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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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Point of View *by Lenore Lang*

It is an exciting surprise to see the new stained-glass window near the east entrance of the Education Building at the NAB Seminary. Read the story below on this page.

Life-endings are sad for those "on this side", but glory-filled for those who have gone on ahead of us. Two stories of lives well lived, pages 2, 3.

There is news about the book, Heroes of the Faith. See page two.

Associate Archivist Berneice Westerman gives us a glimpse into her recent Armchair Travels. See page four.

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"By His death and sacrifice, In His eternal plan,

Our Lord and Savior is in truth The bridge from God to man."

Charis I. Neilson,
Baptist Herald
June 16, 1955

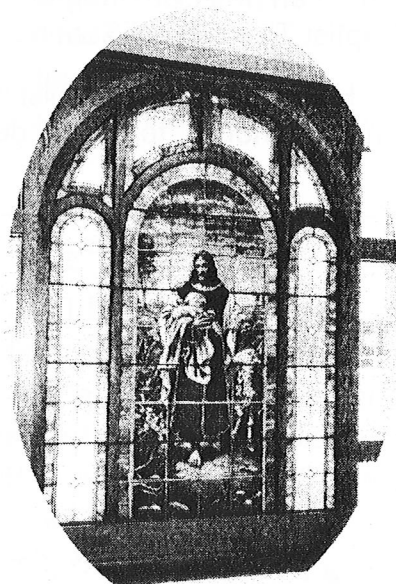
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STAINED GLASS WINDOW DISPLAY

Due to the ongoing efforts of many people, we now have installed at the North American Baptist Seminary the beautiful window shown below. The display is to honor pastors who have served in town and country churches.

Dr. Ernie Zimbelman has been instrumental in obtaining this picture and four other smaller stained glass windows which will be installed soon in the North American Baptist Seminary's chapel.

We are grateful to all who have made these lovely additions possible. They are inspirational for all who view them. The full story will be told in future issues.



A LIFE WELL-LIVED: Helga Bender Henry

Born to life: May 30, 1915; Born to
Eternal Life November 1, 2004.

Those words were printed in the obituary of the funeral service for Helga Bender Henry, held on November 6, 2004 in Watertown, Wisconsin. The words emphasize the wonder of a life well-lived, with an ending that is a beginning in the truest sense of the word. Last month we received word of the home-going of this dear sister in the Lord.

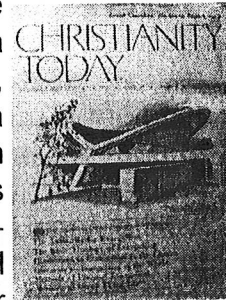
In our March 2000 issue of Heritage Horizons we carried information about Mrs. Henry's book, Cameroon on a Clear Day, published in 1999.

Mrs. Henry was an educator and author who was born in Cameroon, West Africa to pioneer missionary parents. She came to the United States after World War I when her parents were on furlough in Watertown, Wisconsin. Her father served as pastor of First Baptist Church there and Helga attended Douglas School until the family moved to Chicago. She returned to Watertown for her senior year of high school and later earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from Wheaton College in Illinois plus an M.R.E. degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Her list of accomplishments is long and illustrious: teacher, dean of women,

librarian, instructor in German, a member of Eastern Baptist Seminary's board, author and educator. On August 17, 1940 she married Carl F.H. Henry, a New York newspaperman whom she met at Wheaton College. They had two children, Paul B. Henry, a congressman from Michigan elected for five terms until his death in 1993, and daughter Carol Henry Bates of Columbia, South Carolina.

After many years in education, Helga Henry with her husband moved to Arlington, Virginia, where he was founding editor of a new evangelical magazine, Christianity Today. Helga worked with him as an editorial assistant on this very important and influential magazine. Dr. Carl Henry died in December 2003, at which time they had been living again in Watertown. Mrs. Henry was one of the early life-time members of our Heritage Commission.



Surviving family members include daughter Carol, son-in-law William H. Bates, daughter-in-law Karen Henry Stokes, two grand-daughters Kara and Megan Henry, two grandsons, Jordan Henry and Stephen Bates and a great-grandson, Jonah Henry. A good legacy of a life well-lived.

In case you are wondering:



We have received word from Reverend Clarence Walth and his wife, Dorene, that now in February they have in their hands for shipping, the book Heroes of the Faith. They apologize for the long delay in getting the order; there were unforeseen circumstances that prevented an earlier release. However, they are excited about this book and are trusting God for His promise to honor the Christian legacies of those who have gone before: "Behold, I have written your name on the palms of my hands. I will not forget you." (Isaiah 49:16) Cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.50 for postage. If ten copies are ordered the cost is \$45 plus postage. Tel= 916-965-6900 or e-mail: clarenceanddorene@hotmail.com. The Lord willing, and if there is a market for this first one, they hope to edit a second book, More Heroes of the Faith, starting the process in July 2005. We will keep you posted. YOU can help write that volume.





