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# WHAT'S HAPPENING . . . .

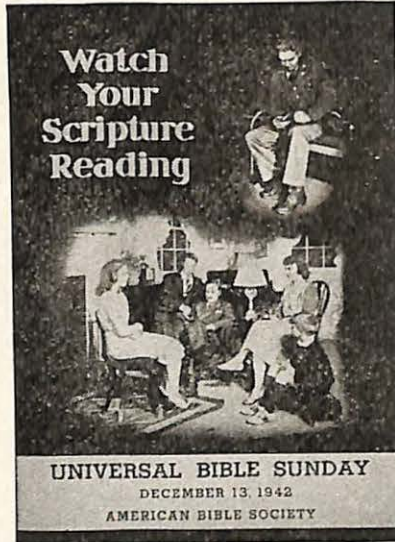
● The Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has recently voted to change its name to the Pilgrim Baptist Church, by which it will henceforth be known. The Rev. Herman Palfenier is pastor of the church, who is leading the church in a well rounded program of spiritual activities.

● The new director of music in the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., is Mr. Earl Abel, first year student at the Rochester Baptist Seminary. Mr. Abel comes from the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., where his father, the Rev. J. J. Abel, is pastor, and not pastor-elect of North Freedom, Wis. A recent bulletin of the Andrews St. Church paid a fine tribute to the choir's ministry of music. The Rev. Daniel Fuchs is pastor of the church.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, No. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Martin De Boer, pastor of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., to which he has responded favorably. Mr. De Boer and his family will move to Lehr shortly where he will begin his pastorate about Dec. 15th, succeeding the Rev. E. Broeckel, now residing in Bismarck, No. Dak. The Lehr Church has a very extensive mission field with several mission stations.

● In celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary, members of the Lebanon Baptist Church of Wisconsin surprised the Rev. and Mrs. V. Wolff on Friday evening, Nov. 6th. They were presented with a bedspread and a plant. Mr. Wolff read excerpts from letters written by their son, Walter, who is serving his country somewhere in Africa. This is exceedingly interesting news since the Rev. and Mrs. V. Wolff served as missionaries in the Cameroons of Africa from 1907 to 1916 in a faithful ministry for Christ and his Kingdom.

● The Rev. Paul Wengel recently resigned as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the First Baptist Church of Adrian, Mich. After a successful ministry in the Bethel Baptist Church he will bring his pastorate to a close on Nov. 30th. Besides assuming his ministry in a Northern Baptist Church, Mr. Wengel is also beginning his second year of service as president of the Michigan State Baptist Convention.



**WATCH YOUR SCRIPTURE READING**  
 Universal Bible Sunday will be celebrated widely on Sunday, Dec. 13, in the churches of this country, and many other countries around the world. For over two decades the American Bible Society has been sponsoring this observance.

It is largely because our fighting men have been doing so much reading of God's Word and thinking and believing that the theme chosen by the Society for this year's celebration of Universal Bible Sunday is "Watch Your Scripture Reading."

The American Bible Society, which for more than 127 years has been the largest publisher of Bibles in this country, issued more Bibles, Testaments, and Gospel portions in the first ten months of this year than in any entire year in its long history.

● On Sunday morning, Oct. 25, the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held a special "Service Men's Sunday" program, which featured the dedication of a service flag with eight stars, the reading of several letters from the church's service men and a message by the pastor, the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder. On Sunday morning, Nov. 8, a service of recognition was held for about 20 members of the church of 50 and more years standing. The pastor spoke on the theme, "Life Begins at Seventy-five."

● Beginning with Thursday evening, Dec. 3, the Rev. Pieter Smit, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, will begin a series radio programs over station K S A L (1150 kilocycles) of Salina, Kansas. The program will be sent by wire to Salina from Lorraine and will be broadcast from 9:30 to 10:00 P. M. every Thursday evening. It is to be known as the "Evening Prayer Hour." This is a new venture in which Dr.

Smit is especially interested and to which he is devoting himself with joy.

● On Friday evening, Oct. 30, a festive service was held in the Baptist Church of Forestburg, Alta., Canada, at which its pastor, Mr. Emil Riemer, was ordained into the Christian ministry. The ordination council session was held during the day with delegates from many of the Alberta churches in attendance. The Rev. Emil Riemer spent several years of study at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton and for the past two years has ably served the Forestburg Church as its pastor.

● The month of November was designated as "Centenary Offering Month" for the members of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. Special plans were carried out to boost the Centenary Offering fund by the church. On Sunday morning, Oct. 25, the Girl Scouts troops of Mount Oliver were the guests of the Temple Church and the Rev. L. B. Holzer spoke on "The Christian Virtues of a Girl Scout." The annual preaching mission of the church was held from Nov. 18 to 29 with the Rev. L. H. Broecker of St. Joseph, Mich., serving as the guest preacher.

● The North Avenue Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., observed its 55th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 8, and Wednesday, Nov. 11. On Nov. 8 the Rev. George Hensel of Kankakee, Ill., and Dr. David Witte of Milwaukee, Wis., were the guest speakers. The anniversary banquet was held on Nov. 11 with the Rev. Fred Erion of West Allis, Wis., a graduate of our Rochester Baptist Seminary, as the special speaker. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner is pastor of the church. The anniversary committee under the leadership of Mr. Nelson Holzer, prepared a splendid program for the church.

● The Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., Canada, extended a call recently to the Rev. R. Milbrandt, formerly pastor of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta. Mr. Milbrandt had accepted the call of the Baptist Church of Goodrich, No. Dak., as reported correctly in the Oct. 15 issue of "The Baptist Herald," but immigration restrictions prevented him from crossing the Canadian border. Soon thereafter he accepted the call from the Regina Church. On Nov. 4 Mr. Milbrandt and Miss Clara Sailer were married in the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary with the Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor of the Freudental Church of Alberta, officiating.

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### Coming!

#### A CHRISTMAS SERMON

Ensign Roy Anderson, a chaplain in the United States Navy, who is now stationed at the Naval Training Station in San Diego, Calif., will bring the Christmas sermon which will be of special interest to our Service Men as well as to all other readers. Chaplain Anderson is a member of the Forest Park Church of Forest Park, Illinois.

#### BETHLEHEM, THE CHRISTMAS CITY

The city of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is sometimes called "the Christmas City of America." It is unusually rich in early American history and legend and in Christian tradition. This illuminating article by Willy Stangl of our Bethlehem Church will tell the fascinating story of this "Christmas City" founded by Count Zinzendorf more than 200 years ago.

#### BACK TO BETHEL!

The Rev. J. K. Warkentin, the pastor of the Huronville Church near Henrietta, Texas, has contributed a provocative sermon for the closing days of the old year before crossing the threshold into 1943. It is a sermon that will long remain in your memory after its appearance in the next issue.

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# EDITORIAL

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## A Big, Happy Family!

THE CHILDREN'S HOME in St. Joseph, Michigan, can best be characterized as "a big, happy family." It radiates good cheer and kindly love. A fine spirit of harmony prevails in all of its activities. It is a home in which Jesus Christ is glorified and in which there is always "room for him" in the lives of the children who love him.

This Children's Home of ours has been especially fortunate in having had the Rev. and Mrs. Hans Steiger as superintendent and matron during the past twenty years. Through this long stretch of two decades these two devoted servants of God have never tired of being "Pa" and "Ma" Steiger to the children who have come and gone across the portals of the Home.

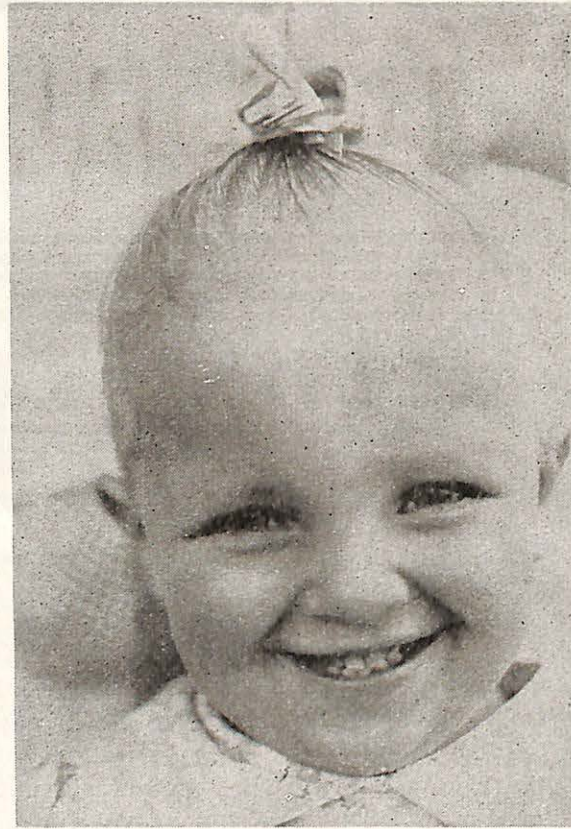
Their modesty has prevented the assembling of several special articles for "The Baptist Herald" such as we published in 1937. The board of directors of the Children's Home is reportedly planning some public meeting in the Twin Cities in recognition of this anniversary of their service. But this milestone in the history of our Children's Home cannot be passed without a brief tribute to those who have guided this work so gloriously through the years.

Those who are acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Steiger know how different are their traits and personalities. Each has supplemented the other with their perfect blending of gifts. Mr. Steiger with his emphasis on order and discipline and with his keen enjoyment of humor has been a wise "father" and counsellor to these children. Mrs. Steiger with her tireless industry and alert attention to details has managed the Home with wonderful precision.

Through the twenty years the Steigers have seen some of the children grow up from days of babyhood to the time when wedding bells rang out for them. They have followed the course of each child with much prayer and love. They have sent their "alumni" forth into the world with their parental blessing accompanying them.

At this Christmas season of the year, when many of our churches will remember the Children's Home with gifts of money, merchandise, Christmas presents and cookies in keeping with the beautiful annual custom, let us remember the Steigers with a special card or personal word and shower upon them our congratulations on their twentieth anniversary as "exemplary parents" of our beloved Children's Home.





