

The Enchantment of a Summer Day

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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● The sessions of the Atlantic Conference will be held from September 9 to 13 in the Second Baptist Church at 407 West 42nd St., New York, N. Y., of which the Rev. Rudolf Schade is pastor. This announcement was made by the Rev. Frank Orthner, clerk of the conference.

● The Rev. N. A. Christensen of Spokane, Wash., recently resigned as pastor of the Mission Baptist Church of that city. His service in the church came to a close on July 1st. Mr. Christensen is now engaged in business in some kind of defense work in Spokane. The church has not taken any action as yet in calling a successor.

● On Sunday, June 21, the Rev. John Leypoldt, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., baptized 3 converts on profession of their faith in Christ. Among these were a mother who was 76 years of age and an elderly gentleman 82 years of age. These were given the hand of fellowship at the communion service on Sunday, July 5.

● During the month of August the Rev. F. W. Bartel, evangelist for the Dakota Conference, will visit most of the Montana churches with a view to making an extensive survey of the existing church fields and of the possibilities for further missionary work in the state. The entire month will be devoted by Mr. Bartel to this important and extensive visitation and promotional trip.

● The Rev. Wm. G. Jaster of Fredonia, No. Dak., has resigned as pastor of the Berlin and Fredonia Baptist Churches of North Dakota and has accepted the call extended to him by the Baptist Churches of Bison and Isabel, So. Dak. These churches were formerly served by the Rev. R. Sigmund, who is now concentrating his efforts on the field in and near Havelock and Hettinger, No. Dak.

● The Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., was the scene of a very lovely wedding at 6:30 P. M., on June 13th, when the Rev. Robert J. Schmidt of Munson, Pa., and a member of the class of 1942 of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, was married to Miss Geraldine R. Noldt of Rochester, N. Y. Prof. O. E. Krueger officiated. Mr. Schmidt is still awaiting God's guidance in regards to his ministry in one of our churches.

● The Rev. Roy B. Anderson of Forest Park, Ill., a 1942 graduate of the



The Rev. and Mrs. Henry Koch of Forest Park, Illinois, who on August 11, 1942, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

As a messenger of God in several of our mid-west churches and as superintendent of our Western German Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago for many years, the Rev. Henry Koch, ably assisted by his wife, rendered a notable ministry for the Lord. They have won hosts of friends everywhere by their winsomeness of personality and their ardent devotion to God's Kingdom. One of their sons is the Rev. Herbert Koch, pastor of the East Side Church of Chicago, Illinois.

May their golden wedding anniversary be brightened by the golden glow of God's blessing and by the many expressions of congratulation and love from friends all over the country.

Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago and a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church, recently received his appointment as chaplain in the United States Navy where he will be commissioned as an ensign. He has been sent to Norfolk, Virginia, for a three months' training period. On Sunday evening, July 12, Mr. Anderson preached in the Forest Park Church on the theme, "Branded for Christ."

● The Rev. E. S. Kalland, pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain, Mass., recently resigned and accepted the call extended to him by the First Baptist Church of Sayre, Pa. He will leave the pastorate of the Rock Hill Church on July 26th and will begin his service in this church of the Northern Baptist Convention soon thereafter. Mr. and Mrs. Kalland won an enviably large place for themselves in this church and the Atlantic Conference during their very fruitful ministry.

● The First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kans., extended a call to the Rev. Harold Ekrut of Texas to which he has given his favorable response.

Mr. Ekrut hopes to begin his services there on August 15th, succeeding the Rev. Wilfred Helwig, now of Dallas, Texas. His mother will be with Mr. Ekrut to keep house for him. During the past year he has been a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill. Beginning with July 15 and continuing for two weeks Mr. Ekrut conducted revival services in the Baptist Church of Elberta, Alabama.

● The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., spent Sunday, June 28, with the Rev. Fred Trautner on his extended mission field, preaching in the Benedict South Church and the Sawyer mission station of North Dakota. An English service was also held in the afternoon at the Benedict South Church. On Sunday, July 12, Mr. Leuschner spoke in the services of the Baptist Church of Wishek, No. Dak., of which the Rev. J. C. Gunst is pastor, and on Sunday, July 19, in the Streeter and Medina Churches of North Dakota, of which the Rev. G. Ittermann is pastor.

● On Sunday evening, June 7, after the service of the Bethel Baptist Church in Anaheim, Calif., a large group of 57 young people gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Quast for a "Singspiration." During the course of the social hour, the High School graduates from the Bethel Church were honored and a farewell was extended to Mr. Robert Quast before his departure for the Army Camp. Mrs. Quast, the mother of Robert, is serving as "the U. S. O. Mother" for the Bethel Church. The Rev. H. G. Dymmel, pastor, spoke briefly at the informal program.

● From June 15 to 26 the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., held a Vacation Bible School for its Sunday School and community children. Recently a "Service Flag" dedication was held in the church with the unveiling of the flag and plaque. Remarks were brought by Mrs. F. Klapstein and the honor roll call by Mrs. O. Dingfield. The pastor, the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, also spoke briefly. The Women's Missionary Society anniversary was held in May with the pageant, "Christ in America," featuring the program. On Sunday, June 7, four persons were received into the membership of the church with three coming for baptism and one by letter. On Friday evening, July 3, and on Sunday, July 5, the guest speaker was the Rev. A. Husmann, promotional secretary, who is also a former pastor of the church.

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MR. AND MRS. CHARLES E. FULLER AT HOME

This intimate glimpse into the home and family life of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Fuller by one of our young women will be a thrilling adventure for all of their radio friends. As a member of the radio ensemble of the New England Fellowship touring the Pacific Coast some time ago, invitations were received to spend a few hours in their South Pasadena home.

CHAPLAIN'S PAGE

The Chaplain's Page in the next issue will really take up two pages with a brief article by Chaplain Edwin Kraemer, several heart-warming letters from Service men, the story of a small church of 100 members with 12 young people in government service, and invitations to Service men from several of our churches near Army posts and camps.

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Don't Give Up the Little Churches!

LITTLE CHURCHES are sometimes beset by discouraging difficulties like a picnic lunch hounded by hungry ants. It is so easy for one obstreperous individual to upset the apple cart. The inspiration of large crowds is missing for both pastor and people. Finances can sometimes be an insurmountable mountain of trouble for such churches. The absence or removal of a single family makes such a gaping hole in the congregation. Little churches have more than their share of troubles strewn along their pathway.

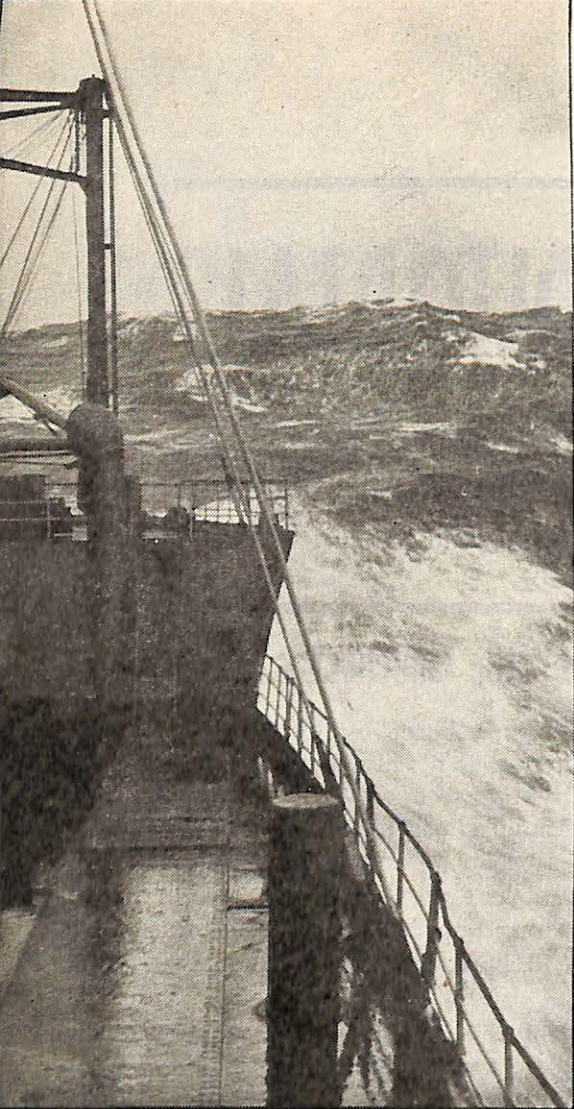
But it must never be forgotten that these small struggling churches have a large and important ministry to render in the Kingdom of God. Lincoln's sage-like remark concerning "the common people" applies to churches as well. For God must have loved the little churches, since he made so many of them. Our denomination has its share of these churches, both in isolated prairie fields and in the crowded city streets.

It is amazing to learn how many great leaders in all walks of life came from small, insignificant communities. It is equally true that many of our best ministers and spiritual leaders in our ranks received their earliest training in little isolated churches. The attention that is focused on a promising individual in such a church seems to blossom forth often in greatness of service and character.

These churches are also "feeders" for other larger churches. They are often in areas where the more talented or well-to-do people do not stay long, moving to more suitable surroundings. But in a great host of instances these people from our smaller churches become the best spiritual leaders in the larger churches to which they later attach themselves. Such streams of blessing are constantly flowing away from our little churches!

In denominational circles there is frequently a tendency to discount the importance of some of this work on discouraging home mission fields. There are always some who feel that such church doors should be closed and mission money should no longer be forthcoming. It needs to be said by those who visit these small churches, as the editor has done recently in Oklahoma, Missouri, and North Dakota, that in such places God has his important witness and work for this day.

Emphatically let us echo this refrain: "Don't give up the little churches! They, too, are God's sentinels of light shining into the darkness of the world."



Anchors for Times Like These

A Stirring and Heartening Sermon
by the REV. JOHN C. SCHWEITZER,
Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church Near Portland, Oregon

proven anchors, powers that are not subject to the changes of world conditions and vacillating humanity. Let me suggest four such anchors.

1. *The Anchor of God's unchanging word.* As Christians we link our hopes and aspirations to the Holy Scriptures. The Word of God has weathered countless storms and for that reason has proven an inspiration and comfort to millions who have had to face times like ours. It never has been found wanting, and as an anchor it has inestimable worth. 2. Timothy 3:16 and 2. Peter 1:19 proclaim it as the unerring record of God's revelation to man.

We shall have need to go back to the fundamental, real source of life. A careful and prayerful study of "the Word" will reveal its adequacy to meet your every problem. In its life-giving and guiding element, (Matt. 4:4; Ps. 119:105), it will sustain and strengthen you with the quiet poise of a well anchored life. Hide it in your heart, (Ps. 119:11) and you will confirm:

*"All efforts to destroy are vain—
God's Holy Word will still remain;
So hammer on, ye hostile hands,
Your hammers break, God's anvil
stands."*

The Only Abiding Peace

2. *The Anchor of the peace of God.* The present world-wide hostilities have been characterized as the mere continuation of World War number one with the intermittent punctuations of dot and dash like periods of cessation of hostilities known as armistice. However this may be, there has been much talk about peace and brotherhood without taking God's program of peace into account.

As disciples of the Prince of peace, we need to stress today the ancient verdict of the prophet, "There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked." (Isa. 48:22.) Frayed nerves and broken wills and bodies cannot be healed by the much peddled panaceas of psychology and behaviorism, while the human heart remains selfish and sinful. "He is our peace." (Eph. 2:14.) Like nothing else, Christ's bequest, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto

you," (John 14:27) will steady us and give us anchorage in a time of stress and uncertainty.

Christ's peace has been tried in the crucible of the severest sufferings. The ties of that peace are "transnational," uniting the true brotherhood of Christ, and binding us inseparably to Christ, our Lord. On these grounds the concluding words of the quoted Scripture change from challenge to experience. "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

A Faith That Can Be Tested

3. *The Anchor of an invincible faith.* The Christian Church was not born and nurtured in the seclusion of the cloister, nor in idyllic scenes of tranquility, but rather in the turmoil and battle of life. In the very vortex of persecution and political tyranny the Gospel of Christ made a valiant stand and achieved progress.

The secret behind it was their invincible faith. It must be of the mustard seed type with the hidden forces of life and growth, a faith that removes mountains and thus gains new points. Such faith may be defined as "Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith," (Eph. 3:17) with Christ as the "author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:1). A life with such anchorage can face the storms with an inner tranquility, in which are realized the words of Isaiah 28:16, which may be rendered as follows: "He that believeth shall not get into a fuss." Truly . . . "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (1. John 5:4.)

Christ's Ultimate Triumph

4. *The Anchor of the ultimate victory of God's Kingdom.* The Word of God as well as the history of the Christian Church inspire our belief in the supremacy of love and the invincibility of right over might. Sin and hatred may have its day,—a fitful day at best,—but the spiritual forces will overcome and outlast the material ones.

The time and circumstances in which Jesus spoke the words of John 16:33

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Hunting for Diamonds

By the REV. LOUIS BAIER
of Berlin, C. P., South Africa



Rev. and Mrs. Louis Baier on Their
Silver Wedding Anniversary

IT IS WAR TIME! For some weeks I had been doing the work of two men, and often I thought of the first Christian workers who, when some of their brethren had been forcibly prevented from carrying out their ministry, worked so much harder in order that the gospel might be preached and souls cared for.

