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Heritage Horizons

...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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Heritage Sunday was celebrated in Texas last year! And LaVerna Mehlhaff has written some inspiring notes about a church that celebrated its 50th Anniversary. See page 2 for these stories.

We have a surprise for you on page 3. Don't miss it. Our very active Archivist Berneice Westerman shares some good thoughts from her Armchair. Page 4.

Live near to God,
and all things will
appear little to you in
comparison to eternal
realities.

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BOOKS — BOOKS — BOOKS!

"Delightful!" That is what people **may** be saying when they see the Heritage Commission display table at the Triennial Sessions in Estes Park, Colorado in July this year.

In addition to a Power Point Presentation for viewing there, there will be opportunity to purchase three new books written or edited by NABers! One of these is a translation from the German of Rev. Schulte's book, Memories. With this issue of Horizons we are enclosing an insert about this book. **Read all about it!**

Rev. Clarence and Dorene Walth have worked hard to produce a second volume of Heroes of the Faith which will be available for purchase. If you have been inspired by the first volume, you won't want to miss this second one.

Rev. Bert Itterman has written down stories he has been telling to his grandchildren, (a wonderful idea for other grandparents out there, by the way) and he calls his book, Growing Up With Grandpa. Copies will be at the Heritage booth at July's Triennial.

Geraldine Glasenapp has written some good Cameroon stories and a few of these will be available for those who are interested!

HERITAGE SUNDAY CELEBRATED

by Mrs. Nellie Rivers, Historian



Anderson Road Baptist Church of Houston, Texas celebrated Heritage Sunday on July 3, 2005 with spiritual and historical events that will long be remembered. We relived the past with thanksgiving and looked forward to the future with great anticipation.

Important events in the life of the church were noted. Displays of writings, copied documents, pictures, and compiled books were available for viewing. The church was decorated with patriotic colors. Members wore red, white, or blue attire.

Pastor Klingenberg delivered the message, "God Bless America," followed by the hymn, "When My People Pray" — all thought-provoking and befitting the occasion. Special recognition was given to Bertha Bledsoe, the longest active member of the church. She became a member in 1970 and has remained faithful and dedicated. Patrick Stroud, baptized at a very young age in 1973 was also given recognition. He has remained a faithful, active member and presently serves a church treasurer.

After our morning service, members and friends dined on Americana food: barbeque, fried chicken, apple pie, watermelon, and other goodies.

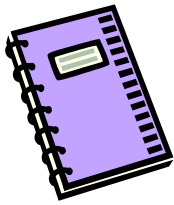
Dinner was followed by the showing of films of church events through the years. There was much laughter and many discussions as members recalled, identified, and compared today with the past. Our Heritage Day ended with a brief message by Pastor Klingenberg, the singing of hymns and the Lord's Supper. This blessed day became a part of our heritage, worthy of remembrance. To God be the Glory.



PARMA HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH Notes: By LaVerna Mehlhaff

(Editor's note: This church was begun in 1955 and the 50th anniversary celebration was held on May 1, 2005.) "Parma Heights Baptist Church finds its roots in what God first did with a group of committed believers at Erin Avenue Baptist Church which had invited Rev. Edwin Miller to accept the pastorate. Pastor Miller challenged the church with the vision of an outreach ministry. People began to wake up; attendance increased and the leaders began to pray about a church plant in the Parma area.

"At the same time the Lord began to bring in European displaced persons (DPs) from WW II. Eighty such individuals were sponsored by the church. These believers had a firm meaningful effect on the congregation. Due to the war, they had lost everything. They had drawn close to God through the time they had walked in the deep valleys. (continued on page 4)



TRIVIA: MATCH THE PHRASES !