# Happy Occasions in Cameroon's Grassland

By  
MISSIONARY GEORGE DUNGER  
of Warwar, Mambila, Africa

An Unusually  
Striking and Lovely  
Picture of  
Daphne Dunger,  
the Daughter of the  
Missionaries,  
Rev. and Mrs.  
George Dunger,  
on the occasion of  
Her Third Birthday  
Celebrated on  
June 22, 1942,  
at the Grasslands  
Village of Warwar  
in the Heart of  
Darkest Africa.

And so question and answer continue for the entire afternoon.

There are four Mambilas who desire to follow Jesus into the baptismal waters—the first four of a tribe of many thousand! The Evangelist is satisfied with the candidates. A short heart-to-heart talk follows. There is exhortation, pleading, instruction, guidance and then prayer. Now the big Oku drum, sounded by a Bekom Christian "speaks." The people of Warwar and vicinity know that tomorrow is baptism!

## Baptism at Warwar

Sunday morning! Singing and the throbbing sounds of the Mambila drums come across the valley. Small groups of people begin to form. Finally, the procession of Kaka Christians comes down the hill towards the small river. The site of the baptism has been decorated with palm branches and flowers. Now the evangelist appears, followed by a throng of people. Behind him walk the baptismal candidates. The river banks are crowded with spectators.

After the brief talk the evangelist steps into the water. That tall, muscular, bright-looking Mambila follows him. He folds his hand over his chest and the evangelist asks him again—again the clear answer—"Yes"—the Kaka Christians begin their deep-throated, "Hallelujah," and then that Mambila steps out on the bank. . . . So the first four Mambilas were baptized.

Later, under waving palm fronds and a "Hallelujah" Chorus the Christians proceed towards Warwar chapel. Preparations have been made for the Lord's Supper. The membership cards are inspected and found in order. The evangelist addresses the small congregation. Then the Lord's Supper is taken in utter simplicity and solemnity. The Kaka Christians welcome the Mambilas into the fellowship of the church.

With his eyes fastened on the Mam-  
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IN THIS WORLD OF WAR it seems that there is hardly any room for truly happy occasions. However, at some points in the Cameroons Grassland there were such happy occasions not long ago.

While the village head is taking counsel with his elders, the observing eye, wandering through the open door of the chapel, beholds a lovely view. At the foot of a gigantic upthrust of rocks nestles the village, Ntumbo, beyond the escarpment, and a low plain with high ridges is now bathed in the rays of the setting sun. From yonder declivity clouds rise profusely and soon drift in long, gray shrouds toward the village. The air is growing chilly.

## More Mission Schools

The voices of the village head and his elders have ceased. He seems to prepare himself for an important statement and, finally, in a low, deliberate way speaks of his plans. He and the elders as well as the villagers wished for an English school. But they could not decide at once. They first wanted to watch the ways of the Baptist Mission.

Now they have decided. They want the Baptist Mission to establish an English school. The plot is at the left when going down the big path and, if the Mission agrees to have such a school, the people will cut the "bamboo" for the walls and the roof, the grass for the thatch, and supply the material for the first benches and desks also. All that will be done by the village people without expecting payment from the Mission.

One month later! The site is levelled, the school house is up, the teacher has arrived and twenty-five pupils are on the register. The Education Department has given its approval to open the school. The school is a reality. The boys receive training in "the Three R's" and become better acquainted with the Bible. Later, eligible pupils will go to one of our larger schools and some, no doubt, will turn out to be good church workers.

## The "God-Way" in Africa

The scene changes. It is several months later. Warwar. The visiting evangelist asks a tall, muscular and bright-looking Mambila, "So you want to be baptized. What for?" The answer comes: "Because I want to follow Jesus in baptism and be a witness so that all people will know that I walk the God-Way."

The evangelist asks again: "Have you left the Secret Society, the Juju, and all 'medicine,' sorcery and witchery?" The Mambila straightens himself and replied in clear voice: "I left them all. When I left the medicine made for the guinea corn harvest, the elders made trouble for me. But I prayed. I spoke to the Mission teacher. And God helped me. I spoke to the village elders. I told them that I left the native costume of making medicine before the guinea-corn harvest, that it is my custom now to pray to God for a good harvest and not to offer sacrifice to our dead fathers. The village elders are quiet now. They watch me. But I am not afraid. God helped the people in the Bible and he will help me too."

# The Valley of Decision

A Sermon by the REV. ELMER A. BUENNING of Ingersoll, Oklahoma

(Read Joel 3:9-17)

MAN'S FREEDOM OF CHOICE is one of the factors which set him definitely apart from all animals. It sets him above, not only in privileges of individuality, but also in responsibility.

The prophet, Joel, spoke of a time when God would bring an army into the valley of Jehoshaphat which would bring vengeance upon those who before had abused Israel. There was the valley of decision in the sense of judgment upon the wickedness of the people who had wronged God's Chosen. "Come, get you down; for the wine-press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes! in the valley of decision! For the day of Jehovah is near in the valley of decision." There are many in the valley of decision. All of us have been there many times. "Multitudes in the valley of decision." What will you have from your religion?

## Your Christian Birthright

Will you have your birthright as a Christian child of God or will you have a "bowl of pottage"?

"You give me your blessing," said Jacob, "and I'll give you this pottage." Here is where Esau's appetite ran away with his reason, and he sold out lock, stock and barrel. He sold the blessing of his father.

Many Christians have sold their joy for the bowl of pottage of selfish desires. They have not learned the art of living joyfully. "I have learned," says the great missionary, "in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content." There is nothing for which we are apt to sell our blessings that demands so exacting a settlement as does a trade for selfishness. Will you have the real blessing of Christian joy in sacrifice, or will you sell your blessing for a bowl of cheap imitation, selfishness?

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision."

## Christ or the World?

"How long go ye limping between the two sides?" cried Elijah. "If Jehovah be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word."

How long go we limping between the two sides today? If mammon be god, if self be god, if public opinion be god, let us serve them. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Let us no longer be divided within ourselves, lest the world mock us as the prophet did the priests of Baal. "Peradventure he sleepeth. Cry aloud, for he is a god." Let us cry, not to these gods who do not hear nor answer us, but let us cry



Rev. Elmer A. Buennig  
of Ingersoll, Oklahoma

to the God who answers by fire, the God who is Christ.

"Multitudes—in the valley of decision. For the day of Jehovah is near in the valley of decision."

## Christ's Standard of Life

Will you have the healed demoniac or the herd of swine?

Jesus has just performed an act of social service for the Gadarenes, and what is their response to it? The "whole multitude of the surrounding region—besought him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear."

There are people who are afraid to recognize the social implications of the gospel of Jesus. Recently I heard a statement that the Sermon on the Mount will never save anyone. Perhaps, it is right that it in itself will not save, for Jesus preached it to his disciples, but, my friend, this is equally true, that no one will ever be saved without the Sermon on the Mount.

Too often we stress the need of the individual's acceptance at the expense of the social side of Christ's teachings. The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' teaching the characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit. Read the Sermon; you get Jesus' standard of morality. You also get a feeling, if you read it thoughtfully, that you, in your own strength can never attain to that standard. Therefore, you must trust the grace of God in Christ for your salvation.

"For three transgressions of Damascus," of Gaza, of Tyre, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Judah, and of Israel, "for three transgressions—yea and for four, I

will not turn away the punishment thereof."

"They have threshed Gilead;—they carried Edom away captive;—they persecuted their brethren with the sword;—they rejected the law of Jehovah—their lies have caused them to err." And of Israel he says, "because they have sold the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes;—they pant after the dust of the earth on the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek."

God would punish them for social sins, and he will punish now. How dare we say that we have no responsibility to seek to rebuild our social order? We rebuild it through rebirth. It must be born again in reborn men.

## Climbing Rugged Mountains

Will you have easy valleys or rugged mountains?

Strife arose between Abraham and Lot so that they no longer could live peaceably together. Abraham put to Lot the choice of the land.

"Abraham," said he, "I'll take the Jordan valley and you can have the hills of Canaan."

"Alright," answered the patriarch, "I'll take the hills."

But remember, it was to Abraham that God came and revealed himself with the promise to give him the land. Abraham met the challenge of the difficult.

You say: "It is difficult to choose the blessing of sacrifice when the bowl of pottage is before me tantalizing me. It is difficult to serve God and not mammon. It is difficult to preach and live the whole Gospel, including its social emphasis."

## Our Choice With Christ

Difficult, but will you have easy valleys or the challenge of the mountain tops? Remember, Jesus' own disciples once had to make the choice between their ideas of Christ and what he really was. They had to drink his blood and eat his flesh to enter the Kingdom. He explained that the words are spiritual in meaning, and that to eat and drink meant to partake of his spirit. "This is a hard saying," said some of the disciples, "who can hear it? Upon this many of his disciples went back, and walked with him no more."

"Jesus said therefore unto the twelve, 'Will ye also go away?'"

"Will we also go away" because the task is difficult?

Is this too hard a saying for us to hear? Easy valleys, friends? Give us the mountains to climb. Multitudes are in the "valley of decision," but we have made our choice to live upon the heights.



## My Summer's Adventures in Canada

By PROFESSOR ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER of Rochester, N. Y.

It was my privilege during the past summer to visit our Northern Conference and to become somewhat more intimately acquainted with the fine work being done by our pastors there in conjunction with their young people. While the trip was one of the most strenuous I have ever made, it was also one of the most inspiring.

The Manitoba young people met at Morris. A host of them assembled under most trying circumstances but with no dampening of their spirit, in spite of the heavy rainfall. How these young people did sing! What fine leadership talent they revealed. Some of them, too, delivered messages revealing not only insight and understanding of spiritual truth but exceptional delivery as well.

The Saskatchewan young people's assembly was one of the largest. Day after day the Ebenezer Church East was filled to overflowing. There a wide variety of talent was manifested. Choir singing, worthy of our largest city churches, band and orchestral selections, that stirred both head and heart, keen interest in spiritual truth and fervent prayers for God's kingdom and the church, with a hopeful outlook for larger and better service characterized this happy group.