I was badly in need of a rest. My youngest son had just finished his high school course. I had promised him that if he passed his exams, I would take him along on a holiday tour. An old retired minister (blessed be the retired ministers; they retire but never tire!) declared himself willing to carry on my pastoral work for a month.

Adventures Galore

So one evening my son and I packed up our roomy car with groceries, blankets, oil-stove, pick and shovel. Early next morning, and a glorious morning it was, too, we were off to go five hundred miles north to the diamond country!

On and on we went at a good clip of 30 miles an hour, which is a very fair average for South African roads. As we sped north, the countryside became more and more like a semi-desert.

By night-fall we reached the diamond country. We had a bath in a shallow, running river, enjoyed our supper, and went to sleep in the car. My son slept on the front seat and I on the back seat. Soundly we slept, I dreaming of the wife and daughter who had stayed behind to take it easy at home and of my previous day's sermons; and the boy dreaming of the baboons in this semi-wilderness and the many diamonds under his feet. We had parked under some scrubby, twisted trees along the river as darkness was falling without realizing how much life there really is along the rivers in this dry country!

At break of day we were awakened by a terrible row! The trees above us were hung full of bird's nests, and all the birds for miles around seemed suddenly to have gathered for a noisy conference about our unusual appearance there. Soon, along came a large family of baboons, young and old. The young

apparently did not behave according to approved old baboon ideas, for the old soon imposed sanctions,—started pinching and pulling their hides. There was grunting, shrieking and crying.

I had to think of the war raging far away in Europe and North Africa. The natives of this country believe that these creatures are degenerations of humans. Well, if the godlessness and disorder in the world continue, such like these may well be the final stage of the human race!

Diamond Hills

Now that we were in the diamond country we took it easy, traveling slowly up to and then along the Vaal River, which is some of the most promising Aliwal diamond country. In Africa diamonds are found in two ways: by diamond mining and by Aliwal diamond digging.

The diamond mines are now the chief source of diamonds. These are so-called pipes of diamond bearing, soft rock known as blue ground or Kimberlite, pushed up ages ago from far below through the other strata of formations. These mines are all owned, fenced and worked by big syndicates. Some of these pipes have been worked down many thousands of feet below surface.

The big, old diamond mine hole in Kimberley is the deepest in the world. This hole, a mile around at the surface, was once a "koppie" or little hill. One evening eight red-capped adventurers camped on this hill, found diamonds and soon the diamond city of Kimberley started to grow up around it. Many millions of tons of blue rock and many millions worth of diamonds have come out of this now abandoned hole. It is so deep that when I looked down into it I got a sharp pain in my solar plexus.

Looking For Diamonds

The Aliwal diamond diggings are stretched chiefly along the Vaal and Orange rivers, where diamonds are found among the diamond-bearing gravel which may be at the very surface or twenty feet below.

You cannot just go and look for diamonds anywhere . . . The diamond dig-

ger must have a digger's license and a permit to sift and wash the gravel in search of diamonds at a certain chosen and allotted spot, usually a square of about fifteen feet at a time. Of course, if anyone should accidentally stumble over a diamond he must at once take it to the nearest magistrate or police station and the finder usually gets a fair percentage of the value of the stone.

The working processes of both ways of finding and extracting diamonds are quite intricate and very interesting but that would be sufficient material for two separate stories, "Diamond Mining and the Miner's Life," and "Diamond Digging and the Digger's Life."

We knew of a farm along the Vaal river, consisting of many thousands of acres and having an officially open, large Aliwal diamond digging field. On this place you pay about a dollar a month for camping rights. You camp, dig and hunt for diamonds wherever and however you like. But ten per cent of the value of any and all diamonds that you may find goes to the owners of the place.

So to this diamond farm along the river we went, and a great time we had there for about three weeks! Just before we came to the place, our road wound around a small, steep, thorn and boulder covered hill. There in the bend alongside the road stood a great, old baboon, the size of a man, grinning at us.

Better Luck at Fishing

My son turned to me and said, "Dad, cramped or not cramped, I don't think that I'll stick my feet so far out tonight! That old boy may decide to come and play with my toes." But neither he or his friends ever troubled us, and we often slept with the car doors wide open. A couple bottles of pop disappeared one day, but he preferred to suspect some of the digger's boys in the neighborhood.

We camped under some trees along the river and bathed several times a day as it was very hot and dry at that time. It is wonderful to go to sleep with the birds and to awake with them!

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An Open Letter to All Women's Unions

By MRS. MILDRED B. DYMMEL of Anaheim, California,
President of the National Women's Missionary Union

LOYAL WOMEN! Happy are we to enter this report of Miss Helen Burgers in our own papers. She has successfully finished her work at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago Illinois, and is the first "sweet girl graduate" who has had advantage of the Scholarship Fund which you have so loyally supported in the past few years. As you have noted, Miss Burgers will serve one of our own Baptist Churches.

Perhaps some of our churches do not quite understand what the Scholarship Fund is. May I explain? The Women's Missionary Societies of each one of our own North American Baptist General Conference (formerly German Baptist Churches) forwards to Mrs. J. Leyboldt, 1847 S. E. 56th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, \$3.00 each year, which represents \$1.00 for the "Missions-Perlen," \$1.00 dues to the National Union, and another \$1.00 to the Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund amounts to \$200.

I have heard people say in response to our Master's command, "Go ye in to all the world and preach the gospel" — "Well, I cannot go in person to the far corners of the world." Listen, in a



Miss Helen Burgers,
the Newly Appointed Missionary
and Visitor of the Ridgewood
Baptist Church of Ridgewood,
Long Island, N. Y.

true sense, you do go when you give your money and prayers to help someone else train to go and serve. Perhaps some of our churches with larger mem-

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berships could give three, five or more dollars. We must do all we can now to prepare for the missionary needs when the gates to the foreign fields open again. Perhaps our next girl will go to our own Cameroons with the Gebauers where help is needed so urgently.

May God continue to guide you in your daily walk and may you continue to work, pray and give and thus obey his command, "GO YE," until he comes.

A Letter of Thanks From Helen Burgers to All Women's Missionary Societies

Dear Friends:—

It is with great appreciation and thanks that I look over my years here at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. These have been four interesting and exciting years with experiences I shall never forget.

I am certainly grateful for the help that has been given me through you for the scholarship which I received during my first two years.

Through God's wonderful guidance it has been my privilege to accept the call to one of our own churches, the Ridgewood Church of Ridgewood, L. I. I am looking forward to my work which I started on July first at this Ridgewood Baptist Church where the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer is pastor.

Thanking you sincerely and wishing you God's blessing, I am,

Truly yours,
HELEN BURGERS.

HUNTING FOR DIAMONDS

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It is wonderful to lie down to sleep and think that you may be sleeping on one or several great, beautiful diamonds worth thousands of dollars.

My son, (good for him!), soon tired of looking only for diamonds, for diamonds are not only the hardest thing in the world but also the hardest to find. He went fishing. He had good luck. We practiced the cookery art and we had a delightful change in the diet. After all, a fresh, ugly-looking fish in the wilderness is of far greater value to a hungry man than a nice diamond.

We never made much use of the pick and shovel. The hot sun was against that and we were on a "holiday," but we used the sieve a good deal during the cooler times of the day.

We found no diamonds but we did find good health which is of far greater importance after all, some beautiful stones and many fine geological specimens and left for home as happy as if we had found diamonds.

The evening before we left the diamond fields we had a visit from some of the old diamond diggers on the place. We all sat around a lantern beside the car. They told their tales of where and how some found quite a number of diamonds and others, very few, about their sizes, colors and values. All very interesting!

One old sun-tanned digger, an Afrikaaner, (of Dutch descent) who had never been anything else but a diamond digger, for his mother had found him on the diamond fields, asked me what my occupation was since he could see that I was no diamond digger. When I told him that I was a Baptist minister, he thought a while and sighed. Then he said: "Oh well, I think you've got the better job. For hunting for souls for Kingdom-come is certainly more paying in the end than hunting for these here diamonds, so scarce to find and the cash for them so easily spent."

We arrived home, safe and sounder, found all well at home and plenty of work waiting for me. Soon afterwards my wife and I had a tremendous surprise. One evening a big special program was started in our church with several neighboring ministers present. We were taken there and told that we had been married 25 years and that there were 25 years in the ministry. We were presented with some fine gifts and some welcome cash. It was a wonderful "Silver Jubilee!"

Now somewhere far beyond the horizon is a Golden Jubilee and beyond that a Diamond Jubilee. Meanwhile the hunting for diamonds for Kingdom-come goes on and on!

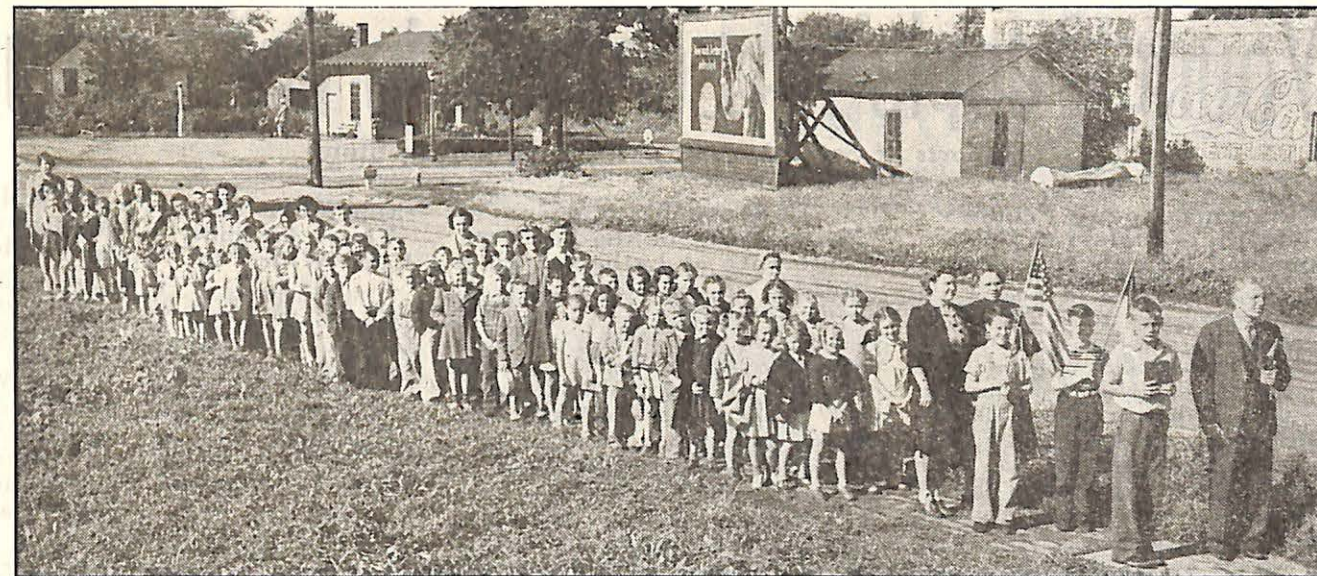
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would fill them with irony, but they have become a fact. The handful of Christ's followers have grown into hundreds of millions and his Kingdom extends over every part of the globe as he is enthroned in the hearts of his followers. Christ has, indeed, "overcome the world." There is a buoyancy and steady power like that of a mighty anchor in the fact that God's Kingdom will ultimately triumph.

In conclusion let us be aware of the fact, that God has not as yet spoken his last word. Revelation 11:15 with the words: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever," may still be in abeyance, but the victory has been vouchsafed us by the resurrection of Christ and the transforming power of the Gospel. "Fear not, little flock; for it is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32.

*"Though the angry surges roll
On my tempest driven soul,
I am peaceful, for I know,
Wildly though the winds may blow,
I've an anchor safe and sure,
That can evermore endure.
Blow your wildest then, O gale,
On my bark so small and frail,
By his grace I shall not fail,
For my anchor holds, my anchor holds."*



The Impressive Procession of the West Beatrice Vacation Bible School of Beatrice, Nebraska, Led by the Pastor, the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf

Vacation Bible Schools Are Flourishing

134 Children Enrolled in the West Beatrice Vacation Bible School

The picture at the top of this page shows the processional of the Vacation Bible School of the West Beatrice Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., on its way to the morning assembly. There were 134 children enrolled with an average attendance of 97.

Scripture memorization was stressed with good results this year. Most of the Juniors, of which there were 61 enrolled, memorized both 1. Cor. 13, the Assembly scripture and the three Scripture Memory Cards of five verses each which were related to the Bible and character stories taught. The Primary children specialized on the 100th Psalm. The faculty of 15 teachers and helpers were supremely faithful and cooperative.

In spite of much rain, the attendance was steady with a high mark of 111. Nine denominations were represented among the pupils in addition to those who belonged to none. There were seven professions of faith in Christ at the close of the school.

A. G. RIETDORF, Superintendent.

Vacation Bible School in Emery, South Dakota, With an Enrollment of 62 Pupils

The Daily Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Sunday School of the Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., closed on June 5 after a period of two weeks. We had an enrollment of 62 pupils. Four classes were organized and were under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. A. Ittermann.

Our closing exercises were held on Friday evening, June 5. After an interesting and inspirational program which was presented by the children, everyone was invited downstairs to see the handwork which was on display.

The following teachers had charge of the classes: Mrs. John Fluth, Mrs. John Ontjes, Mrs. Harry Bleeker, Mrs. Herman Fluth, Mrs. Art Edzards, Ethel Heitzman, Norma Johnson, and Velma Klock.

