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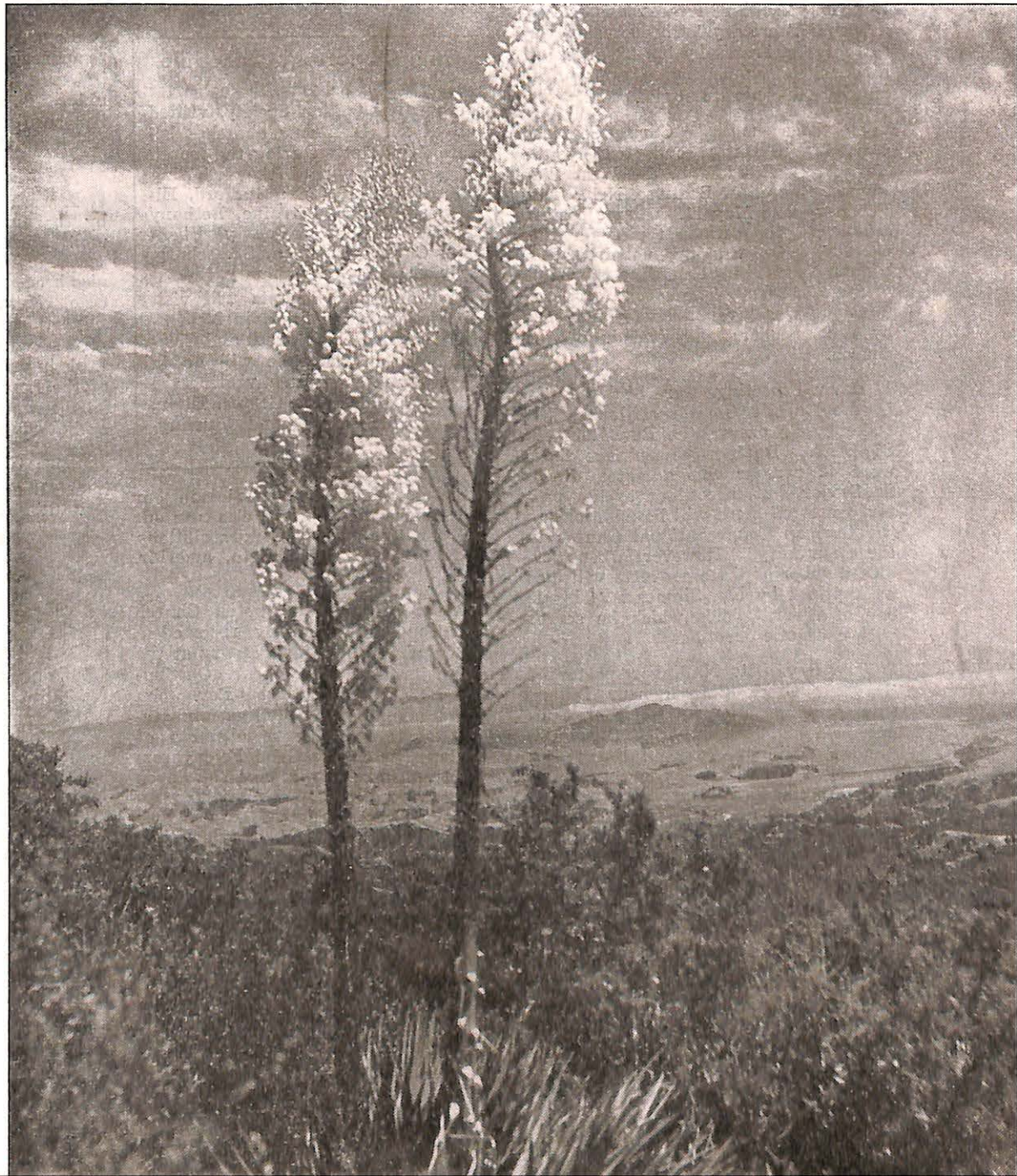
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Springtime
Comes to the
Desert.

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What's Happening

¶ The Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., has extended a call to Mr. Ralph Rott, a member of this year's graduating class in the Rochester Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Rott has accepted the call and will begin his services on June 1st, when he will succeed the Rev. John Mueller. The Rev. J. A. Pankratz has been rendering an appreciated ministry as interim pastor.

¶ The Chicago Ministers' Conference held its monthly meeting on Monday afternoon, April 7, at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. John Schmidt of Chicago. The address was brought by the Rev. A. Husmann, promotional secretary, on "My First Impressions as Promotional Secretary." The occasion was fittingly celebrated by the 22 guests at a delicious supper with appropriate toasts and congratulations.

¶ A three months' "Christ Centered Crusade" is being conducted by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf in the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., from February 2 to May 11. Unique posters announced the sermon topics for this crusade. On Sunday mornings Mr. Rietdorf spoke on "Following the Footprints of Jesus." The special series of meetings was given a hearty response by the members and friends of the church.

¶ Revival meetings were held recently in the Baptist Church of Isabel, So. Dak., by its pastor, the Rev. Reinhold Sigmund. During the services there were 42 persons who accepted Christ as Savior, but, according to the pastor, "most of these will be additions to the German Congregational Church in the community." However, a considerable number of these converts will also be baptized by Mr. Sigmund. This is one of several fields which he serves with energetic devotion.

¶ The Rev. Otto Nallinger, pastor of the Salt Creek Church near Dallas, Ore., baptized 3 young people on Sunday evening, March 30. On Palm Sunday evening, April 6, the young people's meeting and church service were combined with a special program presented. The pastor spoke on the striking theme, "God for Sale." Two weeks of evangelistic meetings were held from Easter Sunday, April 13, to April 25, with the Revs. Roy and Ralph Kraft and their wives serving as evangelists.

¶ A Good Friday afternoon service from 12 to 3 o'clock was held by the Protestant churches of Gillett, Wis., including the Baptist Church, with encouraging participation by the people

of the community. The Rev. H. P. Bothner, pastor of the Pound and Gillett churches, spoke on "the Fourth and Fifth Words of Christ on the Cross," and the Rev. Wm. A. Zeckser, a former pastor, spoke on "the Third Word." A duet number by Helen and Ellen Zeckser also helped to beautify the service.

¶ The Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, Canada, has adopted the Club Plan of the Publication Society with 100% cooperation. With 20 families in the church, the publication society agent, Mr. Philip A. Link, could report 18 "Baptist Herald" and 9 "Sendbote" subscribers. Mr. Link went on to write: "It makes me happy to be able to do something like this, for all

Our Colporter's Schedule

Mr. A. D. Schantz, the colporter of our Publication Society, visited all of the Oklahoma churches before April 1st. During the month of April he visited the following churches in Kansas: Stafford, Ellinwood, Bison, Lorraine, Bethany Church, Dickinson County, Ebenezer Church, Durham, Strassburg, Marion, and Geary County.

In May Mr. Schantz will visit the following churches in Nebraska: Beatrice, Shell Creek and Creston. From there he will go to Iowa for most of June, visiting the churches at Buffalo Center, Elgin, Victor, Muscatine, and Burlington.

of the good reading material in our papers helps to bring one closer to our Lord and Master." Congratulations, Camrose Church of Alberta, and Mr. Link!

¶ The First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., recently reported a balance of \$1000 in its treasury at the close of its fiscal church year. On Sunday evening, April 6, the Rev. John Schmidt baptized 2 persons and received them into the membership of the church. At the Good Friday service Mr. Schmidt spoke on "The Seven Words of the Crucified Christ." As usual, an Easter sunrise service was held by the B. Y. P. U. of which Mr. Edward Meister is president. The Rev. A. Husmann, promotional secretary, was the guest speaker at the Easter Sunday morning service of the church.

¶ The Rev. P. Geissler, pastor of the Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y., recently suffered a slight stroke, but his condition improved so much that he was able to take charge of the prayer service on April 2 and has been taking

almost complete charge of the church services since April 6. Miss Lillian Cook, the church reporter, writes: "We were much concerned for our pastor, for he was seriously ill for several weeks. However, we now rejoice that his condition is improving, and pray that the Lord will soon give him good health and strength again."

¶ During the week of March 24 to 30 the Rev. A. Husmann of Forest Park, Ill., promotional secretary, conducted evangelistic meetings in the Hurnville Church near Henrietta, Texas. The members of the Southern Conference mission committee assisted him on Wednesday, March 26. The Hurnville Church called the Rev. Rudolf Klein of Loyal, Okla., to serve the church as temporary pastor during the Sundays of April, to which he responded favorably. This church in northern Texas has been without a minister since the death of the Rev. C. H. Edinger two years ago.

¶ A week of special services was held by the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich., from April 22 to 27 with sacred concerts and personal testimonies brought by Mr. Eivin Bjornstad of Oslo, Norway. Mr. Bjornstad, who is a lyric dramatic tenor, has consistently refused opera engagements of \$1000 a week in order to serve as an evangelist of the Lord Jesus Christ. His singing has been compared with that of Caruso as he brings heaven near by the singing of the gospel songs." Great throngs crowded the church for these services in the Burns Ave. Church, of which the Rev. G. P. Neumann is pastor.

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EDITORIAL

 NE DAY set aside for mother? Isn't that strange when mother has set aside 365 days out of the year to devote unstintingly to her family? And yet a mother's love de-

At the Center of the Home.

realized even for a single day, in order that the springs of gratitude and recognition might flow more freely. Let Mother's Day continue to make its appearance on the calendar of every new year!

The home is a mother's spiritual domain. It is her familiar camping grounds. At the center of every true home is a mother with sympathetic understanding, inspiring counsel, and her loving touch. With skillful art she applies herself to the myriad tasks at hand in her home. Others make their contributions to the harmony and joys of this institution, but God has given a woman a peculiar throne of endearment in the temple of the home.

The pathway to this throne is not strewn with roses. Briars of difficulty and a steep upward climb of sacrifice are the lot of every true mother. With travail and great personal risk she brings the child into the world. With unrivaled patience she watches over it and nurtures it. With zealous devotion she moulds the life through the years. Washington Irving once wrote: "The love of a mother is never exhausted; it never changes; it never tires. A father may turn his back on his child, brothers and sisters become enemies, husbands may desert their wives, wives their husbands; but a mother's love endures through all."