The Alberta young people met at Sylvan Lake for their first full-week assembly. They met in a camp located in a lovely grove beside a limpid lake. More than eighty young people were

present on the first day and their number increased to beyond 250 by the end of the week. It was inspiring to witness their deep interest in the salvation of their comrades along with their joy in fun and fellowship.

In this group the influence of the Edmonton Training Institute was definitely manifest in the excellent leadership of the young people in the devotional meetings, in the power to witness for Christ, and in the fervent prayers for lost souls. The choral singing and instrumental selections also were superb. How proud the writer was, not only of our young people, but also of their pastors, recent graduates of our seminary, and their talented and deeply devoted young wives. Surely, we have every reason to be thankful and hopeful because of our youth.

In addition to the assemblies and associations it was the writer's privilege also to visit sixteen of the churches in the Northern Conference, including those at Winnipeg, Regina, Medicine Hat, Calgary, and Edmonton. Everywhere there was great interest in our seminary and in its future. Everywhere, too, the ministers and congregations expressed their confidence in its leadership and their own loyalty and devotion to our denomination and its school of the prophets.

May God bless the youth of our Northern Conference and the churches and their ministers as they carry on during these difficult times.

### HAPPY OCCASIONS IN CAMEROON'S GRASSLAND

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bilas, a Christian's trembling voice says: "We have left our native village. We have come to work on Warwar Mission Station. We have come to witness to the Warwar people about Jesus. We have been praying for you. We have taught you. And now we are very glad because you have come out of darkness and entered the light of God. Now you are witnesses also. May God bless you, keep you and strengthen you!"

Mbem Chapel is filled with people. There is a festive air. All catechists appear in impressive garb. Deacons have donned their best robes, the Christians wear clean cloths, the school boys look their best in their gala loin cloth, the women show off heads and oiled bodies. Cannas, hibiscus, marigolds, palm fronds and bush flowers splash color over sombre walls and furnishings. Indeed, today is a big day!

Today two catechists will be set apart for the work of licensed evangelists. The song service . . . The entire congregation sings. Then the catechists rise and intone, "Lord, I want to be a Christian—in my heart—in my heart" . . . The school choir follows and

then the congregation again: "Me yidi toki Allah"—"I like to follow God"—and in many pitches and in a grand native harmony, "Gonga, Gonga"—"True, true, I like to follow God . . ."

After the two catechists have been installed as licensed evangelists—a charge of which they have proved themselves capable and which they accept with a loud affirmation—the old Christians, one after the other, rise and give tribute to the work which the charges have done with care previously, wish them the blessing of God and assure them their help.

A deacon reviews the history of the Baptist Church at Mbem and in Kaka. "The work has prospered! The churches need more workers! The churches need good workers! Now two more have been added to do the work of the travelling, supervising evangelist. The churches in the bush will be strengthened . . . Thanks be to God!"

Happy occasions, indeed! Occasions that evidence the blessing of God—perhaps give tribute to our weak efforts, certainly spurn us on to deeper devotion and greater effort!

### ABOUT OUR CATALOG

BEFORE THIS ISSUE OF THE "HERALD" REACHES YOU OUR HOLIDAY CATALOG WILL HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. A COPY HAS BEEN SENT TO EVERY REGULAR SUBSCRIBER OF THIS PUBLICATION. ACCORDING TO OUR THINKING SUCH LIST IS FORMIDABLE AND OFFERS A WIDE FIELD FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

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IT HAS BEEN THE PRIVILEGE OF THE PUBLICATION SOCIETY TO SERVE OUR PEOPLE FOR A PERIOD OF OVER SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS. WE NOT ONLY KNOW OUR PEOPLE BUT WE HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR REQUIREMENTS. BY THAT I MEAN THE TYPE OF LITERATURE THAT FITS THEIR NEEDS, THE CLASS OF BOOKS THAT MAKES FOR CHARACTER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE, AND SERVICE. AND SO THE BOOKS WE STOCK AND LIST IN OUR CATALOG ARE SELECTED BOOKS AS WELL AS BEING SELECT IN CONTENT.

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H. P. DONNER,  
BUSINESS MANAGER.

## It's a Small World, After All!

A Story About Our Service Men  
by  
Miss Marguerite Gaertner  
of Philadelphia, Pa.

ON TUESDAY, Nov. 3rd, my friend, Jennie Schmidt, had just finished her dinner in one of our large restaurants in down town Philadelphia. Since she had quite a bit of time before her evening engagement, she continued to sit at the table and began reading her "Baptist Herald."

Two sailors came along and asked her if she would mind if they sat at her table, assuring her they would not disturb her. She gave her consent. It wasn't long before the one sailor said, "Pardon me, but what is that you are reading?" When she told him, he said, "I thought I recognized it." Introductions followed.

#### Information Desired!

Beginning with Jan. 1, 1943, "The Baptist Herald" will publish the names and addresses of those churches of ours which are near army camps and naval training stations wherever the pastors send such information to the editor. It will be necessary for each pastor, who is interested in this list, to inform the editor about the camps near his church. This will enable us to impart the correct information to all of our Service Men and "Herald" readers.

"Do you happen to know Peter Pfeiffer?" the sailor asked.

"Do I know Pete? Of course I do. We grew up together in the church here."

It developed that the two sailors were from Texas, the spokesman being Clifton Kraemer of our Cottonwood Church near Waco, Texas, where Mr. Pfeiffer is known. The sailors had just arrived in Philadelphia the day before this encounter and have promised to visit our church just as soon as they are free to do so.

I felt that this unusual story of how our "Baptist Herald" served as an introduction for young people from two of our churches separated by 2000 miles was one that simply had to be brought to the attention of others.

Another incident along the same line occurred recently and brings to mind a suggestion I had planned to make some time ago. Another Texan, in the U. S. Navy, arrived at the Philadelphia Navy Yard a few weeks ago and, with no leads whatsoever, tried to contact one of our churches here. His on-



The Globe and They That Live Thereon Are in God's Hand, As With Omnipotent Power and Bountiful Mercy He Guides the Destiny of Mankind and Determines the Course of Human History

## The Picture Window

By JANET SORG of Newark, New Jersey, the Eleven Year Old  
Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. Theodore Sorg

THERE hangs a picture in my room which the dusty fingers of time alone may destroy. My window is the frame; the world beyond, my painting. Nature is the artist, and her deft fingers have formed a scene that always confronts me.

My little world lies shrouded in gray, as the mists of evening fall. The half bare trees stand firm before the prevailing winds. Their branches sway and whisper songs of autumn. The fresh fallen rain glistens upon the leaves like a thousand diamonds.

The once green grass is yellowed now and thickly strewn with fallen

leaves, brown and red and russet. Chestnuts lie scattered everywhere, their deep color blending with that of the upturned soil. The white and blue flowers that grow in abundance on the hillside are half hidden by the haze.

Now, golden specks of light blink on and peep through the thick foliage of the evergreens. Dusty clouds of smoke rise in the distance and fade into the darkness. All is silent now except for the rustling of the wind. Heavy dew is forming on each tiny blade of grass.

This is my painting! this, that shall live on, through wars and storms and peace; this, that no matter where I be or what I be, shall always be mine.

ly recourse was to the telephone book and the only listing which served as a guide to him was our German Baptist Home for the Aged. He phoned them and received the location of our two Philadelphia churches.

I feel that Leroy Hill, this sailor from Kyle, Texas, deserves credit for showing a real desire to affiliate himself, even briefly, with our churches here. We were happy to have had him at several of our church services and also for the privilege of entertaining him in the homes of various members.

The suggestion I should like to offer is this—the listing of the names of all our churches together with the location, or at least the listing of those churches situated near the various camps and bases in the United States. This list might be printed either in the "Baptist Herald," if space permits, or on a separate sheet so that it can be made available to our boys in the Armed Forces.

I really feel that a list of this kind would serve a real purpose. How do others feel about it?



# Chicago Teachers' Union Reviews 50 Years

By MISS MARION KLEINDIENST of Chicago, Illinois

THE NORTH AMERICAN Baptist Sunday School Teachers' Union (Lehrer Bund) of Chicago and vicinity commemorated its fiftieth anniversary on October 22 and 25. Mr. Herman Siemund, president, and Mr. Fred Grosser, vice-president, officiated at the banquet on Oct. 22nd as toastmaster and song leader, respectively.

Mr. Wm. Kuechler, past president, introduced a group of Sunday School teachers with a service record of 25 years and over. These were seated at a special decorated table. The program will be long remembered by the more than 350 persons present at the banquet.

An outstanding feature was the pageant entitled, "The Good Old Days," directed and produced by Walter Pankratz. The four scenes, one of which is portrayed on this page, were as follows: "Saturday Night Preparation for Sunday School" presented by the Forest Park Sunday School; "Picnic Preparation Just Among Us Girls," by the Grace Church Sunday School; "Professor Berndt's Maennerchor" by the First Church Sunday School. The last scene, "A Typical Lehrer Bund Meeting," was presented by the entire cast. Mr. Pankratz showed remarkable skill in adapting the dialogue from the old minutes and records of the Lehrerbund dating back to its beginning of 1892 and incidents portrayed were taken from the Record Book during the period of 1892 to 1897.

It was a story of reminiscences, reproducing humor and deep sentiment,

as told by two old "cronies," Walter Pankratz and Victor Loewen, as they munched grapes and spat the seeds over the footlights. There was side-splitting laughter at the old Saturday night bathtub scene and hushed reverence when Professor Berndt, "that grand old musician of the Lehrerbund," lifted his baton and directed his Maennerchor, composed for the occasion of the young men from the First Church, as they were dressed 40 years ago when Prof. Berndt had his original Maennerchor.

Attics and old trunks were ransacked for old time costumes for the girls of the second scene who looked very sweet and charming in the gowns their grandmothers wore in the long, long ago. This added considerable interest to the pageant.

