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## What's Happening

● The Rev. and Mrs. William Jaster of Fredonia, No. Dak., are the proud parents of twin boys who were born to them on March 16. The twins have been named Wesley John and Lesley James. Mr. Jaster wrote that "we hope and pray that they may grow up to be a great blessing in the Kingdom of our Master."

● On Easter Sunday evening, March 24, the Rev. Benjamin Schlipf, pastor of the Gibbs Street Church of Canton, Ohio, baptized 4 adults, some of whom had been won to Christ in the meetings in which the Rev. T. W. Bender had preached so acceptably. Mr. Schlipf wrote that "the presence of the risen Christ was felt in our midst."

● Evangelistic meetings were held for ten days from March 11 to 20 in the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, with the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender of Cleveland, Ohio, serving as evangelist. The church experienced great blessings as a result of these services and four decisions for Christ were made. The Rev. P. C. A. Menard is pastor of the church.

● The B. Y. P. U. of the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas, Texas, held a study course during the week of February 26 to March 1. The study was "Training in the Baptist Spirit," taught by the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn. The Rev. W. E. Schweitzer, the pastor, served as dean. Dinner was served each evening for those participating. The average attendance was 28 students, of whom 24 passed the examination. The study was most interesting as well as instructive, as reported by Esther Behr, corresponding secretary.

● Mr. Rudolph Orthner of Coral Gables, Florida, passed away in his 82nd year on March 11th. He was the father of the Reverends Frank Orthner of New York City and Adolph Orthner of Detroit, Mich., and of Miss A. Victoria Orthner, missionary of the Forest Park Baptist Church in Illinois, besides of five other children. The funeral service was held on March 14 with the Rev. Mr. Burkhardt of Miami, Florida, officiating. The obituary notice of Mr. Orthner will appear in a later issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday morning, March 10, the Rev. Verner I. Olson, pastor of the Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J., conducted an impressive service of dedication for a group of babies who were brought to church for this purpose by their parents. On the same Sunday evening, Mr. Olson spoke on the unusual topic, "A Message on a

Raised Window Shade." Baptismal services were held on Sunday, March 10, and Easter Sunday. From April 3 to 14 evangelistic meetings were held with Dr. Walter D. Kallenbach, blind evangelist, in charge.

● The Rev. Phil. Daum of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, the immigration inspector and field worker for our churches in the Northern Conference, maintains a busy schedule throughout the year. On Sunday, March 3, he preached in Yorkton, Sask.; from March 6 to 12 he conducted meetings in Glidden, Sask.; on March 17 he served the St. Rose Church in Manitoba; on Good Friday, March 22, he was in Moosehorn, Manitoba, and on

### April 28, "Bender Memorial Trek Sunday" in the Dakotas

On Sunday, April 28, the North and South Dakota churches will observe the second special mission Sunday in connection with the "Bender Memorial Trek," a mission project which has as its worthy purpose the raising of the salary of Miss Laura E. Reddig, one of our Cameroon missionaries.

On this Sunday some of the Dakota churches will present the play, "The Junior Mission Society," written by Brother Bender before his death and never made available heretofore to our churches. A letter from Miss Reddig, written especially for her Dakota friends, will be read on that date. Mrs. Carl Bender, widow of the missionary, is writing a biographical sketch of her husband which will be made available to all groups.

Easter Sunday, March 24, in Nokomis, Sask. Early in April he hoped to make a missionary trip to Prince George, British Columbia.

● Miss Florence Wessel of Los Angeles, Calif., whose appointment as a missionary in Tanganyika, Africa, was announced in the February 15th issue of the "Baptist Herald," was unable to sail from San Francisco as planned. Her departure for Africa took place on Saturday, March 9, from New York City on the S. S. "Henry Grove" of the American South African line. Her trip to the east coast of Africa by way of the Cape of Good Hope will require seven to eight weeks. On her trip across the continent, Miss Wessel spent several days visiting in Chicago, Van Wert, Ohio, and New York City with friends.

● On Wednesday evening, February 21, the members of the German Baptist Church of the city station of McClusky, No. Dak., honored their pastor, the Rev. R. G. Kaiser, with a surprise social upon his 47th birthday. The social was arranged to follow the weekly prayer meeting in the church basement. After gathering there, a fine program of musical numbers, Scripture, prayer, and congratulations was given and a gift was presented to him. Mr. Kaiser spoke a few words of appreciation and thankfulness for God's care and sustenance. Then he blew out the candles on his birthday cake and everyone was served the bountiful refreshments.

● Mr. F. A. Wurzbach of New York City, the president of the Bronx County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to children, requested a thousand reprints of "The Baptist Herald" editorial for March 1st on the subject, "Who Crucified the Christ?" These reprints are to be distributed by Mr. Wurzbach to his friends in the financial, civic, philanthropic and religious circles in which he moves. A hundred copies have been requested by a prominent Jewish rabbi, who is on the society's board of directors. Mr. Wurzbach has been a member of the New York Baptist City Mission Society for the past 32 years and is active in many other religious activities.

● The 45th anniversary of the Girls' Home of New York, N. Y., was held on Thursday evening, March 14. The Rev. W. J. Appel, pastor of the Second Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the

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## EDITORIAL

ANADA has many claims to greatness, especially in matters pertaining to religion. The traveller to Canada soon becomes aware of the fact that the Church is the center of community life and that the Christian gospel is a motivating power in individual and social life that far transcends the average expression of religion in the United States. In this regard, one cannot chant loudly enough one's praises of Canadian life.

It was the editor's privilege to spend the entire month of February on a visitation tour through the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, with a single closing engagement in Morris, Manitoba. He visited churches in Regina, Southey, Davin, Edenwold and Nokomis, Saskatchewan and Leduc's First Church, Bethel and Freudenthal Churches, Calgary, Rabbit Hill, and Edmonton, Alberta. He participated for two weeks as a member of the faculty for the new Christian Training Institute or Bible School of the denomination in Edmonton. For one week he served the large city wide Baptist Leadership Training Institute of Edmonton that was also held at the German Baptist Bible School building.

The spirit of fervent, enthusiastic participation in all of these meetings in Canadian churches is contagious. There is a deep emotional coloring, to be sure, but it is usually blended with Christian intelligence and understanding. Churches are almost always crowded. Few preachers have to urge their people to come to church. The singing lifts rafters from the ceiling and hearts from their hinges in a joyous welcome to Jesus Christ. Sermons must be at least thirty minutes long, if they are to be judged worthy of commendation, and they are still better if they reach the forty-five minute mark. People have come to church for an earnest purpose and they are in no great haste to leave.

Even more profoundly, the people have come to receive manna from heaven through the words of the minister, and the messages must ring true to the gospel of Christ.

The new Bible School building in Edmonton is the realization of a fond dream of many early leaders and of a vision of the director of our Canadian Bible Schools, the Rev. E. P. Wahl. This issue of "The Baptist Herald" brings the story of that school in reports and pictures. A spacious and well adapted building provides the setting for the school. To the great surprise and joy of everyone concerned, a capacity student body of almost forty students was in attendance for the first three months of the year. The courses of study have been serious, scriptural and substantial. Future leaders of church work are being trained by this school. More than \$13,000 in cash have been contributed by the Northern Conference churches for the building, and a constant stream of potatoes, vegetables, chickens, apples, meat of all kinds and other products has helped to keep "the bread box" full.

Most of our Canadian churches are German, either largely or exclusively in their services. The European War has not affected their ministry. Missionary opportunities are still legion, but the financial means are not always sufficient. Pioneer life still takes its toll in the lives of those who face the difficulties with sacrificial devotion.

Across these Canadian prairies, that stretch for a thousand miles or so from Winnipeg to the rugged Rockies, we have one of our great home mission fields, which is fraught with difficulties but which is also blessed with promise of greater things to come. Here the currents of religion still flow deeply. Here the possibilities of missionary service are still beyond the range of our cold calculations. This is Canada, the site of our Northern Conference, which in spiritual beauty can become one of God's garden spots of the world!



# Blackouts in War-stricken Europe

The author of this illuminating article about the frightening experiences of nightly blackouts in Europe's cities spent the hectic days from August 1, 1939, to October 1, 1939, in Europe, especially in Germany. She is a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois.

By MISS MARIE ZIESEMER of Forest Park, Illinois

When you hear or read about "blackouts," what does it bring to your mind? Come with me to one of the war-stricken countries of Europe, namely, Germany, and experience the blackouts with all the trimmings.

It is late in the summer. My cousin with her four small children and I, after a delightful time of visiting relatives and friends, find ourselves on the shores of the Baltic Sea, about sixty miles from the Polish Corridor.

has to see to it that all instructions are carried out properly. He can inspect, and if necessary, suggest any improvements. Frequently his suggestions exceed the limit of necessity and upon his departure, he has left a "bad taste in one's mouth." It is also his duty to have a ladder, a rope, several sacks of sand, a barrel of water, an ax, and a first aid kit up in the attic ready for use in an emergency.

Of course, each family is responsible

them with coffee as we would like, but with a good-looking substitute. Unfortunately, looks are very deceiving.

Each night before retiring, our clothes have to be laid out, ready for us to jump into them. Very close at hand is a flashlight that also has been darkened and the valuables that one possesses (of which the passport is by far the most important), so that at the sound of the alarm (which can be expected at any hour), one can stumble into the clothes, grab the valuables and make a dash for the shelter. The latter consists of a basement room which has two entrances, a window, and is fairly livable, but not exactly desirable. It is our good fortune to miss every alarm in each of the localities we visited.

Except for a small, blue light at the busiest intersections, the streets are in complete darkness. A pedestrian has to feel his way along, wearing little phosphorescent buttons on the lapel to prevent any collisions "on foot."

Since the beginning of the war, automobiles are not allowed to be driven except by special permission. Instead, one sees a good many carts pulled by teen aged boys and girls and women. Of those cars that are permitted to be on the road, the headlights have to be very dim. Consequently, automobile accidents are more numerous than ordinarily.

The trains not only run off-schedule but are otherwise affected by the blackouts. It is quite an adventure to ride them at night. In one instance, we boarded the train at 4:00 P. M. and were not to arrive at our destination—Berlin—until 10:30 P. M. First, let's get a picture of the day coaches. They aren't like ours—one long continuous room—but are divided into individual compartments, each with a seating capacity of eight. Here we sat enjoying the scenery and travelling companions. In many compartments there were wounded soldiers returning from the east front and telling of the shame and horrors of war.

At about 7 P. M. daylight faded and the evening shadows began to fall. We waited in vain for a little light to be turned on. Passengers left and new ones came. We wondered what our new neighbors looked like, and so every time the conductor, who carried a small lantern, made his round to check

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The Elegant Resort Hotel at Kolberg, Germany, Facing the Baltic Sea, Which During the War With Poland was used as a Hospital Base

for almost a week now the country has been mobilized. The radio is playing the most important part in conveying the orders of the government to the entire nation and also in bringing the news flashes of the latest international developments of Europe. Consequently, it is the first thought in the morning to turn the radio on and the last in the evening to turn it off. Everyone is hoping and praying that the shedding of blood may be avoided and that peace may be retained.

It is the afternoon of August 30. The radio announcer has just concluded the orders of a complete "Verdunkelung"—blackout, to prevent any possible airraid. Instructions have been given months before and the people know exactly how to act to carry out the orders. To us it all seems very simple. It will be several weeks, however, before we can get accustomed to the regular routine which has to be repeated every night without fail.