VELMA KLOCK, Reporter.

The Forest Park Baptist Church Holds a Vacation Bible School of Two Weeks

The Vacation Bible School of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., was held from June 22 to July 3, with sessions each morning from 9 A. M. to 11:45 A. M., concluding with the closing exercises on Friday, July 3. Though the enrollment was not as high as it has been in the past, still there was a real interest shown on the part of those who did attend.

Two of the highlights of the school were the story of our African missionary field by Miss E. Koppin, to whom our offering was given for the work there; the other was the program of magic presented by the Rev. C. B. Nordland of our church.

The teaching staff included the Rev. Roy B. Anderson, who supervised the school; Mrs. C. B. Nordland, in charge of the Primary department; Elizabeth Kahe, in charge of Beginners department. Those who assisted were Jean Crowley, Bonnie Grosser, Elaine Kelch, and Florence Remus.

Vacation Bible School For One Week in the Plum Creek Baptist Church

The Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, So. Dak., is thankful to the Lord for the many blessings bestowed upon it. Daily Vacation Bible School has become a permanent institution for our church. Because of tire shortage and to simplify transportation, we held our school for one week only. But we conducted the school both in the morning and the afternoon, covering the regular two weeks' material.

Miss Leona Meyer and Miss Mercela Triebwasser assisted the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, the pastor and his wife, as teachers. Our school was divided into four departments giving every child an opportunity to participate according to his or her needs.

The children not only studied and memorized the various Bible characters, Church history, missionary stories, hymns, choruses, Church discipline but entire chapters of the Bible were memorized by the eager children. A daily missionary offering was received, which the children decided to send to our missionary nurses, Miss Koppin and Miss Reddig in Africa.

We also enjoyed the visit of our promotional secretary, the Rev. A. Husmann on Sunday, May 10. The missionary offering that morning was \$89.55. His message was a blessing to the church. Our contributions for missions have almost doubled over those given last year. May the Lord continue to bless us and keep us spiritually minded!

J. C. KRAENZLER, Reporter.

Young People's Assemblies in Full Swing

Reports of Several Youth Assemblies and Institutes

Oklahoma Young People's Institute is Held at the Immanuel Church Near Loyal

Christian fellowship is one of the greatest privileges to be enjoyed in our wonderful, free America. Our Oklahoma Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Institute realized this blessed privilege as we met at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal from May 28 to 31 for our annual state institute. With the theme, "Victory Through Christ," we were challenged to live victoriously.

We were, indeed, happy to have Prof. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y., in our midst, whose impressive messages stirred our hearts and inspired us to make better use of the talents God has given us. His pleasing personality and friendly disposition won the admiration of all.

Much valuable information was given by the very capable teachers of our classes: "With Christ After the Lost," by Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn of Bessie; "Victorious Living and the Christian Home," by Prof. Frank Woyke; "Training in Christian Service" by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Loyal; and "Bible Heroes" by Leora Reising of Loyal.

During our business session it was decided that we raise our pledge for the Centenary Mission Offering. The response to this year's pledge was very good as we went over the designated amount of \$275 by more than \$60 in addition to the special offerings that were taken during the institute.

One of the highlights of our institute was the tour on Saturday afternoon to Roman Nose State Park with more than sixty young people and sponsors. After several hours of wholesome recreation and a picnic supper we were brought into close communion with God as we sat on the grassy banks of a murmuring stream and marveled at the beauty of nature as the handiwork of God. The service was even more impressive as we listened to the inspirational words given us by Prof. Frank Woyke, Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Rev. Elmer Buening and Kenneth Reising, our visiting member from Connecticut.

The Sabbath was filled with blessings as we listened to more soul-stirring messages by our guest speaker, Prof. Woyke, a very impressive consecration service led by Rev. Henry Pfeiffer of Okeene, and the installation of officers.

The officers for the coming year are Leora Reising, president; Harry Geis, vice-president; Esther Schilberg, secretary; Rufus Vilhauer, treasurer; and Rev. William Sturhahn, advisor.

MRS. P. WEIGAND, Reporter.

Third Annual Summer Encampment of the Southern Conference at Latham Springs

Another blessed encampment is history for the Southern Conference young people. Nevertheless, in days to come we can turn back the pages in our memory to many spiritual inspirations which were received at Latham Springs, Texas, from June 8 to 14.

We are, indeed, grateful for the privilege of having Prof. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y., with us, who delivered many educational and interesting lectures, sermons, and addresses. His daily morning lectures on "Baptist Principles" and "The Christian Life" were highly appreciated and will long be remembered.

The Rev. C. Seecamp of Cottonwood taught "Fields of Service in the Church" to the Seniors, while the Rev. Harold Ekrut taught "The Meaning of Church Membership" to the Intermediates. In the afternoons all enjoyed social activities and playing games such as croquet, volley ball, shuffle board, hiking and swimming.

Vesper messages were delivered each evening, the speakers being Rev. W. H. Buening, Rev. Wilfred Helwig of Dallas, Rev. C. C. Gossen, Milton Lippert and Prof. Frank Woyke. The evenings were spent in seeing pictures, a sermon by Prof. Woyke, stunt program, and consecration service.

Sunday, June 14, brought the encampment to a close and despite the rain there was a good attendance. The mileage banner went to Kyle, Texas, and the attendance banner was received by the Waco Church. Early on Sunday morning Julius Hill conducted a service in which we remembered our boys in service and sent them greeting cards.

The Sunday morning sermon was delivered by the Rev. C. H. Seecamp of Cottonwood who spoke on "The God Whose I Am and Whom I Serve."

The afternoon consisted of a program of special numbers from the various churches. And, by the way, here are special thanks to the ladies of the Central Church of Waco for their good meals. The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer has a fine group of members! Thanks also to our dean, the Rev. M. G. Mittelstedt of Kyle, who really did his share to make our 3rd annual encampment a success, and above all do we want to thank God for "everything fine!"

The theme of our encampment was "Preparing for Service" with the Scripture verse, 2. Tim. 2:15.

TILLIE MAE SPROSS, Secretary.

Minnesota Young People Hold Their Assembly at Medicine Lake With Prof. Bretschneider

The Minnesota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of the North American Baptist General Conference met at Mission Grove at Medicine Lake from June 18 to 21 for its 20th annual assembly. We were privileged in having Prof. Albert Bretschneider from our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., as guest speaker. The theme, "Christian Builders," and the theme song, "Help to Build a Happy World," were used repeatedly.

"Three Great Little Words" was Prof. Bretschneider's opening message on Thursday night. After the meeting Ted. Hirsch led in a Songfest and Get-Acquainted Games.

In Friday's first class Prof. Bretschneider spoke on "Building a Christian Life." In the 2nd class the Rev. John Wobig, dean of the assembly, spoke on "Viewing the Camps," and the 3rd class, "Building a Christian Family," was by Prof. Bretschneider. In the evening the Rev. E. Wolff led in a Bible Quiz. Miss Carlyne Rudell had charge of the evening recreation.

Mrs. Alfred Stahnke of the Dayton's Bluff Church capably led us in our first class on Saturday morning, "Harnessing Potential Powers," giving each a typed outline copy of suggestions for better Sunday Schools. The 2nd class was conducted by Prof. Bretschneider, "Building the Church." In the afternoon we had the privilege of having Miss Ethel Ahlquist, R. N., and her brother, Albert, who is studying to be a medical missionary to return to India, bring a message in word and song of their life "On the India Road."

On Saturday evening the banquet message was brought by Mr. George Wilson, "Missing the Best." The revision of the constitution was accepted also. The results of the election of officers for the coming year were: Alvin Quiring, president; Carolyn Rudell, vice-president; Elaine Kampher, secretary; and Al Lang, Jr., treasurer. Following the banquet, Willmer Quiring had charge of the moonlight boat ride.

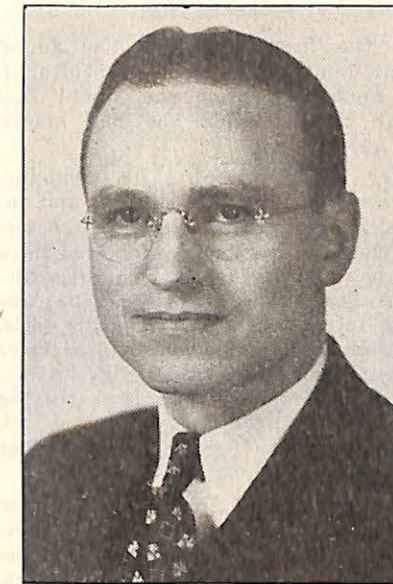
On Sunday we enjoyed a great day of fellowship. The Rev. Lewis Berndt discussed "Spicy Programs for Youth." Prof. Bretschneider spoke on "My Lord, and I." At the closing service of the assembly, Prof. Bretschneider spoke on "The Radiant Christian Life."

Our Minnesota young people have been working hard toward the missionary goal of \$250. We are happy to announce that this goal was far surpassed, with a total of \$345.20 sent in for building huts in Africa and for dispensary work.

THERESA GLEWWE, Secretary.

The State of Our National Union

A Comprehensive Survey of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union by Its President, MR. HAROLD J. PETKE of Portland, Oregon



Harold J. Petke
of Portland, Oregon,
the President of Our National Y. P.
and S. S. Workers' Union.

"In unity there is strength!" That is why the young people and Sunday School workers of the German Baptist Churches of North America organized a "National Union" twenty years ago. Today the wisdom of that decision is evidenced by the splendid accomplishments of the youth of our denomination.

It seems, however, that there is a lack of understanding and even some gross misunderstanding concerning the newly-named NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS' UNION. The purpose of this article, therefore, is to answer a few questions concerning its organization and purpose.

First, you may wonder, just what is the commonly called "National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union"? As the official name implies, the Union is composed of all the young people and all the Sunday School workers of all of the 270 churches of our denomination throughout the United States and Canada. Basically this includes every young people's society and all of the Sunday School officers and teachers in all of the individual churches. Most of these local groups, of course, are a part of their state Union, and the state Unions are a part of their sectional or conference Union, with the "National Union" taking in all of these groups.

Why combine young people and Sunday School workers in the same organization? Here I can give only my own views in support of continuing the organization as originally set up. Primarily, of course, the purpose of every young people's organization is or should be training for Christian service within and without the church. In the church one of the most important opportunities for service is in the Sunday School, and because of the responsibility which a Bible teacher assumes, it is of utmost importance that the teacher be trained for the task.

Through assemblies, institutes and conferences conducted by the young people's and Sunday School workers' unions such training is available to both present teachers and to the young people who will be the teachers of the future. Hence, the two groups do have a common interest.

What is the organizational set-up of the National Union? A president, vice-president, recording secretary and a general secretary are elected each three years by all young people, Sunday School workers and delegates regis-

tered at the General Conference of our churches. These four persons, together with the last previous president and one member of the "Council," comprise the executive committee.

What is the Council? The council of the Union is composed of one representative from each of our nine conference territories, who are elected by the individual conferences. To comply with the constitution of the National Union, the term of office of council members should be three years to coincide with General Conference dates.

What, no treasurer? No, no treasurer. The National Union's funds are derived from its 4% budget allotment of the denominational receipts, and all disbursements are handled through the general treasury.

Are the officers or council members full-time members of the denominational staff? No. With the exception of the General Secretary of the Union, the officers are all lay people, not on the denomination's payroll and not even "dollar-a-year" workers. This applies also to the council members, except that some of these are ministers.

Do the officers or council members travel extensively in the interests of the Union? No; again with the exception of the General Secretary who is "on the go" the greater part of the time. While the council members are expected to make promotional visits within their conference, they have but a very small allowance to defray such expense.

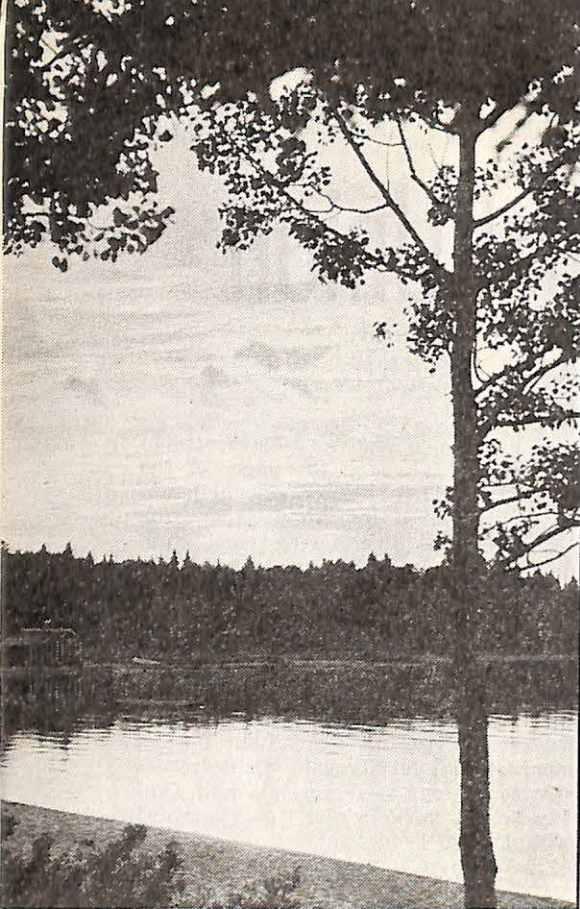
How, then, is the work of the Union carried on? Through the pages of the BAPTIST HERALD, occasional newsletters prepared by the president for all officers of sectional and state unions, and by personal correspondence. The Union's present president, for example, assisted by his wife as typist, has written and received hundreds of personal letters. Many late evening hours are being devoted to this method of encouraging individual leaders and groups throughout the denominational territory in a sincere desire to see our young people and Sunday School workers really go "Forward with Christ!"

