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Stately White
Columns Guard the
Entrance to the
White House,
the Home of the
President of the
United States,
in Washington, D. C.

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What's Happening

¶ The Rev. Fred Trautner of Eureka, So. Dak., resigned on Good Friday, April 11, as pastor of the Eureka church and its mission stations with the resignation to take effect on June 29. At present, Mr. Trautner does not have any prospect for a pastorate in the future, but he is awaiting God's guidance.

¶ Mr. Rubin Kern, a graduate of this year's class of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., has accepted the call of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas. He will begin his pastorate there as his first church on July 1st, bringing his bride with him. Mr. Kern will succeed the Rev. H. G. Ekzut, who passed away on March 14 after a critical illness of several months.

¶ The Easter offering of the Baptist Church in Aplington, Iowa, amounted to \$309 with the Sunday School reporting \$19.77 as its offering. The Rev. Fred Lehr, pastor, baptized a young man on Easter Sunday morning. On March 1st Mr. Lehr observed his 6th anniversary as pastor of the church. The baccalaureate service of the local high school will be held in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening, May 18.

¶ The Rev. William H. Schobert, pastor of the Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minn., recently resigned and accepted the call of the Baptist Church of Crystal Lake, Minn. Since this church is not affiliated with our conference in any way, we are sorry to lose the services of this fine young pastor in our denominational ranks. Mr. Schobert was pastor of the Jeffers church for about four years.

¶ On Sunday, May 4, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Hebron, No. Dak., and of its Antelope mission station baptized 10 candidates in the baptistry of the German Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak. At present, the churches have a total of 60 "Baptist Herald" subscribers and 30 "Sendbote" subscribers. A report about the choirs with pictures appears in this issue.

¶ On Thursday evening, April 10, the B. Y. P. U. of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., presented a three act play entitled, "The Easter Message," at the Rocky Knoll Sanatorium, about 10 miles from Sheboygan. A dialogue, "High Lights of Christ's Life," was also given by Mrs. R. Jahn and Mrs. Erwin Guenther. Musical numbers were rendered by members of the Ladies' Aid between acts of the Easter play. The pastor, the Rev. Lewis B. Berndt, also had an active part in the program.

¶ The Freudenthal German Baptist Church of Alberta, Canada, held an Easter offering for the Cameroon mission field of almost \$60, which was especially noteworthy in view of a snow storm on that Sunday, April 13, which held down the attendance. On Sunday, April 6, eleven young people of the Zion Baptist Church of Alberta, of which the Rev. Frederick Alf is also pastor, successfully passed an examination for a Teacher Training Course which they had been studying for 3 months previously.

¶ On Good Friday evening, April 11, the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., held its first Good Friday service in many years. The Rev. H. Renkema, pastor, brought the message. Mr. Renkema is conducting a half hour of Bible study for children in the Baileyville public school every Friday morning. This is an unusual procedure, which deserves widespread commendation. The Rev. Peter Peters of Buffalo Center, Iowa, will conduct two weeks of evangelistic meetings in Baileyville toward the latter part of May.

¶ On Easter Sunday, April 13, the various stations of the Gnadenfeld Church in and about Hettinger, No. Dak., of which the Rev. R. Sigmund is pastor, met in the English Baptist Church of White Butte, So. Dak., where an Easter service and the Lord's Supper were held. In the afternoon the church choir of 40 young people rendered the Easter cantata, "Hail! King of Glory!" The mission station at Havelock purchased a small church building, which has been moved into place and is now awaiting some repair work and the building of a basement.

¶ During the Easter season the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt of Burlington, Iowa, received 15 new members into the Oak Street Church by baptism and letter. The church now numbers 717 members, which is the largest membership in the history of the church. During the past 3 years 153 new members have been added to the church roll, of whom 125 were received by baptism. On Palm Sunday evening, April 6, the church choir sang the cantata, "The Seven Last Words of the Cross" by DuBois. The church hopes to dedicate its new \$9000 Kimball pipe organ in July.

¶ The Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Forest Park, Ill., presented his resignation as pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church to the congregation on Sunday morning, May 4, and at the same time accepted the appointment as denominational evangelist made by the General Missionary Committee in its annual session on April 23. The resignation

of Mr. Dons has been accepted by the Forest Park Church. He has served as its pastor for 14 years. Mr. Dons will begin his ministry as evangelist about September 1st.

¶ On Tuesday, April 8, the members of the Southwestern Conference program committee met at Shattuck, Okla., for an all-day session. At the church service in the evening the Revs. A. Weisser of Stafford and W. Helwig of Ellinwood were the guest speakers. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford showed natural colored slides and moving pictures about the Southwestern Conference. An offering was taken which was included in the Easter offering of the Shattuck Church, of which the Rev. F. W. Socolofsky is pastor.

¶ On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, the Rev. H. R. Schroeder, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Madison, So. Dak., had the joy of baptizing 3 young people. Another group of converts will be baptized in the near future. Special meetings had been held in March with the Rev. William H. Schobert of Jeffers, Minn., serving as evangelist. On Palm Sunday evening the church choir gave a fine Easter concert. The pastor reported that "all of the church organizations are about as active as they can be in promoting God's Kingdom in our midst."

¶ The Rev. Carsten H. Seecamp, pastor of the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., recently received the degree of "Doctor of Theology" from Webster University at Atlanta, Ga., upon completion of the necessary work and the

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EDITORIAL

GOOD NEWS must always be proclaimed from the housetops! It cannot be kept to oneself. It must be heralded into the winds and scattered to the far corners of the earth. Its joys must be shared with others. Its tidings must unite us more firmly than ever in our thanksgiving to God.

This issue of "The Baptist Herald" is brimful of such good news. We are living in eventful days, in which God's handwriting is unmistakably clear. Even from the vantage point of this editorial page, we want to shout the good news of important things that are happening in our midst and to invite you to read about these tidings with prayerful earnestness.

The recent sessions of the General Missionary Committee were stirring adventures of faith. Doors of missionary opportunity are possibly opening wide to us in the Cameroons, and our leadership is alert and responsive to every guidance of God. New missionaries will be needed, if this larger field becomes ours. Three mission stations, formerly belonging to the Baptists of Germany, ought to be taken over because of the internment of the Germans. A leper hospital to be built by British government funds in Mambila must be staffed with a medical missionary. All this is good news for us, who believe in Christian missions, to be relayed to every member of ours.

For years we have been praying for a denominational evangelist. Circumstances seemed to block the way for the appointment of such a man. It is really good news that such an evangelist has now been chosen, and that the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, pastor of the large and influential church of Forest Park, Illinois, has accepted the appointment with great joy of heart, and eagerness of spirit. Many things are happening in our midst, over which we rejoice.

The purposes of the \$100,000 Centenary Offering have been defined by the General Council in its annual session, reported in this issue of "The Baptist Herald." As Prof. Krueger so well stated it, this special fund will be used "to strengthen the home base and to lengthen the battle front." The apportionment of the money presents us with definite goals and tasks, which must be accomplished if our future is to be triumphant and glorious.

There is also good news from Iowa! The young people of that state adopted a mission project last year of \$1000 for the building of the first chapel in Mambila. The Rev. John Walkup of Sheffield became the chairman of the promotional committee. The striking name, "Chapel Crusade," was chosen for the project. But progress seemed to be slow at first. Now the news can be told how successfully the Iowa young people are forging ahead to victorious achievements. Don't miss that story in this issue of "The Herald."

The announcement of the many young people's assemblies, institutes, encampments and conventions appears in the following pages. How we thank God for these gatherings of inspiration and blessing for all our young people! Several larger and shorter articles by some of the leaders of our youth are also published. These, too, constitute good news of the highest rank.

Mr. Donner, the business manager of our Publication Society, has announced that "The Baptist Herald" has 6010 paid subscribers, which is probably the highest mark we have ever reached in April of any year. That heartening news we want to proclaim far and wide in appreciation to our many, many friends!

More important than everything else is the proclamation of the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From our churches and housetops let these tidings continue to ring out until they have encircled the globe.



—Courtesy of the Canadian Pacific

As the Last Embers of the Sun Sink Below the Skyline, This Girl Pays Tribute to a Day Well Done by Adding Her Alpenstock to the Others During a Tramp Through the Canadian Rockies

Youth Chooses Its Banners

By MISS JEWELL HILL of Kyle, Texas

Over the world youth marches! It marches at the call of personalities, or for causes that have come alive in living martyrs. It marches against other youth, marches for war and not for peace.

I believe that all of us can see tragic destination. Can this tragedy be averted? Can the course of the marchers be changed? What can be done about it? Is there an alternative?

There is an alternative, and only one. Christ alone, when revealed and released, has personality and power attractive to youth. His program, above all other programs, presents to young men and women the opportunity to invest life sacrificially and triumphantly.

Christianity is hard, alluringly hard, but those who march with Jesus Christ never march against one another.

There are a few great choices that must be made in every life, chief among which are the choice of character, the choice of vocation, and the choice of a life partner or not a partner. If these choices are to be made by youth, they must be made in inexperienced, often ignorant youth. Yet, how much judgment and foresight are required to make these choices wisely!

In the choice of character the Bible is a safe guide, but the other great choices, in spite of all of man's boasted and intellectual progress, must still be

made by youth as leaps in the dark—ignorant of most of the facts and fundamental principles needed in wise choosing.

It has been said that God has a blueprint for each life. If so, everyone should find his own blueprint and build according to its specifications. What is more exciting than a search for the divine plan in one's life? What can give more satisfaction than the sense of building according to that plan? The idea of seeking God's plan in our lives may be scouted by some, but it works, and anything that helps to solve the great problem of a planned life is not to be despised.

What is it to serve God? Suppose one has a silver dollar that he would give to God. How can he do it? Can he flip it to him? No, neither can he pour the soothing oil upon his thorn-pierced brow. One may go alone into the closet or into a solitary place and praise God. He may adore him and worship him in the secret chambers of the heart unknown to men, but when one would render him a service it must be done to one he loves.

The cup of cold water must be drunk by another; the loaf of bread must feed the hungry. Would you work, teach, preach, sing or give to God? Then you must do it for the profit of one whom he loves. "Inasmuch as ye have done

it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me,"—and thus only may we serve him.

No life can approximate its best that is not planned and built in harmony with the divine will for that life. By this we mean that one's work must be such as will call for the exercise and development of one's strongest natural abilities, and that the objectives be such as will enable these gifts most efficiently to serve and honor God.

How may one find this divine will? Three methods are presented:

(1) By approaching this question with an open mind, earnestly seeking divine guidance and confidently expecting to find it. He who created man has promised to give wisdom for guidance to those who diligently seek it, and the experience of the best of men through the years confirms our faith therein.

(2) By a wise use of information about vocations. One's vocation should give him pleasure as well as profit. His choice is a failure if he is not happy in it.

(3) Use your best judgment in analyzing yourself and in making decisions.

The choice of friends is one of the most serious affairs of life. One's friends influence one's thinking, ideals, and character.

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Young People's Assemblies and Conventions

Announcements of 35 Summer Conferences for Young People and Adults Which Will Bring Information and Inspiration to Those in Attendance

May 2 to 4
Western New York and Pennsylvania Y. P. and S. S. W. Convention at the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Guest Speaker: Missionary Gebauer of the Cameroons, Africa.

May 8 to 11
Colorado and West Nebraska Association at La Salle, Colorado

Guest Speaker: Rev. A. Husmann of Forest Park, Ill., Promotional Secretary.

