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This Equestrian
Statue of
General Corse,
Who Inspired
P. P. Bliss
to Write the Hymn,
"Hold the Fort!",
Will Be Seen
by Many General
Conference Visitors
in Burlington, Iowa,
from
Aug. 19 to 25, 1940.



What's Happening

● The Rev. John Walkup of Victor, Iowa, has accepted the call extended to him by the German Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa, where he will succeed the Rev. C. J. Sentman at the close of June. Mr. Walkup, who is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, has been ably serving the Victor Church since the summer of 1938.

● On Palm Sunday, March 17, the Rev. August Lutz of St. Bonifacius, Minn., pastor of the Minnetrista Baptist Church of Minnesota, baptized 6 young people and received these into the fellowship of the church. These converts were the fruits of evangelistic services held last November with the Rev. Emanuel Wolff of St. Paul as evangelist.

● The Rev. Edward Kary, pastor of the Baptist Church of Durham, Kan., reports that the church enjoyed one of its finest Easter services in a long time. Before the communion service the pastor gave the invitation, and two young women gave their hearts to Christ and another consented to baptism. A baptismal service is planned for the near future.

● Evangelistic meetings were held for 4 weeks from February 26 to March 21 in the Bertsch Mission station of the German Baptist Church at Venturia, No. Dak., with the pastor, the Rev. A. Guenther, preaching every evening. Fourteen persons confessed their faith in Christ as a result of these meetings. Similar services will be held in the Venturia Church towards the close of May.

● The former German Baptist Church of Marion, Kan., has changed its name to the Emmanuel Baptist Church, according to the Rev. Philip Potzner, pastor. On Sunday, May 12, the Marion Church will celebrate its annual Pentecost and Mission Festival with three special services. Mr. Potzner hopes to assist the Rev. F. W. Socolofsky of Shattuck, Okla., in evangelistic meetings in the near future.

● The B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church in Harvey, No. Dak., presented the play, "The Challenge of the Cross," on Palm Sunday, March 17. On Sunday, April 7, the Harvey young people again gave the play in the Germantown Church. The characters were La Verne Ruff, Eleanor Wolff, Betty and Ethel Bentz, Ella and Florence Frueh. The Rev. Daniel Klein is pastor of both the Harvey and Germantown Churches.

● On Easter Sunday, March 24, the Rev. Reuben Jeschke, pastor of the

Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, baptized 9 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. These included 5 adults and 4 children. Mr. Jeschke will serve as dean of the Lake States Young People's Assembly to be held at Linwood Park, Vermilion, Ohio, from August 5 to 11, for which elaborate plans are rapidly nearing completion.

● On Easter Sunday evening, March 24, the choir of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., rendered a cantata to an appreciative audience. The cantata, "The Risen Lord," was directed by the Rev. C. H. Seecamp. On March 15 the B. Y. P. U. sponsored a social evening in the basement of the church. Games were played and refreshments were served at the close of the evening. The B. Y. P. U. has started a library with books loaned by friends and members of the church, and with some other books to be purchased as reported by Charlotte Meyer.

● From Sunday, April 14, to Sunday, April 21, the Rev. George A. Lang, of Detroit, Mich., conducted evangelistic meetings in the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y. On the same two Sundays the pulpit of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., was supplied by Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., and the Rev. John Leyboldt of Portland, Ore., following his attendance at the session of the General Mission Committee in Forest Park, Ill. Early reports from the Rochester Church indicated well attended services and a fine evangelistic spirit that was prevailing due to Brother Lang's consecrated messages.

● On Sunday, March 3, the Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., celebrated its anniversary. A unique program was presented, centering around our mission work in Africa. Brief talks were given by the women on the geography, resources and industries of Africa, on the beginnings of mission work in the dark continent by David Livingstone and others, and on the work of our present missionaries in the Cameroons. On Sunday evening, March 24, the choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Paul Bowers, rendered a very beautiful Easter cantata entitled, "The Glory of Easter," to an audience that crowded the church. The Rev. F. E. Klein is pastor of the church.

● Evangelistic meetings were held in the First German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., from March 11 to 15. The evangelist was the new pastor of the Passaic Church, the Rev. Wil-

liam G. Stroh. The meetings were well attended from the start and the interest was keen. Mr. Stroh preached for a verdict every evening. The various churches in the community attended on different evenings. "Our church has been quickened and we trust that the Lord will show what the results have been," as reported by the Rev. Herman G. Kuhl, pastor of the church. "Mr. Stroh's apt illustrations won the interest of all who attended. We can commend him to any church who is interested in evangelism."

● The Rev. George Hensel, pastor of the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Ill., baptized 12 persons from the Junior and Intermediate departments of the Sunday School on Easter Sunday morning, March 24. The Immanuel Church with 7 other Protestant churches of Kankakee observed a Good Friday service for 3 hours at the First Methodist Church. It was estimated that at least 1200 people were present for that service. The All-City Young People's Union sponsored a sunrise Easter service at 6:30 A. M. at the First Evangelical Church, which was also well attended by young people from the Immanuel Church.

● The Rev. Christian Peters of Jamesburg, N. J., resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city on February 25 and accepted the call extended to him by the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware, where he will begin his services on June 2. During the 13 years of his Jamesburg pastorate 78 members were received into the church, of

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EDITORIAL

IT MAY SEEM STRANGE to the reader that so large a part of this issue of the BAPTIST HERALD is devoted to General Conference announcements. This ought to

be a "Mother's Day" number! And yet that is the spirit of mother-

hood which has helped to make our families and churches great. Mothers have always been willing to step into the background and to let others claim the limelight for themselves. But this unselfish spirit of Christian womanhood has been a strong pillar of our denominational structure.

The General Conference at Burlington, Iowa, from August 19 to 25 will not overlook this important fact. The Thursday afternoon program in charge of the Women's Missionary Union will be addressed by one of the greatest Baptist women of the country, Mrs. Orrin R. Judd, the president of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society. She is a daughter of the Rev. J. C. Grimmel, a German Baptist pioneer minister, and so can be counted as "one of our very own." Her statesman-like utterances will attract many men and young people into that notable session along with the hosts of faithful women.

The young people's meetings are included in the general program set-up, which is printed in full in this issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. Something attractive and inspirational is being planned, especially for young people, on every day of the week. A happy "Get Acquainted Social" will be held on Monday evening after the opening service. Popular young people's luncheons with brief informal programs will be another feature of this conference. The sunrise services on Wednesday and Friday mornings will be held at one of God's loveliest nature spots in the picturesque Crapo Park overlooking the majestic Mississippi River for many miles.

The Friday afternoon business session of the

Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union will be climaxed by a great address by the Rev. C. B. Nordland of Oak Park, Ill., who is the esteemed teacher of the large Men's Baraca Class of the Forest Park Baptist Church. Adults will join the young people in their eagerness to hear him. The Saturday evening banquet has become "a conference banquet" under the auspices of the young people. Both the banquet festivities and the evening program in the presentation of the missionary drama, "Better Than Gold," will scintillate with color, laughter and heart-moving narrative. The Sunday afternoon mass meeting to be addressed by Harold E. Stassen, governor of Minnesota, will need little further publicity in order to crowd the civic auditorium to its utmost capacity.

Every conference visitor at Burlington will receive a panoramic picture of our denomination at work and in the service of God's Kingdom. By means of interpretive accounts, informal reports, pageantry and moving pictures the entire story of our denomination will be told with indelible vividness. The Publication Society will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a special program at the General Conference, the delightful surprises of which will be a mountain-top experience for those in attendance. The evening services are to demonstrate our "unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" as spiritual challenges are flung to the large audiences with passionate zeal by some of the ablest ministers.

In Burlington beside the waters of the mighty Mississippi we shall thrill to God's unmistakable leading "beside the still waters." For the General Conference from August 19 to 25 in the friendly city of the Buckeye State will be a refreshing spring of wonder and delight to everyone in attendance. It will mean something to be able to say in later years with heavily freighted memories: "I, too, was there!"

"Hold the Fort — We Are Coming!"

A General Conference Challenge by PROFESSOR O. E. KRUEGER
of Rochester, New York

"Hold the fort; we are coming!" What a fine slogan for our young people! We have 228 societies with a reported membership of 8573. Would it not be possible for at least a thousand of these to visit the General Conference to be held from August 19 to 25 in Burlington, Iowa?

Where distances are too great for any one person to carry the expenses alone, the society should send one or more delegates and share a part of the cost of the trip. After all, half a dozen young people in a Ford can travel a long distance without a great deal of expense. Many young people have hitch-hiked to their national conventions.

Listen, my dear young people, you will receive a great inspiration at the conference and you will also be a great inspiration to the older generation, which is travelling toward the setting sun. Let your rallying cry be: "Hold the fort; we are coming."



Lake Starker at Crapo Park, Burlington, Iowa, Only a Short Distance from the Equestrian Statue of General Corse, Shown on the Front Cover of This Issue of "The Baptist Herald"

During your visit in Burlington you will go out to Crapo Park, a spot of rare beauty, which, once seen, will never be forgotten. You will take a walk down Lover's Lane and quench your thirst at Black Hawk Spring, just as the Indian Chief of old did. You will observe the interesting crinoid rock formations and enjoy the artistically arranged flowerbeds. You will take a long distance view across the majestic "Father of Waters," the

Mississippi River, and you will agree that God has made this place beautiful for situation.

In this same park you will spend a few moments at the equestrian monument, erected in honor of General John Murray Corse, which carries the inscription, "Hold the Fort." In command of a division of Sherman's "March to the Sea" during the Civil War, General Corse and his men displayed great heroism in defending Altoona Pass, near Atlanta, Georgia.

