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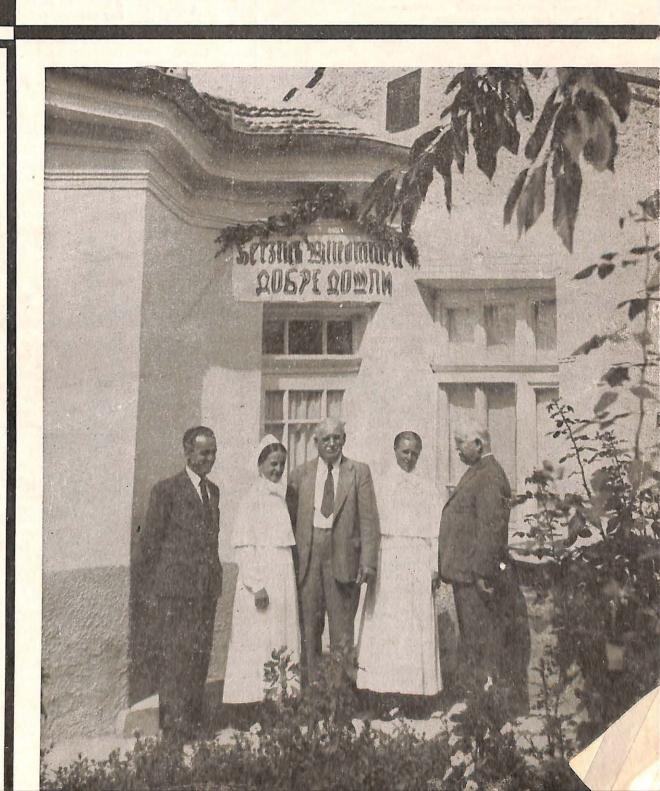
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THE BAPTIST HERALD

What's Happening

The Rev. Theo. Frey, pastor of the The German Baptist Church at Em-German Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., has resigned his charge and accepted the call extended to him by the church in Creston, Neb. Mr. Frey will begin his ministry in Creston on Dec. 1, where he will succeed the Rev. J. J.Renz, now in Plevna, Mont.

On Saturday morning, Oct. 15, the parsonage of the Salt Creek Church in Oregon was completely destroyed by fire. Most of the furniture belonging to the Rev. and Mrs. O. Nallinger was saved but all of the minister's books and some clothes were burned. The church began to rebuild the parsonage at once on the same site of the former

3 On Sunday evening, Oct. 16, the Rev. R. A. Klein, pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., baptized a young woman and extended the hand of fellowship to her and two other persons at the communion service that followed. This service was unique and impressive as a silent communion service with a mixed quartet bringing messages in song during the observance.

A great "Peace Meeting" was held in Trenton, Illinois, on Thursday evening, November 10, as an annual Armistice Day program sponsored by the churches of the city. The Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles F. Zummach, pastor, was prominent in the preparations for the event. Professo Arndt of St. Louis, Mo., was the main speaker. The large Turner Hall was well filled for the occasion.

3 On Saturday, Oct. 30, the Sunday School of the Gnadenfeld Station of the Burstall German Baptist Church in Saskatchewan, Canada, held its Mission and Harvest Festival. Mr. J. Reimer, a graduate of the Saskatoon Bible School, brought a fine message on "Giving." The offering for foreign missions amounted to \$32.21. The Burstall Church and its stations have been without the regular services of a minister for several

The Rev. F. Alf recently resigned his charge as pastor of the German Baptist Church of Linton, No. Dak., in # The Rev. William Swyter, pastor order to accept the call from the Freudenthal Church in Alberta, Canada. He will begin his ministry on the new field about Jan. 1, 1939. During the 3 years and 3 months of his ministry in the Linton Church and stations, Mr. cruise to Haiti and the Panama Ca-Alf received 46 new members by baptism and experience, and the churches contributed \$7,634.46 for the cause of God's Kingdom.

ery, So. Dak., has extended an invitation to the Dakota Conference to hold its annual sessions from June 13 to 18, 1939 in Emery. At the recent Rally Day program of the Sunday School 414 persons were present. Mr. R. H. Mulder of Parkersburg, Iowa, the president of the Northwestern Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, was the guest speaker at the fine program. The Rev. August G. Lang is the beloved pastor of the

The Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas, is a fine missionary church. It has begun to hold a Bible Class in the Green Valley school house, about 12 miles from the Bethany Church, which convenes every Thursday evening. It will soon grow into a Sunday School as the church hopes. Plans are under way by the pastor. the Rev. J. H. Kornelsen, and by members of the crurch to begin similar services in the Victor school house on Tuesday evenings and with others during the week.

* Evangelistic meetings were conducted in the German Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., for two weeks from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4. The gospel message was brought in word and music by the Kraft twins, Roy and Ralph, of Wasco, Calif. They are students in the Los Angeles Baptist Seminary at present. The young men played the vibraharp, accordian, trumpet and clarinet. held object lessons for the children, and preached every evening to large crowds. The Rev. J. F. Olthoff is the pastor of the church.

The New England Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union held its annual business meeting on Oct. 21 at the Kings Highway Church in Bridgeport, Conn. Most of the business items dealt with the repair of the badly wrecked Vacation House at Madison Beach, Conn., by the hurricane of Sept. 21. The reporter stated that "with the help of God and the efforts of the men of our associated churches, the Madison home will be rebuilt and will be better than ever to serve the vacation needs of young and

the Second German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., was engaged for two weeks by the North German Lloyd Steamship Company as chaplain on the "Columbus" on its nal and return. Mrs. Swyter, who was with him, was sick for a while but her health soon improved. Mr. Swyter found the experiences on the

cruise most exhilerating. On Sunday, Nov. 6, the Second Church of Union City celebrated the 25th anniversary of Mr. Swyter as the pastor of the church.

The missionary play, "I will Not Leave You Orphans," was presented by a large cast of young people from the German Baptist Churches of Milwaukee. Wis., at the Riis Memorial Auditorium in Chicago, Ill., on Saturday evening, Oct. 29. About 170 young people from the Chicago churches saw the fine play, written by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, pastor of the North Avenue Church of Milwaukee and directed by Mrs. Mavis. The program was sponsored by the Chicago Young People's Union of which Mr. Victor Loewen is the president.

: The Men's Chorus of the Christian Fellowship Club of the First German Baptist Church in Chicago, Ill., rendered special musical programs in the Calvary Baptist Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Sunday, Nov. 6. The 33 men of the chorus were the guests of Mr. Charles Misar, a former member of the club, during their week-end stay in Cedar Rapids. Mr. Walter Pankratz is the president of the class and Mr. Herbert Pankratz the director of the chorus. Early in December the chorus will hold its annual concert in the First German Baptist Church of

The Bethany Church near Portland, Ore., has reorganized its young people's groups as follows: Juniors, aged 9 to 15 years; High School groups, aged 16 to 21 years; and Adult groups, aged 21 and older. The presidents of the respective groups are Miss Grace Rich, Mrs. Sam Rich

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record-breaking year will soon be ended for A "The Baptist Herald." In many ways it has been a banner year, exceeding our highest

the New Year.

anticipations. The adoption Looking Towards of the club plan and its promotion by our business manager. Mr. H. P. Donner,

brought a flood of new subscriptions to the publication house. The subscription list for "The Baptist Herald" has risen to the unprecedented total of 6275. This represents more than 2000 subscriptions over and above the "Baptist Herald" constituency in December, 1937.

It is our earnest desire to retain the good will of every subscriber for the year 1939. Not a stone will be left unturned in our endeavors toward that end. The same generous club rates will be in effect next year. With these terms "The Baptist Herald" can be secured for one dollar a year. Try to match that bargain in religious literature and denominational news else-

The serial story in "Baptist Herald" is of momentous importance to the large majority of our readers. Our aim has always been to present one of the most recent, most exciting and most wholesome religious stories available. After a careful survey of the field of Christian novels, we have decided to publish another of Grace Livingston Hill's books, "Marigold," one of the latest and best stories by one of America's most beloved authors.

Mrs. Hill is at her best in telling the story of a young girl, and she has never created a more captivating heroine than Marigold, the lovely young school teacher of the gleaming, red-gold hair. The high ambitions of this Christian girl bring her into all kinds of trouble, but true love finds a happy way out of the tangled complications of lives and emotions. Here is a story that will hold you spell-bound. Marigold, the vivasious, sparkling girl, will win your heart.

A new page will make its appearance in 1939. Brief articles in the nature of personal testimonies will be published in each issue. They will consider New Year's resolutions, favorite Bible texts, conversion experiences, the commonplace things of life, a mother's love, inspirational books and interesting people. Young people and adults as well as ministers will be contributors to this page, for which we covet a large and enthusiastic following.

In keeping with the denominational emphasis on evangelism in 1939, "The Baptist Herald" will feature several articles on this timely and important subject during the year and will give prominence to a regular page devoted to reports of evangelistic services held in our churches. The striking topic, "Evangelize or Fossilize!", will be prayerfully considered by one of our ministers in a forthcoming article.

An illuminating account of "The Cree Indians on the Jesus' Way" with several unusual pictures of these red men of northern Alberta is being prepared by the Rev. F. W. Benke. An inspirational New Year's message on "The Stewardship of Life" by Mr. Charles E. Voigt of Avon, South Dakota, the president of the South Dakota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, will greet the reader in the first issue of 1939. An article honoring the pioneers of our denomination will be of interest to every "Baptist Herald" reader. The sessions of the Baptist World Alliance in its 1939 Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, will be fully reported for "The Baptist Herald" readers.

We invite every subscriber to our publication to contribute some poem for the "Contributor's Page" or provocative letter for the "Letter Box" or constructive criticism for the widening of "The Herald's" ministry. Will the New Year increase the "Baptist Herald" family? Will it become more than ever an indispensable publication in the home of every German Baptist? That is the story still to be told in 1939!

Bulgaria, the Land of Contrasts

The summer trip of the editor with Dr. Wm. Kuhn and the Rev. C. Fuellbrandt had its inspirational climax during the week spent in Bulgaria, visiting our mission stations in Russe, Varna, Sofia and Lom and becoming acquainted with the mission work among the Gypsies. Our mission fields among the Bulgarians in this beautiful country are described in the following article.

By MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of "The Baptist Herald"

Bulgaria is a land of colorful contrasts. The dew-drenched roses, which fill her valleys with sweet fragrance, are a lovely contrast to the long strings of yellowish onions and garlic sold in her market places by the yard. The stolid oxen are to be found side by side with the latest Packard cars in Sofia's streets. Brilliant colors in the women's embroidered clothes, sashes and head shawls clash with the brackish grey of rags that hang loosely on the bodies of the poor beggars. Aesthetic beauty is almost a national obsession, but nowhere in Europe will you find such dismal pictures of human derelicts and nauseating poverty as in Bulgaria's market places.

This is an agricultural land, since four out of every five Bulgarians are farmers. "Bulgar" means a man with a plow. But as someone has paradoxically said, "Bulgaria is a farm land without a farm house." This contrast becomes even sharper when one reflects upon a Bulgarian proverb that "our poverty is our riches." It's a pleasant land of homespun. Silkworm cocoons are to be found in many homes, as we saw them in Gypsy houses. The old-fashioned spinning wheel stands in the courtyard ready for use. The



Young People and Children of the Baptist Chapel in Lom at a Rousing Young People's Gathering

Bulgarian woman, plying her distaff as she leads her oxen over the rolling fields, with the husband guiding the wooden plow is symbolic of Bulgaria's economic stability.

But, in contrast, the traveler through Bulgaria is amazed by her beautiful modern cities. Varna on the Black Sea is a thrilling vacation resort, where commodious bath houses, built on the silvery white sand of the beach, face the inviting, dark blue water of the sea. Sofia has fire-

proof hotels with the finest accomodations for tourists at ridiculously cheap prices. Luxurious, green parks are scattered through the city. Here life moves at a much more rapid pace than in the country, with frivolity and gaity going hand in hand as companions.