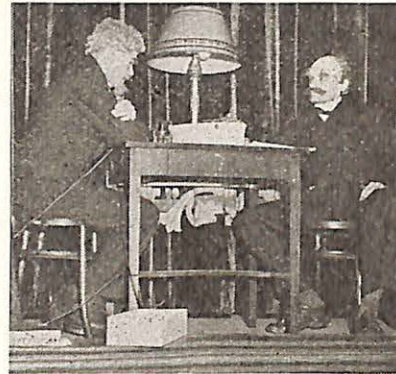
Another attraction of the evening was Mr. Siemund's remarkable Kodachrome colored moving pictures with musical accompaniment. We saw our beautiful Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich.; scenes of old and new Chicago, also beautiful flowers. Our nine Sunday Schools belonging to the Lehrerbund were shown in action in their various departments.

On the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 25, at the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, the Sunday School Teachers' Union again convened in honor of the 50th anniversary. Mrs. Walter Pankratz directed the singing and Mr. Carl Granzow conducted the orchestra, which rendered various fine selections. Mr. Louis Gregsamer ably directed the Jubilee Chorus of about 90 voices ac-

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companied by Mr. Wm. J. Krogman, organist. The rendition of the "Lost Chord" and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" was unusually inspirational. The Rev. Carl F. H. Henry, pastor of Humboldt Park Church, spoke of the rallying cry to Sunday School teachers and workers, "The Master Calleth for Thee."

After this service, supper was served in the lover auditorium to 268 persons. An added attraction during this social hour was a photo gallery. Enlargements of tin-type pictures of "old timers" and also amusing scenes from the pageant, "The Good Old Days," that were photographed while the pageant was in progress were shown and aroused much interest.



Messrs. Walter Pankratz (Left) and Victor Loewen as the Narrators in the Pageant, "The Good, Old Days"

At the evening service the orchestra and Jubilee Chorus again favored the audience, and Prof. Herman von Berge, literary editor of Lorenz Publishing Company of Dayton, Ohio, gave the stirring address, "What of the Future?" Following this the Rev. John Schmidt, pastor of the First Church, presented the Service Flag of the Lehrerbund, honoring seventy Sunday School members serving their country in the armed service.

The Record Book giving the history of the Lehrerbund and describing the various activities from 1892 until 1942, having been in the possession of the first president of this organization, the late Mr. Ed. Ahlswede, was translated into English. Anyone interested may obtain a copy from our corresponding secretary, Miss Marion Kleindienst, 3614 N. Central Park Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Price, 50c each.)

Splendid cooperation and faithful work on the part of the various committees, especially the program committee, made this wonderful Jubilee an outstanding event that will be remembered for many years to come.

We praise God for his merciful guidance in the past fifty years as a Sunday School Teachers' Union. The seed which has been sown has brought forth much fruit. We will continue to serve him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not." We cherish in loving remembrance those who have preceded us and have already received their reward. We are saved to serve and serve to save.

# IN THE HEART OF THE PINES

By ELEANOR E. KEES

## SYNOPSIS

In the heart of the pines, far away from the bright social life of New York City, to which she had been accustomed, Clarissa Hamilton, a millionaire's daughter, made some strange experiences. She began to delight in helping these poor people living near the lodge. When one of the girls, Ruth Tolley, invited Clarissa to her wedding and asked her to be her bridesmaid, she was overcome with joy and began to make her plans for the occasion, even though Percy Trevor, to whom she was supposedly engaged, objected strenuously. Her gift to Ruth and Byron was to be a set of dishes and enough linens to last for several years.

## CHAPTER TWELVE

The wedding day dawned bright and clear. It was a great event in Langdon and surrounding vicinity, and people came for miles around.

The modest little church had been gaily decorated for the occasion by the young people. It was festooned with pale green and white crepe paper streamers, late autumn flowers, and autumn leaves. An arched gateway effect had been designed, with a large, white wedding bell hung in the arch. Clarissa had seen many homes and churches elaborately decorated for weddings in all the display that wealth can provide, and it brought tears to her eyes as she saw the church the evening before the wedding. How hard they had tried—these noble and kind-hearted people—to make it the happiest occasion in the lives of their dear ones. It was beautiful—simply beautiful, she told Gene, who had brought her down to see it. She took her kodak and snapped a picture of it. She wanted it to always remember the occasion by.

Ruth dressed for her wedding at the Hamilton lodge. She had stayed all night with Clarissa. They had slept together—at least they were supposed to be sleeping—but they had lain awake and talked until well into the small hours of the morning.

They drove to the church, where the groom and his best man were waiting for them. Mrs. Randall sang "Oh Promise Me," after which the minister's wife played a wedding march while the bridal party took their places under the white bell, and Byron and Ruth took their vows.

To Clarissa it was a sweet and holy ceremony. Never before had a wedding seemed so sacred to her. She glanced at Ruth's sweet face as they stood in a semi-circle before the minister, at Byron, as he stood looking so strong and manly, then at Gene. He was look-

ing earnestly at her, and something in his eyes made her drop her own, and caused her heart to make a funny, little jump. What was the matter with her, anyway? She had never felt so queer in all her life.

The final words were said, the minister congratulated the couple, she and Gene offered congratulations, then the ushers indicated to the crowd that it was their turn now. There was a stir at the door among those who had had to stand because of insufficient seating room, and Clarissa turned just in time to see Percy step hastily outside.

Percy! So he had come after all! His curiosity had got the best of him, and he couldn't stay away! She rather wished he had not come. She was sure he would have only criticism for the whole affair.

There was no wedding dinner following—the Tolleys could not afford it. The young couple had planned to slip away and spend a few days in seclusion at a point unknown to their friends, but this was not so easily done. At the church door a group of friends waited for them with small sacks of rice. It wouldn't have been a wedding without the throwing of a little rice. And when they reached the Hamilton car, in which they were to ride back to the lodge from where they expected to start for their short honeymoon, they found it decorated with placards on which were written and printed various announcements that a newly-married couple was inside.

Byron's car, which had been left at the lodge, was well decorated when they reached there. And when the bridal couple started out they soon found themselves being pursued by merry-makers who followed them several miles, giving up the chase when they decided they had tormented them enough.

Percy was full of criticism for the wedding. He had to admit that the bridal party looked nice—especially Clarissa—but it had been such a cheap affair. The decorations were horrid, he declared! Whoever heard of using crepe paper to decorate for a wedding! And whoever heard of a wedding without a reception following it! How terribly crude to think of decorating the bridal party's car! He was glad, for Clarissa's sake that it was over with. Maybe she could get a little rest! And when were Clarissa and her father going home?

Clarissa turned to him in surprise. She had been so busy with her own

thoughts that she had heard very little he had said. She had known there was no use disputing with him about the wedding because she knew he could never see the beauty in it she had seen.

She had been thinking of her own wedding. When would it be, and what would it be like? Of course it would be in the big church at home. It would be beautifully decorated, and she would go down the aisle on her father's arm, and he would give her away—just as Ruth's father had given her away. It would be more formal, of course, and her father would not be embarrassed like Mr. Tolley had been. And Percy would be waiting for her at the altar—or would it be Percy? For just an instant he seemed to fade from view. Oh, what was the matter with her? Of course it would be Percy. There could be no one else.

"Oh, you took me by surprise! I wasn't paying any attention to what you were saying. Did you ask when we were going home?" she asked, realizing he had spoken to her.

"Yes, I asked when you were going home," he answered impatiently. "I want to know. I'm getting tired sticking around here. We should have been back long ago."

"You're not staying just on my account, are you?" she asked in astonishment.

"Of course I am," he answered. "Do you suppose I'm getting any kick out of camping among these sticks?"

"I thought you were staying because of your mother's health," she said. "That's why I came in the first place, of course, but the Mater's getting restless. She wants to go back. The fall events are on, and she feels well enough to begin the usual round again. She keeps prodding me to move on, but I'm



A Scene from the Pageant, "The Good, Old Days," Depicting "The Picnic Preparation Just Among Us Girls" as a Part of the Colorful Jubilee Program of the Chicago Teachers' Union





not going to go and leave you here alone. Clarissa, let's slip off and get married and beat it back to the city."

"Percy! Slip off and get married! Do you mean elope?" she cried.

"Why not?" he asked. "It would be fun."

"Oh, I couldn't do such a thing!" she declared. "I have always planned to have a big wedding. Here comes Dad. We can't talk about it now."

Percy excused himself, saying it was time to go home—his mother was expecting him early—so departed, and John B. dropped wearily into the seat he had just vacated.

"Dad, you look tired," said Clarissa. "Don't you feel well?" "Guess I don't," he answered.

"What's the matter?" she asked anxiously. "Been eating too heavily?"

"No, not that. Guess I might as well tell you, dear. I've been feeling rather queer for some time, so while we were in Grafton the last time I went to see a doctor. He says my heart's a little fluttery. Ordered me to keep quiet for a while. That's why I haven't been fishing lately."

"Dad, why didn't you tell me before?" cried Clarissa. "Oh, Daddy, is there anything dangerous about it?"

"Not if I'm careful of myself. Several more months of rest will fix me up fine," he replied.

"You—you—mean rest out here? We can't go home for a while?" she gasped.

"Doctor says I'd better stay right here," he replied.

Clarissa sat staring straight ahead of her, too shocked for words. She had begun to think of going back home. They had been here a long time, and she had enjoyed it, but home would look so good. Besides, winter was coming on. How could they stay here in the winter? The snow would come, blocking the roads, and they would be unable to leave the lodge for weeks at a time. Ruth had told her how they had to battle with the snow here. How could they get a doctor out to see her father, if he suddenly needed one? She got up and went thoughtfully to her room. There must be a way out—yes, there just must be! Oh, they could not stay here all winter—they just could not!

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There had been no rain in weeks, except what fell during the storm Clarissa had seen, and when a pine country does not get rain everything soon becomes dry. The hot days had slipped away, the cool days of the autumn were taking their place, but they brought no rain.

