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A Graceful Swan  
Sailing Her Ship  
With Serene  
Splendor.

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## What's Happening

● The German Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., Canada, recently changed its name to the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, according to its pastor, the Rev. A. Kujath. The Northern Conference that was scheduled to convene with the Regina Church early in July was cancelled for this year due to the unsettled conditions prevailing at the time.

● Thirty-five children were enrolled in the Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church at Fessenden, No. Dak. Sessions were held in the morning and afternoon during the week of June 3 to 7. Teachers of the school were the Misses Helyne Raile, Robinette Rappuhn, Frances Helm, and Vivian Pust. The school was greatly enjoyed by all the pupils.

● On Sunday, July 7, the Rev. John Leypoldt, D. D., pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., extended the hand of fellowship to 8 new members, 7 of whom came by letter and one by baptism. Miss Betty K. Pfaff as reporter for the church wrote: "We, of the Trinity Baptist Church, have a great deal for which to be thankful. We pray that by God's grace we may continue to go forward and to win more for his cause."

● The Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has already purchased a lot near Rising Sun Avenue and about ten blocks from the Philadelphia Home for the Aged which is to be used for a new church and parsonage. The lot measures 212 by 148 feet. Approximately \$7000 are in the building fund for the new church, according to the pastor, the Rev. Assaf Husmann. Plans are under way to go ahead with the building program as soon as the funds are sufficient for the undertaking.

● On Sunday evening, July 7, the Strassburg Church of Marion, Kans., greatly enjoyed a patriotic program given by the members of the B. Y. P. U. at which an American and a Christian flag were dedicated. A brief history of each flag was given. An offering was taken which more than paid the expenses of the flags. Some gold rope has also been ordered and flag stands are being made. The flags have been placed on the platform of the church where they will serve their purpose of reminding the congregation of the ideals which they represent.

● The Rev. Charles F. Zummach of Trenton, Ill., is busily engaged in his spare moments writing a history of Trenton from its earliest beginnings as far back as 1812. Last winter during the illness of the editor of "Trenton Sun," Mr. Zummach edited the pa-

per for several weeks and received the idea for his plan. On Sunday, June 16, he preached the same sermon which he had brought to the First Baptist Church thirty years before in an interesting observance of the 30th anniversary of his arrival in Trenton and of his service in the Christian ministry.

● A new girls' organization was started by the Jeffers Baptist Church of Minnesota early in July. The group, composed of girls between the ages of 10 and 20, meets on Thursday afternoons in the parsonage for Bible study and handwork. Recently the Sunday

### Fellowship Dinner for Ministers and Wives at Burlington

At the coming General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, one of the bright spots will be the fellowship dinner of the ministers sponsored by the Rochester Baptist Seminary to be held on Friday evening, August 23. To this dinner all ministers of the denomination and their wives are being invited. The trustees and a number of representative laymen together with the students will be specially invited guests. There will be good music, excellent singing, and three or four brief addresses. The price of the dinner will probably not exceed 75 cts. We are making this announcement now so that just as many as possible will be able to plan to be present. At this dinner we want to emphasize our unity as ministers in the cause of Christ. Albert Bretschneider, Dean.

School elected its officers with the following results: Mr. Corbin, superintendent; D. Eucken, assistant superintendent; D. Hagerman, secretary; Marvin Carlblom, treasurer; Margaret Courts, pianist; and Mrs. John Smith, assistant pianist. The Rev. William H. Schobert is pastor of the church.

● The annual outing of the Men's Club of the Baptist Church in Watertown, Wis., was held on Sunday, June 30, at the Methodist Camp Grounds south of Watertown. The church service and Sunday School period were held there with the Rev. G. Wetter in charge. Basket lunches had been brought along by the families. In the evening the B. Y. P. U. held a consecration service and held an offering for missions. The committee in charge was Edythe Burdick, Erna Goetsch and Victor Anderson. A number of musical numbers was followed by five talks on consecration by the young people and a summary of the topic by the Rev. G. Wetter.

● The B. Y. P. U. of the State Park Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., con-held its annual election of officers with the following results: Melba Runtz, president; Harry Cornelius, vice-president; Dolores Fickel, secretary; Don Warner, treasurer. A young people's breakfast was held recently with about 30 persons in attendance at the Warner Home. The group was addressed by Miss Margaret Corney of Peoria, a graduate of the Chicago Baptist Missionary Training School. On Sunday, August 28, the Peoria Church will omit its regular services to permit their people in a body to attend the closing sessions of the General Conference at Burlington, Iowa.

● On June 28 the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., concluded a fine Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 49 children. The school was divided into Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments with the following serving as the respective superintendents: Mrs. W. W. Knauf with Mrs. Sophie Weinkauff and Miss Gertrude Paad as helpers, Mrs. Arthur Thom, and the pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, who also directed the school. The daily mission offerings brought by the children amounted to \$4.20. Recently the church held a patriotic program at which United States and Christian flags were dedicated for the use of the church. They were a presentation from the Men's Brotherhood.

● On Sunday, July 14, the Rev. H. Ekrot, pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, had the joy of baptizing 7 young people. (Continued on Page 320)

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## EDITORIAL

**W**E find it easy to hail the men and women of great achievement. We strew the paths of conquerors with fragrant flowers. We acclaim our heroes and focus the spot light upon the mighty leaders of our day. Even a

**Because Some One Prayed!** conference, like the one to be held by our denomination in Burlington, Iowa, in a few days, has to stress the spectacular and extraordinary in order to be impressive.

But let us not forget that far more important than all this display of organized machinery in action is the dynamo of prayer-power. The successful outcome of some great venture is often based upon this undisclosed fact that "some one prayed!" Thousands of our people will not be able to attend the General Conference sessions, but their regret need not prevent them from exerting a profound influence upon the convention, as they band themselves together in intercessory prayer for God's blessings upon that gathering.

What floods of spiritual power can be released because some one prayed! How marvelously distant lives are affected by the touch of God, even though they are far removed from the personal contact with friends and relatives, because some loving mother prayed! How the most helpless picture of despair is changed into radiant hope and joy as God performs his miracles in response to the faithful prayers of his children! This will be the difference between heart-stirring success and a usual conference routine, not because the preparations have been notably well executed nor because the speakers were above the average, but because those in attendance and more especially those at home were faithful and earnest in their prayers in behalf of the conference.

Nothing has ever brought the editor more joy than the announcement by some white-haired mother or some aging father that she or he is

remembering his work and his life in prayer before God's throne of grace. How I covet such companions of prayer on my travels to the far corners of our denominational territory! How I feel the burdens becoming lighter and the tasks easier and life more adventurous because they are praying for me!

This is the gateway of opportunity into active participation in the General Conference sessions for those who cannot be there. You can follow the program from day to day with your prayers. You can ask for God's blessings to fall like manna from heaven upon the sessions. You can send your intercessory prayers to God's throne that humility and love might be supreme in all the counsels of men. You can be prayerfully concerned that God's Holy Spirit might fill the hearts of all delegates and visitors assembled for the conference. A conference that is undergirded by prayer in this manner must merit the approval of God with indescribable consequences for future denominational blessing.

Years ago Mrs. Grace Noll Crowell wrote a poem, "Some One Had Prayed," in which she described how the burden of a long day was lifted because, unbeknown to the poet, "some one had knelt in prayer." She closes the familiar poem with this challenging stanza, the call of which ought to echo in all our hearts everywhere:

"Some one had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand,  
Took hold of God, and brought him down that day!  
So many, many hearts have need of prayer—  
Oh, let us pray!"

As you make your preparations for the trip to Burlington or as you try to visualize what is happening at the conference, regretting that you cannot be there, remember this supreme truth that the success of these sessions will solely depend upon the earnest, faithful prayers of those at the conference and also of those at home.



# Conference Greetings from Africa

A Personal Letter to Our Youth from the Gebauers, Our Missionaries in the Cameroons, to be Read at the General Conference in Burlington

Somewhere in the midst of palms, red flowers and the April showers of 1940.

Baptist Youth:—

That yours may be profitable days at Burlington is our wish to you! It had been Dr. Kuhn's good intention to have us home for your present gathering but we protested. Why should your days at Burlington and the Iowa sky be darkened by two corpses back from Africa? At the end of five long-short years on your Kaka field we would be slightly out of shape for so momentous a meeting as the General Conference at Burlington. We would have been unable to change into your way of thinking fast enough and our quinine complexion would not have changed color over night as does our African chameleon. We would have been of little use to you, save that Clare might have brought along Africa's contribution to America's latest hat styles. Clare ventures to say they would be an improvement.

## Africa Needs Christ

As for powerful speeches we should have failed unitedly as much as Paul Gebauer failed singlehandedly at Milwaukee six years ago. Dropping out of Africa's peaceful villages that boast no taxis nor telephones, neither streetcars nor newsboys, no billboards nor television; villages that know nothing of long or short skirts, stores, neon lights, tall houses, roads nor traffic signals—into your world of noise and haste, cities, streets, buildings and traffic would have been entirely too much for us. We have pleaded for a period of readjustment and "Father" Kuhn generously agreed to that. We will be more normal, if such is possible, when we meet you in your churches and homes in 1941. So, far from you in these August days, we are nevertheless with you.

You are always in our minds and hearts. Have you not in these five years accepted our written and spoken word about a land and people you have never seen by praying for it, giving for it, saving for it, and sacrificing for it? All this you did in order that a bewildered African youth might know of the Cross of Christ, the Life here and hereafter. God bless you for it, each one of you! With him hundreds of young Africans bless you.

Through you they have found an unshakeable foundation in the midst of a chaos of declining and tumbling cultures. Swiftly changing Africa drove some of them within so short a span as five years out of blissful nakedness, forgotten villages, ancient systems of rule and ancient religions into a world of ill-fitting khaki trousers, into a system of work for wages, into the wes-

## Editor's Notes

It will be of interest to the reader to know that the Gebauers will soon be sailing for America. They hope to arrive in New York City on an American freighter late in November or early in December. Their return to the United States will be eagerly anticipated by their many friends everywhere.

The excellent photograph of young people on the next page was taken recently by Mr. Walter S. Schaible of Ft. Worth, Texas, a photograph fan and a young people's enthusiast. The fine group of young people comes from our churches in the Southern Conference.

tern confusion of laws, taxes, haste and greed, of autos, steamships, trains and airplanes. Torn from ancient moorings of tribal law and tribal gods, many of them lost footing, self-respect, the meaning of life. Returning to their hills and villages after months in plantations or factories, they were strangers to the things once honored and trusted and believed.

To them especially the gatherings of the Tribe of God meant salvation from more than future damnation. To those haughty, lawless, diseased and bewildered refugees from the backwaters of western civilization a new law, a new order, a new life have been offered in the churches formed here and there in your Kakaland. They and their brothers who found Christ in their own villages, numbering about five hundred, thank you for your unselfish service to them. So do your missionaries!

## Your Missionaries Salute You!

As for your missionaries, you will surely allow me some personal remarks. Beginning with the sweetest of them all, I confess frankly that I shout it aloud from the housetops that I am still in love with Clare Kratt. Count the miles, folks! What a product Oregon turned out in her! Long live the West! Living with that noisy man she has lost a bit of her reserve and quietness; otherwise, she is well.

The Gebauers have with them on Kakafeld that singing live-wire from the Dakotas, Nurse Reddig. What a saving sense of humor she has! Singing her way through Africa she is the liveliest testimony to the vitality of our Dakota churches. We have always believed that neither droughts nor Russian thistles could kill the spirit of a youth that comes from a hardy stock of God-fearing people. We thank you for your gift to the Cameroons of Laura Reddig.