This central place of the mother in a home should charge the young women of our day with the solemn and supreme responsibility which is theirs as prospective mothers in the spiritual and cultural training of the child. This is a task which cannot be relegated to other institutions, such as the school or church. This is a privilege

which in God's foreordination belongs peculiarly to motherhood. This is fundamental to the entire structure of civilization, even as the poet characterized it:

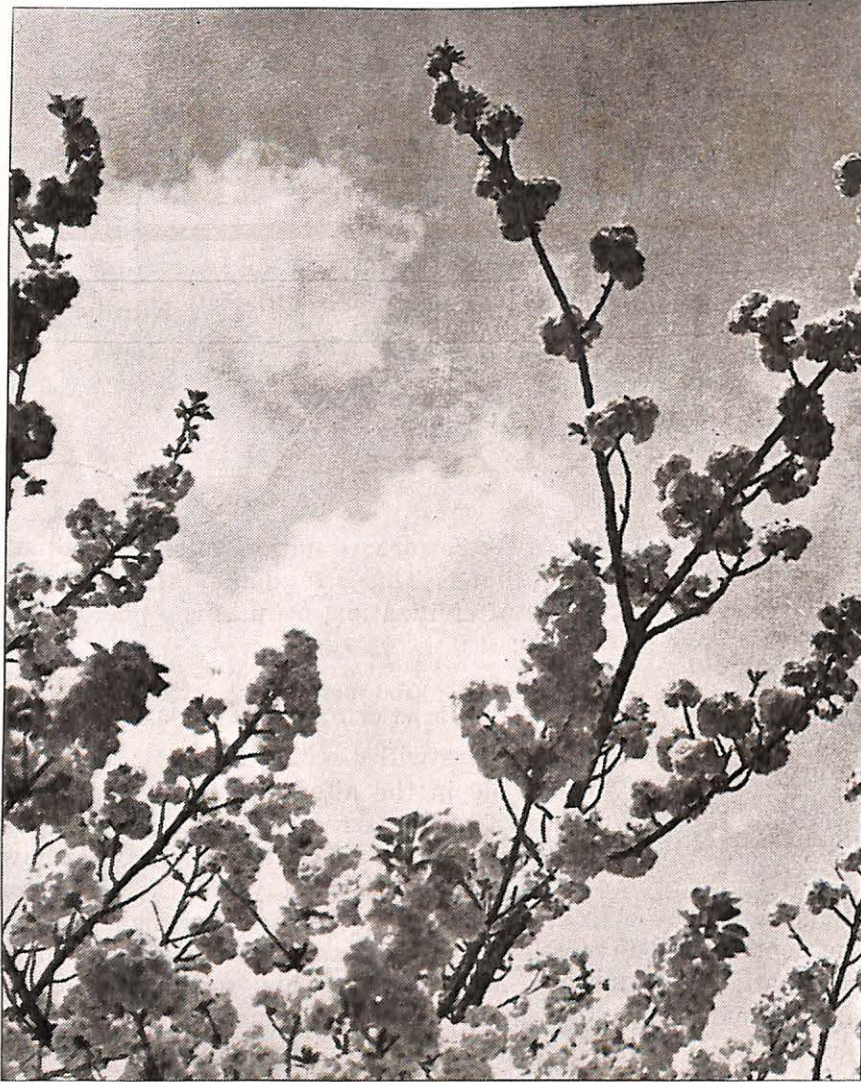
"For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world."

Our mothers will disclaim all right to such an honored role in the affairs of the world. They must even feel embarrassed by the sudden spurt of sentimental solicitude in their behalf as shown on the second Sunday of May. Mothers are more content in a humbler setting, in which they can do most of their work and let others carry off the laurels. Mother's Day has sometimes become another holiday on which everybody has a gay and carefree time except mother!

Possibly, this fact accounts for the movement in recent years to make of this season "a Christian Family Week," beginning on the first Sunday in May and closing on Mother's Day. At least every mother would like to have the emphasis placed on the importance of the home, in which love and service reign and in which Christ is the Unseen Guest at all of its activities. She makes a major contribution to this noble undertaking, but everyone—, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters—are equally important for the attainment of this lofty goal. In such a picture of "a Christian Home" mother is in the background as usual but she still remains the servant of God used for a great and sacred purpose.

However, the blossoms of Mother's Day will always bloom and scatter their sweet fragrance in honor of our mothers, whatever the purposes of the celebration may be. For we, too, can say in the words of the poet:

"Love of our mothers living yet,
In cradle song and bedtime prayer,
In nursery rhyme and fireside lore,
Thy presence still pervades the air:
Love of our mothers, priceless gift,
Our grateful hearts thy praise uplift."



Mother's Day in May Also Brings Fluffy Clusters of Blossoms to the Trees

Mother, the Sweetest Name

A Message by REV. E. S. FENSKE of Vancouver, British Columbia

From the beginning of creation, and through the centuries which have gone since, woman has borne this name, and she will bear it to the end of time: "Mother!"

Motherhood has been venerated and revered by every nation of the world, because mothers have been and are the bearers and moulders of the children of the world. There is no tribe or people, uncivilized or civilized, which does not revere and respect its mothers. Plainly does the Bible teach that all through the centuries mothers have been beloved and revered as something sacred, and that they have played an important part in the history of the world.

What We Owe to Mother

The Jewish people of old taught their children that when God found he could not be everywhere, he made mothers. That was, indeed, a beautiful lesson to be instilled in youthful minds

and hearts, and this teaching has stayed with them.

Did you ever think what an important part the mothers of the world have played to this very day? There would be no world without them. God in his wisdom saw this, and, hence, he created the first mother.

Travel back through the centuries and see what good mothers have done. They have never, or seldom ever, thought of self. They have given their best example and their best teaching to their children. We know it to be a fact that most of the great men, all through the years, owe their success to their mother's teaching and influence.

A Pearl Beyond Price

Mother is the sweetest name that was ever spoken. A good mother is a pearl beyond price, for she sees nothing and knows nothing except what is for the good of her children spiritually,

mentally and physically. God had promised the children of Israel that he would send them a redeemer, One who would bring peace, understanding and forgiveness to those poor wanderers, who were shut out from Paradise by the sins of our first parents.

What way did he choose? He, the Almighty, the All-powerful, who simply by his word could have created the needed one, chose a humble woman, a pure virgin to bear his Son, who was to redeem the world and lift it out of the darkness of sin into which it had fallen. Mary, the mother of Jesus, has and ever will hold a place which will be an example to mothers of the world.

Mother's Way

Mothers are often not appreciated as they should be. Their children turn against their teaching and advice. But let trouble come to them, let them fall into evil ways, and mother will always respond to their cry and try to comfort them. Yes, she will even make her own heart believe that they are innocent. She will sacrifice everything to save them, even though the whole world turn against them. It is mother's way.

It is the old-fashioned mothers of today who will hold the world safe for us all. Nothing can change them. They are the backbone of civilization. They know the world and its follies and changes, and they also know that there is but one path to be trod by them, and it is not always strewn with flowers.

Your Best Friend

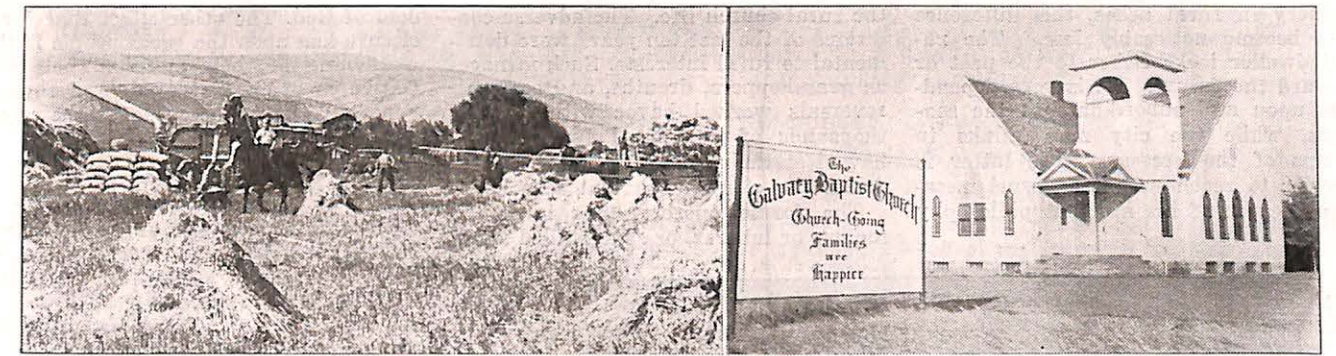
Oh, young people, love your mother! Make her your confidante. Too many young people of today are wandering from her loving arms, following false gods. Treasure her, for she is your best friend.

The years slip by so fast, and possibly she may seem a "back number," but love her always as the years pass on and her hair grows white and her steps become slow and feeble. Love her! Be patient, for one day she will be called home, and when you look the last time on her face which will smile no more on you, year heart will almost break as you think of the things you might have done to make her happy.

A Loving, Praying Mother

Oh, dear young people, the fire of youth burns brightly, and you will not be controlled. Be careful, lest in wrongdoing, you tread on your mother's heart. For when you go astray, she pays the penalty with an aching, sorrowful heart. Our penitentiaries are filled too often by those who, disregarding the teachings of mother, fell into evil ways and forgot God and his commandments, and the hand of the law has fallen heavily upon them. And yet in almost every instance, there is a loving mother praying for mercy at the feet of God.

May the blessing of God rest on all mothers, especially at this time, when she has her day of the year, "Mother's Day."



Familiar Farm Scene in the Wheat Belt of the West

One of Our Many Rural Churches Near Stafford, Kans.

The Rural Churches and Its People

A Timely Article for the Observance of Rural Life Sunday on May 18
Prepared by the Rev. A. J. Fischer of Wessington Springs, South Dakota

The rural church is one of the greatest problems facing Protestantism today. She is a vital part of that Protestant movement, but as such she cannot stand alone. Nevertheless, her people are making valiant efforts to maintain its life intact.

If Protestantism is to survive, there needs to be a greater interest created in the rural church. The Committee of the Town and Country Church states: "The future of American Protestant Christianity will depend upon the quality and quantity of rural religion."

Facts about the rural church and people are not very widely known. There has been a country-life movement in the United States for over thirty years, but only recently has action been taken by the rural boards and Home Mission Societies of our major denominations to study and to learn more about the plight of the rural church.

Rural Problems

The rural church is being placed more and more in the center of the movement, and rightly so. She is happy that she does not stand alone to solve her important problems. There are several agencies assisting her such as the local county agents, the various state colleges, and, above all, the Home Mission Societies. We are, indeed, happy for our own Home Mission Society and its sympathetic leaders.

We, as the German Baptist Churches of North America, have just pride in our achievements for ministering successfully in the larger urban centers of America and Canada, in the rural areas, and on the countryside. We serve a great variety of people and groups in divergent communities and territories. Since the majority of our churches are rural, we would concern ourselves with some of their problems here. Speaking of the rural people and church, I mean that population living outside the limits of an incorporated place of over 2500 population.

Population Trends

Population and population trends are important factors to reckon with in the rural church set-up. Any church without a promising youth is doomed to die. Many churches are neglecting their youth, which is in itself a very serious matter. But far worse is the situation when there are no children in the families of the church. We are fortunate as a denomination to have a large group of young people in our church constituency. The words of Dr. William Kuhn, General Missionary Secretary, were aptly spoken at the 1937 General Conference in Portland, Ore.: "We have kept our young people with us." This fact has been again demonstrated superbly at the Burlington Conference where the majority of the delegates were young people. So long as we have youth in our churches, we shall live.

