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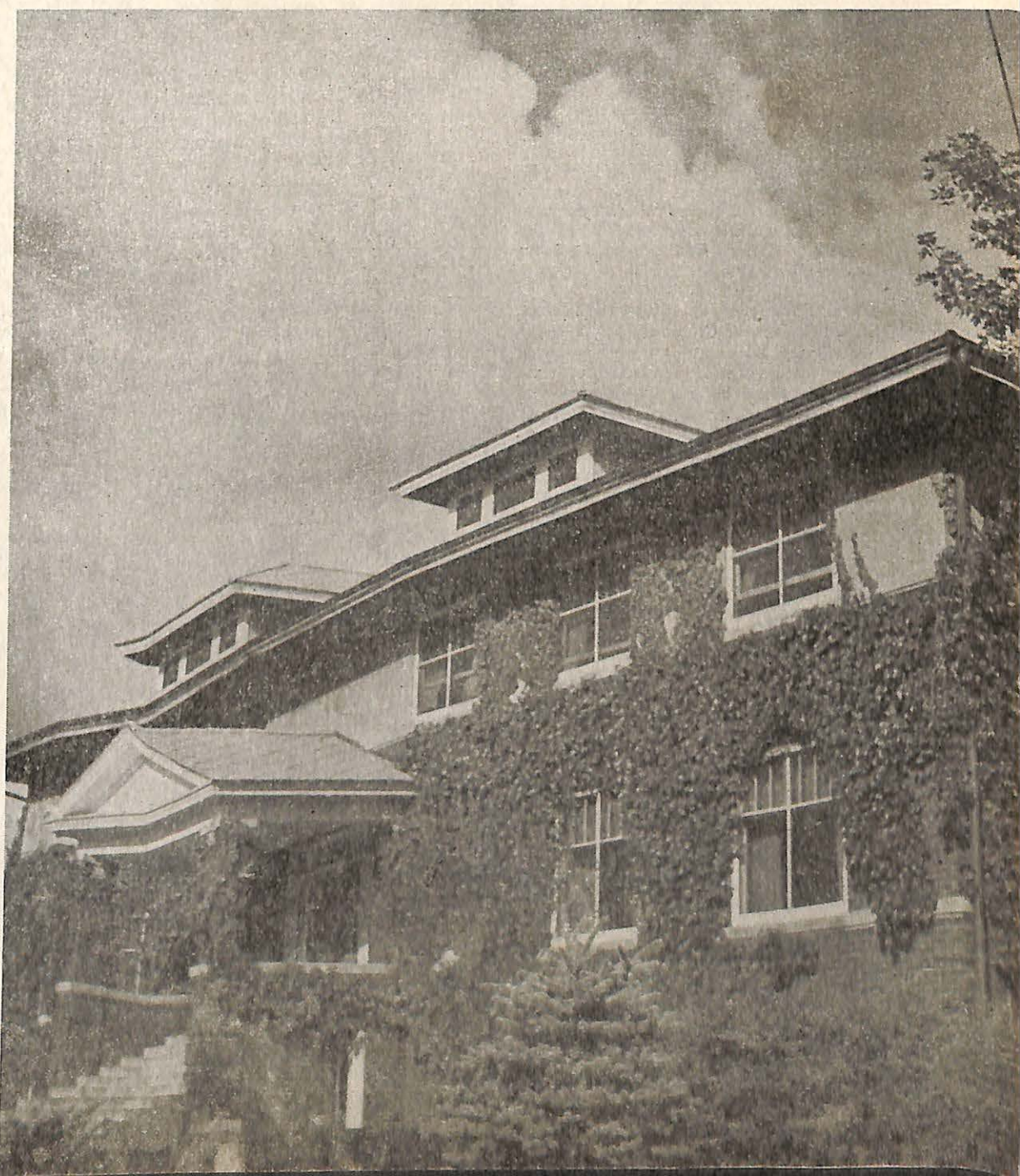
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**Children's
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**Graceful Clouds
Over the Children's
Home in St. Joseph,
Michigan**

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What's Happening

The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been called by the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, at a business meeting held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 20. Mr. Bernadt has responded favorably to the call and will begin his ministry in Burlington on April 1, 1928. He has served the Second Church of Brooklyn with much success in an aggressive program of leadership since 1932. At Burlington he will succeed the Rev. Charles F. Zummach, who resigned late in 1936. The Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., has been serving as interim pastor since the beginning of the year.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 7, the Rev. L. Giddings, pastor of the Englewood Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., baptized five persons on confession of their faith in Christ and received these and three others by letter into the fellowship of the church at the communion service that followed. Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., was the guest speaker at the service, after having addressed the congregation of the Oak Park Church at the morning service.

On Sunday, Oct. 31, the Walnut Street Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, celebrated its 80th anniversary with a special program of musical numbers, brief messages by representatives and the pastor of the church, the Rev. P. C. A. Menard, and anniversary addresses at the morning and evening services by the Rev. William Kuhn, D.D., of Chicago, Ill. Many members and friends of the church were in attendance.

The Harvest and Mission Festival program was held by the Emmanuel Church near Loyal, Okla., on Sunday evening, Oct. 31, before a large and deeply interested congregation. The program was arranged by the superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Sam Geis, and the teachers of the various classes. The pastor of the church, the Rev. R. A. Klein, brought an inspirational address, illustrating the various missionary projects of the denomination. The mission offering was \$21. Under the leadership of the B. Y. P. U. president, Mr. Rufus Vilhauer, the young people are taking an active part in the services of the church. The Juniors are doing exceptionally good work under the leadership of Mrs. Harry Lorenz. The young women of the church meet every first Thursday evening of the month for devotion and Bible study with Miss Leora Reiswig as their president and Mrs. R. A. Klein as sponsor.

The German Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., held evangelistic services from Oct. 18 to 31 with the Rev. Arthur Ittermann of Cathay bringing the special messages. According to the report of the pastor, the Rev. R. Sigmund, "there were several young converts and many others who reconsecrated their lives to Christ."

A month of evangelistic services were concluded on Friday, Nov. 5, in the Temvik Church near Linton, N. Dak., of which the Rev. Frederick Alf is the minister. The Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon S. Dak. served as evangelist for three weeks followed by the pastor of the local church. There were 30 persons who confessed their faith in Christ, besides many others who reconsecrated their lives anew to Christ. A new spirit of zeal for the Master has taken hold of the church. Instead of the monthly B. Y. P. U. meeting, a young people's service will be held every Sunday.

Miss Ruth Bretschneider, a daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y., and the Rev. Adolf E. Kannwischer, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., were married on Saturday, Nov. 20, in the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y. The ceremony was performed before a large congregation of many friends by the father of the bride, Prof. A. Bretschneider, the dean of our German Baptist Seminary. After a brief honeymoon trip, Mr. and Mrs. Kannwischer will take up their residence in Brooklyn.

The Mt. Zion Church, near Junction City, Kans., held an institute of "Sunday School Evangelism" from Nov. 8 to 20. The Rev. J. H. Kornelsen of Vesper assisted the pastor of the local church, the Rev. Thomas Lutz. Teacher training classes were conducted every evening throughout the two weeks, preceded by a worship service for young people and children. During these days the community was canvassed for Sunday School prospects, the school was departmentalized for more efficient service, and the record system was instituted. The results of this unusual program were very encouraging.

The Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D.D., general missionary secretary of the denomination, preached at the Homecoming Day services in the First German Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., on Sunday, Nov. 7. On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, he preached in the church at Aplington, Iowa, in the morning and served the nearby Parkersburg Church in the

evening. On Sunday, Nov. 28, he was the guest speaker at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., on the occasion of the dedication of its new church building. On Thursday evening, Dec. 9, he will be the speaker at an inspirational youth rally of the Detroit Five Church Union to be held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit.

The Golden Jubilee of the North Avenue Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., was held from Sunday, Nov. 7, to Tuesday, Nov. 9, with the pastor, the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner in charge and many members and friends of the church in attendance. The anniversary sermon on Sunday morning was brought by the former pastor, the Rev. Louis B. Holzer of Pittsburgh, Pa., on the subject, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." On Sunday evening a dramatization entitled, "Father Time's Chronicles," was presented by a cast of 100 people before a large Union service of the three Milwaukee German Baptist churches. At the denominational and community program on Monday evening, Prof. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, brought the address on the subject, "Whence Come? Whither Bound?" The banquet on Tuesday evening, Nov. 9, was limited to the members of the Church and was in the nature of a gala climax to the happy and inspiring days.