Clarissa soon learned what that meant. It meant that fires were likely to break out in the woods. Tourists, careless with their camp fires, often started blazes which might mean great losses if not extinguished at once. Smokers, carelessly tossing away a burning match might kindle a blaze in the dry grass. Back-firing from a car

might ignite dry leaves, and be unnoticed by the driver. There were numerous ways in which a fire might start.

From his station on the look-out tower Gene sighted several blazes, and dispatched his helpers to extinguish them before much damage was done. It required diligent observation on his part to constantly survey, through his field glasses, the vast sea of trees stretching out in every direction. And one day, when the wind was unusually high, he sighted a blaze about fifteen miles north-west of the tower.

He reached for his telephone and directed some of his helpers to hurry to the locality of the blaze, then sat for an hour and watched it. At the end of an hour it had gained considerable headway, and he ordered out more help. The fire was located in one of the most valuable tracts of timber land that the state owned, and he knew what it would mean if the blaze were not quenched. With anxious heart he watched it, taking only a few minutes at noon to snatch a hasty lunch. By three o'clock, fanned by a stiff wind, the fire was rapidly sweeping over a vast area, and Gene called a young man to take his place in the tower, got into his car, and drove with all possible speed to the burning area to personally direct the fire-fighters.

Clarissa awoke the next morning choked by smoke. She dressed and went to the kitchen.

"Where is all the smoke coming from?" she asked Mrs. Hodge.

"Forest fire somewhere, I guess," answered Mrs. Hodge. "I haven't heard where it is."

"I believe I'll telephone Mrs. Randall," said Clarissa, and soon returned to the kitchen.

"It's north-west of here," she told Mrs. Hodge. "It started yesterday morning, and Gene and his men have been fighting it all night, but it's still gaining on them. I'd like to see a forest fire. Is Daddy up yet?"

"No, he isn't. He'll probably be out soon, though," answered Mrs. Hodge.

The day passed, as most days passed at the lodge. Percy came over in the afternoon, complaining about the smoke which continued to drift in. The wind went down a little, but a smoke cloud hung over everything, and when they got up the next morning it was no better.

"Let's drive to where the fire is," suggested Clarissa as they ate their breakfast.

"All right," answered her father. "I'm rather anxious about it myself."

They drove to the ranger station first. Mrs. Randall told them how to reach the fire. They invited her to go along, but she shook her head.

"I've seen too many of them," she said. "Gene wishes me to stay here, anyway. Sometimes I can be of help in relaying to fire-fighters who have to be pressed into service. Be careful about getting too close. Sometimes the wind suddenly changes, and the fire

jumps. This is a bad one."

They drove away and headed for the fire. They had gone only a short distance when they could see the smoke rising above the tops of the trees ahead of them, and the closer they came to the fire the more closely the smoke clung to the surface of the earth. It rolled in in thick clouds making it difficult to drive very fast at times. And at the top of a hill they came in full view of the fire.

It was sweeping through a section of the forest which lay in a valley. Great clouds of smoke, mingled with flame, swept skyward. Higher and higher rose the smoke—dark—almost black—as the flames licked at the base of the trees, and turned their fiery tongues into a boiling, rolling mass—gray, as it rose higher, yellow, as it mounted still higher, then finally turned white as it blended with the blue of the sky and drifted off into space.

On and on swept the blaze, creeping along the ground, licking up the dry leaves and bushes, wrapping its fiery tongue about the base of a mighty pine, climbing up, up, catching every little branch and needle, turning the tree into a writhing, snapping mass of flame.

Down in the valley the men fought it with every ounce of strength in their bodies. In vain they felled great trees, striving to make a back-fire to check the spread. In vain they whipped out blazes, only to turn and find new ones had started somewhere else.

Beyond them, where the fire had already spread, was a great strip of devastation—blackened and charred stumps and tree trunks, some of them still belching out smoke, charred and twisted branches, which had not been wholly consumed, smoldering coals, and white ashes. Acres and acres of them.

Suddenly there was a stir in the brush beside the road. Clarissa and her father turned to look, and nosing her way through the thick underbrush, came a huge, black bear, driving two half grown cubs before her. Clarissa screamed, and grasped her father's arm.

"Dad! Bears!" she cried. "We'll be killed!"

"No, we won't," said her father. "She's only running away from the fire. Roll up your window. If she comes too close I'll start the motor. She'll move on, then."

At Clarissa's scream the bear stopped short. For an instant she paused and gazed at the car, then seeing it was evidently nothing to harm her she moved on again, and nosing one cub, and striking the other with her paw, she urged them across the road, steered them into the brush on the other side, and disappeared.

"She's trying to get herself and her family away from the fire, poor thing," said John B.

"I never witnessed such a sight!" cried Clarissa. "Talk about mother

love! She isn't going to leave her babies behind!"

"Of course not," answered her father. "Sometimes animals show more wisdom than some people."

Then suddenly, as they sat and watched, the wind changed. It circled, twisting the smoke into almost a spiral, smothering the blaze into subjection, and checking it in its mad flight by blowing it back toward the charred area.

"The wind has changed!" cried John B. "It has saved the day for the fire-fighters!"

They saw some of the men run to another section where the smoke was still rolling thick. They saw them fell several great trees where they would serve as a back-fire. They saw the smoke die down, a little at a time, and after a while the men began to drop back from the fireline and throw themselves down to rest.

A few cars, which were parked in a safety zone in the valley, began to move away, and one came up the hill toward them.

"Let's drive down nearer," suggested Clarissa.

"All right," answered her father, and they drove down the hill, where they parked the car near some of the men. And then they saw Gene.

He saw them almost as soon as they saw him, and started wearily toward the car. But it was not the usual immaculate Gene that advanced to greet them. It was a blackened, disheveled Gene, with blood-shot eyes, and blistered hands. It was an exhausted Gene, who had not slept for two days, and had eaten only two whole meals during that time, subsisting on hastily snatched bites of lunch when he could get a moment's rest. It was a foot-sore Gene, with parched and dry lips, and trembling voice, who had been fighting with every ounce of his strength to save his beloved trees from the greedy tongues of fire which seemed bent on devouring every one of them.

"Oh, I'm so glad to see you!" he cried, leaning heavily against the side of their car. "I guess we have it in check. Thank God, the wind changed just in time! We couldn't have held out much longer!"

"Gene, you're dying—almost dead with exhaustion!" cried Clarissa. "Let us take you home."

"My car's here," he replied. "If I only have strength to drive it home," he added, with a weary smile.

Clarissa was out of the car in an instant.

"I'll drive it for you," she said. "Dad won't mind driving back alone, will you, Dad?" she added turning to her father.

"Of course not," said John B. "By all means, drive it for him."

"You'll get all black," said Gene, looking at her spotless linen dress.

"What if I do," she replied. "This dress will wash. That is your car over there, isn't it?" pointing to a car stand-

ing a little apart from the others.

"Yes," said Gene.

"Wait for me at the station," she called to her father, then hurried to bring Gene's car as John B. drove away.

Gene climbed wearily in beside her, after having directed several men, who were late arrivals, to watch the fire until it was safe to leave.

"This is so kind of you, Clarissa," he said. "When we get to the top of the hill, please stop. I want to look at it from there."

"I'm so glad I could be here to drive for you," answered Clarissa.

At the top of the hill they stopped and got out. The smoke was almost cleared away, except for the little white clouds which rose only a few feet above the smoldering ruins. The enormity of the devastation swept in upon them.

Gene groaned aloud. "Oh, Clarissa," he said, "all those beautiful trees gone! A barren waste! A sordid monument to a devastating flame, which years cannot obliterate!"

Clarissa stood so near to him that she could feel him tremble with emotion—so near to him that the black on his clothes rubbed off onto her expensive dress. A big lump arose in her throat, smarting tears blinded her eyes. Their hands came in contact unconsciously his blackened one closed over hers, and once more, as she had done the day of the storm, she whispered, "'But only God can make a tree.'"

They got back into the car and drove home.

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Clarissa's twenty-first birthday came the day after the fire, but as the day dawned it brought her no great joy. For several years she had looked forward to the event, for she had expected to make much over it with a gay party of some kind, but since she was so far away from home this was impossible. She sighed as she dressed that morning. Just a little sigh of discontentment. She couldn't help feeling just a little bit restive because they were having to stay so long. She had recently received several letters from her girl friends telling her of their coming activities and events, and asking her how soon she was coming home. Oh, dear, why had her father become ill out here?

It seemed to her that this would be the worst of places to be in if one became seriously ill. And she wasn't just sure her father had consulted a really good doctor. The best doctors did not settle in the towns and villages, she reflected. Her father should have consulted a specialist instead of a doctor practicing in a town of about two thousand. She wished he would go back home and consult a specialist in New York.

She started to pick up her wrist watch after having washed her face and hands, and saw a small package beside it on which was written: "To

Clarissa on her twenty-first birthday, from Dad."

Eagerly she opened it, and gasped in surprise at what she saw. In a little velvet lined box lay a beautiful necklace set with sparkling diamonds. Oh, just what she had always wanted!

She bounded out of her room and went in search of her father, and found him just coming down the stairs. She fairly smothered him with hugs and kisses in her gratitude.

"I had hoped to have you where I could give you a suitable party," he said. "As it is, I was able to have only four guests to help you celebrate—Byron and Ruth, and Gene and his mother. They will have dinner with us tonight."

"You—you—didn't invite Percy?" asked Clarissa, a bit disappointed.

"I telephoned his mother, but she politely declined for them both," answered John B. "As for Percy, I imagine he will spend the day with you, anyway, but I presume it was too much to expect Mrs. Trevor to lower her dignity and mingle with our guests."

"I'm sorry she feels that way," said Clarissa. "But I suppose she can't help it. She has never mingled with anything but the best of society—at least, she thinks they are the best."

John B. could not help chuckling to himself at Clarissa's last remark. Was she, too, beginning to see the shallowness of the Trevors and their kind?

It was a gay party that assembled at the lodge that evening. Ruth came dressed in a party fall outfit of wine colored wool. She had made it herself—even the little hat that went with it—and Clarissa declared it was beautiful. Byron wore his wedding suit, and Gene and his mother were exceptionally well dressed.