In the rural churches there are not population deficiencies, but rather an increase to the extent of 27 percent. The situation in our urban centers is more acute, for there exists a decrease of 20 to 40 per cent. Our mid-western conferences have the majority of its churches in rural areas. The Dakota Conference has five urban churches and over half of their members live in the country, while the other fifty odd churches are in small towns, villages, the country, and compose typical rural fields.

Youth Migrations

Our cities are not reproducing themselves, and are therefore very dependent upon rural population. The overflow of rural population is vending its way cityward. About six million people migrated from farms to the cities during the decade of 1920 to 1930. Over 60 per cent of this large group were young people. What a great gift for the urban centers and churches!

It is natural, for many reasons, that the rural youth goes to the city. Thus,

the rural church loses some of its better people. After college days are over, they seldom return. Since this is the trend, therefore, it is essential that this stream be colored with religious ideals and convictions of the highest type before they leave home and church. This youth migration goes to the city, and the church there expects service of it and depends upon it to assume responsibility. Scores and scores of them have become fine workers, indeed.

Since this is the case, the rural church demands some assistance and liberal support as remuneration of the city church. If the rural church must carry on an educational program, establish an effective ministry in poorly equipped facilities, and labor in an disadvantaged community, she needs the help of the city church. Our rural churches are grateful for generous contributions of the better situated churches.

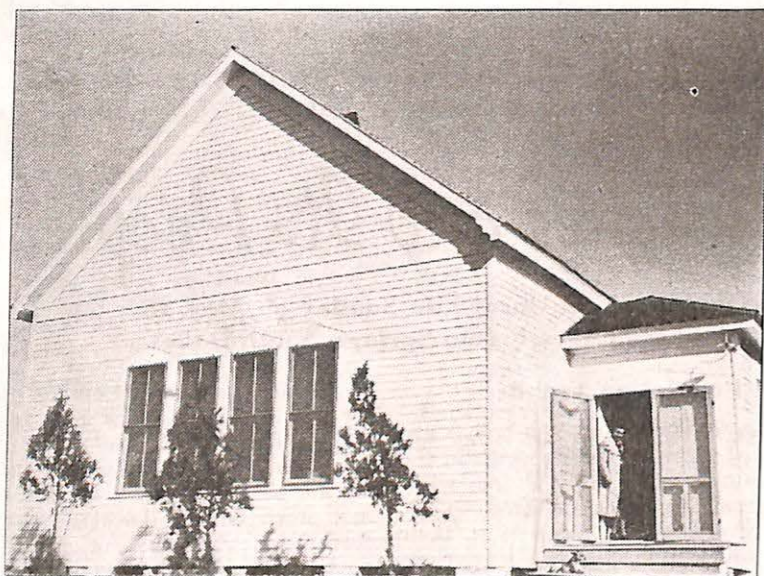
It is true, the rural churches have greater possibilities to survive because of a greater rural population. Because of the fact that she has people to work with does not mean that the church can add to its membership list without any effort on her part. She must make it her duty to reach the other half of the rural people who are apparently members of no church. Mr. O. E. Baker said: "The Protestant churches are fortunate in having a great hinterland of human resources in the rural regions."

Rural Life Philosophy

The philosophy of rural life is rather unique and differs in many respects from that of urban life, especially so in attitudes and outlooks. The rural person thinks in terms of plants and animals, of growth and decay. He lives in an organic and natural world. His city brother thinks of levers, handles, and machines, and lives in an artificial and mechanistic world. However, since the widespread use of mechanized ma-

chinery in rural areas, this difference has become noticeably less. The rural dweller looks either to the past or toward the future. He is very dependent upon and subordinate to the seasons, while the city man thinks in terms of the present. The latter is harder to reach with the gospel message because of his inherent philosophy of life.

the rural church life. The adverse conditions of the last ten years were detrimental to rural interests. Such menaces as grasshoppers, drouths, and economic reversals worked havoc with tens of thousands of our rural families who have lost their homes, which were the foundation for church and school. The farmer-operator has become a tenant, or laborer, or semi-skilled work-



The Spick and Span White Mowata Baptist Church in the Rice Country of Southern Louisiana

In the city, the family and the home-life are usually not given the same chance to survive as is the case in the country. Modern urban civilization is not reproducing itself, and it fails to maintain the integrity of the family. This superficial civilization also attracts the more ambitious and educated youth away from the country, thereby depleting the leadership and probably impairing the genetic qualities of rural people upon whom the nation and Protestantism are increasingly dependent for their future citizens and constituency. Children in the city are often considered a liability, while a child on a farm soon becomes a useful helper. It costs two to three times more to rear a child in the city than in the country.

The rural church needs to be made desirable to its youth, in having worthwhile entertainment and in challenging them to give the best that is within them. Then they are more apt to remain with their home church.

Wealth vs. Poverty

Closely connected with the philosophy of rural life is the insecurity of its farm people. The National Conference of the Rural Church reports: "Under our present laws the tenure of the tenant farmer is very insecure and a satisfying rural life cannot be built upon instability." A greater stability and a better security are needed for our rural people everywhere.

The wealthier communities usually have stronger church organizations and more improved edifices. Private ownership has played an important role in

er in the city, perhaps in perpetuity. Over one-third of the American farmers are in the definite disadvantaged class, and another one-third are struggling hard not to get there. About six out of ten farmers have lost their property in the last decade. This has an ill influence upon the church.

Roaming Farmers

The drift of rural wealth to the city has been enormously great, and consequently often resulted in the increasing poverty of the rural people. A large share of rural wealth is directed away from rural areas in too many ways, such as payments of mortgages, debts and excessive interests. After all these payments have been made, a farmer has little left for improvements on his place and for the support of home and church.

If the rural people continue to lose their property, with no fault of their own, it will affect the church in several distinct ways. Liquidation because of foreclosure and delinquent taxes has had effects upon the religions tempo of the people involved. Tenancy follows as a direct result.

In an interview with a tenant, one often hears: "We ain't going to stay here very long. Besides, our church letters are with our former church where we used to go. We have not paid nothing for five years." Thus, the affiliations between them and the local church are definitely severed. These roaming people seldom attend services, contribute nothing, and consequently are often lost spiritually to the King-

dom of God. The other effect that foreclosure has upon the rural people is the weakening of their morale. Their initiative is often destroyed, and thus a general lethargy creeps over the rural people.

Its Mission to All People

Another grave fact must be faced. In every community there are more fortunate people left who are as yet stable and secure. These do not mix readily in church affairs with the less fortunate and mobile tenants. What is the outcome? Usually, one of two things results. Either they do not attend church at all, or it makes possible for little sects to spring up everywhere. Since the church is not willing to open its doors and make concessions with the unfortunate newcomers, they often start a new sect, called "holly-roller."

It is true, society is stratifying, and our churches are often unknowingly creating possibilities for these diverse groups to arise and flourish. The fault does not always lie at the doors of rural churches. The denomination cannot always reach them, because these underprivileged people do not have the intellectual background to appreciate what the maturer churches have to offer. These little groups are growing fast—a fact which the older churches must take note of. Unless our evangelistic program is somewhat changed, this situation cannot be helped.

What the rural church needs is a sense of its mission to ALL people. What is essential for the rural people is not charity alone, but economic justice, and a greater recognition. It is, indeed, very difficult to maintain a comfortable living and to support the church on small incomes. By all means, the rural people need to be encouraged to get possession of their land again. For private ownership is essential, since it assures greater stability and makes for a better religion and church life. The right to possess ownership is from nature, not from man. Fritz Reuter observed long ago: "The desire to possess a plot of ground, however small, is deeply embedded in human nature."

Agriculture as a Vocation

The Psalmist said, "The earth is the Lord's . . ." When President Roosevelt signed the Soil Conservation Acts in 1936, he said: "The history of every nation is eventually written in the way in which it cares for its soils." Soil and soul are being linked together more and more. Agriculture is the most ancient of all industries, as well as the most important. Land and religion belong together, for both emanate from God. One of the most neglected of all vocations is agriculture. Only as its leaders put agriculture upon a higher pedestal and upon a sounder foundation, will rural churches survive.

One must come to view agriculture as a way of life and as a means to express life creatively. The farmer seems

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60th Anniversary of Chicago Training School

The Memorable Service of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., Reported by Mrs. Emma Kose Kampfer

B. M. T. S. of Chicago

The Baptist Missionary Training School is located at 2969 So. Vernon Ave., Chicago, Ill. Its beautiful building is a familiar landmark to many Baptists in "the Windy City." Founders' Day was held on April 15 with a pageant presented by some of the young women and an address of Dr. Charles A. Gilkey of Chicago. The commencement exercises of the school will be held on June 16.

The student body includes the following German Baptist girls: Helen Burgers of Canton, Ohio; Mary Schmidtke of Camrose, Alberta; and Margaret Kittlitz of Waco, Texas, who is enrolled as a special student for this term. Miss Alethea Kose is in her eighth year of service as a member of the faculty.

The Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., was established in 1881 when the need for trained workers was great and missionary training schools were non-existent. The Chicago school then became the first school of its kind in which young women were trained for missionary service, and now it celebrates its 60th anniversary.

The German Baptists of North America have a real share in the history of the Baptist Missionary Training School, and German Baptist history has been affected by missionaries, teachers, wives and mothers of ministers who have attended this school.

want to visit the Baptist Missionary Training School, for I want to see the school that gave me my saintly missionary mother." In the poorest section of the city a woman said, "Once I had a friend, the best friend I ever had who made the spiritual life real to me. I shall never forget her." The friend was a German Baptist graduate of the school.

In recent years the German Baptist women have given a scholarship to the school. Two girls have been able to attend the school through the help of the scholarship. One of the churches in Brooklyn, remembering that this school has been a great blessing to the Ger-



Young Women of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Who, With Miss Alethea Kose (Right) as Sponsor, Serve as Leaders on Deputations Teams

Recently Miss Augusta Seils of North Freedom, Wis., celebrated her 90th birthday. Formerly, she was the beloved missionary of the First Church of Brooklyn, New York. During recent years she took care of her invalid sister, Miss Hannah Seils, who for thirty years was the efficient missionary of the Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia, Pa., and who passed away a few weeks ago. The Seils sisters were early graduates of the school and were considered outstanding missionaries by the American Baptist Women's Home Missionary Society, which for a number of years supported our missionaries in the German Baptist churches.

The German Baptists who have attended this school are too numerous to mention. Gesina Meier Schmidt of Chicago, Anna Dingel of Milwaukee, Martha Troeck of Ellis Island and many others, who labored well, have passed on but their work still goes on through

the lives of others who were touched and helped by these missionaries.

A few of the graduates have gone into the teaching profession, such as Emma Meier of Portland, Hanna Rappuhn Marklein, and Alethea Kose, who is on the faculty of the Training School. Anna Brinkmann is now superintendent of the Girls' Home in Chicago. Other missionaries became wives and mothers of missionaries and ministers, such as Mrs. Koester Kratt, the mother of Mrs. Paul Gebauer of Africa, Mrs. Johnson Neumann, mother of the Rev. G. Neumann of Detroit; and Mrs. Mary Liebig Lutz who gave three sons to the ministry. Not only have German Baptist graduates given ministers and home missionaries to us, but foreign missionaries as well, such as Cora Walters—Sword of Assam, Frieda Peter Geis of Burma, and more recently Laura E. Reddig of Africa.