Probably, the most striking contrast, which was indelibly impressed upon our minds, was witnessed as we went from the cathedrals of the Greek Orthodox Church to the Baptist chap-



Young People and the Rev. M. Michailoff of Our Mission Field at Varna, Bulgaria

els of our mission stations in Bulgaria. The Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Sofia is a magnificent monument of architectural design and construction. Gorgeous murals of Biblical scenes cover almost every available inch of space on its walls attendants at a mass stretches like a vast sea from the cathedral's altar. It is symbol of the pomp in ritual.

Our Baptist chapel in Sofia, on the other hand, is surrounded by blocks of wooden shacks and tumble-down huts. A high wooden fence promost attractive thing about the chapel is a large warmly welcomes everyone to its services. The first look inside the church gives one the impression of a plain, unadorned hall. But the picture Bulgarian, "We Preach Christ Crucified," transform that hall immediately into a sanctuary where God in wondrous power reveals himself.

How we were aware of that living presence of Christ that same evening! The church was packed beyond its capacity. The spirited singing was a marvelous testimony of the faith of

these people. With worshipful dignity and with earnest power the pastor, the Rev. T. Dimitroff, led the service. We had heard that the invitation is given at the close of almost every gathering in that chapel. We knew that the church was always well filled, and that many were coming to the pastor, as drowning men reach for a floating raft, with spiritual desperation: "What must we do to be saved?" Bulgarians, Gypsies, Turks, Russians, Macedonians and Germans in a motley array have come to know the saving power of God through faith in Jesus Christ because of the ministry of this missionary-pastor of ours. With spiritual devotion and diplomatic tact Brother Dimitroff in the country's capital in Sofia is the spearhead of our entire missionary work in Bulgaria.

Among the twelve mission stations, which we are supporting in this country, the Baptist group in Varna is called "the fastest growing evangelical church in all Bulgaria." That mission field was begun with much travail and trouble. The



At Our Baptist Chapel in Sofia, Bulgaria

Left to Right: Rev G. Vassoff (in Doorway), Rev. T. Dimitroff, Rev. Wm. Kuhn, Mrs. Dimitroff and Daughter, Sister
Lydia, Rev. C. Fuellbrandt, Rev. Z. Raitscheff.

story of the church building sounds like an adventure novel as it was changed from a dye establishment to a butcher shop and later to police headquarters and finally to a Baptist chapel. During the past year almost forty people have been baptized in the waters of the Black Sea at daybreak on Sunday mornings. The membership list is considerably under a hundred, but on the evening of our visit almost three hundred people

were packed like sardines in the church and the thirty members of the choir stood through the service. The fiery Bulgarian pastor, the Rev. M. Michailoff, is especially beloved by the great host of young people in the church.

Lom is our largest and finest mission field in all of Bulgaria. Our mission gifts helped to build the chaste chapel, the beauty of which overwhelms one in the worship of God. The Rev. G.



The Uplifted Cross and the Open Bible Greet All Worshippers in Our Baptist Chapel in Lom, Bulgaria

Vassoff, the aggressive pastor of this church, is one of our most promising missionaries. Trained in the Baptist seminary in Hamburg, he is a notable linguist and interpreter, a courageous soldier of the Cross, a passionate preacher and evangelist, and a warm friend whose equal is hard to find anywhere. The young people's society of this church enjoys a strong and able leadership.

Bulgaria is a "foreign mission field" in every sense of the word. The language used in these churches is "foreign" to Germans and Americans alike. Its location at the mouth of the Danube and on the Black Sea places it on the fringe of the Orient. Its despised Gypsies are almost as primitive in their livelihood as the Negroes of Africa. Here, also, are great spiritual needs of sin and superstition which call for the gospel message of Christ. Here God is working his wonders of grace in the hearts and lives of hosts of people. This, too, is God's mission acre which he has entrusted to us. For Bulgaria's contrasting colors will be beautiful only when they are blended into "the beauty of Jesus Christ," the matchless rose of Sharon, the world's only Savior!

Winning Many for Christ

A Call for a Rivival of Evangelism in 1939 by the General Missionary Committee of the Denomination

"Winning Many for Christ"

is to be our main business during the year 1939. Our Lord commands us: "Disciple all nations." In order to achieve success in this holy undertaking it will be absolutely necessary that we can truthfully say: "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us." In the midst of all our own bustling activities we must not fail to hear the voice of Jesus when he says: "Without me ye can do nothing."

In our history of almost one hundred years we have been privileged to point tens of thousands in the homeland as well as in foreign lands to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. During our last statistical year we have been privileged to report an unusually large number of converts. We deeply regret that about one hundred of our churches could not report a single convert during the last year. Our General Missionary Committee earnestly requests the whole-hearted cooperation of all churches to make the year 1939 memorable for a "Revival of Evange-

A Revival of Evangelism

A revival, being wholly in the realm of the spiritual, is always subject to and produced by spiritual laws which are as unchangeable even in our day as those laws of nature which keep the planets in their orbits. In the Acts of the apostles we find the record of a series of revivals, or rather of a long continued revival. There were many circumstances and conditions that led up to each of these revivals. We will do well to learn from those revivals in the early church how best we can promote our much needed and longed-for revival of evangelism.

"And the Lord added to the church could we wish and pray for more ardently than that our revival year, 1939, might be fittingly described in this record covering that early church in the Pentecostal period. Such an apostolic revival is 1.) God wrought; 2.) results in church increase; 3.) is continuous, even daily; and 4.) adds saved persons. This apostolic revival continued not only during those days immediately following Pentecost but during that entire apostolic period.

A thoughtful reading of the Acts of the Apostles will clearly reveal that certain forces and conditions operated in those early days to bring about that apostolic revival. We must cooperate. with those very same forces even in our day.

1. The Spirit's Outpouring

It is only natural that this outpouring of the Holy Spirit found its place at the very beginning of the Acts of the apostles. Without this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, there could have been no revivals, either in that apostolic age nor in any other subsequent age. One cannot cease to marvel at the wonderful changes that this outpouring produced. A reading of this Pentecostal sermon will fill everyone with astonishment.

How bold Peter and the other disciples have now become who, a short while ago, had deserted and even denied their Lord! We marvel at Peter's profound insight into the Word of God and the plan of his salvation. Let us think of the convincing and convicting power of that vacillating and now Spirit-filled Peter. We read: "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, 4. Conquering Church Crises Men, and brethren, what shall we do?" Such an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit is needful today. It has lost none of its effectiveness.

2. A Spirit-energized Church

It is not enough to have an actively working church. The motivating force must always be that of the Holy Spirit himself. We have preserved for us a concise and complete description of such a Spirit-energized church in Acts 2:42-47. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayer. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had daily such as should be saved." What need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people." Only in the record of such a church can it be said: "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

3. Miracles of Grace

The healing of the lame beggar at the Beautiful Gate of the temple resulted in bringing many to Christ: "Many of them who heard the Word ness they may speak thy word, by was about five thousand."

After Peter had said to that cripple Eneas who had kept his bed eight years, sick with the palsy: "Eneas, Je-

and make thy bed. And he arose immediately." Then the record follows: 'And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord." Such miracles of grace bestowed in physical healing and spiritual regeneration and restoration proved to be the most convincing arguments to induce sinners to accept the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is to be observed, however, that such miracles of grace must prove to be genuine. The lame beggar must be able to walk and leap and never again be found at his accustomed beggar-stool stretching out his hands for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. Only because Lazarus, who had lain in the grave and had already seen corruption, could now sit at the banquet table without the s'ightest trace of death or the grave would the Pharisees and the common people believe on Jesus.

The healing of the lame beggar at the temple gate proved to be one of those "infallible proofs" of the resurrection of the crucified Christ. Many were won to Christ because of this "infallible proof." That aroused the enemy and brought persecution to the church. This crisis was upon them when the rulers decreed: "That it spread no farther among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus."

It is worth our attention to note the policy the apostles pursued in this hour of crisis and the prayer they offered. "And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hath made heaven and the earth and the sea and all that in them is; who by the mouth of thy servant David hath said, why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings, and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldstretchirg forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Je-

Do not fail to note what follows: sus Christ maketh thee whole: arise "And when they had prayed, the place

was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had all things common."

We will do well to conquer our church crises through prayer so that they may terminate in an apostolic revival.

5. Cleansing Our Church Membership

It is significant that the story of the tragic death of Ananias and Sapphira follows immediately upon the report of that wave of Christian generosity that swept over the First Church. "Neither was there any among them that lacked; for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the price of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles feet; and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." Then follows this record: "But, a certain man named Ananias with Sapphira, his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet."

What a shock it must have been for that church, when the deceit of these two prominent members was uncovered and God smote them with death in the midst of that assembled congregation. Much to our surprise this terrifying experience was directly followed by the report of a rich outpoured blessing: "And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things. And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."

When judgment is executed upon the house of God, then not infrequently revivals follow.

6. Correcting Church Evils

Even during those early days of the First Church, certain evils crept in and grew up like a bitter, poisonous root spreading dissension. "And in those days the number of the disciples ing of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration."

The apostles immediately set about to correct this troublesome situation: "Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said: It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." It was the purpose of the apos-(Continued on Page 459)

Our annual Week of Prayer

Sunday, January 1, to Friday, January 6

week of January with much blessing, should be saved." This year we have even a stronger inducement to observe "Our Week of Prayer" following a prayer-program peculiarly fitted to our own needs. Prayer, both private and public, will be a major factor in making the year 1939 memorable for a "Revival of Evangelism."

We would not presume to encroach upon God's sovereignty and pretend to foretell how or when the revival may come. However, in the boldness of faith we would lay hold of the promise made by Jesus himself, when he said: "I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." With strong confidence we can include this much needed and earnestly desired "Revival of Evangelism" in the scope of this promise concerning the efficacy of united prayer.

WINNING MANY FOR CHRIST

A rivival being wholly in the realm of the spiritual is always subject to and produced by spiritual laws which are as unchangeable even in our day as those laws of nature which keep the planets in their orbits.

A thoughtful reading of the Acts of the Apostles will clearly reveal that certain forces and conditions operated in those early days to bring about that apostolic revival. Prayerfully we can apply those same forces and conditions to our longed-for revival of evange-

Sunday, January 1 An Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-40

Without this outpouring of God's Holy Spirit that Pentecostal revival would never have coured. Our hopes for a revival in 1939 are based solely was multiplied; there arose a murmur- on the active cooperation of God's Holy Spirit. Jesus reminds us: "Without me ye can do nothing." The Holy Spirit is the only one who can convert our weakness into strength, our ignorance into insight. Such an outpouring of God's Spirit is an experience for all of us, even in this present hour.

Monday, January 2 A Spirit-energized Church

Acts 2:41-47

A careful study of this inspired description of that Spirit-energized church in Jerusalem will serve for us as an incentive to strive for the repro-

During past years many of the duction of such churches. Only of such churches have observed the tradition- a church can it be said: "And the Lord al Week of Prayer during the first full added to the church daily such as

Tuesday, January 3

Experiencing Miracles of Grace

Acts 3:1-11

We have many evidences in our own midst that the Lord Jesus Christ is willing and able to work like miracles of grace in our day as of old. Nothing will convince an unbelieving world sooner of the reality of the Lord Jesus Christ than beholding such miracles of grace. They are our very strongest apologetic; they prove that we have a living Christ with us.

Wednesday. January 4

Conquering Church Crises Through Prayer

Acts 4:23-27

All through the centuries, even in the most peaceful times, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is always facing crises. The churches of our denomination today are no exception. As a denomination we are at this time facing a crisis. Enlightened members may best understand the sericusness of the crisis which their own church may be facing. "Conquer through prayer," is the lesson we learn from the apostlic church in the first century.