Mr. Andrew Klaiber, a guest of the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., since 1923, passed away in his 92nd year on Nov. 8. He had been a member of the Fleischmann Memorial Church for many decades, serving as deacon for a long time and later being elected deacon emeritus. He was widely known in Philadelphia and the Atlantic Conference for his earnest and persuasive preaching. Many people
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Guest Editorial

By REV. HANS STEIGER, Superintendent of our Children's Home

QUITE a number of celebrations take place at our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan, throughout the year. If any member of our family celebrates his birthday, we all take part in it. Christmas at Our Children's Home If the St. Joe High School team beats the Benton Harbor team at the traditional football game, we do not fail to celebrate. On national holidays, such as the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving Day, we also indulge in appropriate celebrations. The red-letter day of the whole list, however, is Christmas!

Of course, this day requires extensive preparation, but Santa Claus always finds quite a number of willing helpers. Sunday Schools, societies and many friends of our Home ask in advance for suggestions as to how they can help to prepare a joyous Christmas for the children. All such offers of help are most willingly answered. The emissaries of "Santa"—the Parcel Post and the Railway Express—arrive days ahead of time with boxes and packages. These are then stowed away in "Santa's" secret workshop in the Home where we, as his assistants, record each gift and store it in its proper place to make sure that each gift is at once acknowledged.

Our celebration in the Home takes place at four o'clock on Christmas Day. We gather as a big family in the parlor for a short worship period, comprised of the singing of Christmas carols, the reading of the Christmas story, and a short talk and prayer by "Pa." The president of our board, the chairman of our local committee, and parents of some of our children usually attend. Present also are a number of young men and women who in former years have "graduated" from our Home and who are now our "alumni."

After this short impressive service, the children joyfully depart for the dining room where each member of the family finds at his place at the table the things "Santa" has provided for him. We can find no words adequate to describe the happiness of the children as they open their nicely-wrapped packages eager to discover what secrets each one contains. Such a scene certainly presents a colorful picture, for soon the tables and chairs are covered with all the gifts which the boys and girls have received from their many loving friends. There are articles of clothing, books, things suitable for our older children, and toys which the little ones especially enjoy.

Before the children are dismissed from the parlor, they are told carefully to save the names and addresses of the donors, so that they, too, might send a personal expression of thanks. For we are apprehensive that in the excitement of the opening of presents these slips or cards might get lost. To as many addresses as are saved a card bearing the picture of the Home is sent.

After the festivities are over, one or another of our children may be found sitting in a quiet corner lost in thought. Being asked about what he is thinking so earnestly, he answers: "I am truly happy, alright, but I was just thinking of the Christmas I used to celebrate at my home with my parents when they were still living. I didn't get as many gifts as I did today, but I still had my loving parents. It is of them that I am thinking now." It is true that, although here at the Home we as a denomination may take care of our children according to the will of our Heavenly Father, we are not able to replace what they once so much loved—and lost . . . their parents and their own homes.

Fifteen Years at the Children's Home

By Mr. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of "The Baptist Herald"

ON Thanksgiving Day, just fifteen years ago, a young man and his wife arrived at St. Joseph, Michigan, to assume charge of our Children's Home as its superintendent and matron. With fear and trembling they made their appearance at its front door. As a prominent minister of one of our churches expressed it: "Half of the denomination shook their heads over their election." For the Rev. and Mrs. Hans Steiger without any children of their own were going to try to be father and mother to a family of forty children!



Rev. and Mrs. Hans Steiger,
Superintendent and Matron of the
St. Joseph Children's Home

Since that fateful Thanksgiving Day in 1922 a marvelous story of an angelic and adventurous ministry has been unravelled at the Children's Home. God's hand has been clearly perceptible in the events that led to their election at the General Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Steiger endeared themselves at once to the hearts of the Home's children, so that they have been lovingly known ever since as "Pa" and "Mom" Steiger. In the denomination at large they are intimately associated with the Children's Home in the minds of most of our church members. The fifteenth anniversary of their service at the Home deserves to be recognized with trumpets of love and cymbals of joy.

Young Steiger has to Support His Family

Mr. Steiger received his first training for his present ministry many years ago in Switzerland. As a lad of 17 years, carefree as the snow-crowned Alps which he always loved even though studying as a student in the Normal School of Kreuzlingen, life suddenly took on a more serious hue as word reached him of his father's death. He had to leave school and go home to help provide for the family of six brothers, all younger than himself, and his mother.

Work, work, work! For eleven hours each day he worked hard as a clerk in the office of a shoe factory, earning a little money for the support of the family. This lad was really taking the place of his father in providing food and clothes for the others. Little did he dream at that time that some day he would change the romantic Alps of Switzerland for the green carpeted knoll on the outskirts of St. Joseph, Michigan, as his home and that the family in his charge would multiply many times!

Religious Experiences and Seminary Training

"Little Hans," as he was called by his mother, was surrounded from his earliest days with a Christian atmosphere. His mother prayed at his birth that he might be a minister some day. In his early teens he attended the Sunday School and the services of the Methodist church at Weinfelden, which was one hour's walk from where he lived. But on Easter Sunday, in 1893, he was baptized in the Baptist Church of Bishofszell on confession of his faith in Christ.

After his student days at the Hamburg Seminary in Germany, from 1897 to 1901, events in his life moved rapidly. Outstanding religious personalities entered his life like flaming comets, inspiring his soul with their spiritual illumination. He was ordained into the gospel ministry by the elderly Herman Liebig, one of the leading Baptists of that day. From 1901 to 1905 he served the Dramburg church in Pomerania as its pastor. For four years thereafter he ministered to the "Baptist Church in Berlin—Weissensee" in Germany and took up studies at the University of Berlin. He spent the years from 1909 to 1912 at the German Baptist Church in Vienna, Austria.

Love Always Finds a Way

The account of his courtship and marriage reads like the beautiful story out of an exciting book of adventure tales. In Weinfelden, not far from his home town, Wigelingen, there lived a Keller family. Young Hans attended the same church services and soon became very friendly with one of the girls of this Keller family. These friendships became a little more serious for two of them, as they grew older. But Hans, even as he approached his twenty-first year, kept most of his personal admiration and love for the comely Keller daughter to himself. It was a major catastrophe for this lad when, in 1895, the Keller family moved to Davenport, Iowa, in far off America.

The four years spent at the seminary were very busy with studies, duties and work, but Hans Steiger could not forget his sweet Swiss

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friend. They exchanged letters, telling each other about the many things of news in the strange countries of Germany and America. Then the correspondence became a courtship, and the letters of love were carried faithfully by the trains and ships and postmen between these two young people, deeply in love with each other even though three thousand miles apart.

What a happy day was May 3, 1904, when these two young people were married in the Baptist Church of Dramburg, where Mr. Steiger was serving as minister in his first charge! The future Mrs. Steiger with exultant joy had made the long trip from the corn fields of Iowa to the little church in Germany to join her hands with those of her husband in the beginning of a notable service for God.

"God moves in mysterious ways
His wonders to perform!"

Mr. and Mrs. Steiger Go to America

The year 1910 proved to be a momentous one for this young couple. Mrs. Steiger's home in Iowa was rapidly being depleted. Her younger sister, Hulda, and the only child at home, had just announced her marriage to Mr. Harold Walton Smith. She had met him at the University of Iowa and was going with him after their marriage to the Baptist mission field at Burma, where her husband was to serve as principal of the mission high school at Mandalay. Mrs. Steiger was urged by her lonesome parents in Iowa to visit them. More than six years had gone by since she had left them. In true filial devotion she responded by going!

In the meantime, Mr. Steiger as pastor of a German Baptist church in Austria found himself at the center of much persecution. Everywhere he was accosted by political and religious authorities with the curt statement, "You're a foreigner!" It therefore seemed to be like a call from heaven when a letter came from the general missionary secretary of the German Baptist Churches of North America, the Rev. G. A. Schulte, inviting him to come to the United States and to serve as the pastor of the German Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Now, he and his wife had cast their lot with a new home and surroundings! For two years he served the Steamboat Rock church faithfully. From 1921 to 1922 he was pastor of the Englewood Church of Chicago, spending some time during those years as a special student at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Then began the adventure at the Children's Home which has become more glorious for him and his wife with every new day!

The Exemplary Order of the Home

As superintendent of our Children's Home, Mr. Steiger's first endeavor was to win the confidence of every child. The first concern of both Mr. and Mrs. Steiger has always been the winning of the child's friendship. They have helped to make

it a real "Home" as contrasted with some institutional orphanages.

A noticeable spirit of quiet order and friendly discipline controls the Home's activities. Mr. Steiger worked out a plan whereby every child has a certain amount of work to do according to his age and ability. As he said with striking emphasis: "We do not care so much that the children do a great deal of work as that what they do should be good!"

