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What's Happening

✧ The Rev. Theo. Frey, pastor of the 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 manse.

✧ 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. Professor Arndt of St. Louis, Mo., was the main speaker. The large Turner Hall was well filled for the occasion.

✧ 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 years.

✧ The Rev. F. Alf recently resigned his charge as pastor of the German Baptist Church of Linton, No. Dak., in 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. Alf received 46 new members by baptism and experience, and the churches contributed \$7,634.46 for the cause of God's Kingdom.

✧ The German Baptist Church at Emery, 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 church.

✧ 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 church 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, accordion, trumpet and clarinet, held object lessons for the children, and preached every evening to large crowds. The Rev. J. F. Oithoff 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 old."

✧ The Rev. William Swyter, pastor of 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 cruise to Haiti and the Panama Canal 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 exhilarating. 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 Chicago.

✧ 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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EDITORIAL

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

Looking Towards the New Year. 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 elsewhere!

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 vivacious, 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 accommodations 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 gaily 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 and ceilings. Standing room for three thousand attendants at a mass stretches like a vast sea from the cathedral's altar. It is symbol of the vast wealth of the church and of its outward 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 protects the church from malicious prowlers. The most attractive thing about the chapel is a large bulletin board at the front entrance which warmly welcomes everyone to its services. The first look inside the church gives one the impression of a plain, unadorned hall. But the picture of the cross behind the pulpit and the words in 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!

Reports from the Field

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

Mr. A. D. Schantz has been appointed as the new colporteur to succeed Mr. H. G. Geis upon his retirement from the work which covered a period of ten fruitful years. Brother Geis 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, Fort Worth, majoring in music. Since leaving the seminary he has been engaged in evangelistic 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 Colporteur

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 colporteur 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 colporteur, 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 command and cooperate together, the reward will be victory.

Southwestern Conference Young People's Program at the 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 examination.

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

Mission and Harvest Festival in 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 30.

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 Aged.

All classes in the church school took part in songs and recitations. A beautiful 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 Leyboldt, brought this beautiful celebration to a close. 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 Baptist 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 people's society. Since Mr. Wiebe is the Sunday School superintendent, the vice-superintendent, Mr. Jake Voth, delivered the Sunday School congratulations. Mr. Dick Martel, one of the deacons, presented them with a silver tea set in the name of the church. Our pastor, Mr. Nallinger, 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. Secamp gave us a thoughtful paper on "The Greatness of the Gospel." The Rev. J. Leyboldt 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 of 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. Leyboldt; secretary, Rev. J. C. Schweitzer; and treasurer, Rev. C. Secamp. 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 German 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 changed 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 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, wrenie bakes, watermelon feeds, and at the planetarium.

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 of vacationists by the various members.

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 Auch. At this time Mrs. August Auch 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, Friedrichshafen on the Bodensee, Frankfurt 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 German.

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 as the new advisor, and the "Rev. R.

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 Tacoma 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 was "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 refectory 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 KLUEDT, Reporter

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

The annual banquet and installation of officers of the Senior B. Y. P. U. in the First Baptist Church of Amprrior, Ontario, Canada, was held on Friday evening, October 28, in the basement of the church. The program was conducted by the president, Leslie Kaufeldt, and about ninety members and

friends of the B. Y. P. U. were present.

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 Chatsick; secretary, Miss Eileen Swant by Mrs. Walter Kuehl; treasurer, Mrs. Leslie Kaufeldt 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, Rev. A. Kraemer of Edmonton, Rev. W. C. Smalky of Edmonton, Rev. G. Butler of Olds, Rev. Otto Fiesel of Trochu and Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill.

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 will be no further expense in connection with the instruction of the school.

Central Conference Sunday School Singers of the Oak Park Church

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 auditorium.

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 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 singing in the church service, which is on the second and fourth Sunday each month.

We sang sixteen times last season and now have nineteen songs in our repertoire. We are trying to add something new to our work this year, 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 season is the following: Henry Busch, 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 church auditorium was attended by more than a hundred members and friends of the church.

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 also took parts of the service. Those who spoke in behalf of the church and its organizations in addressing the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Damrau were Mr. Julius Paad for the church, Mrs. Huzler for the Women's Missionary Society, 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 newly decorated basement following the service, and friends were given an opportunity of expressing their personal gratitude to the Damraus 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. Alfred 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 next with a message, after which Bernice Krause sang a solo.

The topic, "The One True God," was discussed by Erna Konitz, Augusta Eckert, Herbert Frese, and Robert Konitz of the Kenosha Church. A duet was rendered by Edna Vacek 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 Lebanon.

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

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, treasurer; 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 stereoptical 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.