How does the executive committee conduct its official business? This, too, is done by correspondence and ballots sent through the mails except that two or three times during each triennium a majority of the officers attempt to meet for discussion and disposition of business matters, as, for example, the detailed planning of the Union's program for the General Conference, planning special projects, contests, BAPTIST HERALD improvements, etc. Principal meetings of the executive committee as well as the only meetings of the Council of the Union take place at the time of the General Conference.

Is the BAPTIST HERALD still considered the young people's paper? Yes, there has been no specific action to the contrary except instructions to the editor that the paper was gradually to become a more general denominational paper. The BAPTIST HERALD is therefore serving the entire denomination, even though it is edited by the young people's secretary.

How can the National Union be helped in its effort to go "Forward with Christ"? Herein every individual member or friend of our churches can be of assistance. Support and encourage the young people and Sunday School workers in your own church, your own state, your own conference by showing your interest in their work, their programs, their conferences, and assemblies and by contributing liberally to their special financial projects for the advancement of God's Kingdom. Just now remember the denomination-wide "One Hundred Club" project of the National Union. This project, which is for the benefit of the Centenary Offering fund, is described on page 9 of the July 1, 1942, issue of the BAPTIST HERALD.

"In unity there is strength!" Let us unitedly dare to go "Forward with Christ!"



SYNOPSIS

One summer John B. Hamilton, a millionaire widower, took his only daughter, Clarissa, to his lovely lodge and in the heart of the pines, away from the bustling city of New York because he deeply felt that she needed to return to the reverence of God and the abiding values of life. But indignantly she was determined to return to the city at the earliest opportunity. However, her indignation became less severe after she had met Gene Randall, the forest ranger, with whom she and her father went fishing. They brought a fine catch of eighteen fish with them to the lodge, and Clarissa was beginning to have the time of her life.

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Dan Hodge met them as they were going up the path to the lodge.

"Say, you folks made a real catch!" he explained. "Here, I'll take them and clean them."

"I'll help," said Gene. "Mr. Hamilton wants me to take what he doesn't want down to Mrs. Tolley, so I'll clean them for her. She has plenty to do without the extra work."

"I'll help, too," said John B. "Want to come along, Clarissa?" he asked, turning to his daughter.

"I think I'd better dress for dinner," said Clarissa.

"Plenty of time for that," he answered. "Gene, you're staying for supper," he added.

"Thanks," said Gene. "That sounds good. Haven't tasted Mrs. Hodge's cooking for ages. And can I do justice to a good supper!"

Supper! Clarissa felt a wave of resentment surge over her. Why, just because he was out here in the woods, must her father lose his dignity, and become like these common people? She was a bit disappointed in Gene, too. It

IN THE HEART OF THE PINES

By ELEANOR E. KEES

was the first thing she had found about him which seemed uncultured. No doubt, however, she would find many things before she had known him very long.

Her liking to be in his company, however, got the best of her, and instead of going to the house to change her clothing at once, she followed them to the cleansing table some little distance from the back door. She was much interested in the cleansing tools, and before very long she had a scaler in her hands, and was trying to dislodge some of the scales from the big bass she had caught, while they all, including herself, laughed at her awkwardness.

She wondered if Mr. and Mrs. Hodge would eat at the table with them, now that a guest was here, but when she went into the dining room she saw that plates were laid for five. Oh, well, she might as well get used to this new way of doing things out here in the woods. It couldn't last forever, anyway. She doubted if Gene Randall knew it was not proper for the servants to eat with the family. He had probably never been out of this woods country, anyway, but some day, if she ever saw him again, she was, in some way, going to let him know she was not accustomed to living like this. She didn't want him to think she was just a common, ordinary person. He must be acquainted with the fact that she was the daughter of a rich man, so was above the people with whom he associated.

After supper she accepted his invitation to row out onto the lake, but this time they were not going to fish. He asked John B. to accompany them, but he refused, saying he was tired, so she and Gene went alone.

Clarissa learned a lot about Gene during the few hours they spent out there in the moonlight, just drifting about on the placid waters of the lake. She thought she had never seen a more perfect night. The moon was a great silver disc reflected in the water beneath, night birds called to their mates, there was a soft, musical whir of insects in the air, a cow bell tinkled in the distance, fish jumped above the surface of the water, dropping back with a quick splash, and the entire atmosphere seemed charged with something that made Clarissa's heart seemingly dance with joy.

She enjoyed just listening to Gene's voice alone. It was so quiet, yet so masterful. She asked him many ques-

tions, and learned he had graduated from the University of Wisconsin, and had taken an extra two-year course in an eastern college. She learned that his mother had been a high school teacher for many years—even after her marriage—and that his father had been a professor in the same school. She learned that he had been the star football player in both high school and college, that he was a Scoutmaster, the leader of a small orchestra in the school at Langdon, the head ranger in this particular locality, and a member of a church.

She learned that his father was dead, and that he and his mother lived together in a little cottage at the ranger station about three miles away. She learned that he was almost twenty-six years of age, and that he had no steady girl friend. She couldn't have told, had she been asked, just how she found out the latter. Somehow, the subject came up, and she gained the information, then felt silly and embarrassed to think they were discussing such a thing. Yet, there was something away down inside of her somewhere which was glad that he did not have, although she couldn't have told why she was, and wouldn't have admitted it if she had been charged with it.

At ten o'clock they rowed in off the lake, and went to the house where they found Mr. and Mrs. Hodge and John B. in the living room listening to a program over the radio. The servants sitting in the same room with the master of the house! Oh, would she ever become accustomed to this way of doing things?

Gene visited a little while with them all—even the servants—then departed, and Clarissa went to her room with mingled emotions.

She picked up Percy's picture as soon as she had closed her door, and gazed earnestly at it. My, how handsome he was! Far more handsome than Gene Randall! And, of course, he was superior in every way! He really wasn't any better educated than Gene, but look what he had back of him! A fine old family—wealth—position—oh, there were so many things in which he was above Gene Randall. How she hoped Percy would come out here to spend the summer!

It was raining when Clarissa awoke the next morning—a warm, gentle rain that fell so easily that it scarcely moved a leaf or twig. The night before there had been no clouds in the sky, and now everything was dripping

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wet. The day before the trees and vegetation had looked dull—almost dingy—but one would scarcely realize they were the same creations of nature today. They had seemingly changed color overnight. Every little twig, every sprout of tree, bush and vine was washed clean, and had put on a new sheen. There were many, many shades of green, brought out by the thorough washing while mere humans slept. The entire forest had taken a bath, and had emerged spotless and faultless for all who loved nature to admire.

But Clarissa did not appreciate the beauty of it all. She got out of bed, and going to her window looked gloomily out at the washed earth. Oh, what a drippy day! An ugly and soggy day! A day when she must stay inside, and hunt vainly for something with which to amuse herself.

She looked at the lake—dull and lifeless now, with the millions of tiny drops of water steadily beating down upon its surface. Yesterday it had been so bright and sparkling—today it was drab and somber, with no beauty whatever in it.

Oh, a rainy day in New York was not like this! Rain did not spoil a day there—unless one had planned a picnic or outing. Even then there was always something else one could do. One had friends where they could go, or one could go to a good show, a concert, or visit any number of interesting places. Rain never kept anyone from doing things in a city.

It was fun to get into a car in the city and go driving over the washed pavements, where the raindrops fell so rhythmically, making little spatters that jumped up and fell back again like dancing fairies.

It was fun to see little rivers run down the outside of the car windows, and see the windshield wipers swing back and forth, back and forth, keeping the glass clear for the driver's convenience and safety.

But a rainy day here was going to be unbearable! Oh, how was she ever to live through it? She wished she could crawl back into bed and sleep through it all—until the skies were cleared, and the sun shone again. Oh, why had she ever consented to come away out here in the first place? If she could only have known what she was letting herself in for! This was simply terrible. If only some of her friends would come out—but then—who would want to see one's friends buried in such a place as this? She couldn't encourage them to come to this forsaken country—this forest prison!

"Clarissa, are you up?" Her father's voice broke in on her morbid musings. Why, she hadn't heard a sound. She didn't know anyone was awake but herself.

"Yes," she answered. "Breakfast is almost ready. If you have not dressed, please so do at once. We do not want to keep Mrs. Hodge waiting. Don't you know what day this is?"

"Why—" Clarissa paused and thought for a moment. "Oh, this is Sunday. I had forgotten. But what of it?"

"Well, you know we always go to church."

Why, yes, of course, they always went to church back home, but where would one go to church out here in these wilds? Of course, they always went to church in the city—rain or shine. Their big car, with the dignified chauffeur at the wheel, always took them to and from church safely. To their church, with its great, stained windows, its padded pews, its thick-piled carpets that swallowed the sounds of treading feet, its magnificent organ,

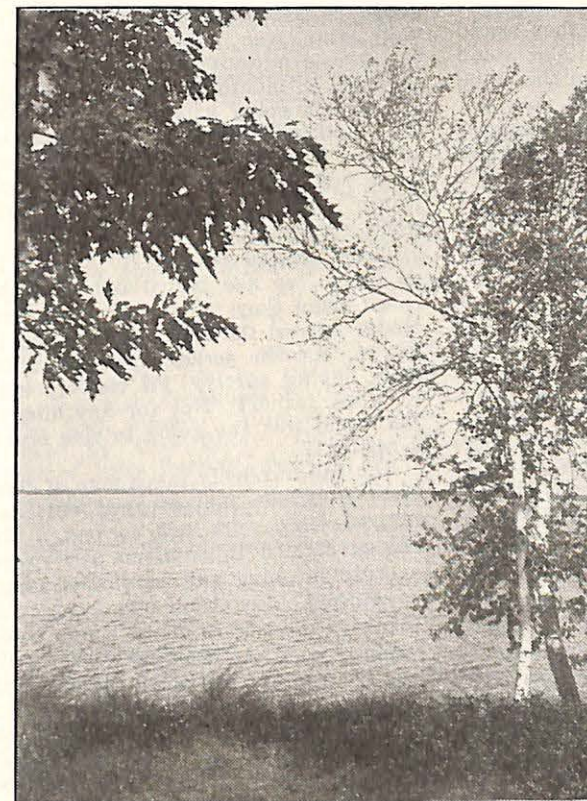
whatever kind of a church they had here.

She slipped a negligee over her pajamas, stuck her feet into some slippers, and opened her door. No use to dress. She'd probably go back to bed soon. Maybe she could sleep some of the day away.

"Where would one go to church up here in this wild, forsaken place?" she asked rather crossly.

"In Langdon," answered her father. "There is a nice little church there. Some mighty nice folks go there."

"Well, who wants to go to church on a day like this, anyway?" she objected. "And how would we get there—Jerry Henderson's rattle-trap of a car?"



From the Hamilton Lodge Clarissa Could Look Out Past Lovely Birch Trees Upon the Rippling Waters of the Lake That Seemed to Grow More Interesting and Beautiful With Every New Day.

its robed choir, and its stately minister standing with reverently bowed head behind the massive desk. To their church, where the hundreds of people whom one never got to know, filed silently in, and as silently out, with awe and reverence in their hearts over the message they had just heard.

But where would one find a church out here, and how would one get there if there were a church? Walk? Or was Jerry Henderson coming with his rattle old car to convey them to church?

And what kind of a church would it be, anyway? Her imagination wasn't big enough to vision the kind of a church they would have here. She knew, however, that it wouldn't be anything like her own, therefore she didn't want to go. They could stay at home and listen to a good sermon over the radio. Well, the rest of them could go if they wanted to, but she was staying at home. She preferred spending a gloomy morning alone, to going in Jerry Henderson's uncomfortable car to

"No, look out here," he replied, taking hold of her arm and guiding her to the window.

Clarissa opened her eyes in amazement. Out in the little garage back of the house, whose double doors now stood open, was a new, shiny car. Not a big car like they owned back in New York, but a smaller, cheaper car, yet one which would be very useful and practical out here in this country of hills and hollows, and crooked roads.

"Why, when did you get that?" asked Clarissa in astonishment.

"It came while you were out on the lake last night. The garage man from Langdon brought it out. I forgot to say anything to you about it. Are you ready to eat breakfast?"

"Yes, but I don't think I will go to church this morning. I'll just stay home and rest."

"I'm wondering what you have been doing to tire yourself out so that you need to miss going to church because of it," he said.

"Oh, Dad, you're impossible!" declared Clarissa, petulantly. "Well, in plain words—I don't care to go to church out here. Is that sufficient?"

"Hardly," he replied sadly. "I really think, however, that after careful consideration you'd prefer going rather than spoil the entire day for your old dad, wouldn't you?"

"Oh, if that's the way you feel about it, of course, I'll go!" she retorted, and started for the dining room.

When breakfast was over she retired to her room. She looked at her bed. She might as well dress it for the day, and save herself having Mrs. Hodge pattering around doing it while she was getting ready for church. She disliked being bothered when she was dressing. Like as not her father would ask her to do it anyway, so she would get it done and not give him the satisfaction of suggesting it.