May 16 to 18
Atlantic Y. P. and S. S. W. Convention at the Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J.

Guest Speaker: Missionary Paul Gebauer.

May 18 to 21
Wisconsin Association at the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Guest Speakers: Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., Missionary Secretary. Missionary Paul Gebauer.

May 22 to 25
Nebraska Association at Shell Creek, Nebraska

Guest Speaker: Rev. A. Husmann, Promotional Secretary.

May 29 to June 1
Oklahoma Y. P. and S. S. W. Institute at Ingersoll, Oklahoma

Theme: "Christian Preparedness" "Be ye also ready." Matt. 24:44. Song: "Ready."

Guest Speakers: Missionary Paul Gebauer and Rev. A. Husmann, Promotional Secretary.

Instructors of Classes for Adults, Intermediates and Juniors—Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Mrs. Will Schoenhals, Mrs. Harvey Weigand.

June 2 to 6
Kansas Y. P. Assembly at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga

Guest Speakers: Missionary Paul Gebauer and Rev. A. Husmann. Dean of Camp: Rev. Roy Seibel of the Strassburg Church.

June 2 to 8
Southern Conference Y. P. Encampment at Camp Ben McCullough, Tex. (15 miles south of Austin)

Guest Speaker: Missionary Paul Gebauer.

June 4 to 8
Central Dakota Association and Sunday School Convention at Plevna, Montana

Guest Speaker: Prof. Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y.

Association
at Anamoose, North Dakota
Guest Speakers: Mr. H. P. Donner, Business Manager of our Publication Society, Cleveland, Ohio. Missionary Paul Gebauer.

June 17 to 22
Dakota Conference at Linton, North Dakota
Guest Speakers: Missionary Paul Gebauer, Rev. A. Husmann, Promotional Secretary, Prof. A. Bretschneider, President of Seminary.



Young Women of the Central Dakota Churches at Jamestown, North Dakota, During a Happy Assembly Week

June 9 to 12
Iowa Y. P. Conference at Buffalo Center, Iowa
Guest Speakers: Rev. A. Husmann, Promotional Secretary, and Missionary Paul Gebauer.

June 10 to 13
South Dakota Y. P. and S. S. W. Assembly at Chancellor, South Dakota
Guest Speaker: Missionary Paul Gebauer.

June 10 to 14
Central Dakota Young People's Assembly at Jamestown, North Dakota
Guest Speaker: Prof. A. Bretschneider. Banquet Speaker: Missionary Paul Gebauer. (Tentative)

June 11 to 15
Northern North Dakota

June 19 to 22
Minnesota Y. P. and S. S. W. Assembly at Mission Grove, Medicine Grove
Theme: "Remembering Thy Creator." Ecc. 12:1.
Guest Speaker: Prof. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y.

June 23 to 27
Northern North Dakota Young People's Assembly at Fessenden, North Dakota
Guest Speakers: Missionary Paul Gebauer, Rev. A. Husmann, and Prof. Frank Woyke.

June 25 to 29
Pacific Conference at Anaheim, California
Guest Speakers: Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., Mrs. Clara Gebauer of Portland, Ore.

June 25 to 29
Manitoba Dreibund Meetings
at Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Samuel Blum of
 Cleveland, Ohio, Editor of "Der
 Sendbote."

June 25 to 29
Central Association and
Dreibund Meetings
at Rosenfeld, Saskatchewan
 Guest Speaker: Missionary Paul Ge-
 bauer.

July 2 to 6
Saskatchewan Association and
Dreibund Meetings
at Springside, Saskatchewan
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Samuel Blum of
 Cleveland, Ohio.

July 2 to 6
Alberta Dreibund Meetings
at Bethel Church, Alberta
 Guest Speaker: Missionary Paul Ge-
 bauer.

July 2 to 6
Ontario Association
at Killaloe, Ontario, Canada
 Guest Speaker: Prof. O. E. Krueger of
 Rochester, N. Y.

July 4 to 6
Chicago Young People's Union
Assembly
 (Place is Still Indefinite)

July 9 to 13
Northern Conference
at the First Church,
Leduc, Alberta
 Guest Speakers: Missionary Paul Ge-
 bauer and Rev. Samuel Blum.

July 16 to 20
Wisconsin Y. P. Assembly
at the Bethany Church,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Rev. Theo W. Dons
 of Forest Park, Illinois,
 the Newly Appointed Evangelist
 of the Denomination

Children's Day, June 8
 Programs were sent to our churches
 early in May.
 Children's Day Offerings for the
 Chapel Building fund are to be sent
 to Rev. Wm. Kuhn, Box 6, Forest
 Park, Illinois.

Guest Speaker: Rev. M. L. Leuschner
 of Forest Park, Ill.

July 19 to 26
Atlantic Conference
Young People's Assembly
at Bradley Beach, New Jersey
 Guest Speaker: Prof. Frank Woynke.

July 30 to August 3
Southern Conference
at Gatesville, Texas
 Guest Speaker: Dr. William Kuhn of
 Forest Park, Ill.

Now Ready — Free!
A New Young People's Song
"FORWARD WITH CHRIST"
 Words by Prof. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio
 Music by Mrs. Hilda Boehm of Detroit, Michigan

This cheery song was prepared for the National Young
 People's and Sunday School Workers' Union to be used in con-
 nection with the theme, "Forward With Christ," during the
 triennium before the Philadelphia General Conference in
 1943. The song appears in the Children's Day programs for
 this year.

Copies of this song will be sent in any quantity to any
 young people's society, Sunday School, church or young peo-
 ple's union requesting it of Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest
 Park, Illinois.

DON'T DELAY! SEND YOUR REQUEST AT ONCE!
SING THIS SONG AT YOUR CONFERENCE!

August 4 to 10
Great Lakes States Assembly
at Linwood, Ohio
 Guest Speaker: Rev. A. Husmann and
 Missionary Paul Gebauer.
 Dean: Rev. George Lang of Detroit,
 Michigan.

August 6 to 10
Northwestern Conference
at Racine, Wisconsin
 Guest Speakers: Missionary Paul Ge-
 bauer and Prof. O. E. Krueger of
 Rochester, N. Y.

August 6 to 10
Southwestern Conference
at Okeene, Oklahoma
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D.,
 Missionary Secretary.

August 8 to 16
California Y. P. and S. S. W.
Assembly
at Camp Thousand Pines, Calif.
 Instructors: Reverends B. W. Krentz,
 A. Felberg, F. E. Klein, G. G.
 Rauser, H. C. Dymmel.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. M. L. Leuschner,
 Young People's Secretary.
 Dean: Rev. H. G. Dymmel.

August 17 to 24
Oregon Y. P. and S. S. W.
Assembly
at Silver Creek Falls
 Guest Speakers: Reverends Roy and
 Ralph Kraft, Evangelistic Party.
 Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Young Peo-
 ple's Secretary.

August 20 to 24
Central Conference
at the White Avenue Church,
Cleveland, Ohio
 Guest Speakers: Missionary Paul Ge-
 bauer, Prof. O. E. Krueger, Rev.
 A. Husmann.

August 27 to 31
Eastern Conference
at Temple Church, Buffalo, N.Y.
 Guest Speakers: Missionary Paul Ge-
 bauer, Dr. William Kuhn of For-
 est Park, Ill.

September 10 to 14
Atlantic Conference
at the Second Church,
Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Guest Speakers: Dr. William Kuhn,
 Rev. Samuel Blum, editor of "Der
 Sendbote."

The play, "Better Than Gold,"
 about our mission work among the
 Gypsies of Bulgaria, will be pre-
 sented by the young people of the
 Second Church of Brooklyn with
 the original scenery from the Fire-
 stone Exhibit at the New York
 World's Fair.

Loyalty Days in the Chicago Area

Account of the Annual Sessions of the General Missionary Committee
 and General Council and Missionary Rallies Reported by
Mr. M. L. Leuschner

"Loyalty Days" were celebrated in
 the Chicago area from April 22 to 27.
 This loyalty to Christ in our denomina-
 tion was intensified in the annual ses-
 sions of the General Missionary Com-
 mittee and General Council and in the
 public meetings and rallies for the Chi-
 cago churches held during the days of
 that eventful week.

The General Mission Committee met
 in Forest Park from April 22 to 24
 with 100 per cent representation by
 every conference. Quite a number of
 visitors such as Missionary Paul Ge-
 bauer, Rev. A. Husmann, the promo-
 tional secretary, Rev. Samuel Blum,
 editor of "Der Sendbote," and Pro-
 fessors O. E. Krueger and A. Bret-
 schneider of Rochester, N. Y., swelled
 the group to one of the largest in at-
 tendance for more than a decade.

Prayerfully, earnestly, and diligently
 the committee started to work. Offi-
 cers were elected with the Rev. J. F.
 Olthoff chosen as chairman, and the
 Rev. J. Leyboldt as vice-chairman. The
 lucid and comprehensive report of the
 general missionary secretary, the Rev.
 Wm. Kuhn, D. D., was given rapt at-
 tention by the committee. In Septem-
 ber of this year Dr. Kuhn will have
 completed a quarter century of service
 as the general missionary secretary of
 the denomination. This anniversary
 will be fittingly celebrated to honor a
 great servant of God and a noble
 leader of our work!

The hours flew by quickly as Paul
 Gebauer brought his graphic report
 about the Cameroons mission field and
 answered the many questions by the
 committee members. A recommenda-
 tion, that called for definite missionary
 advance, was given the unanimous ap-
 proval of the committee and forwarded
 to the General Council. Its provisions
 will be described a little later in this
 report.

With much spiritual concern the
 committee considered the advisability
 of appointing a denominational evan-
 gelist. The need for such action was
 a burden on the heart of everyone. It
 was God's guidance that the committee
 was led to make nominations and then
 unanimously to choose the Rev. Theo.
 W. Dons of Forest Park, Illinois, as
 the new evangelist. Mr. Dons is a min-
 ister, who is well known in our circles
 as a devoted pastor, an ambassador of
 God with a passion for souls, and a
 strong loyalist for our work. He has
 accepted the appointment and will be-
 gin his service as evangelist about Sep-
 tember 1.

Appropriations for the home mission
 field to the extent of \$27,912.50 were
 made, and similar appropriations for
 the Cameroons and Danubian mission

fields totaling \$11,932.00 were also ap-
 proved by the committee. These are
 never perfunctory business matters but
 sacred tasks, in which every situation
 is considered in the light of God's will.
 To the members of this year's General
 Mission Committee the words of hea-
 venly approval can be spoken: "Well
 done, good and faithful servants."

On Friday and Saturday, April 25

and unforeseen purposes as will arise
 from time to time. Here are definite
 tasks that ought to challenge the heart
 of every one of our church members!

The reports of the various represent-
 atives on the General Council and of
 the new promotional secretary, the Rev.
 A. Husmann, were presented with or-
 derly thoroughness. Financial prob-



Members of the General Missionary Committee and Several Guests
 After a Delicious Dinner Served to Them
 at the Forest Park Baptist Church

and 26, the members of the General
 Council met for its annual session,
 preceded by a meeting of the Finance
 Committee. Ministers and laymen and
 a woman representative arrived from
 all corners of our denomination for
 these important meetings. Our denom-
 inational enterprise with all of its rami-
 fications, its problems and its future
 possibilities was given the earnest at-
 tention of the Council.