Thursday January 5

Cleansing Our Church Membership

Acts 5:1-14

The vine is not made fruit-bearing only by the sunshine and rain but also by the pruning knife. Our heavenly Father himself wields this pruning knife. In all our churches there is doubtless much need for cleansing by the Holy Spirit himself. It is still true: "As many as I love I rebuke and

Friday, January 6 Correcting Church Evils

Acts 6:1-8

Because of the perversity of the human heart, even in regenerated Christians, and because of our limited intelligence, devastating evils may often creep into our church life. It will require a clarified vision, honesty of purpose, and a good measure of God's wisdom to correct such evils successfully. Removing these evils, however, often brings upon the church "Showers of Blessing."

THE GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

(A fuller treatment of the Daily Prayer Topics will be found in the BAPTIST HERALD of this issue on the preceding page.

Minnesota's German Baptist Governor

By the REV. JOHN WOBIG, Pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Like the portraits of a long row of descendants adorning the walls of the palace of a royal family, so one could bedeck a gallery with portraits of such who have come out of our own beloved denomination to fill places of renown and importance. Among such a long list of missionaries, pastors, doctors, lawyers and all-American football players, there now arises a governor in the person of Harold E. Stassen of our Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota, who won the election on November 8 for the governorship of the state.

Mr. Stassen was born on a farm in Dakota county of the State of Minnesota on April 13, 1907, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Stassen. Much of Harold's calmness, tolerance and success are to be attributed to the wise counsel he received from his parents. They were pioneers in Dakota county of German, Scandinavian and Czech descent. They are still living on the old homestead. Harold has three brothers and one sister.

As a boy he revelled in the life of the country among the things of nature. There he also attended the public schools, graduating from Humboldt High School of St. Paul in 1922. Yet, even in those early days he was conscious of a hunger in his heart for a greater field of service along civic lines. Consequently he entered the University of Minnesota, graduating from it in 1927 with the B. A. degree. He was admitted to the bar on Sept.

On Nov. 14, 1929, Harold Stassen was united in marriage to Miss Esther Glewwe, daughter of Mrs. Henry Glewwe of South St. Paul. They have a little son two years old, who is the pride of the family. The parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Stassen have been staunch members of the Riverview Baptist church.

In the work of the church Mr. Stassen has been very active. He was converted and baptized in 1919, at which time he also became a member of the Young People's Society as well as a Sunday School teacher in our Riverview Baptist Church. He has also served as president of the Minnesota State Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, as well as president of the Twin City B. Y. P. U. In 1927 he travelled through the state with a Young People's Mission Team. His life's motto has been "to carry the principles of service as Christians into every day activities." Tolerance is the main key of these principles.

In civic affairs Mr. Stassen has served as County Attorney of Dakota county since 1930. He has also served



Harold E. Stassen the Governor-elect of Minnesota, a Member of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn.

as president of the Minnesota County Attorneys' Association and as president of the Minnesota Young Republicans' League. His campaign watchword was "build Minnesota! Stop stirring up class hatreds, bitterness, intolerance, and unite our people of all occupations, creeds, and races in the Christian principles of tolerance and understanding to work together for

Following are some excerpts taken from Mr. Stassen's campaign speeches: "It will be our first responsibility to provide adequately for those in need of assistance. But our problem does not end there. Our great task is to supply more jobs in private employment. The state must make a systematic effort to encourage the growth of industries here so that we may have more jobs for our workers and increased markets for our farmers and merchants."

"The youth of Minnesota-yes, the members of my generation-shall be a major concern of my administration."

"It shall be our effort to so conduct the affairs of the state as to build up the faith of the people in the integrity of their government. Outstanding in this respect, will be the adoption of a real civil service law for state employees.'

"We shall never lose sight of the fact that the individual farmer on his farm is the very backbone of the state of Minnesota."

"We shall insist also that state

open, competitive bidding, with the contracts awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, free from politics." "If I am elected governor, there will

be no sales tax."

It has been said that "in his eight years of public service, Harold Stassen has always been found on the side of the people. He has never been found on the side of special privilege against the people. He has maintained an independence and freedom from domination that has won the deepest confidence of those who know him."

It was the people of Dakota county who gave Mr. Stassen his endorsement to public service, and the tremendous vote accorded him would indicate that the whole state now joins in this endorsement and looks upon him as the harbinger of a new order, the prophet of a new age. *****

Another personality who has been a very loyal and active force in the Riverview Church is that of Mr. Henry Marks, who also thrusts himself into the political picture. Always interested in clean. honest and efficient government, he also entered the race as a candidate for the State House of Representatives. He won out in the primaries, but in the recent election on November 8 he was defeated.

Mr. Marks has been a member of the Bar for many years, practicing law in a downtown office of St. Paul.

In the work of the church he has always played a most prominent part, having held various offices and helping in all phases of the work. At present he is the church moderator and teacher of a class of young boys. He has always shown a keen interest in the whole denomination as well. At present he is a member of the General Finance Committee and consequently a member of the General Council. He is also serving as president of the Baptist Life Association of Buffalo, N. Y. His leadership and sound advise are greatly appreciated.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

By BERTHA MEYERS of Lodi, California Have you been asked to do your bit Or more than you care to do? Do you feel your load is heavy, Where others should be helping, too? Remember, you need not be burdened If there were others just like you; And if you shirked as do some of them, Our churches would have but few.

Without your help, we could not be Of service to our God. So thank him for your talents, purchases be made upon a basis of And use them near and broad.

Daily Meditations

By PROFESSOR LEWIS KAISER of Rochester, N. Y.

Sunday, December 4

Known and Yet Unknown

"Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?" John 14:9.

Read John 14:8-15.

Philip knew Jesus, but not intimately. His "Show us the Father," revealed that. "I am he; he that hath seen me, hath seen the Father," said the Master. On deeper acquaintance with him, he would come to know him more intimately, to know him truly as Lord, as One with the Father. We profess to know Jesus, and yet we have but a nodding acqaintance with

Prayer: O Master, illumine my mind and strengthen my will, that I may know thee in thy inmost being.

Monday, December 5

Learning of Jesus

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me." Matthew 11:29.

Read Matthew 11:25-30.

Among the Jews a pupil who submitted himself to the instruction of a certain teacher was said "to take his yoke." So Jesus meant, too, "Become my pupils," (disciples), "learn of me. Learn not merely from my example, but through fellowship with me. Get alongside me and we will pull to-

Prayer: To take thy yoke upon me, O Christ, is to free me from the yoke of sin, to give me deep and abiding

Tuesday, December 6

What to Do with Our Burdens "Cast (roll) thy burden upon the Lord." Psalm 55:22.

Read Psalm 55

"Roll thy burden upon the Lord." You have been trying to bear it all alone. Deliberately put one end on the shoulders of God. Commit to God what he hath given to thee. Do not fling it off, but put it over on to himand yourself with it-and the burden will be lightened by the sense of companionship.

Prayer: How ready thou art, my Lord, to put thy shoulder under my burdens! Make me willing to share them with you.

Wednesday, December 7

Meaning of the Cross

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." 1. Peter 2:24.

Read 1. Peter 2:18-25.

There is nothing more certain in time or eternity than what Jesus Christ did on the Cross. He made redemption the basis of human life; that is, he made a way for every son of man to get into communion with God. The Cross did not just happen to Jesus. He came on purpose for it. The center of salvation is the Cross of Je-

Prayer: "In the Cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of

Thursday, December 8

Friendship with God

"Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" Genesis 18:17.

Read Genesis 18:16-22.

Surely not, for Abraham was the "friend of God." The Lord reveals his profoundest secrets to those who trust in him. His friends are his confidants. "I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.' "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Prayer: Give us the faith, O Lord and Master, to enter ever more fully into the knowledge of thy will.

Friday, December 9

The Worker's Ruling Passion

"Wherefore we labour, that . . . we may be accepted of him." 2. Corinth-

Read 2. Corinthians 5:8-15.

Any ambition which is in the tiniest degree away from this contral one of being "approved of God" may end in our being castaways. Let us learn to discern whence the ambition leads, and we will see why it is so necessary to live facing Jesus Christ. Is my master ambition to please him, or is it something less, no matter how noble?

Prayer: Dear Lord, to have the smile of thine approval is my ardent desire and highest ambition.

Saturday, December 10

Must I Listen

"And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die." Exodus 20:19.

Read Exodus 20:18-24

We show how little we love God by preferring to listen to his servants only. Why are we so terrified lest God should speak to us? Because we know that if God speaks, either the thing

must be done or we must tell God, we will not obey him. If it is only the servant's voice we hear, we may say, "Well, that is simply your own idea"although it may be God's truth.

Prayer: Speak thou, O God, thy servant heareth.

Sunday, December 11

Obedient to the Vision

"I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Acts 26:19.

Read Acts 26:12-21.

If we lose the vision, we alone are responsible, and the way we lose the vision is by spiritual leakage. If we do not run our belief about God into practical issues, it is all up with the vision, God has given us. The only way to be obedient to the vision is to give aur utmost for God's highest and this can only be done by continually recalling the vision.

Prayer: Holy God, deliver us from all that dims our spiritual vision and weakens our will to follow the impulse to right doing.

Monday, December 12

The Saving Look

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." Isaiah 45:22.

Read Isaiah 45:18-25.

Our great difficulty spiritually is to concentrate on God and, strange as it may seem, his blessings often make it difficult. Troubles nearly always make us look to God. His blessings, however, are apt to make us look elsewhere. The teaching of the Sermon on the Mount is, in effect, narrow all your interests until the attitude of your mind and body is concentration on Jesus Christ. "Look unto Me."

Prayer: Gracious Lord, grant unto me the seeing eye and focus it upon the Savior, that his saving power may

Tuesday, December 13

Overmastered by Christ "For the love of Christ constraineth

us" 2. Corinthians 5:14.

Read 2. Corinthians 5:13-21.

Paul says that he is gripped by the love of Christ; that is why he acts as he does. Men may call him mad or sober; he does not care. He is living for one thing-to persuade men of the judgment-seat of God and of the love of Christ. Such an abandon to the love of Christ is bound to bear much fruit in life.

Prayer: I pray, Lord, that the love of Christ be the overmastering passion of my life.

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Marigold By Grace Livingston Hill

CHAPTER ONE

Marigold brought the big white box into her mother's bedroom and put it on the bed. Her eyes were shining and her lovely red-gold hair caught the sunlight and flamed gloriously, lighting up her happy brown eyes with to-

"Come, Mother, and look. I brought it home with me. I couldn't wait to have it sent up, I wanted so much to have you see it at once."

The mother came and stood beside the bed smiling, with just a bit of a troubled look in the deeps of her eyes.

"It's a lovely box, anyway, satinsmooth, and looks as if it ought to hold a wedding dress at least," she said wistfully.

"Yes, isn't it!" said Marigold gaily. "And to think I have a dress in the house from that wonderful shop! I never thought that would happen to me! The best part of the box to me is that magic name on the top, 'Francois.' I've dreamed of having that happen!"

"Dear child!" said her mother with a sad little smile. "But, do you think it is so much better than other places that aren't so expensive? I've always thought we had some lovely things made for you here at home."

"Of course you have, you dear! I never discounted them. It's only that I wanted this one to be, well, different from anything ever. I wanted it to have a big name back of it. And then there's always some little touch that can't be achieved except by those great ones. You know that, Mother. Oh, Mother dear! Don't look so grieved. The things you've always had made for me have been wonderful, and some of them much much prettier than any I ever saw from the great dressmakers of the earth. Some of those are positively ugly, I think, and yet they do have that something about them that nobody else can quite achieve, and only the initiated recognize."