She set to work making it. It was no new experience to her as she had learned bed making while she was a Campfire girl, although she never liked doing it. It had always seemed so foolish to teach girls to do things they would never have to do for themselves. It was such a foolish waste of time, when they could be doing other things they really liked to do.

She had never actually cared a great deal for the Campfire Girls' Movement. There were so many rules and regulations one must follow, so many things one was expected to do. One could do all those things without belonging to an organization of some kind. One didn't have to belong to such a thing in order to learn to be good, and do good deeds. Of course, they had had a lot of fun. That was all that had really interested her. She had thought it was going to be wonderful when she joined—in fact, she had liked some of it then because she was younger, and hadn't learned so much about life, but as she looked back now it all seemed so useless. Of course, it was a good thing for girls who did not have the same opportunities for other contacts that a rich man's daughter had, so was really a worthwhile organization. She wouldn't belittle it in any way, but after one grew up it was perfectly natural to look at things differently than they had looked at them when younger.

Having finished her bed making she turned to her closet. What should she wear? At home it had not been difficult to know what to wear, but it was different here. She wondered how the people here would dress. Oh, she supposed the men would wear overalls, and the women would wear print dresses.

Well, she wasn't going to wear a print dress. In the first place, she didn't have one, and if she had had she wouldn't wear it. She was not like these people here. She would show them, too, that she was not like them. Oh, dear, why did her father want so badly for her to go to church? He

actually seemed determined to spoil her entire summer by his queer notions.

She selected a copenhagen blue jacket suit, trimmed in narrow bands of light gray fur, a white silk blouse, and a dainty little blue hat. It would be just the thing for a rainy morning. She slipped her feet into gray suede slippers and gray stockings, and drew on a pair of gray gloves at the last minute.

She heard her father sounding the auto horn to let her know he was ready, and stepped out of her room just as Mr. and Mrs. Hodge came through the living room dressed for going away, too.

She stopped short in disgust. Mercy, were the servants going with them? Well, this was just about enough! There was a limit to all things! She opened her mouth to tell Mrs. Hodge she wasn't going after all, but before she could speak Dan opened the door, saying, "Go on, ladies, I'll lock up while you make a run for the car. It's rainin' right smart now, but guess you won't get wet if you hurry."

There seemed nothing to do but to go ahead, so she bolted out into the rain. When they reached the car Mrs. Hodge opened the back door for her to get in, but she jerked open the front door, saying curtly, "I'll ride up here with my father!" Not for anything in the world was she going to ride beside a servant!

She had hurriedly taken note of their clothes as she had stepped out, and noticed they were not so bad. Mr. Hodge seemed to have on a very respectable-looking suit of clothes under a raincoat. Mrs. Hodge had on a silk print dress under a neat, though cheap summer coat. At least they were a little dressed up. No doubt it was their best and only, and, anyway, they were not dressed in overalls and cotton prints. She simply could not—would not have gone if they had been dressed that way.

The ride was not unpleasant. The car moved along over the sandy road, now washed and beaten with the millions of raindrops, and they rode with perfect ease. It was, indeed, a contrast to Jerry Henderson's bumpy old sedan. If she had had to ride in Jerry's car again she would have gone back to New York if she had been obliged to walk all the way, she reflected. There were a few things one just could not tolerate!

They drew up to the little church in Langdon, and Clarissa took in the surroundings at a glance. Her spirits sank, although she had known it would be like this. A number of battered old cars were parked in front of the church—Jerry's car being among them. There were, however, several really good-looking cars parked among them, but the old ones outnumbered the others almost three to one.

They went inside, and Clarissa was conscious of many pairs of eyes being turned upon them. Oh, didn't they

know it was extremely impolite to turn and gaze at people when they entered a church?

Although she knew it was almost a new building, it looked dreadfully cheap to her. To the right and back of the very plain little pulpit was a piano which looked much the worst for wear, and grouped beside it were some very common chairs. The platform was covered with a very cheap and rather old-looking carpet. Instead of pews there were home-made benches, which had been merely planed and varnished.

The floor had been painted, but there was no aisle carpet of any kind on it, and when one stepped on it there was a clack, clack which could be heard all over the building.

On one side of the room, near the center, was a large thing which must have been intended for a stove, but which looked like the big barrel back of the garage at the lodge, which her father had told her was a gasoline barrel. This thing rested lengthwise on some metal legs, and had a door in one end. A stovepipe had been fitted on top at the other end, and she supposed the thing was used to heat the building in the winter. She shuddered as she looked at it. She had never dreamed such crude things were in the world.

She glanced cautiously about at the people—she was too polite to turn her head and peer at any of them—studying those who sat within her range of vision. They were just about what she had visioned them to be—with a few exceptions, of course. There were men dressed in overalls—clean overalls, of course—but overalls just the same. And there were women dressed in cotton print dresses and cheap straw hats, adorned with still cheaper multi-colored flowers. There were girls dressed much like their mothers, and boys dressed in overalls like their fathers, and, horrors, there were three little boys who were barefooted! They did not seem to mind at all, but wriggled in their seats, and grinned at each other, impatient for Sunday School to begin.

Of course, some of the people were dressed better than the others, but they did not seem to mind in the least that everybody wasn't dressed as well as themselves.

The best dressed man of them all, whom she soon learned was the minister, went about shaking hands with everybody, and giving them a hearty smile of welcome. And a dainty, quite well dressed little woman, whom she soon learned was his wife, slipped an arm lovingly about two of the women who were dressed the plainest, and smiled and spoke to everyone as they came in.

Presently a man, wearing a new pair of overalls, and an old, though neatly pressed coat, stepped to the platform, touched a bell on the pulpit, picked up a hymn book, and announced it was time to begin Sunday School.

(To be continued)

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Rededication Sunday is Observed by the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y.

On June 14 the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., observed "Rededication Sunday," marking the completion of a \$2000 redecoration project in the church auditorium.

Beginning the day with a Children's Day program, the Sunday School scholars, parents and friends filled the Sunday School rooms to hear appropriate Children's Day recitations and musical selections.

At 10:45 A. M. the rededication service began in the beautifully redecorated church auditorium with the added beauty of floral contributions from the choir and individual members. The "Rededication" theme prevailed throughout the morning worship service, with inspiring hymns, scripture, prayers, choir anthems and trumpet solo, climaxed by a challenging message by the Rev. Herbert Hiller, our pastor.

At 6:45 P. M. Fred Schmidt of Rochester, N. Y., spoke words of farewell to the Temple young people's group before leaving with his bride, the former Lillian Schmidt, for his own field of ministry in Whitemouth, Manitoba, on June 20.

A special program to stimulate Sunday School interest and attendance was presented on Sunday evening to a large audience by sixteen Sunday School scholars in the form of a play entitled, "A Lantern in the Dark." Musical numbers between the acts included a piano solo, girls' trio and vocal solo. Closing words by Mr. Hiller climaxed a busy but very successful Sunday of rededication.

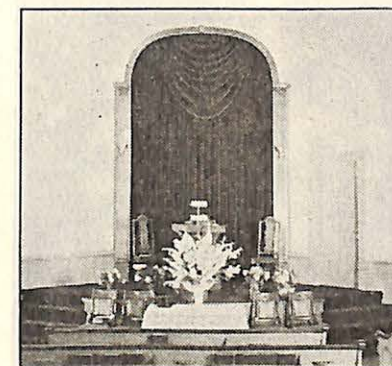
SHIRLEY BEUERMAN, Reporter.

The Neustadt Baptist Mission Circle of Ontario Reviews the Past Year

The Neustadt Baptist Mission Circle of Neustadt, Ontario, held its yearly closing meeting in the church auditorium on May 14. The following is a summary of the year's work as presented by Mrs. P. Voelkel, the capable secretary of the organization.

Another year has passed and we are thankful to our Lord and Master for the many blessings received. He has been with us, blessed our efforts and maintained us to the present.

Our society meets once a month, usually in the home of some member. Our capable president, Mrs. J. Schnurr, presides over the business session, and one of the members takes charge of the program which follows. Our meetings are well attended. We have Bible readings, prayer, singing, good readings, a topic by one of the members and a brief address by the president. This past year our pastor, the Rev. R. Grenz, has given us a book review,



The Interior of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., After Extensive Redecorating

"Baptist Work in the West."

At our March meeting we opened our birthday box and this meeting is always a special occasion. The money contained in the box is contributed to mission work. In December we arranged a special Christmas program. Every third month we have a mission program with an offering taken for the cause of missions.

The topics given throughout the year were as follows: "How Can I Make Christ Attractive to Others" by Mrs. Jack Schnurr, "How We Got Our Bible" by Miss Gladys Diebel, "The Life of Billy Sunday" by Miss Naomi Helwig, "Hearing God Calling" by Mrs. Orlando Helwig, "God's Traffic Signals" by Mrs. Oscar Diebel, "On the King's Highway" by Mrs. John Jergens, "The Wise Men" by Rev. R. A. Grenz, "A Life that is Worth Living" by Mrs. P. Voelkel, "The Work of Two Missionaries" by Mrs. R. A. Grenz, and "Down from the Past" by Miss M. A. Rice.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Mrs. J. Schnurr; vice-president, Mrs. R. Grenz; secretary, Mrs. P. Voelkel; treasurer, Mrs. Oscar Diebel; assistant treasurer, Mrs. O. Helwig; mission treasurer, Mrs. Ed. Helwig.

MARY A. RICE, Reporter.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual meeting of the Publication Board will occur on September 1st and 2nd in the Publication House in Cleveland, Ohio. We suggest that all resolutions of our various conferences that deal with our publications or matters of the Publication Society be forwarded to the secretary of the Board by that time. It may also be well for individual pastors and laymen of our churches to bring to our notice suggestions for the improvement of the services rendered by the Publication Society.

T. W. Bender, Secretary,
2474 W. Cypress Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Folsomdale Baptist Church of New York State Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary

The first six months of 1942 have brought many happy and blessed events to the Baptist Church of Folsomdale, N. Y. Among other things the Seminary Quartet came to the church in March to render a sacred concert. In May the Rev. A. Husmann, promotional secretary, visited the church and spoke at a special evening service, and on June 28th the church was privileged to observe the 75th anniversary of the organization of the church society.

Special services were held on this day. At an afternoon service 11 letters of greeting were read from former pastors and workers, including among others the Revs. Henry Schroeder, Lester Schoen, Wm. Sturhahn, Adolf Kannwischer, Arthur Kannwischer, Ralph Rott, Hans Wilcke, George Zinz, and Leslie Albus. Miss Sophia Huber, the daughter of Rev. John Huber who served the church as pastor from 1921 to '26, was present at the service and recalled memories of the days at Folsomdale. Music was furnished by friends from nearby churches, including two very beautiful trumpet solos by Mr. Arthur Bernhardt, Jr., of the Temple Baptist Church in Buffalo.

The history of the church through its 75 years of organization was prepared by Mrs. Grace Domes, the pastor and read by the church clerk, Mr. Chas. Schmelzle. Mr. Fred Schmelzle, who is now 88 years of age and who has belonged to the church for 72 years, was present at the service. A plaque giving the name of the church and the pastor as well as the time of services was presented to the church at this service. Closing the afternoon service, salutes were given to the American and Christian flags followed by the presentation of a service flag in honor of the four young men who have gone out into military service. This was the gift of the Young People's Society.

At the evening service it was our good fortune to have with us Dr. William Kuhn. This was his first visit to Folsomdale. His anniversary address was not only inspiring but challenging and presented a fitting climax to the blessed day.

The Folsomdale Baptist Church was organized in November, 1867, with 12 charter members. The Sunday School was organized the same year. The church building was completed July 16, 1869, and with very few changes is still in use today. Twenty-six pastors have served the church, including many students from the Rochester Seminary. This list of workers includes many who are well known in German Baptist circles. The church and all its departments, such as Sunday School, Ladies' Aid, young people's organization, are active in the work of the Lord. "We press toward the prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

GRACE M. DOMES, Pastor.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

The La Salle B. Y. P. U. Presents a Pantomime and Announces Its Pastor's Recovery

The regular B. Y. P. U. program of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., which is usually held on the fifth Sunday of a month, was postponed and presented on June 21.

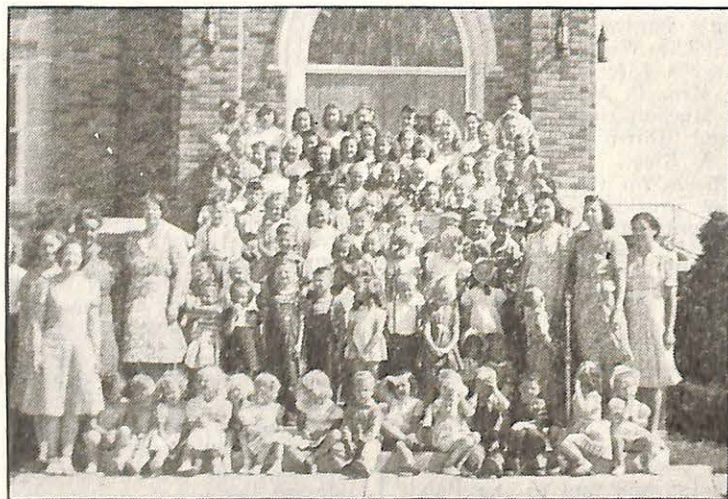
Carl Jepson was in charge of the program, which included a pantomime by members of the B. Y. P. U. Background singing was provided by Dorothy Meyer, Charlotte Meyer, Edward Oster and Lloyd Gies, and soft colored lighting made the pantomime very effective. The B. Y. P. U. has chosen "What Shall I do With My Life" as the main topic of discussions for the coming weeks. Group leaders are Anna Jepson and Rhinnie Croissant.