A small fort there had been made a base of operations and now harbored a million and a half rations of food, which the 6000 rebels under General French of Hood's army were desperately trying to capture. Under terrific fire with heavy losses, Corse and his men had been driven back into the fort. At noon they were just about to give up what seemed to be an utterly hopeless situation, when something

message: "Hold the fort; I am coming. W. T. Sherman."

For three long hours the guns continued to thunder. Half the defenders of Altoona Pass had made the supreme sacrifice, when suddenly the firing ceased. General French had discovered the meaning of that signal, when he saw Sherman's men dashing through the valley. He also saw the wisdom of withdrawing his troops to a safer position, leaving 700 of his men dead on the field. Bravery saved that day for the Union cause, bravery which had been inspired by these simple words: "Hold the fort; I am coming."

When P. P. Bliss heard the story, in 1870, he immediately made it the theme of the hymn which we, of the older generation, never wearied of singing in our youth, "Hold the Fort, For I Am Coming." Sankey sang it all over the United States and Great Britain. Lord Shaftsbury said: "If Mr. Sankey has done nothing more than teach the people to sing 'Hold the Fort,' he has conferred an inestimable blessing on the British Empire."

Two actors in one of the largest theaters of England, trying to be funny, attempted to caricature Moody and Sankey. The galleries struck up "Hold the Fort" and kept on singing until the comedians had to withdraw from the stage. They made several attempts to come back, only to be greeted with the thundering chorus, "Hold the Fort." The joke was on them! Even theater-going London had been stirred by the singing and preaching of these servants of God.

We, of the older generation, fighting the battles for Christ and our churches, are thrilled as we see the advancing younger generation flashing to us in the glittering sunlight the signal: "Hold the fort; we are coming. B. Y. P. U." We believe that you are not merely going to hold the fort and retain what the fathers have wrought, but that you are going to invade the enemy's territory. The Kingdom of God must grow extensively and intensively. Every one of our 270 churches must grow in knowledge and in grace, as well as in numbers and influence.

Come, young people, give us a renewed evidence that you are going to hold the fort against the hosts of wickedness. To you as well as to us is the promise given, that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the onslaught of the mighty army of God. Attend the conference at Burlington and get a new vision of the task assigned to us by Christ in which your denomination and you have such a significant share.

Burlington and Its 30,000 Friendly People Invite You!

General Conference Publicity Prepared by WALTER E. KOHRS
of Burlington, Iowa

Burlington, Iowa, where the 26th General Conference of German Baptist Churches of North America will meet from August 19 to 25, 1940, is a spot rich in historic lore of the middle west. It is a place where early settlers quarried stone from its hillsides and surrounding country to build homes, churches, schools and business blocks, a place where church spires rise among the roofs in the valley and the foliage of its hillsides.

The Oak Street Baptist Church, which will be host to the conference, is one of the community's 36 churches embracing 20 denominations, which provide religious instruction and services for the city's "30,000 friendly people."

Of primary interest to convention delegates, exclusive of the well-equipped and modern structure occupied by the host church, will be the newly-completed Memorial Auditorium, where all convention sessions will be held. It is a modern-style, five-story building. The exterior is finished in light ivory and gray green. Vertical glass brick panels on the east and west sides of the building accent the modernistic design. The front, facing north, has long clear glass windows and an unadorned balcony.

High speed intake and exhaust fans, each with a capacity of 44,000 cubic feet per minute, give complete ventilation to the arena and upper floors. Acoustics of the building are excellent, due principally to the partitions of Haydite blocks, a composition with 35 per cent sound absorption, manufactured near Burlington. The seating capacity is 2700. The stage of the arena, suitable for any kind of performance, is equipped to produce any desired lighting effect. Located on the first floor are a banquet hall and fully-equipped kitchen.

Burlington offers excellent recreational facilities. There are seven parks within the city limits. Crapo Park has an area of 90 acres. The new Dankwardt Memorial Park adds 77 acres, and five other parks vary in size from one-fourth acre to 18 acres. Crapo Park is famous throughout the middle west for its landscaping, thrilling views of the majestic Mississippi river, and its natural beauty. Here the young people's sunrise services will be held. The Kiwanis swimming pool, adjoining Crapo Park, is one of the finest in this section of the country.

Burlington has three golf courses—Crystal Springs, Burlington Golf Club and Flint Hills Park—and the



One of the Excursion Boats Passing Beneath the MacArthur Bridge That Spans the Mississippi River at Burlington, Iowa

city offers numerous baseball diamonds, tennis courts and archery ranges. The Izaak Walton league maintains its own club, with beautiful grounds and a small lake for fishing. Scenic drives along the Mississippi offer one of the most popular pastimes.

There are many character building institutions in Burlington, including the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. The Burlington public library maintains a fine, modern building, in which is included a separate reading room, well supplied with periodicals and newspapers.

To list only a few of the myriad points of interest in Burlington, in addition to places already mentioned, there are: Snake Alley, called by Robert Ripley, in his popular "Believe it or not" cartoon feature "the crookedest street in the world," since it makes five sharp turns down a hillside in one block; the site of the first brick house in Iowa; North Hill Park with its boulder monument commemorating the first Sunday School class in this community; Old Grand Opera House and side of Old Zion Church, first Iowa territorial capitol; the "Daily Hawk-Eye Gazette" building, the consolidated continuation of two pioneer newspapers; the site of the first Masonic hall in Iowa; the municipal river terminal; the stadium and Clark field house, the present building replacing Burlington University, a Baptist college, erected there in 1853; Black Hawk rock, upon

which natural pulpit the famous Indian chief is supposed to have addressed the braves seated on the hillsides around him; Perkins Park, a natural woodland and attractive picnic spot; Old Log Cabin, landmark for pioneers following the westward trail; armory, cavalry stables and municipal airport; and Aspen Grove cemetery, one of the oldest, and most beautiful, burial grounds in Iowa, in which are many monuments of historical significance.

Free parking is available at the Kiwanis parking lot and the Retail Merchants' parking lot, and information service is offered by the American Automobile Association and Chamber of Commerce at Hotel Burlington.

Highways leading into Burlington are U. S. 31, over MacArthur bridge from the east and over Mt. Pleasant Street from the west; U. S. 61 over Sunnyside Avenue from the west and over Summer Street from the south; State 99 (scenic) over Bluff Road from the north; State 80 over Agency road from the west, and State 16 from the southwest over West Avenue.

Burlington is on the main line of the Burlington route (Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad), and on a branch line of the Rock Island Lines. Its airport, served by Braniff Airlines, provides regular scheduled air mail and passenger service to Chicago and Kansas City.

Conference Accommodations at Burlington, Iowa

First Announcements of Free Lodging, Tourist Homes and Camps and Hotel Rates

A Conference Invitation

By Rev. Alfred Bernadt,
Pastor of the Oak Street Church
of Burlington, Iowa

The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington takes pride in acting as host to the twenty-sixth General Conference, and the pastor of that church is proud to have everyone of our fellowship as our guest next August.

But aside from the personal interest that pastor and people have in welcoming you whole-heartedly to Burlington next summer,—and we will miss you if you do not come,—there are other reasons why my fellow-pastors and our fellow-Baptists ought to be here.

First of all, our General Conferences are always great inspirational get-togethers and this one promises to be

Conference Bargains!
The conference registration fee for the entire week has been reduced to 50 cents. A special registration fee for those who can only attend the weekend sessions from Friday, August 23, to Sunday, August 25, has been set at 25 cents.
The free breakfasts to be served to all conference delegates and visitors at the Oak Street Church throughout the conference week has been hailed with delight by the people of our churches.
The four hour boat trip on the Mississippi River excursion steamer, "The President," to be enjoyed on Wednesday afternoon, August 21, will cost only 50 cents, according to Mr. Arthur Schwerin, chairman of the local committee on arrangements.

Free Lodging and Breakfast

We will have available free lodging for 250 guests who will receive breakfast free at the Oak Street Baptist Church every morning, starting Aug. 20. Serving hours from 7-8:30 A. M.

Rooms in Private Homes

In order to take care of guests who may not wish to stay at the conference hotel, arrangements have been made to lodge a certain number of guests in private homes at a reasonable cost.

Tourist Camps

Burlington has two tourist camps with accommodations available for a large number of people. The local committee has made arrangements to take these two camps over for the week of the conference, and cabins may be had at prices to be announced later.

Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.

A few rooms will be available in our Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. buildings which are located four blocks from the Memorial Auditorium.

Conference Hotel

(Two Blocks from Auditorium)
The Hotel Burlington, a thoroughly modern and up-to-date hotel in every respect, has been selected as the conference hotel and headquarters. The following special rates have been made:

	Single	Double
Hot and cold running water, court	.....\$1.50	\$2.00
Hot and cold running water, outside	.....	1.75 2.25
Room with private toilet	.....	2.00 2.50
Room with private bath	.....	2.25 3.00
		to 3.50 4.50
Room with private bath, twin beds	.....	5.00 6.00

A number of large rooms with bath to accommodate four to six persons at \$1.50 per person.

There are also available a number of air-conditioned rooms at an extra rate of 50c per person per day.

Union Hotel

(Four Blocks from Auditorium)
This hotel is under the same management as the Burlington Hotel, and a very desirable place to stay.

	Single	Double
Without bath	.....\$1.25	\$1.75
With bath	.....	1.75 2.50
With bath, three or more to a room	.....	1.00 per person

Meals

Burlington has the usual assortment of restaurants, where meals can be had at a price to fit any pocketbook.



Hotel Burlington, Burlington, Iowa, the Official Headquarters of the General Conference

the biggest and best of all our conferences.