Recently a young minister said, "I

man Baptists and to their church in particular, sent a gift for the 60th anniversary as an appreciation of the service of their missionary.

Perhaps you or your church have been helped by the service of a missionary, or perhaps you would like to have a share in the training of more missionaries like the Seils sisters, Freada Koecker, Laura Reddig and seventy others who attended the school. If you have this experience or vision, you can send a 60th anniversary offering to the school.

We wish you would send girls to the school who have this vision of service. We wish, too, that you would pray for the Baptist Missionary Training School, so that its spiritual mission, "Christ in Every Home," might become realized in many parts of the world through the increasing help of its supporters and its graduates.

What's Happening News

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☐ Palm Sunday, April 6, was a special day of joy and blessing in the Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., when the pastor, the Rev. F. W. Bartel, baptized 14 persons before a capacity crowd. Most of these converts were won for the Lord through personal work during the special revival meetings held by the church last November with the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor of the Plum Creek Church, serving as evangelist. The joy of the soul-winning church reached its climax on Easter Sunday morning, when the hand of fellowship was extended to the newly-won members, and the happy congregation reverently united in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

☐ Special Holy Week services were held in the Forest Park Church of Forest Park, Ill., from Monday evening, April 7, to Good Friday, April 11. German and English messages were brought during the week by the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D.D., general missionary secretary. The attendance each evening filled the large prayer meeting room of the church. On Easter Sunday morning, April 13, the young people's society held its annual sunrise service with an address by the Rev. Lloyd George Gibbs, pastor of the Bellwood Baptist Church. The Rev. Theo W. Dons, pastor, preached at both of the church services on Easter Sunday.

☐ On Sunday evening, March 30, the Men's Club of the Baptist Church in Watertown, Wis., held its annual program. The guest speaker was Prof. F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., who was serving as interim pastor of the Emanuel Church in Milwaukee at that time. Other items on the program included a song by the club chorus, prayer by the pastor of the church, the Rev. G. Wetter, and a number by a male quartet. The club was organized on November 9, 1923, by the late Rev. Carl Bender, missionary to the Cameroons. The present officers are Walter Stalker, president; Paul Krueger, vice-president; and Earl Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

☐ The 30th anniversary program of the "Helping Hand Society" of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., was held on Thursday evening, April 17. An historical playlet written by Miss Charlotte Esser was given, besides a reading by Mrs. Hannah Renz the reading of congratulations from friends, and remarks by the Rev. Theo W. Dons. The society was organized by the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, girls in the neighborhood of the church. The society now includes other German young women of the church. Its officers are Mrs. Theo W. Dons, president; Mrs. Frieda Reksteiner, vice-president; Miss Charlotte Esser, secretary; and Miss Selma Bartusch, treasurer.

☐ Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, the business manager of our Publication Society for the past 29 years, quietly celebrated his 80th birthday on Easter Sunday, April 13. But his many friends were determined to have a share in this memorable occasion, and Mr. Donner was showered with congratulatory cards and letters from all over the country. The White Ave. Church of Cleveland, of which Mr. Donner is a revered member, also took cognizance of the day and through its pastor, the Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel, extended congratulations to him. "The Baptist Herald" family joins this large host of friends in wishing Brother Donner a continuous pilgrimage of triumph and joy in his service for Christ.

☐ On Friday evening, March 7, the members and friends of the Baptist Church in Washburn, No. Dak., met at the church to surprise their pastor, the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, in honor of his birthday, which fell on the following day. A program of musical selections and hearty congratulations by representatives of the church was given. A birthday cake and a gift of silver were presented to Mr. Woyke. The men of the church served as hosts during the refreshments. Mr. Woyke has served as pastor in the Washburn Church for two years. The reporter stated: "We are thankful that God has sent us such a fine Christian young man as pastor. We sincerely hope that he will celebrate many more happy birthdays with us."

☐ During the week of April 20th the General Mission Committee and General Council of the denomination held their annual sessions at headquarters in Forest Park, Ill. A missionary rally was held in the Forest Park Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, April 23, at which the Revs. J. Leyboldt and Paul Gebauer of Portland, Ore., spoke and missionary pictures were shown. On Sunday afternoon, April 27, an imposing mass meeting for the Chicago churches was held in the First Church with Paul Gebauer speaking on "Five Years of Adventure in the Cameroons" and the Rev. A. Husmann on "Denominational Advance." On Sunday morning the pulpits of the Chicago churches and those in the vicinity were occupied by visiting friends as follows: Rev. S. Blum at the First Church; Rev. E. P. Wahl, East Side Church; Rev. Pieter Smit, D. D., Ogden Park Church; Prof. O. E. Krueger, Bellwood Church; Prof. A. Bretschneider, Immanuel Church; Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, Grace Church; Mr. H. P. Donner, Humboldt Park Church; Rev. A. Husmann, Immanuel Church of Milwaukee. Mrs. H. G. Dymmel and the Rev. J. F. Olthoff served the Forest Park Church at its morning services and Mr. E. Elmer Staub spoke at the Sunday evening service.

THE RURAL CHURCH

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to be more contented in his lot again. Since this trend is noticeable, rural life seems to be on the ascendency. The church must direct its people toward that goal and call attention to the creative values in farm life.

The leaders of rural work sound messages of encouragement and raise their voices against the exploitation of nature and her resources. Lowdermilk stated some time ago: "We can trace the rise and fall of civilization by the use and misuse of their soils." During the drouth years, one could hear some of the mid-western folk as they were roving the Far West say: "We are here, because we were blown away back home." The truth is, however, that they were "tractored out." There has been too much suicidal farming in the mid-west. The rural people can learn a few lessons in agriculture from the Hebrews of Old Testament times. We must pass on a heritage of good land, fine homes, and a working church in the rural areas.

Church and Home

The church and the home and religion are an integral part of rural life. The church needs consecrated leaders who will work intelligently with rural people. Our denomination was fortunate to have had hosts of faithful rural leaders in the past, and she still needs them today. Our seminaries until lately never offered courses in "Rural Life," but now their curriculum includes a few subjects in this important phase of rural work.

The church and the home stand at a crossroad. They need guidance and attention. If our country homes are destined to become as meaningless as many urban homes have become, religion and the church stand in danger of disintegration. As goes the home, so go the community and the church.

We need a revival of rural ideals, such as O. E. Baker suggests: "The family ideal, the worth of human soul, the necessity of sacrifice, the dignity of labor, patriotism, and a widespread distribution of ownership of property." The Kingdom of God comes in rural areas inasmuch as men and women are faithfully working for its interests. Let us work in the spirit of the Master, who was so much of a country preacher, possessed of an absorbing passion for the country and country people. Let us covenant to follow Jesus, if necessary, into the countryside with a special message of hope and encouragement for God's people.

It is our good intention to make the rural church more effective in the lives of its people by developing a consciousness among them of their own common tasks. "Behold, a sower went forth to sow." God bless the seed and the sower in the natural and in the spiritual Kingdoms! That is our prayer!

Around the World With the Missionaries

Brief Reports to THE HERALD by Missionary Friends in Distant Lands

SERVING GOD IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Dr. F. W. Meyer,
Medical Missionary

Emmanuel Hospital,
Capiz, Capiz,
Commonwealth of the Philippines

Heartiest Greetings!

The year 1940 has brought the Philippine Islands into the headlines of the news with the threat of a southward expansion of a nation to the north of us, but it seems that Uncle Sam means business of protection with a noticeable increase of armament of air and sea forces. These are troublesome times in the Orient, and the idea of re-examination of the economic background, if not political as well, is in order.

Five years of Commonwealth government have gone by and we look with pride upon our accomplishments. The present outlook in our international relationship in the Orient is somewhat uncertain. We cannot foretell what the future will bring, although the prophecies are numerous and dire. But one thing is certain, we of the Philippines, and we of the United States, must cooperate well, and establish a strong economic future. Therefore, we must face re-examination of the economic order, and prolong the relationship with the mother country beyond the 1946 date. America must awaken to the tremendous possibilities of these Isles of ours; she cannot afford to scuttle the ship within a few years.

Several amendments to the constitution have been signed, to re-establish the Senate, as well as the House of Representatives, to replace the unique unicameral National Assembly of the past five years; the term of presidency has been reduced from six to four years, with the possibility of re-election. Ardent provincial government elections have been held, and our own beloved Gabriel K. Hernandez has won his third term as Capiz governor.

The year 1940 in our province has been somewhat harrowing. There was a drought of months, a late planting of rice upset the farmers' schedule, folks felt poorer than ever before, and that reflects in our hospital in-patient number, as we did not reach the 2441 mark of last year with our present 2368 in-patients. But our out-patient number increased to over 2000 different people. People delayed in coming with their serious cases, as seventy-two came in moribund condition, passing away within a few hours after arrival. Our operative list increased considerably. Charity work rose to 36.4%, with over twenty thousand pesos given in charity in the various departments. That means

ANOTHER TERM OF SERVICE IN NIGERIA

By Miss Margaret Lang,
Missionary

Sudan Interior Mission,
Oro via Ilorin,
Nigeria, West Africa.

Greetings from Dark Africa!

My heart is full of gratitude and thanks to God for all of his love and mercy. When I look back on the past year I marvel at the way he has led me.

It is over a year ago that I left the shores of Africa for America, and the Lord took me safely there and I had such a fine furlough. Then he supplied so bountifully and brought me back to those I have learned to love in safety.

Since coming back to Nigeria, I have had some very wonderful experiences. The first few weeks were very busy ones, trying to get settled and entertaining the natives as they came to welcome me back. They all seemed to be very glad to have me back. They brought me gifts of all kinds. They know that I like peanuts, and since it was just the harvest season for them a great many brought me peanuts. I must have received more than 2 bushels of them. Chickens came next, and I have received over 60 of them so far. Every time some one comes from a distance, he or she brings one along. I have also had gifts of bananas, eggs, cloth and even a nice chair.

My first 10 days were busy ones trying to help 10 little babies into this world as well as all the other work.

I have been having a joyful time also in dealing with souls. One was a very sick man who was a nominal believer at one time and who, as I understand, was the means of helping others to believe in the Lord but who has now been living a life of sin for years and is reaping the penalty of it by suffering greatly from disease. I spoke to him several times and he said that he was willing to come back to the Lord.

Yesterday his brother told me that he had told the head of their household that he was going to cut either his throat or abdomen. When I went to see him, he told me the same thing, but it didn't sink in or I didn't understand it anyway. I talked with him about the Lord and he said that he would repent and asked the Lord for forgiveness for his past sins. After dealing with him for a while longer, he found peace for his soul.

I went to see him today and then he told me that if I had not spoken to him yesterday he would not have been alive anymore. How glad I am that I heeded the Spirit's leading and spoke to him! Please pray for him!