The mother smiled.

"I suppose so," she said with a sigh. "But go on and open your box. I'm curious to see the garment that is worth a whole hundred and fifty dollars. I hope it comes up to my idea of what it ought to be."

"I'm sure you'll think it does," said

She lifted the cover slowly such a happy light in her face that her moth-

INTRODUCING "MARIGOLD."

the Lovely Young School Teacher of the Gleaming Red-gold Hair The New Serial Story by Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill to Appear in "The Baptist Herald."

So that she might attend a party at the wealthy Trescott home, Marigold felt compelled to buy an elaborate and extravagant dress, of which her mother did not approve. Handsome Laurie Trescott was devoted to Marigold, but when her mother expressed grave doubts about Laurie's character, Marigold wished that she had not accepted his invitation.

After she had had a horrible nightmare. Marigold decided to give up the thought of the party and make her mother's vacation trip possible by returning the expensive dress. Together mother and daughter went to Washington where Marigold made the acquaintance of Evan Bevan, an attractive young engineer. A scheming woman, a symphony concert, a frustrated elopement, a miraculous escape-all these make complications in lives and emotions that are already tangled.

But love finds itself at last, in spite of the forces which seemed destined to bring unhappiness and even tragedy, and a beautiful and moving story emerges in this new romance by one of America's most beloved authors.

watching for the first glimpse of the Paris frock.

Marigold put the cover down on the floor, and turned back the satiny folds of tissue paper. Even the tissue paper seemed to have a rare quality. Then she stood back and watched her mother's face

"There!" she said, "isn't that gorge-

The dress lay folded carefully, showing its lovely quality even at the first glance, rich, glistening, thick white taffeta, memories of yesterday woven into its texture and silvery finish. At the slender waistline was knotted a supple velvet girdle, soft as thistledown in deep vivid crimson. the girl with happy eagerness in her with long silken fringe at the ends, used sometimes to put on evening rose to match.

er was busy looking at her instead of with a new doll she was exhibiting.

Mrs. Brooke caught her breath in a soft exclamation of admiration.

"It is very lovely," she said, "it looks-almost regal!" and she gave a quick glance at her daughter and then back to the dress, as if trying to harmonize them. "You've never worn that deep shade of crimson. I'm wondering-" she studied her daughter's vivid face and then turned back to

"How it will go with my red hair?" asked the girl joyously. "Wait till you see it on me. I'm some sight!"

"Your hair is not really red, Marigold, only reddish-gold," answered the mother. "It really goes with anything."

"Well, you ought to have heard the saleslady rave over the combination," laughed the girl. "She positively waxed eloquent.",

"She probably wanted to sell the dress!" said the mother wisely. "But put it on. You can't always tell beforehand. Wait! Let me spread a sheet down on the floor! You mustn't run any risks with that lovely thing!"

When the sheet was spread Marigold slipped out of her little green knitted dress and into the rich shimmering evening frock and turned excitedly to face her mother

The mother stood studying her daughter critically.

"Yes, it's good," she assented. "I hadn't realized that you could wear that color before, but its rather wonderful. It does something to you, makes you look as if the light of the sunset were shining on your face."

"I thought you'd like it," said the girl in satisfaction.

"Yes, it's very beautiful, and very becoming," said Mrs. Brooke. Turn around and let me see the back." Half-shamedly the girl laughed.

"I'm afraid you won't like the back so well," she apologized, twisting her head to look over her shoulder at her mother. Everybody, simply everybody wears them. I couldn't find one without. And really, Mother, this was the most conservative back they had!"

"Oh, my dear!" said her mother sorrowfully. "I couldn't think of you wearing a back like that! Your father would have objected to it seriously. He hated such nakedness. There was a woman in our congregation who and on one shoulder a dark deep velvet dress for a church social, quite out of place of course, and he disliked it so. Marigold's eyes were like a child's But even that wasn't low like this. I can hear him now comically saying:

'Mrs. Butler had her dress trimmed with real vertebrae, didn't she?"" Marigold laughed half-heartedly.

"Oh, but Mother, that was a long while ago. He wouldn't have felt that way now. Why you even see low sunbacks in the daytime, and on the beach, and everywhere. And nobody has evening dresses made high in the back."

"Well, but backs are ugly!" said the mother with troubled gaze. "I don't see why they do it! And it makes me ashamed to think of my girl going around before a lot of people unclothed that way."

The color rolled up impatiently into Marigold's lovely cheeks.

"Mother, how ridiculous! You don't realize that everybody wears such things nowadays and nobody thinks a thing about it! If Father had been alive today he would have had to change some of his ideas. In those days it wasn't done, but it is now. I'm sure Father wouldn't think a thing of it if he were alive today."

"I wonder-" said Mrs. Brooke with a troubled frown.

Marigold turned to face her mother again.

"Mother, isn't that thin line of crimson just exquisite, falling down against the thick white silk? I think that fringe is adorable the way it falls down the skirt. You do like the dress, don't you. Mother?"

She lifted a charming face eager for approval, and her mother's anxious face relaxed.

"Yes, it is indeed beautiful, and is surprisingly becoming."

But there was something in her mother's tone that did not quite satisfy Marigold.

"Mother! You don't quite like it! What is it that you don't like besides the low back? I knew you wouldn't like that, but any dress I could buy that would be suitable would have had that objection. But there's something else, come, own up! I know your tone of approval, and this isn't just hearty."

"Oh, my dear!" said the mother with a trembling little smile, "No. child. I find nothing else to criticize. It is very beautiful and very distinguished-looking. I'm only questioning whether a quiet little Christian girl-I suppose you still call yourself that, don't you?-has a right to spend all her substance on one dress that is so perishable, and at most can only be worn to advantage half a dozen times. You couldn't possibly get enough others of the same standard to make up a whole wardrobe."

"Mother!" said the girl, her sweet face suddenly shadowed, "you are spoiling the whole thing! I shall never want to wear it now!"

She turned abruptly toward the window, a quick flush mounting over her fair skin to her forehead.

"My dear! I didn't mean to hurt

spend almost everything you have in course, but I'm afraid it's not right. a lump sum this way? The dress is I'm only sorry for you that you seem wonderful, but I'm quite sure we could have copied it, and made it just as lovely. I even know how to put fringe like that on the girdle. I've often done it. I'm afraid you'll be sorry afterward that the money is all gone."

"No, Mother, you don't understand. I had to have something that was as good as anybody's, that is if I'm to go to this affair at all. I have to have it for sort of 'moral support,' you know: this first time among Laurie's friends. It isn't as if they were my friends whom I have always known. Those people on the north side of the city are entire strangers to me, and rather inclined to be snobbish. Laurie isn't, of course, or he wouldn't be going with me. But his mother has never called, nor recognized me in the slightest way till now, and I feel as if I want to show her that I know what is fitting for such occasions as well as she does. I don't want to let Laurie down. His mother is not like him. She's very aristocratic and exclusive and I don't want Laurie to be ashamed of me. I don't want his family pitying me and saying what a shabby girl he goes with. I want his mother to see that I know how to dress just as well as she does."

"Oh, my dear! That's not a very good motive to own to, is it? She with her millions and you with your two hundred dollars! If Laurie's mother's admiration is worth winning I'm quite sure she would think far more of you for dressing within your means than for aping millionaires, especially since you can't keep up this style of dress-

Marigold was silent and troubled for a moment.

"But Mother, I shan't need to," she said with a quick-drawn breath. "It isn't in the least likely there will be more invitations like this. Besides, I can put away a little money now and then for another occasion that might come up. And, too, Mother, I'm not going beyond my means getting this one dress. Aunt Carolyn told me to spend it on something I really wanted, some luxury, something frivolous if I liked, and this is the thing I wanted with all my heart. This was only a hundred and fifty dollars, and there'll be enough left for gloves and slippers and maybe an evening wrap. Mother, you're spoiling it all! don't understand! It's a sort of an 'if-I-perish-I-perish' state of mind. I'm in. I've got to go dressed so that Laurie's mother can't criticize me, or I won't go back at all. If I don't pass inspection, well, she'll never be bothered with me again, that's all, but I'm going right or not at all."

The mother sighed and studied her daughter's flushed, lovely face a moment, a compassionate look in her own

"Dear! Don't look that way! In a you! But doesn't it seem too bad to way I do understand how you feel of want to see me."

I'm only sorry for you that you seem to be tangled up in a situation that makes you feel you must step out of your natural way of living. You know your fortune in life has not been set by God in the environment of a millionaire's daughter. Your father was a plain minister of the gospel, and when he was called away from earth suddenly, he had no millions, nor even thousands to leave behind. All this grandeur just doesn't seem consistent with your sensible life so far. But there! Don't look so sorrowful! One dress isn't going to wreck your fortune, even though it does take all you have, and perhaps the experience will be worth a good deal to you. Come. since the dress is bought we might as well enjoy it. Forget what I've said and be happy."

But Marigold stood staring out of the window at the bare brown trees unseeingly, her eyes filling with sudden tears.'

"Oh, child!" said her mother in dismay. "You mustn't cry! You'll ruin that dress. Here! Wait, I have a handkerchief. Let me mop you up, and then for pity's sake take off the dress. We can't have it ruined before it's ever worn. That would be disastrous. I never meant to make you feel that way, dearest. Forgive me!"

As she talked Mrs. Brooke was dabbing Marigold's eyes softly with her own handkerchief.

"There! Take if off quickly before I start you off again! Wait! I'll help you!" Marigold began to giggle hysterically as she emerged from the enveloping silk.

When the dress was hung on the softest hanger the house afforded, swinging from the rod in the open closet, and Marigold had donned her plain little knit dress again, they stood back and looked at it.

"I so wanted to have you like it!" sighed the girl as she looked at it wistfully. "It seemed to me the prettiest evening dress I had ever seen.'

"But I do like it, dear. It's a gorgeous garment, the grandest I have ever laid eyes on. It wasn't a question of like, it was a question of wisdom and suitability."

"I know," said the girl, her lips quivering just a tiny bit again, "but Mother, I thought it was wise and suitable. There's no question about its suitability for the occasion, Mother. I've read a number of times in the society columns, the kind of clothes they wear at Mrs. Trescott's affairs."

"I didn't mean suitable for Mrs. Trescott, Marigold, I meant suitable for you, a plain little girl who has to earn her living. Won't even Mrs. Trescott question the suitability of such a dress for you?"

"Well, but Mother, if I'm going there at all, oughtn't I go right? And if I'm going with Laurie to things I've got to be dressed the way he would with a troubled frown again.

"Why, Marigold? Does he mean so much to you? Dear, are you planning to marry Laurie?"

"Mother!" said Marigold, her cheeks flaming suddenly into brilliant color. "Why, Mother! He hasn't even asked me to-yet!"

"Yet? Then you're expecting him to? Dear, I hate to force your confidence, but a good deal depends on your attitude toward the question. If he does ask you are you wanting to say yes?"

"Oh, Mother!" said the girl with quick panic in her eyes, "I haven't got as far as that yet. I'm only having a good time."

"Well, that's what I was afraid of." "Why, Mother, you don't think a girl should go ahead and plan things like that, do you, not till she's been

"A girl ought to know whether she could love a man before she lets him go too far in falling in love with her. She has no right to lead him on if she knows she cannot care for him. You know, dear, you have been going pretty steadily with Laurie for several months now and people are beginning to couple your names, and to question, and to take things for granted. I only want you to know yourself. When it comes to spending a hundred and fifty dollars for one dress, it seems to me you must be pretty sure of yourself."

and this time the tears really came.

"You don't like Laurie, do you, whirling about and facing her mother with beseeching eyes. "He's so gay and-dear, I don't see how you can help liking him!" and the tears poured down with unexpected swiftness.