All larger buildings with more than two tenants have a "Hauswart," who

for its apartment. Beside placing a pail of water in front of their door, they have to cover each window with black paper, tacking it on in the evening and removing it again in the morning. It's our experience one evening to turn the light on in a room that hasn't been darkened. Two minutes later a shrill whistle is audible. Not paying any attention to it, it is repeated several times. Finally, it flashes through our mind that the windows are uncovered. Like a streak of lightning we dash to turn off the light and for the following fifteen minutes visualize ourselves spending several nights in jail with bread and water as our diet. Our wildly beating hearts slowly gets back to normal since there isn't another sign of the kind inspector who perhaps is in a hurry to return home after completing his round.

The rest of the evening—like many more—is spent at home writing letters, reading and doing some kind of handwork. Occasionally, friends drop in. To our dismay we are not able to serve

# Now Having Been Saved, What Then?

The Fourth and Last of a Series of Articles on the Christian Life

by the REV. GEORGE A. LANG of Detroit, Michigan

Salvation is the great theme of the Bible. The promises and plan of salvation were the concern of the holy writers from the book of Genesis through the book of Revelation. Salvation is the possession and experience of every child of God. Without it man is without hope in this world.

## God's Family

There are many implications found in the teaching of salvation. First of all, it would tell us that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." In other words, everyone in the human race has that within him that separates him from God and his glory. This causes him to be lost from the commonwealth of God, lost from the fellowship of his Creator, lost from the privileges of the family of God. It is sin which does this. Sin, which is lawlessness, selfishness, ungodliness, causes the separation.

To be saved, or to be brought into the family of God, this terrible thing called "sin" must be dealt with. God dealt with it in his Son, Jesus Christ. He made a way and a plan whereby the guilt of sin might be removed and the power of sin in the life might be overcome. On Calvary's Cross the Lord Jesus died for our sins, "the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." And therefore, "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." What a glorious salvation! To know that our sins are forgiven and that we have become one with God through the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior! This experience is ours by repentance and faith in the Son of God.

## Everlasting Life

Marvelous truth! "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Salvation is ours through God's Son. And now having been saved, what then? We have viewed the implications before we are saved—sin, sinners, Savior, God's salvation. Now the implications of salvation after we are saved must be considered, as we read it above "and have everlasting life." What does this "everlasting life" imply?

It implies a new life, a living that is above the natural. We are still in the world of nature and subject to all the laws thereof, but we meet all of this with a divine purpose and a divine

spirit within us. Before the apostle Paul was touched by the Lord Jesus, he went about with threatenings and slaughter, seeking to destroy. Listen to his words years after the Lord transformed his life: "For the love of Christ overmasters us, the conclusion at which we have arrived being this—that One having died for all, his death was their death, and that he died for all in order that the living may no longer live to themselves, but to him who died for them and rose again."

Formerly, he had been living for himself, for the Hebraic system or for the Pharisees, but now he was living for the Christ who died for mankind. Christ's way of living had become his way of living. No sacrifice was too great in the blessing of lives since his Lord sacrificed his life on the cross for him. Truly, Paul's way of life was different than that of the average un-Christian life of that day. He had a new life, a supernatural life. Though stoned and beaten, still he returned to the same place to continue telling the life-giving story of the Christ, who died for all that all might live.

## Implications of Salvation

This salvation will also affect all the relationships of life. It will influence our attitude toward others, money and morals. Though working in a world under the direction of one or many masters, yet in all there will be but one Master in our lives and he is Christ himself.

It is significant how the Lord connects these implications of salvation with salvation itself. When that rich young ruler came to him and asked him what he should do to inherit eternal life, Jesus called his attention to the religious laws. He said that he had always kept them. The Lord does not argue with him but then proceeds to show him what salvation implies. "One thing is lacking in you," he said, "go sell all you possess and give the proceeds to the poor, and you shall have riches in Heaven; and come and be a follower of mine" (Mark 10:21).

The attitude of this man toward riches was standing in the way of his salvation. He never could experience salvation in his heart until he revised his attitude toward riches. We read: "At these words his brow darkened, and he went away sad; for he was possessed of great wealth." This man had permitted wealth to become his master. But one cannot serve God and mammon. Wealth is to be servant, not master. Christ in a Christian's life is to be Master, not servant.

## Forgiveness Toward Others

Again, we would see Christ's attitude toward forgiveness, or, in other words, our relationship to other people. We live in a world of hate and unforgiveness. What shall the attitude of the saved be? After Christ taught "the Model Prayer" he added: "For if you forgive others their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you also; but if you do not forgive others their offenses, neither will your Father forgive yours" (Matt. 6:14). Some one has injured or insulted us. We are terribly pained thereby. The person recognizes it and seeks to make amends. We refuse to accept the apology or the rightful amends. We absolutely refuse to forgive the person. What effect will it have on our Christian life?

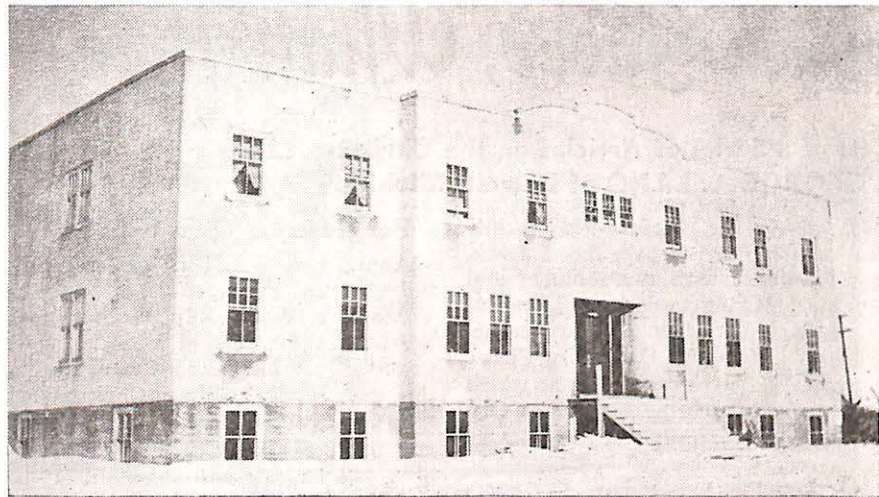
That unforgiveness will choke the channel of God's life to ours and God's blessing in our life, and our testimony and fruit-bearing will dry up. In fact, if we refuse to have this forgiving spirit, of which the Master speaks, we refuse to accept Christ's way of life and therefore reject Christ himself. An attitude of tolerance to all men and of forgiveness, even to the unworthy, is an implication of salvation.

Jesus is at the well in Samaria. He is thirsty after a morning's travel. His disciples go to the next town to buy food. Jesus is left alone at the well. A woman of Samaria comes to draw water. Jesus enters into conversation with her. He recognizes no national prejudices but looks past her Samaritan connections and sees in her the God-made soul. He speaks to her of water and of life. He calls for her husband. She is living with a man, but Jesus says that he is not her husband. She sees her impure home life in the light of the Christ. Yes, Jesus is to be Master of the home-life also. She becomes convinced of him as the Christ. She receives him into her life and returns to her home changed. It affects her whole life.

## Christ-Likeness, our Goal

Selfishness and material success are the aims and motives in the world's activities and progress. Christ-likeness and service are the aims and motives in the Christian's approach to life and its opportunities. "If any one is desirous of following me," says the Master, "let him ignore self and take up his cross, and so be my follower." This is the spirit, motive and activity of the person who has been saved by the blood of Christ into a new life which is born from above.





The New Building of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta

## Our Training Institute in Action

By REV. E. P. WAHL of Edmonton, Alberta, the Dean of Our New Canadian Bible School

Years ago when our young people of the Northern Conference in Canada spoke of having an educational institution of their own in the nature of a Bible School, it seemed to be, at its best, only a beautiful dream. But today with Byron this conference may speak: "I had a dream, which was not all a dream."

More and more the need for a Bible School for the training of our youth became apparent to us. And as God called upon us to undertake, we courageously stepped forward and began the construction of the institute building.

### The Building of the Institute

Less than eleven months ago this work was started. The herculean task would have frightened the bravest of our ranks had not the vision and experience of God's leading hand been so definitely felt. Mere words and verbal support do not realize very many dreams. But genuine and willing cooperation in the service of our Master can and will work wonders at any time and everywhere.

The Bible School project has moved forward from the day the work started up to the present time. How can we help but think of the Psalmist's words: "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!" Even in December of last year sincere helpers doubted the possibility of bringing the building sufficiently to completion so that the school term could make its beginning with the month of January, as had been announced. But young and old, boys and girls, men and women, carpenters and helpers, plasterers and painters, yes, everybody seemed to be eager to do his or her bit in bringing a successful finish to the uncompleted

building. Towards the first of the year students began to arrive and the winter school term has been carried through as had been planned.

### The Dedication Service

The dedicatory service was held in connection with the closing exercises of the school. On the 20th of March—will we ever be able to forget this blessed day?—this house, built after so much prayer and with such willingness to God's honor and glory, was duly dedicated to God and his cause in an afternoon service. From our various churches in Alberta a goodly number of people had arrived on the



Rev. E. P. Wahl, Dean of the Institute, Enjoying a Few Moments of Rest in the Busy School Office

preceding day to help celebrate the occasion fittingly. Nine of our ministers had the privilege of taking part in this notable event. How we do wish all of our pastors of the Northern Conference could have been present at this inspiring meeting!

The orchestra of the institute under

the leadership of Fred Hoffman opened the service in the Edmonton church by playing several selections and accompanying the rousing congregational singing. The student chorus with the Rev. H. Schatz as director, inspired the audience with two suitable renditions. The Rev. A. Kraemer's dedicatory sermon found very favorable acceptance.

After the sermon the entire gathering proceeded from the church to the school to bring this memorial service to an exalted close. In front of the school building the crowd assembled, sang praises unto God and then was led by



Pretty Students Serving as Waitresses at an Institute Tea

the Rev. F. W. Benke in the dedicatory prayer. Thereupon, all were invited to enter and to gather around the tables of the dining hall of the school, to enjoy Christian fellowship and to partake of the delicious supper which the ever willing hands of our ladies had prepared.

### The Successful School Term

The building is not completely finished. If God permits, we hope to do

much of the finishing work during the coming summer. As it now stands the construction has cost us a little over \$14,200, all of which, with the exception of \$3000, has been paid! Only \$1325 were paid out for carpenter, plasterer and stucco work wages to erect this large edifice with its practi-

cal arrangements. All other labor was rendered voluntarily. Since January the first term of school has been held in this Christian Training Institute of ours, where we have devoted our entire efforts to the building of Christian lives and characters.

From 20 different churches in the provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia the young people came to attend this first school term of the institute. What this fellowship meant to this group of our youth can hardly be expressed in words. The daily devotions around the breakfast tables, the chapel periods, the prayer meetings in the dormitory rooms before retiring for the night, and the Saturday evening prayer meetings proved themselves to be refreshing oases for the spiritual welfare of all students.

In all subjects taught the thought of training for real Christian service was ever kept before the students. As opportunities presented themselves the students were always willing to serve by teaching Sunday School classes, by visiting the sick and aged and singing for them and praying with them, by taking part in young people's meetings and church services, and even by conducting services in various churches. Twelve different churches were given assistance by our groups of students in this manner. And to the Christian lives of these young people such tasks were real spiritual gymnasiums.