Misses Carrie Swyter and Margaret Lang, (Left to Right), Missionaries in Nigeria, on Furlough in America Last Summer

much, for our rates are the lowest out here. The X-ray department had 62% charity, and the out-patient department reported 80% charity.

The new annex is erected, and is receiving its coats of paint, and towards the end of January we inaugurated the new building in honor of one of my closest friends, Don Jose Hernandez, the father of our governor. This addition to our group of buildings is to house the obstetrical department with a ward, semi-private and a series of private rooms. The lower floor accommodates the internes' quarters, reception hall, and nurses' recitation and demonstration rooms, as well as a chapel. A ramp connects the upper floor with the older section of the hospital. This is a fine memorial to our Don Jose, one of the finest gentlemen east or west of Suez, a real man of God in the service of his fellowmen. His family has given a substantial contribution to the building.

Emmanuel Hospital has a loyal staff of doctors and nurses. My associate, Dr. Tito Acuna, is carrying on a major part of the work, and has also attained higher honors in larger work as president of the convention of Philippine Baptist Churches.

We beseech your continued prayers and interest for the work at Emmanuel Hospital, that we live up to our name—Emmanuel—God with us—in physical, mental and spiritual uplift.

and Son," "David Copperfield,"—Dickens had risen from poverty and insignificance to great wealth and fame; Walter Damrosch's "My Musical Life" . . . Rodney himself had given the book to Shera as his contribution to the new library. His mind lingered for a moment upon the memory of a single incident described in the book: Walter Damrosch at nineteen, stooping to kiss the hand of the famous Liszt at a gathering of celebrities in Wagner's home immediately after Wagner's first presentation of "The Parsifal" in Bayreuth; Liszt protesting with dignity, saying, "No, no, not here!" as if to say, "This is Wagner's hour of triumph; I would not deflect one ray of his glory to myself." Jealousy could grow, Rodney thought, even in the heart of a famous musician . . .

There was a biography of Bach, the greatest musician, perhaps, that had ever lived. Rodney held the volume in his long angular fingers. It's author was Kay Shuttleworth.

There was another biography of Bach, supposed to be the best in print, by J. A. P. Spitta. . . . These famous men of genius—had they had more ability than musicians of this day? Could not one, gifted as was Rodney Deland, climb to heights equally as great—to a popularity that would never die? . . . All this . . . !

Operating instructions for portable Voice-O-Phone, Model No. 1-50, slipped through Rodney's fingers and fell to the floor. Their fluttering drew his attention, and a moment later he was back in his chair, the design on the green cover of which was also pussy willow. There was a long row of pussy willow shrubs bordering the river back home, just below the old stone bench, where on a warm summer night the fireflies played at hide and seek. "There," Mother had said that beautiful night last summer, "that is the way the Holy Spirit works. Some one preaches or sings or lives the gospel . . . and the lamp of faith is lighted in the hearts of men—here, there; there, here, yonder . . ."

Lights that must not be hid, or dimmed; that must never go out.

He knew the recording instructions from memory, having studied them over and over in his room. In his mind he had followed them perfectly a score of times in anticipation of the day when he would possess a machine of his own:

1. Be sure your current is 110 v. 50-60 cycle, AC current.
2. Open case and remove front apron (a) or cover (b) or both . . .

Shera came drifting down the stairs, and appeared in the room in a gay, flowered house dress and apron. She whirled about in the center of the room for his approval, which he gave with his eyes—which one could not help but give to Shera.

In another moment they were busy with the recording machine. All equip-

ment was there: aluminum and acetate blank discs, diamond stylus for cutting on aluminum; sapphire and steel needles for cutting and playing back on acetate discs.

For a moment Rodney forgot the reason why he was here. His fingers trembled in sympathetic vibration to his trembling spirit. For the first time he would hear himself as others heard him. Forgot, and then remembered again; for the song he had selected to sing, would carry in it the message—the climactic message to Shera. She would hear in song his final decision to lose his life for Jesus' sake.

But first, they must learn how to use the machine so as to make a perfect record. It would have been great fun, if their thoughts and motives could have been the same,—the spoiling of a few discs, only the price of learning.

They recorded Shera's violin solo first on an aluminum disc, decided the aluminum played back with too much noise, especially on the soft tones, made the record over again on an acetate disc, which was perfect.

Rodney watched Shera's face during the play-back. Her eyes carried a far-away expression as if she were being transported on wings of music into a new and wonderful world.

He could hear his own accompaniment, interpreting the violin's every mood—each was the complement of the other. It was not only a violin solo with piano accompaniment; it was a piano solo with violin accompaniment—a duet.

"It's your turn now," she said, rising from the chair where she had been sitting, "What'll it be?—Oh, I know! I want to hear you sing 'Under the Whispering Moon.' Richard Staffner sang it over the Columbia network last week, and I like your voice better than his—I really do," she finished sincerely. "You're going to sing on the network some day, you know. You and I together, perhaps."

Her eyes upon his were eager, and something else. The woman in Shera had turned upon him the lights of her personality. She was saying with those eyes, "You belong to me, Rodney, and I am going to help you climb to fame—higher than any other singer in the world."

He liked the melody of "Under the Whispering Moon." It was one among a thousand popular songs which made youthful love seem beautiful, whose music was not sickeningly syncopated, whose philosophy was not cheap and low-lived. But he would not sing this song for Shera, not when he was about to tell her of the Vision that had come again.

He knew what he wished to sing. He had been thinking about it ever since he had ridden the waves in practice room 422 this morning. He would record a hymn, a gospel solo, the kind Mother and Norda liked best, the kind Shera needed to hear, but which in the

aristocratic church where she attended, she would never hear.

He would make the record and send it home tomorrow, and his mother would know that he had not lost the vision—she must never know that he had lost it until he had fully regained it.

He opened his brief case, drew out a loose-leafed, leather-bound book, a compilation of gospel solos and duets. He had sung many of them in the old home church. Recently he had added several new numbers. So many beautiful gospel songs were being written today.

Shera stood puzzled, watching him. "You—aren't going to record a—not a hymn!"

He was taken so completely unaware. "For my mother," he said, and knew immediately that the explanation was also an apology. He hated himself for it, hated the weakness in him that had caused it.

He rallied his sinking courage and said, "You'll like the one I'm going to sing."

He decided to play his own accompaniment. His fingers trembled as he adjusted the sapphire cutting needle in the cutting-head. He hoped the song would furrow a trail of conviction for sin upon the disc of Shera's heart—she who denied sin's very existence. She was not the cheap and shallow type of girl but was highly cultured and refined, yet she could spurn the things of the gospel with a suave indifference that was more deadening than a coarse and blatant mockery . . .

The disc was on the turntable now, with the extension pin protruding through the off-center hole in the record, the spindle clamp tightened.

Volume and selector switches were in their proper positions, the microphone at the right distance from the piano.

And now he was singing. Ira D. Sankey, one time companion of the illustrious Moody, had composed the hymn music. Sankey too had been a country lad, his biographer, in the book now in the old home library, had said.

It was a paraphrase of the original poem which Rodney sang now, and to which Shera, mildly religious church member, listened—the words written by one Thomas Stephens, the same words Rodney had sung this morning in room 422. With the first note he felt the power of both the words and the music:

*"There are ninety and nine that safely lie
In the shelter of the fold,
While millions are left outside to die,
Because the ninety and nine are cold;
Lost in sin's delusive snare . . ."*

Tone waves throbbed in his head, poured into the microphone in rich, rolling vibrations. . . . Out across the fields of tasselled corn . . . like a lake of fire rolling in the wind . . . Millions . . . millions of stars . . . of souls.

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Reports from the Field

Eastern Conference

The Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y., Is Engaged in a Great Advance Program

The people of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York, looking in retrospect over the past few months' activities, believe they have cause for rejoicing not in great and outstanding performances, but in small things done well, which have borne fruit for the Lord.

We are participating in the city-wide "Released-Time-Bible School." This consists of a group of children of grammar school age, released (if they so wish) from school by the school authorities for one weekly Monday for the purpose of religious instruction. These classes are held in several churches throughout the city, and our church is one of those participating. The enrollment in our church class is now 55 to 60. We feel that this is a worthwhile movement since we have the opportunity to present the Word to some children whom we could not otherwise reach.

Another group, which has been active and doing a good work, is the *Friendly Circle*, which is a weekly meeting in the church of the women of the neighborhood. The purpose of this organization is to stimulate concern over the great needs of the underprivileged, and to do all possible to help those needs. The money taken in by this society is used in such work as distributing Testaments to the Jews and in work among the lepers and migrants.

We also have *Crusaders*, which is a group of children meeting weekly to study about the underprivileged, and to instill in their young minds a concern for others. We believe that in so trying to arouse concern for the great needs of others and in trying to help those needs, we honor Christ.

A Teacher Training Class is now in progress, which meets for one hour each week under the leadership of one of our young women who is a seminary graduate, and above all who loves the Lord, and is therefore fitted for this work. This class was formed for the purpose of fitting our teachers for more effective and inspiring leadership of the young.

Finally, looking to the future, we are about to enter upon an intensive study of ways to reach at least some of the Christless and unchurched in our community. This study is known as the "Advance," and will require much prayer, patience, and persistence in order to see real results. We are looking ahead hopefully to real results in this endeavor.

LILLIAN COOK, Reporter.



The Late Rev. A. Becker of Dallas, Texas

Southern Conference Preparations by the Kyle Church for the Dedication of Its New Edifice

On Friday evening, March 28, the German Baptist Sunday School of Kyle, Tex., sponsored "a box supper social" in order to raise money to buy new English song books for our new church, which will be completed by May 1st and will be dedicated on Sunday, May 4th.

Every girl and woman brought a box of food which was then bought at auction by the men. Cakes and pies were also sold, and even a banana was sold for 40 cents. The amount of money raised amounted to \$72.35.

Our Baptist Training Union has been busy during the last four months by giving programs at the Cottonwood and Greenvine churches. The name of the playlet which was rendered was, "Whatsoever Ye Sow." This was well presented by all the players. This playlet was also given at the anniversary program which was held in November 1940.

We are working, praying and seeking to do more for our Lord and Master with the completion of the Lord's house at this place. We pray for more grace, for more power, and for greater victories in 1941.

MARGARET LENGEFELD, Corp. Sec'y.

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By Ernest H. Hayes

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Rev. A. Becker, a Noble Minister of God, Passes On to His Heavenly Reward

Our denomination has lost a noble minister in the passing of the Rev. A. Becker on March 29 at his home in Dallas, Texas. He was born on April 22, 1864, and came to Texas in his early youth, where he spent almost his entire life, with the exception of four years spent in our seminary in Rochester, N. Y. On August 12, 1896, he was united in marriage to Marie Wolfe.

Mr. Becker was one of Texas' most beloved pastors and served faithfully and loyally in the Southern Conference for more than forty years. His first pastorate was at Brenham and Greenvine from 1897 to 1907. Following this, he spent a year in Bethany, Ore. In 1908 he went to Denton, Tex., as full time pastor. From 1921 to 1925 he served as State Missionary, during which he ministered to various groups and churches, and his deep spirituality and jovial personality won the esteem and love of everyone.