"I didn't say I didn't like him, dear "Oh, I never meant to make you feel course Laurie is likeable. He certain- considers worldly things first." ly is gay-yes, and dear in his ways-I understand how you feel. But I scarcely know him well enough to judge whether he is suitable for my precious girl. He drops in here gaily, has a pleasant word and a smile, flashes his handsome eyes, smiles charmingly, smooths his beautiful hair; and he's courteous and delightful in every way for the five minutes while he is waiting for you. Then you flit off together, and hours later I hear him linger at the door a minute when he brings you back. How can I know?"

"Oh, Mother! I didn't realize! Of course you don't really know him, do you? Couldn't we ask him here to dinner some night?"

thoughtfully. "Are you sure he would sist on much. And anyway what's want to come? Of course, now since that got to do with my new dress?" his mother has invited you, it will be easier for us to invite him-perhaps. sadly and then with a sigh said: But dear, I want you to face the fu-

The mother's brows drew together and not rush into something that will ing at it while we talked and the richbring you sorrow after the glamour has departed."

> the world that lasts? All glamour doesn't depart, does it?"

> "There certainly is a true love that lasts, and that's what I want you to have, dear. That's why I'm daring to invade the privacy of your heart and warn you."

Marigold pondered perplexedly.

"But why are you especially worried about Laurie, Mother? When Eastman Hunter, and Earle Browning used to come here a good deal, you never said anything nor when John Potter came. You seemed to take it all perfectly naturally, and counted them my good friends. You didn't probe me to see if I was going to get married right away. I wasn't so much younger than I am now. It was only a little over a year you don't like that dress, not as much ago. Did you like any of them better than Laurie?"

"No, not as well," said the mother frankly, "but dear, Laurie is of another class. It is always a serious question when young people of different classes try to come together. Once in a great while such a marriage is a happy one, but too often it is not. I want you to be really happy, darling!"

"Mother, I didn't think you believed in classes and aristocracy!" charged Marigold.

"I'm not talking about one being better than another, child, I'm think-The dear eyes were clouded again, ing of the different ways of upbring-

"Laurie has been beautifully Mother?" she charged unexpectedly, brought up," said the girl proudly. "He has more real courtesy and culture than anybody I know.'

"Yes." said the mother thoughtfully, "as far as courtesy goes he is charming! But it isn't just courtesy and culture I mean. There are other things, child!" said the mother distressed. things of the world. Marigold, you know yourself he has been brought up badly. I just wanted to warn you. Of by the standards of the world, and he

"Oh, but Mother, that wouldn't make any difference with us. He always wants to do what I want. That is, almost always," cried the girl. The mother smiled sadly.

"That's very nice now, dear," she said, "but would it last? And have you realized, my girl, that you yourself have let down some of your own standards since you began to go with Lau-

Marigold dropped her glance and flushed uneasily.

"Oh, well, not in things that really matter," she said. "I don't think it's right to be too straight-laced. I found Laurie didn't understand my attitude at all, and I didn't see that a few "We could," said the mother trifles were important. He doesn't in-

The mother studied her a little

"Well, dear, let's put it all away and ture, be sure of every step you take, just enjoy your dress. I've been look-

ness of it is growing on me. It is really distinguished-looking. The silk is "Mother! Isn't there any real love in a beautiful texture. It must have been especially woven for the house that made the dress. We don't get silk like that in the stores today. It's more like the quality of my grandmother's wedding dress. And I like that way the girdle is brought around the waist, and the line of crimson fringe falling on the heavy white. It's most unusual."

Suddenly Marigold came up behind her mother and flung her arms around

"Oh, you dear precious Mother!" she cried. "You're rare! You always did cheer me up just at the last minute when I'm ready to hate myself for something I've done. You're a good sport if there ever was one. I know as you'd like to like it. You think it's all out of place for me, and perhaps you're right. At least if I had only myself to consider, I'm sure you are. But I just felt I must have it. You see, Mother, the woman who sold it to me showed me the dresses Laurie's mother and sister have ordered, and I know what I'm up against. She said this one came in after theirs were ordered, or she was sure Gwendolyn would have taken it instead of the one she got, for she had asked for white with a touch of this new red about it, and was disappointed that they didn't have it. However, her own is lovely! It's pale apricot malines, frilled till it looks like foam. She'll be a dream in it. She has dark hair and eyes, like Laurie's."

Mrs. Brooke watched her daughter's changing vivid expression with troubled eyes. How thoroughly intrigued her dear child was with all that belonged to Lawrence Trescott! Was her warning too late? Should she have done something about it sooner? Or was she perhaps mistaken? Could it be that this was the way her child's life was planned? Could Laurie bring Marigold the best happiness? Was he worthy of her? She could not bear that there should be heartbreak in store for her wonderful little girl.

"You're not listening to me, Mother!" charged the daughter reproachfully, "your eyes are quite far away!" "Oh, yes, I'm listening. Apricot

malines would be lovely on anybody." Her mother smiled whimsically. "Dear child!"

The mother stooped and touched her lips to the fair young forehead, and tried to drive the shadows away from her own eyes. If her girl was making a mistake, at least she herself would try to act gallantly through the ex-

"Oh, heavenly Father, keep my child! Guide her! Save her from sorrow!" her heart prayed, even while she entered gaily into the merry talk as they prepared the evening meal.

(To be continued)

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Sunday, January 1, 1939 MAKING THIS A "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Scripture References: Psalm 16:8-11; Hebrews 3:12-15.

At the beginning of a new year we greet each other with the familiar "Happy New Year." There is no doubt that many of us are sincere and that we all desire a new year of happiness. Of course, not all have the same conception of happiness; consequently, it all depends on what is in the mind of the person when he wishes his fellows a "Happy New Year." Christian young people know that their happiness is contingent upon their relationship to Jesus. We want to make this a "Happy New Year" for ourselves as well as to make it one for others.

1. The Right Start

If the year 1939 is to be a happy one, we must begin it in the right way. The "old year's eve" should be a time for meditation and consecration. When we look back upon the past year, we may not be satisfied with ourselves. There are things that make us glad and there are things that make us sad. The blessings received cause us to rejoice. Our many failures, however, bring us to our knees in humility. We must feel our dependence on God and be ready to accept him as our Guide through the new year.

Making resolutions is not enough. It is essential that we must know where we want to go and how to proceed on our journey. In reality, the new year is like an unknown country into which we enter in order to find our way to happiness. We must choose our Guide who is familiar with the country, and then we must follow him as he leads. There is a satisfaction in knowing that we are on the right road.

2. Continue As You Begin

You may make the right start and then fall by the wayside. A good start is a great thing, but it does not insure a good finish. How many people fail to justify their good start! They do not see it through. It is important that we keep in daily communication with the Guide. Prayer is "setting the Lord always before you." Bible reading is very helpful, for we must become acquainted with the rules of the road. "Take heed," is Paul's admonition, that means, "be careful, walk circumspectly." Then there is another phrase which we may take to heart, namely "to exhort one another." This does not mean to call one down, but rather to inspire one another in

because it is the greatest destroyer of happiness. Walk on the sunny side of life and live day by day a life of trust. Have faith in God and your fellow-believer. Let Christ advise you in all your life's relationships. Be steadfast!

3. Learn the Secret of Making Others Happy

There is enough suffering in life. All suffering is due to sin, and sin expresses itself in unbelief, mistrust and worry. If we can learn to live a life of trust and faith we shall be happy and will make others happy. We want to make this a happy new year by entering into the joy of the Lord and by spreading joy around us. In the measure that we make others glad and ease their burdens, we shall be rewarded by happiness in our own life. In so doing we begin to think more of others and less of self. In the Christian life this principle is just the reverse of the natural selfish life.

"Run the straight race through God's good grace, Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face; Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face; Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize. Faint not nor fear, his arms are near, He changeth not and thou art dear; Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee."

4. Practise the Presence of Christ

To have Christ as our companion, to learn of him, to fellowship with him, to walk and talk with him, is practising his presence. Of one thing we must be deeply conscious and that is that we are primarily disciples of Christ at home, in business, on the farm, in the factory and in church. This consciousness will help us to acknowledge him in all our ways and he will then direct our paths. He will cause his light to shine in the darkness and lead us in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. There we will hear his voice and obey it. And the path of obedience is the path of happiness.

And now, we wish you all a "Happy New Year!"

Sunday, January 8, 1939 "HOW DID WE GET OUR BIBLE"

Scripture Reference: Psalm 19:7-11. 1. God Never Left Himself Without a Witness

The Bible is the most wonderful book. When we read it, we are conscious of God speaking to us. It is very natural that God should enter into communication with man whom he created after his likeness. If we accept the fact of God and that he is the

holy living. Shun sin in any form creator of all, we must accept the conclusion of his revelation to us. The Bible does not argue the existence of God but assumes it. Its own tesimony is this, that holy men of God have written it, inspired by the Holy Spirit. All through the ages from Adam until the coming of Christ, God has revealed himself in diverse manner and since that day he has spoken through the gospel. Truly, this is one way in which the Bible came to us.

2. The Bible is God's Gift to Man

"This book is the word of God. In it he makes known to men his character and will. It is all given by inspiration and is profitable; teaching men to believe; showing them in what they are wrong; instructing them in what is right; and leading them, through the grace of God, to do it. Although written by men, God directed them what to write and how to write it, that as a rule of human faith and conduct it might be perfect. Having been all written, not in word taught by the wisdom of men, but by the wisdom of God, it is perfect, converting the soul; sure, making wise the simple; and right, rejoicing the heart. Of course, a knowledge of this book is more to be desired than gold; because in understanding, believing, and obeying it, there is great present and great future

3. Inner Evidences That the Bible is of Divine Origin

What a difference there is between the Bible and the sacred scriptures of other religious cults. It speaks to me. and I am drawn to the living God. All that the Bible requires is a test. Let a man who is in search of God read this book and he will find him as he is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. It is, indeed, a record of God reaching out after fallen men. There is a challenge here: "If any man will do the will of him that sent me, he will know whether I am come of God."

4. The Influence of the Bible Upon Human Society

No other book has had or could have such transforming power than the Bible. Look at countries where the Bible is suppressed and what do you find? Wherever the torch of God's light is carried, it changes things. Would you like to live where the Bible has never been known? Do you suppose, we would have hospitals, homes for the aged, or children's homes and other welfare institutions if it were

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Reports from the Field

The Appointment of Mr. A. D. Schantz as Missionary-Colporter

Mr. A. D. Schantz has been appointed as the new colporter to succeed Mr. H. G. Geis upon his retirement from the work which covered a period of ten fruitful years. Brother Ge's retires with our regrets. Brother Schantz has resided in Texas for a number of years but comes from one of our German Oklahoma families. He has taken training at the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Forth Worth, majoring in music. Since leaving the seminary he has been engaged in evangelist c labors, usually assisting as a song leader and in personal work. He comes to us very highly recommended and seems to be exceptionally qualified. He enters upon his work with the Publication Society on December first.

Your Missionary Colporter By MR. A. D. SCHANTZ of Lubbock, Texas

Being highly honored by the manager of the German Baptist Publication Society, Mr. H. P. Donner and its executive committee as the successor of Brother H. G. Geis as missionary colporter for the German Baptists of North America, I most earnestly and sincerely crave the prayers of every devoted Christian. I feel highly honored in being the representative of such a noble group of Christian saints.

In my representation of German Baptists I will come in contact with thousands of lost souls, whose souls are at stake for all eternity. I go forth tremblingly, but with a confidence in you of the assurance that you are daily backing and supporting me with your earnest prayers and hearty cooperation in this great task.