Secondly, our city is known as the city of 30,000 friendly people, and, when 1500 friendly German Baptists come here, everyone is bound to have a good time without the distractions usually found in the metropolitan areas.

Thirdly, the facilities and work of our local church ought to be of interest to our guests, for our church of more than 710 members with a Sunday School enrollment of 665 and a church plant that offers a class-room for practically every class, means that

in Burlington we have one of our largest and most active church units at work.

Last of all, these are days of problems for our churches and denomination, and here at Burlington these difficulties will be faced and definite suggestions made for carrying on our great work, which will become greater as the world changes and new fields are opened for our particular efforts.

Surely, we will be looking for you, everyone of you, next August! We will miss you if you are not present, but you will be missing something worth-while, too!

Denominational Danger Signals

A Thought-provoking Article for Consideration at the General Conference by the REV. T. W. BENDER of Cleveland, Ohio

"The Herald's" OPEN FORUM

From time to time before the General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, from August 19 to 25, "The Baptist Herald" will publish contributions and brief articles from its readers about our denominational policies and program. Any constructive suggestions for improvement and change will be especially welcome. Personal criticisms will not be acceptable. All contributions should be limited to 500 words, although an occasional longer article will be considered.

I was rebel. I was an outlaw. The sentence of death hung over my head. I lived as I pleased, and my greatest accomplishment in religious experience consisted in fearing God. Today I am an obedient son. I am an heir. Eternal life is in my possession. I live unto God, and my greatest achievement of all experience consists in loving him with all my heart, mind, strength, and soul.

Even as every man, I had an unavoidable relation to God. Once it was one of enmity and condemnation; now it is one of submission and approval. Christ's ministry of reconciliation on the cross effected the transformation of my life, so that the former sinner today is called a son of God and co-heir with Christ. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them."

Moreover, it was God who took the initiative in this reclamation program, since Christ died for the ungodly, "while we were yet sinners." Therefore, it is right that I should ever say with Paul: "God forbid, that I should glory save in the cross of Christ." But the most important aspect of the new life through the new relationship has not yet been mentioned. This new relationship to God became possible only after I had personally become identified with the crucified Gift of God's love.

Crucified With Christ

It seems to me that too many people are ready to accept the new relationship of sonship, made possible through the cross of Christ, without ever having realized their actual relationship as enemies of God, and as such as under just condemnation. No wonder that the joy of salvation is lacking! No wonder, then, that the life to self remains intact! No wonder, indeed, that a strange fear of God, rather than an intimate fellowship of love, makes up the foundation of their religious activities! When Paul says: "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me; and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me," he is speaking of a very personal identification with Christ as under the curse, as well as with Christ as the source of the new life.

This personal identification with Christ must be the nucleus of every spiritual life. When this identification

with Christ becomes generalized, there actually is no new relationship to God on the part of the individual. And so, when a man becomes identified with Christ simply through membership in a group, let us say a church, he will never give evidence of spiritual power, or of a consuming devotion to the Kingdom of God. Here, then, we have the distinction between New Testament Christianity and our contemporary "churchianity" and denominationalism.

The Mechanization of Life

There are two aspects of our current life that are particularly insidious and devastating in rendering the self impotent to enjoy an individualistic awareness of the experiences in physical, as well as spiritual, existence: the mechanization of life, and the standardization of ideas and ideals.

Let us consider the mechanization of life for a moment. Our government is becoming so highly mechanized, that we are almost unaware that democratic government rests upon the consent of the governed. The consciousness of personal participation in this democratic sovereignty is almost extinct. This represents an inversion of the earlier status of the group and the individual. The individual as an end is a lost concept. The individual represents the means for the state, business, and also the church and denomination.

When we relate this problem to our church and denominational life, we are compelled to observe a similar inversion. The member is sought for the benefit of the church. The view that salvation is to be preached for the regeneration of the individual has become less important than that as many

members as possible might be won for the church, in order to support the church. It is this concept of members as means rather than as ends which is responsible for the criticism which a deacon once brought to me, that I should not spend so much time trying to win those people that didn't have anything anyway!

In the denominational family we have the same tendency. Churches rate on the basis of what they constitute as means to the objectives of the denomination. Thus, it happens that we speak of "influential" churches. Thus, it also happens that we sometimes hear a petition of a conference or an association rejected, because this conference or association represents a liability to the "means" of the denomination. In other words, this conference is getting more missionary money from the general treasury than it, in turn, contributes to the denominational funds. But when missionary conferences or churches become considered as "means," where and what is the "end" of the denomination?

Denominational Needs

The mechanization of church life is also everywhere apparent in the activities of different national and local denominational boards telling the individual church *what* to do, and *why*, and *when*, and *how*. In our own denominational financial program, we determine how much money should be contributed during a triennium. In the mechanized program involved, we urge our people to reach a certain percentage of an impersonal budget. Then we express amazement when the fountain-head of spiritual productivity runs dry. We become alarmed when we see how impersonal our people can be in response to an impersonal mechanism.

It seems to me, that we shall have a great revival of spiritual productivity, when our churches shall become less conscious of being the means for a denominational program, which at best, very few of them understand intelligently. Rather, let us challenge them to be the ends for which they were ordained in Christ, and let us direct them in placing their life at the disposal of the Savior in utter devotion, something which they can understand much more easily.

In like manner, the members of the local church should be honored and encouraged as ends in Christ rather

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Blaze Star

By Paul Hutchens

SYNOPSIS

Dale Mars resigned his profitable position as radio announcer, because he had become a Christian and refused to read the ads for beer parlors and dance halls. He joined the Warings at their lake front cottage, but his interest was far keener in the nearby Crystal Bible Conference than in the daughter of the Warings, Adalene, a worldly friend of his in the radio office. The reasons for this new interest were his newly found faith in Christ and his love for Nova Louverne, who was leading the large children's meeting at the conference. But Adalene would not let Dale go so easily! She schemed to become a Christian and then to accompany Dale to all the conference meetings. All was fair in love and war! But that evening the Christian songs and especially the testimony of a young man, Lyle Petersen, deeply touched her heart. Afterwards, Dale and Adalene went strolling along the shore of the lake, with Dale determined to tell her that their friendship could never develop into a serious courtship and with Adalene eager to talk about the religious experience she had had that evening. "I've never been stirred like this before," she said.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

They walked on, her arm through his. Here on the other side of the promontory, the lake was more quiet. They could hear their footsteps on the gravelled walk. And to Dale Mars it seemed he could hear his own heart beat, while a voice within him cried, "Cruel! Cruel! How can you torture this innocent victim!"

"If I should become a Christian, Dale, a real Christian, I mean, one like you, I think I would be happy."

"Lamb to the slaughter!" his conscience cried. When he thought of what he was about to do, his own happiness in Christ and in his love for Nova was dimmed. It would have been so much easier if Adalene had taken a rebellious attitude toward it all, or if she had made fun of the whole thing.

"It surely opens one's eyes to know there are so many young people who have found reality in Christ," she said. Adalene seemed in such complete sympathy that he believed he could have enjoyed a spiritual conversation with her.

They were walking in familiar territory now, familiar to him at any rate. This morning his boat had followed all along the shore line here. A little farther on was the West's cottage and the dock where—

"Sometime," Adalene said, "I'd like a lovely little cottage of my own in this quiet little cove where I could hide away each summer and rest and play and—"

He wanted to hurry on past, for he had seen a light go out in an upstairs window of the West's cottage, and it reminded him of the gravity of his task tonight.

Adalene stopped suddenly, her hand on the iron railing that led down to the dock. "I think I am getting tired, Dale. Let's rest awhile. I know a lovely little nook right by the water's edge. I used to come here often last year."

"But," he protested, his eye on the darkened window, "this—isn't this a private dock?"

"Mother owns all these cabins along here. She rents them to the conference people, I believe. At least she did last year."

She was tugging at his arm. "Come," she coaxed.

He had to let her have her own way, for he could not tell her why he did not wish to stop here. It was late, he decided, and no one would be coming down to the dock tonight. After all, it did not matter where he did the thing. Here was as good a place as any, and a place where there was the least likelihood of their being interrupted.

At the foot of the stairs they found a little rustic bench in the shadow of the shore, a favorable place indeed, for somehow he felt he needed the dark for the deed he was about to perform.

For some time they sat quietly without a word being spoken. He could hear her soft breathing, and man that he was, he realized that he was alone with an attractive young woman who was very deeply in love with him. He knew that one word of encouragement on his part and she would be in his arms, but aside from his love for her as a brother might love a sister—and his pity for her—his heart was cold.

He opened his lips to speak, but his mind was following the trail of his morning's experiences: the quiet troll along the shore, his steel rod quivering beside him, the soft splashing of his oar-blades, the trail of ruffled waters

following in the wake of his boat, the contentment that had been his. And then his surprise meeting with Nova.

"Better fish in the lake than have ever been caught!"

That was a challenge. No doubt it was an unpremeditated bubbling over of her own heart's desire. That gold bathing cap had changed her violet eyes to deep purple. Purple, the color of royalty. And gold . . .

"You are so very quiet tonight, Dale," Adalene interrupted his thoughts. Her voice, courteous as it was, gentle as it was, sounded harsh to him. He knew that he did not love her, never had and never could, not because she was unlovable but because he loved and always would love another.

"Dale?" Her voice was pleading. "Yes?" His own was unintentionally gruff.

"I wonder what they will say at the studio with both of us leaving at the same time."

He brought his thoughts up with a jerk. "Both of us!"

"I have decided to resign. If a Christian announcer cannot announce beer parlors and dances and theatres and things like that, then a Christian secretary should not type those announcements for him to read."

"You mean?"

"I mean that after tonight, I don't think I can ever be the same."