In 1926 he accepted the call of the Central Baptist Church at Waco. During his 14 years of ministry in this field his labors were successful and brought great joy to the hearts of many. He never failed to stress the importance of furthering our missionary enterprises, and it was through his efforts that the Waco church became self-supporting, after having received financial support from the mission board since its organization.

He was also active in the City Wide Pastors' Conference, and on numerous occasions led devotional periods over radio station WACO. His pastorate here was brought to a close on September 1, 1939, when he retired from active service. However, Mr. Becker continued serving the Elgin church once a month and a number of other churches in our conference whenever called upon.

Funeral services were held in the Central Baptist Church of Waco on March 30 with Dr. J. M. Dawson and the Rev. P. Pfeiffer officiating. One of the most inspiring and fitting tributes paid Mr. Becker was when Dr. Dawson compared his life with that of Enoch, in that "he walked with God." Mr. Becker is survived by two sons, Ben of Dallas, Paul of Houston, and three daughters, Martha, Ruth, Lydia, all of Dallas, and two grandchildren. Mrs. Becker preceded him to the heavenly Father's house by thirteen months.

The beauty of Brother Becker's life lives after him in those touched by the radiance of his spirit. That is the testimony of those who knew him.

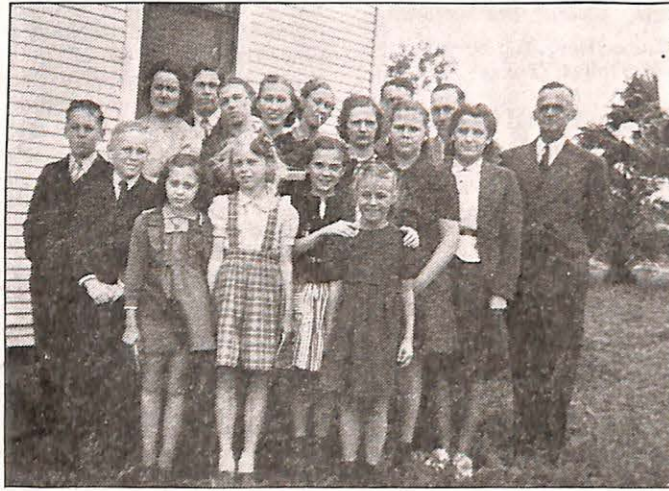
R. E. ENGELBRECHT, Reporter.

Sixteen Converts Are Baptized and Received Into the North Donna Church of Texas

On Sunday, February 23, the Rev. L. Hoeffner, pastor of the North Donna Church near Donna, Texas, had the joy of baptizing a group of 16 persons upon confession of their faith in Jesus as their personal Savior. Among them were 7 children and 9 adults.

This spiritual harvest has greatly revived and uplifted every branch of our church. We rejoice in the fact that the gospel still has power to save from sin. How blessed it was when the pastor on the following Sunday could give them the hand of fellowship at the Lord's Supper. God grant that others may heed the call and come to confess him as their Savior!

A picture of the baptismal candidates and the pastor accompanies this report.
L. H. HOEFFNER, Minister.



Young People of Donna, Texas, Recently Baptized by the Rev. L. Hoeffner (Right) After a Glorious Revival

Northwestern Conference The George B. Y. P. U. Presents a Missionary Play

The young people of the Second Baptist Church of George, Iowa, presented a very impressive missionary play entitled, "Janey," on Tuesday evening, February 4. The cast included the following: Rosiland Bettings, Irene Schrick, Ina May Kruse, Harriett Krull, Ruth Boaz and Helen Brenner. This play was under the capable direction of Miss Marie Spieker. Musical numbers were given by Jewell Oltman, Raymond Sudenga, and Alma Schrick.

The mission offerings amounted to \$25. The young couple of the church added \$5.00 to this making a total of \$30. This offering goes toward the Iowa Chapel Crusade project.

On April 15 we held a meeting for the Iowa Chapel Crusade with the Revs. John Walkup and M. L. Leuschner as guest speakers.

Our society has been doing some fine work under the splendid leadership of our president, Miss Alma Schrick, and we hope to do even greater work for the Lord's service in the future.

HELEN BRENNER, Reporter.

News Notes from the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wis.

The young people of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., held a farewell party for Robert Bathauer, who left for Camp Grant and was then transferred to Camp Livingston, La. He was presented with a year's subscription to "The Moody Monthly" and other gifts.

An Easter play entitled, "The Message of Easter," was presented on Palm Sunday by the B. Y. P. U. The play was written by our pastor, the Rev. Lewis B. Berndt, who also directs it.

The Rev. Lewis B. Berndt also spoke in the First Methodist Church of Sheboygan Falls and in the Zion Reformed Church of Sheboygan on Good Friday, April 11. The services in the latter church were broadcast over the local station W. H. B. L.

EVELYN GUENTHER, Reporter.

The World Wide Guild girls, of which Miss Spieker is the able and successful leader, have also been a special asset to the spiritual prosperity of our church. Just recently they gave \$10 to the Chapel Crusade in the Cameroons. Then, too, our B. Y. P. U. is also energetically busy. So far they have contributed \$30 to the Chapel Crusade. Miss Elma Schrick has faithfully presided over this society for the last two years.

But our Ladies' Missionary Society, with Mrs. Will Hass as the consecrated and discreet president, has been unusually blessed by being a great blessing to our church. This society took the initiative at the expense of considerable money to beautify the church on the inside and outside, and also to make improvements in the parsonage. This society was also instrumental in praying and planning for and in securing the Rev. W. Schobert of Jeffers, Minn., recently to conduct evangelistic meetings.

His appealing and scriptural messages were richly blessed of God. Souls were led to the Lord. Others who had been converted years before came out and requested to be baptized. Eight were baptized on the first occasion and five other persons the second time.

Indeed, the Lord has blessed us. For five years we have been praying earnestly and unceasingly for these souls. God gave us a revival in a harvest of souls, and we praise him for it. We also had the privilege to receive two members by letter. So, in all, 15 new members were added to our membership.

O. W. BRENNER, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

The Washburn B. Y. P. U. Conducts Interesting Programs for Large Audiences

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church in Washburn, No. Dak., has used a new form of program schedule this year. We have divided our society into four groups, each with a captain. Each group takes charge of the meeting for the evening designated to it.

We have had some very fine meetings thus far. The first group used the topic, "Christ as Our Friend." We were inspired by the very fine talks and discussions given by those taking part. The second group brought "The Ten Commandments" up-to-date.

The third group had a very interesting debate, which drew a large crowd, on the topic: "Resolved, that it is better for the individual to go to church than not to go to church." The judging was left to the individuals. By the attendance at the services in the weeks that followed, we feel that the affirmative side was the most convincing. The fourth group had a devotional program which had an inspirational message to all.

On Easter Sunday we held a program in the auditorium of the church, which was given in the absence of our minister, the Rev. Rudolph Woyke. We

also are giving a "Laura Reddig Missionary Program" in the near future.

We have been blessed richly during the past year. Our membership has grown and our meetings have been well attended. We have many Christian young people who devote their talents to the Lord's work, using them for the inspiration of others.

MRS. WILLIAM NEUHART, Reporter.

The Men's Bible Class of Martin, No. Dak., is Proud to Report Its Activities

The Men's Bible Class of the Baptist Church in Martin, No. Dak., can truly say that ours is a class in which the Word of God, as expounded by our teachers from Sunday to Sunday, becomes real and dear to the hearts of our young men from the time they enter the class until their departure. Here is also a place where discussion is free and questions from individual members of the class are as welcome as a challenge from any class in our Sunday School or any other Sunday School class to exceed its attendance or offerings. We are proud of our group and have every reason to be, for God has truly blessed us as an organization.

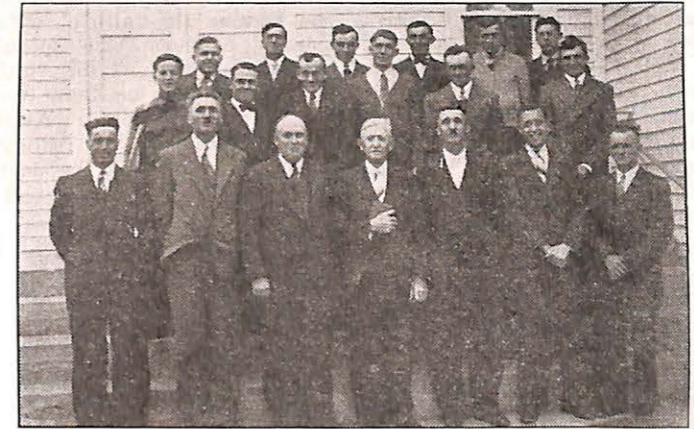
Our class was organized about twelve years ago under the direction of the Rev. Karl Gieser. Robert Rust was elected our first president and is still our president. Our teachers are the Rev. John Kepl and Chas. A. Rust, and our secretary-treasurer is Emil Fiesel. The enrollment of our class is 28, and the average attendance about 25.

In addition to our regular class meetings we have a regular spring outing to which the King's Daughters Class is invited and we have a good time in fellowship and recreation. During the spring and summer months we have an occasional soft-ball game on week day evenings which usually results in a game between the married and single members of the class.

We can truly say that our class is offering the young men of our church the spiritual background needed so



The Rev. and Mrs. Phil Potzner of Marion, Kansas, on Their 25th Wedding Anniversary, Celebrated With Them by the Marion Church



The Men's Bible Class of the Baptist Sunday School in Martin, North Dakota

(Front Row—Left to Right: A Member; Robert Rust, President; C. C. Harr, S. S. Superintendent; Rev. J. Kepl, Pastor; Charles A. Rust, Teacher; Second Row, Second from Left: Albert Fiesel, S. S. Secretary and Treasurer)

much especially in these days of turmoil. May we take this opportunity to greet former members of our class all over the United States and Canada.

FRED J. KNELSON, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

The Rev. and Mrs. P. Potzner of Marion, Kansas, Celebrate Their Silver Wedding Anniversary With Their Church

On Tuesday evening, March 18, members and friends of the Emanuel Baptist Church at Marion, Kans., helped the Rev. and Mrs. Philip Potzner celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. A sumptuous chicken dinner was served in the basement of the church. The guests of honor were seated at a table which was decorated with silver streamers, cut flowers and a beautiful wedding cake.

Mr. Charles Batt acted as toastmaster. Toasts were given by representatives of the various organizations of the church. Mrs. Claus Neve spoke for the older people, Mrs. Chas. Batt represented the class taught by Mrs. Potz-

ner, Miss Agnes Ehrlich represented the young people, and Mrs. E. M. Popp the Women's Society.

A cardboard box was placed before the guests of honor and twenty-five younger members of the Sunday School then marched past, each placing a silver dollar in its designated place in the box. When they were through, the figure, "25", had been made by these coins.