The literature that I am to distribute to saints and sinners and the gospel news that I am to bring to lost souls must come from the fountain of the German Baptist organization, flowing from the throne of God. If I, as your missionary colporter, can feel your strength in the Lord, and the love and compassion you have for lost souls in sending me out on the field, I shall only return with great victory for the Lord. As your representative in this work I cast myself in humble submission at the feet of my Lord and Master for service, and go in the strength of the Lord given to German Baptists of North America and on your support of the cooperation given to me. If we pray, if we work, if we give, if we believe and launch out at our Savior's evommand and cooperate together, the reward will be victory.

Southwestern Conference Young People's Program at the Mission and Harvest Festival in Oklahoma Convention

The young people of our Oklahoma German Baptist churches had a part in the convention convening at Bessie, Okla., from Oct. 20 to 23. Earl Geis. president of the organization, was in charge of the meeting. Musical numbers were rendered, mostly by the young people of the Gotebo Church, who also helped a great deal throughout the convention. A Girls' Trio from the Teachers College at Edmond, Oklahoma, sang several songs. Miss Ernestine Weigand sang "Open the Gates of the Temple."

The Rev. J. J. Reimer, the new pastor of the Gotebo Church, delivered the address of the afternoon on the theme. "Youth." each letter suggesting a spiritual thought. This address was very impressive and helpful to everyone who heard it.

H. A. MEYER, Reporter

The Ordination of the Rev. J. J. Reimer of Gotebo, Okla.

The delegates to the Oklahoma German Baptist Convention, convening with our church at Bessie, Okla., from Oct. 20 to 23, were requested by our church near Gotebo to meet as a council for the purpose of ordaining its pastor, Mr. J. J. Reimer. After organizing a council with the Rev. Chas. Wagner of Okeene elected as chairman and the Rev. H. A. Meyer as clerk, we proceeded with the examina-

The clerk of the Gotebo Church read the minutes of its last business session with reference to arranging for the ordination of its pastor. Mr. Linstead of the Gotebo Church presented the candidate, whereupon he related his conversion and call to the ministry and presented his views of the doctrines of faith. The council then expressed its entire satisfaction with Brother Reimer and recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination.

The Rev. Chas Wagner preached the ordination sermon; the Rev. Socolofsky gave the charge to the young preacher; the Rev. A. Knopf led in the ordination prayer and the Rev. R. Klein rendered the charge to the church and extended the hand of fellowship to the new minister. "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" was sung and the meeting came to a close with the benediction by the Rev. J. J. Reimer. Brother Reimer comes to us from the Mennonite Brethren, having served as a missionary among the Mexicans in Minnesota. H. A. MEYER, Reporter

Pacific Conference

the First Church of Portland

The Sunday School of the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, observed its Mission and Harvest Festival on Sunday evening, October

The church was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and flowers. We are thankful to our heavenly Father that he gave us many colorful fruits and vegetables to place on the platform. All this was donated by members and friends, which was later given as a gift to our Home for the

All classes in the church school took part in songs and recitations. A heautiful and interesting dialogue that personally mentioned the names and work of our missionaries in foreign fields was given by a group of girls and children. It was a very special joy to have our fine Junior Choir, under the direction of Mr. Gus. Bachofner, sing for us in the German language.

Our large men's choir, to which we always look forward to hearing one Sunday morning and evening worship of each month and which renders selections on special occasions, favored us with a closing number.

A short talk and prayer from our minister, the Rev. John Leypoldt, brought this beautiful celebration to a EDITH HOMOKE, Secretary

Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mrs. and Mrs. J. Wiebe in the Salt Creek Church

On Sunday evening, Oct. 16, the members of the Salt Creek Buptist Church in Oregon gathered at the church to surprise and to honor Mr. and Mrs. John Wiebe on their silver wedding anniversary. Lohengrin's "Wedding March" was played by Mrs. M. Classen as the honored couple was called to the front of the church by the pastor, the Rev. O. Nallinger.

Mrs. Albert May, president of the Ladies' Aid, presented Mrs. Wiebe with a beautiful plant, and Dr. N. Classen congratulated them in the name of the young peaple's soc ety. Since Mr. Wiebe is the Sunday School superintendent, the vice-superintendend, Mr. Jake Voth, delivered the Sunday School congratulations. Mr. D'ck Martel, one of the deacons, presented them with a silver tea set in the name of the church. Our pastor, Mr. Nallirger, wrote a poem which told beautifully in rhyme of Mr. and Mrs. Wiebe's courtship and marriage and of their good work in the church.

MILDRED VOTH, Reporter

Sessions of the Oregon Association in the Laurelhurst Church of Portland

The days of Oct. 27 to 30 were days of great blessing to the many visitors and delegates from the seven churches of Oregon, who gathered with the Laurelhurst Church in Portland for the association meetings. The need of Christian fellowship is as keenly felt today as in days of yore, and this occasion gave us this fine privilege.

The Rev. Otto Nallinger of Salt Creek preached the opening sermon on "The Church and Her Redemptive Task," and also gave the inspiring address at the young people's rally on Sunday afternoon on "A Mountain Retreat." The Rev. J. F. Olthoff gave a Bible study on "Abraham, a Man of Faith," and also preached the convention sermon on Sunday morning. The Rev. O. Roth served with two inspiring devotional messages, concluding the forenoon sessions. The Rev. C. Seccamp gave us a thoughtful paper on "The Greatness of the Gospel." The Rev. J. Leypoldt preached before a filled church on "Living Epistles." The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer spoke on "Scriptural Sanctification" and also served as guest speaker to the women's missionary program, speaking on "Our Christian Women and Evangelization." The three devotional hours, at the beginning of the forenoon and afternoon sessions, were conducted by the Reverends F. Buermann, J. J. Lucas and T. A. Leger.

From the church reports, which were given orally, we could see that all o our churches have experienced great blessings and revivals during the past year. All of the various organizations are engaged in the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God in their respective spheres. On the other hand, we were also reminded of the many difficulties, the indifference and increasing worldliness against which we must battle.

The following officers were elected: chairman, Rev. O. Roth; vice-chairman, Rev. J. Leypoldt; secretary, Rev. J. C. Schweitzer; and treasurer, Rev. C. Seecamp. An offering for the work in our convention was received on Friday evening, while the offering of the women's missionary program was devoted to our work in the Cameroons.

The church was beautifully decorated for all of the services. The Laurelhurst singers, three respective groups, enhanced the services with their harmonious contributions. Much of the pleasantness and success of this convention were due to the tactful oversight of the Rev. F. W. Mueller, who is the aggressive pastor of this growing church. The ladies are to be highly commended for the satisfying and appetizing meals, which were served in the church basement. All of the sessions were well attended and a spirit of praise and joy was manifest.

J. C. SCHWEITZER, Reporter

Annual Report of the Los Angeles B.Y.P.U.

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." This is the prayer of every B. Y. P. U. member in the Ger- of vacationists by the various memman Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., as we look over the past year and plan for the future. Some of the members were dropped from the membership list because of insufficient interest, but we have added 7 new members and now have a group of 55 fine Christian young people.

During the year some important changes were made in our constitution. The age limit was charged from 13 60 to 14-45 years. The Sunday evening devotional hour was changed from 7 o'clock before the church service, to 8 o'clock after the service, which now begins a half hour earlier. An amendment was added to our constitution that all members not attending our devotional meetings on 8 consecutive Sundays will be dropped from the membership list. The weekly church bulletin was installed by us to acquaint church members with the order of service and other matters of church interest. The "voice of the pew" box at the back of the church auditorium was also put up by our B. Y. P. U. as a receptacle for puzzling questions and problems, which our pastor answers and explains for us.

Once a month we go to the Sailors' Rest Mission at San Pedro. On a Sunday afternoon we went to the County Poor Farm to sing. We are planning to make this a regular monthly event also. We have started a new church building fund with pledges. We hope that the church will soon start its own fund, whereupon we will combine ours with theirs. One Sunday evening a month after our own meeting is spent with 4 other B. Y. P. U. groups at a "Song Fest."

Three of our young people are attending the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. One is attending a seminary. We are very proud of them, and we know that our society and church will benefit from the instruction they are Auch. At this time Mrs. August Auch receiving.

The Sunday evening devotional hour, during the first part of the year, was spent in discussing the sermons which the Rev. G. W. Krentz had preached in the evening services. They were of special interest to young people, and the "voice of the pew" box was filled with questions throughout this series. We have also enjoyed ourselves socially at parties, weenie bakes, watermelon feeds, and at the planetar-

Throughout our year of good times and fellowship we have not forgotten our Lord. We praise and thank him for his guiding hand over us.

FLORENCE EISELE, Secretary

B. Y. P. U. and Church News from Lodi, Calif.

With summer vacations again in the background, we of the B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church in Lodi. Calif., have resumed our activities for the new year. Our first meeting was enjoyed by all, listening to resumes

During two months of the past summer, July and August, we had a "Dues Contest" that helped soar our treasury to a surprising amount. The B Y. P. U. was divided into three groups, the two losing sides being hosts to the winners with an evening of entertainment as well as being responsible for refreshments. The evening was spent in games and a "scavenger hunt" about town.

On Sunday afternoon, October 16, our society presented a program for the boys in the Preston School of Industry at Ione, at which time our choir rendered several selections and members of the B. Y. P. U. presented instrumental and vocal solos.

Sunday morning, July 24, our pastor, the Rev. A. Felberg, arranged a memorial service for our beloved Dr. G E. Lohr who passed away a year ago. Short talks and songs by the head of each department of the church were given. Mr. Felberg at the close added a few words that were most impressive and appreciated by the Lohr family and the congregation.

Mr. Felberg was granted the privilege by the church to attend the Baptist Divinity School in Berkeley, three days a week, where he is furthering his studies.

The Rev. E. E. Bonikowsky and the Rev. Henry Koslow, who are also attending the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School were visitors in Lodi on Sunday, Sept. 18, at our morning and evening services, when we were privileged to hear them speak, bringing us messages that were both beneficial and spiritually uplifting.

Twenty-six of our Sunday School teachers and officers were installed into office, on Sunday morning, Sept. 11, by the superintendent, Mr. August was presented with a lovely gift from the Sunday School for her faithful service as the superintendent of the Primary department. Mrs. Auch has held this office for the past ten years and has now resigned to take over the large Sunday School class of High School girls. She will be succeeded by Mrs. John Hellwig as Primary superintendent. During Mrs. Auch's regime our Sunday School enjoyed a very active and increasing enrollment of about 70 in the department.

We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings that were ours this past year.

BERTHA MEYERS, Reporter.

P.Y.P.U. News from Anaheim

On Friday, September 30 the B. Y. P. U. of Anaheim, Calif., had a progressive dinner in four different homes of our society. Approximately 100 guests attended.

The theme was the four seasons of the year, Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer. As we entered the Harry Fox home, representing Fall, we were greeted by pilgrims. The tables were richly decorated with the "Horn of Plenty" and candles, the holders of which were summer squash. After our first course, we motored to the Albert Brackman home, representing Winter. Here Santa Claus greeted us in the patio, where we found a cheerful fireplace and snow scenes as the decorations. Later, we gathered at the O. Eymann home, representing Spring. The May Day Queen bade us welcome, and the May pole and other decorations were carried out. Our last place was Summer at the R. Joe Quast home. The porch and front parlor were decorated as a beach scene. We made a net profit of \$76.61.

After our delicious dinner, we all met at the church to hear a report on Germany. Miss E. Luise Krenzler, a member of our B. Y. P. U., was the speaker. She spent three months in Germany, where she received a diploma for a six weeks' course at the Weimar-Jena summer college for American students. Miss Krenzler was the recipient of one of the 10 scholarships given in the United States for that college. She visited Hamburg, Berlin, Dresden, Munich, Stuttgart, Friedrikshafen on the Bodensee, Frankfort on the Main, Cologne and other points of interest. At present she is a graduate student at University of California at Los Angeles, majoring in Ger-

RUTH H. JUNGKEIT, Reporter

Young People's Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Conference in Colfax

We, as young people of the Pacific Northwest, were not only blessed spiritually but also physically by God at our 12th annual conference. We met during the beautiful "Indian Summer" on Oct. 22 and 23 at Colfax, Washington, which is ideally situated for its scenic attractions. Before the official opening of the sessions the young people enjoyed a delightful trip to Washington State College at Pullman and to the Lewiston Grade.