In the silence that followed he did some serious thinking. He knew what the studio gossip would be, the same as it always had been, with additions—that he and Adalene were ready for the long toboggan ride down matrimony hill. Just now he did not seem to care what they might say. He was glad for Adalene that she too was about to be saved, if indeed she were not already so. He remembered the little gasp when Lyle had begun to speak. Lyle's testimonies had always been powerful even in college. It had been more so tonight. And Adalene had cried during his own testimony. God had spoken to her heart.

But all this was beside the point. Adalene was fortified now. He set his will to the task. "Adalene," he began. That tone was too sympathetic; he must be more impersonal.

"Yes, Dale."

He could feel her quick intake of breath and he knew what she must be thinking, but he could not stop now. He must wrap his brutal words about

her heart and with one quick crush, end it all.

Her breath was coming rapidly.

He would be quick, blunt, merciless. "Adalene—" That was the first word.

And it was the last. From above them on the gravelled path came quick running steps followed by shaking of the iron railing on the wooden stairway leading down to the dock. There was a rustling of clothing and a flash of white in the darkness.

"Nova!" his heart cried. He saw her move hurriedly out to the farther end of the dock, white robe wrapped tightly about her, her raven locks hanging in a loose tangle about her shoulders. Her arms moved out and up and tucked those curls into a gold colored bathing cap plainly visible in the moonlight. She stood for a moment looking up and saying words indistinguishable to those who watched. In another moment the white robe was laid aside and she had plunged in.

Adalene gasped and clung to Dale's arm, trembling. "You don't suppose—?"

"No," he said. "See? She's swimming. She's probably taking a plunge just before retiring. Quick! Let's get out of here!" They climbed the stairs to the gravelled path and hurried away. Dale knew that he had failed, that he could not tell Adalene tonight. Tomorrow, perhaps.

The lone bather heard the squeaking of the iron railing and looking up, saw two shadows emerge into the moonlight at the top of the stairs, but it was not until morning, when she came down for her before breakfast plunge and found his fountain pen near the rustic bench that she knew who had been there.

The pen in her hand, Nova stood looking out over the lake. She had awakened this morning with a troubled mind, remembering as she had remembered during the many waking intervals of the night the little drama at the camp fire service: Dale, standing tall and straight in the firelight, his fine face like a glowing blaze star, his heavy brows giving him an especially dignified bearing, his voice resonant with enthusiasm and sincerity; an attractive girl sitting beside him, her eyes alight with admiration and something else.

That must be Adalene Waring, Nova had thought. She had seen her fumbling for her handkerchief, seen her wiping furtive tears. After the service, she saw them walk away to his car, apparently very much absorbed in each other.

Nova had not enjoyed her swim last night, but she had taken it because she had hoped it would enable her to shake off the feeling of despondency that had laid hold upon her. "This will never do," she had told herself firmly. "Your life is dedicated irretrievably—"

and gladly so—to the will of God. You have rejected Kenneth Remsen because you believe he is not God's choice for you. You have made him suffer, and now you are about to make another suffer. One could not mistake that look in Adalene Waring's eyes."

She removed the cap from the pen and admired its fine gold point. Her mind went back over the whole evening and she thought it through carefully, suffered through it once more. She had run across the moonlit lawn to the lake, as if she were trying to run away from it all, as if she would leave in the lake all the heartache and disappointment—this feeling for a man she had known such a little while. Ah, but it was love, and love was never reasonable. It might be gentle, and self denying, but was it ever reasonable?

What a moon! What a moon! On a night like last night the heart of woman was lonely for her lover, only there was no lover; he belonged to another. She had stood looking up at the blue sea of stars and had said, "Oh my Father, I am not forgetting my vow to be for Thee a true Nova. Oh, let Thy light flare up within me in this crisis, for I need Thee so!"

The waves, tumbling over each other in silver flashes, laughing and sighing both at once—what secrets they might tell, if only they could speak! Yonder, only a few rods out from where she now stood, she had seen him: brown arms with playing muscles, brown eyes both laughing and serious . . .

"It seems so dark again, Father, and I cannot find my way." She had said that last night while she stood looking up at the stars; then she had plunged in and felt the swift cool rush of water all about her, and for a moment she had forgotten her unreasonable heartache. Her prayer had been answered so quickly. The strength that is made perfect in weakness was hers. The whole glad future was before her; this was only the valley and she would soon find it. Better to be in the shadows with Him, than like the unbelieving world without Him.

From the distance there had come to her ears the hoarse, harsh roarings of the Amusement Park, its blaring music. She knew its cheap pleasure, its glittering lights, its sin and unbelief. The light that was in them was not light, but darkness. How great was that darkness!

She heard again the squeaking of the iron railing. She looked up in time to see the forms of a man and a woman moving along the moonlit trail.

The lettering on the pen said, "Dale Mars." Adalene Waring had ordered the jeweler to engrave it there. Adalene Waring loved Dale Mars.

It was now ten o'clock in the morning. She was on the platform again in Livingston Hall, smiling, talking bravely and cheerfully to her roomful of eager youngsters. It was the final Saturday of the conference, and it was her birthday. The week had passed too quickly. Twice only had she seen Dale Mars, and each time when she would have returned his pen, she was afraid to do so, because she did not wish him to know where she had found it. She would not care to have him know she knew about that night when he and Adalene were alone near her dock.

During the conference Nova had come to love her roomful of children. Certain little faces she would never forget, and all of them would remember her.

As it had been that first morning, so now, the door opened and someone entered the hall. She determined not to look, losing the thread of what she was saying for only a moment; then she went on.

"And now, girls and boys, who can remember from our talk on the Clean Heart, one of the things that will not take away sin?"

Hands shot up all over the room.

"All right!" She nodded toward a large-toothed little fellow in the front row who came to his feet with a jerk and who was very little taller standing than sitting. His voice was high and vociferous: "Edjucashun! Ya got to be born again!"

The eyes of Nova Louverne would not obey. They strayed to the man in white who stood just inside the door. Her heart skipped crazily, things in the room circled dizzily, for she was looking straight into the eyes of Dr. Kenneth Remsen! Auburn hair perfectly combed, face clean shaven, mustache neatly trimmed, deep dimples playing in a courteous smile.

After that she scarcely knew what she did or said. She prayed desperately for self-control that her message might not be an empty thing. And in the wordless petition there were requests for Dr. Remsen that he might see the light and requests that her own light might not go out; she who was so tempted to be mute on spiritual things when in his presence.

For her object lesson today she used a large red heart-shaped box, with a closed and locked door, marked "UNSAVED." In her hand were a number of keys, tagged variously, "Church Membership," "Baptism," "The Golden Rule," "Reformation," "Success."

"Oh, Father God, light a flame of fire in his heart!"

She permitted volunteers from the audience to try the keys, one at a time, but none of them would unlock the door of the heart. Then came the final key, tagged, "FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST."

Immediately the door opened. The children leaned forward, little mouths agape, little hearts understanding. "And let us see what is inside this unsaved heart." Out came little printed cards, labelled, 'Hatred,' 'Lying,' 'Stealing,' 'Swearing,' 'Self Righteousness,' 'Disobedience to Parents,' and last of all, 'Unbelief.'

The meeting continued to its close. The children sang lustily a group of select children's choruses.

Why had Ken come? Was Mother all right? Had he come to take her home, perhaps? She wondered why Dale had not come today. She was still wondering why when the children were gone and she found herself alone with Ken in his car.

"I came," he said, fixing his blue eyes upon her rather helpless ones.

"I see. How's Mother?"

"Splendid. All she needed was a good doctor. Old Rogers lets me do most of his calling now. Your mother is much better, so much better in fact that I've brought her along with me. She's down at the cabin now, talking to Mrs. West."

"Down where—whose—?" So that was why Mrs. West had secured a substitute this morning. She had stayed at home to welcome mother. They had planned a surprise for her.

"Just a little surprise for your birthday. Your Mrs. West phoned yesterday to ask if your mother was well enough for the trip. Dr. Rogers gave his consent, and here we are. Glad to see me, Beautiful?"

Was she? She did not know. She did not hate him, and she did not love him.

"Nice little line you were giving the children," he said lightly. "Aren't you afraid you'll tangle them all up in a lot of antiquated ideas?"

He had used to say things like that and she had overlooked them while at the same time being hurt because of them.

Now she resented them fiercely. "If only I could entangle them in the Gospel net," she said. "That was a fishing scene you witnessed back there." Color leaped into her cheeks and spirit into her voice. "I'll expect some wonderful Christians out of that group some day."

"I shouldn't think you'd want to prejudice a child's mind like that in favor of religion. Wouldn't it be better to wait until he is old enough to think for himself and to choose whether or not he wishes to be a Christian?"

She could feel the flames kindling within her. She was finding triumph at last. Her love for Kenneth Remsen was indeed dead. And while the car swung around the long curves of the lake shore drive and Ken sat behind the steering wheel, a satisfied smile on his face, as if he had uttered some highly philosophical thing, she thought of how blind she once had been, and of

the awful consequences had they ever married. This, then, was how he felt about sowing the gospel in the hearts of the little children.

She answered with a show of spirit. "You forget that the seed of evil is already in the mind of every child through an inherited sinful nature and that he is born prejudiced in favor of sin. We teach children table manners and habits of cleanliness long before they are able to choose for themselves. We send them to school and select for them what they shall learn—"

"I beg your pardon," he said. "I did not mean to provoke an argument. Let's not spoil your birthday. I've brought a lovely present for you. I'll show it to you later."

She realized the significance of what he was saying, knowing what that birthday present might be, but it was as if a stranger had said it.