So we would also thank Detroit for its more quiet but just as deeply appreciated contribution in the person of Edith Koppin. She is now stationed with the Dungers on your second mission field, Mambila. I have just had

the pleasure of forwarding to the Forest Park office Edith's latest request for medical supplies. What a healing stream of healed Africans must flow from her dispensary! There is power in her bottles. Come and see the victories and at the same time visit the Dungers who have changed into a beauty spot what was once a neglected wilderness.

New York's Mrs. Dunger has changed little since she left the metropolis of skyscrapers. "Brother George" continues to meet the problems of his days in his quiet and philosophical way. Rochester would hardly know its offspring if they could see him surveying hills, laying out roads, shaking his baby daughter, settling the palavers of his Mambila giants. The Dunger baby still is the most digestible miracle to the slow-thinking Mambila negroes, who have their personal suspicions regarding white people, preaching, prayers with closed eyes and the Juju called "The Book." Our task in Mambila field demands steadfast patience, years of faith, years of quiet waiting. Pray for your missionaries as much as for your Africans.

## Remember Africa in Prayer

Regarding your native fellow-workers, we may say that almost all of them are worthy of your trust. We are writing this letter in the settlement where Northwestern's Peter Ngang plows for God. He is a man of neatness and accuracy. His resthouse is the cleanest in the land. Of his beds of vivid flowers we should like to carry armloads to you till your banquet tables and all your girls are covered with those glorious colors which Africa alone can give. It is fun to be with Peter Ngang.

Within the last four weeks we have visited almost all of our native workers and are slowly winding our way back to the station. Nurse Reddig creeps through the mission field in the opposite direction to count babies, pull teeth, lecture to sinners and salute the saints with castor oil. And while we thus attempt to do our duty among a people just out of cannibalism and a forgotten past, there are in Europe and Asia millions under arms, millions in tears, millions without home and peace. Youth of our churches preach and live righteousness, justice and love at the cost of your very lives! Hold high the Man of Calvary as God's last word to a lost world, and help us out here to proclaim him while the doors are still open. They will close all too soon. Pray that all of us may be found doing our duty while there is still day.

Ever Yours,

Clare and Paul Gebauer.



# Youth Attuned to God's Will

By MARGARET KITTLITZ of Waco, Texas

To everyone there comes sometime in life the question, "What is God's will for my life? What is his plan for me?" This question is not always easy to answer, for in every life there are complex situations in which it is not easy to see his purpose. If there was ever a time when young people needed to ask this question and to find the answer, it is now. Let us, therefore, as young people go together in search of God's will. Like knights of old, searching for the Holy Grail, may we seek until we shall find that "good and perfect and acceptable will of God."

In John 7:17 Jesus gives us a starting point for our search. "If any man willeth to do his will, he shall of the teaching if it be of God." Here we find a condition to be fulfilled as the first step in our search. We must have a sincere desire, an earnest passion, the determination to do, and then we shall know. "If we passionately demand goodness and dedicate ourselves to God's will, that very desire is proof that God is with us. We must give all for the All, and ask nothing in return save that the will of God shall be fulfilled in us." (Samuel McComb.)

There are three paths we must follow in our search. Traveling along the Highway of Earnest Desire, we come to a rather narrow path. It is rough, and there are steep hills to climb. It is the pathway of Obedience. Many are the hardships along this way, and many the struggles against what seems a relentless fate.

At last we spy among a cluster of trees a fountain, whose water springs

crystal clear. Beside it we find a cup. We fill the cup with the refreshing water to quench our thirst and, lo, we find, instead of the cool, sweet water we had expected, the bitter cup of "Thy will, not mine, be done." Soon, however, the realization that we are doing God's will comes into our hearts and the draught, which at first seemed so bitter, leaves a taste sweeter than honey and honeycomb.

Following the pathway of Obedience, we come to a smoother path. Beautiful shade trees arch over our heads like the arched hallway of a cathedral. A solemn, sacred stillness pervades the air, for we are on the pathway of Communion. Rounding a corner we come upon an alcove, surrounded by gorgeous shrubbery and flowers. The weary traveler, seeking rest in the cool shade enters the hallowed place. Here, closed away from prying eyes, away from the world, amid an expectant silence, he awaits the approach of God.

Our communion with God cannot be haphazard, carried on at our convenience. "Prayer that gets things done requires regular, daily time alone with God." We must have a place where we can speak with God and, which is more important, where he can speak with us. If we will set aside a definite time and place for our tryst with God, this time will become sacred and hallowed and nothing shall keep us from the place where we commune with our God.

Having found rest and peace in his presence, we continue our search.

Traveling along with a song in our heart, we come to a flower-strewn pathway. There are thorns among the flowers, but we do not mind them. It is the pathway of Faith we are traveling. All along the way we feel the nearness of our guide. He is so near we can feel the touch of his hand. God may not reveal his will to us instantly. He may want us to travel for a while by faith alone.

He wants us to be willing to go forward one step at a time. He may have some holy purpose of testing our faith by withholding the revelation we so long to receive. He may be wisely waiting until we shall have grown capable of comprehending and carrying out his will. Sometimes we grow impatient and tired of waiting. We make plans of our own and find each venture ending in failure because they do not coincide with God's will. Abraham believed God, traveled and did not worry about God's part, which was to fulfill his promise in his own good time. Robert Browning expressed it thus:

"I go to prove my soul!  
I see my way as birds their trackless way.  
I shall arrive! what time, what circuit first,  
I ask not; but unless God send his hail  
Or blinding fireballs, sleet or stifeling snow.  
In some time, his good time, I shall arrive:  
He guides me and the bird. In his good time!"

Let us, therefore, stay very close to him, being ever watchful, always listening, resolved to do his will. Then we shall hear his voice when he speaks and do his will when he commands.



# The Christian Fellowship Club of Chicago

The Activities of an Unusual Men's Chorus That Will Sing at the General Conference, Reviewed by Its President for Ten Years, MR. WALTER C. PANKRATZ

Until a little over ten years ago, a group of young men of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., met each Sunday morning in an unorganized Sunday School class. Several members, realizing the value of proper organization, called an organization meeting on May 5, 1930, at the home of the Rev. J. A. Pankratz, then pastor of the church. The response was enthusiastic, twenty-three young men being present.

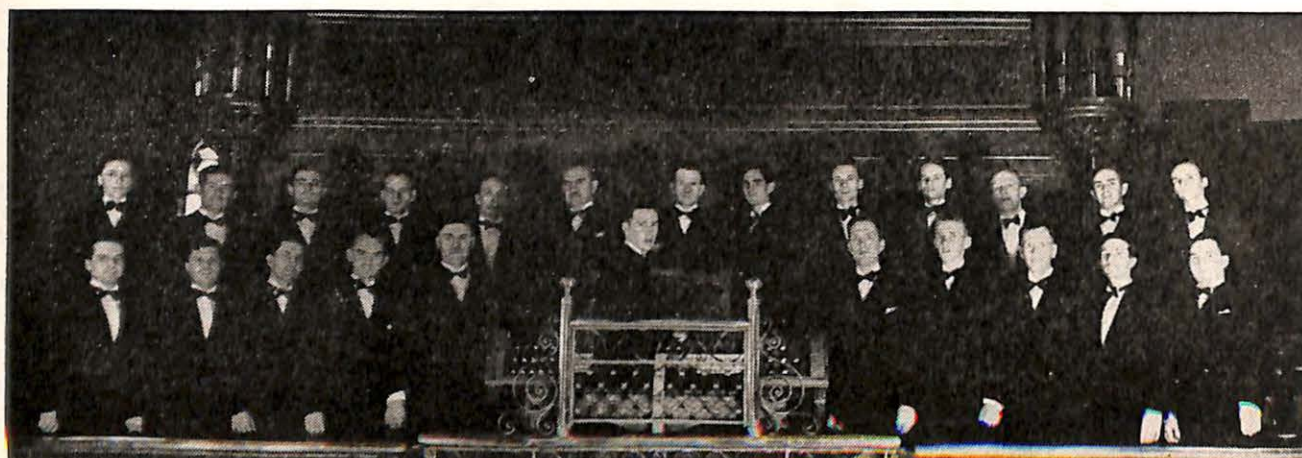
Although the original intention was only to have an organized Sunday School class, the spontaneous sentiment and decision of those present was to organize a club with a broader scope of activities, with the Sunday School class as a branch. Officers were duly

a warm, genuine fellowship soon developed. A set of Rodeheaver's "Sociability Songbooks" was purchased, and the enthusiastic singing of both secular and sacred songs soon became a regular feature of the meetings. Though arranged for mixed voices, these books served admirably in preparing the way for the organization of a male chorus a few months later. To carry on the program of physical recreation, a softball team was organized.

The second and succeeding years witnessed a slow but healthy increase in membership, and the attendance record rose steadily, finally reaching 43, which is the present record. While the average attendance at meetings is

a printing press and other equipment necessary to set up a print shop in the church, and the first concert of the male chorus was given to raise funds for that purpose. A year later, the necessary funds had been raised, and after considerable shopping around, a second-hand Chandler and Price hand press, six cases of type, and other equipment were purchased for \$56.

On November 12, 1933, the first weekly church bulletin was published, the type for the entire bulletin being set up by hand. Printing crews were organized, two different members serving each week. Despite the long and tedious hours required to produce a bulletin, and despite numerous disasters in which type laboriously set up



Men's Chorus of the Christian Fellowship Club in the First Church of Chicago, Illinois, That Will Sing at the Saturday Evening and Sunday Sessions, August 18 and 19, of the General Conference at Burlington, Iowa.

elected and a three-fold goal, the development of body, mind and soul, was chosen. It was further decided to have a monthly meeting, and to sponsor additional activities which would aid in attaining the goal.

### Growth of the Club

As is often the case, the initial enthusiasm waned somewhat as the real work went forward, but about fifteen members, through their loyal support, brought the club safely through its testing period. In October, 1930, the name, "Christian Fellowship Club," which was speedily shortened to "C. F. C.," was adopted, and in February, 1931, a constitution with by-laws was drawn up and adopted. This constitution was signed by the "charter members," framed, and hung in the class room. Already yellowing with age, it is looked upon as an historic document by the members.

Monthly meetings were generally held in the homes of the members, with occasional meetings at the church, and

about 25, an attendance of 30 is not unusual.

### Social Activities, Etc.

In keeping with our physical recreation program, an overnight camp is held each year, usually in a forest preserve, about fifteen miles from the city, late in the summer or early in fall. Here the boys meet on a Saturday afternoon, bringing with them food, pots and pans, a gasoline camp stove, blankets, and perhaps a tent. It is on occasions such as these that the young men learn to know each other better.

Each year the Club sponsors a Labor Day picnic and a Christmas party to which the whole church is invited. It has also made occasional group visits to points of interest, including one of Chicago's penal institutions. For a number of years, the boys have entered softball baseball leagues, and have also played basketball and sponsored numerous ice-skating parties.

In 1932, the Club voted to purchase

was pied or spilled, about ten or twelve members stuck grimly to the task for nearly three years, when it was decided to mimeograph the bulletins in order to save time and labor. The bulletin covers are, however, still printed on this press.

One of the undertakings which has given the Club great satisfaction was the presentation of a chest of tools to our missionary, Paul Gebauer, in 1935, just before he and his bride left for Cameroon. We understand that these tools have rendered much service over there.