As a result of this program of work, the grounds of the Home have been transformed into a beautiful garden. A fence was put up all around the five acres of ground. Trees were planted, so that today the shade of maples, linden trees, poplars, weeping willows, spruce and evergreen shrubbery and the fruit of apple and cherry trees bring joy to the children's hearts. A rose garden alongside the building, flowerbeds around the Home, and neatly arranged vegetable gardens are the result of these ceaseless efforts for an attractive and useful Home.

The Splendid Facilities of the Building

In 1920, a fine addition to the former building was built, providing the necessary extra bedrooms for the maximum family at the Home of fifty persons, including the children and personnel. Many renovations and changes have been made during the past 15 years, so that the present Home is an up-to-date structure with the finest facilities for the normal development of boys and girls. In the large playroom downstairs there are lockers in which every boy keeps his belongings and clothes. The work-room is an interesting place, for here, as a result of the welcome gift of Mr. Christian Schmidt of Newark, N. J., in a workshop outfit, the boys work at their model airplanes, boats and houses. The commodious dining hall has the latest lighting fixtures and furnishings. The girls have their attractively decorated dormitory rooms with dressers for their belongings and clothes.

Since 1922 there have been 82 children who have entered the Home. The number of those who have been converted and baptized since that time is forty, which in itself is a glowing testimony to the religious atmosphere of the Home. Mr. Earl von Merwald, one of the alumni of the Home, is rendering a commendable work as the assistant of Mr. Steiger. He is also known widely as an accomplished pianist.

A Tribute to "Pa" and "Mom" Steiger

The denomination is justly proud of its superintendent and matron of the Children's Home, Mr. and Mrs. Steiger. Their fifteen years of service at the Home have been blessed of God with much success. They are still giving an unexcelled account of their stewardship. The future promises even greater things. Their many friends of our churches are united in their enthusiastic congratulations with this significant tribute to them: "You are the finest mother and father we could possibly have found with God's help for these homeless and orphaned children!"

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thought of him as a minister of the gospel, which he was as a layman witnessing to the power of God's saving grace. His great joy was to see his grandson preparing for the Christian ministry. The memorial service was conducted by the Philadelphia ministers in the chapel of the Home on Thursday, Nov. 11.

Mr. Harry Windisch of Philadelphia, Pa., a brother of Mr. Reuben Windisch, died suddenly after a brief illness on Sunday, Nov. 7. He was widely known in our denominational circles, even though his membership was in a Northern Baptist Church of Philadelphia. He had been in the service of the American Baptist Publication since early boyhood days, having served in more recent years as the director of the mail order department of the society. He was often in the pulpit of the German Baptist Churches of Philadelphia, and his ministry of word and life touched many persons with a beneficent spirit.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held a novel debate on Sunday evening, Oct. 10, on the subject: "Resolved that young people today are more religious than previous generations." The older young people upheld the affirmative of the question and the current younger generation defended their predecessors. The affirmative side won the debate. Mr. George Steinbronn is the president of the society.

The B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, held its annual banquet and installation of officers on Friday evening, Oct. 22 with 70 guests seated around the beautifully decorated tables. Mrs. Robert Scheel was in charge of the impressive installation service. The retiring president, Mr. Edgar Burke, expressed his appreciation for the co-operation of members during the past year. Mr. Leslie Kauffeldt, the new president, spoke briefly about the plans for the coming year. The Rev. Edgar W. Klatt of Killaloe was the guest speaker at the occasion. The Rev. A. E. Jaster is the pastor of the church.

The Rev. A. Kujath, pastor of the German Baptist Churches in Calgary and Craigmygle, Alberta, Canada, besides the Bethel Church nearby, has resigned his charge and accepted the call extended to him by the German Baptist Church of Regina, Saskatchewan, where he will succeed the Rev. John Kepl, now in Martin, N. Dak. Mr. Kujath will begin his service in the Regina Church on March 1, 1938.

The Donation Day program of the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., was held on Saturday, Oct. 23, in the chapel of the Home. The speakers

The Christmas Offering

The annual Christmas offerings of the Sunday Schools of our churches are designated for our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. For this reason the current issue of 'The Baptist Herald' has been designated for the Home with its marvelous ministry of love and service. EDITOR.

on the fine program were the Rev. John Schmidt of Union City, N. J., and the Rev. Martin Clough of Doylestown, Pa. The Rev. Samuel Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote," was a welcome visitor at the Home for the occasion. Mr. Reuben Windisch, president of the board, was in charge of the program. Meals were served to several hundred visitors in the dining room of the Home. The program in the evening was in charge of the Young Ladies' Auxiliary of the Home.

The German Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., held its annual mission festival on Sunday, Oct. 31, with large audiences at the services. The pastor of the church, the Rev. A. Stelter, wrote that "after receiving the blessing of the Sunday School and Young People's Convention held in our church from Oct. 8 to 10, all were greatly inspired to consecrate their lives for the cause of the Master who had done so much for us." The message brought by Mr. Stelter was on the great commission, "Ye shall be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8.) The offering amounted to \$156, of which one half was for missions and the other half will be used towards the enlargement of the church building.

On Thursday evening, Oct. 17, the B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church near Kyle, Texas, celebrated its 47th anniversary with an attractive program. Brief plays were brought by each department reading; were given by Miss Ruby Wiegand and Mr. Raymond Edinger and musical numbers were rendered by the church choir, a male chorus and a duet consisting of Iola Hill and Herbert Lengefeld. The pastor of the church, the Rev. C. H. Edinger, brought the message and installed the new officers, who are as follows: Herbert Lengefeld, president; Adolph Hill, vice-president; Al red Edinger, 2nd vice-president; Jewell Hill, secretary; Eleanor Hill, corresponding secretary; Adolph Hill, Intermediate Leader; Mrs. E. Hill, Intermediate Sponsor; Mrs. A. Schmeltkopf, Junior Leader; Lydia Alhaendt, Junior Sponsor; and Lenay Hill, "Baptist Herald" boster.

On Monday afternoon, Oct. 18, the Ministerial Association of New York City and vicinity met at the Walnut

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Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J. A fine group of 34 ministers and their wives attended this first meeting of the season. The Ministers' and the Persis groups conducted their separate business sessions, with the annual election of officers in each. Then the two groups met jointly to listen to the speaker, the Rev. Charles Koller of the Clinton Hill Church of Newark and president-elect of the Northern Baptist Seminary. Dr. Koller gave a most interesting address about his recent trip to Palestine, making the situation now existing in that land more real and better understood by all. The Rev. G. H. Schneck of Passaic, N. J., is president and the Rev. J. P. Kuehl of Newark, N. J., is secretary-treasurer of the association.

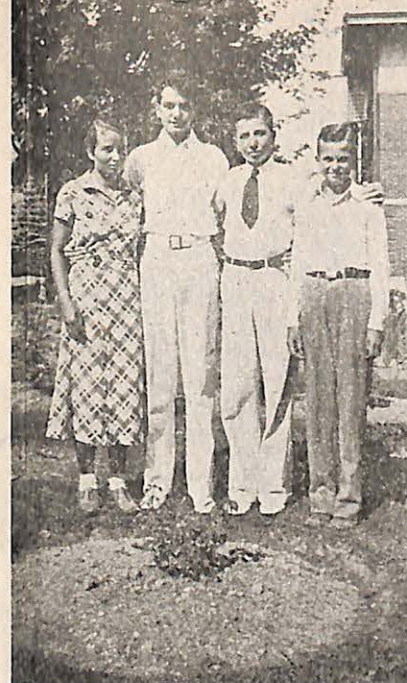
Miss Hannah L. Seils of North Freedom, Wis., quietly celebrated her 82nd birthday on Sunday, Nov. 28. Her many friends throughout the denomination wish her God's most bountiful blessings, especially during these days of her illness. Recently Miss Clara Schulte of Forest Park Ill., and Mrs. Lydia Kaaz of Chicago, Ill., spent a week-end in North Freedom visiting Miss Seils. They found her very cheerful and radiantly bright even though confined to her bed most of the time.

On Sunday, Nov. 7, the Rev. Gustav Schmidt, pastor of the West Baltimore Church of Baltimore, Md., had the joy of extending the hand of fellowship into church membership to 14 persons, 8 of whom had been baptized on that same evening by Mr. Schmidt. The congregation of more than 300 persons crowded the church auditorium to its utmost capacity. Dr. J. T. Watts, the Baptist secretary for Maryland, served as the guest speaker.