"And here we are," he announced as they swung into the driveway leading to the West's cottage, and drew up, Nova noticed with a gasp, directly behind Dale's car.

Only a week of separation and yet how long it seemed since she had seen her precious little mother. Nova found her resting comfortably in a wheel chair on the spacious front porch. They were all there: Mr. and Mrs. West, Miss Barry, the new nurse, and Dale Mars.

"Happy birthday!" they cried in chorus, whereupon there was a cheerful hubbub of congratulations and small talk.

Nova kissed her mother on the forehead and squeezed gently the gnarled old fingers, then stood back and looked at her both fondly and critically.

"Why, Mother! You look one hundred percent better!"

"Excellent nursing," Dr. Remsen said. "Miss Barry is a wonder."

Miss Barry, petite, small-mouthed with a baby-doll face and eyes, peeped cheerfully, "It's her new doctor." Her large, heavily fringed eyes flashed a covert message toward Dr. Remsen. Nova noticed and was glad that she did not care. She noticed also that he ignored her remark and her eyes. He was watching Dale Mars who stood apart from them all, hat in hand, as if he were only waiting a chance to slip away.

Nova wondered afterward just what made her do it—whether she wanted to make Ken jealous or to let Dale know she knew about him and Adalene. Perhaps it was an arrow flung from the bow of jealousy. At any rate, when she saw Dale with his hand on the screen door and knew that he was about to excuse himself and leave, she said gaily, and loud enough for them all to hear, "Wait a minute, Dale. Here's your pen!" She fumbled in her purse and handed the pen to him, saying, "It certainly is a lovely pen!"

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DENOMINATIONAL DANGER SIGNALS

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than as means for the church. I believe that would make for a greater degree of personal self-identification with the Crucified, for the resulting indwelling of Christ in our believing hearts must be preserved as the most essential aspect of all our church and denominational life.

Standardization of Ideas

Another contemporary danger threatening the personalized relationship to the experiences of life is the standardization of our ideas and ideals. We all are acquainted with the standardization of articles of trade to the extent that what once were luxuries are today regarded as necessities. Totalitarianism is another example. Where the individuals exist as means for the state, it is of no importance what the individuals think, except that their thinking be in support of the state as the supreme end.

However, there are less obvious, and therefore more dangerous versions of the extinction of individual thought and responsibility. In our own nation, the idea that the state has a responsibility toward its citizens has become standardized to mean that the state owes us a living and an old age security, regardless of our personal habits or conduct. In the same fashion, the inspiring and challenging doctrine of the Fatherhood of God has become standardized to a conception of God as a great, kind Daddy, who may sometimes frown on our own little selfish and ungodly ways, but who is bound to "fix it all up" in the end. Jesus has been called "the democratization of God's love," which is truly a classic presentation of the Savior. But the love of God in Christ has become so common, that some people are startled and annoyed, whenever someone discovers its significance anew, and expresses it in personal passion for the Savior!

A Personal, Productive Faith

Unless the great standardized truths of the Christian faith become recapitulated in the experience of the individual believer, the acceptance of these truths produces a sterile faith. It is such sterility of faith that is largely responsible for empty missionary treasuries and worldly churches. Where standardized truth is not founded on experience, there is no power!

Let us cherish our personal relation to the Crucified. Let us fellowship with him in the sanctity of our inner selves. Let us preserve our identification with Christ as the essential foundation to the mechanics of our church life and organization. May the grace of God magnify the preciousness of Christ in our hearts, so that we shall not be seduced into the sterile faith of a standardized Christianity!

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Central Conference A Letter of Appreciation From the Rev. F. L. Hahn of Chicago, Illinois

During my long illness I received a great number of letters in which the writers stated that they had been informed of my sickness through "The Baptist Herald." I wish I could answer each letter individually, but that would take too long, and so I shall convey my thanks in this way, and hope it will not be considered too impersonal.

God has been good to me, even in my distress. I was conscious of his nearness, which comforted me much. Many of his children, including the members of the Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, permitted him to use them to bring new assurance and comfort. I feel that I owe this new lease on life to God in a special sense, and I am eager to serve him. To the many Christians, who interceded for me, I feel myself bound by the holy art of prayer.

Breaking All Records in the State Park Sunday School of Peoria, Illinois

The Sunday School of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., now has an enrollment of 219 members, which is the highest that it has been for several years. Our average school attendance per Sunday for the first quarter of 1940 was 157, an increase of 36 over the average for the first quarter of 1939. Our average school offering per Sunday for the first quarter of 1940 exceeded the average for the same period of 1939 by ninety cents.

In January we presented record attendance pins for 1939 to 21 scholars. One pin was presented to Henry Cornelius, who has missed Sunday School on only three Sundays in the last ten years.

We have a Baraca Class, 4 Philathea classes, one Junior Philathea Class and two World Wide Guild classes. Our Sunday School officers for 1940 are Vigil Grant, superintendent; Bob Smith, assistant superintendent; Mildred Shay, secretary; Helen Laubach, assistant secretary; Marie Laubach, treasurer; Dorothy Abele, chorister; Melba Runtz, pianist; Mayme Laubach, mission secretary; and August Ponican, chief usher.

With more than one fourth of 1940 gone, we have made a fine start toward a new high for perfect attendance records.

VIGIL V. GRANT, Reporter.

Baptismal Service and Other Programs at the Benton Harbor Church

Palm Sunday, March 17, was a happy day for the congregation of the Clay Street Church in Benton Harbor, Mich. Our pastor, the Rev. E. Gutsche, baptized 19 converts, who were won for Christ during the evangelistic meetings in January, conducted by the pastor and the Rev. W. Hoover of Detroit.

Many friends of the church had come to witness the baptism, making it necessary to use the adjoining Sunday School room to accommodate the overflow crowd. Afterwards, the Lord's Supper was celebrated and the hand of fellowship was extended to the 19 candidates and to six other members from English Baptist churches who joined by letter. These new additions bring our membership to 465.

On Easter Sunday evening, March 24, the mixed choir rendered a cantata, "Now is Christ Risen" by A. Adams. The annual Easter offering was taken on Sunday morning for our general mission fund.

On Friday evening, March 29, the Glee Club of our Rochester Seminary rendered a sacred concert. The ladies of the King's Daughters Class prepared a dinner for them before the service.

The young people's society meets every Sunday evening for a program and general Biblical discussion, and on every Tuesday evening this group meets for Bible study and rehearsal of the newly organized Junior Choir, conducted by our pastor.

Evangelistic Meetings and Baptismal Service at the Indianapolis Church

The Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., held Lenten services for two weeks before Easter Sunday. Mr. Kimsey of the Memorial Baptist Church had the honor of preaching to a different group every evening during the first week, due to unfavorable weather conditions.

The platform of the church was decorated with a large lighted cross. Shirley Maurice stood by the cross each evening and sang a hymn appropriate for the occasion.

During the second week the group system was used. The entire Sunday School was divided into groups by our pastor, the Rev. A. Bredy. A leader for each group was appointed, inviting the members of the groups to the meetings which were held from 7:30-7:45 o'clock at the directed places. The leaders were instructed to pray with

their groups and to discuss the church covenant. Mr. Kimsey again brought the messages to us during the second week.

On Easter Sunday evening, March 24, we had a very impressive baptismal service. The young people's choir, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Mock, rendered a number. The platform was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and Easter lilies. Mr. Bredy delivered a wonderful message on "Why Should We Be Baptized" and then baptized the four converts who had surrendered their hearts to God during the meetings.

RUTH MOCK, Reporter.

Festive Easter Season at Chicago's Grace Baptist Church

The work of God's Kingdom in the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., seemed to focus this year quite naturally on the Easter season. Our three weeks of special services opened auspiciously with Mrs. Emma Kampfer and a group of helpers from Aiken Institute presenting a beautiful drama, "The Symbol of the Cross." Mr. and Mrs. Jay O. Browne and Mr. Walter W. Grosser assisted ably on succeeding evenings.

In the second week Mr. Lloyd George Gibbs, a student at Northern Baptist Seminary, was the efficient messenger of the gospel. His work with us was so much appreciated that he was asked to serve for another week, which ended with a beautiful "Building the Cross" service on Good Friday evening, at which time our splendid choir sang Dubois "Seven Last Words." The offering for our organ fund from the "Penny-a-Meal" boxes, which were returned at this service, amounted to about \$115.

Our Easter services were well attended and inspiring. In the evening a number of our young ladies brought us a soul-stirring message in a religious drama entitled, "The Other Mary." The climax came on Sunday, April 7, when the pastor of the church, Dr. John E. Knechtel, was privileged to baptize ten adult persons, some of whom have long proven their devotion to Christ and their usefulness in the Kingdom, and to extend the hand of fellowship in the church to them and to two other consecrated Christians who united with us on confession of their faith. This service was also greatly beautified by the musical selections rendered by our choir, under the able direction of Mr. Louis M. Gregsamer.

JOHN E. KNECHTEL, Pastor.

Recent Services in the Ogden Park Church of Chicago

On Sunday evening, March 10, members and friends of the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Ill., had the pleasure of having Mr. Herman Siemund of the Grace Baptist Church show his colored moving pictures of Germany and Switzerland. One can almost feel the difference of the atmosphere.

During the following two weeks until Easter we had revival meetings under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Stanley Geis. They were inspiring, and we are happy to report a number of definite decisions for the Lord.

For three evenings a week Mr. Geis had children's services. A contest was held between the boys and girls and the boys won, although the girls showed just as much enthusiasm. When the time came for a decision for Christ, a number of children came forward for prayer.

OLGA M. JUSTIN, Reporter.



Young People of the B. Y. P. U. in Buffalo Center, Iowa

Northwestern Conference

Easter Sunrise Service Conducted by the Buffalo Center B. Y. P. U.