In spite of the fact that they have had almost continual sickness since their arrival in La Salle, the Rev. and Mrs. Adolf Reeh have already been a great blessing to us. Mr. Reeh has been seriously ill for a period of two months. Part of this time was spent in the hospital. We are happy and thankful that the Lord has again answered our earnest prayers and that our pastor is on the road to recovery.

CHARLOTTE MEYER, Reporter.

Largest Daily Vacation Bible School Ever Held in Lorraine, Kansas

The Daily Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church in Lorraine, Kans., was a great success. It surpassed our

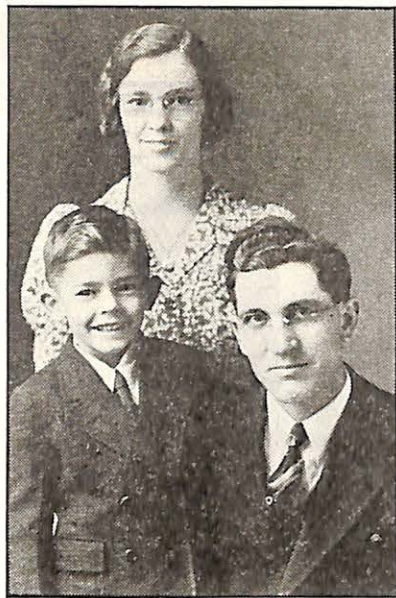


The Vacation Bible School Group in Lorraine, Kansas, Was the Largest in the History of the Community

every expectation. It was the largest Bible School ever held.

The average attendance was 101 daily. Nine teachers taught the Superior Summer School Series of department lessons. There were three departments in the School. Dr. Pieter Smit supervised the school.

The total cost of the school was \$20.30, which included "treats" on the last day for all the "kids." On the closing day we gave an opportunity for decisions for the Lord and some did desire to know Christ.



The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz and Son, Donald, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin

The closing exercises were held on Sunday night following the school. Here the children displayed nine large tables of hand work. They recited their memory work, sang the songs they were taught and gave a historical review of church history. An offering was received which covered the expenses of the school. Dr. Smit had taken motion pictures of the school in action and these were presented at the close of the exercises.

PIETER SMIT, Reporter.

The Salem Baptist Ladies' Aid of Gotebo, Oklahoma, Holds Its Anniversary Program

Once again we want to let our co-workers know that we, the Ladies' Aid of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., are still working for our Master.

We have been without a pastor since October of last year. We are now looking forward to the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Harms, who will labor with us. They expect to be in our midst by July 15th.

On May 24 we gave our annual

birthday program which consisted of readings, musical numbers and a mission play. Our offering at this time amounted to \$20, which we sent to the Centenary Offering of the denomination.

Our society meets on the first Thursday of each month in one of our homes. We have a short devotional period, followed by business. We still use the "Missions-Perlen," and our meetings are still conducted in the German language. A complete new set of officers was elected at the beginning of the year, who are as follows: president, Mrs. Walter Laufer; vice-president, Mrs. Harvey Schmidt; treasurer, Mrs. Harvey Greb and secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Schantz. Our retiring treasurer, Mrs. F. Schantz, had ably taken care of that office for 25 years.

We have contributed to home and foreign missions, also remembering the sick with visits, gifts and flowers. We gave \$25 for our church debt, sent \$5 to the Old People's Home in Chicago, and \$10 to the Centenary Offering. We also contributed money for the necessities in our home church and community.

MRS. LLOYD SCHANTZ, Secretary.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz and Son in Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Sunday, June 7, was a joyous day for the members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., because on this day we welcomed our new pastor, the Rev. Thomas Lutz, and family into our midst.

In the morning service Mr. Lutz preached his first sermon which made a very good impression on the congregation. He also spoke to the Sunday School. In the evening we gathered in the church auditorium for a reception.

The meeting was opened with a song service, scripture and prayer led by Mr. Arno Dechent, a deacon. Then he introduced the moderator of the evening, the Rev. Mr. Mayhew of Sheboygan Falls.

The following visiting pastors welcomed Mr. Lutz in behalf of their churches: Rev. B. McMullen of the First Baptist Church of our city; Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of the North Ave. Church of Milwaukee, and also secretary of the Northwestern Conference Mission Committee; and Rev. Thorwald W. Bender of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee.

Presidents of various church branches who welcomed the new pastor for the different societies are: Arno Dechent, deacon, for the Church; Francis Guenther, superintendent for Sunday School; Richard Lawrenz, president of the B. Y. P. U.; Mrs. Edna Jahn, president of Ladies' Mission Society; and Mrs. M. Karrow for the Willing Workers Society.

The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz then had their chance to say a few words. They thanked the congregation and visitors for their fine reception and stated they were glad to be in Sheboygan. A fellowship meeting followed with a delicious lunch served by the Ladies' Society.

47th Annual Convention of the Iowa Baptist Young People Held at Baileyville, Illinois

The forty-seventh annual meeting of the Iowa Baptist Young People's Union convened at Baileyville, Ill., from June 15 to 18. With the theme, "Victory Through Christ," the convention opened on Monday evening with a song service and a welcome from Jennie Birkholz, president of the local society. Harry Luiken, our state president, responded to the welcome and also introduced to us our speaker, the Rev. Torrey M. Johnson, of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Johnson pointed us to our theme and gave us five keys by which we may obtain "Victory Through Christ." These keys were taken from Jude 1:20-23.

After a song service on Tuesday morning, we resolved ourselves into a class with the Rev. Howard Johnson of Steamboat Rock as our teacher. On this morning and on Wednesday morning, Mr. Johnson brought to us the truth that our greatest victory lies in the death and resurrection of our Lord and that after this one great victory, we have many victories in our service for him. After an inspiring song service led by the Rev. John Walkup of Sheffield, we were addressed by the Rev. A. E. Diddams of Muscatine, who told us that our victory is obtained through God's power, namely, the Holy Spirit.

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons our class was led by the Rev. Paul Zoschke of Elgin who spoke to us of sin and the great victory over sin. Following the class period, John VanderSchi, a missionary from Nigeria, Africa, spoke to us of the power of prayer as a challenge for victory.

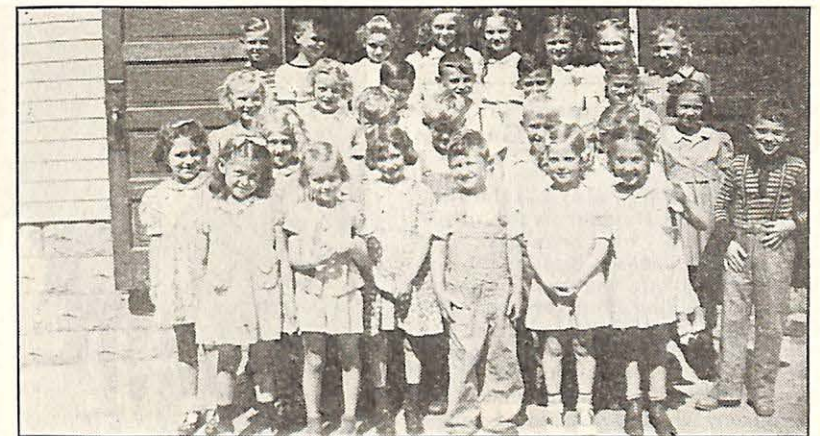
On Wednesday morning, after our class period, the Rev. John Walkup of Sheffield spoke to us of the victorious life through salvation, sanctification, and glorification. Following the same thought, the Rev. C. Fred Lehr presented to us a victory through complete surrender to Christ.

In the evening, Torrey Johnson gave to us the standards by which we might evaluate our own Christian lives as found in the words of Paul in Romans 1:14-17. Again we gathered around the bonfire for another "Glory Bowl" session.

The pastors and delegates held a business meeting on Thursday morning. At this time, it was voted to adopt another \$1000 mission project, the proceeds to be turned over to the Centenary Offering of our denomination to be used especially for foreign missions. The treasurer's report showed that a total of \$1363.65 was given for the "Laura Reddig Hospital Fund" during the year. This figure does not include the \$278.90 which was left from the "Chapel Crusade" of the year before. We are also pleased to report that we have (including the offerings during the convention) a total of \$283.46 given for general mission work and \$71.50 paid in as membership dues.

The new officers elected for the coming year are: Harry Luiken, Steamboat Rock, president; Cathryn Popkes, Buffalo Center, vice-president; Marian Frey, Parkersburg, secretary and treasurer.

MARIAN FREY, Reporter.



Bright-Eyed Children of the Vacation Bible School Held in Parkersburg, Iowa

Daily Vacation Bible School is Held for One Week at Parkersburg, Iowa

The Daily Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa, was held in the church basement during the week of June 1 to 5. An all-day school was conducted during one week only because of transportation difficulties for those living in the country. Thirty enthusiastic youngsters memorized Scripture, took part in Bible drills, listened to Bible stories, and made Scripture mottoes under the guidance of the following teachers: Mrs. John Goldhorn, Miss LuVerne Huisman, and Miss Marian Frey. The Rev. H. Lohr, pastor of the church, led devotional periods and conducted rousing chorus periods.

On Sunday evening, June 1, the children presented the gospel in choruses and Scripture verses to a large audience. The universal comment of everyone who listened was, "I don't see how the children can learn so much in so short a time!" Truly, God has again blessed our efforts as we strive to lead these precious young souls into service for him.

Reporter.

Fifteen Persons Are Baptized and Received Into the Faith Church of Minneapolis

On Sunday, June 14, our pastor, the Rev. Lewis Berndt of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., had the great joy of baptizing 15 persons upon confession of their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. In addition to these new converts we have received 3 more members into our church, one young man by confession of faith and two women by letter.

On Sunday morning, May 17, we had the privilege of having Miss Edith Koppin in our midst. We were all drawn closer to our Lord and Master after hearing Miss Koppin.

We were also glad to have Prof. Albert Bretschneider bring us two messages recently. Prof. Bretschneider was the main speaker at our Minnesota summer assembly. He brought two messages to us which were enjoyed.

We are also happy to report that one of our young men will attend school in Rochester this coming year. We hope and pray that the Lord will guide and bless Mr. Wilmer Quiring as he prepares himself for the ministry. TED HIRSCH, Reporter.



Fifteen Young People Recently Baptized and Received Into the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota, by the Rev. Lewis B. Berndt (Left)

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Silver Wedding Anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Gassner in Vancouver

On Friday evening, May 22, the Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Gassner were pleasantly surprised by members and friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., the occasion being their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Gassner came to church to attend the young people's meeting, but other plans had been arranged. Mr. Smith was in charge of the program, which consisted of songs, recitations and messages of congratulation. We were happy to have with us Mr. Theesen and the Rev. J. J. Wiens who also spoke brief words of congratulation.

In behalf of the members of the church, Mr. Semke presented "the bridal couple" with a lovely silver vase and a lamp. Following the program Mr. and Mrs. Gassner expressed their gratitude to the guests for honoring them on this occasion.

RUTH MILLER, Reporter.

Young People's Program and Baptismal Service in the Bethel Church of Salem, Oregon

The Young People's Society of the Bethel Baptist Church in Salem, Ore., held its annual program on Friday night, June 5.

The main feature of the program was a play entitled "Conversion," which was presented by members of the society. Immediately following the program, everyone enjoyed a fellowship hour in the basement of the church. The evening offering of \$10.00 has been forwarded to Forest Park, Ill., for the Centenary Fund.

On the evening of June 14 the following new officers were installed by the Rev. J. F. Olthoff: Viola Schrenk, president; Alyce Willecke, vice-president; Bernice Ebert, secretary; Homer Kuper, treasurer; Ella Lange, pianist.

We all received many rich blessings during the two weeks, May 3 to 17, that the Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Bronleewe were with us conducting evangelistic services. The Rev. J. F. Olthoff had the privilege of baptizing nine of the converts, as a result of these meetings, and at the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning, June 7, they received the hand of fellowship with three other new members who came to us by letter.

PERNICE EBERT, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. J. Giesbrecht at the Salt Creek Church of Oregon

It was on the lovely afternoon of June 18th, when the delegates from all of our Oregon churches assembled in the Salt Creek edifice near Dallas, Ore., to consider the ordination of their member, John Giesbrecht.

The Rev. O. Nallinger, the pastor of the church, opened the meeting with devotional exercises and the Rev. B. J. Friesen from the Stafford Church led in prayer.

The Rev. J. F. Olthoff was elected chairman and the Rev. O. Roth served as clerk. The church clerk, Mr. Henry



The Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Gassner of Vancouver, British Columbia, at Their Silver Wedding Anniversary

Classen, read the letter of invitation and Mr. Nallinger presented the candidate to the council.

Mr. Giesbrecht related his Christian experience which proved to be satisfactory to all. Likewise his call to the ministry was heard and found in order by the council. The doctrinal beliefs of the candidate followed next and every statement was thrown open to questions which were answered satisfactorily.