### The Male Chorus

Any account of this organization would be incomplete without further mention of the male chorus. Organized during the first year of the Club's existence under the directorship of Arthur J. Pankratz, the chorus was composed for the most part of untrained voices, but it soon developed into a pleasing combination which improved

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

Edited by the REV. HERMAN P. BOTHNER of Pound, Wisconsin

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## A RALLY CALL FOR THE FALL PROGRAM

Scripture Lesson: 2. Timothy 2:16 (especially verse 15).

### 1. Questions to Be Asked

The summer season has passed, and we are now ready to begin our activities for another year of work and service. The purpose of the rally is to build up enthusiasm for the new program which ought to be set up at this time or perhaps have been done even earlier.

Before beginning, however, it might be well to make a critical analysis of the program of the previous year. Did it meet the needs of the society? If not, where did it fall short? Did it engender enthusiasm? Did it help gain new members for the society? Was it interesting and worthwhile? Was it educational? Was it spiritual? All these questions might well be raised before we begin thinking of the Fall program.

Let us not forget that program building requires study and thought. No person ought attend this meeting without having thoroughly considered every angle of any suggestion he or she wishes to make. Careful preparation is most necessary in the setting up of any program, whether it be for the church, Sunday School or Young People's Society.

In setting up our program, we must look ahead. What do we want to accomplish by the end of the year? Are our members missionary minded? If not, then certainly we ought to include several studies on missions. Are our young people reading the scripture? If not, we should certainly include several discussions on the value of the Bible. Is our society clannish or do we have cliques? If so, we need several studies on friendship and friendliness. In other words, whatever we want our society to be at the end of the year ought to influence us in our program building so that by the time we near its close we can see a definite trend upward, one that is better than we had the previous year. It would be wise to keep charts from year to year which at sight will reveal the trend of your society.

### 2. Goals to Be Set Up

Goals should be set up for the Fall program. In fact, this should be done for the entire year, and these goals should be kept in mind so that by the time the program comes to its close, one will know whether they have been reached.

a) GROWTH—Each individual

member as well as the society ought to show spiritual growth by the end of the year. Arrange your program so that each member will have a deeper understanding of the Bible, of the sayings of Jesus, of the work of the Church, each society of the church, of the denomination and the denomination's program.

b) EXPRESSION—Each member of the society should be given opportunity to express himself or herself from time to time. This can be done in various ways, by getting each member to lead a meeting or, if not to lead, to take at least a part of an evening meeting. Get some one to lead in prayer, read Scripture, sing a solo, play an instrument. Remember "activity" leads to further activity.

c) FELLOWSHIP—Make room in your program for social times or periods. Fellowship can be furthered by picnics when season permits, socials, and special programs. This is an opportunity to reach out and gain new members and for members of the society to get better acquainted with each other.

d) SERVICE—No society is functioning properly unless its members have realized their responsibility in serving others. Such service may be rendered in a number of ways—service to the church, service to the community and service to people, no matter to what race or nationality they belong. Remember, first of all, you are a Christian!

### 3. Leaders to Be Chosen

No matter in what way your meetings are set up, whether you use the group plan, the commission plan, or any other plan, the success of the program depends entirely upon your choice of leaders. Make sure that they are capable and willing and that, above all, they know their job! Have "doers that do," for that is most important.

It is wise to choose such leaders who will keep one thing in mind and that is that they keep the young people in the society busy. A good slogan for leaders is, "Every member working at something!"

Sunday, September 22, 1940

## A CHRISTIAN HOME

Scripture: Ruth 1.

If we want to discuss the Christian home or talk about a Christian home, it depends primarily upon what we call "Christians" and what we mean by the term, "home." A large number of people today feel that when we use the term, "Christian," we refer to a

person who is neither Jew nor Mohammedan. That is the distinction which they make, yet that is not what we mean. When we refer to that term, we refer to that person in whom the ideals of Christ have been inculcated to the degree that he has become a follower of the Christ. No other person has the right to the term, "Christian," unless he or she has been willing to meet those demands.

In the mad rush of our own day some people have gotten the idea that home is merely the place where we can hang our hat, eat our meals and sleep. We feel that we ought to lie in bed until the last minute in the morning, rush off to business, return in the evening, eat dinner, and once again rush out to some place of amusement, returning again in the wee hours of the morning and begin the following day in a like manner. If that is our definition of home, we ought to be pitied. Home was certainly never meant to be that. It was to be a place in which one might enjoy the fellowship of every member of the family, thus creating a friendly atmosphere where one might discuss the affairs of men and women, the books we have read, the literature of the past, the intimate relations of the family, questions on the development of children, and any other topic of interest to the individual members.

Home really was meant to be the center of attraction. It was to be the place in which children were to be trained. But, even that function in a number of instances has been turned over to other agencies.

Originally home was also the center of our religious interests, but in our times we often wonder whether that also has not been turned over to the church. How often can children today tell us that they learned to pray at mother's knee or that they received their knowledge of the Bible at home, or that they learned of Jesus from their parents or that their parents insisted that they attend church, being willing to accompany them to the place of worship.

This is what we mean when we speak of a "Christian Home." Yet let's go just a bit further in discerning what we mean by a Christian home.

### 1. A Home Based on Love

When one travels from place to place, one discovers various types of homes—homes that have been broken, homes in which there is dissension, and homes in which love reigns. We know the heartache of a broken home, especially when they have been broken because of divorce. Homes in this category always reveal to one the absence of love. That which once existed has



disappeared, and the heartache caused, not only affects the parties involved, but also the children born to such a union.

Homes in which there is dissension are not much better because love in that case has also disappeared and the essential elements that make for the building of a Christian home are really lacking. Our juvenile courts tell us the story of conditions resulting from such a home.

The home, however, in which love reigns is different. Upon entering it, one immediately senses the difference. Here one feels the atmosphere of love. One senses that feeling as one talks with the children who are polite and courteous. There is a radiance present, such as one sees at the rising and setting of the sun. No harsh words are spoken; the members of that home are willing to reason together. Problems presented in that home are always solved on the basis of love. Only such a home can really be termed Christian.

### 2. A Home That is Sanctified

"When God is present, there is love." That is a statement we have heard many times. How true that is of the Christian home! How can we call a home "Christian" unless God is present? Yet we want God to be present, but we do little or nothing to make his presence an abiding one. Years ago men and women read the scriptures daily, had daily devotions, thanked God for the blessings of life, both material and spiritual. Grace was said before meals. Today, however, there seems to be a different attitude, at least to some degree. In our rush through life we haven't time for such things. We should, however, reestablish in our homes these things which sanctify and bless it. Many helps are at hand to aid us in our devotions.

### 3. The Birthplace of Christian Life

We have become so accustomed to turning many of the functions of the home over to the state that we believe that the Christian training of youth or the inculcation of Christian ideals and Christian life ought also to be turned over to some other institution, namely, the church. We admit that that is true in part. Still the entire function ought not to be left to the church. The Christian home is still the birthplace of Christian life and must always remain that. Often when children from Christian homes fail in the Christian life, we blame other forces or other agencies. Sometimes we are told that God is at fault. It is in the home that Christian life begins and parents should do their part in training children for life. What greater joy and satisfaction can come to parents when children in the home have found Christ due to the influence and training of that home. The church can never take over this task in the early life of children. It is and remains the duty of the home!

Sunday, September 29, 1940

## CHRISTIANS ARE DIFFERENT

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 15:1-18.

Christians are different. That seems to be quite a statement to make in the face of so many different religions and cults as well as in the face of so many different philosophies of life, for, after all, Christianity is a way of life. Yes, we might also call it a philosophy of life.

In the fifth chapter of the gospel of Matthew, the thirteenth verse, we read these lines: "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Salt has certain chemical qualifications, as we all know. It has the quality of savouring as well as that of preserving.

Many a housewife has discovered that on various occasions. We know that food lacks taste when the proper amount of salt has not been added, and we know the preserving value of salt when food is to be preserved! So we discover that salt in a material sense has some exceedingly useful purposes and that man cannot do without it.

Jesus knew the effect of salt and, therefore, made his application to the life of the Christian when he used this statement in the Sermon on the Mount.

"My followers," said he, "are the salt of the earth, that is, they are to savour it as well as preserve it." In other words, the Christian's duty is twofold. He is to influence the world in the sense of savouring it. Without Christian ideals, without Christian teaching, and the Christian ethic, the world would seem flat. The Christian with his savouring power gives to life and to the world a certain zest. Yet as followers of the Master we are also to preserve the world, that is, to save it. Even as we look at it at present, we sometimes wonder whether it is worth saving at all. But the world in the day of Jesus was similar to the world of today in its moral aspects. Jesus said that we were the salt of the earth; therefore, we must preserve it or save it even as his earlier followers did, to whom these words were particularly directed. As Christians, then, we must save the world, and in order to save it, we must be different. Christians are different, we say, but then let us go on to see just how they differ.

### 1. The Christian's Purpose in Life

We might say that the very same is true of any other person. That is, no person would desire to live without a definite purpose. Or the same might be said of the various organizations which we contact in life. All have a purpose of some sort. We agree with all of that and any other argument that anyone might present. What makes the Christian different then?

It is the fact that his purpose differs from that of others.

The Christian's purpose is that of furthering the work which the Creator began and which was brought to its focal point through Jesus, his approved and divine Son. It should be the purpose of every Christian to further the ideals, the teaching and the work of the Master. To whom can we go for such words, for he has the message and the hope of eternal life? Our purpose then is to further those things which Jesus so clearly emphasized, know what Jesus said about God, what he said about man, what he has to say about the various issues of life that face us in these days. After you understand his words, it is your purpose to further them, for his words are different.

### 2. Christians Possess Ideals

Again we may run into difficulty here when we say that Christians are different because they possess ideals, because other people will say that they also have ideals. The same may be said of other than the Christian organizations. But again the Christian differs because he has the Christ ideal. Christians are different because their ideal presents a complete picture of life. The ideal of Jesus is all-inclusive, whereas others may have but a single idea. When we talk about the ideal of the Master, we see first of all its high aim. It includes his ideas about the Kingdom of God, about righteousness, about the two-fold law of love, about the release of evil, about the filial life, about liberty, about justice, about wealth, about human value, about society, and about the Church. As we look at these we see how they differ from the ideals of all those who came before and also see that no one up to the present time has gone beyond him. As his followers we accept these ideals, and because we accept them we are different.

### 3. The Redemptive Process

We may study all of the religions of the world, but after we have studied them, we must come to the conclusion that no other religion has the redemptive process found in Christianity. The world through Christ has been reconciled to the Father. No other group can boast of that. God was willing to send Jesus into the world, so that the world through him might be saved. That life made possible the redemption of mankind, for God saw its imperfection and was willing to grant unto mankind the opportunity to return to him through the power of that life. That is the redemptive process which Jesus brought with him. This is the factor that makes Christians different. Christians are different then, because they have been refined through the power of One who had access to God and One who could aid them in the changing of their lives, because he was willing to make this redemptive process possible. Christians are different because they have been redeemed.

# Contributor's Page

### Prayer Petals

By Ruby Buening Sanders  
of Grand Meadow, Minnesota

My thoughts rise up like fragrance  
from this rose, half-blown;  
My lips lie mute to nuance of a tongue,  
unknown.

Yet deep within me yearn the songs  
that I would sing,

I grope unfinding for word-etchings  
I would bring

To Thee. Now like these petals fair  
I offer essence  
From my rose of prayer.

### Try God!

By Betty Shull  
of Saint Joseph, Michigan

What do you care for the taunts of  
man,

If you have God.

What do you care for the world's demand,

If you have God.