The Centenary Offering of \$100,000
 to be raised during this triennium of
 1940 to 1943 will be used for the fol-
 lowing purposes of denominational ad-
 vance: \$35,000 will be devoted to the
 strengthening of the home base in mak-
 ing possible an aggressive evangelistic
 program among our churches, in help-
 ing to raise the salaries of underpaid
 ministers in our churches, and in assist-
 ing the Christian Training Institute in
 Edmonton, Alberta; \$30,000 will be
 used for missionary advance in the
 Cameroons in the possible taking over
 of new stations, and sending out of other
 missionaries, and enlarging our God
 given work in Africa; \$25,000 will be
 set aside for spiritual advance by our
 respective societies participating in the
 denominational budget, application for
 which must be made by them; and \$10,-

lems and various ways of reaching our
 budget were considered, the recommen-
 dations of which will later be present-
 ed to our churches. God's presence was
 a continuous experience in these
 sessions.

On Wednesday evening, April 23, a
 missionary rally for the members and
 friends of the Chicago area churches
 was held in the Forest Park Church.
 The largest crowd in many years for
 this midweek mission meeting filled the
 church and heard the Rev. John Ley-
 boldt of Portland, Ore., give a message
 on "Witnessing for Christ" and saw
 the moving pictures of the Cameroons,
 interpreted by Paul Gebauer, and the
 pictures of the General Conference in
 Burlington, Iowa. A Centenary Offer-
 ing of about \$75.00 was also received.
 Another interesting feature was the
 playing of a phonograph record of the
 Edmonton Institute Chorus singing the
 stirring hymn, "Wonderful Grace of
 Jesus."

On Saturday evening, April 24, 125
 guests enjoyed a fine fellowship dinner
 in the Forest Park Church's social hall,
 after which the denominational enter-
 prise was considered from different
 angles by the speakers, who were the
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writing of the thesis on "The Ever-living Soul." Dr. Seecamp had his theological education for the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Theology at the Western Theological Seminary of Portland, Ore. The Western Nebraska and Colorado Association met in La Salle from May 8 to 11 with the Rev. A. Husmann, promotional secretary, as the guest speaker.

Miss Carrie Swyter of George, Ia., sailed from New York City for the mission field in Nigeria, Africa, on April 24. She is returning after an extended furlough to the mission station at Patigi, Nigeria, where she has spent a previous full term of service. An article entitled, "Hail, Son of a Lion!", was published in the October 15, 1940, issue of "The Baptist Herald," and her picture with that of Miss Margaret Lang appeared on page 169 of the May 1, 1941, number. She is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Swyter of the First Church of George, Iowa.

The Easter offering of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., amounted to more than \$1000. The Rev. John Leyboldt, D. D., baptized 4 persons on Easter Sunday evening, April 13, and on a former Sunday, March 30, he had baptized 5 other converts. The church choir rendered the cantata, "Life Everlasting" by H. W. Petrie, on Easter Sunday evening. A large number of the church membership is making use of the suggestions for Bible readings that appear in the bulletins. By this schedule the entire New Testament will be read during the year.

Evangelistic meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., from April 28 to May 11 with Dr. W. H. Rogers of New York City as evangelist, who was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of that large metropolitan area. The pastor of the Lorraine Church, the Rev. Pieter Smit, D. D., was converted under Dr. Rogers' ministry in Muscatine, Iowa, and regards himself as one of his "boys." It was an unusual privilege for the Lorraine Church to have enjoyed this ministry of Dr. Rogers for two weeks. The blessings of the meetings were legion in the conversion of some and the rededication of many persons.

The Baptist ministers of North Dakota held their annual institute at Bismarck, No. Dak., from April 15 to 17. Twenty-seven German Baptist ministers and seven ministers' wives were also in attendance. Among the guest speakers was the Rev. John Leyboldt of Portland, Ore., who spoke on Tuesday, April 15, on "The Glory of the Ministry" and who brought 4 lectures on "The Christian Minister." Dr. Chas. W. Koller and the Rev. Edwin Bell of

Chicago were the other two guest speakers. On Friday, April 18, and on Sunday, April 20, Dr. Leyboldt served the German Baptist churches of Washburn and Bismarck, respectively.

The Rev. John Borchers recently resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church in Chancellor, So. Dak., and brought his ministry there to a close on March 30th. From April 6 to 13 Mr. Borchers assisted the Rev. Gerlof Palfenier of McLaughlin, So. Dak., in evangelistic meetings held in the Baptist Church there, during which 12 persons accepted Christ as Savior. For the present Mr. Borchers' address will be Sanator, So. Dak., where he is serving as chaplain in the sanatorium. The pulpit of the Chancellor Church is being supplied during the months of April and May by the Rev. A. G. Lang of Britt, Iowa, who was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church in Emery, So. Dak.

On Palm Sunday, April 6, the Rev. E. Gutsche, pastor of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., baptized 6 young converts. The B. Y. P. U. recently rendered a program in the Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., under the leadership of its president, N. Moore. The Benton Harbor Sunday School, because of a \$400 surplus in its treasury, bought a new linoleum for the auditorium. The superintendent, Mr. R. Wesner, and the staff of teachers are very active. Mrs. A. Knight, one of the teachers, gave her piano to the Sunday School. On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, the church choir rendered a cantata entitled, "The Living Lord."

On Palm Sunday, April 16, the Rev. John Wobig, pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., baptized 10 persons and extended the hand of fellowship to them at the communion service on Good Friday evening. On Easter Sunday evening the church choir of 27 voices sang the cantata, "The Easter Triumph." On Sunday evening, April 20, a group of young people from the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis presented the play, "The Symbol of the Cross." All three churches of the Twin Cities were present for this occasion, and the play was given most effectively. A Vacation Bible School will be held by the church during the last two weeks in June.

On Sunday evening, April 20, the Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., celebrated its 25th anniversary with a special program under the leadership of its president, Mrs. Karl Gieser. The Rev. J. Leyboldt, D.D., of Portland, Ore., was the guest speaker. The society was organized on April 19, 1916, with Mrs. Henry Hirsch, now of Min-

neapolis, Minn., elected as its first president. On Easter Sunday, April 13, the Rev. Karl Gieser, who is superintendent of the Dakota Home for the Aged and also interim pastor, baptized 5 converts. Evangelistic meetings had been held from March 24 to April 4 with the Rev. Charles Wagner of Linton, No. Dak., serving as evangelist.

On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, the Rev. George Hensel, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., baptized 5 Sunday School scholars. On Good Friday afternoon a three hour service was conducted by the Kankakee Ministerial Association in the First Methodist Church which was attended by 1200 people. Mr. Hensel spoke on the sixth word from the cross, "It is finished." On April 15 Mrs. M. Krueger of the Baptist Church had a part in the vesper candle light service held by the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., on the occasion of its 60th anniversary and Founders' Day celebration. As a graduate of the school in the class of 1887 she had the privilege of lighting the candle for the first decade and bringing a brief message.

During the Passion Week from April 6 to 13 the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., had the privilege of listening to "the Singing Stroude," an evangelistic party, who brought messages in song and testimony. The ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stroud was a great blessing to all who attended. An Easter program was given on April 13 by the Sunday School classes taught by Miss Edith Konnert and the Rev. E. F. Fenske, pastor of the church. These dialogues were entitled "Through Darkness to Light" and "Easter Lilies." A German dialogue was also presented by the Ladies' Aid of the church. The reporter, Mr. Wilfred Miller, also added: "We are looking forward to greeting our many visitors that come to the Pacific Coast during the summer months. Our Ebenezer Church is located at 52nd and Fraser Streets in Vancouver."

The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., celebrated its 75th anniversary on Sunday, April 27, with special services under the leadership of its pastor, the Rev. Victor Prendinger. In the morning service the Rev. E. Berger of Bridgeport, Conn., pastor from 1901 to 1908, was the guest speaker. The Sunday School program was in charge of Mr. Fred A. Kling, superintendent. At the anniversary supper brief greetings were brought by former members. Several representatives from neighboring churches in New York, Brooklyn and Newark brought greetings and messages in the evening service. From April 29 to May 4 evangelistic meetings were held with Dr. Albert H. Stanton, director of evangelism in New Jersey, as guest speaker. On Monday evening, May 5, Missionary Paul Gebauer spoke in the Pilgrim Church at a large mass meeting.

Young People in the Work of the Church

Contributions by Several Young People from Our Churches

THE CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIAN YOUTH

By Fred J. Knelson
of Martin, North Dakota

All of the epistles of Paul seem to have one thing in common. The introductory words of each letter are characterized by the words, "Grace and peace." Paul was continually reminding his brethren of the means of the individual person's salvation and of its consequent results when appropriated. I presume that if Paul were alive today and if he were writing to the young people of our churches, he would include in his opening paragraph these memorable words, "Grace and Peace."

We need not lay emphasis on the fact, that we are surrounded in our day with substitutes and make-beliefs of every color and hue. Evidences of this can be seen on every hand, not only in the secular life but also in the spiritual realm. The truths of the Bible and the faith of our forefathers seem to many to be a mere passing fancy.

We know that in order to have the artificial, there must first of all be the genuine. Why is it, then, that we must face the fact that so many members of churches all over the land are found to be "having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof?" (2. Tim. 3:5) Is it not because they know not the genuine and are willing to accept "the artificial" in its place?

I believe that as individuals, as churches, and as a denomination we ought to be thankful to God and to the leaders who have gone before, that they have not wavered from the unsearchable riches of Christ, made known to us through the "gospel of grace" and that it is still real and vital to our spiritual well-being. But we cannot be satisfied to stop here, especially as young people with a look to the future. We must be prepared and ready to vindicate the "gospel of grace" and to remind ourselves often of the grace of God, the only merit of our salvation, (Eph. 2:8), lest at any time we find ourselves being blinded to the truth and carried away by any falsifying of the gospel, for we must assume the place which our Christian faith demands.

It seems that this challenge has a tremendous significance to the youth of our day. The secular world is finding in youth the answer to its many problems. Christianity has the same right to look to youth and find in it the torch bearers, lighting the way for a troubled world. Let us appropriate and make known to mankind the "gospel of grace." That is to my estimation "the challenge to youth!"

A CHURCH LIBRARY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Erma Saylor
of Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Sometimes people ask: "What benefit is a library to a church?" In giving you some of the facts concerning the usefulness of a church library, I shall try my best so that you may understand to a fuller extent why we have a library here in our Calgary Church and should have one in every church.

How can a person read about Christ's way of life and not show a change in moral standards? Because thinking men and women have read about him and filled themselves with the desire to live like the Christ, who changed life all about him, Christian laws have come into existence. Moreover, Christians themselves have gained an intelligence, a patience and a determination they would never have gained had they not read about Christ.

Many good impressions have been made on me by the reading of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," Sheldon's "In His Steps," and "The Life Story of David Livingstone."

Besides the books which give people enjoyment, a number of provocative books are also found in most church libraries for those who would clarify their thinking and establish intellectual self-reliance as well as independence. Furthermore, such books give us the privilege of making comments on their contents and having discussions.

There are many people, who have a great desire for reading, and since they cannot obtain any material to satisfy this desire except the magazine stands, naturally, that is where a great deal of their money is spent for worthless reading material. Besides that, many novels also give a person a sense of superficiality and vagueness. Here is where a church library achieves its purpose. The books which it contains also satisfy the desire for reading and furthermore bring friends to the friendless and brighten leisure hours.