Clarissa was proud of them all. Of course, to Mrs. Trevor's critical eye they would have been very poorly dressed, she reflected, and Clarissa could not help feeling glad she had not come. Clarissa would have felt embarrassed for her friends if Mrs. Trevor had been there, knowing that Mrs. Trevor was thinking them common. Yes, she reflected, it was better that Mrs. Trevor and Percy had not come.

Percy had called her by telephone, and offered her congratulations, saying he could not see her that day. Clarissa had been a bit disappointed. She had expected him to call in person, and present her with a suitable gift. Not that she needed anything, but surely the man whom she was going to marry would remember her with a gift on her twenty-first birthday. But neither gift, nor flowers appeared, and it left her wondering.

She had not been near the dining room, so was much surprised when she entered it with her guests. Covers had been laid for six, and the table had been beautifully decorated with tall candles, satin streamers suspended from the ceiling, and cut flowers. Her



father became the dignified host he usually was, and to Clarissa's surprise Byron seated his bride, and Gene seated his mother just like they were accustomed to doing that very thing every day.

The meal was served in courses, and everyone knew just which piece of silverware to use. Mrs. Hodge served the guests in a manner equal to any highly trained maid. Clarissa was surprised beyond words. Why, these people were not ignorant in such matters, as she had supposed they would be. Oh, how stupid she had been to think that only the wealthy knew how to put into use all the little niceties of life, or that only a servant in a mansion knew how to serve! She bade farewell to her guests at a late hour, feeling that her twenty-first birthday had been a very satisfactory event.

"Clarissa, when are you going to marry me?" demanded Percy. "Seems to me I've waited about long enough for your decision."

It was the last part of October, and Percy had been talking about going home for the last two weeks. He declared every day was going to be his last here among the people of the north. Besides, cold weather was coming on, and he did not want to be here when winter came.

"I presume you have," answered Clarissa thoughtfully. "I believe you have asked me dozens of times in the past two years."

"Why don't you say a thousand?" he asked impatiently. "That would come nearer it!"

"Oh, I don't think it has been that many," laughed Clarissa. "Well, you'll have to ask Dad for my hand in marriage, first."

"You think I will!" retorted Percy angrily. "Aren't you of age yet?"

"Of course I am—you know that. But just the same you'll have to ask him. It's the proper thing to do, and you know it," she replied.

"I'll be blamed if I'll ask him!" declared Percy vehemently. "Just because they did that in grandfather's day doesn't mean I have to. I don't believe in sticking to these useless old conventionalisms. They're all the 'bunk' if you ask me!"

"I don't think they are," said Clarissa. "I think it's a nice custom. I won't marry you until you do."

"Do you mean to tell me you'll force me to go through all that agony just for the sake of custom?" he demanded. "I'm scared to death of your Old—er—father," he corrected himself quickly before Clarissa caught what he meant to say.

"Faint heart never won fair lady," quoted Clarissa.

Percy rose and began to pace the floor.

"Clarissa, you're cruel—positively cruel!" he cried. "Your father will kick me out! I don't think he likes me. Every time I see him I get tongue-tied,

and my heart melts inside of me! Oh, come, Clarissa, cut out the foolishness!"

"I won't marry you until you do," declared Clarissa, setting her pretty mouth into a firm line.

Percy groaned aloud. "Clarissa, please!" he begged.

Clarissa turned her back to him and picked up a magazine.

"Dad's sitting down by the lake in the sun, in case you want to ask him now," she answered indifferently.

Percy gave her one agonized look and went outside. If he must—he must—but he knew pretty well what the answer would be. He was desperate, however. A letter from his father that day had made it very necessary that he get this thing over with—this marriage with Clarissa—linking the Hamilton millions with the rapidly dwindling Trevor fortune. But he felt he would rather face a thousand guns than "Old Man Hamilton," as he mentally dubbed him.

Ten minutes later he doggedly climbed the path, looking much like a small pup which had been caught stealing a bone and been given a swift kick. Clarissa, peering out of the window knew at once he had been refused. She met him at the door.

"What did he say?" she asked.

"He refused, of course, just like I said he would!" he answered moodily.

"Why?" asked Clarissa. "What did he give as his reason?"

"Oh, I dunno," replied Percy, slumping into a chair. "He rambled on about a lot of things that didn't make sense. Guess maybe he wants to keep you for himself. Seems to me he's pretty selfish!"

"But just what did he say?" insisted Clarissa. "What possible reason could he have for not wanting me to marry you?"

"I told you I didn't know!" he answered crossly. "I couldn't make head nor tail of it!"

He could not tell Clarissa that her father had said very kindly, but very firmly, that he would rather have his daughter marry an honest and honorable ditch digger than a lazy, self-centered, empty-headed young society dude, such as he considered Percy. That he would rather his daughter live the lonely life of a spinster than to marry a man who had no charity for his fellow-men, saw their need, yet failed to respond to it, was too high-nosed to be kind—or even civil—to common people, was too Pharisaical to worship in a humble little church, and too nice to touch a baby. He felt he would never be able to forget those stinging words, uttered in so soft a tone, nor those searching eyes which seemed to bore right into his very soul, seeing all the selfishness and shallowness of his nature.

"It all centered around the opinion that I wasn't good enough for you," he ended lamely.

"Well, I'd like to know why not!" exclaimed Clarissa, her anger rising just

a little. A Trevor not good enough for a Hamilton! It was preposterous!

"That's what I'd like to know!" declared Percy, brightening at the realization that Clarissa was stirred by her father's decision. "The Trevors certainly rank as high as the Hamiltons—begging your pardon, Clarissa—but you know our family history," he added, straightening himself up proudly.

"I know—I know," answered Clarissa. "I just can't understand Dad's attitude."

"I can't either," declared Percy blandly. "There is only one thing for us to do then, dear," he added softly. "We'll just have to elope."

"I don't know that I want to do that, Percy," answered Clarissa thoughtfully. "I told you once that I have always wanted a nice wedding."

"But it would be such a thrill!" argued Percy. "We'd be the first in our gang to do it. We'd surprise them all, and think of the parties, the showers, and the teas they would give you!"

"It does sound rather thrilling, but I'm thinking of Dad's heart. You know—the shock," said Clarissa.

"Clarissa, I don't think it's your father's heart that bothers him," declared Percy. "I think he eats too much. This climate out here makes one hungry as a bear. I've gained ten pounds this summer. Besides, he consulted a little one-horse doctor in a 'hick' town. What does a small-town doctor know about the heart? Probably never handled a case of heart trouble before, and doesn't know what it is!"

"I've thought of that, too, Percy," said Clarissa. "I think he should see a specialist."

"Of course he should!" declared Percy. "Besides, people who know they have heart trouble seldom die with it. It's these people who don't know they have it who drop dead from it. Your father might be 'cut up' a little when he learned we were married, but he'd soon get over it and do like hundreds of other parents have done—forgive us, and give us his blessing. Come, you're going to decide to slip off and get married secretly, aren't you?"

It suddenly seemed to Clarissa it was just the thing she wanted to do. It suddenly seemed unkind and ungracious for her father to refuse to allow her to marry the man of her choice. She was of age—old enough to choose for herself—old enough to know whom she wanted for a husband, and old enough to know if he were worthy of her or not.

"Yes," she said, "I think I'll do it."

"Oh, Clarissa!" cried Percy, reaching for her hand, but suddenly rising instead. "Here comes your father! I'm leaving! I don't want to see him again for a while! I'll be over tomorrow night and take you riding. We can make our plans then," and he beat a hasty retreat. Clarissa turned and went to her room. She did not want to see her father either just now.

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## What's Happening

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● Professor Frank H. Woyke, a member of the faculty of the Rochester Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., has applied for a chaplaincy in the United States Army. He will continue with the seminary until the Spring of 1943 and will then take up his duties as chaplain. President Albert Bretschneider wrote: "We regret exceedingly to lose Professor Woyke for the period of the duration but we are convinced that he will make a vital contribution to the life of the Army."

● The young people's society of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., celebrated its anniversary with a special program on Sunday evening, Nov. 8. The play, "Laura Reddig's Birthday in Africa," was presented besides the poem, "Cameroon Calls," recited by several girls and a letter from Clara Gebauer read by Velma Weber. The Harvest Mission Festival of the Sunday School was presented on Sunday morning, Nov. 8. The King's Daughters organization held its anniversary program on Sunday, Nov. 29.

● On Saturday evening, Oct. 17, the Kings Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., held a reception for one of its illustrious boys, Captain Robert J. Dittrich of Wichita, Kansas, who is a test pilot for the U. S. Army. He and his wife also attended the New England Association at New Haven, Conn. Captain Dittrich's picture appears on the 1943 denominational calendar for the month of July. On Sunday, Nov. 15, Miss Lillian Lucas, treasurer of the New England Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union, and Sgt. Minas Jacobian were married in the church.

● From Sunday, Nov. 15, to Friday, Nov. 20, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," conducted meetings in the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas. A Leadership Training Course on "The True Functions of the Sunday School" by Arthur Flake was held throughout the week. Many people participated actively in the course and 17 received credit for their work. Messages and missionary pictures were also brought to appreciative audiences each evening after the study courses. On Nov. 17 Mr. Leuschner addressed the Rotary Club of Stafford, speaking on the subject: "A World Conflict of Ideologies." The Rev. F. E. Klein is pastor of the church.

● Home Coming Sunday was observed by the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., on November 8 with three well attended services throughout the day. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., spoke at the morning service and showed missionary pictures of the Cameroons, Africa, in the evening. The Rev. Leonard Gittings of Chicago, Ill., a former pastor, brought the afternoon message. The church

## OUR CHAPLAINS

Chaplain B. W. Krentz, formerly pastor of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., spent the entire month of November in intensive study at the U. S. Army School for Chaplains at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Early in December he will return to Camp Callan, San Diego, Calif., and will be attached to some definite regiment by the Army.