What do you care what others do,  
If you have one who is always true.  
You won't mind—take God.

What do you care if others doubt,

If you have God.

You won't sit around and pout,  
If you have God.

No matter what the others say,  
You can always turn the other way.  
You won't mind—take God.

Do not mind if dear ones fail,

If you have God.

Your spirit then will never quail,  
If you have God.

Do not mind if friends forsake,  
There is one friend you can always  
take,

You won't mind—He's God.

### Lord, Give Me a Song

By Mrs. William Schindler  
of Detroit, Michigan

Lord, give me a song at midnight

When all is dark around;  
Let me know that thou art near  
E'en if no light is found.

Let me sing at midnight  
And know that the dawn is near,  
Just when it is the darkest  
Let me know no fear.

It takes courage to sing at midnight,  
It takes strength alone from thee;  
It takes much more than I can give  
To set my spirit free.

So let me sing at midnight

When the world is dark and still,  
And in my song soar high above  
These petty cares and ills.

The prison chains will break asunder,  
The keepers, too, will flee,  
If I but have a song to sing

A song I've learned from thee.  
A glad song, instead of murmuring,  
Will set my spirit free.

### Contributions Welcomed!

Any subscriber of "The Baptist Herald" is invited to share his spiritual experiences in prose and poetry with other readers of this publication. All that is required is that the contribution be original and brief. The poems must conform in general to the fundamental principles of poetry and are therefore subject to editorial rejection or revision. But the editor will be glad to encourage any budding poets in our "Baptist Herald" family.

### My Desire

By Esther Kaiser,  
of McClusky, North Dakota

At all times, at every hour,  
There is a stretched-forth hand,  
It keeps me at a steady pace  
And guides me toward a glorious  
land.

I sense its ever-present help  
And marvel at its power;  
With its constancy and assuring  
strength  
I can reach the highest tower.

By God's grace I'll grasp his hand  
And never let it go;  
And may the Spirit that it sheds  
Keep my heart and soul aglow.

### Blessings Every Day

By Mrs. Henry Sellhorn  
of East Lansing, Michigan

A blessing new from day to day  
My Father sends upon my way;  
One day he sends a friend so dear  
To bring me comfort, love and cheer;  
One day he sends a thought so pure,  
It gives my soul a hope secure;  
One day he sends an answer clear  
To something that I asked in prayer;  
One day he sends from his own Word  
The sweetest message ever heard.

My Father's love hath not an end,  
He always doth new blessings send.  
My heart's so full, it's running o'er.  
There seems no room for any more.  
I know a lovely thing to do,  
I'll tell this secret now to you:  
When heart is full of joy to spare,  
Give some away, with others share;  
A blessing true receive from this,  
More joy for you, while none you miss.

### The Source of Strength

By Gertrude Grabke  
of Seven Sister Falls, Manitoba, Canada

When you are burdened with a load of  
care  
And you find it heavy to bear,  
Just tell the Savior, he knows what's  
best;  
For gladly your burdens he'll share.

When days are dark and you find it  
hard  
To follow your Master and King,  
Just read God's word, he'll give you  
strength,  
So that praises to him you can sing.

Just ask the Lord to help you lead  
Some wandering soul that's astray,  
To show him the light and salvation  
bring  
To some sinner that's lost on the way.

Remember daily to thank the Lord, too,  
For food, for rest and for care,  
For all the blessings that he has be-  
stowed  
And that your burdens he'll share.

Remember he died there on Calvary's  
cross  
To save the world's sinners like me,  
To bring salvation into the world,  
To bring God's love to thee.

### He Leadeth Me

"I, being in the way, the Lord led  
me." Genesis 24:27.

By Anne Lehman  
of Calgary, Alberta, Canada

I, being in the way, He led me;  
How oft' this has proved true;  
Tho' dark the night and clouds hung  
low,  
He always saw me through.

I, being in the way, He led me,  
My paths oft' seemed so strange,  
But, knowing He was leading me,  
My course I would not change.

I, being in the way, He led me  
To many a sin-sick soul.  
"Just speak, or sing of me today,  
For I will make them whole."

I, being in the way, He led me;  
O glorious thought to know—  
By following Him by day and night,  
My life he sets aglow.

I, being in the way, He led me;  
And He will lead you, too,  
If on the altar you will lay  
All that He asks of you.

So, being in the way, He leads us  
With loving nail-pierced hands,  
Till there with Him transformed we'll  
meet  
Upon that golden strand.



# Religion for Such a Time as This

Unsolicited and Challenging Contributions to THE BAPTIST HERALD

## A Fifth Column For Christ

By Mrs. Freda Rudisill, Roland, Iowa

One can scarcely pick up one's newspaper these days without reading something about the "fifth column," that new, or rather, "renewed" method of conquering a nation by having sympathizers stationed in that country, spreading propaganda, inciting hatred, and in other ways creating sentiment for the belligerent cause, and causing various types of disturbances.

The thought came to me recently that we as Christians can and should be a "fifth column" for Christ. After all, we are citizens of another country or kingdom—the kingdom of God. Shouldn't we do our utmost to advance that Kingdom?

If nothing else, we can be "propagandists." That word has an ominous ring in the light of world events, doesn't it? But it really only means "one who spreads." We can spread the news of our kingdom, or the gospel, in some very simple ways, such as the handing out of tracts, booklets, and other literature, and by being alert to anything else we can do. Inviting people to our churches also often proves effective.

We know our kind of "propaganda" will not incite hatred but love, and that it will not create sentiment for a belligerent cause, but for the most peaceful cause ever launched, headed by the "Prince of Peace" himself. Neither will it create disturbances, except in the hearts of unbelievers, which disturbances will immediately be calmed once they have accepted Christ.

If enough of this kind of "propaganda" is distributed, there need be no fear of the kind the war-like world kingdoms are spreading. After all, there will be an end to any world kingdoms which may arise, but the one for which we are working is the Kingdom everlasting, and it will be the ultimate victor. Shall we not then, as Christians, form such a "fifth column?" Who knows but that it may even grow into a "blitzkrieg" (if you'll pardon the use of such a term in this connection) for Christ in a great evangelistic crusade for his Kingdom?

## Constructional Christians

By Florence Weber of Odessa, Washington

What an inspiring subject for an individual to write about, and yet we must search to find it!

What an inspiring subject to talk about, and yet how often do we hear it!

What an inspiring thing to witness, but we see so few of them. We need

young men and women to construct a stronger Christian world! Will you not join the forces of enlisted workers for Christ?

We are living in a non-Christian environment. There is no Christian nation; there is no Christian civilization. We have only to scratch the surface of one another to see that the veneer and polish are really very thin.

Today youth stands as a reformer ready to tack its thesis upon the door. Youth sees flaws in religion and churches. Youth insists that religion be instrumental in helping solve the problems that confront life today. For youth, above all else, is matter of fact, realistic. The young reformer wants to put a stop to modern man's willingness to cut to pieces, to bomb and to kill his fellowmen, then hoping that somehow Christian charity will come along to stop the bleeding, bind up the ugly gashes and feed the starving.

Today the hope of humanity lies in youth. That must be so, for young people are the men and women of tomorrow. What the world is to be in Christianity, the youth of today will construct.

If the destinies of tomorrow lie in the youth of today, what will then re-

deem these young people from the failures of yesterday? What will save them from the blunders and weaknesses that enter into every generation? What will give them a truer vision, saner judgment and safer anchorage than those of the past? What will give to their dynamic right decision; to their adventure worthy objective; to their quest for happiness satisfaction; to their life eternal consequence? What will make them sufficient unto the hour?

My solvent to the problem that faces youth today is simply GOD, not an impersonal cosmic process, but a living reality revealed in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! He is not some traditional God, glorying in the sinners' torment, not some mollycoddle God closing his eyes to sin like a fat dreaming Buddha not an absentee God unconcerned with the planet and me, not just a name, but an eternal reality—a loving heavenly Father, a very present help in trouble. He is not a figure of tradition or of ancient history but the I AM of today, the captain of the soul at the forefront of every action, supplying every need of all who trust him, providing the bewildered with guidance and an interpreter. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver."

We must work now, swiftly, intelligently to construct a Christian life and world. Jesus set for us a splendid example of purposeful living. He did not hide his talent in the face of the earth. He was set in the direction of living for others, and he did not change at some halfway mark in life.

Every Christian should devote a considerable portion of time to the service of God. Bible study and prayer should have the most of this time. Attendance at all the services of the church and definite work for our Lord of the kind we are best fitted to do is required of all Christians.

Some individuals have a special talent or gift for some particular kind of work, such as teaching, singing, directing, organizing, clerical or personal work. We as young people should cultivate these talents and gifts making them available to help Christianity. In I Timothy 4:14 we read as follows: "Neglect not the gift that is in thee which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery."

So let us as the "Young Constructional Christians" work to bring Christianity to everyone everywhere and, if we engineer this with the help of God, we will receive our reward in eternity.

"Build today, then strong and sure, With a firm and ample base; And ascending and secure, Shall tomorrow find its place."

## AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The full page of interesting pictures about Palestine that appeared on page 271 in the July 15, 1940, issue should have been credited to The Biblical Research Society of Los Angeles, Calif., a missionary organization devoted to the dissemination of Christian literature among the Jews. Another series of similar pictures, depicting scenes in the Holy Land, appears on the following page with the courtesy of The Biblical Research Society. The two articles on Palestine by the Rev. Raymond Kahle in recent issues of "The Baptist Herald" have been received with much favorable acclaim. We are indebted to Mr. Kahle and Dr. Cooper for their deeply appreciated ministry in helping to make the Holy Land more vividly real to us.

EDITOR.

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# Children's Page

Edited by MRS. ALFRED R. BERNADT of Burlington, Iowa

## QUESTIONS

Who put the trees upon the hill?  
Who made the flowers so gay?  
Who caused the little brook to fill  
And run upon its way?

Who made the little birds to sing?  
Who made the sky so blue?  
You say that God made everything?  
Then, God, we all thank you.

## Martha Finds Happiness

Martha had been very busy all morning, helping mother with the Saturday cleaning and playing with her baby brother. But she did not mind, for mother had so much to do, and, anyway, this afternoon there was to be a picnic for the Junior girls and boys at the park. There would be games and races, and there were swings and slides. Martha would enjoy running the races. The boys thought the girls were not good enough for anything except to play with dolls and to sew and cook and to do such sissy things,—but they should see! All the girls were glad for an opportunity to outrun the boys.

Soon it was noon, and Martha helped prepare the dinner and then called the twins in from their play. She washed each soiled little face and hand and combed the tumbled locks. After they had finished their meal, she helped with the dishes and tucked the twins in bed for their nap while mother rocked the baby to sleep. Then, walking on tiptoe, lest she waken the babies, she hurriedly dressed and, kissing her mother goodbye, she skipped merrily to the church where there would be cars to take them to the park.

What a gay little group of children there were! They scrambled into the cars and away they went. The park was so beautiful! The flowers, trees and pretty green grass called a gay welcome as the children excitedly ran for the swings. They played for about an hour; then it was time for the races. Now the girls winked at one another. Their leader gave them instructions. It was to be a relay race—boys against the girls.

When the signal was given, away darted the leaders toward the goal and quickly back again, starting the second runner and so on, until with shrieks of laughter the girls' team stood victorious. Next the boys won, and then the girls won several more. When it was time for the baseball game, however, it was a different story.

The boys won, of course, since they were masters at that game.