On Easter Sunday, March 24, it was the privilege of the Baptist Young People's Society of Buffalo Center, Iowa, to entertain our neighboring churches at the Easter sunrise service. A very fine program was arranged with the Rev. Harold Street as our guest speaker.

We are also preparing a play for our 19th anniversary program, entitled "The Soldier of the Cross," which will be given at the latter part of April.

The officers of our society for this year are as follows: president, Ruth Bronleewe; vice-president, Leroy Fisk; secretary, Sarah Van Hoorn; treasurer, Lydia Lubben.

Our services consist of business and devotional meetings and Bible studies. We have a membership of 41, and hope to add more new members in the near future. May the Lord richly bless us as we continue in his service!

SARAH VAN HOORN, Secretary.

Seminary Graduation in Rochester, New York

Our seminary year ends on May 19. It is to be our pleasure to have as our guest speaker, Dr. Wm. Kuhn. The board of trustees and the school committee will be present at this service. Generally, a number of friends manifest their interest by a visit at this occasion.

A cordial invitation is extended to all. Anyone desiring entertainment will please send an early request to

O. E. Krueger, 13 Tracy Street, Rochester, N. Y.

A Brief Report of Activities of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wisconsin

The first quarter of the year has found the Immanuel Church in Wausau, Wis., busy. The results have been

Southern Conference

The Golden Jubilee of the Central Baptist Church at Waco, Texas

Celebrating its Golden Jubilee on March 24 and 25, members, former members and friends of the Central Baptist Church at Waco, Texas, experienced a profound revelation of God's hand upon the lives of his children. The church was organized as the First German Baptist Church of Waco on March 4, 1890, with nine charter members. Today it has ninety members. Its first meeting house was a small wooden structure with two windows on each side. Today the church meets in a modest stucco building, having a Sunday School annex.

If mission money flowed into the church during its early struggles, there were other streams flowing from it. By the grace of God a most remarkable line of men and women have gone out from the church to serve as ministers and ministers' wives, church workers, home missionary, superintendent of an Old People's Home, and president of a great seminary. The moderator of our General Conference, Professor O. E. Krueger, began his ministry in this church. Humbly and reverently, we thank God for the officers and teachers, now mostly gone to their reward, who moulded these lives for the Master's work. Their example must be emulated with God's help, or we shall fail.

A few highlights of the first day's celebration follow. Presentation was made of a beautiful basket of flowers by the church to its only living charter member, Mrs. J. Scherwitz. The Jubilee sermon, "Days Pass, but Never Die," by Dr. Chas. W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., was memorable. It was a sermon thrillingly packed with stories from the lives of our pioneer church members to illustrate how God spoke through personalities and through incidents. Then the pageant, "What the Church Lives By," an original presentation of the spirit of the church's past and the spirit of the church's future was given. This was written by Miss Margaret Kittlitz, a very talented member of the church. Historical sketches of the Sunday School and Training Union were given by Miss Marie Heusi and Walter S. Schaible, respectively. The program closed with the Easter sermon, "Jesus' Epitaph," by the supply pastor, the Rev. R. Floyd. "He is not here! He is Risen!" There could be no more joyous an Easter message than that. Like the rostrum set off with lovely flowers of Spring, so was the program ornamented with music. Nolte's "Easter Dawn" and Adams' "Rejoice in the Lord" by the church choir and Vail's "The Lord is Risen

REV. FRED SCHILLING, Reporter.

Today" by the Girl's Sextette composed the vocal renditions. A trumpet solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," was given by Fred Doye.

On the following Monday the Women's Missionary Union presented a brief program honoring two of its oldest members, Mrs. J. Scherwitz and Mrs. L. Sievers. A review of its work was given by Mrs. D. Schaible. What a benediction the mothers in this church have been was shown repeatedly in these two days. A reading and a vocal number were presented by the Stobbe sisters. The church's history was summarized in colorful fashion by J. N. Kittlitz, since much of the information was already contained in the souvenir booklet printed for the occasion. The celebration closed with the reading of letters from former members and personal greetings from past pastors and the guest speaker, the Revs. L. Hoeffner, A. Becker and C. W. Koller.

—W. S. SCHAIBLE, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

The Rochester B. Y. P. U. Presents a Play for the Church's Building Fund

The B. Y. P. U. of the Andrews St. Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., is nearing the end of a highly successful year under the capable leadership of its president, Michael Kary. Among its most active members are many students of the German Baptist Seminary. Their services and fine cooperation are deeply appreciated, and it is hoped that their experience in Rochester will prove of value in their future ministry. The young people are further encouraged by the regular attendance at their weekly meetings of the minister of the church, the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, and his wife, and Prof. O. E. Krueger of the seminary.

On Friday evening, March 15, under the directorship of Elmer Buening, the young people presented a three act drama, "An Old-fashioned Mother," a play which presents many fine lessons in an entertaining manner. The cast consisted of Helen Thayer, Elfrieda Guddat, Esther Kaiser, Evelyn Sierk, Sally Schade, Irmtraut Onuseit, Edith Sierk, Lorenz Michelsen, Jack Wilcke, John Weinbender, Arnold Kannwischer, Melvin Pekrul, Carl Weisser, Jothan Benke and Alex Elssesser. The proceeds were used as part of the young people's contribution to the building fund of the church.

EVELYN THEIS, Reporter.

Happy Days of the Seminary Glee Club on Its Easter Tour

Since last October the Seminary Glee Club of Rochester, N. Y., looked forward to the Easter holidays when it planned to make a concert tour of the central states, traveling as far west as Burlington, Iowa. The twenty-



The Seminary Glee Club Arriving in Erie, Pa., in Their Chartered Bus from Rochester, N. Y., Ending the First Leg of Their 2500 Mile Swing Through the Middle West

one members worked diligently, setting up an itinerary and rehearsing sacred numbers.

On March 20, in spite of the heavy snowfall, icy roads, and snow flurries, our chartered bus arrived. Before leaving, all the students and members of the faculty gathered on one side of the bus and were brought before the throne of grace by Dean Bretschneider. With prayerful hearts and faith we set out on this extensive tour.

The spirit of Christ radiating from the eleven churches visited was immediately felt, giving us more courage and joy to bring the message in song.

Undoubtedly, we accomplished our three-fold purpose: first, to glorify the name of Christ and to bring his message to the hearts of men, women and children; secondly, to acquaint ourselves more with our denomination; and lastly, to show our people their investment in the seminary for eternity. The people were well represented in every church, for we sang to 4000 persons on this 2500 mile tour.

Unexpected events also took place. The N. B. C. Radio station of Erie, Pa., granted us a fifteen minute program before the concert in that city. Radio station W. M. B. I. of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., allotted us fifteen minutes for a radio program. Our one-day stay in Lansing, Mich., gave us the opportunity of seeing the state capitol and the honorable Governor Dickinson and to sing for him in his private office.

We wish to express our sincerest appreciation to the churches, the people, and pastors for their welcome.

RICHARD GRENZ, Reporter.

**Southwestern Conference
Scottsbluff and La Salle
Church Meet For Their Annual
Association From May 9 to 12**

From May 9 to 12 the Western Nebraska and Colorado Association will hold its annual conference in the German Baptist Church of Scottsbluff, Neb. The church through its clerk, Mr. H. R. Schmunk, extends a hearty invitation to all members and friends of the La Salle Church and of other neighboring churches to be present for the inspirational days.

The speakers for the evening services will be the Rev. C. H. Seecamp of La Salle, Colo., and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., general young people's secretary and editor of "The Baptist Herald." On Saturday evening, May 11, the picture lecture, "Consider Africa," about our Cameroon mission field will be given. On Sunday afternoon at the young people's rally, to be conducted in English, the speakers will be the Rev. McHenry of the Scottsbluff English Baptist Church and Mr. Leuschner. Mr. Seecamp will bring the closing message of the association on Sunday evening May 12.

Meetings will be held throughout the day with discussions on important subjects pertaining to the church, mission fields, young people's work and association. "The Body as the Temple of God," will be the center of most of the discussions. Days of blessing await those who can attend these sessions!

The Rev. John Weinbender, pastor of the church, will serve as moderator of the association.

Pacific Conference Thirty-three Converts Baptized by the Rev. A. Felberg of Lodi, California

We, of the Baptist Church in Lodi, Calif., are happy again to appear in "The Baptist Herald" and especially since we are able to present a most encouraging report.

From January 22 to February 7 the Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor of the Baptist Church in Franklin, Calif., was our evangelist. His messages were spiritually uplifting and held the attention of the congregation at all times. Despite the rains and stormy weather that continued for some time, the meetings were successful with a large attendance in the church every

Dakota Conference Community Easter Sunrise Service at Wishek, North Dakota

Under the direction of the Rev. A. Ittermann, pastor of the Baptist Church of Wishek, No. Dak., assisted by Mr. Wilske, pastor of the local Congregational Church, with Miss Viola Stading at the piano, the Wishek Community Choir of sixty-five voices representing every denomination in the city, conducted an Easter Sunrise Service in the High School auditorium.

Following the worship service the Rev. Mr. Schultz, pastor of the Lutheran Church, gave a short Easter message in the German language and the Rev. Mr. De Forest gave a brief

Easter message in English. There was also a reading, "Climbing Life's High Hill," given by Mrs. Arthur Krein, and the choir responded with the song, "There is a Green Hill Far Away." Besides this, the choir presented three special Easter numbers, "The Coming of the King," "All Hail, Victorious King," and "Hail the Day." Mr. Ittermann sang a solo, "An Easter Story," and Donald Duryel sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The auditorium was filled to capacity. It proves to us here at Wishek that with cooperation and a little tolerance toward our fellow-citizens, we can become a blessing, especially for those who otherwise would never attend any church and who have no spiritual home.