The congregation then assembled in the main auditorium of the church where an appropriate program was given, of which Mr. K. F. Ehrlich was in charge. The Rev. Claus Neve spoke in German and the Rev. A. W. Urquhart in English. Mrs. D. H. Wiebe read an original poem, in which she told a number of interesting incidents in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Potzner. Mrs. C. Scheibel gave a German reading and Evelyn and Lauraine Potzner and Ella Maier each had a reading. A girls' trio, a ladies' trio and the choir rendered several musical numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Potzner then graciously responded by expressing their sincere gratitude to all who had helped to make the occasion so delightful.

MRS. E. M. POPP, Reporter.

Central Conference

A Memorable Celebration, Honoring August Steffens, is Held in Trenton, Illinois

From March 23 to 30 the Baptist Church at Trenton, Ill., commemorated the 50th anniversary of the appointment of August Steffens as missionary to the Cameroons of Africa. For months both pastor and the church had worked and planned for this memorable occasion. We were not disappointed in our expectations. They were wonderful days, which we will not so soon forget.

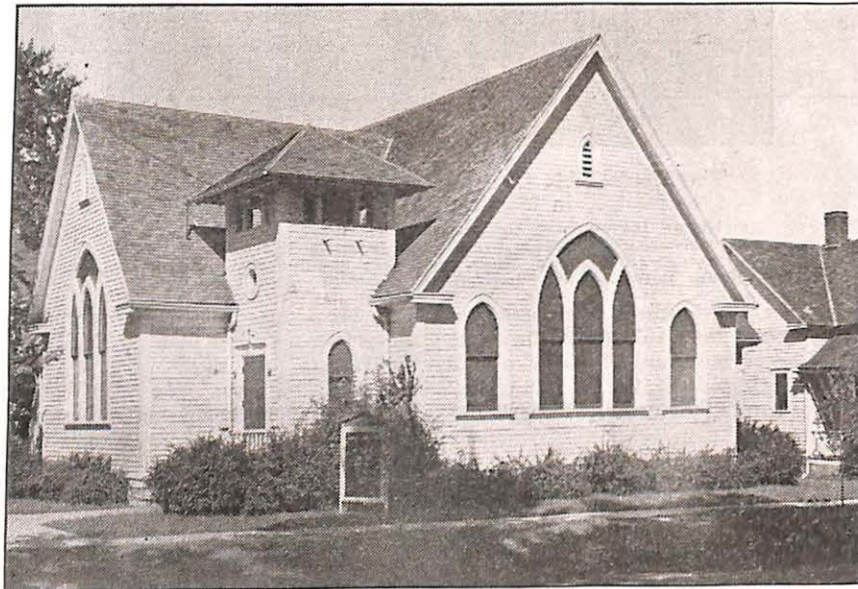
On the first Sunday morning Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., gave the memorial address, based on Phil. 2:29: "Hold in honor men like him." In the evening the Rev. C. Dippel, who had responded to our invitation to be present, brought to us many interesting reminiscences of his erstwhile room-

mate and classmate, August Steffens. On Monday evening the Rev. F. Strobel, former pastor of this church, spoke, as well as Dr. Albert Steffens from Menno, So. Dak., who with his wife had come to share the celebration. His words will long be remembered.

On Tuesday evening the Rev. R. Shepley from Greenville, Ill., spoke, representing the Alton Association. He especially reminded us of our debt to

terminated to carry on the work. Later, she became the faithful wife of missionary Suevern, who speaks of her after her death as his "unforgettable Anna," although he knew that part of her heart was buried in Africa, where she too found her last resting place in 1901. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my end be like theirs."

CHAS. F. ZUMMACH, Pastor.



The Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois, Which Recently Held a Missionary Celebration

all who have been pioneers in every great forward movement. On Wednesday evening Mr. Hopkins of Springfield, Ill., spoke in place of Dr. Schell, who was unable to be present.

Thursday evening was reserved for the St. Louis Park Church, where Steffens had his membership, since the church in Trenton at that time had not yet been organized. They responded splendidly. Among those who came was a Mrs. Rosch from St. Louis, who had been an eye witness to the wedding of August Steffens and Anna Cappell in Berlin in 1891. She told us of the beautiful wedding arranged by the church there, and the deep impression created by this consecrated young couple upon all who were present. The Rev. J. J. Leininger, pastor of the church, spoke on "Memories." On Friday evening the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., gave us a vivid portrayal of our Cameroon Mission, both in words and pictures. He also spoke in our church on Sunday morning, and at a union meeting in the Evangelical Reformed Church in the evening.

Tributes to the work of August and Anna Steffens were read on different evenings from the Reverends B. Graf, Valentine Wolff, A. Orthner, and H. P. Kayser, and Mrs. Gunda Orthner. Also a beautiful tribute to Anna Cappell was received from the church in Cincinnati, where she was a member. After Steffen's untimely death this noble woman remained alone in Africa, de-

termined to carry on the work. Later, she became the faithful wife of missionary Suevern, who speaks of her after her death as his "unforgettable Anna," although he knew that part of her heart was buried in Africa, where she too found her last resting place in 1901. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my end be like theirs."

The names of our circles and circle-captains are: "Lydia," Mrs. Dora Dressler; "Ruth," Mrs. Margaret Platz; "Dorcas," Mrs. Marie Hein; "Esther," Mrs. Frieda Schultz; "Hannah," Mrs. Martha Fink; and "Lois," Mrs. Gertrude Kliese. We are grateful for the consecration and service of all our members, who with fervent prayer and zealous activity seek to build the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MRS. ESTHER LANG, Secretary.

Northern Conference Bible School in Southey is Attended by Nineteen Young People

The Baptist Church of Southey, Saskatchewan, experienced paramount blessings during the days from March 10 to 21 when the Bible School of the South Saskatchewan Convention was entertained within her portals. Nineteen students attended regular class sessions, all of which were held in the afternoons. Road and weather conditions made the desired representation from the various churches impossible. Yet despite these apparent disadvantages, the paucity in attendance was richly compensated by the spirit of the few. The teachers were, indeed, delighted by the alertness and receptivity of their pupils' minds and by the eagerness and zeal of heart. Our guest students from Nokomis and Edenwold greatly contributed to make the school a success.

The spirit of cooperation of the student body may well be the index to the efficiency of the faculty. The local pastor, therefore, wishes to thank the Rev. A. Kujath of Regina, the Rev. E. Wegner of Nokomis, the Rev. A. Weisser of Edenwold, and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, our esteemed young people's secretary, for their splendid services rendered.

Perhaps a greater tribute than I possibly could express in words is the tangible result of the Bible School, that is, the re-birth of five imperishable souls. This miracle is the direct outcome of the evangelistic services conducted by our brethren in cooperation with the Holy Spirit. There are now at Southey, in all, fifteen precious human lives who during the past winter months have commenced their walk with Christ. And we believe that the work of the Spirit of God is continuing in our community to touch both the unsaved and the saved.

With the commencement exercises on Friday night, March 21, the Bible School reached a glorious conclusion. Although most of the students expressed a note of sadness because they were compelled to descend the "mount of transfiguration," there was, never-

theless, an attitude of joy. The experiences of Christian fellowship were theirs to be taken home. And the impressions on memory's slate were deep enough to last for another year. The teachers also felt an inner surge of satisfaction. Their effort was appreciated. Their work was crowned with success. And Southey Baptist Church has become richer because it was able to harbor and share this fellowship.

KARL KORELLA, Pastor.

God's Bountiful Blessings on a Successful Bible School at Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

We, at the East Ebenezer Baptist Church in Ebenezer, Saskatchewan, can gratefully confess that the Lord has been with us during the two weeks' period of Bible School held here from March 3 to 16.

Our school motto, "For Christ, Our Lord, We All Surrender," was of great spiritual significance to the assembled young people from the seven churches in various parts of Saskatchewan, such as Ebenezer East, Homestead, Spring-side, Ebenezer West, Yorkton, Fonehill and Fenwood. The regular attendance was forty students daily. Before each session in the morning the devotional periods were in charge of the students from the churches.

The thought provoking and instructive expositions of the lessons were brought to us by the following highly esteemed and beloved teachers: our pastor, Rev. Walter Stein, on "Personal Evangelism"; Rev. J. J. Wiens of Fenwood on "Christian Stewardship" and "The Second Epistle to the Thessalonians"; Rev. R. Schilke of Minotonas on "The Life of Paul"; Rev. Phil. Daum of Winnipeg on "The Life of Jesus"; Rev. M. L. Leuschner of For-

est Park, Ill., on "Sunday School Work" and "Our Baptist Denomination and Its Work"; and Mr. K. Neufeld of Winkler, Manitoba, as director of music and song.

We can say that these lessons were received by the students with great appreciation and gratitude, for when we as Christian young people in our country look out into a world so full of grief, distress and turmoil, we know that we have been privileged to count this a blessing which God bestowed upon us.

Evangelistic meetings were held every evening with the Rev. Phil. Daum bringing us the messages during the first weeks, and Mr. Leuschner in the second week. A very inspiring program rendered by the Bible School students was held on Friday evening, March 14, after which a social, sponsored by the Ladies' Aid, was held in the basement of the church.

MELVYN HOFFMAN, Reporter.



Students and Faculty of the Northern Saskatchewan Bible School Held at the East Ebenezer Church

Closing Exercises of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta

It was with regret that students of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, thought of the last few weeks at school. All too quickly did the four months of training at our Institute slip by. Everyone was asking the questions: "What are you doing this summer?" and, "Are you planning on coming back next term?"

Now they have again scattered over our prairie provinces. The majority have gone back to their respective home churches and communities, and others find themselves in new surroundings. The happy, clear ringing testimonies of these students prove that this has again been a glorious school term.

While we were proving to our teachers that we had learned (on our last few examination papers), friends from many parts of our sunny province were arriving to celebrate with us at the closing days of school on March 19 and 20. Happy people, both young and old, crowded the hallways, classrooms and assembly hall. Therefore, the morning and afternoon sessions, which were held in the Institute building, were well attended.

The great day, Wednesday, began with an hour of prayer led by the Rev. J. Kornalewski, pastor of the Leduc Church, after which about 250 people enjoyed the blessing and fellowship of a hearty meal, besides all the other meals, which were served at the school. All honor to our matron, Mrs. Wahl, who supervised!

The afternoon session began with a half hour devotional period led by a student, Miss Helen Prikker, gave a talk on "The Summary of the Contents and History of the Bible." The Rev. O. Fiesel of Trochu, then followed with an interesting Bible study on the theme, "The Rapture of the Church."

A half hour was set aside each afternoon for the prayer bands. These were led by Mr. Reinhold Schmidt, Miss Myrtle Hein and Mr. Emil Reimer. We were very much blessed of God in these short prayer meetings upholding before "the Unfailing Throne" very



Young People and Teachers at the Southern Saskatchewan Bible School in Southey
Faculty (Top Row—Left to Right) — Reverends A. Weisser, K. Korella, A. Kujath, E. Wegner, M. L. Leuschner

vital phases of our denominational work.