Chaplain Edwin Kraemer, who was formerly stationed at Minter Field near Wasco, Calif., and who has contributed generously to the pages of "The Baptist Herald," is now located with the "Army Air Force Basic Flying School, Pecos, Texas." He may be reached at that address by placing the following initials before the address: A A F B S.

Chaplain A. E. Jaster, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, is a Canadian chaplain stationed at Camp Borden, Ont., Canada. He writes: "I have had six busy months here at Camp Borden of real hard work. So far I am still enjoying most perfect health. I am also enjoying the hard work with our young men in the army. I am trying my best, and hope that I am of some little help to our men."

The story of Chaplain Roy Anderson, an ensign in the United States Navy, is described on the "Editorial Page" of this issue in connection with a "Coming Feature" of "The Herald." He is a 1942 graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Illinois.

choir under the direction of Mr. Otto Horn rendered several inspiring anthems. Meals for the many members and friends were prepared by the Women's Missionary Society and Young Women's Guild. The pastor, Rev. Stanley Geis, was in charge of the meetings.

● From Oct. 12 to 25 evangelistic services were held in the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Tex., with the Rev. Pieter Smit, D. D., of Lorraine, Kans., serving as evangelist. There were three conversions, including a girl who came from a Catholic home. The spiritual blessings in strengthening and uplifting the church were especially numerous. The pastor, the Rev. W. Helwig, wrote that "due to the fine spirit prevailing in the church, I shall now have the joy of receiving 7 or 8 ideal young people into the fellowship of the church who are coming to us from other churches." The report of the recent golden anniversary program of the Dallas Church appears elsewhere in this issue of "The Herald."

● On Sunday, Oct. 4, the Rally Day program was held by the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kans., with a recognition service for the teachers and officers of the Sunday School, of which Mr. Harry Gabelmann is superintendent, and with a sermon by the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Kornelsen, on the occasion of his fifth anniversary as minister of the church. The new officers of the B. Y. P. U. were installed at the Youth Rally in the evening with Miss Ruth Schulz as president. The pastor spoke on "Dan in the Den." The Sunday School recently awarded to 11 families a Defense Stamp Book containing one 25 cent defense stamp for each member of the family for perfect attendance during July. The church mortgage papers were burned with impressive ceremonies on Sunday, Oct. 11. The entire month of November was observed by the church as "Missions Month."

● From Oct. 7 to 9 the Rev. A. Husmann, promotional secretary, visited the mission field of the Rev. Otto Fiesel at Vida, Lambert and Sidney, Mont., speaking also several times over the radio at Sidney. From Oct. 9 to 11 he attended the West Dakota-Montana Sunday School Convention at Plevna, Mont., where a mission offering of \$143 was received. The 25th anniversary of the Plevna Church was also celebrated during those days. From Oct. 12 to 17 Mr. Husmann conducted a Bible School in the country church of New Leipzig, No. Dak., with a preaching service following the class studies each evening. From Oct. 19 to 25 he participated in a similar Bible School in Hebron, N. Dak., and its mission station at Antelope, about which a report will later be published in "The Herald." A Centenary Offering of \$200 was given by the Hebron Church on Sunday, Oct. 25. On Oct. 26 and 27 he participated in the Sunday School Convention of the Northern North Dakota Convention at Carrington, No. Dak.

● The Harvest Festival of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., was held on Sunday morning, Oct. 18, with the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Arthur Salzman, in charge of the fine program. The decorations included canned and fresh fruit, potatoes and vegetables, which were later donated to the Chicago Home for the Aged. Mrs. Amelia Salzman and Mrs. Mary Ranz arranged for the decorations. A service flag with 11 stars was dedicated by the Rev. George Hensel in a brief impressive ceremony. The flag was made and presented to the church by Mrs. Emil Seaberli and Mrs. Walter Bjick. Lovely corsages were prepared for each mother of the Service Men by Mr. Ed. Woodrich. A missionary offering of \$22.70 was received. On Monday evening, Sept. 28, the World Wide Guild of the church celebrated its 25th anniversary at which Miss Leona Ross, a missionary in China, was the speaker.



# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

### Recent Inspirational Activities in the First Baptist Church of Munson, Pennsylvania

Not very often but once in a while we of the Forest Baptist Church of Munson, Pa., like to give a brief report about the activities of our church in the "Baptist Herald."

A Daily Vacation Bible School was held in the month of June. The enrollment was 34 children, and the average attendance 28. Most of these children came from non-Baptist families.

It was a great honor for us that we were privileged to have the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, our general evangelist, with us from Sept. 8 to 18 to conduct revival meetings, which were well attended. His way of presenting the gospel truth was well liked and appreciated by all. A large number reconsecrated their life anew to the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, Oct. 25, we had the great joy to be able to baptize two young women and a young man and to receive them into the fellowship of the church.

GEORGE ZINZ, SR., Pastor.

## NORTHERN CONFERENCE

### Farewell Reception by the Camrose Baptist Church for the Rev. and Mrs. R. Kern

On Sunday, Nov. 1, the members of the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, bade the Rev. and Mrs. R. Kern farewell.

It was with deep regret that we saw them leave for a new field, but we are grateful to God for having permitted them to be with us this past year which has been filled with successful activities.

The following members spoke words of appreciation and presented the popular couple with gifts: Mr. A. Schultz and Mr. A. Gerber in behalf of the Church; Mr. L. Money in behalf of the Sunday School; Mrs. P. Weisser in behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society; Beatrice Link in behalf of the Young People's Society; Harriette Weisser in behalf of the Junior Choir; and Mr. R. Neske in behalf of the Adult Choir.

We wish them God's guidance and blessing in their new field in the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta.

BEATRICE LINK, Reporter.

### Activities of the Young People's Union of the Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta

Since another year has passed, we as young people of the Baptist Church of Olds, Alta., held our election of officers for the coming year on October 18th. The Rev. Hans Wilcke, our pastor, whom we have all learned to love,



Rev. George Zinz, Sr., (Right), Pastor of the Forest Baptist Church Near Munson, Pa., and Three Baptismal Candidates

was elected as honorary president.

In the past year we have received many blessings through our fifteen meetings pertaining to devotion, prayer and music, education, in which our pastor taught for the most part, missions and social activities. We also had a young people's day which our sister churches of Calgary and Carbon enjoyed with us at Berrington Beach of Pine Lake.

One of the most outstanding programs was rendered by the five Christian Training Institute students of our community. We have received six new members during the past year.

GORDON WAGNER, Secretary.

### Young People's Activities and Thanksgiving Program at Morris, Manitoba

The young people of the Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, have spent another full and blessed summer. Both old and young have benefitted from the rich and well delivered programs. Responsible for and deserving of our heartfelt thanks, next to our heavenly Father, are our president, Mr. Paul Bergstresser, and the program committee, who are Mr. Waldemar Rempel, Miss Lily Paschke, Mr. Robert Rapske and Mr. Eldon Janzen. Of special interest was a program given in the early fall, in memoriam of the late Rev. Bruno Luebeck. It was divided into four parts concerning his early youth and conversion, his trek to China and his marriage there, their faithful service to God among his people there and his death.

But not only have the young people served. The Sunday School workers and the older members of our church also contributed their share to the uphill haul of the "church wagon." The summit, illustrating their united efforts, was reached in the splendid Thanksgiving program. Jack Frost had played pranks among the garden and field decorations, but nothing could daunt the spirit of thanksgiving, and our church was filled to capacity. Here too thanks were not offered by word of mouth only. When the time came for material offerings, they were given freely and gladly, so that our offering on this occasion amounted to \$326.

IDA HOFFMAN, Reporter.

## NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

### Symposiums and Addresses by Rev. E. Wolff at the Wisconsin Association at Kossuth

The recent meetings of the North American Baptist Association of Wisconsin held at Kossuth from Oct. 4 to 6 proved to be a blessing and inspiration. The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger of Kenosha, the capable moderator, served as "fore-runner" in bringing the Sunday evening message.

A cordial welcome was extended by the host pastor, the Rev. Hugo Lueck. The threatening clouds had been pushed away and the leaves were tinted in a beautiful array of colors. All this helped in making the welcome more hospitable. The devotional services were led by Mr. David Goetsch, the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, and Mr. Geo. Specht. A missionary address was given by the Rev. T. Lutz.

On Monday afternoon we enjoyed an interesting symposium dealing with the topic "What the Church Can Expect From the Pastor." This was subdivided into the following headings: 1) "The pastor as related to the church" by Mr. August Giesecke, Sr.; 2) "The pastor as related to the community" by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner; 3) "The pastor as related to the denomination" by Mr. Roger Norman. An equally important and interesting symposium was enjoyed on Tuesday afternoon. The topic was "What the Pastor Can Expect From the Church." This was divided into the following headings: 1) "Spiritual Support" by Rev. H. Bothner; 2) "Organizational Support" by Rev. E. Wolff; 3) "Financial Support" by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner.

The Rev. H. Lueck brought a message on "The Prayer Meeting," and E. Wolff; 3) "Financial Support" by Can Our Churches Do for the Service Man?"

The Rev. E. Wolff of St. Paul, Minn., the guest speaker, brought challenging messages. His topics were "This is the Victory" and "What would Jesus Do?". His presence and messages were greatly appreciated.

The following officers were elected: moderator, Rev. Hugo Lueck; secretary-treasurer, Rev. Frank Veninga. Upon the invitation of the La Crosse Church it was unanimously voted to hold our spring meeting at La Crosse, Wis. The splendid hospitality and delicious meals were enjoyed by all. The meals were gratis. However, a one dollar registration fee was charged by the host church. This amounted to \$31.50 and has been forwarded to the general mission secretary.

FRANK VENINGA, Reporter.

### Annual Birthday Program of the Women's Missionary Union of Racine, Wisconsin

On Oct. 8 the women of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., celebrated their annual Birthday Program in the church auditorium with a number of the women from the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha as well as friends of the church as their guests.