MRS. EMIL HERR, Reporter.

A Springtime Harvest in Washburn, North Dakota

During the days when the farmers expected to sow their wheat, a glorious harvest of souls took place here at Washburn, No. Dak. Snow and generally inclement weather kept everyone from the fields, but they aided in bringing many persons to the Lord. We had planned to hold revival meetings for only two weeks, beginning on the Monday before Easter, but we added the third week when everything pointed to a continuance of the showers of blessings.

Mr. Ben Fadenrecht, an evangelistic singer and preacher, whose home is in Munich, No. Dak., served us for the first two weeks of our meetings. He has spent the last two years in rescue mission work in St. Paul, Minn. The Lord has endowed him with a remarkably splendid voice and his messages in song and sermon touched the heart strings of even the most obstinate sinners. There was, however, no attempt to bring souls to a decision through "emotional high pressure," as each convert was personally and scripturally dealt with and led to the Lord either after the meetings or in the homes during the day.

The Rev. Arthur Ittermann of Cathay spent the last two weeks of the meetings with us. His soul-searching and convicting messages drove us all to the mere seat of our God. The Lord spoke through him and Mr. Fadenrecht in such a forceful way that by the end of the series of meetings thirty-five persons had signified their desire of salvation. We are happy to say that of this number twenty-four have been genuinely converted and have publicly confessed Christ as their Savior. In addition to these, five church members returned after living a wayward life. Only six of the thirty-five have not yet made their public confession. We praise the Lord for this harvest of souls. There is, truly, joy in many a heart here today.

RUDOLPH WOYKE, Pastor.

Blessings From the Lord Experienced in Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota

Easter Sunday has come and gone, but the mountain top experiences which we had with our risen Lord will long remain in the memory of young and old of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, No. Dak.

Even though the weather was anything but spring-like, the warmth of Christian love was felt from the very beginning of the day. Sunday School was opened with 140 present. The ferns and flowers with an Easter lily in the center and special musical numbers by Sunday School members added to the Easter spirit. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch brought an inspiring message, "The Glad Disciples," based on John 20:20.

At 2 P. M. the church was filled to the last seat to observe the ordinance of baptism. Two young ladies, who had confessed Christ as Lord and wished to be obedient to his command, were baptized by Mr. Rutsch. The Rev. Wm. Jaster and his people of Fredonia had accepted our invitation to join with us in this happy occasion, and we rejoiced with them as the pastor was privileged to baptize 7 young women who had accepted Christ.

After a word of welcome was given and the hand of fellowship was extended to the 9 new converts and to an elderly couple, who came to us upon confession of their faith, we observed the Lord's Supper with Mr. Jaster assisting. The male quartet of Alfred and Gackle furnished the music for the afternoon services.

In the evening the church was again filled to capacity to hear the Easter story told in song and reading by the combined choirs of our two churches. Forty-six strong, we tried to sing the truths into the hearts of our listeners how Jesus our Lord suffered, died and rose again victoriously, giving the blessed promise to all who hear and believe: "Because I live, ye shall live also." This same Easter cantata, "The Victorious Christ," was rendered to a full house in Alfred on Good Friday, and on the Sunday after Easter we were glad to give it again in the Swedish Baptist Church in Kulm, No. Dak.

MRS. LINDA RUTSCH, Reporter.

B. Y. P. U. Activities at Carrington, North Dakota

On Easter Sunday in the early morning came the Carrington Baptist young people with their friends to the sunrise service at the Baptist Church of Carrington, No. Dak. A splendid program consisting of the following numbers was given: prelude by Lillian Edinger, the Easter story by Evelyn Albus, prayer of gratitude by Harry Albus, brief talks by Joe Brower, Marie Sloan, Bernard Edinger and Virginia Siebold, several solos by

Frederick Pepple, and prayer of dedication by the Rev. E. E. Bonikowsky.

During the past year our B. Y. P. U. has been functioning very well with the use of the group system. Our programs have included a Bible Quiz, Bible baseball game, and candlelight worship services. Outside speakers have included the Rev. Mr. Brower of the Brethren Church; Ruth Glessner, returned missionary from the Brethren Mission fields of India; the Rev. Thomas Lutz of Junction City, Kansas; Mrs. Fode of Jamestown, who has traveled in Europe; and Mrs. Austad, Christian leader of the Federated Church; besides our own young people. Our socials, which have been under the

capable leadership of Mrs. Chester Pepple, have been a sleigh ride party, Christmas party and a friendship discussion around an imitation campfire.

Officers at present are as follows: Ella Albus, president; Helen Schaffer, vice-president; Evangeline Krueger, secretary; Betty Pepple, treasurer; and Tommy Siebold, "Herald" booster and reporter.

Our society and church were very happy to have the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," as our guest on April 3. "Watch and Pray" was his message to us, and that is what we as young people desire to do. TOMMY SIEBOLD, Reporter.



Rev. A. Felberg of Lodi, Calif., and 32 of 33 Candidates Whom He Baptized Recently

evening. During these meetings 23 souls responded to the invitation to accept Christ as their Savior.

On Easter Sunday evening, March 24, our pastor, the Rev. Albert Felberg, was privileged to baptize 33 persons upon their testimony to be followers of Christ. Afterwards the communion service was observed by all the members. It was our great pleasure to accept 52 new members into the fellowship of our Lord, 19 of whom were baptized by testimony and letter.

We now have a total membership of 517 in the Lodi church. It is our desire that we may soon take the necessary steps to enlarge the church since the main auditorium and annex are both filled to capacity each Sunday morning. We have one English and one German service each Sunday.

Our Sunday School under the supervision of Mr. Aug. Auch has increased, and since the first of the year the average attendance has been around 400 and more. Mr. Auch calls a meeting of the teachers and officers once a month, at which time we have one hour for the discussion of Sunday School problems, programs and needs.

We have a large mixed choir under the direction of Mr. Calvin Lohr and Miss Aimee Goehring as organist. Miss Frieda Burgstahler with her lovely melodious voice is the choir soloist.

We also have a male chorus of 32 voices. Dr. John Seibel is the director and Elton Burgstahler the pianist.

FERTHA MEYERS, Reporter.

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Northern Conference Springside Young People Celebrate Their 32nd Anniversary

We, as the young people of the Young People's Society of the German Baptist Church in Springside, Sask., Canada, thank the Lord for the mercies that were shown to us in the past year.

It was our privilege to celebrate our 32nd anniversary on Sunday, March 17. The program was opened with the singing of hymns, accompanied by our orchestra, which is always a great help in our meetings. The president, Leona Knoll, led the worship with the reading of Scripture and prayer. Our program consisted of musical numbers by quartets and soloists, recitations, and two dialogues, "True Greatness" and "The Voice from the Wilderness."

The new officers for the following year are as follows: president, Hardy Hoffmann; vice-president, Leona Knoll; secretary, Sylvia Gabert; asst. secretary, Fred Hoffmann; treasurer, Gordon Goltz; pianists Lorraine and Joyce Grunert.

The Rev. John Kuehn has been our minister for the past 3 years. We are sorry to say that he is leaving us at the close of April for the church in Hilda, Alberta. But we are truly thankful for the help and guidance he and his wife have been to us as young people.

SYLVIA GABERT, Reporter.

Workers For God's Kingdom in the Mission Field of Hanna, Alberta

It is a sad but solemn truth that is voiced abroad in the world of today, that workers for God's great vineyard are needed to be employed. We need only to look about us in our own communities and vicinity to see the great need for co-workers in his service, and in a small measure, endeavor to comprehend that present day civilization in its hustle and bustle is waning from the true and essential principles of the Christian religion, of which our Lord was a perfect type.

These thoughts were impressed most emphatically upon my mind recently when I had the privilege of accompanying the pastor of our German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, the Rev. R. Milbrandt, in a brief evangelistic campaign in the town of Hanna, Alberta. Our journey to that place was quite hazardous, since it must be remembered that winter weather conditions in our "sunny Alberta" are sometimes very trying and uncertain.

We left Calgary by auto with weather and roads quite favorable. However, before reaching our destination both of us had received a good foretaste of what a good Canadian winter can be like. Getting stuck in snow drifts with the car; shoveling our way out again; having the gear shift broken; driving some 2 1/2 miles with sled and good old "dobbin" to make contact with the nearest place where a car was available; and again to resume our journey were some of the experiences which we encountered!

In spite of these unforeseen obstacles, we eventually reached our destination with a zealous determination to commence the services. It was evident that the presence and guidance of the Lord were seen and felt during these meetings. Although facilities were inconvenient, still the Word of truth was expounded and the old-fashioned gospel went forth to aching hearts. God's wonderful blessing went with each message that was given. Mr. Milbrandt concluded the services on the third day and, after various house visitations, we returned to Calgary.

REUBEN A. SCHAMUHN, Reporter.

Rev. and Mrs. A. Kraemer Receive Recognition For Years of Work in the Edmonton Church

A most memorable evening was celebrated at the German Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, on Wednesday evening, March 26, at which time some 300 church members and friends gathered in the spacious dining room of the church to bid farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. August Kraemer and family, at the termination of almost 14 years of active service in our church.

During the past 14 years Brother Kraemer worked diligently to further the Kingdom of our Lord. On his arrival in Edmonton in June, 1926, our church membership numbered 175 persons, and today, as a result of his efforts and the Lord's blessing upon his work, our membership now stands at 327.

