary. I

regret having to help destroy old documents that could be preserved better by a scanner or a Microfilm Reader with the ability to make copies. You see we already have the material on Microfilm but the machines are too costly for our budget.



Berneice Westerman
Assistant archivist



HISTORIC EVENT

As the construction of the Worship and Leadership Centre of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S.D. neared its completion a significant symbolic event highlighted building activities. It was the raising-installation of the cross on top of the pyramidal roof structure, dedicated by Seminary officers and witnessed by many friends of the seminary.



CHURCHES WITH 100 OR MORE YEARS TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR:

Ridgewood, NY	140
Immanuel Kankakee, IL	130
Applington, IA	120
Grace, Racine, WI	120
Hillcrest, Highland Hgts, OH	110
Ripley Blvd, Alpena, MI	110
First, Leduc, AB, Canada	100
Immanuel, Woodside, NY	100
First, Valley City, ND	100
Hillcrest, Sultan, WA	100
Grace, Sheffield, Iowa	100

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Please note that our membership year is considered to begin in June and end in May of each year. Lifetime members, Patrons and Sponsors do not



need to be concerned. Regulars, Senior Citizens and Students need to renew now to stay current with both events and "tasty" tid-bits of our N.A.B. HERITAGE and the excitement of new HORIZONS.

PERSONALITIES

Dr. Dunger, Berneice Westerman and other members of our Heritage Commission officers and representatives look forward to see quite a number of attenders and participants at the Triennial Conference, Dallas, Texas, this summer. We anticipate having a booth for displaying interesting things and opportunity for meeting Heritage-interested folk. Will you be there?

NEW MEMBERS

SINCE LAST ISSUE

44. Ernie Zimbelmann
45. Dorothy Zimbelmann
46. Kenneth L. Fischer
47. Rubin Kern
48. Adolph Braun
49. John Binder
50. Barbara Binder
51. Harold Weiss
52. Frank Veninga
53. David Priestley
54. Gilbert Schneider
55. Leo Gross



RESEARCHING:

For Palmer Graf we were able to find articles and information about his Father's Cameroon experience in Der Sendbote. We are sad to report that Palmer died of throat cancer in December 1993.

We would be grateful if you are able to help us find the death date of Rev. John Eschmann who opened one of our first churches in New York City in 1846. He also served in Racine, WI for a few years.

In 1913-14 The German Baptists had a hospital in Aberdeen, SD. Do you know if that same building is standing today and if so what is it being used for? Who may have records of this institution?



NEEDS

Urgent: New International Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged, W.A. Nelson, ed. G.+ C. Merriam Company Publishers; Springfield, Mass., U.S.A. ca 2000 pp. (Does somebody have a "spare" copy? If donated we could add our 1956 edition to the "historical collection", ahem.)



We are looking for two celluloid collars which the men wore around 1908. We have the "Gross Rock" and the "Cutaway" suits on display. The collarless shirts, celluloid collars along with a couple of bow ties of that era would add the extra attractiveness. Let us know if you can help.

Any Triennial pictures you have of the 1st through the 14th would help us to complete that archival gap.

WORKSHOP for officers and Representatives:

You are invited to participate in a one hour workshop for archival, historical book collection and museum concerns to be held at the Triennial Conference, Dallas, Texas. Date and hour will be given by letter.

PRICED AND PRIZED

Recent addition is the BAPTIST ENCYCLOPEDIA, a Dictionary of the Doctrines, Ordinances, Usages, Confessions of Faith, Sufferings, Labors, and Successes, and of the General History of the Baptist Denomination in all Lands with numerous biographical sketches of distinguished American and foreign Baptists, etc. edited by William Cathcart, D.D., with many illustrations; Philadelphia, Louis H. Everts; 1881. Here is a "thought morsel": My Country 'tis of thee was written by Dr. S.F. Smith; p 566, Vol. 1. Now we can help if you have a question.

SUGGESTIONS:

CARING

FOR YOUR PICTURES

1. Store them in acid-free file folders in metal files or in acid-free boxes-never in wooden boxes. Glues, tapes and rubber cement are harmful.
2. Mylar is a safe product to use for album pages and pockets.
3. Do not display pictures in direct sunlight for a long period of time.

CORRECTION!

In our Nov. 1993 issue we made an error. We said the Dallas, Ore. Church opened in 1869. THAT WAS WRONG! It opened in 1896. We are glad you told us. bvW

Retrospect and Prospect

We know of course what that means. Quite a few people do not use the word "retrospect" anymore. They prefer to use the clause "extrapolating the past" which means much more

than "looking back". Why not extracting hidden features of the past which the descriptive historian does not see? Those features now made known help to interpret the present more realistically. More, they help to project plans more realistically. Ah! Market potentials. Target: Economic advantages. Ultimately: Socio-cultural controls.

We just completed our first year of publishing "Heritage Horizons". It has been a good year for it and our N.A.B. Heritage Commission. We believe our members and friends have succeeded in practicing what we preach, "Appreciate the Past, Activate the Present, Anticipate the Future".

Now we begin the second year of issuing the Heritage Horizons. This means "forward extrapolation". Meaning what? It means faith in action. The horizon is there. We know the immediate steps to get there. There are some valleys with hidden features. Some of them anticipated in faith. Not in visible terms. Not market targets but the victory of Christ in and through faith! For that we ask not for help. We challenge you to active participation, walking, running with us as Heritage Practitioners. Our NAB Heritage Commission is: ACCESS TO THE PAST MEANS PATH TO THE FUTURE.

G.A.D.



WORDS OF WISDOM

Cope With History Before It Happens...