The Rev. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., who has served as the denomination's evangelist since Sept. 1, 1937, has responded favorably to the call extended to him by the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., to become its pastor. The challenge of the large field in the church which used to be the largest in the denomination was the compelling factor in the decision of Mr. Leypoldt to return to the pastorate after a brief but most commendable service as evangelist. He will begin his service as pastor in Portland shortly after Jan. 1, 1938.

The Rev. Emil Becker, minister of the Baptist Church in Washburn, N. Dak., was given a birthday surprise by the church on Thursday evening, Oct. 28. A program of congratulations and best wishes was rendered in which the following represented the organizations of the church: Mrs. Martha Sauer for the Ladies' Aid; Mr. Rupert Schulz for the B. Y. P. U.; Mrs. William Neuhaert for the Training Class; Mr. J. Brenneise for the Sunday School, and Mr. L. Klein for the church.

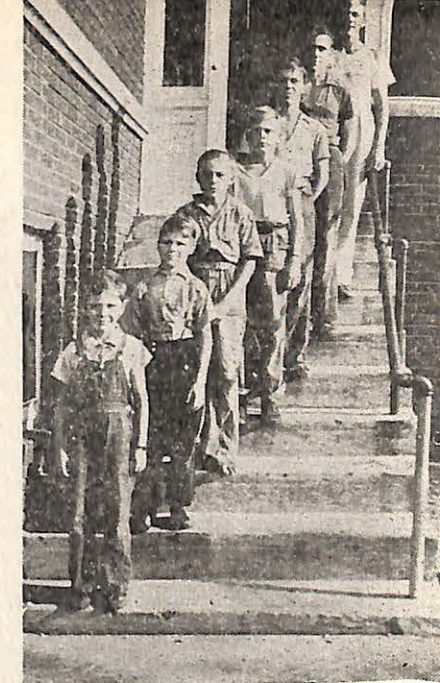
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The Children of the Rev. and Mrs. Otto Schulz, Two of Whom Are "Alumni" and the Other Two Still in the Home

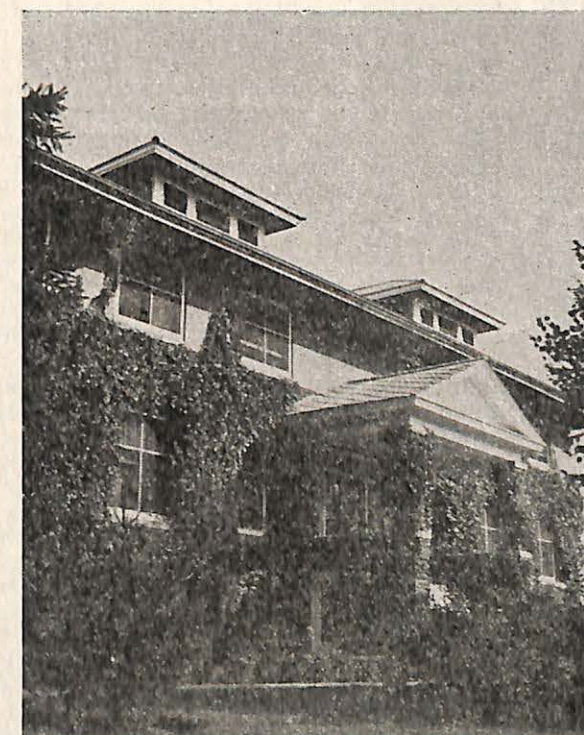


Evelyn Patzer, A Member of the St. Joseph High School Band, Makes a Pretty Picture in Front of the Home



"Jacob's Ladder"—Seven Staude Boys from the Same Pittsburgh Family, All of Whom Are Now in the Home

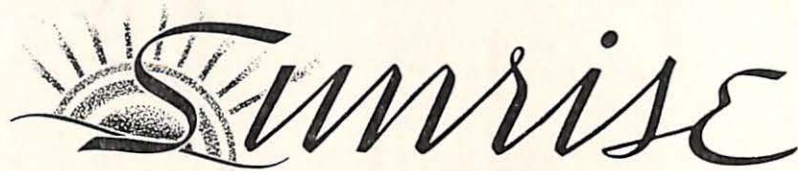
Remember
the Children
at this
Christmas
Season!



Above: A Beautiful View of the Home
Left: Even the Children at the Home Love the Snow!
Right: The Fishermen Come Home for Supper.
Below: The Steigers and Family Get Ready for an Outing!



Album
of
Our Children's
Home
in St. Joseph
Michigan



By Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill

CHAPTER ONE

At half past ten on Wednesday morning young Jason Whitney came out of the bank and walked down Main Street in the opposite direction from his home with a hard set look upon his face.

By eleven fifteen through some mysterious psychic wireless every boy on Main Street knew that Jason Whitney had lost his job in the bank and had disappeared down the highway toward the East.

When the noon whistle blew at the sawmill Charles Parsons drove up to the bank, got out of his old-fashioned car, and went into the bank to cash a check; when he drove home his brows were puckered thoughtfully. He put up the car in the garage and went into the kitchen. His wife Hannah was getting a nice lunch, ham and fried potatoes and a great thin slice of a mild raw onion on a lettuce leaf with slivers of green peppers and a pleasant tangy dressing.

He washed his hands at the sink in the kitchen, though they had a bathroom on the first floor as well as the second. He had always done that, and somehow the bathrooms had not been able to change his habits. Hannah never bothered him about it. She liked to see him contented, and she enjoyed her two bathrooms in a sweet content herself and kept them fit for kings and queens.

"Where is Rowan?" asked the young man's father as he sat down at the table.

"He went over to Bainbridge to see about exchanging his car for one he's heard of over there. He thinks this one is going to be an expense to him pretty soon," explained Rowan's mother.

"Anybody go with him?" asked the father sharply.

Hannah shook her head.

"No, he said he wanted to go alone. I suggested that Mrs. Morton might like to go to see her daughter, but he said no, he didn't want to be bothered. He wanted to be alone when he decided about the car."

Charles looked at his wife thoughtfully.

"You're sure he didn't pick up Jason Whitney somewhere?"

"Why, of course not, Father. Jason Whitney works in the bank and would be at work in the morning."

"Jason Whitney doesn't work in the bank any more."

"Father! You don't mean he's quit?"

"No, he was fired!"

"What for?" said Hannah, aghast.

"I don't know. I didn't ask, but nobody seems to know or I'm sure I would have been told. Everybody down town is agog to tell everything they can, and make up the rest, but they didn't have any reason to offer. Of course there'll be plenty of hearsay by night. But anyway, even if Jason Whitney hadn't been fired, I wouldn't put it past him to take a day off if he wanted to. What time did Rowan leave?"

"Half past eight. But it isn't like you, Father to be so hard on Jason. He's only a boy you know, younger by two years than Rowan."

"He's old enough to know better than most of the things he does, said Charles shutting his lips together with a snap. "And I don't like to see our Rowan traveling with him continually."

"Now, Father, you don't think a mere boy like that can hurt our Rowan!"

"Nobody's beyond hurting. Those things are subtle! Unconscious influence is sometimes the worst influence of all. It undermines faith! And, Hannah, I don't see Rowan going to church quite as regularly as he used to. Last Sunday morning, do you know where he was?"

"No," said Hannah with an undisturbed look in her eyes.

"Well, I do," said Charles sharply.

"He was walking East on the highway with Jason Whitney, down toward that disreputable Rowley joint, and if our son has taken to playing pool and drinking on Sunday morning with that worthless Jason Whitney instead of going to church I'll find a way to stop it or I'll disown him!"

"Father! You know you wouldn't do that! Even God doesn't do that! Not to His real own children!"

Charles' face softened almost imperceptibly.

"Well, I don't expect it'll come to that, of course," he said firmly. "I expect to be able to stop this nonsense without any such strenuous methods. But I've got my eyes open and I'm not letting anything like that go by again."

"Father, remember he's over twenty-one! You wouldn't have stood any such high-handedness when you were his age. He's a lot like you, you know."

"I'll remember, Hannah, but I intend to stop his tagging around with Jason Whitney!"

Hannah was still for a minute, watching the firm set of her husband's lips, then she spoke again, this time very gently.

"I guess you know why he does it, don't you?"

Charles looked up sharply.

"Does what?"

"Goes around with Jason Whitney. You know why he does it, don't you?"

"Well, why?" His tone bore a hint of impatience.

"For Jason's sister's sake."