A further review of the past 14 years indicates that Mr. Kraemer was instrumental in furthering the Kingdom by adding through baptism 205 souls. On Easter Sunday evening of this year 4 more converts followed their Lord through the waters of baptism.

At the farewell luncheon various branches of the church as well as the newly established mission field at "Lauderdale" paid high tribute for the past services rendered and they extended to Mr. Kraemer and family the desire that the Lord might bless them in their new field. A beautifully engraved Waltham pocket watch was also presented to Mr. Kraemer as a small token of recognition for his services to the Sunday School. Mrs. Kraemer had previously received a lovely piece of silver from the Married Ladies Class, of which she was the teacher.

Present at this occasion were also the Rev. F. Benke of Wetaskiwin and the Rev. H. Schatz of Leduc. Both pastors gave brief accounts of the services rendered by Mr. Kraemer at conventions, in mission work, and in other branches of the "Ministerial Field."

The crowning event of the evening, after an enjoyable lunch had been served, was the congregating of some 60 of the 206 persons whom Mr. Kraemer had baptized during his ministry in Edmonton, and their singing in German, "Welche Scharen," and another favorite song.

During his 14 years of ministry in Edmonton Brother Kraemer also married 114 couples and officiated at 51 funerals. A most trying time occurred in his life when in February, 1938, his wife and co-worker was called to her eternal Home. However, in October, 1939, the Lord again granted him a wife and helpmate.

The meeting was ably presided over by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, director of the Bible School.

L. F. BORCHERT, Reporter.

What's Happening News

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whom 57 were baptized by Mr. Peters. Many improvements in the church building were made during that time, including a new basement, new pews, a new floor, and the renovation of the church's interior, and a new heating system and electric lights installed in the parsonage. In Wilmington Mr. Peters will succeed the Rev. Herman Kuhl, now of Union City, N. J.

On Easter Sunday morning, March 24, the Rev. John Schmidt, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., baptized 14 converts. The young people of the church held a sunrise service which was attended by 50 persons over which Mr. William Higman, president of the B. Y. P. U., presided. On Sunday afternoon, April 14, the church celebrated the 52nd birthday of its pastor with a special program and refreshments. On Tuesday evening, April 9, the male chorus of the Christian Fellowship Club rendered a concert in the Forest Park Church of Forest Park, Ill. This program was given under the auspices of the Men's Baraca Class. Mr. Herbert R. Pankratz directed the chorus and sang a baritone solo, "Die beiden Grenadiere."

The B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church of Linton, No. Dak., had charge of an Easter sunrise service in the church, which was dimly lighted by a cross. After the early morning worship the B. Y. P. U. had a fellowship breakfast. On Easter evening a very inspiring devotional hour was held. On Sunday evening, April 7, the Linton B. Y. P. U. held a full evening's program devoted to the dedication of 100 new hymn books, "The American Hymnal." The program consisted of stories of various hymns and special singing. Miss Elsie Wagner, secretary, wrote that "on another Sunday evening we had the privilege of seeing the moving pictures of the Dungers arriving in Africa, of our mission work in Europe, and the streamline trip through our young people's assemblies in the United States."

On Easter Sunday morning, March 24, the Rev. John Leyboldt, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., baptized 3 converts. In the evening service the church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Emma B. Meier rendered the cantata, "The Easter Victory." Solo parts and duet numbers in the cantata were sung by Lillian Heisler, Bertha Losli, Alice Bachian, Freda and Edward Neubauer, John Neumann, Henry Bertuleit and Reinhold Sichau. Margaret Parsage served as organist and Eleanor Bertuleit as pianist for the cantata. The Rev.

Frederick Buerrmann, a retired minister of the denomination, recently repaired 300 of the church's hymnals, for which the church expressed its heartfelt thanks.

On Sunday evening, March 24, the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church in Bismarck, No. Dak., presented an Easter program of recitations, musical numbers and a dialogue. Mr. Peter Klein sang the solo, "The Holy City." The president of the B. Y. P. U., Mrs. Reinhold Neuharth, was in charge of the service. Other officers of the society, which now numbers 33 in its membership, are Miss Caroline Barbie, vice-president; Miss Leona Hochhalter, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. K. Gieser, counsellor. At the Union Good Friday service held on the afternoon of March 22 in the Episcopal Church for all the Protestant people of Bismarck, the Rev. Karl Gieser spoke on Jesus' word, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

On Easter Sunday morning, March 24, the Rev. Louis B. Holzer, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., baptized 7 converts, which were the fruits of personal evangelistic efforts by the pastor and people. Mr. Holzer preached an Easter sermon on the topic, "Out of Dead Hopes." Sunday, March 31, was observed as "Rochester Seminary Sunday" with the seminary Glee Club rendering a concert in the morning service and also participating in the evening "Youth Service." The Pittsburgh Church has dropped its regular Sunday evening service, but the young people are meeting for a combined devotional service and then dividing into 2 groups to consider "Building a Christian Home" and "Youth and Contemporary Problems."

On Palm Sunday, March 17, the Rev. August F. Runtz, pastor of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., had the joy of baptizing a rather unique group of candidates, which included a woman who is over 70 years of age, a man who had been a Greek Orthodox Catholic, and a young lady who had been chosen salutatorian of her class in high school and had just received a scholarship to Bradley College. Three other persons were baptized in this group of 6, and these with another person, who was received by letter, were given the hand of fellowship at the communion service held on Thursday evening, March 21. On Saturday evening, April 6, the B. Y. P. U. of the church held its annual banquet with a program centering on the thought, "In His Steps." Dr. R. G. Schell, Baptist State secretary for Illinois, was the guest speaker.

Passion Week meetings were conducted in the German Baptist Church of Cathay, No. Dak., by its pastor, the Rev. Arthur Ittermann. On Easter Sunday morning, Mr. Harry Albus, a student of Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, was the guest speaker. A combined baptismal service was held in the afternoon with the nearby Germantown Church, at which Mr. Ittermann baptized 5 converts and the Rev. Daniel Klein of the Germantown Church 4 persons. Both churches held a union communion service afterwards. The Cathay parsonage has recently been renovated with the entire interior of the house decorated by about 30 men and women of the church who contributed their services. The new B. Y. P. U. officers are Mrs. Arthur Ittermann, president; Mr. Albert Reddig, vice-president; Miss Evelyn Leitner, secretary and Mr. Victor Edinger, treasurer.

The Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held special services during Passion Week from March 20 to 22. At the midweek service the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, pastor, spoke on Da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper." The Rev. Alfred Cierpke of Germany, at present a student at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, addressed the Men's Brotherhood on Thursday evening, March 21. At the Good Friday service the guest speaker was the Rev. A. Husmann, pastor of the Second Church. The sunrise service on Easter Sunday was sponsored by the Senior B. Y. P. U. and addressed by the Rev. Roland M. Traver, pastor of the North Frankfort Baptist Church of Philadelphia. Following his message on "Living Forever" at the evening service, Mr. Schroeder baptized three converts upon confession of their faith in Christ.

The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, pastor of the North Avenue Church of Milwaukee, Wis., baptized 8 converts on Easter Sunday morning, March 24, on confession of their faith in Christ. About 50 young people of the church met at 6 A. M. on the shores of Lake Michigan for the 10th annual sunrise service where the mercury stood at only 3 degrees above zero. The message was brought by Mr. Alvin Monte of the church. A front page article in "the Milwaukee Sentinel" later reported this unusual service. The Church School presented its Easter program later in the day with recitations and songs by the departments and Junior choir, solos by Marvin Hildebrand and Grace Dartsch, and the play, "The Light of the World in Jesus." On Tuesday evening, March 26, the Glee Club of our Rochester Seminary rendered its concert in the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee to an appreciative audience of 450 persons. The offering amounted to more than \$80.

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Sunday, June 2, 1940

What It Means to Be a Christian

Scripture References: Acts 16:25-34; John 3:1-16; 2. Cor. 5:10-21.

"Becoming a Christian is not a matter of age, nor of family connection, nor even of race. Every person must be truly sorry for his sins and make up his mind to do the things that please God. He must believe in his heart that God, for Jesus' sake, forgives his sins and is ready to help him live as Jesus' followers should live.

The person who repents of his sins and trusts Jesus to save him is to be saved or converted. That word converted is an interesting word. It comes from two Latin words, *cum* and *verto*. *Verto* means to turn around and *cum* means with. It describes just what happens to everyone who repents and believes. He turns around with Jesus to try to do better. That is why we use it as a name for what takes place when a person turns against sin and trusts Jesus to save him. Sometimes, we call it becoming a Christian.

—Robbie Trent, The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Topic—"Why I Am Going to the General Conference."

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4) Picture Contest

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Judges of the contest will be the executive committee of the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, and Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois.

Sunday, June 9, 1940

What It Means to Trust in Christ for Strength

Scripture References: Luke 18:35-43; Philippians 4:10-13; John 15:1-11.

Suggestions for the Program:

Tell the story of faith of this blind man, (Luk. 18:35-43) as he trusted in Christ for strength and healing power. Use other Biblical illustrations or bring your own testimony in interpreting their truth.

Tell the story of certain familiar hymns which have proclaimed the blessings of an unreserved trust in Christ. Such hymns might be "No Longer Lonely," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "It is Well With My Soul," "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," and "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

Relate in your own words the life story of great men and women of God who have been a living demonstration of such a trust in Christ for strength.

Sunday, June 16, 1940

What It Means to Strive to Do God's Will

Scripture References: Romans 8:28 to 39; Galatians 1:15-24; John 21:15-22.

Questions for Discussion:

How can we recognize God's will?

Is conscience the voice of God?

Must we wait for a vision, dream or outward manifestation of God's will before we can know what He wants of us?

How can the Bible help me to recognize God's will and ways?

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