The evening services were held in the Central Baptist Church where capacity crowds filled the church both evenings. The evening of March 19 was given over wholly to the students, who under the capable direction of Mrs. Robert Neske, our director of song and music at the Institute, rendered an Easter cantata entitled, "Easter Memories."

Miss E. Katzberg was in charge of the devotional period on Thursday morning, followed by a school report and discussion by the principal, the Rev. E. P. Wahl. The rest of the morning period was given over to inspiring mission talks. Miss Ida Forsch spoke on "In the Service at Home for the Master," after which the topic, "Mission Possibilities for Everyone," was very ably handled by the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Calgary.

The afternoon period of devotions was opened by the Rev. F. W. Benke. Students Agnes Priebe and Raymond Dickau delivered talks on "The Bible as Infallible Proof of Christianity" and "Personal Work in God's Kingdom." The Rev. T. B. McDormand then gave a heart stirring message on the topic, "Victorious Living."

The final messages presented in the evening were delivered by the Rev. Daniel Young, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Edmonton and one of the school staff, and the Rev. F. Alf of Carbon, Alberta. The orchestra under the able direction of Mr. Benke, as well as special numbers in song, helped make the evening a blessed one.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Wahl, our dean and matron, whom we as students dearly love, were presented with a beautiful 13 piece cut glass water set by Charles Fleck, our Philologus president. After the benediction was spoken, students and teachers gathered together and with clasped hands once again sang our theme song, "Living for Jesus."

MYRTLE HEIN, Reporter.

Young People's Anniversary Program and Song Festival in the Regina Church

It was on a cold, windy, 25 below zero Tuesday evening that Mr. Kornelius H. Neufeld of Winkler, Manitoba, arrived in Regina, Sask., Canada. Mr. Neufeld, who has made music his life work, had spent the better part of January and February in British Columbia and Alberta, teaching music and choir directing among the Baptist and Mennonite settlements in these provinces. Although he had been away from home all this time and had been strenuously at work for two months, he started right away in practicing with the choir, and teaching us the many basic rules of correct singing.

Now there began a time of nightly practicing for the choir, quartets, trios, duets, and soloists, plus orchestra. Yet

no one grumbled, for every one was eager and willing to pitch in, to learn and to cooperate in order to make the song festival that we had planned for Sunday, March 9, a success.

In the midst of all these activities, the Young People's Society of the church was also busily engaged in the planning of their fifteenth anniversary. This celebration was held on Friday evening, March 7, on which date fifteen years ago a group of Christian young people formed this society, in order to help the recently founded church in building up a congregation consecrated in the divine fulfillment of God's commandments.

One of the highlights of this program was a dialogue in two parts—the first, "How the Young People's Society Should NOT Function," and the second, "A Model Young People's Society." This, together with the various other numbers, was well received, and we hope was of encouragement to many. The Rev. A. Milner, one of the founders of our society, was to have been our guest speaker, but due to illness he was unable to attend. To substitute, the Rev. A. Weisser of Edgewood spoke to us, and his simple and straightforward message was an inspiration to all of us.

The sun shone brightly the next Sunday, March 9, as if to cheer and gladden our hearts in an extraordinary way. For this was the day we had long planned and worked for. Morning worship was very well attended. The choir gathered for another short practice in the afternoon. This fitted in with the plans the choir had made, without Mr. Neufeld's knowledge, of course, to surprise him with a small reception in the basement of the church right after the practice. As a token of our gratitude and appreciation, Mr. Neufeld was presented with a leather briefcase.

In the evening there was presented one of the finest song festivals ever given in our church. Every one present was moved by the various numbers in song and music. Under the expert and inspiring direction of Mr. K. H. Neufeld, the choir rendered every number to the utmost of its ability.

ALFRED PUDLAS, Reporter.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Sunday, June 1, 1941

OUR CHRISTIAN CERTAINTY

Scripture: John 14:6-9, Phil. 2:5-11.

State your personal convictions as a disciple of Christ, giving the reasons for your faith. An interesting and helpful program can be prepared by your society.

The magazine, "Topic," has a further presentation for this day on the subject, "Is One Religion as Good as Another?"

Sunday, June 8, 1941

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Scripture: Matt. 22:15-22; John 18:33-36; Romans 14:11-13.

From the beginning of human society man has been the victim of various kinds of bondage. At first he was in bondage to the physical forces of nature. To merely exist was a constant struggle, and securing sufficient food was a major concern. Man today is lord of the physical. The elements of nature are his servants, very seldom his master. He has yet to use his physical freedom to his best advantage, but he has attained it.

Man has always known mental bondage—with its superstitions, its taboos, and its ritual tyranny. Education and the modern religious viewpoint have broken the mental bonds of millions, but millions have yet to be freed.

A generation ago we felt that man had won his fight for political freedom—freedom from bondage to the state. But today the battle for political liberty is a very live issue and the whole future of man is wrapped up in its outcome. The greatest tragedy of humanity has been enslavement to evil. Only those who know spiritual rebirth through Christ have been able to break the bondage of evil. Jesus came that man might have life and have it more abundantly. Only through the liberty that he brings is the truest and the highest life possible. It is a liberty motivated by love. Our thesis has been that all other liberties grow out of religious liberty.

The early Christians had found the liberty that was in Christ. They have passed on their heritage to us. It is our task to hold high the torch.

Sunday, June 15, 1941

CHANCE OR LAW?

Scripture: Roman 7:14; 6:16; 12:2; Jer. 5:26.

1. "Ye are my witnesses." The first duty of Christian people is to uphold Christ's standard by practicing and preaching it. In our inner selves we must accept God's law, and we cannot harmonize his law with gambling, which is founded upon chance. The Social Service Council of Canada calls particular attention to the fact that gambling is contrary to the Christian idea of stewardship, and to the Christian conception of the value and purpose of money. Says the Council, "It is utterly impossible to build a sound economic order on the gambling habit." Gambling is irrational, non-productive, motivated by greed, a device for extracting money from the unwary and placing it in the possession of the vicious.

If we are to be God's witnesses, we cannot avoid recognition of the per-

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"Father has a Thousand of Insurance — but Whom Does It Protect?"

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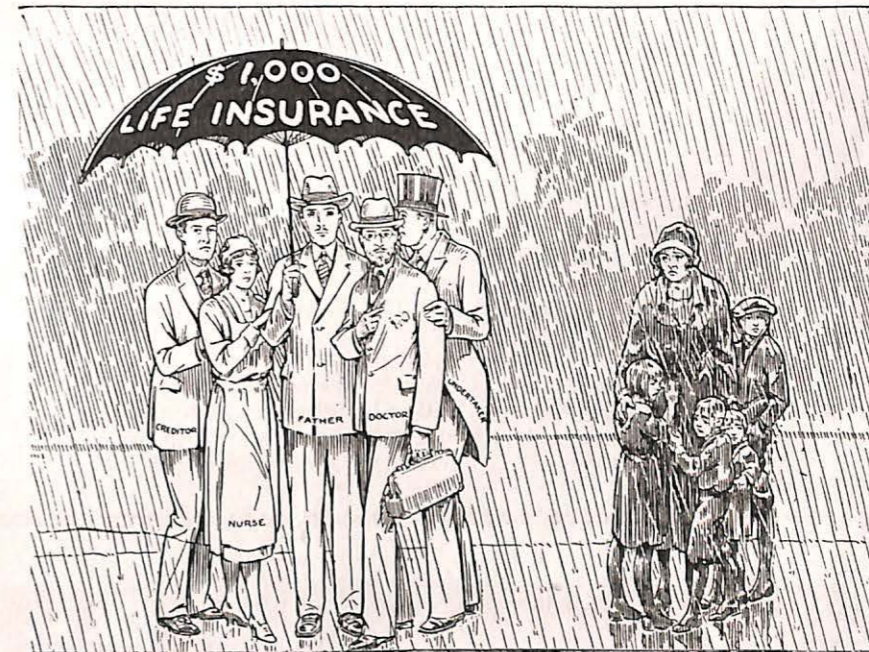
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sonal responsibility for all of the evils that flow from the custom and traffic of gambling. Someone has said that there is no such thing as national guilt, or state guilt, or social guilt; all guilt is personal. If we support or even tolerate social and governmental policies that are evil, the guilt is ours personally.

That certain churches have permitted, even encouraged, gambling as a means of raising money for their activities, is especially distressing. When a church tolerates bingo and lotteries because it needs the income, no matter how noble the cause, it permits a violation of the sanctuary and destroys the power of its witness against all other evils of modern life. A church should not wink at "trivial" sins that violate major spiritual truths and strike at the very foundations of Christian morality. When a church is not consistent it brings itself into contempt and no one will respect its message.

The Wayside Pulpit

By REV. THEO W. DONS
of Forest Park, Illinois

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

"O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep." Psalm 92:5.

While driving through the Kentucky and Tennessee mountains, we were impressed with the beauty of the great out-of-doors. Seeing God's handiwork and knowing that this is "my Father's world," we were led to exclaim, "O Lord, how great are thy works!"

The greatest, most concise and best circulated tract proclaiming the message of God is the natural world of beautiful hills, trees, flowers, lakes, snow capped mountains, and grass. Nothing impresses one so much as a beautiful picture of a clear, blue sky, sitting jauntily on a high green covered hill, which protects with a note of serenity the valley nestled below.

Not only does the natural world literally shout the name of God, but it inspires one and reminds one of all the desirable character traits such as patience, strength, and endurance. People were created by God and are part of this natural world, but, sad to say, their testimonies are not always as inspiring as those of the beautiful trees and lakes. Yet they have so many more modes and methods of expression, that more is expected of them. To the godless world let us bear a testimony that will uplift, inspire and bring men to our Savior and Lord. "Create in me a clean heart, O Lord."

The unbelieving world may not read the Book of books but it will read the lives of professing Christians. How concerned we should be to have men impressed with the fact that we have been with Christ! Oh, that the prayer of the poet may find fulfillment in our lives: "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me!"



Zimmerman's "Christ and His Disciples at the Last Supper"

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Life

"I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:1-3.

"Unity" is the watchword of our day. A country must achieve national unity before it can hope to battle successfully against the onslaughts of the enemy. Those who wreck a nation's unity open the door to tragic disaster.

Equally imperative is the call for unity in our denominational life. Our allegiance to Jesus Christ has brought us together into one fellowship. God's seal of approval has helped to unite us into a group that is devoted to the cause of his Kingdom. We have felt the blessing of "the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

But this unity must be strengthened! Disintegrating forces are at work. We, too, face critical times in the immediate future. In the deepening of our devotion to Christ and in the strengthening of the bonds of loyalty to our denomination, will we, with united hands, be able to look hopefully into the years ahead approaching our Centenary Jubilee in 1943.

**THE FIFTH OF TEN DENOMINATIONAL GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED IN OUR
CHURCHES' PREPARATION FOR THE CENTENARY JUBILEE IN 1943**