### Many Helping Hands

In order to become more efficient in Christian service the students organ-



The Institute's Orchestra With Fred Hoffman, Director, in Front

ized a society which is known as the "Philologus Society," whose motto, "Veritas Vincet," was selected besides the theme song, "Living for Jesus." A spiritual feast for us were the prayer week and the religious training institute week. Besides the splendid service which the regular teachers rendered, the school was visited and addressed by nine different men from the outside. Dr. Kuhn's visit and Mr. Leuschner's help are acknowledged in the succeeding article.

In order to offer our friends a special opportunity to look over the institute, an open house and silver tea was staged. Two hundred and twelve registered visitors were shown through

the building on that day. An offering of sixty-nine dollars and all kinds of food products were given towards this great cause during the day.

The nominal sum of \$2.50 for a week of board and room, charged the students, covered all our expenses and left us a net sum in our treasury because of the gracious generosity of our people who sent in food supplies continuously.

May the slogan of the C. T. I. ever be:

"Dost thou need a hand to bear a shining light?  
Use my hand, use my hand!  
Dost thou need a patient watcher in the night?  
Let me serve thee, Lord, at thy command."

## An Exciting Day at the Institute

By MISS ELLA KATZBERG of West Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

Come with me and visit the new Christian Training Institute at Edmonton! It is only 5:30 A. M., but Frances and Esther are already in the

kitchen baking pancakes for breakfast. Here come the vegetable peelers!

Now it is 6:30 and the rising bell sends its shrill call to all who would

gladly snatch just two more winks. But it's time to be up and doing! Private devotions must not be neglected, beds must be made up, and floors must be swept.

Three quarters of an hour passes so quickly, and the gong once more calls the hungry down to the dining hall. Each student stands behind his given place, a chorus is sung, and one of the students takes charge of morning worship. When breakfast is over, dishes are washed (and it is such enjoyable work when so many are at it), and tables are reset for lunch. Class rooms and corridors are swept and dusted, and all is in readiness for 9 A. M. classes. (We have also had 8:15 classes 50% of the time).

Suddenly, as 9 A. M. rolls around, the front corridor seems to be filled with noise, books and students. Then, silence except for the voices of Rev. F. W. Benke, who is giving instruction in New Testament, and of Rev. E. P. Wahl, who with the second year class is visiting the ancient church.



The Clean-up Brigade of the Institute Ready for Vigorous Action!



The gong notifies us after 45 minutes that it is time to assemble in the larger classroom for chapel period. We draw aside from the activities and from the world into a hallowed place of prayer. Do you hear them sing? What joyful praises and petitions! The Word is ministered by one of the teachers or students. God's presence is very



**Kitchen Preparations for Hungry Mouths at Dinner Time**  
(Left to Right—Mrs. E. P. Wahl, Miss Frieda Weisser, Mrs. Rinas)

near. All needs are left in his care. We part refreshed and blessed.

Another class is held before lunch and, as Rev. A. Kraemer expounds the mysteries of "dir" and "dich" in the German class, the gong once more makes known that in 15 minutes lunch will be served.

What a rush! Everyone is heading the same way. Is that an apple pie or a camouflage? What splendid cooks Mrs. Wahl and Miss Weisser are!

Dishes are done. But what is that we hear coming from each of the class rooms, from the library, from some of the dormitory rooms and even from the front porch? Such singing! How the basses roll! We have five quartets, and songs must be practised for the practical work.

At 2 P. M. the classes begin again, and for another two and one-half hours the students delve into and explore the mysteries of Psychology, Comparative Religions and Anatomy. By 4:30 classes are dismissed but work is not over. Assignments must be faithfully finished and Fred Hoffman of West Ebenezer, Sask., is training 14 musically inclined students to play harmoniously together in the orchestra.

The dinner hour is 5:45 P. M. and after that we have to go to the books to accumulate more knowledge till 8 P. M. when the "Philologus Society" meets under the presidency of Reinhold Neuman of Esk, Sask., Their motto is "Veritas Vincet" (Truth Conquers).

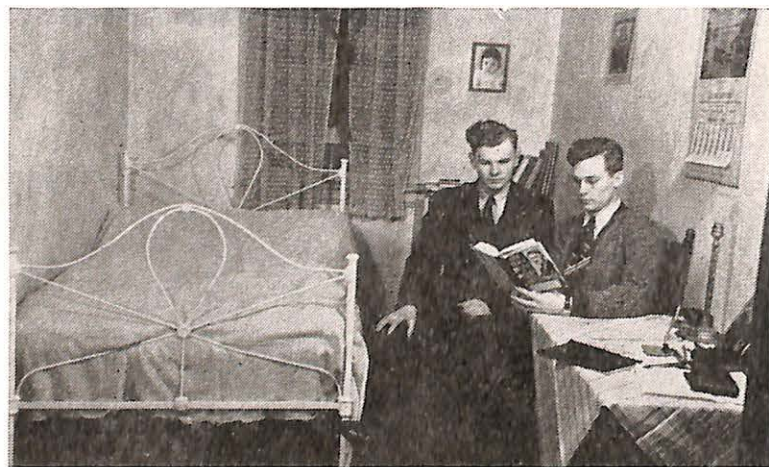
There is only time enough for the five prayer circles to meet in different dormitory rooms. Some of these meet laid upon their hearts. The fellowship of friends on earth is of priceless worth to us but fellowship with One every evening, just as the burden is

above, whose heart overflows with tender love, means even more to us.

Lights out at 10:30 P. M.!

Those serving on the faculty of the institute were as follows: the dean, Rev. E. P. Wahl, who instructed in Old Testament, Evangelism, Church History, and Vacation Bible School; Rev. F. Benke, the Life of Christ and Com-

parative Religions; Rev. A. Kraemer, Old Testament Prophecy and German; Rev. H. Schatz, Fundamentals of Music, Hymnology, New Testament, and who directed the student chorus; Rev. H. Waltereit, Child Psychology, Bible History and Geography and Bible Synopsis; Rev. A. Carlsen, Adolescent Psychology; Miss Inez Wahl, who taught piano; Miss Ella Katzberg,



**Two Students in Their Dormitory Room Pondering Over the Book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People"**  
(Left to Right—Ivan Jespersen and Fred Sonnenberg)

English, Physiology and Sunday School Work; Rev. O. Fiesel and Rev. C. Thole, who taught Evangelism, Christian Ethics and Literature.

It was a special privilege to have with us Rev. M. L. Leuschner for two weeks, who brought interesting lectures on "Our Denomination" and "Youth Facing Life," and also Dr. Wm. Kuhn, who brought two inspirational messages. Among other visiting brethren were Rev. A. Kujath, Rev.

# Student Joys at the Canadian Bible School

Personal Testimonies by Members of the Student Body

## A Wonderful Christian Institute

By Myrtle Hein  
of Leduc, Alberta

Within the spacious walls of our Christian Training Institute building there have gathered thirty-eight happy, enthusiastic young people this year, eager to study God's Word and so better to fit themselves for service in the Lord's vineyard.

We are so thankful to God for this work which he has entrusted to us. The new building, which we can now call our very own, is something of which we are proud, indeed. Here there reigns among teachers and students alike a most wonderful spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

This term has been a very busy and blessed one. Students are taking full charge of services in various churches, helping in Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work and doing all they are able wherever the Lord has need of them.

Truly, the work at the Institute is like one glad song from the clatter of the breakfast dishes to the musical voices as they call "goodnight" to each other at 10:30 P. M.

The young people's society, of which Mr. Rinold Neuman of Esk, Sask., is president, has been of a special blessing to the students. It is called the Philologus Society. The student chorus has assisted in making the different meetings more enjoyable through song. The orchestra, under the capable direction of Mr. Fred Hoffman of Ebenezer, Sask., rendered a beautiful work.

It was a great joy and privilege to attend the Teacher Training Institute offered here at the Institute from February 12 to 16, to which all Baptists in Edmonton, who were interested, were heartily invited. An average of 150 persons took advantage of this course with the Revs. M. L. Leuschner, A. Carlson and T. B. McDormand serving as teachers. This particular institute week proved to be a worthwhile and blessing to all.

So this Bible School has been a time of real spiritual refreshing for me. It has given me a new zeal and earnest desire to win others for Christ, who is becoming more precious to me daily.

## One of the Greatest Events of My Life

By Ivan Jespersen  
of the Glory Hill Church, Alberta

I cannot praise God enough for the privilege that I have had of attending this Bible School this winter. Personally I consider it one of the greatest events that has ever occurred in

my life. Little did I realize when the building was being erected that I would be one of the students, until the Lord showed me my place in his service.

Upon the commencement of my studies I first realized how little I knew of the Word of God. However, God is marvelously opening up his Word to me and I am conscious of his guidance as I pursue my studies from day to day.

The Christian teachers of this institute have meant very much to me. Their lives and messages have helped me greatly in my spiritual life. Most of all, I thank God for the Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Wahl, who have made such great sacrifices to make this school possible and who bear the huge responsibility upon themselves.

Since I came to Bible School my plans have been supplanted by God's plans. My zeal for Christian service has been widened, and I have a greater passion for lost souls. As God leads, so I will follow.

## Blessings of Christian Fellowship

By Mildred Weisser  
of Camrose, Alberta

Words cannot express how immensely I have enjoyed the wonderful Christian fellowship with the thirty-eight students and the loving teachers at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton.

The love of God was truly shown to me in the different subjects we studied, in our young people's meetings, chapel hours and our big family prayer meeting. Our Saturday night prayer meetings were a great blessing to each one of us, when we had the opportunity to speak and to relate our experiences in our spiritual lives.

We, as students, were privileged to go out to different churches and to help along in the different services with our talents. All of us were able to do some mission work and to help along wherever God puts us. I found great joy in working for my Lord in this manner and have found out what a true and loyal friend He is. It really was wonderful to meet all the Christian young people from the three provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and thus to have a real Christian fellowship.

I am very thankful to God for the wonderful opportunity which he gave me, and the very blessed time. It is now my earnest prayer and desire to do more for my Master.

## Renewal of My Faith in God

By Fred Sonnenberg  
of Leduc, Alberta

The close of the year 1939 found me in a very deplorable state of mind, in which everything seemed to be chaos and I knew not which way to turn. The main reason for this state was directly due to the war. I was sure that a modern civilized world could not or would not enter into the mad whirlpool of war. I strongly believed that God would prevent such a tragedy, and then, when it did come, all went black for me. I nearly lost faith in God and in man, but in a most wonderful way God directed my path so that he led me to the doors of the Bible School in Edmonton.

Immediately, upon entering the school and enjoying the fellowship of many young Christians a great calm seemed to enter my soul. I again became aware of a dominant power, namely God, which seemed to radiate from so many of my Christian friends.

It so happened that I became quite sick for a day and as I lay on my bed in the evening the young men gathered for evening devotions. They earnestly prayed that I would again be able to join their circle. Right then and there I did renew my faith in mankind. I am sure that God guided me back into the Christian realm.

In short, this Bible School has meant so much to me that I cannot help but thank God for this splendid Christian school.

## A Golden Opportunity of Service

By Frances Link  
of Olds, Alberta

To my life the Bible School in Edmonton has contributed more than I can possibly express in words. Little did I realize before I came to the Christian Training Institute that this term would have so many blessings in store for me which will be unforgettable.