The annual business meeting on Saturday evening, Oct. 22, was preceded by a delicious banquet. At the close of the banquet, under the competent leadership of Mr. Peter Yost of Tacoma, we transacted our annual business session. Miss Judith Krueger of Colfax was elected vice-president for the biennium; and Miss Emma Sievert of Spokane as secretary. The Rev. E. S. Fenske of Vancouver was elected

M. Klingbeil of Colfax was elected to finish the term of the Rev. A. Lang. Following the business meeting we were favored with special numbers from various societies. The speakers for the evening were Miss Florence Weber of Odessa who spoke on "Let Us Be Constructional Christians" and Miss Gertrude Rahn of Tacona whose subject was "Let Us Be Illuminating Christians."

The Sunday morning Sunday School was very well attended. We were able to see from the reports of the superintendents that God is blessing our Sunday Schools. We were also very fortunate to have the Missionary, Miss Frieda Weisser of Camrose, Alberta, Canada, in our midst who spoke to us. The memorial services for the Rev. Rumpel and the Rev. C. F. Dallmus, former pastors in our conference, who have gone to their home above, was led by the Rev. C. E. Schoenleber. The Rev. G. Eichler brought the morning worship address on the theme, "Let us Rise Up and Build."

The afternoon session found the auditorium again filled to capacity and a good program prepared. Ten societies responded to the roll, each prepared with an interesting number. The welcome was extended to the Marland B. Y. P. U., which is a new society in our association. The prize awarded to the society having the highest percentage of its members present and the greatest distance traveled went to the Tacoma B. Y. P. U. The Rev. E. S. Fenske gave the afternoon address, "Not Godd -If Detached." This was especially helpful, informational, and inspiring.

The meetings came to a close with the evening session with the Rev. E. Bibelheimer from Missoula, Montana, giving the closing address. His topic "Our Great Inheritance." The B. Y. P. U. of Colfax gave a short but very interesting program which consisted of a number of musical selections and a well presented play entitled, "The Wise Fool." When Mr. Bibelheimer had pronounced the final benediction, the auditorium lights were darkened and a spotlight was focused on a previously concealed reflectory sign reading. "Praise Ye The Lord." From the balcony at the rear of the church came the strains of a trumpet trio playing, "Steal Away," and gradually faded out. Then a vocal trio answered with "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

ALMA KLUDT, Reporter

Eastern Conference Installation of B.Y.P.U. Officers in Amprior, Ontario

The annual banquet and installation of officers of the Senior B. Y. P. U. in the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, was held on Friday evening, October 28, in the basement of the church. The program was conducted by the president, Leslie Kauffriends of the B. Y. P. U. were pres-

Before and during the serving of the courses of the dinner, community singing was enjoyed by all. The president welcomed the Killaloe young people in a few well chosen words and Miss Edna Verch, president of the Killaloe Union, replied.

The officers-elect, who were installed by the officers of the B. Y. P. U. of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, are as follows: president, Juan Jahn by Miss Edna Verch; vice-president, Warren Woermke by Ellard Chats'ck: secretary, Miss Eileen Swant by Mrs. Walter Kuehl; treasurer, Mrs. Leslie Kauffeldt by Daniel Felhaber; pianist, Miss Rachael Burke by Miss Elga Chatsick. The Rev. E. W. Klatt, pastor of the Killaloe Baptist Church, gave the installation prayer.

The president-elect expressed his confidence for the success of the coming year with the help of God and the cooperation of every member. The guest speaker for the evening was the Rev. L. D. Begg, pastor of the Renfrew Baptist Church, who gave an address in keeping with the occasion.

EILEEN SWANT, Secretary

Northern Conference Program of the 1939 Alberta Bible School to be Held in Leduc

The Alberta Bible School will be held for three months from Jan. 2 to March 24, 1939 in Leduc, Alberta, Canada. A commodious building has been leased for that period where the school can be held. This Bible School, as well as those conducted so successfully in years gone by, will be under the auspices of the Tri Union of Alberta and the Rev. E. P. Wahl, the Bible School director for Canada.

The faculty will be composed of the following teachers: Prof. F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Rev. F. W. Benke of Wetaskiwin, and Rev. H. Schatz of Leduc. Professor Meyer has graciously consented to spend the full time of the school as a member of the faculty. Guest speakers during the term will be Rev. G. C. McLaurin of Calgary, Rev. E. Gutsche of Leduc, R.v. A. Kraemer of Edmonton, Rev. W. C. Smalky of Edmonton, Rev. G. B utler of Olds, Rev. Otto Fiesel of Trochu and Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest

The courses to be presented are the Bible, Christian Stewardship, the Victorious Life, Missions in Modern Times, Religious Education, Biology, Music and Singing. The courses will be taught in the German and English languages.

Registration for each student will cost \$2.50. The charge of board and lodging will be \$2.50 a week. There E. S. Fenske of Vancouver was elected as the new advisor, and the "Rev. R. feldt, and about ninety members and tion with the instruction of the school.

Central Conference Sunday School Singers of the Oak Park Church

December 1, 1938

The Sunday School Singers of the Oak Park German Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., are beginning their third season. We practise weekly for 30 minutes immediately after the Sunday School period. We sing twice a month for the closing Sunday School worship service in the church auditor-

The "Singers" are assigned robes only after they have been found to be faithful workers. A strict attendance record is kept with sickness excusing an absentee. The eligible ages are nine years to High School. Thereafter they graduate to the Young People's Choir.

Each singer has some duty to perform, even though small, such as arranging chairs, drawing curtains, recording attendance, distributing and collecting music and making announcements. Children are given regular voice lessons, as we strive to produce true singing. These lessons consist of breathing exercises, vocalizing, etc. before beginning work on our numbers. Miss Florence Zugel serves as the director of the chorus.

Our entire thought and work are Christ centered. Therefore our practise time is His time, and we strive friends of the church. to give of our best. Prayer before practise time is usually done by holding one another's hands. The love for one another should flow through our entire group. We also urge each member to utter silent prayer before singthe second and fourth Sunday each month.

We sang sixteen times last season repertoire. We are trying to add learning a German song. Adding a language is to our credit and, of course, the easiest time to learn a new one is in early youth. Our progress is very encouraging thus far, and soon we hope to help serve in our German morning worship service. All the "Singers" are now looking forward to this occasion.

Our enrollment at the start this Ruby Britt, Daniel Granzow, Shirley Granzow, Bonnie Grosser, Dorothy Grupp, Harry Grupp, Ralph Grupp, Janelda Herzfeldt, Elizabeth Kahe, Elaine Kelch, Louise Krop, Hildegard Penner, Ardene Puttkamer, Janise Radcliffe, Florence Remus, Mae Rudd and Dorothy Siegmiller.

Farewell Service for the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Damrau in Alpena

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, the German Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., held a farewell service for the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Damrau, who have gone to serve the German Baptist Church in Tacoma, Wash. The occasion was al-



"The Sunday School Singers," the Children's Choir of the Oak Park German Baptist Church in Forest Park, Ill., With Miss Florence Zugel, the Director.

so the fourth anniversary of Mr. Damrau's service as pastor of the church. The program that was held in the more than a hundred members and

The program chairman, Mrs. Esther Thom, was in charge of the service. Following a piano duet by Virginia and Wallace Behnke, Mr. Arthur Thom brought a brief welcome. Charlotte Behnke, Alma and Millie Paad who spoke in behalf of the church and its organizations in addressing the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Damrau were Mr. and now have nineteen songs in our Julius Paad for the church, Mrs. Huz- Eckert, Herbert Frese, and Robert Kozler for the Women's Missionary Sosomething new to our work this year, ciety, Mr. Reinhold Behnke for the Men's Brotherhood, Mr. Ferdinand Timm for the Fellowship Club, and Mr. Arthur Thom for the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. A gift was also presented to Mr. Damrau as a token of gratitude for his faithful services. Musical numbers were rendered by the German and English choirs, male quartet and girls' trio.

Refreshments were served in the season is the following: Henry Busch, newly decorated basement following the service, and friends were given an opportunity of expressing their personal gratitude to the Damrau's at that time.

LAURA BEHNKE, Reporter

Northwestern Conference Large Young People's Rally at the Watertown Church

On Sunday afternoon and evening, October 16, a B. Y. P. U. rally was held at the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis. Young people of the following societies were represented: Kenosha, Sheboygan, North Freedom, Lebanon, Milwaukee Immanuel, and Watertown.

The afternoon meeting was opened by our state B. Y. P. U. president, Francis Guenther of Sheboygan. Alchurch auditorium was attended by fred Klein of Kenosha led the song service. Bernice Krause, president of the local B. Y. P. U., extended words of welcome after which we were led in prayer by Bruno Frese of Kenosha. A passage of Scripture was read by Roger Norman followed by a vocal sextette number by boys of Sheboygan. Evelyn Guenther of Sheboygan was ing in the church service, which is on also took parts of the service. Those next with a message, after which Bernice Krause sang a solo.

The topic, "The One True God," was discussed by Erna Konitz, Augusta nitz of the Kenosha Church. A duet was rendered by Edna Vacck and Walter Gaetzke of North Freedom. Rita Gaetzke of North Freedom spoke on "Have I a Right to Live My Own Life?" After this a solo was sung by Henry Krueger of Lebenon.

Francis Guenther brought a few remarks, expressing his pleasure over the very good attendance and cooperation by the societies. The meeting was closed with the benediction by the Rev. H. W. Wedel of the Immanuel Church in Milwaukee, dean of the state assembly.

After supper had been served and a social hour held the large group gathered in the church auditorium where the evening service was in charge of the Kenosha B. Y. P. U. The program was of a musical nature and enjoyed very much by all in attendance.

There were 120 registrations with the Kenosha Church having the largest representation. It is our sincere wish that young people everywhere may get together for meetings of this kind, which prove so successful.

ROGER NORMAN Reporter

Dakota Conference

Sessions of the Northern Dakota S. S. Convention at Fessenden

The Northern Dakota Sunday School Convention met from October 12 to 13 in the most beautiful church in the association at Fessenden, North Dakota. The convention was well attended and proved a source of new inspiration, blessings, and challenge to delegates and visitors alike.

The first session was begun with brief devotions led by the Rev. R. Reeh, followed by discussions on various topics of vital interest. The discussions by the Rev. A. Bibelheimer Seelenpflege der Kinder." Rev. P. F. Schilling addressed a large crowd in the evening on the subject of voices, speaking of the many forces that press upon us in our busy, fast-moving lives.

The second day's program was fittingly opened with devotions conducted by the Rev. J. C. Gunst. The Rev. K. Gieser spoke on the subject of promoting better attendance in the Sunday Schools. An address by the Rev. W. W. Knauf on the purpose of the teacher with his class was of benefit to the listeners. In the absence of the Rev. E. Becker, the Rev. W. Weyhrauch discussed the education of young people in Christian character. Following a brief address by Mrs. A. Reeh on the "Importance of the Child in the Church," a discussion on Sunday School music was brought by Mrs. Albert Reddig.

The high lights of our convention were the splendid travel-talks and enlightening reports of our Danubian mission fields as presented by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner. His enthusiastic rendition and colorful word pictures of what he saw on his recent European trip were received by the large audiences with rapt attention. We all felt that through his visitation and comprehensive reports we became more intimately acquainted with the activities of our denomination in those particular fields.