"Well, that's no reason at all! If Rowan isn't man enough to win a girl without tagging around with her spoiled baby-brother he'd better lose her. Joyce Whitney is all right. She's a sweet girl, and I'd like to see our boy marry her, if she'll have him, when he gets a little more stable, but I don't see his companioning with Jason. Joyce can't help what her brother is, I suppose, but a man doesn't have to marry all a girl's relations."

"You married mine!" said Hannah quietly. "Look at Cousin Ephraim, how you've been patient with him, and helped him out of the very gutter, time and again."

"Oh, well—!" said Charles impatiently, "that was different!"

"How was it different? And Charles, you must remember Joyce loves her brother. Her mother left him in her care when she died."

"Well, why didn't she bring him up right then?" snorted Charles.

"Now, Charles, you know she was barely a child herself, and after the second Mrs. Whitney came she hadn't a chance. She packed them both off to school. And you know what Jason's father is, Charles. Hard! That's what he is. Jason hasn't ever had any love nor trust such as we've given Rowan. Jason hasn't had half a chance!"

"Well, that may be true," said Charles looking a bit ashamed, "but that's no reason why our boy should go wrong in consequence."

"I don't believe he did!" said Hannah determinedly. "I don't believe he was playing pool nor drinking on Sunday morning! I don't believe he even went into that Rowley place unless it was to drag Jason out!"

"Well, mebbe I don't neither," owned Charles, "but I mean to do more than just believe. I mean to know! It's my business as a father to know."

"Well—I know!" said Hannah firmly. Charles looked at her with understanding in his eyes. Then he came over and stooped his tall height to kiss her forehead.

"Good little mother!" he murmured, like a benediction.

The news reached the Whitney home, a big old-fashioned white farmhouse on the outskirts of town, about half past twelve, when the grocery boy delivered some orders that had been telephoned.

"Seen Jason anywhere? It's high time he was here ta lunch!" asked Aunt Libby, an elderly white woman whom the second Mrs. Whitney had rescued from the poorhouse and put to work in her kitchen. Some of the neighbors wondered if it might not have been easier for Aunt Libby if she had stayed in the poorhouse.

"Yeah. I seen him 'bout two hours ago walkin' down the pike toward Rowley's."

"Aw, he wouldn't a ben walkin' down the pike in the middle of the mornin'," said Aunt Libby proudly. "Jason works in the bank now."

"No, he don't! Not no more!" imparted the grocery boy. "He got fired this mornin'. Didn'tya know?"

"Aw, get away with yer kiddin'!" snapped Aunt Libby loftily, and vanished down cellar with her arms full of fruit jars.

Nevertheless her eyes were anxious as she came in to place the hot dishes on the table and ring the lunch bell.

"Where's Jason?" asked his stepmother grimly turning her small sharp eyes to the window and looking down the road. "Are they keeping him again at the bank? I'll have to phone them. I can't have my meal hours upset this way. It gives me indigestion." She walked heavily over to the telephone.

Aunt Libby gave a frightened glance toward Joyce who was just coming in the room and tried to speak so that she would not hear, but Joyce's ears were keen, and she heard every word.

"Sammy Rounds from the grocery says he got fired this morning!"

Jason's stepmother set the phone down hard on the table where it lived and whirled around as if the matter were some fault of Aunt Libby's.

"Exactly what I thought would happen!" she charged, fixing the cringing woman with cold steel eye. "But you should never allow the help from the grocery to gossip to you about the family for which you work."

"I didn't—I just ast him ef he'd seen Jason—!" quavered Aunt Libby.

"Exactly what I say. Gossiping with the help from the grocery!" thundered Mrs. Whitney. "Don't do it again! That'll do! We'll serve ourselves today. You may go to the kitchen."

Aunt Libby went meekly out with anxious tears slipping weakly down her withered cheeks. She was fond of Jason. She slipped him cookies on the sly when he was late to meals and would have lost out on food according

to his stepmother. Sometimes she even dared to make chocolate cake when it wasn't ordered, always revealing her wickedness when the senior Mr. Whitney was present because she knew he liked chocolate cake, and Mrs. Whitney wouldn't dare reprove her for it before him.

When the kitchen door was shut Mrs. Whitney turned upon Jason's sister:

"Well," she said ominously, "the fully expected has come to pass! Your darling brother has been dismissed from the bank! I was sure it would happen!"

"Don't you think we had better wait until we hear Jason's version? The grocery boy may not know anything about it. It may not be true!" said Joyce trying to appear unconcerned, although her face was white with anxiety.

"Jason's version!" laughed the stepmother contemptuously, "that's it! That's always it! Listen to Jason's version! And of course Jason's version is perfectly smooth. Well, you know what your father will say to Jason when he comes home."

"Perhaps," said Joyce a wild fear in her eyes, and a quaver in her voice, "perhaps he won't come home!"

"Ha!" sneered Mrs. Whitney contemptuously. "Not he! He'll come home all right. He loves his ease too much to leave home. Where would he get his bread and butter? I declare if I had my way your father would send him packing. It's high time he did something to prove he is a man. You've spoiled him outrageously, Joyce. Always helping him to hide things from his father, always using your pocket money to pay his debts. If you keep that up I'm going to advise your father not to let you have spending money. You'll have to learn that your brother isn't a little darling child any longer for you to moon over. He's a wild irresponsible young man, trailing off with all sorts, gambling away what little money his father dares give him, and drinking with a lot of low-down gangsters. I declare I'm ashamed to go among my friends any more, the things they find to tell me about my stepson."

"Do you discuss Jason with your friends?" asked Joyce in a stricken voice.

"How can I help it?" declared the woman in a raucous voice. "They force it upon me, pitying me, and laughing about his sins, trying to make light of them!"

Joyce was very white, and was gripping her hands together to keep them from shaking.

"But—I thought—!" great tears came into her eyes and she struggled to keep them back. She turned away quickly to hide them before they should fall.

"Well, you thought what?"

"You—were just reproving Aunt Libby for even hearing something she couldn't help hearing."

"She's a servant! That's not at all

the same thing. Besides are you presuming to dictate to me? To criticize me? Sit down and eat your lunch. There's no need in stretching out the meal to last the day. I want Aunt Libby to clean the silver this afternoon. And if Jason doesn't come till after we're done he goes lunchless till supper! Do you understand? No slipping him choice morsels on the side. I'm not going to have Jason upset everything for me any longer. I've stood enough from him, and if he's determined to be a disgrace to the family, very well, let him stand a few things himself! Sit down!"

Joyce struggled with her anger and her tears and sat down. It seemed a physical impossibility to eat, but there was no advantage in openly flouting her stepmother. She had tried it before and only made matters worse.

Mrs. Whitney, unhindered by responses from Joyce, went back to her favorite theme, which today she was pleased to call "Jason's Version," and harped on it. She relished everything that Jason had done, good or bad, and scourged them equally, until at last poor Joyce arose from the table in desperation:

"If you had only tried to make Jason a little happy sometimes," she protested with a sob, "perhaps he might not have been so unsatisfactory."

"Happy!" snorted Mrs. Whitney. "Happy! Make that young scapegrace happy? I wonder how you would have me go about it? Set up a pool table in my parlor, and invite a lot of gangsters here? Let them slop beer all over my furniture and call in a mob of girls from the street to dance with him? That's his idea of happiness, and I'm sure I—"

But Joyce had hurried up to her own room, shut the door, and flung herself upon her knees beside her bed, sobbing as if her heart would break.

About that time Rose Allison, shy pretty daughter of the minister, received a telephone call from Jason Whitney.

They had been classmates together in High School though never very intimate. Just the day before, however, they had met on the street, Rose in a new pink dainty that gave her a willowy grace, and threw a soft glow upon her rounded cheeks. He had always liked Rose. She looked up shyly, and then because there seemed nothing more to say beyond good morning, Jason made as if to move on. Suddenly Rose lifted her earnest blue eyes and spoke hurriedly:

"Oh, Jason, I wish you'd do something for me!" There was something so wistful about her eyes, and she seemed so young and sweet, Jason was touched.

"Sure, I will, Kid, what is it?" he answered without hesitation, thrilled in spite of himself that she should appeal to him.

(To be Continued)

The Diamond Jubilee of the Temple Church in Pittsburgh

By PROF. ARTHUR A. SCHADE of Rochester, N. Y., a Former Minister of the Church

Many months of careful planning lay back of the days of the happy celebration, observing the diamond jubilee of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., from Oct. 14 to 17. Dr. A. V. R'ggs, a most beloved chairman of the Board of Deacons, had occupied his thought with it by day and dreamed over it by night, when out of the midst of his planning and business he was summoned to his reward. Mr. Walter Brubach was made the chairman of the general committee and the realization of the plans showed that the right man was at the pilot.