The Christian fellowship from day to day has been inspiring and enriching as we studied, prayed, sang and conversed together, binding us into one happy family.

Of great significance to me were the class room lectures where I was led to see the heights and depths of God's Word, making it more precious and Christ a greater reality in my life.

The privilege of taking part in Christian service proved to be a joy and a blessing. We went in groups to visit the sick, various Sunday Schools

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# Blaze Star

By Paul Hutchens

## SYNOPSIS

Dale Mars, a popular radio announcer, became deeply interested in Nova Louverne, whose acquaintance he had made on a visit to one of his radio fans. It was Nova's mother, an invalid, who was instrumental in leading Dale to Christ. In his newly found joy he went to the City Mission to make his public confession of faith and then resigned his radio position. He joined the Warnings at their beautiful lake front home for a vacation, although Adalene Waring no longer interested him. Dale Mars had fallen in love with Nova, and now he learned that she was at the Crystal Bible Conference that being held at the same lake. In order to prevent any misunderstanding with Adalene, Mars determined to tell her the story of his conversion and his interest in things that were of no concern to her. Deeply wounded Adalene left him at the lake and fled up the path to the house. Mars hurried to his car and drove to the conference grounds for the ten o'clock children's meeting to be held by Nova, the "blaze star" of his life.

## CHAPTER TEN

The golden bathing cap, bobbing along on the surface, had encased not only a tangle of raven curls, but also a disturbed mind, disturbed with that delightful disturbance which accompanies falling in love. There was anxiety there also. This, then, was the lake Mrs. Brownstone Waring had referred to. Dale Mars was spending his vacation in the Waring summer home here. He and Adalene were engaged to be married! They exchanged gifts at Christmas! Ah, but his eyes had not said so; they had said, "Nova Louverne, it is you I love." And those eyes could not tell an untruth, unless indeed her interpretation of what they had said was biased by her own desires. She swam on mechanically. Reaching the dock, she wrapped her robe about her, ran up the wooden steps and hurried across the lawn to the West's cottage. Would he come to the conference sessions? To her children's meetings? Impulsively she turned to look back. He was far out from shore now, his boat half turned about and he was reeling in his line. He was catching a fish, perhaps. Why, she asked herself, had she quoted that hackneyed expression about better fish being in the lake than had ever been caught. He would

interpret that to mean a challenge. And what if he did? "I don't care," she heard herself saying. She gave her head a spirited little toss and ran up the steps to the cottage.

And now it was ten o'clock and she was standing on the platform in Livingston Hall. Before her, packed in like kippers in a can, was a seething mass of children, wriggling, twisting, squirming, listening. On a table beside her was a tall glass pitcher of water, slightly discolored (yellow), although not noticeably so, with tincture of iron. On either side of the pitcher stood a small bottle, one red, the other black: powdered tannic acid in the black, liquid oxalic acid in the red—the black typifying sin, the red the precious shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. She was explaining to the children God's way of salvation.

The door at the back of the hall opened and someone came in. Someone! Her hand went impulsively to her breast. She cleared her throat and continued her story without looking. He was having to stand because there was no available seat near and he did not wish to attract attention to himself by coming to the front.

She poured a small portion of tannic acid from the black bottle into the pitcher, which, mixing with the tincture of iron, turned the water a deep black. The children gasped in unison, and in that moment of concentrated attention, she explained how sin blackens all of us, "For that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way . . ." They repeated the verses after her. These same verses were to be memorized and quoted verbatim tomorrow.

"How do we get rid of sin, which is in the heart of all of us?" she asked. Dale Mars was as interested as they. Also, she could feel his keen interest in the children. He loved little children. Somehow she had known he would.

Going to the piano, she played a beautiful selection while the children's eager eyes watched the black "heart" to see if music, representing culture, could take away sin.

Neither could education, represented by a dictionary placed over the top of the pitcher.

What about wealth? Several coins fell in, made a little gurgling splash and sank to the bottom, impotent.

"Now, girls and boys, let us pretend

the heart is not black at all, and that there is no such thing as sin. Let us say, 'There is no sin! My heart is not black! Sin is only a principle of evil! It is unreal!'"

She could feel the truth sinking deep into precious little minds: There was nothing man could do to save himself!

"And now—" Oh, how they were watching! He was watching, too. "Make the truth more precious to him, also." Her hand lifted the little crimson bottle of oxalic acid for them all to see. "This," she said reverently—oh so reverently—"this will show you what can make the black heart clean. This typifies the precious shed blood of the Lord Jesus!"

A pin dropping could have been heard, the children were so quiet. "Oh, Father, burn the truth in deep for eternity." Eyes were open wide, mouths too. She uncorked the bottle. So very tense now. Would it work?

The drops fell in, a whole half ounce. "Make it real! Impart faith now. Now!"

In the top of the pitcher a gray cloud hovered, moved downward, reached out spreading fingers. She began to quote: "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin." "Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

With a stick on which was printed the word "Faith" she stirred the liquid and in a few seconds it was clear and transparent as before.

The lesson was over. A little later the children were dismissed. Some lingered, crowding around, asking questions, starry-eyed.

Dale waited for her to be free. Apparently, she was not seeing him at all. Would she notice him? he wondered. When the children had gone he made his way to the front and was instantly made welcome by her eyes. "Wait," they seemed to say.

He waited, leafing through a song book; and in a moment she was there, thanking him for coming and introducing him to Mrs. West, who had already read two pairs of eyes and understood better than either of them what was going on within them.

"It was her mother whom God used to win me to Christ," he told Mrs. West.

"If you have met Maria Louverne,"

Mrs. West returned earnestly, "you have met one of God's rarest jewels."

But only one, he was thinking. "This young lady frightened all my fish away this morning," he said.

"And he," Nova countered, "spoiled my swim, so we are even."

Mrs. West seemed to have business elsewhere just then. She invited Dale to come to the Green Front cottage at any time, saying that Dr. West would be glad to see him. Then she excused herself.

And now Dale and Nova were alone. "Have you seen our beach," she asked, "where we have our young people's camp fire meetings?"

They walked out across the grounds. They found a little footpath that wandered in and out among the trees and shrubs along the shore, and when they came back a half hour later in time for the address of Dr. West, they knew a great deal about each other and their plans for the future; not so much, perhaps, but they felt as if they had known each other a long time.

"You'll let me come to your children's meeting again, won't you? I seem to know so very little, and if I am to be of real service to my Lord I must learn fast. I have spent too much time in serving self."

"I shall be glad to have you."

An hour later, sitting on the dock alone, in front of the West's cottage, waiting to be called to dinner, Nova amused herself by tossing little pebbles into the lake. First there was the little splash when the pebble struck the water, then the circular wave that went out and out until it disappeared entirely. Dashing Dr. Remsen had made such a big splash at first, but even now he seemed to be little more than a memory, receding farther and farther like the little waves made by the pebble.

Waves! She raised her hand to touch the soft raven waves that crowned her head.

All waves! Dale Mars! Again her heart leaped. There was a depth to her feeling for him that she had never had for Kenneth Remsen. And there was peace. She wondered if the feeling she had for him were love. It was too bewildering, too—precious.

It seemed that everywhere she looked she could see only Dale Mars, Dale Mars, Dale Mars, and hear his deep, fine voice, feel his brown eyes watching her, loving her.

Another face came also: dimpled cheeks, a perfectly groomed mustache under a perfect nose, soft waving red-brown hair; but it was as a face from the past. She would rather marry the most homely man in the world if there were love and if their hearts were one in vital faith in God. She would see Dale again tonight at the camp fire service, perhaps. He had said he would be there, but they would not walk together until tomorrow morning at eleven.

More and more she was being made conscious of her individuality, of the supreme fact of herself, being herself and not another. There was the whole world of men and women, millions and millions of them, each following the path of his own life; but she, Nova Louverne, was not one of them, but one among them—a sentient personality within herself. She would live forever in this personality, as this person! She would see God face to face, see heaven, fulfill in the service of God His will, as planned for her alone! Brighter and brighter the spirit glowed within her until it seemed she could not stand the beauty and wonder of it, until her silent heart cries of adoration flung themselves from the lips of her spirit, in the white hot fervor of love aflame, and leaped like the fire of a sacrifice toward His throne.

Another pebble fell, tossed from her hand; its waves circled out and out until they were lost from view.

Sitting beside Dale on the old stone bench, watching the sailboats creep slowly across the blue water, and occasional motor boats racing here and there at every angle (listening to his strange impassioned words as he told her the story of his conversion, Adalene began to be afraid. She resented his pious talk. Dale Mars, standing like a Salvation Army zealot giving a testimony in the mission! Preaching in Brink's beer parlor!

It was utterly unbelievable! During the conversation that followed she said various things which afterward she could not remember.

He was holding the little blue-petalled flower in his hand now, looking at it tenderly and talking to her about God. Something in the tone of his voice and in his facial expression touched her as nothing ever had in all her life before. It reminded her strangely of the book which the nurse had given her at the Orriston.

She felt hot tears coming into her eyes and knew she was going to cry. She knew also that he had seen those tears, and she would not let herself break down before him. She arose quickly and, without a "Goodby" or an "Excuse me," fled up the hill toward the house.

In her room she closed and locked the door, flung herself upon her pillow and gave way to her anguish, the cause of which she did not fully understand, except that she could feel, feel that she was going to lose him, that she had already lost him.

It was a terrifying thought that came to her while she lay sobbing. Almost, she was afraid to let herself think it. It was sacrilegious: It was God Himself who was taking Dale away from her! He was going to call Dale into the ministry, and she would be left unwanted and alone like a stranded vessel tossing against a ragged rocky shore!

The storm of weeping passed and she repented of her rebellious thoughts against God. Fragments of the Bible passages which she had copied for Dale's ten o'clock programs in Dresden came back to her and she was afraid lest God bring her to judgment for those thoughts. Also while she was lying there suffering there came to her the realization that her suffering was not unlike that of someone she had known. Then she remembered. It was in the book the nurse had given her. The girl in the story had had the same thing happen to her; but it had not been the end at all. Things had changed before the final denouement; the heart-broken heroine had become a Christian and in the climax of the story she had lain blissfully in her lover's arms, never to be unhappy again.

It was a daring thought that came to Adalene just then, one which, had she been only a daughter of her father, might never have occurred to her. But in her veins ran also her mother's blood and she gave way to the selfish little scheme that formed itself in her mind, in fact that leaped into her mind with every detail carefully planned. She, Adalene Waring, would become a Christian! She would accompany Dale to the conference meetings, join earnestly in all his religious conversations. She could not lose him. She would not. All was fair in love and war.

When Dale saw her sudden interest in the Word of God, mistaking it to be genuine, he was more certain than ever that he must postpone the news which must surely crush her heart.

They went to hear Dr. Day at eight in the big tabernacle. Even Mrs. Waring had decided to go. Seeing the large crowd and noticing some aristocratic people in the audience, she sighed a half worried sigh of resignation and listened to the address with a reasonable amount of attention.

Listening to Dr. Day's too—oh, too—pointed address, she resolved not to come again, for it unsettled her so to hear such naked truths about God and heaven and sin. Sin, after all, was an archaic word, not used any more in good society. Dr. Day was handsome, though; he looked perfectly stunning in conventional black.

Who, she wondered, was the beautiful girl at the piano? Mrs. Brownstone Waring started. It was the disgustingly charming young woman who had played for her in Maria Louverne's apartment! She, here! Anxiously she looked across to where Dale and Adalene were sitting. Did he know Nova Louverne was here? Adalene and Dale were so absorbed in the lecture. The darlings! There had been a lover's quarrel today, she was sure.