The few books of today with a Christian philosophy for their background are written by some of the best writers in the world. Occasionally, some of these are found in the library of a church, where they expand the knowledge and extend the experience of all who read them. Even though our library may still be small, let us look at it in this way as Charles Kingsley once said, "With the exception of a living man there is nothing more wonderful than a book," and since the books we have treat some phase of Christian education, let us read and by our reading show the benefits of our library to us as a church.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH

By Bertha Mehling
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Modern times are bringing about a combination of two very different institutions, the world and the Church. It used to be that one would leave the world outside when one attended church, but this is not entirely true anymore. Now the world is brought right into the church to entertain the members and to keep them from being bored.

Let us take, for example, our Sunday School class. It might be interesting to know how many topics of conversation are going on while the teacher is attempting to explain the lesson. Few, for that matter, even come to hear the lesson. For the others, it is a meeting-place of friends, to which they come by force of habit. Having no interest in the lesson and no respect for the teacher of the lesson, they rob all others of any blessing, too. Sometimes the competition is so great that the teacher is forced to give up the floor.

It is true that "God is no respecter of persons" but today many young people are no respecter of God. I believe that you will agree with me on this when I mention the confusion during the reading of the Holy Word and during prayer. Common courtesy teaches us to be silent when two people are conversing, unless we can offer something beneficial. Still we lose all trace of good manners while one soul is communing with the most holy God.

Many of the things done in the church today are definitely out-of-place. Among these, I must list jealousy, gossip, and criticism. This trinity has been the downfall of many a weak Christian. Search your minds honestly to find the reason for these offensive attitudes toward others. There is no reason but that one feels he is inferior to another and tries to elevate his own station by slighting or disgracing the able one. Many times a young person who is very willing to render services for his union, is struck a blow from one of these unthinking gossips or critics, from which he never fully recovers. Are we guilty of these petty devices in our young people's union?

How much of the church is in the world? If we do not hold our banner high in the church, where it would be easy to do so, how then can we be expected to hold it high in this difficult world? What we modern Christians are trying to do is adjust the Bible to the times. It cannot be done! In the future, let us strive harder to adjust the times to the Bible!



The Vision



By Paul Hutchens

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SYNOPSIS

A few weeks before Christmas Rodney Deland, the son of a famous Christian song leader, received an invitation to direct the cantata in the Riverview Memorial Church. Although he had lost almost all faith in God in his studies at school, he needed the money and accepted the invitation. There he became acquainted with Dr. Webber, the minister, and his family, especially the daughter, Le Vera. During the day she was assistant to the dentist, Dr. Beade Thorwald, the father of Rodney's school flame, Shera. One morning Shera interrupted him at his music lessons and secured from him the promise to have dinner at her home that evening. Rodney was disturbed by the mysterious hold that Shera had on him. One evening, while at her home, they made a phonograph record of their playing, and then Rodney made a record of the hymn, "The Ninety and Nine," to which Shera listened in surprise and with indignation. But Rodney had found the Vision again in his faith in Christ.

CHAPTER SEVEN

He was only vaguely aware of Shera behind him, listening with clasped hands. He saw the elm and maples and the other trees that bordered Crawford river transform themselves into people, listening with tense faces. The last score of each stanza crescendoed to a throbbing climax. He knew he was singing as he had never sung before. It was as if he had been pounding for years at the unyielding bars and had at last broken through. He heard Shera's gasp and knew that the Spirit who had sung through him this morning, had come upon him again. He was singing in the Spirit!

When he finished and had turned off the switch, Shera was gone, but he was not aware of her absence. He was still trembling within.

Now for the play-back. In another moment he would hear himself. This is my answer, Mother; I have not lost the vision!

He caught a fleeting glimpse of Shera, standing under the rampant plaster arch between the living-room and the dining-room. The moment his eyes met hers, she looked away, turned and moved toward the door near the fireplace on the west, stood looking out on the snow-covered solarium. It was snowing now, Rodney noticed, snowing and blowing.

He adjusted the steel needle in the play-back pick-up arm, turned the volume control to PHONO, the selector switch also to PHONO, placed the pick-up arm on the record. In another moment he would be sitting in the chair with its green pussy willow cover design, listening.

The telephone rang—or was it the doorbell?

It was the doorbell. A solicitor, perhaps. Shera drifted across the living room and into the reception hall. Rodney heard the vestibule door open, then the outer door; heard the voice of John Nystrom saying courteously, "I represent the Riverview Memorial Church. May I present this folder announcing our pre-Christmas services? We are canvassing the neighborhood, securing information about—"

That was all. Shera's voice cut in coldly, "We are definitely not interested."

The outer vestibule door went shut, then the inner. An instant later, Shera, smiling, but with evidence of a recently creased forehead reappeared in the living-room. "These church peddlers!" she said. "Mother absolutely refuses to see them—Rodney! You look—!"

He snapped off the motor switch. Through the front window he saw the sober-faced architect, pushing through the storm to the next house, a man of influence and wealth, humbling himself to do house-to-house visitation, taking time to do it!

Rodney's spirit melted within him. This was neither the time nor the place to listen to the record he had just made. He wanted suddenly to be out in the storm with Johnny Nystrom, plowing with him from door to door, taking the rebuffs that he took—and in the way he took them, carrying on in the name of Christ the work which He had begun to do, but which now could be done only through the Spirit-filled and Spirit-directed members of His church.

While Rodney watched and thought, John Nystrom, braving the storm and the scorn of an unfriendly world, was changed into One with marred visage, climbing a hill called Calvary. The thorns that pierced his brow were the lanceolate words of Shera Thorwald and a whole world full of people who did not love Him.

He had admired lavender-eyed, dawn-haired Shera very much. She was beautiful; and beauty had wielded a subtle sword. He knew now that he had never before seen the real Shera. In her

presence on other occasions, he had felt within himself a subtle paralysis of soul which, enhanced by his unbelief, had tempted him to yield his locks to the lap of worldly ambition. What matter if Delilah's shears made him one who was "as other men"!

All this . . . He laughed a triumphant laugh. All this had lost its appeal.

Lovely, refined Shera Thorwald could be mean, could be brutal. She who denied the reality of sin, could sin against the Spirit! She had so sinned this very moment, for John Nystrom's visit to the Devonshire with an invitation to a gospel service had been under the direction of the risen Lord Himself; and Shera had rejected His messenger. Had not the Lord once said to His disciples, "He that receiveth you, receiveth me"?

His eyes were truly opened now, washed clean of their delusion. Gladness surged within him and he wanted to play and play and play. He turned to the piano and plunged with all his soul into the seething prelude of the Liszt Hungarian Rhapsody.

The Liszt Rhapsody was a hilarious, spasmodic composition. Rodney entered into it with feverish abandon. His fingers charged with fury down the measured fields, went over the top in fierce assault upon the enemy notes. . . . He knew that at last he had reached the climax of the struggle and that the Victor of the Wilderness temptation, who had refused "All this," and who now lived within him—if the Bible were true—since the Bible is true,—was winning another victory over the same Subtle Enemy in the wilderness of his soul.

From Liszt the pendulum swung to Luther's "A Mighty Fortress," which Rodney played in stately style and believed that he had found a fortress that no foe could conquer—while Shera stood at the solarium door looking out upon the drifting snow. What could she know of the joy of being restored to fellowship with the Father, she who'd never known it? She who lived for the pleasures of this world—who had chosen all this, whose spirit lay sleeping in its own death chamber within her. A beautiful girl, with a rebellious heart. A wave of pity for her swept over him.

From Liszt to Luther; from Luther to Sankey—and Shera still pouted at the solarium door—

"Lord, here Thou hast Thy well-fed sheep,

..Are they not enough for Thee?
But the Shepherd made answer, 'Millions sleep
On the brink of eternity;
And these, my sheep, within the fold,
Care not for the dying, outside and cold' . . ."

He finished the hymn, slid from the piano bench and went over to her, generating in the half dozen short steps, the determination to tell her of the Shepherd who was seeking the lost—Who had chosen him to assist in the seeking, Who was continuing the seeking and saving, after His resurrection. Superintending His own work from the Glory.

At the fireplace he stopped,—was stopped by the wall her spirit erected between them.

"Shera—" he began.

She did not move but stood looking down at her trembling fingers as they twisted into a little rope, a wisp of aqua handkerchief. Then she raised slow dismal eyes to his and quickly dropped them again, as if criticizing the tiny budding callouses on the finger tips of her left hand.

He began again—this time he would not stop—"Shera—!" There were tears trembling on her lashes. Why were they there? Because of the song? Because she knew that she too was a lost sheep, needing to be rescued?

Quick as a flash, she turned, "Look!" she cried, "It's snowing! Isn't it beautiful?"

He looked, and in the look saw John Nystrom coming back down the street on the other side.

It's snowing! Her attitude was more than a wall between them. She had reached a hand through that wall and struck him. It had happened like this again and again during the past year when he had tried to talk of spiritual things and of his life work:—"Look, Rodney! The sunset! It's like great golden bars of music."

He had looked and had loved the beauty of it, while being grieved because she could not see the beauty of the Lord Jesus Himself . . .

"The lake! See it, Rodney! Like a sea of silver!" She had said that one afternoon when they were strolling by the lake in the park. The lake had been beautiful, and he had loved it, for his nature too was ascetic, but a beautiful lake or sunset did not deny the fact of sin in the hearts of men, nor of their need of a Savior. The history of sin was written on the faces of men the world over—written in letters that spelled sorrow and heartache and dissipation and brutality and war. The lake which was the world of men, was not always beautiful, but sometimes its anger arose, and men, toiling in rowing, knew its terror.

But in his blindness, because of his infatuation for her, he had taken each subtle rebuke. Her esthetic nature shrank for the thought of any soul being lost, of a Savior shedding his blood

upon an ugly cross to die for sinners. Men were not sinners, not actually, she said. Sin was only relative. A loving God would not allow anyone to perish.

No? Had not the loving God Himself in His revealed Word told of His love in giving His only Son to the cross that "whosoever believeth in Him should NOT perish, but have everlasting life"?

Men were already lost, Eloise Deland had taught her children. The Bible declared it. Unless the gospel was preached to them and unless they believed that gospel and humbled themselves to confess their lost condition, they would continue to be lost forever.

Shera, worshipper at the shrine of beauty, did many questionable things because she saw first that they were pleasant to the eyes, or because the advertisement of those things were artistically done—when she saw that they were "pleasant to the eyes and a tree to be desired to make one wise"—as Eve had been deceived in the garden of Eden.

Rodney understood it all now. Satan himself, who, the Bible declared, had once been beautiful before his fall, still used beauty as a bait to lure unwary souls. Happy-faced men and women were pictured in his advertisements to inveigle youth into evil habits. Flowers and birds on artistic labels were used to lure men into sin.

Sin? There was no such thing as sin, Shera believed. Sin was only a principle of evil in all of us. Sin was relative. It depended upon one's motives, whether the thing was right or wrong to do. To Shera, the modern dance, whose aftermath, reality knew, was vile, was a medium of esthetic expression. The theater itself was not evil, as Rodney had been brought up to believe, but was only another medium of expression for actors and actresses whose esthetic souls demanded such expression. It was also entertainment for those who hungered for the beautiful. The world was made, not to be saved, but to be happy in.