Upon recommendation to proceed with the ordination, the meeting was held in the evening with the Rev. O. Nallinger preaching the ordination sermon. The prayer was offered by the Rev. John Schweitzer. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. John Leypoldt and the welcome into the ministry by the Rev. Theo. Leger.

We wish Mr. Giesbrecht God's blessing in his ministry as he undertakes his work in the Washburn and Underwood Churches of North Dakota.

OTTO ROTH, Clerk.

The Baptist Church of Lodi, California, Enjoys a Pageant and Musical Program

The Baptist Guild of Lodi, Calif., held its Mother's Day banquet on Friday, May 8, in the social hall of the church. Favors were miniature, hand-painted flower carts, made by one of the Guild members, each cart containing seasonal flowers.

On this occasion fifty mothers and daughters of the Guild were present, who were welcomed by the president, Miss Thelma Forsch, at which time each mother was presented with a corsage of roses. Miss Eleanore Martin, program chairman, was introduced by the president.

Miss Irene Weigum and Virginia Schmiedt sang a duet. Miss Bertha Meyers presented a pianologue, accompanied by Miss Emma Rowe at the piano. Mrs. A. Felberg, advisor of the group, gave an interesting reading.

Guild officers assisting Miss Forsch for the ensuing year are Eleanor Martin, vice-president; Tabea Bischel, secretary; Lucille Walther, treasurer; Emma Rowe, pianist; and Lorraine Engel, publicity.

On the evening of Mother's Day, the

Guild sponsored a pageant entitled "The Ideal Home." Presented in musical numbers as part of the pageant were a vocal solo by Mrs. A. Felberg, organ solos by Elton Burgstahler, a vocal duet by Virginia Schmiedt and Irene Weigum, a number by the male chorus, under the direction of J. J. Seibel, and a flute solo by Milo Mehlhoff. The Rev. A. Felberg, pastor of the church gave an interesting talk about mothers.

The mixed choir under the able leadership of Calvin Lohr, has been quite active this year. It had the pleasure of repeating its Easter cantata in the Franklin Baptist Church, of which the Rev. G. G. Rauser is the pastor.

On Sunday evening, May 24, the Lodi choir of 35 mixed voices joined with the 25 voices of the Modesto Baptist Choir in Modesto, Calif., to present a sacred concert in praise to God.

A return concert by the Modesto and Lodi choirs was held in the Lodi church on Sunday evening, June 7, to a church that was filled to its capacity. Several of the Lodi churches dismissed their evening services so that they might hear this beautiful service in song. Mr. Elton Burgstahler of Lodi was the organist, assisted at the piano by Mrs. Carol Cochran of Modesto.

BERTHA MEYERS, Reporter.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Atlantic Conference Ministers Enjoy a Week's Retreat at Bradley Beach

The ministering brethren of the Atlantic Conference enjoyed another retreat this year at the Young People's Cottage, Bradley Beach, N. J., from June 22 to 26. Several ministers' wives also were present. Everything was so fine that all those who attended are already looking forward to next year.

The "Parable of the Sower" was the basis for the morning meditation periods. Some very fine, helpful, and challenging points were brought out by the speakers at these sessions, as well as at the evening devotional hours.

The guest speakers this season were Prof. Wm. A. Mueller of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, Pa., and Prof. Otto E. Krueger of our Rochester Baptist Seminary. Prof. Mueller, in his paper, traced the development of the Christian Church from the days of the Apostles to the time of Martin Luther. Prof. Krueger presented papers concerning his experience in the fields of theology, worship, evangelism, and the care of souls. Both of these men possess that very admirable combination of a scholarly mind and a true and sincere devotion to fundamental Christianity.

The entire afternoon of each day was free to all for rest and recreation. The ocean was inviting and all took advantage of its refreshing waters.

A vote of appreciation and thanks was extended to the members of the committee, consisting of J. E. Grygo, chairman, A. E. Kannwischer, and R. G. Schade for the splendid program which was arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. Neushafer, hosts at the cottage, are to be congratulated for their splendid hospitality.

HERBERT J. FREEMAN, Reporter.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Young People of Yorkton, Sask., Are Helping Their Pastor in Reviving Their Church

We are indeed very happy as young people of Yorkton, Sask., that we have a minister in our church again. The Rev. Walter Stein of Ebenezer is now serving our church. In the early Spring we had our annual election and new officers were appointed for the various offices of the B. Y. P. U.

Every Thursday evening we have a combined business and prayer meeting. We have already received great blessings from the sermonettes which Mr. Stein brings to us. They are always so instructive and uplifting. Charlie Flick, a graduate of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, has also been with us for some time.

Our society consists of about 20 members and, in addition, we have the young people from the various neighboring churches, who attend the Collegiate in Yorkton. This is an important phase of our mission work.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. E. Wegner

The report about the reception for the Rev. and Mrs. E. Wegner by the Ebenezer West and Spring-side Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan, which was written by the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, was unavoidably omitted from the material prepared by the Publication Society for this issue of "The Baptist Herald." We express our regrets to Mr. and Mrs. Wegner and their churches and to the reporter because of this omission. EDITOR.

Opportunities for mission work are increased by the fact that we have the General Hospital in the city. The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein do regular visitation work there. Also a committee was appointed by the young people's society for this work. Many Baptist people from our churches, far and near, can be reached in this way.

For two weeks the Rev. W. Stein and the Rev. Phil. Daum held evangelistic meetings in our church. The meetings were well attended by young and old and our young people participated eagerly. A number of the young people professed to have accepted Christ as their personal Savior and at a later date will follow the Lord in baptism. Many rededicated their lives to Christ.

Church services every Sunday are well attended and lately we have had numerous visitors in our congregation. We have been favored and blessed by having the Rev. A. Husmann at our church in the early Spring. Also the Rev. Theo. W. Dons visited our church and delivered a very inspiring message. To commemorate the occasion it was one of the first churches which he visited during his recent trip through Canada.

The members of the church have undertaken to paint the outside of the church. So, as we see everything going forward, we humbly pray to our heavenly Father to give wisdom, strength and understanding to our minister and to the members.

SELMA FLICK, Secretary.
RUBY SCHINDLER, Reporter.



Officers of the Young People's Society of the Baptist Church in Camrose, Alberta

Exceptionally Busy Year for the Young People's Society of Camrose, Alberta

During the past winter months the members of our young people's society in Camrose, Alta., have been exceptionally busy working for the Lord. We are convinced that the more work young people are engaged in, the more they are willing to do. We have collected over fifty dollars for the "Tri Union Centenary offering."

It has been our aim to develop spiritually and socially through our society by studying the Bible at our meetings and also having numerous social gatherings.

The main feature of our winter program was a South American mission play entitled, "The Abundant Harvest." It was very capably directed by our pastor, the Rev. R. Kern, who also deserves credit for the elaborate stage scenery. This play was rendered in our own church, also in the English Baptist Church in Camrose, and in the Edmonton and Wetaskiwin churches.

During "Passion Week" a Quiz contest on the sufferings of Christ, as recorded in the four gospels, was conducted. This proved to be of great interest to the young people, and everyone benefitted by it.

The proceeds of a successful pan-

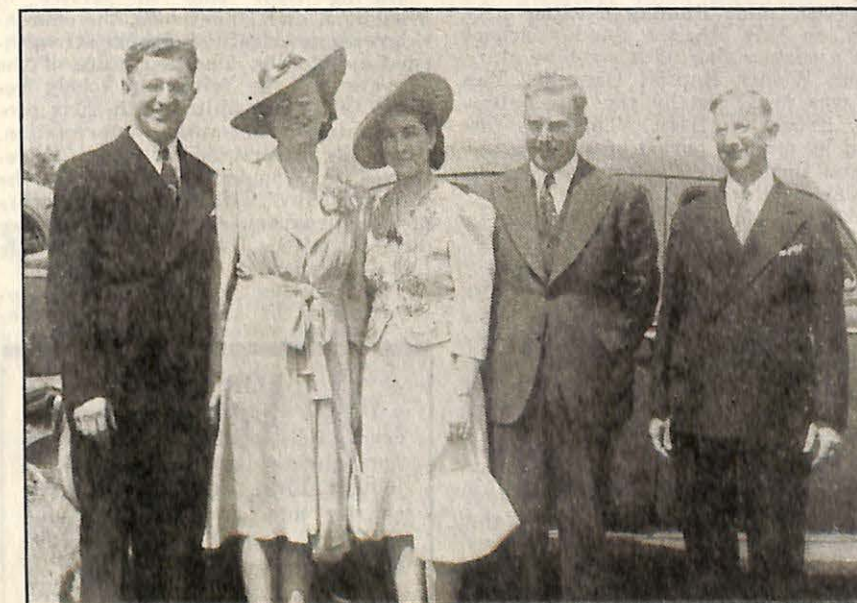
cake supper, which took place in the church basement, added to our centenary fund. We were also interested in seeing numerous moving picture films that our pastor took during one of his tours through the United States and Canada at another social gathering. A group of the young people presented a play for Mother's Day entitled, "Giving Mother a Rest," under the wise and capable leadership of our pastor's wife, Mrs. Kern.

The Junior choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Kern, very often contributes to our young people's programs. Our Senior choir, under the leadership of Mr. R. Neske, and the Junior choir, rendered a fine musical program on the last Sunday in June.

For the summer months we have outlined an interesting program of devotional, educational, musical and Bible study programs. We have already received many blessings during the months that our pastor and wife have been with us.

The names and offices of the executive committees of our society, appearing on the accompanying snapshot, are as follows: (From Left to Right) Pvt. Rinold Neuman, president; Mrs. R. Kern, vice-president; Rev. R. Kern, honorary president; Beatrice Link, secretary; Clarence Weisser, treasurer.

BEATRICE LINK, Reporter.



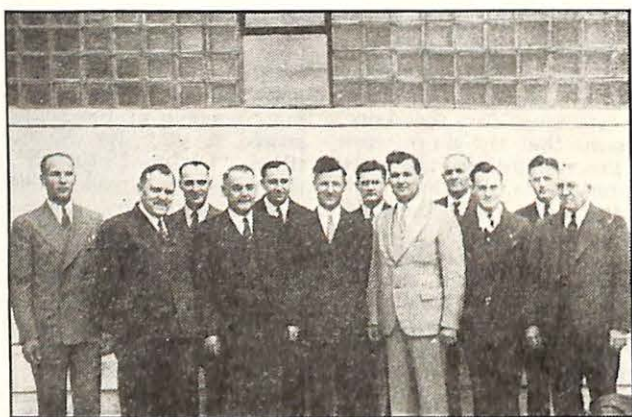
The Rev. and Mrs. E. Wegner, (Left), of the Ebenezer West and Spring-side Churches of Saskatchewan With the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein and the Rev. Theo. W. Dons at Their Reception

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Vacation Bible School in Wishek, No. Dak., Closes With a Fine Demonstration Program

Sunday evening, July 5, marked the closing period of our Daily Vacation Bible School in the Baptist Church of Wishek, No. Dak. In a church decorated with red, white, and blue flowers, our Bible School pupils and teachers gave the reports, demonstrations, and exhibitions of work which the pupils had completed during the two weeks' school period from June 22 to July 3.

We met three hours each morning. Our enrollment was 59 pupils and 5 teachers. The four class groups were under the leadership of the following:



Some of the Ministers in Attendance at the Central Dakota Association Recently Held at Ashley, No. Dak.

Beginners, Mrs. Ernest N. Herr; Primary, Rev. J. C. Gunst; Juniors, Mrs. H. J. Koch; Intermediates, Miss Viola Stading. Miss Beth Quatier assisted us for several days.

Our average attendance was 47 pupils. The daily missionary offering amounted to \$7.85. At the close of the Friday morning classes we all met in the City Park for our picnic lunch. The school was one of the best we have ever had.

At this same Sunday evening program, on July 5th, the Sunday School gave a service flag with six blue stars to our Wishek Baptist Church. The flag was presented by the superintendent, Ernest N. Herr. This was followed by a short period of silent prayer, and then the dedicatory prayer by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Gunst.

MRS. ERNEST W. HERR, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Leslie Albus of Carrington, No. Dak., As a Christian Minister

A council was called on May 26th by the Baptist Church of Carrington, No. Dak., to consider the ordination of Mr. Leslie Albus into the ministry of the gospel.

The Rev. G. W. Pust of Fessenden was elected moderator and the Rev. P. T. Hunsicker of Cathay, secretary. The candidate was introduced by the Rev. A. Weissner, whereupon Mr. Albus gave his testimony as to his conversion, his call into the ministry and his beliefs concerning the Christian doctrine.

The ordination service was in charge

of the moderator, the Rev. G. W. Pust. The ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. Weissner who used as his theme: "Ambassador of God." The Rev. D. Klein of Germantown then offered the dedication prayer and the Rev. P. T. Hunsicker welcomed the candidate into the ranks of the Christian ministers. The Rev. R. Kayser of McClusky effectively charged the young minister to stand brave and true at all times. The Rev. G. W. Pust then spoke to the church in a very appropriate way.

The Rev. Leslie Albus was a member of the Pleasant Valley Church, which is now a station of the Carrington Church. He is a graduate of our Seminary in Rochester. He is serving our church in Arnprior, Ontario, Canada. May God richly bless his ministry! P. T. HUNSICKER, Reporter.

of the church: Mrs. E. Greeniche for the B. Y. P. U.; Mrs. E. Klein for the Willing Workers; Mrs. M. Sauer for the Ladies' Aid; Mr. J. Rothman for the Sunday School; Mr. J. Brenneiser for the church. The loving words of farewell were substantiated with loving gifts of remembrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Woyke expressed their deepest appreciation for all the love and support experienced during their time of service at Washburn. They hoped the best for the further progress of the church.