Through the open window at her left she could hear the dull roar of the Amusement Park. Barton and Slade would be there tonight until after midnight, perhaps. She did not like to



have him out so late, but then, young people were not like they used to be.

Those young people in the choir had such different looks, as if already they had found something in life worth living for—and Barton was beginning to look so dissipated. He was getting to be so utterly independent and disrespectful. There hadn't been anything to worry about as long as he was fairly living day and night with his amateur transmitting and receiving set, but it was all girls now: dates and dances and who knows what!

After the address Mrs. Brownstone Waring went out troubled and very much afraid. "I won't sleep a wink all night," she told herself as she drove home with the Kuppenheimers in their big car.

Dale and Adalene lingered a moment at the book table then strolled down to the beach where already scores of young people had gathered. Wooden benches had been arranged in a wide horseshoe, at the open end of which a fire burned cheerily, its flames leaping high into the cool night air.

Dale's eyes sought and found Nova, seated at a little folding organ near the platform near the other side, the song director all in white, standing beside her.

That was an hour never to be forgotten. He hadn't known there were so many young people in the world so vitally interested in the things of Christ. Song after song—lively, reverent, short choruses—rang out across the water and into the hearts of the singers as they all joined in.

The songs were interspersed by brief volunteer testimonies from all around the circle. One thought gripped Dale's heart as he listened: Christ Jesus was a living reality in the lives of these young people, who were the cream of the churches throughout the country. He wondered how Adalene was taking it, while in spite of himself his eyes returned again and again to the girl at the organ—a star ablaze for her Lord, a rose in a class all by itself, blooming alone, unclaimed . . .

There was good old Lyle Petersen on his feet now. Here for the whole conference, Dale wondered, or for only tonight? It was great to see him standing there in the fire-light, unafraid, his voice ringing out his love for Christ.

There was a little stir beside him. He was sure Adalene had gasped. She was being impressed, he decided, and was glad.

And then suddenly Dale knew he too must stand. He had not been afraid at the microphone nor in the mission or the Dungeon, but he knew that no sooner would he begin to talk than almost every person present would immediately recognize his voice. Within him a disquieting voice asked, "Do you, Dale Mars, popular radio announcer, wish these people to know?"

And within him another voice declared valiantly, "I do!" It was like the solemnizing of a marriage vow. He sprang to his feet; his voice, the perfect voice, sounded out clear and strong. All eyes were turned toward him, whispers went around the circle, passed from friend to friend. That was Dale Mars speaking, confessing Christ, announcing an open break with sin and the world.

The perfect voice lost its perfect tone, faltered brokenly as the well of water springing up within him filled that voice with tears.

When he sat down he was more deeply in love with his Lord than ever before. From across the firelit circle a pair of violet eyes were fixed on his. He could feel Nova's sympathy and understanding. She had been blessed by his testimony.

Adalene was crumpling a dainty handkerchief in her hands when he sat down. She had been crying. Poor girl! It was going to be hard for her. Really it was cruel to keep her waiting and hoping any longer. Should he tell her tonight? he wondered.

But Nova had seen more in that look across the firelit circle. She had seen an attractive woman in love with Dale Mars, and seeing it, her heart had known quick, sharp pain.

Later, Dale drove Adalene home. Mrs. Waring had not returned from the Kuppenheimers and Barton and Slade were at the Amusement Park.

"How about a little stroll up the beach in the moonlight?" he asked.

"Anything you say," Adalene answered.

He was afraid to meet her eyes because of what he might see in them and he must not lose his courage now. He felt as if he were about to lead a lamb to the slaughter and he wondered how he could go through with it. It had not been easy to make the resolution, but to carry it out seemed so heartless and cruel.

Ah! but it had to be done! During the drive home he had carefully laid his plans. The lake was alive with racing speedboats tonight, their green and red lights shooting out across the water at a thousand angles, it seemed. Roaring motors, screaming passengers, the crash of waves against the shore, the clatter and roar of the roller coaster in the amusement park, the drumming rhythm of the merry-go-round. It was a gala night. The reflection of variegated lights from the roof garden dance pavilion, from the ferris wheel and the merry-go-round, shimmered in red, green and gold waves across the water.

Adalene took his arm and together they went down the trail that led to the conference grounds, as he had planned it.

"I enjoyed it all tonight," she told him, and she told herself in addition that it was going to be hard to play a

game of make-believe Christianity. Something in Dr. Day's address, something especially in the camp fire meeting, had awakened her sleeping spirit.

"The camp fire service was wonderful! A meeting like that does things to you, somehow. I've never been stirred like this before."

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## STUDENT JOYS

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and churches and told in word and song about the crucified and risen Savior in whom alone lies the salvation of the world.

The school has linked me closer with my church and has drawn to my attention the responsibility that a church member owes to his or her church. It has given me an insight into our German Baptist heritage which has increased my love for our denomination, of which we have every reason to be proud.

I am grateful to God for the golden opportunity of receiving this training to become more efficient in the furtherance of Christ's cause.

## Our Own Denominational Bible School

By Mr. E. Riemer,  
Pastor of the Onoway and Glory Hill Churches, Alberta

I must personally say that the Bible School has had an immense importance for me, and unquestionably so for all who attended. During the past years many of our German Baptist young people attended other interdenominational Bible Schools, because there was no permanent Bible School in our denomination.

We have nothing against other schools. But a Bible School that is our own creates a more familiar atmosphere and personal interest in our own work. Our young people get a clearer and better vision of the great task in which we as Baptists are engaged. This healthy influence does not only apply to the student as an individual but will also be noticed in our respective churches to which our students belong, and the benefits will reveal themselves in all the branches of our church organizations.

Personally, I am proud and very thankful to God that he has given us those leaders who have had that vision, and have made that dream of our young people a reality in placing this project as indispensable before our Northern Conference. I must humbly avow, that without the man of God, our beloved Bible School director, the Rev. E. P. Wahl, and also Mrs. Wahl, and without their enormous sacrifices, it would have been impossible to carry out this project of this blessed institution. My desire is that the Lord may use the school and those who are governing and serving it in every possible way as a continued blessing for our denomination.

# Plan Your Vacation Bible School Now!

By REV. J. H. KORNELSEN of Vesper, Kansas

The Vacation Bible School is wonderful! It means members and money for the church and precious souls saved for our Lord Jesus Christ. Short-sighted pastors and Sunday School superintendents and church leaders do not always see this. But Christ sees this. Therefore, he put such a premium upon child evangelism. (Mark 9:37.)

You cannot teach everything in the Sunday School. Sunday School is the place to impart and to acquire direct Bible information. The Junior B. Y. P. U. is the place to give expression to that which we have learned in the Sunday School. But where shall we teach the vitally related subjects such as "Bible Geography" and "Church History"? Where shall a child drill on the books of the Bible and memorize the great hymns of the Church? The answer is, "In the Daily Vacation Bible School."

## Increased Attendance

The Vacation Bible School attracts outsiders. Strange as it may seem, some parents, who have no regard for the Sunday services of the church, take a great interest in the week-day religious effort. Once their children learn to love the teachers and lessons, they are not so easily kept away from the Sunday services. An increased Sunday School attendance almost invariably results.

The Vacation Bible School inspires present scholars. It is different than Sunday School. There are play and handwork. It is different than the public school which has just closed. Here we meet our friends from other districts or even churches. The teachers and lessons are different. It is all a great change! It magnifies the Church in the eyes of the pupils and their parents. It means more regular attendance at the Sunday School throughout the summer months.

## Greater Bible Knowledge

The subject matter of the Vacation Bible School awakens interest and gives understanding in the Sunday School lessons. How much more interesting is Bible study to Juniors who have a knowledge of Bible geography! And these intermediates fairly devour Bible study on Sunday mornings when they see how it is related to the progress of Christianity through the ages. If your class complains of "getting nothing out of it," try to supplement your study with Church history and Bible geography and see the results. Too much work? No! Young people, properly challenged, like work!

## Vacation School Material

Free literature on Vacation Bible Schools will be sent with the courtesy of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to all persons requesting the same of Mr. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

All orders for Vacation Bible School textbooks and material are to be sent to the German Baptist Publication Society, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, where they will receive the prompt and courteous attention of the management. Lists of available books will also be sent upon request from the Cleveland address.

A limited number of Vacation Bible School textbooks of the Co-operative Series of the American Baptist Publication Society and International Council, of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, of the American Sunday School Union and of the Scripture Press can be borrowed without charge for a period of four weeks from the Braese Loan Library, Box 6, Forset Park, Ill. These books are loaned out to groups that are unable financially to buy their own material. Editor.

at the expense of missing out on Bible information that should be acquired there.

## Better Sunday School Teachers

The Vacation Bible School is a wonderful place for inspiring and training church school teachers.

It is well to enlist some of your strongest Sunday School teachers and superintendents as well as some public school teachers, who are available, in the Vacation Bible School. But it is also a good place to work in some of your substitutes for practice teaching. Those who have conducted a teacher training course during the winter months will find it a good place for practicing and proving what they have learned.

The Vacation Bible School affords a wonderful opportunity for Scripture memorization. The writer has known of cases where boys and girls memorized over two hundred verses in two or three weeks' time. There is nothing that establishes young Christians in their faith like memorizing the Scriptures. And there is nothing that will so surely and quickly lead a non-Christian child to the acceptance of Jesus Christ as will the committing of the Word of God to memory.

## Decisions for Christ

Finally, the Vacation Bible School is offering many opportunities to deal with boys and girls personally about



The Child Jesus in the Temple, Sitting in the Midst of the Doctors, Both Hearing Them and Asking Them Questions

Where the local church conducts its own school, pupils will find it delightfully interesting to study subjects, like "How to Live the Christian Life" and "Instruction in Church Membership." Some would try to teach these subjects in the Sunday School, but it is always

their soul's salvation and leading them to a definite decision for Christ. Anyone, with even a very limited vision, can see what that means to the church and to our loving Lord and Savior. Let us capitalize upon these wonderful privileges and opportunities for Christ.



# B. Y. P. U. Topics and Programs

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## HEARING THE "STILL, SMALL VOICE"

By Clarence W. Cranford

Scripture: 1. Kings 19:9-12;  
Psa'm 43:10.

Anyone, who has studied the writings of Paul, knows what strong emphasis he put on the place of conscience in deciding what the Christian ought to do. Most of us know what conscience is, even if we have difficulty in defining it. We say, "Something inside me made me do it." We just "feel" that a thing is right or wrong. Baptists with their belief in the "competency of the individual soul" have long stressed the conviction that God, himself, is able to illumine our conscience, our sense of right and wrong; that God can speak to the individual soul and make him understand the divine will for his life. We hear the repeated use of such phrases as "divine guidance," God's "call," the "still, small voice." How, then, may we "tune in" on his desires for our lives? How may we recognize God's call to our own conscience and heart? Let us first consider three ways to tune in on God, and then three ways by which we may know that it is the voice of God to which we are listening.