Elected as officers of the association for the ensuing year were: Rev. R. Kaiser, chairman; Rev. J. C. Gunst. vice-chairman; Rev. A. Bibleheimer, secretary-treasurer.

Not to be overlooked in this report is the generous hospitality extended to all by the Fessenden people with their bountiful meals and hearty welcomes. To them we owe our gratitude for having made our stay so pleasant.

We hope to put forth renewed effort to raise the standards of our Sunday Schools and to work for a higher degree of efficiency by obtaining better equipment for our schools throughout a new years's work.

MRS. A. E. REDDIG, Reporter

Seminary Snapshots

With sputters, squeaks and groans many a Chev' and Ford came limping home on September 17, the opening date of our German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., bearing the earmarks of hard use on its particular field of mission. Soon cheery greetings reverberated through the newly decorated halls of our beloved school by students eager for another year of instruction.

Experiences related in our daily chapel services gave us all the assurance of the great joy that can come to God's servants through sincerely proclaiming the universal message of the on "What Can Be done to Produce a Church of Jesus Christ-the gospel of Spiritual Atmosphere in Our Sunday salvation for "the whole manhood of Schools" was of particular interest, as all mankind." By doing so, spiritual was Mr. Leuschner's address on "Die food is brought to hungry hearts and souls in distress. Should we not rejoice with these souls, renewed in spirit and recentered in Christ, since God's word tells us that even the angels in heaven rejoice over a sinner that repenteth? It does one's heart good to see these lives launch out anew with an elevated goal, with new vision, ccurage, faith and hope and with a song of praise in their hearts!

Not always, however, are the opportunities for development, that present themselves to a student pastor, of he joyous chord. It has been truly said that "discouragement often comes to honest souls who are trying to live up to the full measure of their opportuni-Often we are forced back for a new supply of faith and optimism in the hour of discouragement-discouragements that overwhelm us in times when it seems "the world has lent more than a rightful share of its rugged lessons that take souls down through desolate valleys, and then up over the highest hills, or out into the stillness of the Great Alone."

At the formal opening on Friday evening, September 17, it was, indeed, a pleasure to welcome a fine group of new recruits, who would dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ and his cause. Prof. A. A. Schade brought the address for the evening on the topic: "Recommend us a Minister."

As we strive together for knowledge and wisdom and seek to develop some slumbering talent in order to make ourselves more efficient in proclaiming the crucified and resurrected Christ to a sinful world and salvation through him, we sincerely solicit the prayers and cooperation of our

A. R. Weisser, Reporter.

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THE BAPTIST HERALD

Roland Gieseke

Roland Gieseke, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H Gieseke, passed away on Saturday, October 22, after a lingering illness of some time. He was born on December 27, 1904 and spent the happy years of his childhood and youth in Trenton. Reared in a Christian nome, Trenton. Reared in a Christian nome, he early gave his heart to the Lord, and was baptized into the fellowship of this church by the Rev. Otto Roth in 1915. After his marriage to Miss Ruth Daniels in 1927, who with one daughter, Marilyn survives him, he transterred his membership to the Decatur Christian church After completing his training in Bradley Technical Institute in Peoria, Ill., he carried on the Jeweller and watchmaking business till ill health made further work impossible. By nature friendly and likable, he made many friends wherever he went and many friends wherever he went and was known. They all mourn his early death. The large funeral, and the many flowers were expressions of the love and esteem in which he and the family were held.

Rev. Charles F. Zummach Trenton, Illlinois

B. Y. P. U. Topics

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not for the Bible? Ponder on these

5. History Tells Us How We Got Our Bible

Space does not permit to tell the interesting story, but we would call attention to a few things. "The Bible is a library of 66 books by writers who lived in several different lands at various times over a period of at least 1500 years. This library includes law, history, biography, poetry, drama, sermons, letters, philosophy, morals, dreams, and fables or parables. Among the authors are a prince, a king, a politician, a farmer, a shepherd, scribes, fishermen, scholars, preachers, a soldier, a lawyer and a physician." And yet with all this diversity, there is in the Bible, as a whole, a wonderful unity.

We would like to call attention to some literature which may be had from the American Society in Chicago. "How we got our Bible" is a pamphlet which is free for the asking. Our American Baptist Publication Society has pamphlets and other literature such as: "Our Bible" by Dr. Main; "The Bible, Its Origin and Nature" by Dr. Dodds; "The Bible, Its Origin, Its Significance, Its Abiding Worth" by Dr. Drake. These books can be secured from the Braese Loan Library.

6. Suggestions For the Leader of This Meeting

Choose an appropriate chapter: read it at least twice.

Discover the theme; choose the principle character; find the heart of the chapter. Point out the "key verse." Choose appropriate songs.

Have a poem on the Bible, such as, "My Bible and I."

Have several members of the society take part by assigning them a portion of the lesson.

Your own talk should be on, "The Bible Speaks to Me."

DAILY MEDITATIONS

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Wednesday, December 14

Acquainted with Grief

"A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." Isaiah 53:3. Read Isaiah 53:1-6.

He was a man of sorrows, because of the terrible fact of sin in the world. The climax of sin was the crucifixion of Christ. Sin is red-handed mutiny against God. Either God or sin must die in our life. If sin rules in us, God cannot dwell in our hearts. If God rules in us, sin will be driven out.

Prayer: O Lamb of God, slain to take away my sin, make ever more effective in me thy work of redemptive

Thursday, December 15

The Test of Loyalty "And we know that all things work

together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28.

Read Romans 8:18-28.

Do we believe that God engineers our circumstances? We say, Yes, and yet we treat the things that happen as if they were engineered solely by men. Does God have any part in them? Do they depend in any degree upon our attitude to God? Yes, as we love God, all things will work together for our highest good.

Prayer: Lord of my life, I entrust fully all my ways into thy paternal care.

Friday, December 16 Fret Not

"Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil." Psalm 37:8. Read Psalm 37:1-8.

What is it to fret? One good definition is, "made rough on the surface"; another "rubbed or worn away." A peevish, fault-finding person not only wears himself out, but is very wearing to others, too.

Prayer: Sovereign Lord, keep our spirits calm and serene amid the vexations of our daily life. Why fret?

> Saturday, December 17 The Peace of God

"And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6.

Read Philippians 4:4-9.

"And this is so great a blessing, so real a blessing, so precious a blessing, that is must be known experimentally to be entered into, for it passeth understanding. O let us lay these things to heart, and the result will be, if we habitually walk in this spirit, we shall far more abundantly glorify God, than as yet we have done." (George Muel-

Prayer: May we be so entrenched in thy peace, O God, that we shall be safely guarded against the evil forces about us.

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Winning Many for Christ

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tles to draw the laymen into a more active participation in this church ministry.

It is well to note the requirements which these seven office holders should have. They should be "of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." The most outstanding among the seven was Stephen, "a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost." After this evil had been removed from the life of that church, we read again: "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company and the priests were obedient to the faith."

The Promise of God

We have by no means enumerated all the forces and conditions which God in his administration may use to give us that revival. We know not how nor when the revival may come. By faith we would lay hold of the promise made by Jesus himself: "I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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Will the Bible be Banished from our Sunday Schools? Impossible! you say. But perhaps the Bible is already on the way

to banishment in your Sunday School! Are your boys and girls taught the Bible, or referred to history or the newspapers? Are your boys and girls studying and mastering the Bible, or is this world mastering them? Answer truly—Are you banishing the Bible, entirely or in part, from your Sunday School?



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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and Mr. Lawrence Glaske. The attendance of the Sunday services, especially the evening services, has appreciably increased. The church launched a community canvass prior to the evangelistic meetings from Nov. 20 to Dec. 4, conducted by "the Kraft Twins," Messrs. Ralph and Roy Kraft of Wasco, Calif. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer is the pastor.

An attendance contest was held by the Sunday School of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., for 6 weeks in the Fall, closing with Sunday, Oct. 30. The captain of the two teams were Mrs. Henry Glewwe and Miss Marie Glewwe. The highest attendance was on Sunday, Oct. 30, with 107 present, according to Mr. Dwight L. Parker, the superintendent. This compares most favorably with the enrollment of 101. The Sunday School held its annual Fall party for the children on Friday, Nov. 4, at which the losing team served refreshments to the members of the winning team.

The Young People's Society of the Andrews St. Baptist Church in Rochester, N. Y., has chosen as its theme for the coming year the significant challenge, "Crown Him King." A monthly bulletin is published with an editorial and news items, of which Mr. Michael Kary is the editor. On Sunday evening, Oct. 30, the young people from Folsomdale, Pa., were the guests of the Rochester society at a fellowship banquet and program. The following are officers of the society: Frank Veninga, president; Edmund Kaiser, vice-president; Alica Kaiser, treasurér; and Helen Baum, secretary.

Professor F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., has consented to serve as the principal guest teacher on the faculty of the Alberta Bible School, which will be held for three months from Jan. 2 to March 24 in Leduc. Professor Meyer, a former teacher in the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., has retired from active service, but he still enjoys teaching and preaching. This will be his first experience in Alberta during the cold winter months. A large attendance of students is expected.

Recently members of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., surprised their pastor, the Rev. A. F. Runtz, on the occasion of his birthday. A varied program was presented, and brief addresses were given by the chairmen of the boards of deacons and trustees, voicing their appreciation for the services of their pastor. A bouquet of flowers with 35 dollar bills draped as leaves among the blooms was also presented to him. On Sunday, Nov. 6. the Rev. F. P. Kruse of Kankakee, Ill., was the guest speaker, preaching at the morning and evening

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services. The Agoga Men's Class met on Thursday evening, Nov. 10, with the Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., as the guest speaker.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 30, the older Young People's Class of the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., presented the play, "One Week to Yield," at the regular B. Y. P. U. period. The fine play was directed by Mrs. Marion Green. On Wednesday evening, Nov. 2, Mr. George F. Tibbits, the founder and director of the Gospel Volunteers of the World, gave a travel-talk on "The Master Teacher," illustrated with 125 stereoptican views, before a large midweek audience. At a recent business meeting of the church choir. the following officers were elected: C. A. Daniel, Jr., president; Lorraine Neumann, secretary-treasurer; Carl Young, librarian; Mamie Kose and Fritz Dargus, custodians of the robes. The Rev. Paul Wengel is the pastor of the church.

The Oct. 15th issue of the "Anaheim Bulletin," the principal newspaper of Anaheim., Calif., published a three column article about the Bethel Baptist Church written by Miss Lois Schroeder. Pictures also were published of the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, pastor; Mrs. Gus Stark, president of the Ladies' Aid; Mr. Walter G. Schroeder, Sunday School superintendent; Rev. O. H. J. Eymann, chairman of the board of trustees; Mrs. Eva Gooden, organist; and Miss Lois Schroeder, president of the B.Y.P.U. The ever widening ministry of the church was expressed in the following paragraph: "In recent years the church has recognized an ever increasing need for more English and has gradually incorporated its use in many of the organizations and some of the church services so that at present we feel free to invite any and all friends to worship with us regardless of language preference."

The Rev. E. P. Wahl, the director of the Canadian German Baptist Bible Schools, has been in charge of a number of schools for the past several months. From Oct. 23 to 28 he taught in the Bible School held in Whitemouth, Manitoba, with 19 students in attendance. The Rev. G. Palfenier, pastor of the church, assisted him. From Oct. 30 to Nov. 4 he conducted a Bible School in the McDermot Ave. Church in Winnipeg, which was attended by 23 students. Mr. Wahl and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., were the teachers in the Bible School in Morris from Nov. 7 to 11, which was attended by 28 regular students and 53 guests. From Nov. 13 to 23 he conducted a school in Minitonas, with the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt and the Rev. John Luebeck assisting him. Another Bible School was held in Springside, Saskatchewan, from Nov. 20 to Dec. 2 with many students in attendance.