Rodney's nature too was esthetic. He too loved the beautiful, and to him the Lord Jesus Himself was altogether lovely. Today He had become so again, not historically as a lovely character of the past, but as a Living Presence.

The Lord Jesus had not evaded reality, nor denied it. He had faced the terrific realism on his way to Calvary, had died upon that ugly cross, made of wood from once-beautiful trees which He had caused to grow. He had died upon that cross because a woman in a beautiful Garden which He had made, had been beguiled by her love of beauty into an act of disobedience, and because the sons of the woman and the man Adam who also rebelled against God, could be saved in no other way.

Things beautiful and right, were not wrong; but Satan knew how to make things wrong seem beautiful and right. Oh, thou youth of today! Beware of the plausible!

It's snowing!

During the next hour Rodney tried to break through the wall, and could not. Shera was living in another world from his own.

During that hour, while he mechanically joined her in the making of candy, and while they talked of different things, he felt the nearness of the **Altogether Lovely One.**

At four-thirty the telephone rang—it was the telephone this time. Shera answered it, protested vigorously to someone at the other end of the line, then changed her tone, and Rodney heard her say, "Oh, all right! Sure, we'll go. That'll be fun—wait just a minute."

Her eyes were alight, her face flushed with excitement when she came from the telephone to announce, "Daddy's being held up at the office until late. After that he has to attend some kind of business conference at the Sheridan. Mother is in Fayette and somebody has to drive down to get her. Daddy says he'll send the car out right away. We're to start as soon as it gets here."

"We can eat at some little roadside lunch counter on the way. It'll be more fun—a lot more fun than staying and fighting with each other."

Rodney's thoughts frowned. His eyes circled the room, saw the brief case in the hall, the newly made record on the turntable, the pussy willow design on the window draperies, came back to Shera's questioning eyes. Fayette! In the city hall there tonight, an intellectual and spiritual giant would preach the gospel in the power of the Spirit. If Shera could hear Dr. Webber speak . . .

It was already dark when the Thorwald's high powered car glided out of the city onto the paved highway leading to Fayette. Rodney was at the wheel. The headlamps plowed a great white furrow through the night. Powdered snow drifted like white furrow through the night. Powdered snow drifted like white fog across the road, wave on wave, the tone waves of nature singing a minor melody.

But the Tempter had not ended his temptation. He continued to wield his subtle sword all the way to Fayette.

"Your doubts, Rodney. What will you do with them? You will be a hypocrite to pretend you believe what you do not believe . . ."

A jack rabbit darted from the darkness into the blinding light of the headlamps. To the left, to the right; across; back. It crouched, trembling, in the center of the road while the care bore down upon it, then it leaped into the air. There was a sickening thud as it struck against the radiator. The car sped on into the night toward Fayette.

While life went racing on, other life lay quivering and bleeding in the road behind. The light of Faith was carrying him on and on. Doubts darting across the path, bewildered — to the right — to the left — which way? Doubts, dying in the trail behind him while Faith projected itself onward to its goal . . .

Shera's voice broke into his reverie. "Here's where we stop for lunch!" Her gloved hand caught at his arm.

He applied the brakes, swerved into a snow-packed driveway and came to a stop in front of a roadside tavern. An innocent looking blue, neon sign above the entrance said, THE TOADSTOOL. There was a two-pump gasoline station next door. Rodney saw a row of a dozen or more parked cars, with as many tourist cabins adjoining the parking lot. He had never entered a Dine-and-Dance rural hot spot, yet he was sure he knew all a young man needed to know about them. The Federal Bureau of Investigation had issued warnings to the public to beware of them. A series of articles by the director-in-chief in current magazines, branded them as breeding places for crime.

The lid of the Rexville tavern had blown off one summer night, and the stench had filled all the country side. Four so-called "hostesses" operating from nearby tourist cabins had been sent to jail. The place was closed now, as this one ought to be, Rodney thought. These were but boils oozing with pus from the poisoned blood stream of the sinful nature of men.

The sign above the entrance advertised a popular brand of beer. . . . It was on a night like that "that other driver's slow reaction time" had sent Douglas Deland into an untimely eternity. The blinking sign leered at Rodney and stirred his blood into hate. He was not going in!

Shera already had her car door open and was climbing out. He caught her arm and protested, "Shera! We don't want to go in here!"

"Come on!" she cried. "It's beautiful inside, newly decorated in cream and blue. You'll love it!"

He blurted out his objection. "I hate beer. It's a liar. A murderer! If it's right to drink it, it's right to kill . . . for men kill when they are under its influence."

"We don't have to drink it," Shera said, "although I'm not so sure it's so terrible to do it — Come on! Let's go in and get warm. I'm cold!"

He thought of crushed and splintered bones, of shattered glass. It was on a night like this—it was on this very road that the fatal accident had occurred!

In a flash Shera was out of the car and saying, "Hurry up before I freeze to death!"

Her squirrel coat would keep her from doing that, he thought, but she looked pitifully cold, standing there in high heeled pumps and sheer hose, with the snow whirling all about her. Nearly every eating place in the modern city—in this modern day—sold beer. He could not let her go in alone. Perhaps "The Toadstool" was a more respectable place than the Wagon-Wheel had been. It looked innocent enough except for the sign, and Shera had evidently been here before.

"Look what the storm blew in!" the patent-haired agate-eyed host greeted Shera when they passed him. He eyed Rodney skeptically.

"Hi, Lesh!" she tossed back at him over her furred shoulder.

A mechanical phonograph was blaring in an adjoining wing where a row of dimly lighted booths sheltered a dozen or more patrons. Glasses and bottle tinkled. A number of uniformed waitresses minced from booths to kitchen to counter to booths. Rodney and Shera accepted a booth near the howling phonograph.

"Quite a change from conservatory music," Shera said, removing her gloves.

"Small change," he returned. He felt himself hating the place.

Both men and women patrons were smoking and drinking. Several couples were in the center of the room, swivelling and pivoting in accompaniment to the profanity of the phonograph.

Suddenly Rodney rose, lifted Shera's coat from its hanger. "We're not staying!" he announced grimly. "I have something to say about where I take a young lady for lunch."

The stubborn little tuning fork reappeared on Shera's forehead. "Don't be a Puritan, Rodney. This is the way the world plays. They don't see anything wrong in it."

The world! She was right. "I think you'd like it better at the White Grille at Fayette," he insisted courteously, holding her coat for her.

"You're in the wrong key, Rodney," she laughed at him. "The food is delicious and they serve it so artistically." When had she been there before and with whom? he wondered.

Then it was he heard Gael Schillman's voice. Gael came swaggering down the aisle with a dainty little brunette on his arm, his big voice booming with laughter. Seeing Rodney, his baritone fortissimoed a hilarious, "Well, well, well, well, well! If it isn't old Sober-Sides himself! Having a little interlude of jazz, eh? Don't blame you! Don't blame you at all! — Here, Marsha," he diminuendoed to a gentle tone as he introduced his companion. "Meet Caruso, the Second—Lanny Ross the Third, Professor Rodney Deland in person! And this is the famous violinist, Shera Thorwald. Marsha Brevere is a ballet artist," Bill announced with a flourish. "She's on at the Egyptian this week down at Fayette."

Marsha's face was frozen in the latest blase' style. She tossed Rodney and Shera a left-over smile and, tugging at Gaels arm, indicated that she was bored already and would he please find a booth where they could be alone?

Glasses and bottles continued to clink; voices laughed stridently; whiskey flasks were slipped covertly from overcoat pockets; soft drinks were spiked; smoke hung low; the ventilating fan above the entrance to the kitchen, whirred noisily; the nickle-a-number phonograph pumped rhythmic swill

. . . He hated it, hated it, hated it!

Sin had written on the table of men's hearts with the point of a diamond, and this, this was the play-back!

Rodney slipped Shera's squirrel coat back on its hanger, seated himself opposite her in the booth. Above the din and confusion he had heard a familiar voice at the entrance, a contralto. What was she doing here! He hid his face behind his hand while he gave unseeing attention to the menu: Lamb Chops, Orange Sherbet, Toasted Sandwiches. .

For one tumultuous moment, he kept his eyes glued to the page, then he looked, and in the look saw a green-flowered turban crowning rufous-brown hair, a silver fox collar . . .

The patent-haired, agate-eyed host was grinning tolerantly, listening to what she was saying. In his hands he held a little folder. In her gloved hand, which Rodney remembered was suede-palmed, was a little packet of the same folder.

Lesh Kidairé was studying the profile of the trim little lady before him, and Rodney wondered what he would think of the gray-green eyes—the wild-cat eyes that betokened a disposition that could if it would, fly into a spasm of temper because of his insolent attitude, that would if it were not controlled by the Greater Love.

Le Vera gestured toward the booths, the folders in her hand. Lesh shook his head, frowned, indicated a blank space on the counter near the cash register, then in an attitude of dismissal, gave attention to an incoming customer.

Le Vera hesitated, made a little gesture of disappointment, then turned and looked straight into the eyes of Rodney Deland. Her lips parted in astonishment, her eyelids narrowed. She took a step toward him, turned again, laid the packet of folders on the counter and went out . . .

Raucous voices talking and laughing; dishes and silverware rattling; ice tinkling in beer glasses; ventilating fan whirring; electric phonograph spouting musical balderdash;—and in the midst of it all the Holy Spirit of God wooing a young man's heart, pulling, tugging, drawing him toward the Cross, using human instrumentality to assist Him in His saving work. Was He drawing Shera also?

The waitress came and went, conversation flooded the booths with empty words; while at the same time weighty thoughts inundated Rodney's mind:

"Ah, Ninety and Nine! Dost thou hear His voice?"

Then go forth to the work so great—"

Le Vera would have wanted to hear him sing the song; she would have wanted to hear the play-back. Shera for all her beauty and refinement was dead to the things of the gospel. She was a beautiful, "animated" sarco-phagus.

(To be continued)

Reports from the Field

Atlantic Conference Easter and Anniversary Blessings in the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Dela.

On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, seven persons were baptized at an impressive service in the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware. All of these came from 2 families. May the Lord continue to add to the church such as should be saved!

On Thursday evening, April 17, the church and its friends celebrated the 85th anniversary of the founding of this church. A number of pastors and friends brought greetings and best wishes for the further progress of the Lord's work in this community.

The young people of the church presented a play entitled, "Soup, Sand and Sagebrush." The pastor brought a brief resume of the beginning and progress of the church, with future ideals of an ever increasing growth of the congregation and its activities for Christ and the community. The pastor's wife was presented with a beautiful, hand-designed table lamp.

A fine Easter and Centenary offering of \$30 was the expression of gratitude to our Risen Master who is the life of the Church.

CHRISTIAN PETERS, Pastor.

The Easter Season Services at the Ridgewood Baptist Church, New York

Palm Sunday, April 16, was a red letter day for the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Ridgewood, N. Y., in that in the evening our pastor, the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, had the joy of baptizing 5 persons upon confession of their faith before a large gathering of members and friends. At the communion service that followed, our pastor welcomed these 5 and 2 others into the fellowship of the church in well chosen words.

During the Passion Week and on Easter Sunday we had the joy of having in our midst the Rev. S. Blum of Cleveland, Ohio, editor of "Der Sendbote," who preached on the important and inexhaustible theme of "Christ and His Church." His discourses, based solely on the Word, strengthened our faith and humbled us to be counted worthy members of Christ's body.