### 1. How to Hear God's Voice

In the first place, we can study the Bible to find out what God has said to others. When Jesus met his temptations alone out in the wilderness, he was able to know God's will for him because of his knowledge of Scripture. Three times he routed his tempter by saying, "It is written . . ." He knew that Satan's suggestions did not sound like the things that God had said to others, for he knew what God actually had said in these other instances: "Man shall not live by bread alone"; "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

God can speak words of strength and comfort to those who know their Bibles. For every need, the Bible has some word that can throw light from God on our problems. If we know where to find this word we can set our present trouble beside what God has said to others in similar circumstances and then we can find our own solution.

In the second place, we can seek the atmosphere where God's voice has a chance to make itself heard. While Isaiah worshiped in the Temple, God spoke to him with overwhelming conviction. Often, when we are relaxed in the quiet atmosphere of worship,

stimulated by the great religious ideas and examples, we are emptied of self, and the voice of God breaks in upon us. Then we see, with remarkable clarity, our responsibilities to God.

In the third place, we need to learn to listen in periods of private meditation and prayer. "And seeing the multitudes, Jesus went up into a mountain." We all know how people can stimulate us, but there come times when we need to get away from people and go off somewhere with our thoughts and God, some place where we can listen to God undisturbed.

A range finder is an ingenious device, worked with two small mirrors, one fixed and one that turns on an axis. Looking through the sight, one sees two images of the object for which he is searching. He then turns the dial of the movable mirror until the two images become exactly superimposed, and he sees the object only once. Then he has found the range, and can read the distance on the scale marked on the finder.

Catching God's ideas is something like that. His eternal principles are dependable. As the Psalmist said, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." But our own understanding and loyalty are not so constant. We get double vision. Our desires and those of God do not always coincide. We need to relate our desires back to God's laws. Private meditation and prayer can help us to refocus our thoughts on what God wants, until "thinking God's thoughts after him," he can suggest to us things that he desires us to know.

### 2. How to Recognize God's Voice

How may we be sure that it is God's desire we hear, and not merely our own desires tricking us? Here are three tests:

First, how do I feel about it? If God can speak to our consciences, than surely we may come to know "in ourselves" whether a thing is right or wrong; whether or not it is God's will for our lives. If a thing gives us a sense of inner freedom to follow it, if we know that it appeals to the highest in us if it calls out our best, then we are fairly safe in presuming it to be God's will. But to make absolutely sure, there are two further tests—

Second, does the experience of others verify it? If the experience of the best people we know does not bear out the

way we, personally, feel about a thing, then we would do well to question the validity of our personal feelings. But if others, who we feel know God and on whose judgment we can rely, feel about it the same way that we do, then we have double sanction for believing that we are following God's leading.

Third, is it true to the spirit of Jesus? Paul once believed that he was right to persecute Christians. He even believed that he was following God's will. But one day, in a blinding flash, he saw that his actions were not true to the spirit of Jesus, and in complete reversal of life, he set about to do nothing that would not ring true to the spirit of Jesus. Let us examine our attitudes—about race, about war, about amusements, about drinking, about all our actions. Are they true to the spirit of Jesus? Unless they are, can they really be God's will for us?

Sprinkle iron filings on a piece of paper placed over an iron bar. They fall helter-skelter. Tap the paper gently, and they still lie helter-skelter on the paper. But magnetize that iron bar by stroking it with a magnet; repeat the operation with the filings and they arrange themselves according to definite magnetic lines of force. So with our consciences! They need to be sensitized by the indwelling spirit of Jesus. Then we are ready to respond to the magnetic pull of God's plans for our lives. Then we can listen to the "still, small voice."

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## THE CHURCH AS A WORKSHOP

By Milton C. Froyd

Scripture: James 2:14-24

What is the church like? "A hospital," answers one. "A place for people who are troubled, weak, spiritually sick. Here they are given proper care for their restoration to health."

"An army," says another. "An army has hospitals, but that is not its business. Its chief business is to fight, get into the thick of life's wrongs and struggle for the right. Such is the church."

"Don't dare compare the church with an army," comes in a third. "The church is more like a workshop. The object of every good workshop is to turn out a worthy and usable product. This requires organization, teamwork, planning. A great businessman once said, 'The most important product of America is not ore, coal, wheat, but Christian character.' The church is

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God's workshop. Christlike lives are its product."

Here we have three figures of the church—hospital, army, workshop. The last figure of speech meets our needs best for this topic.

### 1. Discovering the Need

As its first question a manufacturing concern asks, "What do the people need?" It would be perfectly foolish to make a product that did not meet some need. John Galsworthy, the author, has a pathetic story of a shoemaker who refused to change his product to meet competition. In an age when people wanted shoes at low cost he persisted in buying the most expensive leather, the costliest findings, and putting into each pair of shoes hours of work. But the people would have nothing to do with costly, hand-made shoes. So, of course, the shoemaker starved to death.

A church knows that it cannot afford to ignore the needs of its people. These needs are discovered by keeping close to the church members, by talking to them and studying them. That is why no church can be aloof and still do its work well. It must have a deep love for people and a desire to know them. Naturally the needs are not the same in every community. A church in the great city slums must contend with drunkenness, vice, crime. The beautiful little church in a picturesque country community faces an entirely different set of problems. In a real sense each church strives for the same thing—Christlike character. Yet the temptations of the people in the community produce differing needs. In one case the children and young people—many of them from different races and nationalities, some from broken homes—have no playgrounds, gathering places for friends, places for clean and wholesome entertainment. In the country church practically none of these conditions exists. But the scattered populations of the country, the lack of leadership, the fact that the country people are so easily lured to the attractions of the city, the lack of ready cash that means the country people cannot afford good reading matter and other leisure time equipment—all these mean that the country church must present a well-prepared program for its people. Both lists of problems are extreme. Actually every church faces needs peculiarly its own. Moreover, every church must be alive to these needs and must try to meet them. Naturally every church cannot meet all the needs of its people. Then how can they judge by which ones must be dealt with? By this? The church must seek to meet every need that keeps people from Christ or hinders their walking with him.

### 2. Gathering the Material

Next in importance to discovering the need is the material that will fit that need. Our great stores and factories will scour the earth to get the material essential for their product. After they secure it, since they realize that materials are valueless unless properly prepared, they arrange for workshops, workers, overseers, planning organizations, etc.

By comparison, two things are important to the church:

1. The gathering of the material—the bringing in of the people. This material does not come in of itself. The church must go out after it. There is no other way to secure it.

2. The church must then concern itself with the proper handling of this material. Look at your church building. All church property should be built with the idea of the workshop in mind, not merely as a meeting place for an adult congregation on a Sunday morning. The needs of the church school, the youth societies, and the varied week-day activities of the church must be kept in mind. All churches may not have excellent building facilities but usually some arrangement can be made to fit the property to the needs. More than the mechanics of a working church plant, the church needs to concern itself with the selection of fine lesson materials, consecrated and hard-working teachers and officers, the designing of an effective church program. How careful should be the management of the "workshop of God." What planning, thinking, praying it takes to make an efficient Sunday School teacher, a young people's society officer, a deacon or a trustee! But this is God's work in which we are engaged. How dare we handle it lightly or carelessly!

### 3. Shaping the Material to Meet the Need

After all, the object of any workshop is the finished product. The church has but one object—the leading of people to Christ in order to produce Christlike character. But this Christlike life is only a step to another end. We are saved to serve; blessed that we might be a blessing. The Christian life becomes complete, a finished product, only when it is linked up with a great cause. A Christian is one who has been led to a precious experience with Christ and afterward has dedicated his life to bringing others to a similar experience.

We must never lose sight of this main object of the church. Any activity that does not contribute to this end is just so much lost motion, waste energy. Paul said, "This one thing I do." The church too must have a central purpose that undergirds every activity. That purpose—Christlike lives building a Christlike world.

## BLACKOUTS IN EUROPE

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the tickets, we would glance around, not gaining anything of course, except to satisfy our curiosity. Occasionally, a group of Hitler youth down the way harmonized in an old folksong. Each time someone was ready to leave our compartment, an older gentleman, who also was going to Berlin, struck a match to make sure the leaving passenger was taking his own belongings with him.

Our episode was not to end with the train, however. Upon arriving at Berlin, we had to find our way to the west side of the city. Picture yourself in a large, strange city at night in complete darkness. Every time we saw the dim headlights of a car moving slowly down the street, we hoped it would be a taxi, but no such luck. We wandered around for an hour until we finally stumbled into a subway station. Here, a kind lady directed us to take a certain train. We did, but we got off a station too soon. Naturally, we had to walk, or, shall we say, grope the rest of the way.

On one occasion, we almost fell into the street as we groped our way along for we could not see the curbstone along the sidewalk. As we endeavored to inquire for our street, the answer always seemed to be, "It must be around here . . . but we can't tell which one it is."

Blackouts are just one phase of the war program. Another is the controlled radio program. People are prohibited from listening to foreign stations. Still another phase is the ration card. Available without it are fish, fowl, vegetables, and fruits. Not any of these are very plentiful especially during the winter season. Almost all of the other foods, including sugar, butter, meat, lard, flour, preserves, bread, etc., are obtainable only with ration cards.

Wartime restrictions, in a sense, also affected the religious liberties of the people. For a time, Sunday School meetings were forbidden because of possible danger from air raids to so many children at one spot without adequate shelter. A much desired series of revival meetings could not be held because of the "Blackout" restrictions. Young peoples' work is hindered by the absence of the older boys and young men who are in camp and war duty.

At no time did we suffer real hardships of any kind. By the end of October, we were on a Norwegian ship bound for home. When we reached New York our thoughts were full of gratitude to our loving heavenly Father who had guided and cared for us through the entire journey. We praise him and thank him for the privilege he has given us of living in a land that is not afflicted with "Blackouts."



# Reports from the Field

## Our United Work for Christ As Seen by Our Missionary Colporter, Mr. A. D. Schantz

No missionary enterprise is of itself. The streams that flow from life eternal are the channels that reach out to bless, to save and to reap. There is a tie that binds hearts together in Christian love and fellowship, in active service for the cause of Christ. It is the tie that casts an anchor to bring the sinking soul to shore. The prayers, the cares, the efforts and desires come from a united group whose hearts have been touched by One who bled and died and gave his life a ransom for many.

In this work as field representative for our German Baptist Publication Society of Cleveland, Ohio, I have often felt the touch of tender care and fervent prayers of those who love the

### Our Colporter's Itinerary

The itinerary of Mr. A. D. Schantz, our missionary colporter, in April, May and June will be as follows:

- La Salle, Colorado
- Scottsbluff, Nebraska
- McIntosh, South Dakota
- Gackle, North Dakota
- Streeter, North Dakota
- Fessenden, North Dakota
- Beulah, North Dakota
- Carrington, North Dakota
- Anamoose, North Dakota
- Goodrich, North Dakota
- Cathay, North Dakota
- Martin, North Dakota
- McClusky, North Dakota
- Turtle Lake, North Dakota
- Washburn, North Dakota
- Grand Forks, North Dakota

God, for which we praise the Lord. Thus, precious souls are added to the church. Praise the Lord for his working in our midst!

We are also ministering to the needs of many sick who come to us day by day. We have had several severe cases. Among these was a school boy of about 14 years of age who had pneumonia. He was brought to us in a hammock. He remained here until he recovered. Now he is back happy in school. His relatives tried their best to take him back to the village and he was persuaded by them, but after talking and praying with him he soon changed and as he saw that the Lord Jesus helped him here, he did not speak about going to the heathen village again but wished to stay where he could learn more of God.