The minister, the Rev. L. B. Holzer, at the beginning of his pastorate stepped into the limelight of the anniversary program and held his position in a most pleasing and efficient manner. Mr. Fred Staib had rounded up the singers of the present, past, and future and drilled them in songs of praise to God, who has sustained and blessed the church through three-fourths of a century. The trustees foresaw the need of some cash to put the church into festive condition and to defray the necessary expenses, so they arranged for a roll call back in May, and the members responded with a thousand dollars.

Some of the women, headed by Mrs. Reed, decided that the church ought to have some new dishes and knives and



Rev. L. B. Holzer, Pastor

making that wonderful peppermint taffy for which she has become famous, and the demand for the product brought her the funds for these extras.

The social committee scouted the country for a hundred miles around to find the ideal spot for the outing. They finally decided on Ohio Pyle out in the West Virginia mountains, where arrangements were made in a large hotel to serve a fine chicken dinner. Needless to say, the response to their

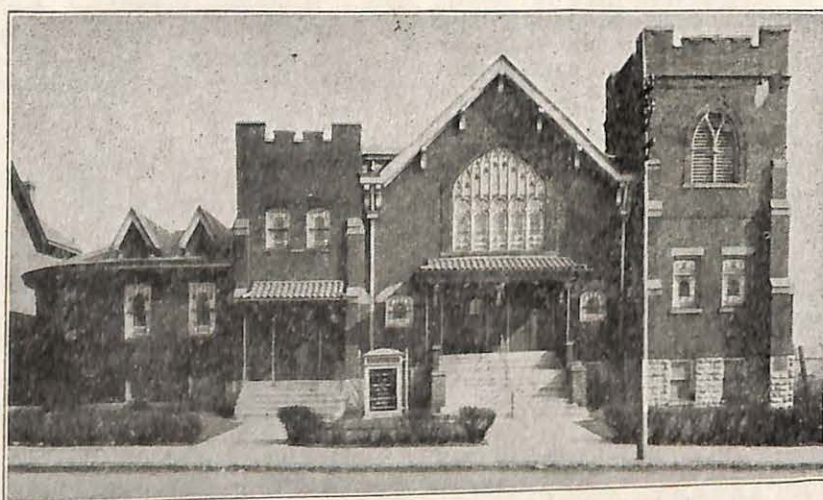
The same care had gone into the planning of the program. A most attractive souvenir book with the pictures of all the ministers, the church officers and boards, the Women's missionary society at the 25th, the 50th and the 75th anniversaries, the succession of church buildings, and a well written historical sketch of the church was published. Copies of this book may be obtained at fifty cents each by writing the minister.

In the back of this book was a carefully outlined program, which called for speakers from far and near and provided a place for all living former pastors. The Rev. H. C. Gleiss and the Rev. S. Blum were the guest speakers on Thursday night; local ministers, including the Rev. C. E. Cramer of the daughter Church at Arnold, Pa., on Friday evening; Prof. L. Kaiser of Rochester for the anniversary sermon on Sunday morning; the Rev. D. Hamel, a son of the church, and the two former superintendents, Messrs. H. P. Donner and E. E. Staub, gave addresses at the Sunday School hour; Dr. Wm. Kuhn spoke on Sunday afternoon in a German service; the Rev. Theodore Koester from Meriden, Conn., at the Vesper hour, and Professors O. E. Krueger and Arthur A. Schade gave the closing messages on Sunday night. Space does not permit us to reflect the spirit of these various contributions, but the response of the audience would seem to indicate that all found fruitful soil in which to bring fruit during the years that lie ahead.

In addition to the above named speakers, the church generously invited the wives of the speakers as well as former missionaries such as Mrs. Kase from Detroit and Miss Metta Johnson from Kansas, both of whom found opportunity to speak. Mrs. A. P. Mihm and daughter, Lydia, were present to represent our deceased fellow pastor, the late Rev. A. P. Mihm. Miss Mihm rendered a number of solos much to the edification of the visitors.

With such a carefully planned and efficiently executed program it will not surprise anyone that we were reluctant to say "Good-bye" after the closing service on Sunday night.

Congratulations, Temple Church! You did it, as you always do things, with a whole heart and with all your mind and might. Continue in the spirit of the anniversary, and a glorious future will unfold before your eyes! Once more, on behalf of your invited guests from afar, "Thank you! And God bless you!"



The Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

forks for the banquet. So they politely went about raising money as women always can, and when the time came for the 360 people to sit down to the banquet tables, they found their meal served by means of beautiful new dishes, knives and forks costing nearly \$500. Mrs. Hilbierer decided that new salt and pepper shakers and sugar bowls were needed so she set about

plans was most hearty. Twenty-five cars trailed over the mountains carrying about 125 guests, members and friends to the joyful fellowship. For the same evening they had engaged a caterer to provide for the banquet, so that the women of the church could enter fully into the enjoyment of the occasion. The Rev. W. Biebrich, interim pastor, served as toastmaster.

Reports from the Field

Atlantic Conference Impressive Service at First Church of Brooklyn

October brought with it many never-to-be-forgotten days in the history of the First German Church of Brooklyn, N. Y.

It was recently decided to paint the interior of the church auditorium, and after meeting in the Sunday School room for a number of weeks, the congregation was able to worship in the beautifully redecorated church for the first time on Sunday, Oct. 24.

On Sunday, Oct. 31, the pastor, the Rev. Adolf E. Kannwischer, who began his ministry early in July, had the joy of baptizing 16 young people upon the confession of their faith and their willingness to follow their Master in baptism.

These young people, whose ages range from 13 to 19 years, have all been members of the Sunday School for a long time, some since the kindergarten age. For a number of weeks, all have had intensive instruction by the pastor in the fundamentals of the Baptist faith.

Approximately 300 persons witnessed the impressive baptismal service, the first at which Mr. Kannwischer has ever officiated. There was much rejoicing that the seed which the Sunday School teachers had sown through the years was now bearing fruit.

HELEN N. NEITHARDT, Reporter.

Youth Leaders of the Atlantic Conference Churches Hold a Retreat

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Atlantic Conference held a retreat on Friday evening October 15 and Saturday, October 16, at the Young People's Cottage at Bradley Beach, New Jersey. This at Bradley Beach, New Jersey. This was the first time such a program was planned for our group and the results were most encouraging. Approximately 40 young people's leaders and Sunday School workers, representing 15 churches, attended.

Our program started with a social hour on Friday evening under the leadership of Mrs. Josephine Rauscher of the Walnut Street Church in Newark. We continued our program on Saturday morning after breakfast with a short devotional period, after which Miss Erna Hoelzen of the Clinton Hill Church of Newark conducted a class on "Juniors in the Church School" which was very helpful to all Sunday School workers. After a short intermission, the Rev. A. Husmann of the Second Church in Philadelphia led a class on the relation of the young people

to the church, a timely subject for all our young people.

We were fortunate in having a beautiful day, and so we took advantage of it in the afternoon on the boardwalk by bicycle-riding and walking. At four o'clock we gathered again for a discussion of the work of our Union for the coming year. Our president, Miss Margaret Macoskey, led this discussion and the chairmen of the various programs and projects outlined the work.

The closing session was held on Saturday evening at which time the Rev. Milton Schroeder of the Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia spoke to us on our privileges, as well as our responsibilities, of being God's laborers.

All who attended said that it was good to have been there and expressed a request for another such a retreat. Much credit for the success of our retreat was due to our president, Miss Margaret Macoskey, and Mr. Milton Frahme, the chairman of the committee which planned the program.

ANNA DRAEGER, Secretary.

Pacific Conference Oregon Y. P. and S. S. W. Union Enjoy Outing

The Oregon Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, Oct. 23. Representatives from six German Baptist churches were present. At two o'clock in the afternoon 154 young people walked up the gang plank of the boat, "Lake Bonneville," for an excursion up the Columbia River.

The whistle soon blew, and we were on our way. The deck chairs were occupied before long, and new friends were made. Before we realized how late it was, evening shadows began to fall. On the top deck some of the younger young people played games, while in the lounge room the older young people sang choruses and songs. Everyone was happy. The dining room on the lower deck was well filled when mealtime came.

As our boat drew near the harbor on our way home, Mr. H. J. Petke, state president of the Union, acted as chairman of a short vesper service which was held in the lounge room. A short program was given by various churches that were represented. Dr. Norman Classen of the Salt Creek Baptist Church led the group in singing some of the beautiful choruses that the Rev. J. Leybold had taught the churches which he had visited. After a short testimonial service, Mr. Leybold very fittingly closed the meeting with an encouraging message.