The mixed choir, under the direction of Mr. Emil Lepke, serves the church each Sunday morning with the beautiful songs of Zion in the German language. On this Easter Sunday morning the choir rendered the song, "The Lord is Risen." The mixed choir under the direction of Mr. Hilmar V. Ross serves the church each Sunday evening in the English language. On Easter Sunday evening the choir sang the can-

Anniversary Day on May 30 at the Philadelphia Home for the Aged

"Anniversary Day" will be observed by the Philadelphia Home for the Aged on Friday, May 30. A chapel service will be held at 2:30 P. M., at which Mr. E. Elmer Staub of Detroit, Mich., will be the principal speaker.

Meals will be served beginning at 4:00 P. M., and an out-of-door Song Fest will be held at 7:00 P. M. There will also be ample opportunity and provision for recreational activities. Any anniversary gifts will be gratefully received.

The Home for the Aged is located at 7023 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

Milton R. Schroeder, Reporter.

tata, "The Lord of Light and Love."

Our Ladies' Missionary Society recently celebrated its birthday with the church and invited guests. A very well planned missionary program was given.

During this Easter season Prof. and Mrs. Bretschneider and their daughter Grace came from Rochester, N. Y., to enjoy a short vacation with their loved ones and also with our church. Prof. Bretschneider also assisted in the services during the Easter season. Mr. and Mrs. Kannwischer have a son, Stephen, who is 8 months of age and who has brought much joy to them in the parsonage and to us in our church.

JOHN C. LOTZ, Reporter.

Northern Conference

The Forestburg Church of Alberta Welcomes Its New Pastor and Family

Our rather small congregation at Forestburg, Alberta, Canada, was, indeed, happy to extend a hearty welcome to its new pastor, Mr. Emil Riemer, and wife and family on Sunday, April 6. We manifested our appreciation in the rendering of an impressive program at that time.

Officers of the church spoke hearty words of welcome and singers let their voices ring out in friendly greeting. Mr. and Mrs. Riemer responded warmly and in heartfelt words expressed their gratitude of the love shown.

We already feel that God has directed them here to shepherd a somewhat forlorn flock, who had been without a minister for a number of years. Enthusiasm of the various branches of the church toward doing a better service for the Lord is being shown.

ADELAIDE KLATT, Reporter.

Evangelistic Services in the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta

On Sunday afternoon, February 23, the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta., was honored in having Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker in our new house of worship.

From March 23 to April 3 we held our evangelistic meetings, with the Rev. F. Benke of Edmonton serving as evangelist. The weather was favorable, the attendance good and a fine spirit prevailed. The meetings were blessed with five converts confessing their faith in Christ as their personal Savior. Many more dedicated their lives anew.

On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, after an inspiring Easter message brought by our pastor, the Rev. R. Milbrandt, the large attendance witnessed a beautiful and impressive baptismal service. At the communion service that followed, Mr. Milbrandt extended the hand of fellowship to the new members who were received into the church.

MRS. R. BROST, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Annual Report of the B. Y. P. U. of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Oregon

It has been the desire of the young people of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Ore., in the past year to serve our Master, Jesus Christ. Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Nine new members were received into the society this year, making the membership 76.

Our B. Y. P. U. held its anniversary program on Friday evening, March 28. The main feature was a play entitled, "Answered Prayer," which was a blessing to everyone who attended.

The newly elected officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Viola Schneider; vice-president, Carl May; secretary, Esther Schroeder; assistant secretary, Ardith Dart; treasurer, Robert Schroeder; pianist, Ruth Buhler; librarian, Elva Buhler.

Our society has this year decided to publish a parish paper, "The Baptist Visitor." The first issue was put out in January. We want to thank the Sunday School for helping us to finance this paper. The paper is written for all ages and has proven to be interesting and helpful to all.

The Salt Creek B. Y. P. U. was host to the Salem Baptist young people at a Christmas party.

MILDRED MAY, Reporter.

Fifteen New Members Received Into the Franklin Church of California

On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, the Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church of Franklin, Calif., had the joy of baptizing 8 persons on confession of their faith in Jesus Christ. It was the first baptismal service held in the Franklin Church, due to the fact that there was no baptistry in the church until the church was rebuilt last Fall. This made it quite an occasion of special interest, and thus the church was crowded with eager listeners.

On the following Sunday we had the joy of receiving 15 new members into the fellowship of the church. We thank God for the blessings he so bountifully bestows upon us. All our services are especially well attended. On Sunday evening, April 20, the young people gave a very impressive play showing forth the passion and the resurrection of Christ to a large and appreciative audience.

Evangelistic meetings were held in the month of February with the Rev. F. Klein of Wasco as evangelist. Four Sunday School pupils were saved and saints were edified in their most holy faith. May the Lord continue to add his blessings to the earnest efforts of his people who faithfully serve him.

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

Good News About the Lodi B. Y. P. U., Sunday School and Growing Church

We have started a new year in the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., with Milton Grieser as president. His staff of officers consists of Aimee Goehring, vice-president; Ruth Grieser, secretary; Virginia Schmiedt, treasurer; and Shirley Hinzman, pianist. Several interesting programs and devotional meetings, besides unique socials, have been held this year. We have an enthusiastic group of young leaders who are endeavoring to do a bigger work for the Lord.

With the Sunday School's steady growth, under the superintendency of Mr. A. H. Grieser, it has been necessary to organize an additional class since the first of the year. Its membership now totals 50. The age limit in this class is forty, and consists primarily of young married people. Mr. Auch is the teacher of this group and its president is Ted Reimcke. Gottlieb Kammerer serves as vice-president, and Mrs. Wm. Mehlhoff as secretary and treasurer. Their first means of making money for the class treasury, was by having a "food sale" in one of the downtown stores, at which they cleared \$35.

It is with the greatest joy that we can report the successful meetings held in our church from January 26 to February 7 by the Revs. Roy and Ralph Kraft, assisted by their sincere and able wives, Jeanette and Dorothy, and our own pastor, the Rev. A. Felberg.

The auditorium was packed to capacity every evening. The last evening it was necessary, in order to accommodate all of those eager to hear the Word of God, hurriedly to install a loud speaker in the basement of the church. We were then able to seat the 1,030 people that were in attendance.

There were 51 conversions during these meetings. On Sunday evening, March 2, our pastor, Mr. Felberg, had the pleasure of baptizing 39 converts. Following the baptism, the communion service was observed, and 56 new members were taken into the fellowship of the church, 39 through baptism, 12 through testimony, and five by letter.

BERTHA MEYERS, Reporter.

PEP Group and Beacons of the Trinity Church B. Y. P. U. of Portland Review Their Activities

On Friday evening, April 4, the P. E. P. Group of the B. Y. P. U. of the Trinity Baptist Church in Portland, Ore., composed of young people between the ages of 14 and 20, presented a play entitled, "The Sacrifice." It is a missionary play, part of it taking place in the United States and part in a mission field in India.

The play was very ably directed by Martha Leyoldt, with Eleanor Bertuleit in charge of properties and costumes. Marguerite Losli played the part of Jean Travis, niece of the Rev. Mr. Travis (Ernest Passarge) whose only daughter (Helen Kirsch) and son-in-law (Loren Trachsel) were missionaries in India. Jean, through her enthusiasm, finally interests the other young people of the church (James Kirsch, Harold Krebs, Arlene Boehl, Eileen Tunnell and Evelyn Kuehn) in supporting this mission field, encourages the eccentric bachelor, (Paul Bertuleit) to give \$25,000 for missions, and finally goes to India herself as the wife of a young medical volunteer, (Raymond Dapp).

The other characters were: Indian Boy, George Bauder; Indian child widow, Elsie Krebs; housekeeper, Robert Kimmel; and Indians, Howard Hugel and Walter Kirsch. A violin solo by Virginia Aplanalp and a male quartet furnished the music and a missionary offering was held.

Near the beginning of April, a number of our B. Y. P. U. members got together for an evening to roll about 2,000 tracts. We used the Carlton E. Null method of rolling tracts and literature about our various church meetings in bright colored cellophane. Then on Palm Sunday afternoon, a number of young people, assisted by some of our active Sunday School workers, assisted by some of our active Sunday School workers distributed these tracts in the church neighborhood.

The Beacons of the Trinity Church are having a very successful and profitable year. They are a branch of the B. Y. P. U., composed of members beyond the B. Y. P. U. age, but still "Young People" minded. This past

year we decided to use our B. Y. P. U. hour for connected Bible study rather than for the usual training program.

In October, the Rev. Mr. Fox began a course on "The Dispensations." Our meetings were intensely interesting and profitable, and the attendance grew from 12 to an average of 22 at the close of this course in December. Now we are studying "Epistle to the Romans" under Mr. Foresberg. This course is being received enthusiastically by even a larger group.

BETTY K. PFAFF and MARTHA BECKER, Reporters.

Days of Joy and Triumph in the Bethany Church of Oregon

Although we have been silent for a long time, Bethany Church of Oregon, the mother church on the Pacific coast, is still on the scene of labor for the Lord. We praise our Lord for a spirit of unity and peace in our ranks. Financial blessings have enabled us to meet our obligations and also to pay over \$500 on our organ debt.

One of our missionary projects is the regular participation in the services of the Portland Union Gospel Mission. Our Sunday School with Mr. Sam Rich as superintendent has adopted quarterly projects. At present the project calls for installing additional folding partitions in the church basement for class rooms. A district Sunday School convention will convene in our church on Sunday, May 25, in an all-day session.

Our ladies' organizations are active and bring much joy into the church and parsonage. Only recently they presented the church with new drapes for baptistry, communion table and organ sound chambers. On April 4 the Women's Missionary Guild was hostess to the Portland Sunday School Teachers' Training Class. Some 180 teachers, superintendents and pastors met for an all-day meeting in our church. Demonstration lessons, Vacation Bible School helps, object teaching, etc., made up the program under the leadership of Mrs. J. Hinkel. Our church hostess reports that 202 plates were set for the luncheon at noon.

On April 9 our women motored to Stafford and presented a program before the ladies' society there. The fellowship and hospitality of the Stafford Church women was thoroughly enjoyed. April 17th marked a great missionary meeting for our ladies, when Mrs. Paul Gebauer was the inimitable and inspiring speaker to a number of women's groups in our church, who were invited and entertained by the Women's Missionary Guild.

Easter Sunday was a day of great joy and triumph in our midst. The morning message was given before a large attendance and was followed with a baptismal service in which the three sons of our Sunday School superintendent gave witness to their discipleship of Christ. An Easter program was rendered by the Sunday School and young people in the evening.

J. C. SCHWEITZER, Pastor.

Northwestern Conference A Mission Trek Through Iowa in the Interest of the Chapel Crusade

For an entire week from April 15 to 20 the young people of our Iowa churches concentrated their attention on their "Chapel Crusade." They have adopted the mission project to build the first chapel in Mambila, Africa, where the missionaries, George and Louise Dunger, and their baby, Daphne, are stationed. Their goal is \$1000, and there is every indication that the Iowa young people will victoriously "go over the top."

During this "Chapel Crusade" week the Rev. John Walkup of Sheffield, chairman of the Iowa committee, and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., young people's secretary, visited most of the churches in this union. Everywhere the birthday of George Dunger of Africa, which fell on April 24, was observed with a brief message of congratulation, prayer in his behalf, and lighted birthday cakes which were then eaten in his absence. How these young people are rallying behind this project and this missionary of ours!