Now it was time for the hike through the woods and along the shaded brook. How the dry leaves swished under their feet, and how merry was the greeting called by the babbling brook! Some of the boys paused to drop pebbles into it and they splashed contentedly as the crystal clear water hugged them close. Often some of the girls stopped to pick up a pretty stone or to pluck a lovely wildflower. The birds, too, required much attention as they flitted gracefully from tree to tree. It was fun to name them and to imitate their throaty calls.

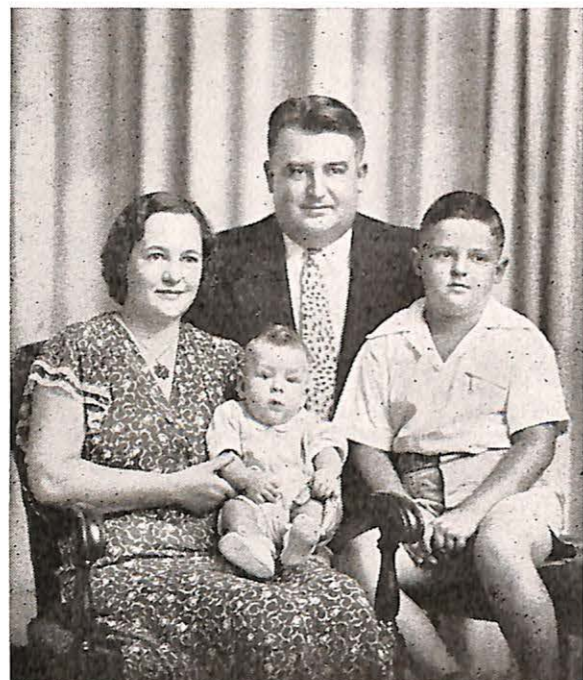
Soon they came to a beautiful clearing edged with large stones and trees. It was such a beautiful spot for their campfire which the boys promptly built. Each carried some dry twigs and branches, while the girls spread the cloth on the velvety grass and arranged the settings for supper. They also carried cold water from the spring nearby. Snap! crackle! pop! went the fire. "Sizzle" went the weiners, and "Yum! Yum!" went the children as they ate. Marshmallows, too, were toasted, and everyone enjoyed it all so.

The last bit of supper was soon partaken of and they all made a circle

round the campfire. They were to have a devotional hour. They sang many choruses and recited Bible verses. Their leader told the story of Jesus as a little boy and the story of Jesus' blessing the little children. She told them, too, of how he came to save them, and how dearly he loved each of them.

Then she asked them to join in a circle of prayer. It was wonderful to hear the words of praise which the children uttered to their Lord. It was Martha's turn now, and she lifted her heart to the Master as she said, "Dear Jesus, you are so wonderful! We all love you so much and we are glad that you want us girls and boys to come to you. Thank you for making everything so beautiful! Please help us to be good girls and boys and to do what our parents want us to, and what you want us to do. Amen!" The leader closed with prayer, and they sang, "Jesus Loves Me" and "Day Is Done." Then—by flashlight—they found their ways back to the cars and returned to their homes, tired, but oh, so happy!

As Martha knelt for her evening prayer it was with a feeling of contentment and joy that she said, "Dear Lord Jesus, I am so glad I know you. I do love you! Help me to be good for your sake. Amen."



The Rev. and Mrs. Alfred R. Bernadt and Family of Burlington, Iowa

(Mr. Bernadt is the minister of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, one of the largest churches in the denomination, which will be the host church for the General Conference to be held there from August 19 to 25, 1940)

# Reports from the Field

## Southern Conference

Central Church of Waco, Texas,  
Honors Its Supply Pastor,  
Rev. R. B. Floyd

Members of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, praise God for the many blessings bestowed upon them during the ministry of their supply pastor, the Rev. Rayburn B. Floyd. The nine months of Mr. Floyd's services seemed for too short when he closed his ministry on June 30th. His clear scriptural messages from week to week have, indeed, challenged and many times reprimanded our members into a closer bond of fellowship with the Master.

The mid-week prayer services with splendid attendance were enlightening and have been a great blessing, as were the special prayer meetings on various Sunday afternoons at the Doye Camp on the Bosque.

Every branch of the church has shown progress during Mr. Floyd's ministry. The Sunday School has shown a remarkable growth due to his efforts and the average attendance is now at the highest mark in the history of the school, and the children have learned to love him through the many fine choruses he taught them. He was privileged to baptize two of these scholars on March 30th.

To honor Mr. Floyd, the entire membership of the church gathered at the Municipal Club House on June 29 for a social. At this time Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht expressed the appreciation of the church for the many achievements under his leadership and presented him with a piece of luggage. Mr. Floyd modestly responded and we were happy to learn that upon his return to Waco this Fall, to resume his studies at Baylor University, he will continue to worship with us until he is called into another field of service.

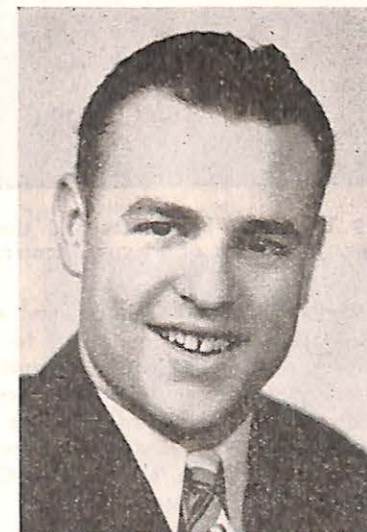
We as a church wish him God's continued blessings and our prayers shall be with him wherever he goes.

R. E. ENGELBRECHT, Reporter.

## The Waco Church Welcomes Its New Pastor, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer

"I went with them to the house of God with a voice of joy and praise." This has been the continued practice of the members of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, for over 50 years, and God has blessed us with fulfillments of his promises.

The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer with his wife and young daughter have come to us from our seminary in Rochester, N. Y. A program of welcome was conducted by our interim pastor, the



Rev. Rayburn Floyd, Supply Pastor of the Central Church, Waco, Texas

Rev. Rayburn Floyd of Baylor University, on Sunday, July 7.

Each branch of the church was represented by words of welcome. Mrs. John Kittlitz presented the new pastor's family with a bouquet of red gladiolas, having selected red since it stands for love, loyalty, and bravery. Miss Helene Stobbe spoke for the Baptist Training Union. Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, superintendent of the Sunday School, bade them welcome to Waco, the "City with a Soul," from Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love." Mr. John Kittlitz, church clerk, spoke in behalf of the church. Mr. Floyd then relinquished his post to Mr. Pfeiffer, who expressed words of appreciation. Mr. Pfeiffer delivered his opening sermon, the theme being, "Would You Have It Otherwise?"

The young people's hour was arranged so as to have a word of welcome from each Union, with Mr. John Kittlitz, general director, conducting this program. Miss Hilda Stobbe, Intermediate leader, Mr. Jack Matkin, president of the Senior Union, and Mrs. Dora Schaible, president of the Adult Union, spoke words of welcome acknowledged by kind words of courage by the new pastor, followed by the very fitting program taken from "The Baptist Herald" on "What it Means to Support My Church."

On Wednesday evening, July 17, after prayer meeting, the members of the church retired to the church parlors and invited the pastor's family to a grocery shower. The Women's Missionary Union, in charge of this time of fellowship, served refreshments.

HELENE STOBBE, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference

Vacation Bible School at the  
Bethany Baptist Church  
Near Vesper, Kansas

Enthusiasm ran high over the Vacation Bible School at the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas, which held its sessions from June 10 to 21. Mrs. Carl Woody, the Director of Education of the Bethany Church, was in charge and was assisted by Mrs. Carl Gabelmann, Mrs. Norman Schulz, Mabel Liss, Virginia Wirth, Dorothy Jaeger, Betty Woody, Mrs. Wm. Wirth, Emil Gabelmann, and the pastor, Rev. J. H. Kornelsen.

The average daily attendance was around fifty. The lesson material was finely correlated with the Sunday School lessons. Drills on the mechanics of the Bible were thoroughly enforced by correlated handwork. The memory work was in conjunction with that of our Kansas Association project.

A large constituency was reached. Pupils as far distant as eight miles were brought to the school in busses. We had pupils in attendance which we have not been able to reach in any other way. The program given by the school on the evening of the last day drew a large crowd, many of whom are seldom seen in the church. Our leader contributes her success to much prayer. A prayer meeting of the teachers was held each morning before the school commenced.

J. H. KORNELSEN, Reporter.

## Father and Son Banquet at the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma

There was great enthusiasm among the men of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., when plans for a Father and Son banquet were first presented. The desire had been expressed to unite all men of the church into an organization and thus form a "Brotherhood of Men." After careful and extensive discussions, the organization was born and the following officers were elected: Sam. Greb, secretary; Henry Westfahl, councillor; Rev. Henry Pfeiffer as temporary president.

Since "Father's Day" was approaching, it was suggested to sponsor a Father and Son banquet, thus taking this opportunity to develop the newly born organization. While ripening wheat fields beckoned every possible available hand for harvest, our banquet beckoned for every available help to gather souls for the Lord Jesus Christ into this fellowship. At the end of a hard day every father and son of the church and a large delegation from among the many friends gathered jubilantly

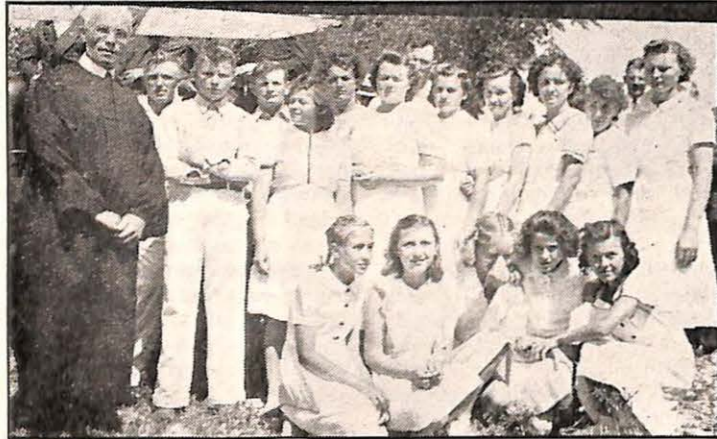


in the spacious dining room of our church.

Four long lanes totaling 66 fathers and sons marched into the beautifully and artistically decorated hall. A combination of flowers and flags fostered friendly fellowship of all present. David E. Weigand led the singing before the prayer of thanks. The delicious chicken dinner planned, prepared and served by the King's Daughters laid a good foundation for the program. The toast to "Fathers" was given by Duane Geis, while O. G. Graalman brought the toast to the sons.

To remind every father and son of their Christian duty as good citizens, we united our hearts to sing, "God Bless America." A Christian layman from the nearby city of Enid, one who is actively engaged for his Lord and Savior as soul winner, brought a message that stirred our hearts. The men's quartet, heard once before, rendered another selection and in closing the Rev. Henry Pfeifer presented the "Present Challenge." With an inspiration to do and to dare for Christ, the delightful gathering came to a close with prayer and benediction.

REV. HENRY PFEIFER, Reporter.



Rev. August Rosner of Turtle Lake, No. Dak., and 17 Converts Recently Baptized on Confession of Their Faith in Christ

### Dakota Conference Seventeen Converts Baptized by Rev. A. Rosner of Turtle Lake, North Dakota

Sunday, July 7, was a day of great blessing for the Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, No. Dak. We had the joy of baptizing 17 persons on confession of their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The majority of those baptized accepted Christ at our evangelistic meetings last Fall, when the Rev. A. E. Reeh helped us win souls for Christ. Some were converted under the ministry of the former pastor, the Rev. K. Gieser. Still others had some special experience in their private life, when the Lord brought them to a conviction of their sins and they surrendered to Jesus Christ.