By Rev. Bert Itterman

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| 1. The North American Baptist Conference known for many years as the German Baptist Conference, made the name change..... | A. decided to hold Revival Meetings in December starting with the First Full Moon. |
| 2. For a number of years, NAB Churches in the US and Canada..... | B. with the financial benefits of OIL WELLS. |
| 3. The First Baptist Church, George, IA, on Nov. 3, 1915..... | C. in part, due to events of WW II. |
| 4. The Christian Training Institute (CTI) at Edmonton, Canada began the initial funding to build the school | D. owned a large tent, that was shipped to churches in different areas of the country, to allow for Conference meetings and large gatherings. |
| 5. The decision to move the Seminary from Rochester, NY to Sioux Falls, SD was made.... | E. used hymn books in which the lyrics were printed in the German and English language and sung simultaneously. |
| 6. The Seminary (NABS) for many years, used as a recruiting tool the ministry of..... | F. directs the business of the Heritage Commission. |
| 7. For many years, ladies felt compelled to wear hats in church, (some very large and ornate) | G. with insurance funds (\$1,000.00) due to the accidental death of the son of EP Wahl. |
| 8. There were many years, when the NAB Conference (1940s—1950s) | H. entered “full-time Christian ministries” (Pastor, Missionary, Teachers, Ministers’ wife, etc.) |
| 9. Records show, that more than 50 young people from the Springside Baptist Church in Canada (combined with West Ebenezer) since its origination in 1934..... | I. male quartets that visited and sang concerts in NAB churches throughout Canada & USA. |
| 10. NAB Churches in Kansas and Alberta have enjoyed help from nature..... | J. hosted the first Northwestern Conference. |
| | K. motivated by the teaching and interpretation of I Corinthians 11:1-16. |

Please send your entry to NAB Heritage Commission, 1525 So. Grange Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105, Attention: **The Editor**. A book prize will be awarded for the first three correct answers received (earliest postmarks or e-mail date.) Correct answers will be supplied in the next issue of the Horizons. NOTE: We welcome unusual facts and helpful comments from readers, for future use.



THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER

by Archivist Berneice Westerman



I would like to express my gratitude to the **men** for helping the women of our NAB Conference get started. It was a **man** who suggested that the **women** organize into a National group! Just recently I have discovered that at least two of our women's groups — Steamboat Rock, Iowa and Morris, Manitoba, Canada — had willing men help them learn to keep records.

One of our researchers asked about getting Cook Books for the area in which her grandparents lived, so I am passing that request on to those of you who have Church Cook Books to share. We have a small collection started already, but this particular researcher would like to have the ones from Iowa. Many of you have put Church Histories and names of your ladies groups into these Cook Books. These histories and names can be very helpful to us at the Heritage Commission!

Grace Elke and LaVerna Mehlhaff are doing research for a book that we hope will give an overall picture of the history of our Ladies Groups throughout Canada and the USA. Because of this I am requesting that you "Don't throw it away!" and "Ask us first!" when you find that your grandparents have kept such things as Der Perlen, Der Rundfunk, The Broadcast, Der Sendbote, and other German material that informs us of our Conference. Please: **Send these items to us!** The first three are publications that our women produced, and the last one is the Newspaper that was published, as the Baptist Herald was later. Then— write your own ladies' history to include in our book!

The Ladies of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, SD have produced a History Book of their group. Each year has a page that tells who the officers were, and a list of the members as well as the things they accomplished that year. They have agreed that I can share a copy of one of their pages with those who ask. E-mail requests can be sent by attachment to NABARCHIVES@nabs.edu, **Attention: Bee Westerman.**

(continued from page 2) "They realized that God was their strength and that He alone would take care of them. They had learned to know God in a way that many of us had not known Him. As soon as they entered the sanctuary, they bowed their heads in prayer: they were there to worship. An early Sunday morning German service was held in the lower auditorium, with Pastor W. J. Luebeck. To our amazement, the German people would also attend the English service in the sanctuary!

"The youth had high standards and lived what they believed. One family gave so much financially, that the pastor felt they gave too much, as they were in the beginning stages of getting established. They replied that during the war in Germany they had purchased, furnished, and **lost** three homes. They had learned that only what was given to God would last."



More **Parma Heights** notes in the next Horizons.