At George on Tuesday evening, April 15, members of the First and Second Churches were in attendance. Mr. Leuschner had addressed the Women's Missionary Union in the afternoon. Missionary choruses were sung, and both guest speakers brought missionary news and a spiritual challenge to the audience.

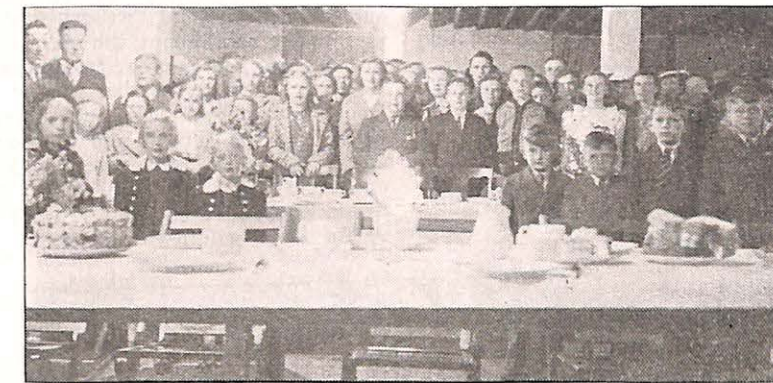
Then the trek began in going from place to place. At Buffalo Center a large responsive audience, largely composed of young people, greeted the visitors. At Elgin the group was smaller because of a severe rain storm, but the young people made up for it by their enthusiasm. A three tier birthday cake, baked by Mrs. Ben Baumgartner, with 33 lighted candles was the center of attraction at the social that followed the program of missionary pictures.

The surprise of the week was experienced at Baileyville, Ill., on Friday evening, April 18, where a large audience came to the program, an offering of \$45 was received, and a gorgeous four tier cake with colorful icing decorations and 33 lights was exhibited for the social. This cake had been baked by Mrs. Wm. Ruthe, and the fine program had been arranged by the social committee composed of Clarence Schonhoven, Carl Ruthe, Mrs. Myrtle Zumdahl and Mrs. Wm. Ruthe.

On Saturday evening, April 19, "the missionary trekkers" were in Victor and again presented a program to another good sized audience. The climax of the week came on Sunday afternoon, April 20, in the Baptist Church of Applington, when young people from Steamboat Rock, Sheffield, Parkersburg and Applington gathered for this inspiring rally. The close of the trek

was reached on Sunday evening with the showing of Cameroon pictures in Sheffield.

During the week more than \$200 were contributed in offerings for the Chapel Crusade. Approximately \$800 have already been collected or pledged by the local societies, and other churches are still to send their final reports. It appears, according to Mr. Walkup, that the Chapel Crusade will go over the top by several hundred dollars.



Some of the 80 People of Baileyville, Ill., Gathered Around the Lighted Birthday Cake in Honor of Missionary George Dunger's 33rd Birthday

An enlargement of Daphne Dunger, suitable for framing, was left in every church visited. Daphne Dunger banks have been used in several churches. Several birthday letters for George Dunger were signed by a few groups and have been forwarded to Africa. Mr. Walkup, the general chairman, is energetically promoting the crusade and giving it an inspiring spiritual emphasis.

Besides the monumental achievement of these Iowa young people in raising this money, there may be other blessings which God will bestow in possibly calling a young person to the mission field, in a deepening interest in our mission tasks, in a greater devotion for God's Kingdom. Iowa young people, continue to go forward with Christ with that invincible zeal of yours!

MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

Recent Highlights in the Services of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee

The Easter season was truly a blessed and joyous one for the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis. It was a

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A Children's Day play written by the talented Miss Eva Yung of the Girls Home in New York. It is indeed a brilliant achievement and every one of our Sunday Schools should give it a try-out. If you can make a place for it in the Children's Day observance next month it will greatly add to the enjoyment of that happy and colorful day.

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privilege to have as our guests our future pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Veninga of Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Veninga delivered his first message at the sunrise service at 6:30 A. M. on Easter morning. The program was sponsored by the young people of the church. Immediately after the service, breakfast was served in the church dining room.

Preceding the morning worship ser-

vice the Sunday School gave a splendid Easter program. An Easter pageant entitled, "The Challenge of the Cross," was presented by talented Sunday School scholars and it was an inspiration to everyone present. At the evening service the English choir conveyed the Easter message in song by rendering the cantata, "King of the Ages."

On Friday, April 18, the annual B. Y. P. U. banquet was held with Mr. Walter Grosser of Chicago, as the guest speaker. The theme was "Victorious Living." The evening's entertainment included many special musical numbers and short speeches. Two of the young people, chosen for their outstanding work in the B. Y. P. U. the past year, were crowned as "King" and "Queen" of the banquet and very graciously reigned at this festive occasion.

The following Sunday morning service was in the English language and proved a blessing and a challenge to all as Mr. Veninga preached on the topic, "The Life That Counts." In the short time that Mr. and Mrs. Veninga were in our midst, we have learned to know and to love them. They have pledged their faithful service to every organization of the church and with the loyal cooperation of its members we are looking forward to great accomplishments in the future.

We are also very grateful to the Rev. E. R. Lengefeld of Chicago who has served us so faithfully the past months that we have been without a pastor and will continue to be with us on Sundays until June. Mr. Veninga will assume his work as pastor of the Bethany Church after his graduation from the Rochester Baptist Seminary.

ALMA SIEWERT, Reporter.

Southern Conference Sessions of the North Texas Association in the Central Church of Waco

Another blessed North Texas Vereinigung is a thing of the past. From March 20 to 23 we enjoyed the fellowship of the Central Baptist Church in Waco, where the association meetings took place. On Thursday night the Rev. J. J. Lippert brought the opening message on the subject, "Running According to Schedule" based on Acts 5:42.

On Friday and Saturday morning the Rev. Paul Hintze led the morning devotions. The reports from the various churches by their delegates were inspiring and encouraging. All of the reports showed an increase in membership.



Some of the Many People in Attendance at the North Texas Association Recently Held at Waco

On Friday afternoon an open forum was led by the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer on Sunday School and church problems. The speakers were Messrs. Fritz Koch of Gatesville, Ed. Gummelt of Cottonwood and Rev. R. Klein from Oklahoma who visited our association. Mr. Klein also delivered the message on Sunday morning on the subject, "Losing and Finding Jesus," according to Luke 2:41. On Sunday evening the Rev. W. H. Buening brought the closing message on "Seeing Things," according to Matt. 18:31. The church choir and the ladies' choir of the Central Baptist Church rendered several selections which were greatly enjoyed by all.

But we do not want to forget the Rev. A. Husmann, our promotional secretary, who was our guest speaker. On Friday morning he spoke on: "Holy Unto the Lord." On Friday evening he spoke on: "The Handwriting on the Wall," and on Saturday evening he spoke on, "How May We Induce Our Members for a Greater Help in Kingdom Work." On Sunday afternoon he spoke on "The Christian's Wardrobe."

We are grateful to the Central Baptist Church for their hospitality and kindness, but above all we thank our heavenly Father for the many blessings he gave us during the days of the association.

C. C. GOSSEN, Reporter.

Willing Workers in the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas

We, the people of the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, are still on the battlefield. Several weeks ago we laid our oldest member, Mrs. H. Raabe, to rest. She will be missed very much by the family and also by the church.

On February 6 we enjoyed another one of those annual "woodcutting picnics." The rain during the night before the picnic kept some from coming. However, a goodly number was present. Enough wood was cut and sawed in blocks for the church and the parsonage. We certainly appreciate the cooperation of willing workers. What would our churches be if it would not be for these willing workers?

At present our church is about to complete an addition to our church. Three Sunday School rooms and a baptistry are being built. The doors of these rooms were opened on April 27 for Sunday School work.

Our B. Y. P. U. and our Women's Missionary Society are preparing special programs which are to be given in the near future. May the Lord continue to bless us!

C. C. GOSSEN, Pastor.

Dakota Conference Easter Services in the Baptist Church of McClusky, North Dakota

On Sunday evening, April 6, the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church in McClusky, No. Dak., presented a three act missionary play entitled, THE SACRIFICE. Despite the rainy weather, the attendance was good and the society, as well as the eighteen faithful members of the cast, did not regret their long hours of practice through a very rainy and difficult season. The play portrayed the dire need of our mission fields, and we hope that it gave each one in attendance a renewed vision of how much his contribution means.

We began Easter Day as host to a community sunrise service at six o'clock in the morning. Together, we enjoyed

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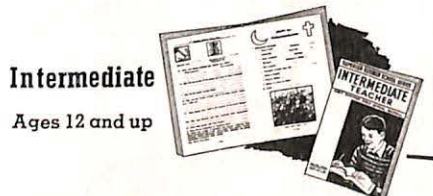
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The Country Church Choir of Hebron, North Dakota

a time of quiet devotion and fellowship wherein each denomination participated. After the service, we gathered in the social room of the church basement for coffee and rolls.

The Junior Sunday School department had prepared a program for the morning period. The church had been decorated with an arching trellis of flowers that lent a colorful background to the 32 happy children seated on the platform. All arrayed in their Easter best, the children were eager and anxious to recite and to sing the good news of Easter Day, THE LORD IS RISEN. Immediately following their program, the Rev. R. Kaiser delivered an Easter message in the German language. He was assisted in this service by our fine men's quartet, who served us with several very suitable selections.

On the evening of the same day, the Girls' Choir rendered a musical program. An outstanding feature was the presentation of an Easter story with song entitled, THE MAKERS OF THE CROSS. An illuminated cross in the background gave emphasis to the message of the story. In addition to the choir numbers we were favored by a duet by one of our local high school teachers and a member of our choir and by a selection by the Heitzmann Ladies' quartet. Although it was a rainy night, the church was filled with a large and attentive audience.

ESTHER KAISER, Reporter.

Newly Organized Hebron Choirs Render Special Easter and Mother's Day Programs

Early last Fall when our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, started his work in the Hebron and Antelope Churches of North Dakota, two choirs were organized with about 35 members in each.

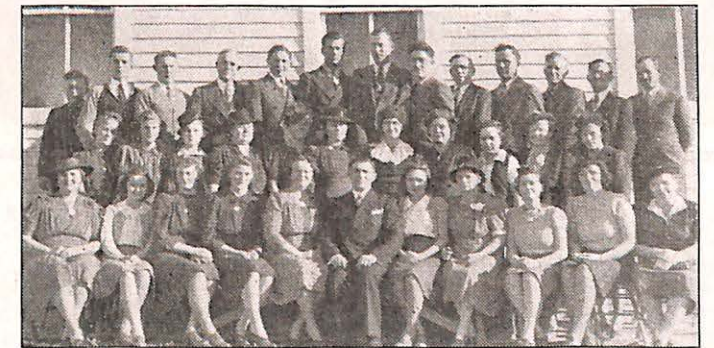
The country church at Antelope elected the following officers: Emanuel Steiger, president; Louise Schneider, secretary; Anna Krein, treasurer; Reinhold Heinle, organist; and Edwin Schneider and Isadore Krein, librarians. The town choir elected Isadore Giedt as president; Marian Giedt, secretary; Richard Fehr, treasurer; Viola Fehr, organist; and Wallace Frey, librarian.

Under the direction and guidance of our pastor we have been hard at work, having held regular rehearsals. Considering the distance, which some mem-

bers have to drive, the attendance has been very good.