The baptismal service was held at Brush Lake. The Rev. R. Woyke of Washburn gave an English address and the Rev. A. E. Reeh of Goodrich spoke in German. After the baptism



19 Baptismal Candidates and the Rev. J. J. Renz of Plevna, Montana

we went back to the church and extended the hand of fellowship to 18 members, of whom 17 came by baptism and one sister by confession. In conclusion we took the Lord's Supper to commune with our Master in remembrance of his death and praised God for his many blessings.

AUG. ROSNER, Pastor.

### Nineteen Converts Are Baptized by Rev. J. J. Renz of Plevna, Montana

There was much rejoicing in the German Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana, on Sunday, July 7. The day began with 192 persons being present in Sunday School. In the afternoon it was the privilege of the pastor, the Rev. J. J. Renz, to baptize 19 young people upon confession of their faith. Among this number there were some of the Congregational, Lutheran and Reformed Faith.

Immediately following, the Lord's Supper was observed at the church and the hand of fellowship was extended to the newly baptized and to a father who desired to be re-established with the church. The Young People's Union and the Girl's Circle had presented the church with the "Individual Communion Service" and it was dedicated upon this occasion.

J. J. RENZ, Pastor.

### Second Annual Vacation Bible School Held by the Grace Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota

The Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., of which the Rev. J. C. Gunst is pastor, opened its second annual Vacation Bible School on June 24. There were 36 pupils who were enrolled.

The school was divided into three divisions as follows: Primary group directed by Mrs. J. C. Gunst and Evelyn Pollasch; Juniors directed by Alice Krominga and Mildred Bentz; Intermediates directed by Rev. J. C. Gunst and Mrs. J. Kranzler. For perfect attendance and punctuality prizes were awarded to 17 pupils who qualified.

One of the main things done by the entire school was memorizing uniform passages from the Bible. The Intermediates mended the Sunday School hymnals and also made scrapbooks to send to Laura Reddig's African pupils. The music hour was under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Gunst with Eleanor Spiess as pianist. The processional hymn was "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The school concluded its two weeks of active work on July 5. The pupils gave a very interesting and inspirational program on Sunday, July 7, at which parents and friends were welcomed to see what was accomplished.

MILDRED BENTZ, Secretary.

### Central B. Y. P. U. Assembly at Jamestown, North Dakota

The young people of the Central Dakota B. Y. P. U. Union met at Jamestown, No. Dak., from June 18 to 22 and enjoyed a week of true Christian fellowship. The program consisted of classes, discussions, a picnic, banquet, swimming, tennis, kittenball, and croquet.

The classes were as follows: "Book of Ephesians" (for adults) by Rev. Charles Wagner; "Book of Ephesians" (for intermediates) by Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch; "Plan of God from Eternity to Eternity" by Rev. Albert Ittermann; "Character of Jonathan" (for intermediates) by Rev. E. Broeckel; and "Music" by Rev. A. Ittermann.

Other high lights on the program were "a Name and Take It Program," a slide lecture, an amateur hour in which Mr. Ittermann made a perfect "Major Bowes," a marshmallow roast, a music festival, and three interesting discussions on a "Youth and the Modern Home" by Rev. E. Becker, "Making B. Y. P. U. Programs More Interesting" by Gideon Zimmermann and "German versus English in the Church" by Mrs. G. Kramer of Linton.

We as an assembly have decided to publish a newspaper. A contest for the name was won by Ruth Aamon of Lehr. Her name, for which she received a prize of 50 cents, was "The Central B. Y. P. U. Journal." Miss Phyllis Bushy of Jamestown was elected editor-in-chief.

MAGDALENA LUEBECK.

### Recent Activities in the Spring Valley Baptist Church of South Dakota

The past weeks were filled with buzzing activities in the Spring Valley Church of South Dakota. Our young people, under the able leadership of the president, Caroline Buseman, were in the front ranks of the church workers. A Daily Vacation Bible School proved a great blessing to the children of the church and of the community. Four of our young people, Caroline Buseman, Evelyn Buseman, Clara Buseman and Mrs. J. W. Buseman, faithfully taught three classes. A well prepared commencement program was witnessed by an appreciative congregation.

For some time the need for new hymnals was realized. The young people's organization took hold of this new project, and in a short time they were able to buy new copies of the "Service Hymnal" for the glory of God. In a memorable service Caroline Buseman formally presented the books to Mr. Ralph Oller, a trustee, who accepted the hymnals as a trust and property of the church. The pastor, the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, briefly spoke on the "Importance and Sacredness of the Hymnal in the Church." A short song service and some special music added to the thrill of singing "a new song unto the Lord."

On July 7, just before the congregation gathered about the Lord's Table, another gift was made to the church. In their own quiet way the women, under the sponsorship of the Ladies' Mission Circle, had purchased a beautiful communion set with individual cups. Mrs. John Buseman presented it to the church, and the pastor gratefully accepted the gift.

Often the inner beauty and strength of the soul find an outlet in creating more beautiful material instruments of service for God.

WM. STURHAHN, Pastor.

### Manifold Blessings Enjoyed by the Baptist Church of McClusky, North Dakota

Blessings manifold have been ours in the Baptist Church of McClusky, No. Dak., and we thank God for his great goodness! We have had fine opportunities to grow in Christian service through the programs that we have been able to plan and to present. In late April our B. Y. P. U. gave an interesting imaginary radio broadcast, and by means of our table microphone we gave our testimonies in words and in song to the listeners in our studio.

In May we presented a mission program at the Goodrich Baptist Church where we had an attentive audience and a gracious social reception after the program. The main feature of our program was a play entitled "The Church Clinic," which diagnosed and prescribed cures for various church delinquencies. Ralph Rott, a former member of our B. Y. P. U. and now a student at the Seminary at Rochester,

N. Y., was at home for a short visit and we were happy and proud to have him on our program with a short message. We also had the privilege to present this program a second time in our own church.

On Sunday evening, June 9, our Primary Sunday School department rendered a Children's Day program. Due to very rainy weather, many children were unable to attend but those present did very well with their contributions and they were truly an inspiration to young and old who witnessed the short testimonies of God's love from the lips of the children.



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church in Lodi, California

On Sunday afternoon, June 30, our parish joined with that of Goodrich to have a baptismal service at a neighboring lake. There were 37 candidates, of whom 12 belonged to McClusky and 25 to Goodrich! The guest speaker for the service was the Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch of Jamestown, who, mounting the box of a truck, addressed his large audience with a sincere gospel message. A men's quartet from Goodrich served us throughout the program with appropriate selections.

After the baptism, the McClusky members gathered at the church where we joined in a communion service. The hand of fellowship was extended to the twelve baptismal candidates and to six additional members on their testimonies and by letter. This day will long be remembered as a witness to the public of the rebirth of many of our young people, and we pray that it has deepened the Christian experience of those present.

On Sunday evening, July 7, we were favored with a return program by the Goodrich Society. The program was rich in musical selections by the Junior choir, men's quartet and instrumental solos. Eugene Gerlitz of Goodrich presented a brief but enlightening message based on Christ's command to the Christian to preach the gospel to every creature. After the program the two groups assembled in the social room of the church for a brief moment of fellowship. It is certain that both groups have benefited from this exchange of time and talents and that they have been newly inspired.

ESTHER KAISER, Reporter.

### Pacific Conference News of Recent Important Events in the Baptist Church of Lodi, California

A very inspiring program was recently rendered by the pupils of the summer Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., under the supervision of the Rev. A. Felberg. Classes were held in the large classroom of the church. School continued for two weeks during the month of June. There were 94 pupils enrolled, and an average of 85 children.

The program was opened with the

classes saluting in unison the Christian and American flags, and singing, "God Bless America." Following the singing, they recited their memory work, at which time many prizes were awarded for their splendid work.

The teachers, who are to be commended for working so diligently and patiently, were Mrs. Albert Felberg, Mrs. Gus Howen, Mrs. Charles Baumbach, Mr. Arthur Schneider and Rev. A. Felberg.

On Sunday, July 14, the church held a dedication service in the main auditorium of the church. An addition of four rooms, including the pastor's study, and a new heating plant were dedicated at this time. We are grateful for the enthusiasm shown by the members and friends. This was obviously expressed by the very liberal offerings given during the two dedication services on that Sunday for the building fund. The expenses for this remodeling totaled \$3500.

Mr. Felberg delivered an appropriate dedication message, and the Rev. A. Cierpke of Philadelphia, Pa., who was our guest speaker for the day, also gave an interesting talk. Mrs. Cierpke favored us with a vocal solo, accompanied at the organ by Elton Burgstahler.

We are happy to have Aimee Goehring back in our midst again. Aimee was taken to the hospital in April in a very critical condition. She has been a faithful church organist for several years. Although she will not be able to serve for a while, we know the Lord will bless and give her strength.

FERTHA MEYERS, Reporter.



### Vacation Bible School of Two Weeks Held by the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Washington

The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., is again happy to report another successful term of our Daily Vacation Bible School. The school sessions were held five mornings a week from June 10 to June 21. The average daily attendance this year was 40.



Vacation Bible School of the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Washington

During the two weeks the children were given lessons in Bible study, handwork, play, and singing by a fine staff of twelve teachers and assistants.

On Friday evening, June 21, a final program was rendered by the children for their parents and friends. The program consisted of songs, memorized scripture passages, names of the books of the Bible, and reports of what the scholars had learned during the two weeks. After the program handwork and notebooks were displayed.

We were indeed fortunate to have Prof. Hugo Lueck of Poland with us for a part of the time. He told the boys and girls many stories of his homeland in former Poland.

The teaching staff consisted of Mrs. F. Klapstein, Mrs. J. Klapstein, Mrs. J. Yost, Esther Blandau, Hertha Lange, Dorothy Yost, Walter Dingfield, John Schmidt, Ronald Stabbert, and Arthur Stolz. The school was directed by our pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau.

GERALDINE DINGFIELD, Secretary.

### Third Annual Vacation Bible School Held by the Baptist Church of Wasco, California

Starting June 10 the Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., was the gathering place for a very successful Vacation Bible School, which ended with a program by the children on the evening of June 23.

The total enrollment was 135 pupils and the daily attendance reached an average of 95. This is the third year that our Sunday School has sponsored the Daily Vacation Bible School, and we are glad that parents are cooperating with us in sending their children to the one place where they receive Biblical instruction. Many of our Mission Sunday School children were very

faithful in attendance, since we picked them up in cars and later brought them home.

The Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Klein took charge of the music and helped with the handwork. Mrs. J. Kliewer and Mrs. Wm. Kroesch taught the primary classes, while Mrs. A. Abma and Mrs. F. Penner taught the Juniors and Intermediates.

MRS. A. ABMA, Reporter.

### Sessions of the Pacific Conference at Portland, Ore., Consider "the Work of the Holy Spirit"

"We are laborers together with God." This was the very fitting text of the keynote message which was delivered by the Rev. G. Rauser of Franklin, Calif., to the delegates of the Pacific Conference, which convened with the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, from June 26 to 30.

This opening address was followed by many inspirational messages delivered by the various pastors throughout the conference days. Much spiritual food was received by all delegates and visitors through the thorough, masterly, and heart-searching sermons of our pastors, of whom eighteen were present. All expositions revolved about the conference theme, "The Working of the Holy Spirit."

In addition to the local pastors, we had the privilege of having Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park Ill., and Professor Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y., with us. These two worthy denominational leaders highlighted our conference days by means of their energizing, vitalizing, and elevating messages. The Pacific Conference deems itself fortunate to have two such men at the helm of our denominational work.