Perhaps you would be interested to know a little about our itinerating work here. Travelling is very difficult and dangerous at times, but the Lord holds his protecting hand over us and thus far we have been kept from all harm. After the close of a service in a certain village a large crowd of natives followed us to our resting place. When we asked what they wished they said, "Please, tell us more about your God." We talked to them another hour and taught them a hymn. Then they went on their way singing. But all of a sudden they stopped and every one returned. We asked why they had returned, and they told us that they had forgotten part of the song and asked if we would not teach it over again, which we did. Then they all went on their way singing. It was not long, however, after we had started our devotional service before retiring, that all the natives returned in even a larger number. They all sat down quietly and listened very attentively till the service was over. Then they all rushed up to us and asked us to sing that song once more with them, so we had another season of singing after which they all left for their homes. The hunger for God's Word is great. The desire to know about God is something we have never experienced before.

At another village we had planned only to have a service and then to pass on to the next village but that was impossible, for the natives with their pleading, compelled us to stay at least one night. At many places they begged us to stay longer and to teach them but that is impossible because of the many, many villages that must be reached. The result of this service has been that many students have come for the school and that souls are saved.



Mr. A. D. Schantz, Our Missionary Colporter

cause of Christ and are contributors to every missionary enterprise. They have a love and spirit for a sacred cause that can never be defeated. It is from such sources that my soul often draws courage that leads me to hope and to victory. Their faith and spirit are like a solid rock that knows of no crushing nor defeat. They are never conquered by the enemy.

But there is still a great battle to wage. We need many more of that same spirit of united effort to rout the enemy. We must keep the channels open in every task allotted us. We are reinforced in one another's work in performing our tasks faithfully in whatever channel our duties may lie. It is with love, prayer and united efforts that we must bring Christ into the hearts of others, and not with hate and destructive criticism. I want to cast my lot with those who care, who love, who pray, who work and who go in the Master's name. May Christ be our object! His cause our joy! And our faith in him the victory!

### Open Missionary Doors in the Belgian Congo

By Martha Manz, Kafumba via Kitwit Kwango District Congo Belge, W. C., Africa

(Miss Manz is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Manz of Mercer, No. Dak., and is a member of the Tabor German Baptist Church of North Dakota. This recent letter of hers from the mission field in the Belgian Congo will be of great interest to her many friends in our churches. Editor.)

"The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." This verse expresses our inmost feeling at this time after the Lord has seen fit to take us through a period of severe trial and testing. This gives us great comfort in this time of trouble and unrest on every hand.

At the present time we are busy with school work. We have an enrollment of over 450 students, and many of these have already given their hearts to the Lord. Many suffer persecution from the hands of their relatives and friends for Jesus' sake. They are all very eager to learn the Word of

## Southern Conference Successful Training Course in the Crawford Church

From March 11 to 15 the young people of the German Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, met each evening for two forty-five minute training course periods, with an average attendance of 22 persons.

We were privileged to have as our teacher the Rev. W. E. Schweitzer, pastor of the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas, Texas, who is a genius at teaching. He presented the lessons from the book, "Planning a Life," in such a manner that everyone was able to grasp even the most difficult facts. On the last evening twelve of the students took the examination, and will be awarded certificates. Each evening at the intermission period the social committee entertained with games and refreshments. We are thankful to Mr. Schweitzer that he could come to teach this course, and we know that the seed he has sown will bear fruit.

RUBY JAECKLE, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference The Germantown Church Helps Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pepple to Celebrate Their Silver Wedding Anniversary

About eighty friends and relations gathered at the Germantown Baptist Church of North Dakota on Sunday, March 17, in observance of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pepple, who reside in that district.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. Ed. C. Rost as the honored couple and their children entered the church, which was decorated with green and white streamers and house plants. They were escorted to two chairs near the platform, which had been decorated with silver paper. Mrs. Pepple carried a lovely bouquet of roses.

A program was given, including a talk by the Rev. D. Klein, two duets sung by Eldean Broschat and Evelyn Leitner, two solos by Mrs. E. V. Seibold, an original poem written by Adolf Pepple, their eldest son, a song by the six children, a song by the three daughters, a piano solo by Eldon Seibold, two numbers by the orchestra, and several numbers by John Seibold on his guitar and harmonica. Mrs. Pepple's father, Jacob Kandt of McClusky spoke, and Mr. Hoff read a letter from Mr. Pepple's mother in Washington. Mrs. Pepple responded with words of thanks and appreciation.

Lunch was served in the church basement, where the tables were decorated with flowers. A lovely wedding cake, decorated by Mrs. Martin Kandt of Fargo, served as a centerpiece.

Reporter.

## Pacific Conference B. Y. P. U. of American Falls, Idaho, Elects Its Officers for the Coming Year

The young people of American Falls, Idaho, spent a very enjoyable evening on March 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Huse, a distinguished family of our church. Eighteen members were present.

The evening was spent in playing a number of games, after which the president of the society, Mr. John Neuman, called the annual meeting to order for electing new officers for the coming year. The results were Mrs. John Neuman, president; Ruth Krien, secretary; Hilbert Krien, treasurer; and Eleanore Isaak, pianist. After the meeting refreshments were served, and we left for home, enthused about getting to work in the coming year.

We also look forward with great anticipation to the Northwest Pacific Association, which will be held here this Fall. May the Lord shower us with great blessings, during the days of the sessions of the association!

A. STELTER, Pastor.

## Anniversary Program of the Salt Creek B. Y. P. U.

March 15th marked the occasion of 42 years of service for our Lord and Master in the young people's society of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, near Dallas, Oregon. On that evening we presented an inspirational anniversary program. An invitation had been extended to the members of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, and a goodly number were present to celebrate with us.

Lester Voth, our new B. Y. P. U. president, was in charge of the program. The out-going president, Dr. Norman Classen, read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer. Following this, we heard the secretary's and treasurer's reports. The remainder of the program included a piano solo, a reading, young ladies' quartet number, violin solo, men's quartet song and a play.

The play was entitled "The Kingdom of God," a missionary play with five characters. The story was in connection with the Cox family. Melville Cox, a young minister, is home on a visit with his family. The family doctor, Dr. Fleming, warns Melville that he has an incurable throat ailment, which will force him to give up preaching entirely. The young minister, therefore, feels called as a missionary to

Africa. The play shows the pain of parting, but in which Christ brings peace, even with separation from loved ones into the mission field. Those in the play were Velma Schroeder, Gertrude Kliever, Carl May, Marvin May, and Evan Skersies.

On Easter evening the mass choir, consisting of the combined male chorus and mixed choir, under the direction of Mrs. O. Nallinger, presented a dramatic cantata, entitled "On the Third Day." The cantata play was under the direction of the Rev. O. Nallinger, our pastor. EVAN SKERSIES, Reporter.

## Young Women of Anaheim, California, Organize the Bethel Mission Guild

On February 6 twenty-four young women and girls of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., met in the home of Mrs. H. G. Dymmel to organize a Bethel Mission Guild.

The elected officers are as follows: Lois Schroeder, president; Esther Leuschner, vice-president; Ruth Justus, secretary; Adel Stabbert, assistant secretary; Evelyn Maahs, treasurer; Esther Craig, pianist; Elsie Eyman, newspaper reporter; and Eva Gooden, song leader. Our motto is "Service" and our Guild song, "Service Is Our Watchword."

After the business we joined in the singing of "Send Out Thy Light," while each girl held a lighted candle and a cross as a favor on her tray of refreshments. Many of us realized that our knowledge of the mission work which is being done was small and that our service for others has been neglected among the younger women and girls of our church.

Our second meeting on March 5 was in the home of Eva Gooden with Lydia Denny as co-hostess. Our membership now totals 38 members.

The theme of our meeting was "Setting Sail." After our business, the new officers spoke on the following subjects and applied them to our coming events as a Guild: "Captain, Map, Compass, Passengers, Cargo, Log, Purser, and Entertainment." Our year's program will center around the various countries and people of the Indians in the U. S., Gypsies in Bulgaria, Mexican work at home, home and foreign Negroes, India, and Baptist education. White Cross work will be done at different meetings.

May the Lord bless our humble efforts and use them to his own honor and glory!

RUTH JUSTUS, Secretary.

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## Southwestern Conference Spiritual Birthday Party Held by the Mt. Zion Church of Kansas

The months of January and February were quite slack in the Mount Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, due to the bad weather and roads. We had services almost every Sunday and on Wednesdays, but not always in the church. We often held the services in the parsonage because so few people could get out, but throughout the month of March we were again busy with the regular services in the church building.

On Sunday evening, March 3, we had a very inspiring service in charge of our B. Y. P. U. It was a "Spiritual Birthday Party." We often celebrate our natural birthday but so seldom think of our spiritual birthday. Therefore, our young people thought it would be interesting and fitting that we celebrate our spiritual birthday, which was carried out very beautifully.

Three young girls were in charge of the service. One of our honorary members spoke on the natural birthday, which was followed by a talk on our spiritual birthday. After this the meeting was open to all, and for every testimony relating the story of the spiritual birth a candle was placed upon a cake. At the close of the service these candles were all lighted, and what a beautiful sight it was, with all the lights of the church turned out! With fitting remarks to let our lights shine in the world as the lights on the cake shone in the darkened church, Mr. Alvin Brenner, who is our oldest Christian, extinguished the candles.

During the Passion Week we held services every evening, which were very well attended and proved to be a blessing to all. Many took part with testimonies and prayer.

On Easter Sunday evening, March 24, we were privileged to have our baptismal service which had been planned for some time. Seven young people were baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ. We do not feel as though we are through working now, for we feel inspired for greater things that are yet to be done for our Risen Lord.

THOMAS LUTZ, Pastor.

## Eastern Conference Seminary Glee Club Opens Its Concert Tour in Erie, Pa.

The Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., enjoyed a most inspirational sacred concert on Wednesday evening, March 20, presented by the Glee Club from our own seminary in Rochester, N. Y. The young men arrived in Erie shortly after six o'clock, running a full hour behind schedule because of the unseasonable blizzard, but after a hot

supper in the church parlors, prepared by the Philathea class under the direction of Mrs. Otto Hiller, the boys were again on the go. With scarcely time to meet their engagement the students were rushed to the local radio station WLEU where they gave a short, fine program. At 8 o'clock the Glee Club was back at Central Church singing to one of the largest turnouts in many years. Following the concert the young people served refreshments to more than 125 members and friends who gathered in our Sunday School rooms for an hour of fellowship. Here we became better acquainted with the young men of the Glee Club and their life's work. The high spot of the evening's event, without a doubt, was the presenting of George Zinz, one of the Glee Club members, to our many friends as the new pastor of Central Baptist Church. Mr. Zinz made a few remarks in which he assured us that he was anxiously awaiting graduation when he may take up his full time duties with us.

Thursday morning found the students again in our church under the direction of Walter Marchand, running through their German numbers. Mr. Marchand is a tireless worker and the quality of the program shows the splendid way the seminary boys have responded to this extra phase of their curriculum. Finally, at one o'clock, having finished their dinner and taking leave of their hosts, they assembled into their waiting bus and gaily went on their way to carry their message of song to the various churches scheduled on their tour.

LINCOLN S. LOVE, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference Tenth Anniversary Program of the Buffalo Center Women's Missionary Band

Recently the Women's Mission Band of the Baptist Church in Buffalo Center, Iowa, celebrated its 10th anniversary. As we look back over the past years, we owe much praise to our Lord for his keeping power and for his many blessings.