Homegoing of Rev. Fred Pahl

We have received news from Mrs. Viola Pahl that her husband, Fred, had been ill since before Christmas, and went to be with the Lord on January 20, 2005. Remaining behind are his wife of 58 years, his son Gerhart who is married to Penny, and they have four sons, Christopher, Wesley, Lionel and Neil, all of whom live in Richmond, BC. Fred and Viola's daughter Susan has been living in Canada after teaching in Japan, China, Australia, and Thailand. It was always a happy thought for Fred that if something should happen to him, Susan would be there to help Viola.

Fred himself was born in Bessarabia, part of Roumania, in 1921. When he was six, his parents came to Canada (in 1927) and farmed in Alberta. Ten years later, in 1937, the family relocated to Chilliwack, British Columbia, where they had a dairy farm. Out of eleven children seven lived to adulthood: Fred and 2 brothers, and four sisters. The parents had a strong faith in the Lord, and the whole family faithfully attended Sunday School and church.

Fred acquired a steam engineer's certificate and worked at various jobs in Vancouver and at Texada Island. At one place of work he met a very attractive young lady named Viola Larsen who invited Fred to attend her youth group and church where he made a life-long commitment to the Lord for ministry either as a missionary or pastor. Viola shared this call in her own life and such similar life's goals and dreams led to their marriage on May 4, 1946.

They went off together to Prairie Bible College and in due time were accepted as missionary candidates to China. However, Viola contracted polio which left her a paraplegic, able to use crutches but needing the use of a wheelchair. Fred became her loyal caregiver, accepting her disability with love, devotion and loyalty, and with him beside her, Viola authored a number of books, including her first which has become a classic: Through the Iron Lung, first published in May 1954. Others include Granny books and Gold in Life's Hourglass. For other information, see their website for pictures and articles about Fred: www.pahl.ca/fredandviola.

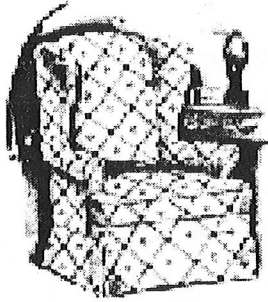
Throughout the years, Fred served in several different vocations, the main one as a pastor, ordained under the NAB (former German Baptist) Conference, and in fact at his first two churches, many of the services and prayer meetings were conducted in the German language. He was known in his churches for being a beloved "people" pastor, doing extensive home visitation.

Ray DeNeui went home to be with the Lord on October 27, 2004 after a car accident on October 16th left him with injuries from which he could not recover. His wife, Edith Schroeder DeNeui, preceded him to Heaven on July 2nd, 2003 after a courageous five-year battle with cancer. Both Ray and Edith were faithful members of the Heritage Commission and staunch supporters of the Lord's work in many areas of NAB church life. Further information in our next issue.



THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER

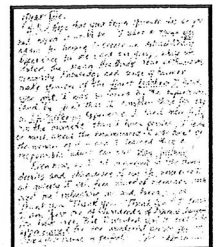
by Associate Archivist Berneice Westerman



- ♦ One stained glass window from Cathay, ND is now beautifully encased in oak trim in an appropriate area in the North American Baptist Seminary building. Come and see it. Hopefully, by commencement time we will have four sets from the same church in place in the Seminary Chapel.
- ♦ August Steffens went out to Cameroon early in 1892, and by July 1893 he died. During that year and a half of missionary work, almost every month he wrote a letter that was published in the Conference paper of that day, Der Sendbote. (You will learn more about August and his wife,

Anna, when John Siewert and Daphne Dunger have their book published.)

- ♦ For those who remember Reverend and Mrs. Fred Pahl, Fred went home to glory. Viola, his wife, his children Susan and Gerhard and the grandchildren will miss Fred a lot. He was a faithful caregiver. How often we forget how valuable caregivers are.
- ♦ Translators are working for us in Canada, Germany, and the USA. All of us will be able to benefit from their efforts. We have eight who have worked as volunteers in projects that include the NAB History, August Steffen's letters and other Cameroon historical material. At this time work is progressing on the early work in Iowa among the Oestfriesland people. Reverend Dallman's book has been translated. This German book was printed in Emery, SD.
- ♦ The Ellinwood, Kansas church has done a superb job of producing an Anniversary book! Now the Abilene, Kansas church is planning for its own anniversary. If *your* church has had a new anniversary book published recently, we would be most pleased to include it in your church file, so that when people ask about your church we have the evidence of how God is at work in your lives.
- ♦ Dr. Gideon Zimmerman has agreed to look over the translation of Reverence G.A. Schulte's book, Eirungirun, translated by Professor Donald Madvig. We are very glad that those who know German are willing to make this knowledge available for translation purposes.
- ♦ My traveling research armchair has reached Cameroon, Germany, and Canada to find events and facts about churches, people, and mission work.
- ♦ Thank you for those annual letters that keep us informed about what your family is doing. I plan to put all those I receive into your Heritage File so others who ask can be informed about your ministry. If you still have some extra copies of former years, send them to me. When people ask about you, I would like to give them "first hand information."



Editor's Note: We have learned that the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin celebrated its 150th Anniversary on December 5, 2004, with Dr. Phil Yntema as guest speaker. As further information becomes available, we will tell you about it in the next issue. What a marvelous Milestone! We appreciate these "news tips" sent to us.