The presence of Professor Hugo Lueck of Poland also added greatly to make our days of fellowship and mutual interchange of thought a success. Through Professor Lueck we received at last a glimpse of social and church conditions as they existed in Poland before the present war.

The business sessions were conducted by our able chairman, the Rev. John Leypoldt of Portland, Oregon. The following pastors were reelected to of-

fice to serve for another year: Dr. John Leypoldt, chairman; Rev. H. Dymmel of Anaheim, Calif., vice-chairman; Rev. G. Rauser of Franklin, Calif., secretary; and Rev. C. Schoenleber of Startup, Wash., statistical secretary.

Our statistics show an increase of 140 church members, 63 new members in our Ladies' Missionary Societies, and \$2024.44 for missionary giving for which we are especially thankful to God.

The Ladies' Missionary Union met on Friday afternoon under the able leadership of Mrs. Krenzler of Anaheim, Calif. After the necessary business was dispensed with, the Women proceeded to the devotional part of the afternoon. The society of the entertaining church brought a challenging message by means of a play entitled, "Missionary Arithmetic." Through this play we were anew challenged with the task of establishing more medical aid in our mission fields.

Following the play, Professor Albert Bretschneider read a letter which he had received from Laura Reddig, one of our missionaries in the Cameroons. Here we again heard the far cry for medical aid. We as a conference hope, pray, and work for the dawn when we shall be able to give a greater medical ministry to our brothers in the Cameroons.

The young people did their part in creating and sponsoring social and brotherly fellowship. On Thursday, June 27, after the evening service, the young people had a "Get Acquainted Party" on the Battleship Oregon. A time of Christian fellowship was also had on Friday after the evening service at the home of Mrs. Emma Meier. On Saturday afternoon many of the conference guests enjoyed themselves by motoring up the Columbia River highway to Bonnaville.

OTTO NALLINGER, Reporter.

### Young People's Rally During the Pacific Conference in Portland, Oregon

On Sunday afternoon, June 30, delegates from the California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia churches gathered with their friends to attend the young people's rally of the 46th annual Pacific Conference. The service was held in the beautiful big auditorium of the White Temple Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., which was filled almost to capacity.

The meeting was under the leadership of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of Oregon, with Mr. Samuel J. Rich, president, presiding. A massed choir of the Portland area choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Emma Meier, rendered two beautiful and enjoyable numbers.

Professor Albert Bretschneider, dean of the Rochester Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., delivered the very fine inspirational address. He spoke on "The Power of Christ in the Lives of Men." He described Christ as a "man of power," who lifts men by his power of love and exceptional life

through which he draws all men to him. In a later period of the Church men were and are being drawn through his power in the "death" of Christ. Today he continues to save to the uttermost. Mr. Bretschneider continued to counsel youth to tune their hearts to Christ as if he were "concert A" or the keynote, so that they might go to the top and over with Christ.

The male quartet of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., sang the beautiful hymn, "A Little Talk With Jesus," as the closing number to the truly inspiring afternoon that left us all feeling that Christ was, indeed, in the midst of his children.

MERLE RICH, Reporter.

### The Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon, Celebrates Its Golden Jubilee

On the Sunday morning of June 1, 1890, a group of German-speaking Baptists met in the North School in Salem, Ore., and organized the First German Baptist Church of Salem with 16 charter members, one of whom is still an active member of our church. By God's grace the church has been privileged to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ for 50 years and to celebrate its 50th anniversary from June 19 to 23. We were pleased to have with us Dr. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary, Professor A. Bretschneider, dean of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., and two of the former pastors, the Rev. J. J. Lucas and his wife, who have retired and are at present members of our church, and the Rev. G. W. Rutsch and his family of Gackle, No. Dak.

Wednesday evening was "Church Fellowship Night." The festivities began with a church banquet for present and former members of the church. Following the banquet, the Rev. J. J. Lucas gave a short review of his pastorate while in Salem, and many of the older members related interesting experiences of earlier days.

Thursday was "Bible School and Young People's Night." Sam Rich, president of the Oregon Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, extended greetings from the organization. Reports were given by secretaries of the Bible School, Young People's Society and the Women's Missionary Society. Professor Bretschneider delivered the evening address.

"Denominational Night" was observed on Friday night, June 21. The churches of the Oregon German Baptist Union and the three English Baptist Churches of Salem were represented. The Trinity Church of Portland and Salt Creek Church near Dallas presented us with a bouquet.

Sunday, June 23, was "Anniversary Day." Sunday's worship began with a joint Sunday School meeting, at which time the Professor Bretschneider brought the message. The morning service was conducted in the German language by the Rev. G. W. Rutsch, former pastor. On Sunday afternoon

we were privileged to have the Salt Creek choir and male chorus furnish the music. Dr. Wm. Kuhn delivered the anniversary address. Sunday evening brought our anniversary to a time Professor Albert Bretschneider bringing the closing message.

School, Young People's Society, and the Women's Missionary Society have all been a great help in the upbuilding of our church. Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been conducted during the last four summers with good results.

CLARA ISAAK, Reporter.



Decorations for the Golden Jubilee in the Worshipful Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon

Music throughout the services was furnished by our choir, male chorus, men's quartet, ladies' trio and ladies' sextette. All the services were conducted under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. J. F. Olthoff.

Fifty years bring many changes, and such has been the experience of this church. For almost four decades the German language was used; then it became necessary to use both German and English. At present all services are in English, with the exception of the adult Bible class and prayer meetings. The name of the church was changed to "Bethel Baptist" approximately a year ago. Our present pastor, the Rev. J. F. Olthoff, D. D., began his ministry with us on November 17, 1935.

The following pastors have served our church: the Reverends John Fechter, C. E. Kliewer, Gustav Schunke, F. Herrmann, Friedrich Peterreit, John J. Lucas, Gustav W. Rutsch, and John F. Olthoff.

During the 50 years the church received 261 persons by baptism, 306 by letter, 88 by confession, 10 by restoration. We lost 290 by letter, 65 by death, 68 by exclusion and 78 by erasure. The present total membership is 180. The total contributions were \$126,566.59.

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### Atlantic Conference Daily Vacation Bible School of the Second Church of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Although the Daily Vacation Bible School of the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., had only nine sessions of two hours each, we feel that a great deal was accomplished.

The first half hour was used in singing and memory work following the salute to the American and Christian flags. The first verse and chorus of seven beloved hymns were taught. Many interesting lessons were learned as the children memorized the first Psalm. We also learned the books of the New Testament and each day a new Bible verse was studied until we knew verses from A to H and where they are to be found.

During the closing sessions the children listened eagerly to the adventures of a native Christian family in war torn China as we told the story of "Bright Sky Tomorrow."

The people were surprised at the quality and quantity of handwork that our children had made when they visited our display following the prayer meeting in which we had taken part. At this time prizes were presented to the children having the highest score for memory work, attendance and handwork. Quite a number had perfect scores.

Miss Mabel Kalin served as principal and Miss Kirsch as pianist. Our pastor, the Rev. Wm. Appel, and his family were largely responsible for its success. Miss Julia Veninga also assisted. The average attendance of the school was approximately forty.

MABEL KALIN, Reporter.



## Central Conference

### Annual Board Meeting and Wedding at the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan

Saint Joseph, Mich., situated as it is on the shores of Lake Michigan, with its lovely foliage, beautiful flowers and marvelous fruit orchards is an ideal location for our Children's Home, and, by no means, the least among the attractive surroundings of this part of the country is our Children's Home and yard itself.

It is quite to be appreciated that even the Home should be enhanced by two very agreeable occasions this summer. The one was the annual Board meeting and the other was a lovely wedding. Our Board meeting again this year was well attended, only one member for justifiable reasons being unable to attend. The meeting was an all-day one, time being taken out only to enjoy a lovely dinner served in the dining room, where our children eat, by some of the girls of the family.

The sessions were presided over by the chairman, Mr. C. J. Netting of Detroit, Mich., Minutes were read in the efficient manner of Mr. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Ill. "Pa Steiger" in his inimitable way gave a picture and report of the general work and functions of the Home. Mr. Gus Achterberg, the secretary of the local committee, which meets every month, gave a resume of the meetings held during the year. Mr. William Benning of Benton Harbor, treasurer, gave a very complete and exhaustive report of the financial condition, which of course is always an important item in the life of any organization or institution, business or family.

One cannot put all of the activities of an entire day's meeting into a report like this but in summary we are happy to say that we had a delightful day as a Board, that we have a wonderful "family" as a Home, that the Board is satisfied with the way it is developing and being carried on, and that we commend "Pa and Ma" Steiger and the boys and girls to you for your thought, your love, your interest, your prayers and your support.

The second really attractive occasion of the summer was the marriage of one of our very fine daughters, Miss Norma Metzler. Norma has been with us for many years. We saw her develop and grow up. We saw her accept Christ as her Savior, and follow him in baptism and unite with the Church. We saw her graduate from, not only grade school, but High School as well. And in the month of June we saw her become a June bride when she was united in marriage to Mr. Claude Raak. This young man is a high type of young man. He is in the service of "Uncle Sam" as a coast guard here. On Easter Sunday it was the privilege of the writer of this article to baptize him and then later to share with "Pa" Steiger in performing the marriage ceremony.



Norma Metzler of the St. Joseph Home and Claude Raak at Their Wedding Reception

When the Home does something for one of its children, it does it right, and that is as it should be. So Norma had a very beautiful wedding. It was held in the Home's dining room which had been decorated into a chapel. The bridal party stood under a canopy of spirea and white iris. The bride was dressed in white. She carried a shower bouquet of white Kilarney roses and baby's breath. The groom wore his blue coast-guard uniform. Evelyn Patzer, another of the girls from the Home, served as bridesmaid, while the groom was attended by a friend of his from his home town in Holland, Mich. Two of the smaller girls of our family served as flower girls and the giving of the bride away was appropriately done by "Ma" Steiger.

We have given you only a glimpse of the Home here but sufficiently, we believe, to let you know something of how pretty it was, and enough about Claude and Norma, too, for you to love them and appreciate them as we do. The minister of the First Baptist Church appreciates the contact with these young people of the Home and the privilege of sharing in their lives.

L. H. BROEKER, Pastor.

### Inspirational Children's Day Program at the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Michigan

On Sunday, June 22, the Sunday School of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., celebrated Children's Day, joining its session with the morning worship service. A fine and effective service was held, and we know that hearts were blessed as a result of the service.

Our Sunday School superintendent led in the opening exercises, after which Betty Neumann rendered a recitation. A fine children's choir of about 35 voices, under the leadership of Mr. Egon Teichert, rendered several selections that delighted the hearts of a

large congregation. This was the first appearance of the choir.

Our pastor, the Rev. G. Neumann, had the privilege of dedicating approximately 14 babies at this service. It was impressed on the parents that this act would not save their children but that once the children had reached the age of accountability they would have to make their own decisions. Mr. Neuman then brought a fitting message taking as his subject, "The Child in the Midst."

After his message our pastor had the joy of baptizing 8 persons on confession of their faith. His oldest son was one of the eight. It has been the joy of our pastor to lead souls into the baptismal waters on various occasions throughout this year, for which we are praising the Lord.

LYDIA E. BEKOWIES, Reporter.

### Ambitious Program of "The True Blue Class" of the Bethel Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

The girls of the "True Blue Class" of the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., decided recently to buy "a new dress" for the church. Under the able guidance of the class president, Miss Huldah Schaefer, the class was divided into two groups, even and odd numbers. Miss Huldah Schaefer was captain of the even numbers, and Mrs. Olga Laufer of the odd numbers.