A soprano solo and a song by a ladies' quartet contributed much to the sentiment of the hour. A few appropriate remarks by the undersigned and the singing of the hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," by the congregation concluded the program. Mr. Woyke spoke the closing prayer.

E. GUTSCHE, Reporter.

Mission Offerings at the Central Dakota Association at Ashley Amount to \$1271.08

The Central Dakota Association convened at Ashley, No. Dak., from June 10 to 14. This was a blessed gathering! The officers of the association are: president, G. W. Rutsch; vice-president, A. Krombein; and secretary, J. J. Renz. Besides the devotional meetings, six different lectures were given on the epistle to the Ephesians, which proved to be helpful to all who attended the meetings.

A musical program was given on Saturday afternoon under the direction of the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt. Vocal solos, duets, trios, quartets, group singing, and instrumental selections were rendered in this meeting.

Furthermore, it was a great privilege of the association that it was attended by three of our general workers: Dr. William Kuhn, Prof. A. A. Schade, and S. Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote," and in addition, Dr. Roy W. Hodges, superintendent of the North Dakota Baptist Convention.

Our mission offering this year was considerably higher than the offerings were in the last few years. The Sunday School offering was \$44.19; that for the treasury of the association, \$457.38; for the Centenary offering in cash, \$608.41; pledges for the Centenary Offering, \$45.00. The Ladies' Union of the association gave \$116.10, of which sum one third was put into the treasury of the association, one third was given to the Centenary Offering, and one third thereof to the Old People's Home at Bismarck, No. Dak. All offerings combined amount to \$1271.08.

However, we are not only rejoicing over the increase of our monetary contributions. From the reports of the various churches, it was learned that there were a good many conversions and baptisms during the year. Of course, some of the churches reported more success than others. Two churches were added to our organization, namely, Hettinger, formerly a station of Gnadenfeld, and Isabel, formerly a station of McLaughlin.

The general outlook in our association gives one the impression that there is still a great deal of work to be done by our churches. May God enable us to do his work!

EMIL BECKER, Reporter.

Wedding Bells for the Rev. Arthur Schulz and Miss Lula Gerlitz at Washburn

On Sunday, June 21, Miss Lula Gerlitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gerlitz of Goodrich, and the Rev. Arthur Schulz of Unityville, So. Dak., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schulz of Washburn, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. The Rev. E. Gutsche of Benton Harbor, Mich., a brother-in-law of the groom, officiated. The single ring ceremony was used.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Mr. G. W. Gerlitz, wore a gown of white brocaded organza and carried a bouquet of daisies and talisman roses. Miss Violet Schulz, a sister of the groom who attended the bride, wore a gown of pink silk jersey and also carried a bouquet of daisies and talisman roses. Mr. Waldo Gerlitz, a brother of the bride, attended the groom. A brother of the groom, Elmer Schulz, sang two selections, "O Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly." Miss Verna Rust of Martin, a friend of the bride, played the wedding marches.

The church was beautifully decorated with peonies, daisies and ferns.

Immediately after the wedding ceremony all guests were invited to a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Augustedt, aunt and uncle of the bride. Approximately 75 relatives and friends were present. The wedding dinner had been served at high noon at his home also for the immediate members of both families only.

Both of these young people are well prepared and highly gifted for the sacred calling of the gospel ministry. The Rev. Arthur Schulz is a graduate of the Washburn High School and of the Rochester Baptist Seminary of the Class of 1941, and was also a member of the Rochester Seminary Quartet which toured the United States and Canada in the summer of 1938. Miss Gerlitz is a graduate of the Goodrich High School and has attended the Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., for the past two years.

After the reception the couple left for Fargo for a number of days before they returned to Unityville where they will make their home.

May God's richest blessing rest on them both in all their future ministry in his service.

VIOLET SCHULZ, Reporter.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Klatt by the Grace Church of Grand Forks

On Sunday evening, June 21, the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., was packed with members and friends to welcome our new pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Klatt of Killaloe, Ontario. Beautiful flowers were in profusion.

The Rev. Homer B. Elford of the Methodist Church welcomed them into the city and the fellowship of the other ministers here. The Rev. Rowe B. Milson of the First Baptist Church welcomed them on behalf of the state convention. Then the various organizations greeted them, as follows: John Stroh for the deacons and Sunday School, and Mrs. Rosa Wolff for the

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Ladies' Aid. Mrs. Joe Werre, who spoke for the Dorcas Club, pinned a beautiful corsage on Mrs. Klatt, and Evelyn Pallash represented the Young People's Society.

We then listened to an inspiring address by the Rev. Angel Mergall of Puerto Rico. Both the choir and men's quartet added much to the services by their contributions. Following the response by Mr. and Mrs. Klatt, a delicious lunch was served by the ladies.

We have prayed earnestly for God to send us a leader and we feel that our prayers have been granted. In happy anticipation of their coming, we planted a garden at the parsonage, which was a joy to behold. On the evening of their arrival, the ladies gathered at the parsonage with almost every conceivable variety of food and surprised the Klatts with a pantry shower. We are looking forward in faith, knowing that God has many blessings in store for us as we work hand in hand with our new pastor and his wife.

MRS. FRED KRANZLER, Reporter.

Ordination Services at Chancellor, So. Dak., for the Rev. John Paul Epp

Answering to an invitation by the Baptist Church of Chancellor, So. Dak., 41 delegates out of 12 churches assembled with the church on June 29th to consider the advisability of setting Mr. John Epp aside by public ordination for the gospel ministry.

Mr. Epp had served the church as student pastor, and after graduation he accepted a call to serve the church as pastor. The meeting was called to order and a short devotion was led by the Rev. Albert Itermann, who was appointed temporary chairman. After the council had organized, the Rev. A. G. Lang was appointed moderator and the Rev. R. A. Klein secretary.

Mr. L. F. Jacobs read the resolutions of the local church and Mr. A. A. Erickson presented the candidate to the council, who then was asked to give his experiences and convictions on his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal views which he did in clear and favorable way. In a closed session of the council it was unanimously resolved to declare ourselves fully satisfied and to recommend to the church to proceed with the ordination services.

These services were held in the evening and were in charge of the moderator, the Rev. A. G. Lang, who was serving the church at Avon, So. Dak., as supply pastor. The Rev. H. G. Braun read scripture, and the Rev. W. R. Richardson led in prayer. A song by the Ladies' Sextette was sung, after which the Rev. A. G. Lang preached the ordination sermon. Dr. John L. Barton, state secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention, led in the ordination prayer. The Rev. Arthur Itermann gave the charge to the candidate, the Rev. H. R. Schroeder addressed the church, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler gave him the hand of fellowship and welcomed him into the ranks of the ministry. The Ladies' Sextette sang "Transformed," after which the Rev. John P. Epp dismissed the meeting with the benediction.

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● The days of June 14 to 26 were a time of blessing for the Springside and Ebenezer West Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan with the Rev. Theo W. Dons, denominational evangelist, preaching the gospel of God's redeeming love in Christ Jesus in the large conference tent. This tent was used to accommodate the large congregations of church members and visiting friends, which on Sundays grew to 500 and 600 people. About 25 persons made a confession of faith in Christ as Savior during the meetings. The pastor of the churches, the Rev. E. M. Wegner, wrote that a baptismal service is being planned for the near future.

● On Sunday, July 12, the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D., was the guest speaker at both services of the Gibbs Ave. Baptist Church of Canton, Ohio, of which the Rev. Benjamin Schlipf is pastor. On Tuesday evening, June 30, Dr. Kuhn began a series of engagements in our Ontario churches, speaking in the Sebastopol Baptist Church. On the following evening, July 1, he brought a message to a large congregation in the Lyndock Church, of which the Rev. John Heer is pastor. From July 2 to 5 he was the guest speaker at the sessions of the Ontario Association which were held in the Baptist Church of Arnprior.

● A Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks from June 22 to July 3 by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. With an enrollment of 108 children and a faculty of 14 full time and 2 part time teachers, the school was the largest Baptist Vacation Bible School held in Milwaukee this year, according to Dr. Roth, Baptist secretary for Wisconsin. Children from 12 different Sunday Schools and 5 denominations participated. The demonstration program was held on Friday evening, July 3. On Sunday, July 12, the Rev. Herman Palfenier was the guest preacher in the morning service. The Rev. Thorwald W. Bender is pastor of the church.

● The ordination of the Rev. Carl Weisser, a 1942 graduate of the Rochester Seminary, was held in the Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ont., on Sunday evening, July 5. The ordination council met on the same afternoon. Dr. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary, brought the ordination sermon on the text: "Preach the Word!" The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. C. McAllister of the Elgin Street Baptist Church. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. John Heer, and the charge to the church by the Rev. Richard Grenz. The Rev. Leslie Albus of Arnprior took part in the worship service. The Rev. Carl Weisser is pastor of the two Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario.

● From June 8 to 12 the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, No. Dak., held a Leadership Training Course for 5 evenings with an enrollment of 26 persons. The Rev. F. W. Bartel, Dakota Conference evangelist, conducted the course on "Outlines of Bible History." On June 21 the church brought Evangelist Pat Malone to the Baptist Church of Fessenden, No. Dak., for his interesting Christian lecture on "Rocks." The church recently increased the salary of its pastor, the Rev. Daniel Klein, by \$200. It was also host to the Northern North Dakota Association from June 4 to 6 with Prof. A. A. Schade, Rev. S. Blum and Miss Edith Koppin as guest speakers.

● Several of our ministers have made interesting contributions to the Baptist devotional booklet, "The Secret Place," for the third quarter from July 1st to September 30th of this year. The Rev. S. F. Geis, pastor of the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Ill., had a contribution on "Learning of Jesus" for July 9. The contribution on "The Three Steps" by the Rev. H. R. Schroeder of Madison, So. Dak., appears on August 30, and that by his son, the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, on the topic, "How Do You Live?" appears on September 8. Another message on "God Rights the Wrong" appears on September 26 that was contributed by the Rev. T. W. Dons of Forest Park, Ill., our general evangelist.

● On successive Sundays in June, while on a vacation trip, the Rev. E. Gutsche, pastor of the Clay Street Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., preached in Unityville, So. Dak., and in Goodrich and Washburn, No. Dak. During his absence the Rev. G. Wetter preached in the Benton Harbor Church. On Sunday, June 14, the Sunday School held its Children's Day program. On the following Sunday the church choir rendered the cantata, "The Lord is My Shepherd." During the summer months Mr. Edwin Miller, a son of the church and a student at the Rochester Baptist Seminary is rendering an appreciated service wherever given an opportunity. On Sunday morning, June 7, he brought the English message.

● On Sunday evening, June 21, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke was ordained into the Christian ministry in an impressive service held in the Baptist Church of Olds, Alta., of which he is the pastor. Six churches were invited to the ordination council which heard his testimony and convictions of faith. The ordination sermon was brought by the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Calgary with the ordination prayer offered by the Rev. C. Rempel of Trochu. The charge to the church was delivered by the Rev. E. Fenske of the Freudenthal Church, and the charge to the minister by the Rev. C. Rempel. Musical numbers were rendered by Mr. Edward Link, the church choir, and a male quartet. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke is a member of this year's class of our Rochester Seminary.

Do You Know That...?

Column Edited by the
REV. A. R. BERNADT
of Burlington, Iowa

1. 80 millions of dollars are lost each year by people who write illegibly, according to the report of our Post Office Department. This is the cost of the stamps, the stationery, and the amount of money enclosed in these letters that go astray each year. What couldn't our denomination do with these "Missing Funds"?
2. If John D. Rockefeller could become the richest man in the world without touching a drop of liquor, how come so many salesmen and businessmen claim they must drink in order to keep up business connections?
3. Religious differences aren't nearly as bad as religious indifferences.
4. Many clergymen are being appointed to important State Committees and Boards of Mediation by the Governor of Michigan, Murry D. VanWagoner, because he has "found clergymen extremely well able to take a fair-minded attitude in such disputes." Surely, in this case the Church can help the State and still be separate from it.
5. Backsliding begins in the knees.
6. An upright man can never be a downright failure.
7. 400 clergymen "declared war" on all fascist countries in a petition drawn up in New York City recently. Among the signers were Dr. A. W. Beaven, Bishop James Canon, Dr. F. May Eliot, Dr. John MacKay and others who urged that drastic military steps be taken against the fascist countries.
8. "Men turn their faces toward hell and hope to get to heaven; why do they not walk into the river and expect to keep dry?"—Spurgeon.
9. Lieutenant Clarence Sanford, an American pilot forced down among the Aborigines found armed warriors ready to spear him, but they spared his life when they discovered he was a "Jesus man." Sanford thinks Christian missions are fine!
10. George M. Cullen at the Northern Baptist Convention at Cleveland said "77 days of prohibition before December 7th instead of 77 days after 'Pearl Harbor' might have saved us from the worst naval defeat we have suffered in 166 years of history."
11. Is there anything more drab than an ex-Christian?
12. If a man uses profanity to support an argument it indicates that either the man or the argument are weak—probably both.