MILDRED VOTH, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

The Report of the Oklahoma Association Held at Gotebo

The Oklahoma Association met with the Salem Church, near Gotebo, from Oct. 21 to 24. The very first evening of the Association was a challenge to old and young. The Rev. A. Knopf of Ingersoll brought a thought-provoking message on "The Art of Doing." The sessions during the day were conducted in the German language while the evening messages were in English.

The Bible studies were conducted by Prof. Meyer as well as the evening messages. Sermons during the day were brought by the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn and the Rev. Geo. Ehrhorn. Devotions were led by Mr. Philip Weigand and the Reverends R. A. Klein, Chas. Wagner and F. W. Socolovsky. Two open forum discussions on "The Teaching and the Stewardship of the Church" were led by the Rev. Chas. Wagner and the Rev. R. A. Klein.

The crowning day of the association was on Sunday, Oct. 24. The young people from the different churches gathered to report about their Sunday Schools. It was interesting to note the progress even though difficulties had to be overcome in different localities.

The great task of teaching the youth, besides finding sufficient teachers who have dedicated their lives to that purpose, is a challenge to the church of today. After the reports directed by the superintendent, Mr. Werner Schantz, Prof. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., brought an interesting mission address which challenged our youth to consecrate their lives to the Master.

A fine turkey dinner was served in the commodious basement of the church. All that was required was to bring a good appetite. The women certainly understood how to make the guests welcome to all the extras!

The afternoon session was led by the president of the Oklahoma Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, Mr. Roy Kretz of the Shattuck Church. After the well rendered program, the Rev. Rietdorf explained the six-point record system and urged every Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. to perfect their records. The evening service for the young people was well attended and Prof. Meyer in his illustrative way spoke on "The Possibilities of Life."

With the song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me," the session closed. With gratitude to those who served with word and music, not forgetting the hosts and the heavenly Father, everyone left with the words, "Auf Wiedersehen."

R. A. KLEIN, Reporter.

Central Conference Inspirational Institute of the Five Church Union in Detroit

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31, the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of Detroit, Mich., met for an "Institute Rally" at the Ebenezer Church. Dr. F. W. Meyer of the Philippines spoke to us and made us all more eager to hear what he had to tell us at the institute which was held from Nov. 1 to 5.

Each evening during the institute week we met at 7:30 and had to make quite a decision as to what we would have to miss, since there were three classes simultaneously, and they all seemed most interesting. Miss Della Green of Detroit conducted a class especially for Sunday School teachers and gave them many good pointers to enable them to be better teachers. The Rev. Martin Leuschner, our young people's secretary, spoke on "Facing Our Task," and I think that the attendance figures prove that the young people thoroughly enjoyed his class. The Rev. G. Neuman spoke in German on the topic, "Denn wahrhaftig und gerecht


sind seine Gerichte." We heard many favorable comments from those who attended this class, "denn es war sehr gut."

Our inspirational address was given by Dr. Meyer after we all assembled in the auditorium and had held a short song service, followed by announcements and a special musical number. We have an entirely different viewpoint of our Philippine brothers and sisters in Christ. They seem so much closer and nearer to us now that we have learned so much about the work which they do for our Lord as soon as they have found him. They probably would tell us far more about the good work that Dr. and Mrs. Meyer are doing there in their combination of "medical and musical missions."

We were sorry that our president, Mr. Norman Boehm, couldn't preside every night due to illness. But he surely did his share of the work and had an efficient helper in Mr. Rowland Ernst, who is our first vice-president. May this be an institute never to be forgotten, and may we be willing to do our part for Jesus Christ!

HELEN L. KLIENE, Secretary.

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B. Y. P. U. Activities in Beaver, Michigan

We, as young people in Beaver, Mich., can truthfully say with happy hearts that a spiritual awakening has taken place in our midst. Every one of the young people's society is becoming more and more active and thereby helping in the building up of the Kingdom of God.

For several months our church was without a pastor. As a result there were no new undertakings by us. But it was with earnest prayer and a forward look that we awaited our new minister, the Rev. H. P. Kayser and his family. Now, having had them with us since July 11, everything has grown to be brighter and many new undertakings have taken place.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 10, our young people's society under the able leadership of our president, Miss Meta Buckstein, held a rally in order to rally all of our young people together. The program consisted of songs, a chorus, Scripture reading, prayer, addresses, song from our quartet, two musical numbers, piano trio and several piano solos. Our minister, Mr. Kayser, brought our successful rally to a close with a talk on "The Object of a B. Y. P. U." That message made us want to consecrate our lives anew to God.

The young people of the church have now decided to take charge of the second and fourth Sunday evening services. We are praying for God's guidance and leadership.

A few words should be said in regards to our Bible study which has been started in such a wonderful and most interesting way by Mr. Kayser. This series of studies has already been beneficial to us concerning the Bible as a whole.

So as young people we are trying to show our heartiest appreciation to our God and to our pastor and family for the things already undertaken and accomplished. It is our earnest prayer that we may continue to grow and work, thereby leading souls which are as yet in darkness into this wonderful light of the world, Jesus Christ.

ELLA RINAS, Reporter.

Dakota Conference The Golden Jubilee Program of the B. Y. P. U. in Madison

With the combination of ideal weather conditions, a large attendance, and a splendid program, the Baptist Young People's Union of the German Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., held a successful Golden Jubilee event on Sunday, Oct. 24, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the local organization. Delegates from a number of neighboring societies, including Emery, Plum Creek, Chancellor, Unityville, and Spring Valley, were present.

Following the opening exercises of the afternoon program, led by Orville Backus, the president, four five-minute

addresses were presented as follows: "Why Observe the Golden Jubilee," by Mr. Graydon Rohrer, the vice president; "A Brief History of the B. Y. P. U.," by Mr. Herman Krueger, a charter member; "What the B. Y. P. U. Meant to Me," by Mr. Fred Schrepel; and "Future Possibilities of the B. Y. P. U.," by Miss Eunice Kolashefsky. Miss Berdean Kirstein sang a solo, and music was also furnished by a double quartet of young people. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Chicago was the guest speaker at both afternoon and evening sessions. His addresses were both challenging and inspiring.

About 100 persons enjoyed the lunch served in the church parlors at 5:30 o'clock. Most of these remained for the evening program, which drew a capacity congregation. Greetings were brought from neighboring societies represented at the gathering, and letters from former B. Y. P. U. members and pastors of the church were read. Special music was also a feature of the evening program, being furnished by members of the B. Y. P. U. of 25 years ago.

We thank God for his abounding love and grace. May we continue to be "builders" for his Kingdom in years to come!

EUNICE KOLASHEFSKY, Reporter.

Beautiful Wedding in the Germantown Church of North Dakota

Miss Freda Klein, a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Klein of the Germantown Baptist Church at Cathay, N. Dak., became the bride of Mr. Albert Reddig of Cathay on Saturday, Nov. 6. The Rev. Daniel Klein, father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony.

Ferns and evergreen branches covered an arch, forming a background for the service, which took place by candlelight. The bride was attended by her sister, Esther, and by Miss Phyllis Bushy of Jamestown, N. Dak. Verna Mae Helm, a niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl. Mr. Fred Reddig served as best man for his brother and the Messrs. Albert Krenzler, Maurice Broschat, Arthur Reddig, and Floyd Edinger were ushers. Miss Ruth Klein sang two songs before the ceremony, accompanied by Mrs. Harry Seidel, who also played the wedding march.

At the reception which followed a bounteous lunch was served by the Ladies' Aid of the Germantown Church. Mr. E. E. Broschat acted as toastmaster. He for a very entertaining program. He commented on the fact that this is the first time in the history of the German town church, the oldest church in North Dakota, that a daughter of its minister has been married while living there.

The couple left immediately following the reception for a six week's honeymoon trip, which will include a complete circle of the United States, by way of New York, Florida, New Orleans, Texas, Oklahoma, California, Washington and Montana.

In Gratitude to Many Letters of Comfort

By REV. ARTHUR KANNWISCHER of Buffalo, N. Y.

Six weeks ago Ada stood as a happy bride with me at the altar of marriage; now she rests securely in the bosom of eternity. Only six weeks ago the atmosphere was filled with the joy and laughter of happy wedding guests. Now the dead silence of the church is broken only by the somber music of the organ, the weeping of loved ones, and by the awesome words: "I am the resurrection and the life." Only six weeks ago life's cherished plans saw the beginning of their fulfillment. Suddenly, however, they have come down in a crash, almost burying me beneath the ruins. Such are the thoughts that keep beating relentlessly like a hammer upon my baffled brain.