The even numbers bought a radio and received donations on it. The odd numbers received donations on a chair set donated by Mrs. Ruth Mock and a quilt donated by Mrs. Laufer's mother-in-law. The odd numbers received the largest amount of donations and will be entertained with a picnic by the group of even numbers. A supper was given by the entire class and the items on which donations were received were presented to the fortunate number holders. The total receipts of \$125 were paid for a dress of paint for the church and parsonage.

This same ambitious group of girls, "The True Blue Class," gave a Mother's and Daughter's banquet. Miss Hayes of the Y. W. C. A. was the main speaker. Recitations were given by Miss Lucille Mitchell and Mrs. Olga Laufer. Vocal numbers were given by Miss Bernice King, Mrs. Ruth Mock and Miss Shirley Maurice. After the inspiring program gifts were presented to Mrs. Lindner, the oldest mother present; Mrs. Fischer, the youngest mother present; and Mrs. Huffmann for having the largest number of daughters present. A favor was given to each one present, a lovely china vase filled with roses.

On Sunday, June 23, our Sunday School celebrated Children's Day. Our Sunday School superintendent, Miss Emma J. Schaefer, was in charge of a very inspiring program. The house was filled and the generous offering was sent to missions to go for "Chapel Building."

MRS. RUTH MOCK, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Bible School and Evangelistic Meetings at the Overstone Church in Manitoba

"The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly." We, of the Overstone Baptist Church in Manitoba, Canada, have had the privilege of experiencing this, as did the Psalmist in the days of old. We have had days of much joy and great blessings.

From June 9 to 20 we held a Bible School combined with evangelistic services. Every morning at 9:30 A. M. the 30 students gathered in the church, all eager to hear and learn more of the Word of God. In three periods the following subjects were taught: "The Gospel of John" and "Soul Winning" by our Bible School director, the Rev. E. P. Wahl, and "Religious Education" by our pastor, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt. After the second period each morning the Rev. E. P. Wahl led us in



Twenty-three Baptismal Candidates and Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt of the Overstone Church, Manitoba, Canada

a devotional period.

Every evening we had evangelistic meetings. Mr. Wahl brought us inspiring and heart searching messages, and the Lord blessed his Word as it was brought to us. We as members were stirred to consecrate ourselves anew. We were filled with joy and thanksgiving when 23 persons professed having found their Savior. The church choir enhanced all meetings with the singing of the glorious songs.

Sunday, July 30, will be a day never to be forgotten by our members and friends. At 9:30 A. M. the people gathered from far and near to enjoy with us the great showers of blessing that God had bestowed upon us when the 23 persons, who had found their Savior, confessed to the world through baptism their desire to follow in his steps. Our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt officiated.

For this occasion we had the pleasure of having Mr. Wahl with us as well as the quartet from the Edmonton Bible Institute. Mr. Wahl, through whose untiring efforts this harvest of souls was made possible, brought messages in English and German to the large crowd gathered at the river. The quartet and choirs from Morris and Overstone did their part in proclaiming God's love to the sinner who repents. observed and the newly baptized were

welcomed into the fellowship of the church.

R. J. STOBBER, Church Clerk.

### Seminary Program is Held by the Bethel Church of Alberta, Canada

On Sunday evening, June 16, the male choir of the Bethel Baptist church near Carbon, Alberta, Canada presented a Seminary program, which was enjoyed by all present.

The service was in charge of the

Male Choir of the Bethel Church of Alberta, Canada  
(Front Row, Left to Right: Mr. T. E. Neher, Director; Mrs. Ruth Ohlhauser, Pianist; Rev. R. Milbrandt, Pastor)



Bible School Group of the Overstone Church in Manitoba

At the afternoon meeting we all gathered in the church. A program was then given by the quartet. The testimonies in word and song were an inspiration to all. Mr. Wahl also brought a message of vast importance to both old and new converts regarding the Lord's Supper at this service. At the close the Lord's Supper was

B. Y. P. U. The program consisted of several accordin and guitar selections played by Richard and Elmer Saylor. The male choir rendered 16 musical numbers under the direction of Mr. T. E. Neher.

### Northwestern Conference Treasurer Discontinued

The Northwestern Conference has discontinued the services of a separate treasurer and, therefore, the churches in this conference are urged to send all missionary and benevolent monies to the General Missionary Treasurer, Mr. H. Theodore Sorg, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. It is also extremely important that the churches specify as to what purpose or where the money is to be used to avoid any misunderstanding.

Lewis B. Berndt,  
Conference Clerk.

Our pastor, the Rev. R. Milbrandt, spoke to us briefly on the topic, "The History of the Seminary." We were privileged to have Mr. M. Kary, a student from the Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., in our midst, who spoke on the topic, "Activities of the Student Body." The offering taken was devoted to our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., to sponsor a dinner for the students and faculty.

IDA NEHER, Reporter.



## OBITUARY

### MARIE KATT SCHULZ of Vesper, Kansas

Mrs. Marie Schulz, nee Katt, was born in Germany, October 12, 1879. Her spirit returned to God, who gave it, on July 4, 1940, at the age of 60 years, 8 months, and 22 days.

In 1893 she came to the United States, making her home at Dorrance, Kansas. In 1901 she was united in marriage to John C. Schulz of Vesper, Kansas. This union, which lasted 39 years, was blest with six children.

She found her Savior and was baptized into the Baptist Church at Dorrance, Kansas, by the Rev. Rudolph Klitzing. Later her membership was transferred to the Bethany Baptist Church at Vesper, where she remained a member to the end.

Much sympathy for the bereaved was evidenced by the unusually large attendance at the memorial services. The pastor spoke upon Ps. 73:24 emphasizing Luther's translation.

Bethany Baptist Church,  
Vesper, Kansas.

J. H. Kornelsen, Pastor.

### CHARLES HENRY REMUS of Forest Park, Illinois

Charles Henry Remus was born on December 25, 1887, in Germany and passed away to be with the Lord on Wednesday night, July 24, at the age of 52 years.

He came with his parents to Forest Park, Ill., when he was a small child. Here he spent his entire life and we came to know him as upright and honest in his relations with fellowmen. When a young man he came to believe in Christ as his personal Savior. Upon confession of faith he was baptized by Rev. August Pistor and received into the membership of the Forest Park Baptist Church. He has not only been a faithful member of the church but also a humble and devoted disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. He loved the house of God and it was not merely a habit with him to go to church but he came to worship, indeed.

In 1918 he entered matrimony with his now sorrowing wife, Marie, nee Keppler. It was a happy marriage and God blessed this union with three children who are mourning the loss of their father.

Mr. Remus was a man of a very sunny disposition. He had a smile for everyone. Even on the day of his departure he smiled and wanted to hear the Moody broadcast. His suffering was of short duration but of a nature that was bound to terminate his life unless God willed it otherwise. Mr. Remus served the United States Government in the capacity of mail carrier for a long period of time. He was proud of being an American and was glad that he could serve his government.

He leaves to mourn his departure his beloved wife, Marie; his three children, Charles, Richard and Florence; his aged mother, his three brothers, John Baumgart, William Reini Remus; his three sisters, Mrs. Lena Grosser, Mathilde Baumgart, and Martha Remus; and many friends. May the God of grace and comfort grant his own comforting presence!

Forest Park Baptist Church,  
Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. Theo W. Dons.

## THE FELLOWSHIP CLUB

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in technique and blending from year to year. In 1938, the director was succeeded by his younger brother, Herbert Pankratz, under whose leadership the singers have continued their steady improvement, and have mastered some truly difficult numbers in fine style.

Since 1932, a concert has been given each year in the local church. In addition, the chorus has sung at many other places, including rescue missions in the "flopouse" district of

### Diamond Jubilee of the Baptist Church in Baileyville, Illinois, from September 12 to 15

The Baptist Church of Baileyville, Illinois, is planning to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee from September 12 to 15. We expect to have all of the former pastors still living with us, and we extend a hearty welcome to all former members to come and fellowship with us, or otherwise to send a letter of greeting.

Only recently our pastor, the Rev. H. Renkema, had the joy of baptizing seven persons and of extending the right hand of fellowship to them.

Will all former members of the Baileyville Church, planning to come to our celebration, please notify our pastor, Rev. H. Renkema, or the Church Clerk, Louisa Zimmerman?

Louisa Zimmerman,  
Baileyville, Illinois.

Madison Street and other parts of Chicago; a number of our sister churches as well as English churches; Y. M. C. A.'s; the famous Edgewater Beach Hotel in connection with a band concert given there; the Methodist Temple in Chicago, known as the skyscraper church with the world's highest cross, in connection with the centennial of the Chicago Bible Society; and a radio broadcast.

The chorus has also made several out-of-town trips, including a concert at our Benton Harbor church in 1936, and a concert in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1938. We consider the invitation to sing at our General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, this August, a great privilege, and feel that the efforts spent in many rehearsals have been well repaid. May the Lord use us to his glory on this occasion!

The present officers of the Club are: president, Walter C. Pankratz; vice-president, Elmer A. Benson; secretary, Fred Hoffmann; and treasurer, Edward Meister.

### Tenth Anniversary

On June 18 of this year the Club celebrated its tenth anniversary, and despite heavy thundershowers, a goodly number of church members, both old and young, displayed their loyal support by attending.

Looking back over this ten-year period, we ask ourselves: "Has it been worthwhile?" The answer is a most definite "Yes!" The Club has provided an outlet for the energies of our young men, has afforded them a means of developing their talents through singing and speaking, has provided much that has been educational, has brought them together in moments of spiritual meditation and prayer, and has served as a means of directing their united efforts into church activities and other worthy causes.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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At the close of a scriptural message by the pastor, a young man came forward and expressed his desire to follow the Lord in baptism. The revival meetings were held from June 16 to 30 with the Rev. Paul Leath, a graduate of Baylor University, bringing the messages. As Mr. Ekrot wrote, "the messages of Brother Heath were powerful and his wonderful playing of the piano each night attracted many people. The consecration hour and the service on Sunday morning, June 23, will long be remembered by the church because of the unusual manifestation of the power of God at that time."

● The State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., recently held a very successful Vacation Bible School. A few changes from former years were made in the way the school was conducted. The Rev. August F. Runtz, pastor, wrote that "for one thing we did not have any handwork, except the projects which were carried on in connection with the classes. This may have effected our attendance somewhat, for there are some children who are interested only in the handwork. However, we felt that we accomplished more this way. In the Intermediate department we showed the pupils the various buildings which our congregation had at one time possessed. We considered what might be contained in the cornerstone of a church building, and then we taught them the fundamental principles and ordinances of a Baptist church."

● On Sunday evening, July 7, a large and appreciative audience gathered in the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., to enjoy the commencement exercises of the Vacation Bible School conducted from June 24 to July 5. Courses for Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate children were given. Even though this is "vacation time" in the city, the church could report a total registration of 48 pupils. Seven denominations were represented. The teachers and helpers responsible for the success of the school were Miss Marie Sriggly, Miss Margaret Thompson, Mrs. Harry Davis and Mrs. Frank Bauman. Miss Frieda Wokeck assisted in the Beginner and Primary departments. Mr. Richard Davis supervised the play periods for the older groups and assisted in the boys handwork. The pastor, the Rev. Stanley F. Geis, conducted the worship services, supervised the boys handwork and served as superintendent of the school. After the commencement exercises, many fine and appreciative comments were heard from the parents of the children.