The band at present consists of 32 members. Our meetings were held on the first Wednesday of the month in the church parlors. Each one present answers Roll Call with a Scripture verse. Our programs usually consist of a missionary study, readings and musical numbers. We have again had the privilege of bringing joy to the orphan children by sending them cookies for Christmas. We sent 45 dozen cookies to our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., and 45 dozen cookies to the Bethany Orphanage in Kentucky. Our church library which was started in 1938 still continues to be a great blessing. We are grateful to Mrs. Peters who has made and designed our calendar.

At the missionary program the Scripture lesson was read by our vice-president, Mrs. F. Stratman, followed by prayer by our pastor, the Rev. Peter Peters. Mrs. Ed. Feldick, the president, extended a warm welcome to all present. The secretary of the Band, Mrs. A. Wempfen, and the treasurer, Mrs. H. Bronleewe, brought their reports. Musical numbers were rendered by a men's quartet, ladies' quartet, and the pianist, Mrs. Andrew Murra. The offertory number was given by Mrs. Clarence Bond. The anniversary message was delivered by the Rev. A. G. Lang, of Emery, So. Dak., who spoke on "Building the Walls," as based on Nehemiah 6:3-4. Our mission offering amounted to \$93.74.

MRS. A. WEMPEN, Secretary.

## "The Church and the Canvass" as Viewed by the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa

This is not only leap year, but 1940 is also the great national canvass year. More than 100,000,000 people will be asked to give information regarding themselves during these months. This tremendous task will enable the government to cope with national problems more intelligently, for the information gleaned in census-taking is the only reliable factual material that gives one a comprehensive picture of the life and the needs of any community or group.

That is why German Baptist Churches ought to catch some of this spirit of "survey" and make an intensive study of their respective fields. Then each church could serve that community best with the type of ministry that is so essential, and yet so peculiar to German Baptists.

With something of that spirit of service, needed particularly in this year of "survey," a house-to-house canvass was made by a large corps of workers from the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, and now, for the first time in the history of our church, we have a real index of the religious life of our church neighborhood. More than that, we can now concentrate our efforts to minister unto the unchurched with the assurance that it is not a hit-or-miss program, but an intelligent effort to serve without overlooking any one or any family.

The tabulated results are listed here to give a picture of the religious life in a small mid-western city, and also with the hope that others will make surveys and profit by comparing notes and figures.

1941 house-to-house calls were made by 36 young people workers of the church who had given to them prepared lists with house numbers and family names taken from the city directory.

1688 of these families were at home (86.9%) and answered the questions suggested by the church

workers. This high percentage means that in many cases the worker returned to the home.

6042 persons (or 3.1 persons per family) reside in these homes. Just a little better than 1 child per family—a real Sunday School attendance that is often overlooked!

1102 families (65.3%) owned their own homes. This is typical of the smaller city and not true of the large metropolitan areas where most families live in rent. It also means that our particular neighborhood is quite "fixed."

226 families (13.2%) claimed no church affiliation of any kind. Appalling! In some larger cities this figure would be more like 50 or 60%!

107 families (47.3% of those not affiliated) were considered by the canvasser "fair prospects." It is this group that offers us a real challenge, and it is for their Christianization that we pray and strive.

169 families (10.01%) were members of the Oak Street Church. Nearly 60% of our membership live within a mile of the church, an ideal situation that is seldom offered.

Is this religious affiliation picture typical of your community? We feel this endeavor was very much worth while. Oak Street Baptist workers are already knocking at the doors of the 226 families with no church affiliation, for we know now for the first time who they are and where they live.

ALFRED R. BERNADT, Pastor.

## Central Conference Chicago Jugendbund Holds a Colorful Rainbow Banquet

The Chicago Jugendbund's Rainbow Banquet was held on Saturday, March 9, at the Lincoln-Belmont Y. M. C. A., with 150 persons present.

Each society was assigned a color of the rainbow for the evening and responded to the roll call when its color was called. Everyone present wore a tag, representative of the color assigned to his society.

After a few introductory remarks and announcements by the president, Mr. Victor Loewen of the First Church, the toastmaster, Mr. Harold Johns of the Forest Park Church, took charge. The Scripture reading and prayer were followed by talks by the various speakers, each of whom had been assigned a color.

Violet, or royal purple, signified the Kingship of Christ. The Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Forest Park asked us to make Christ the King of kings and Lord of lords of our lives. The Rev. John Schmidt of the First Church spoke about light blue, reminding us of the time when we, as Christians, will be with Christ in our heavenly home. The color green, said the Rev. Stanley Geis of the Ogden Park Church re-



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minds us of the "go" signal used in traffic lights. We should be ready and willing to go when Christ calls us to work for him, for in our own communities the fields are ready to harvest. Yellow, according to the Rev. Herbert L. Koch, East Side, represents wealth. He urged us to contribute our share to our denominational enterprises, and also pointed out that God not only wants our money, but our lives also. Mr. Roy Anderson of Forest Park once again alluded to the traffic signals, and spoke on orange, the color of change and caution.

A humorous reading and skit gave spice to the evening, and the varied musical numbers rendered during the evening consisted of a vocal solo, vocal duet, vocal trio, and a girls' sextet, not to mention the splendid group singing.

We can truly thank our Lord for a most enjoyable evening spent together with others of like faith.

IRMA L. GRIEGER, Secretary.

## Encouraging Progress in the East Side Church of Chicago, Illinois

They say that "clothes make the man," and they certainly help the outward appearance of one who wears neat and well fitting clothes. For some years the building of our East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., urgently needed a new dress. Sun, wind and rain had gradually left their marks upon wood and paint.

Last Fall our faithful members and friends as well as the various church organizations banded together and raised \$1650 and provided our frame structure with an elegant and dignified covering of inselbric. Three white crosses fastened on the north, east and west faces of the tower add much to the church-likeness of the building. The building committee under the leadership of Mr. Carl J. Schroeder deserves mention for its planning and promotion.

During 1940 we hope to build up the spiritual morale of our people, for much work remains to be done in the future. Our Sunday School under the faithful leadership of Mr. Walter Vander Hoogt, Sr., has added several new teachers, which we hope will help to build up our attendance. Since last Fall several of our young musicians have banded together to play for the Sunday School. A group of young people is becoming quite active and gives indication of a will to serve which deserves recognition and encouragement. The first issue of "Bitsy News," a monthly paper, has just been published by them.

Last Fall a Men's Club was organized with Mr. Donald Ferguson elected as president, which will strive to meet the social and spiritual needs of our men. During the past year our Young Women's Guild raised ever \$438 for local and mission purposes. On Palm Sunday 100 copies of "The Service Hymnal" were dedicated to the service of Christ and his church. These were a thoughtful and generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zimmerman. On Sunday evening, March 17, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," was our guest speaker.

A recent series of five meetings conducted by the Rev. John Herrmann of the Ainslie Street Baptist Church of Chicago has helped to create a new consecration to Christ and his cause among our responsible members. Sorrow and disappointment are also a part of church life. The recent passing of Mrs. Emma Klee, long a president of our Ladies' Aid Society, and of Mr. Paul Gracenic, a faithful Sunday School teacher for over a generation, will long be felt.

We too, as every church, have our general as well as peculiar problems. We face the future with the hope and prayer that we may be more like Christ.

H. L. KOCH, Pastor.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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special speaker at the festive occasion. During the past year the New York Girls' Home contributed \$2000 to the general missionary fund of the denomination, and Dr. Kuhn, general missionary secretary, reports that the mission sums of former years total the large sum of more than \$10,000. Such a devotion to the Kingdom of God by this New York Girls' Home is notable and praiseworthy, indeed. Mrs. Otto Hoppe is the president of the organization, and Mrs. Lydia Mueller is secretary.

● On Easter Sunday, March 24, Prof. F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., was the guest speaker in the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. His services were deeply appreciated by the large congregations of that Sunday. The Erie Church is eagerly looking forward to the arrival of Mr. George Zinz, a member of this year's graduating class, as its new pastor to succeed the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, now of Okeene, Okla.

● On Easter Sunday evening, March 24, the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Illinois, baptized 8 persons on confession of their faith, including his youngest daughter, Joan. At the same service several young people of the church spoke on "Living Witnesses of a Resurrected Life." The speakers were Jean Carol Grosser, Ardene Putkammer, Harriet Grieger, Walter Volkmann, Frederick Dons and Roy Anderson. The communion service was held at the close of the impressive service. At the young people's Easter sunrise service, held in the church, Mr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," was the speaker.

● Dr. Emilie Bretthauer, for more than 30 years a Baptist missionary in China, passed away quite suddenly on February 11 in Suifu, West China. She was a member until her death of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., and was widely known throughout the denomination. Dr. J. W. Decker, foreign secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, said of her: "Modest, self-effacing, patient, indefatigable in her labor, Dr. Bretthauer's life and service were a never ending witness to the quality of her faith and to her love for the Master. Many live to bless her for her skill as a physician, and for the spiritual lift she gave to all who came in contact with her."

● The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., editor of "The Baptist Herald," served as one of the faculty of the North Dakota Baptist Pastor's Institute held in Bismarck, No. Dak., from March 26 to 28. About twenty German Baptist pastors of the state



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were also in attendance at the institute. Other faculty members were Dr. Sidney Powell of St. Paul, Minn., the former president of the board of trustees of Northern Baptist Seminary, and Dr. Ralph Andem of Detroit, Mich., the Baptist executive secretary of Michigan. Following the institute Mr. Leuschner also served the German Baptist churches in Bismarck, Washburn, Underwood, Turtle Lake, McClusky, Goodrich, Carrington and Cathay, No. Dak., speaking or showing missionary pictures at every service. These engagements were held from Friday evening, March 29, to Thursday evening, April 4.

● The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger of Kenosha, Wis., was one of several speakers at a Union Good Friday service held on Friday afternoon, March 22, in the First Methodist Church of Kenosha. He spoke on the words of Jesus, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise." From Wednesday evening, March 20, to Friday, March 22, special services were also held in the German Baptist Church, at which Mr. Schlesinger and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., were the speakers. On Sunday afternoon, March 10, the Kenosha B. Y. P. U. anniversary was held in the church with a large host of visitors from nearby churches. The Rev. H. Hiller of Milwaukee, Wis., spoke on "The Abundant Life." Miss Edith Obermiller, president of the society, was in charge. On Tuesday, March 12, the Women's Missionary Society held a birthday surprise for Mrs. A. G. Schlesinger and presented her with a beautiful floor lamp. Mrs. Richard Kaiser, president, presided over the program.

● Beginning with Sunday evening, March 3, and continuing for 4 weeks the B. Y. P. U. of the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., conducted a special course on "A Short History of the Christian Church" under the leadership of Miss Margaret Macoskey. At the Friday evening midweek services of the church there have been special speakers during the past few months such as the Rev. John Grygo, pastor of the Immanuel Church of New York City; the Rev. Antonio Mangano, pastor of an Italian Baptist Church in New York City; and the Rev. I. V. Neprash of Philadelphia, Pa., founder and director of the Russian Missionary Service. On Wednesday evening, March 6, a Family Sunday School Night was held with almost 90 parents of Sunday School children present for the purpose of fellowship and mutual acquaintance. This interesting program was in charge of Mr. Walter Marklein, superintendent. At the Easter service on Sunday, March 24, a play, entitled "The Triumph," was presented by the Intermediates of the Sunday School. The Rev. W. J. Appel is pastor of the church.