Our pastor has been exceedingly patient with us and is constantly planning on how we might be an influence for better and higher ideals to our church and community. Mr. Mittelstedt also organized a mass chorus of all the choirs of the Hebron churches for a Union Mother's Day service on Sunday, May 11.

For the last two months both choirs worked harder than ever as they pre-



The Town Church Choir of Hebron, North Dakota, With the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, Director, in Front Row (Center)

pared for a special Easter program entitled, "From the Cross to the Throne." This program was given on Easter Sunday, April 13, in our country church in the afternoon and in the town church in the evening. Capacity crowds were present at each church. The combined mission offering was \$83.22.

The church has already realized the value of our choirs as a part of our services. They bring messages and truths which only songs can bring.

D. J. GRENZ, Reporter.

Central Conference A News Letter to "The Herald" from One of the Girls in the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan

Dear "Baptist Herald" Readers:—

My name is Ellen Kleeman, and I am from the German Baptist Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan. I am ten years old and am in the fifth grade. I go to the Washington School.

Our Home had a very nice Easter. When we awoke Easter morning, we were greatly surprised when we saw the nice basket and got the presents. We went on an Easter egg hunt and hunted all afternoon. I was lucky and found a nest.

Our Home is very nice, and I wish everyone could come and look at it. We have fun going down the big fire escape every Friday night for a little while.

On Easter Sunday, six of us boys and girls got baptized. Their names are Ellen Kleeman, Ruth Kleeman, Marguerite Blodgett, Lorraine Brock,

William Krause and Richard Yauch. We all felt very different when we came out of the water. We are members of the church now, and we go every Sunday.

Now I will tell you something about our Home and what we do morning and night. We get up at six-thirty o'clock and get ready for breakfast. We have a very good breakfast, indeed. We say "good morning" to Pa and Ma Steiger and then say a nice prayer. After we get hrough eating, we listen

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to Pa while he reads out of the Bible. Then we pack up our dishes and make our beds. Afterwards, we go and do our little chores about the house. Then we do dishes and get ready for school.

In the afternoon, we come home for a dinner that is waiting to be eaten. Then when we finish we say our Bible verses. Then we go back to school. When we come home after school, we go and work from 4 o'clock to 5:30 o'clock. Then we come in and get ready for supper. The little children go to bed at 8 o'clock and rest at 9 or

Helena, a devout and noble character, was inspired in her old age, to take a pilgrimage to Palestine to find and honor sites of Calvary and the Garden.

Because of much pageantry and costuming, it required much effort to prepare. It was very well presented to an audience that filled the church. Warner Thompson, president of the B. Y. P. U., did an excellent job of lighting for the play. The soft glows on the colorful costumes made the play very effective. Mr. Harold Reuter and the Rev. S. F. Geis, pastor of the church,



Young People of the Ogden Park Church of Chicago Who Presented the Easter Play, "By This Sign Conquer."

10 o'clock. On Sunday morning, we get up an hour later and go to church and Sunday School. We then come home to a very fine Sunday dinner. After dinner we do dishes and then go out to play. At night we go to church again.

My chore is to clean the playroom and that sure is a job to do. We are all very, very happy out here and I enjoy writing to you.

Yours sincerely,

ELLEN KLEEMAN.

Easter Pageant Presented by the Young People of the Ogden Park Church of Chicago

On Easter Sunday evening, April 13, the young people of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., presented the pageant-play, "By This Sign Conquer." The first act takes place on Calvary; the second takes place in the garden into which the bleak scenes of Calvary have been transformed.

It has a basis of historical accuracy, having as its basis the experiences of Constantine, the great Christian emperor of Rome. Helena, the mother of Constantine, has been influenced by her son to accept Christianity. He himself was turned to it by a vision of a flaming cross in the sky, with these words "By This Sign Conquer." At the time, his troops were drawn up in battle array before the town of Susa. The enemy was pressing them hard, and suddenly Constantine determined to take the cross as his sign, adopting Christianity as the religion of the empire.

directed the play. Mrs. Harry Walzer presided at the organ for the music that was needed.

On Sunday evening, May 4, a baptismal service was held for the three persons who followed their Lord in baptism. One of the persons was a young mother. At the same time another mother was received into the church by letter.

The work of the church is moving forward in every respect. It has been quite common to have a full house for the morning worship service. The church recently purchased an electrified reed organ which adds much to the worship services. Mrs. Otto Horn is the organist.

S. F. GEIS, Pastor.

Missionary Bruno Luebeck Passes Away Suddenly in South China

The Rev. Bruno Luebeck, missionary in Chaochowfu, South China, passed away suddenly on March 25. His untimely passing was a shock to his many friends and to Baptists everywhere.

An Air Mail letter from Mrs. Luebeck, written on March 29, has been received by the Rev. Willy Luebeck of Ashley, No. Dak., from which the following quotations have been made:

"March 20th was our seventh wedding anniversary, and our missionary friends gave us a wonderful evening at Swatow, where we attended a conference. The next day, March 21, we all went to Kityang with others of our number to spend a few days. We had

expected to return to Swatow on the following Tuesday, March 25, but the military situation had just changed the day before and no boats were leaving here because of fighting along the way. Bruno then made other plans and left about 9:30 on Mr. Giedt's bicycle for Chaochowfu to investigate our work there, expecting to be gone over night.

"What a shock to see him return in three hours in a little boat with a terrible chest pain and in a state of collapse! He had had a heart attack. We carried him and put him to bed, tried to relieve his pain and get him warmed up. But with all the doctor could do to save him, he passed away in less than an hour at 1:50 P. M. on March 25th. The three American Mission doctors here all say it was an acute heart attack, probably a coronary condition. This was the first attack he ever had!

"Because of conditions, we could not take the body to Swatow to our western cemetery, so he is buried here in the large yard that was our first home. The coffin was made of hard wood which tree formerly grew on this place. Mr. Giedt and Dr. Braisted designed the coffin after our style. It was very lovely. Mr. Giedt conducted a wonderful service on March 27th. The casket is above ground with a brick and cement covering. How we loved him, the perfect husband and father, but we trust God in all things!"

OBITUARY

IVAN GEORGE JAHN
of Arnprior, Ontario

Ivan George Jahn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jahn, was born on December 13, 1918, in the township of Sebastopol, Ontario. Sixteen years ago he came with his parents to Arnprior, where he resided until his death. Ivan had not been so well for quite some time, but on the fifth of February he entered the Civic Hospital in Ottawa, Ontario, and, in spite of all the doctors could do with all their medical skill, the angel of death claimed him during the night of March 15th and took him to his home in glory. The cause of death was carcinoma of the brain.

Our young brother was predeceased by one brother, who died at 7 years of age some years ago. A little over a year ago his eldest sister, Mrs. James Brougham, died in Geneva, New York.

Ivan was baptized upon his confession of faith in Jesus Christ by the Rev. David Zimmermann on July 9, 1933, when he also joined our church in Arnprior where he remained a loyal member until his death. He had served in our Sunday School and Senior B. Y. P. U., in several offices during the past few years, and at the time of his death he served our church as an usher.

About two years ago, Ivan intimated to his pastor that he was contemplating on going to the Seminary to prepare for the gospel ministry.

He leaves to mourn his father and mother; two brothers in Ottawa, Ontario, and a sister in Rochester, N. Y.; and many relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were six of his chums, Kenneth Swant, Erole Anderson, Vernon Yuch, Earl Murdoch, Irvine Jahn and Leonard Yuch. The many floral tributes and large attendance at the funeral service showed the esteem in which our young friend was held. The undersigned tried to find comfort for the bereaved family and friends in the words of Ecclesiastes 12:1: "Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

May the God of all comfort bless all those who mourn the departure of Ivan! Arnprior, Ontario, Canada.

A. E. Jaster, Pastor.

YOUTH'S BANNERS

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The noble soul is an artesian fountain that constantly overflows. It sends out healing streams. It flows to serve. Every person with a general impulse looks for someone to help. Some such will look for those who need financial aid. Some will look for those who are depressed and need good cheer. Others will hunt out the sick with flowers. One will look for an orphan who needs a home; another will seek out some worthy youth of promise who needs help in getting an education. One chooses associates to help or to be helped, but one's choice may not always help. It can hurt. This is a great truth that everyone should fully realize in early youth.

Then, we have social amusements as well as social companionships which may help or hurt those who participate in them. Some are good, some are bad, but few are all good or all bad. This fact brings much discussion in society. Which amusements are all good? Shall any be chosen which have some bad admixture? How much bad? Where is the line separating the acceptable ones from those having too much bad?

One cries, "Thou Shalt" or "Thou Shalt Not," the other answers "Why?" or "What's the Harm?" Perhaps it should be enough on a highway just to display the word, "Danger." However, such a warning would only arouse curiosity and start a great deal of questioning.

But when we see the word "Danger" and the added information "Bridge Out," our questions are answered and we will immediately detour. One wonders if there would not be a more general respect for the danger signals in society if our social engineers were as wise and considerate of the independent judgment of all who travel the social paths as are our highway engineers of their travelers.

Jehovah created men free and has said that "every man must give an account of himself to God and not for another." This individual responsibility must fall upon youth in its choice of amusements as well as in other matters. Youth needs direction. Harness it, direct it, give it poise and purpose, and then let it have free rein.

No amusement is good if it tends to lessen one's respect for parents, or the church, or one's interest in religious life. In brief, we may say that the good amusements are those which make the individual and society better, sweeter, happier, nobler, and wiser.

If we, as the Christian youth choose the right from the wrong, we will choose the banners.

We should form the habit of looking for the silver lining that is behind every cloud, and forget the shadow while thinking of the sun that shines behind the storm, and we will find a never-failing hope and joy in the eternal promises!

Special Pages

Because of the large number of reports and assembly announcements in this issue of "The Baptist Herald," we have had to omit the CHILDREN'S PAGE and B. Y. P. U. PROGRAMS for this number. The B. Y. P. U. material is given exhaustively in the quarterly, "Topic," sample copies of which may be secured free of charge from Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

LOYALTY DAYS

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Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Milwaukee, Wis., Mr. Otto Graalman of Okeene, Okla., Mrs. H. G. Dymmel of Anaheim, Calif., Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., Prof. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, and Missionary Paul Gebauer. Mr. Arthur Schwerin of Burlington, Iowa, was the proficient toastmaster at this delightful occasion.

The First Church of Chicago was almost filled to capacity with a great and enthusiastic audience of 600 people on Sunday afternoon, April 27, for the climax of the loyalty days. The song service that was led by Mrs. Minnie Pankratz, and the numbers by the Christian Fellowship Chorus of the

First Church brought a stirring musical joy into the meeting.

The missionary address by Paul Gebauer depicted the Cameroons field with colorful vividness and personal devotion until everyone in that audience felt that he or she had been privileged to spend a large part of the past five years with the missionaries on that distant African field. The address by the new promotional secretary, the Rev. A. Husmann, described "Our Denominational Advance" and challenged those in the audience to help us go forward with mission gifts and pledges to the Centenary Offering. The offering of the afternoon rally amounted to \$110.00 besides pledges to the Centenary Offering totalling \$305.00.

So the days of this eventful week came to a close, but the spirit of loyalty, deepened in the hearts of those who were privileged to be present, will grow from more to more. Another milestone has been passed. Another fiscal year has begun and the Centenary days are approaching. Let us all be faithful and loyal in the great task assigned to our churches and our denomination by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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