Frequently I had stood in the midst of those who had lost a loved one—eight times in this first year of my ministry—and had tried to console them. I know, however, that from now on my heart will go out to the grief-

stricken with far better understanding than it ever could have done in the past.

Moreover, I have resolved, with the help of God, to be victorious, and not vanquished, in this sore trial. I have, furthermore, determined to work with double strength, for I feel that henceforth I must fill the place of my life-mate. Her high ideals, her noble aspirations shall continue to be a compelling challenge and a living inspiration for my life and for my work.

There are others who share with me the pain of loss, especially the mother of my beloved wife, whose only child she was. Together we wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many, many letters of sympathy that were sent to us. The consciousness that dear friends everywhere are upholding us in prayer means more to our broken and lonely hearts than we can express in words.

In Memory of an Ideal Church Deacon

By REV. CHARLES W. KOLLER, Th.D., of Newark, N. J.



The Late Mr. Edward Schneider
of Waco, Texas

men who grew up under the inspiring tutelage of "Uncle" Schneider.

When the little church in Waco was founded, about 1888, "Uncle" Schneider was a leading spirit. At the time of his recent homegoing, at the age of 87, he had rounded out almost 50 years of devoted service. For about 30 years he was the main support, serving as deacon, treasurer, Sunday School superintendent, and teacher. It is impossible to think of Christmas in the old Waco church without recalling this beloved leader of the church.

Difficult times have passed over the Waco church, but in every strain the little flock rallied around the magnificent leadership of this man of God. Once, when half the church had migrated to California, a pastor facetiously remarked, "About all there is left of the Waco church is Brother Schneider and his family." But the church has survived, and has become one of the most efficient and best known churches of our denomination, having sent not less than six preachers and preacher's wives into full time gospel service.

This loving tribute to our departed brother, Mr. Edward Schneider of Waco, Texas, is written with a profound sense of personal bereavement. It is impossible to realize that this strong man of God is really gone from us. Although not a minister in the usual sense of the term, he wrought with an effectiveness which will never cease to bless the church family of which he was a part.

The writer of these lines recalls with inexpressible gratitude the influence of "Uncle" Schneider's life upon his own childhood and youth. We unconsciously absorb something of the manner and spirit of those whom we most admire, and this was notably true of the young

And so our beloved "Uncle" Schneider, "being dead, yet speaketh." Surely the labors and prayers and sacrifices which he poured into the service of Christ have not been in vain. A strong man has been among us, a lofty soul whom no discouragement could turn from his purpose. In those of us whose lives he so largely helped to mould, he will continue to live. Even now, the memory of him is like a benediction from on high. And the writer joins reverently and fervently in the testimony of many another who knew and loved "Uncle" Schneider: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

Northwestern Conference

Abundant Blessings at the Wisconsin Association at North Freedom

The association of the German Baptist Churches of Wisconsin held its annual session at our church in North Freedom from Oct. 18 to 20. The Rev. G. Wetter preached in the entertaining church on the Sunday preceding the association. At the morning service he spoke on "The Good Samaritan," and at the evening service on "Thunder or Angels."

The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner brought the opening message on Monday evening on the theme, "Christian Unity." The Reverends Valentine Wolff and Herman Bothner conducted the devotional services at the beginning of each session, which in a very fitting way prepared us for the activities of the day. In the absence of the moderator, the Rev. E. Schilling, the vice-moderator, Mr. Wetter, called the meeting to order promptly after the devotional periods. Twenty-seven delegates responded to the roll call. The representation of our fifteen churches was relatively good. Although not all the reports were as encouraging as might have been expected, still out of all reports it was possible to glean a very hopeful spirit.

The following addresses were presented and produced lively, interesting and helpful discussions: "The Christian and His Church," A. G. Schlesinger; "The Choir and its Place in the Church," G. Wetter; "Why Have We Churches," A. Engel; "Jesus and the Quest of Life," J. C. Kraenzler; and "Die Herrlichkeit der Gemeinde Christi," Thos. Stoeri. The new pastors were introduced to the delegates and extended a cordial invitation into the association by the moderator. The message on Tuesday evening was given by the Rev. L. B. Berndt. His theme was "The Preaching of the Gospel Ministry," based on Colossians 1:28. The closing sermon was delivered by the Rev. H. W. Wedel on "A Prisoner of Jesus Christ." A brief testimony service was conducted at the close of the service.

This association has been a most helpful and enjoyable one. A spiritual atmosphere prevailed throughout the sessions. All who attended were greatly blessed. All returned to their respective fields with new fervor and enthusiasm to do the Lord's work.

We wish to express our hearty thanks to the pastor and the church at North Freedom for inviting us there. Members and pastor did their best to make the occasion one long to be remembered. The homes were graciously opened to us and the people were delighted to entertain us and did all in their power to make our stay a pleasant one. We appreciate their hospitality and courtesy.

LEWIS B. BERNDT, Reporter.

Farewell Reception and Song for Mrs. Marquardt in Burlington

Mrs. Nettie Marquardt, one of the most active members of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, has recently moved to California to make her home with her son. Since she was formerly a president of the Service Guild of the church, that organization held a farewell reception for her before her departure.

One of the members of the Guild, Mrs. Eric Meilahn, was asked to sing a solo at the occasion. Not finding anything particularly appropriate, she mentioned the fact to her husband who enjoys expressing himself in poetry occasionally. He complied with her request and wrote the words of a song arranged to the well known Londonary Air. This song, which may be useful to some other groups giving similar honors to their members, is as follows:

We would not say to one of us departing
Word-like "Farewell," "Adieu," not e'en
"Goodbye,"
For these must needs be said at time of parting.
When heartstrings vibrate to the faintest sigh.
Lives, such as ours, in spirit linked together;
Hearts, such as ours in service unified:
Can these assunder part? I say, "No, never,
Bonds, such as ours, they cannot, cannot
be untied."

MRS. ADA SNYDER, Reporter.

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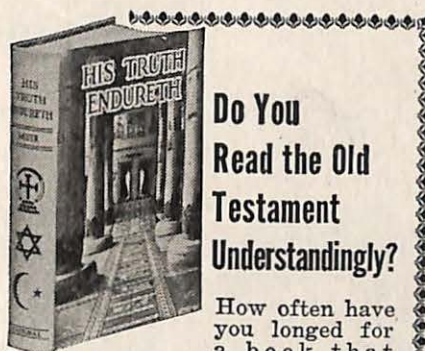
A group of about 200 friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Courts, members of the Baptist Church at Jeffers, Minn., gathered at the Delton Hall on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31, to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. After a bountiful dinner a program was rendered at which Mr. Clayton Groves acted as master of ceremonies. "Items of the Past" were read by Mrs. John DeVries. A reading was given by Dean Hagerman. Miss Cleo Martin read an original poem, entitled, "Twenty-five Years." The Rev. Wm. Schobert, the new pastor of the Jeffers Church, and the Rev. C. F. Stoeckman of Minneapolis brought brief messages of congratulation. Mr. E. Goeman presented the couple with a gift as a token of esteem from those present.

The Sunday School of the Baptist Church in Turtle Lake, N. Dak., presented the Mission and Harvest Festival program on Sunday, Oct. 31. About 150 persons were in attendance. The program consisted of plays, songs and recitations by the children. Mrs. K. Gieser brought an interesting talk. After the program the Rev. Karl Gieser, pastor of the church, delivered a sermon on "Being Thankful." The offering amounted to \$6.17.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 26, members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York City were the guests of the B. Y. P. U. of the Harlem Church at a social held in its church. After a rousing song service and prayer by Mr. George Dunger, a hearty welcome was extended to the visiting young people by the president of the B. Y. P. U., Mr. Will Kosik. The program for the evening was in charge of the social committee, consisting of the Misses Martha Kosik, Bertha Kosik, Sr., and Ethel Ehrenstein.

The Rev. and Mrs. Albert Linder, chaplain and matron of the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., since Dec. 1, 1936, have resigned, and will retire from active service. Their resignation will be effective on Jan. 1, 1938. The board of managers has unanimously elected Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Windisch of Philadelphia to be in charge of the Home. Mrs. Windisch will serve as matron of the Home, and Mr. Windisch will continue to be the president of the board. Both of them will reside in the Home after Jan. 1, 1938.

The Rev. Adolf Reeh, pastor of our church in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Can., for the past two years, has accepted the call of the German Baptist Church in Goodrich, N. Dak. He will begin his service there on Dec. 15. In Goodrich, Mr. Reeh will succeed the Rev. H. P. Kayser, who is now pastor of the Beaver and Pinconning church of Michigan.



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