The following program was given. Mrs. Chas. Meier, vice-president of the society, read the scripture and led in prayer. Mrs. L. Whittington, president, welcomed the guests. A duet number, "God's Guiding Hand," was sung by Mrs. B. Frese and Mr. Dan Behr of Kenosha. An organ and piano number was given by Mrs. K. Rasmussen and Mrs. C. Nelson. A reading, "Just Where You Stand," was presented by Mrs. A. Schlesinger of Kenosha. A trio consisting of Miss Clara Hilker, Mrs. O. Jander and Mrs. H. Binder, Jr., sang "The Light That Never Fails."

Mrs. Ray Schlader, wife of our pastor, was the speaker for the occasion and took as her topic, "Love" from the Book of Ruth. An offering was taken which goes to the support of a Bible woman in India. The meeting was closed with prayer by the pastor, the Rev. Ray Schlader.

MRS. H. SCHACHT, Reporter.

### Showers of Blessing Experienced by the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis.

The Lord has again bestowed showers of blessing upon the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. As the results of an evangelistic campaign of two weeks are surveyed, the church has experienced anew what the blood of Jesus Christ can do for those who are willing to lay their all upon the altar for him who died for us.

The revival services began on Sunday evening, Oct. 25, and came to a glowing climax on Thursday night, Nov. 5. The Rev. Herman Mauch of Honaker, Va., the guest evangelist, delivered many stirring and convicting messages. The services were all very well attended, including the children's meetings, which were conducted each afternoon under the capable leadership of Mr. Mauch. The Rev. Frank Veninga, our pastor, also spoke to the children each afternoon.

Twenty fine adults, young people and children professed Jesus Christ as their personal Savior through the course of these meetings and many Christians, who had become lukewarm and lax in their testimony, consecrated themselves anew to a fuller and deeper Christian service.

Preceding the revival campaign faithful church members worked diligently at canvassing the community, distributing announcements and inviting the unchurched people to attend the services. Approximately nine hundred homes in the church community were entered in the canvassing project. The tireless efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Veninga along with many other faithful workers were gloriously rewarded by having won many unsaved neighborhood people who could not have been contacted in any other way. We are exceedingly happy to have won for the

Lord the parents of many children who have recently been attending our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

The Bethany Church has set forth to attain new and higher goals in the months and years that lie ahead. The Lord has set before us an open door, and may God grant that we shall continue to grow in the spirit upon which the Church of Jesus was founded.

ALMA SIEWERT, Reporter.

### Lebanon Church of Wisconsin Hears a Stirring Missionary Address by Rev. T. W. Bender

Following the suggestion made at the Northwestern Conference by the Women's Missionary Union, the Ladies' Aid of the Lebanon Baptist Church of Wisconsin is attempting to reach the seven goals.

On Thursday evening, Oct. 22, we earned our silver seal when we had a public missionary meeting to which neighboring churches and other friends were invited. The speaker for the program was the Rev. T. W. Bender of the Immanuel Church in Milwaukee, Wis. He spoke on the subject, "The Missionary Enterprise in a World at War," using the 13th chapter of First Corinthians as his scripture. Only a few of the many good thoughts he brought us can find space in this account.

"The missionary task, in plain language, is simply the fact of the challenge of the truth that the scriptures teach us. We believe that Jesus died for all men. The task, is to announce Jesus, proclaim Jesus, and see that all men learn that truth.

"What are the current attitudes on missions? One is cynicism, of unbelief or disbelief. What is our answer? We are not going to argue because we would not get far. Preaching is a matter of announcing and not arguing. I would point to men who in their own daily activities are exemplifying the life of Christ.

"Another attitude we face is isolationism. Those with this attitude do not want too many people involved in their Christianity. They want it for themselves. It is just a modern type of indifference. Our answer to these isolationists would be to take them over to people like Gandhi and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek.

"The Christian is supposed to go into the world with his sails set. The set of the sails is determined by us in this challenge of Jesus that he died for all of us even in days of war. It measures the task by the difficulties to be met and not by the merits of the task.

"We want to emphasize that we have an on-going enterprise. There are missionaries who want to go out now. Besides meeting budgets, we can keep in touch with relief agencies, keep in touch through stewardship and intercession, by aiding plans of construction of post-war schools and other plans, by training missionaries, by building up financial reserves to be used after the war where it cannot be used today. We need to keep that spirit alive in our churches, so it seems that this great truth, that Jesus is the Savior of all men, is something for all people, that it is the truth that abides."

ESTHER S. KRUEGER, Reporter.

## DAKOTA CONFERENCE

### A Wonderful, Old-Fashioned Revival in the Spring Valley Church of South Dakota

God is still on the throne and he does remember his own. The bombs may be bursting in air and the torpedoes crashing into helpless vessels, but God is still speaking to men and women and drawing them to himself. The days of the old-fashioned revivals have not passed away as yet.

The Spring Valley Baptist Church of Monroe, So. Dak., held a series of evangelistic meetings starting on the 12th of October and ending on the 21st of that same month. During the course of those never-to-be-forgotten nine meetings seven souls were ushered into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The church made a splendid choice in asking the Rev. John Epp, who is pastor of the Baptist Church in Chancellor, So. Dak., to serve as our evangelist. It was through his effective preaching that God not only saved seven boys but that the entire church membership was beautifully rekindled.

We regret that the meetings could not be extended, for many more souls would have been led to Christ.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ, Pastor.

### North Dakota Sunday School Convention Convenes With the Carrington Church

A good representation of delegates and friends of the Sunday School Convention of the No. Dakota Association met on Oct. 26 and 27 for the annual session at our church in Carrington, No. Dak., of which the Rev. Alfred Weisser is the pastor.

The guest speakers, Dr. C. A. Armstrong, state superintendent of the Christian Education Department of North Dakota, discussed the topic, "The Study of the Pupil," and the promotional secretary of our churches in North America, namely, the Rev. A. Husmann, discussed the topic, "Material and Methods." No person in attendance could leave without having received some knowledge of what is required to conduct a successful Sunday School, since the topics were developed well even in the short time allotted to each speaker.

Convictions kindled in the first discussion that the Sunday School is a major factor in building our churches grew with each successive discussion. The guest speakers also preached on the successive evenings of the convention, and Mr. Husmann led in a "Quiet Half Hour."

Two inspirational song services were conducted by the Revs. P. Hunsicker and Alfred Weisser on successive evenings. The devotionals were led by Mrs. Albert Reddig, the Rev. J. Giesbrecht, and the Rev. E. W. Klatt.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Rev. A. Bibelheimer, president; Rev. R. Kaiser, vice-president; and Rev. Alfred Weisser, secretary-treasurer. E. W. KLATT, Reporter.



### Harvest Mission Festival is Held by the Tabor Baptist Church of North Dakota

On Sunday, Nov. 1st, the Tabor Baptist Church of North Dakota held its Harvest and Mission Festival.

We had the privilege of having the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt of Hebron, No. Dak., with us to bring two messages. In the morning his sermon was taken from Psalm 96 and his afternoon message from John 4:35 and 36.

Several songs were rendered by various groups of young people in the morning and afternoon services. Dinner and afternoon lunch were served by the ladies.

The Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Mittelstedt accompanied our pastor, the Rev. A. Rosner, and his wife. Our mission offering was nearly doubled over that of last year's offering over which we rejoice. A wonderful day was spent in a spirit of thanksgiving at the church and everyone received a blessing.

ENDINA RUST, Reporter.

### Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of South Dakota

Members and friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, So. Dak., had looked forward with great anticipation to the days when they could commemorate the 25th anniversary. The anniversary program was held from Oct. 25 to 27. On Sunday the church had a real home-coming service, with many former members returning to fellowship with us. There was an overflowing crowd at these two Sunday meetings. The former pastor, the Rev. C. A. Gruhn of Missoula, Mont., under whose leadership the church was organized, was our guest speaker.



Rev. J. J. Renz of Plevna, Montana

and important events.

The church was organized in 1917. The first church was erected in 1920, but soon thereafter was destroyed by a great tornado that swept over the countryside in 1924. The present edifice was built in the same year. Twenty-three charter members were present for the organization. Now the church has a membership of 79. Since 1917 125 persons have come into the fellowship of the church. During these 25 years the church has raised \$27,492.

Four pastors have served the church,



The Ebenezer Baptist Church near Wessington Springs, South Dakota, with the congregation that celebrated the church's 50th anniversary

During these festive days the men's chorus and the young people sang appropriate selections. We also had a missionary offering on Sunday which amounted to about \$130. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor of the Plum Creek Church of South Dakota, also took part in the Monday and Tuesday evening services, bringing the Tuesday evening message. The Monday evening service began with a banquet at the church, and the program that followed was in the nature of a history of the church. The ten charter members reviewed the past and related interesting

with the Rev. C. A. Gruhn as its first pastor, serving the church in connection with this state missionary work in South Dakota. In 1926 the church extended a call to student S. C. Blumhagen, who was ordained here. He terminated his services in 1928. Then followed the Rev. W. Helwig, also serving as Mr. Blumhagen did, the English Baptist Church in town. Mr. Helwig resigned in 1936. The present incumbent started his services in January of 1938, and is soon closing his fifth year of ministry here.

A. J. FISCHER, Pastor.

### Inspirational Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Baptist Church at Plevna, Montana

On Sunday, Oct. 11, an impressive and inspirational 25th anniversary service of the Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., was held in commemoration of the organization of the church and in recognition of the blessings which our heavenly Father has bestowed on his children. We were exceptionally blessed by the address given by the Rev. A. Husmann who was the guest speaker on this festive occasion. Surely, his words are indelibly impressed upon the minds of the large crowd that was present and will be carried with us all as we go forward with a burning zeal to further Christ's kingdom. Former ministers gladdened the hearts of the members by sending congratulatory letters.

Looking back to the year 1911, we find that the Rev. Mr. Schnuit occasionally visited the small group of believers. This work was taken over in 1912-1916 by the Rev. E. Niemann who served as state missionary. Under the leadership of the Rev. H. Kayser (1916-1920), a church was organized consisting of 17 members.

They met contentedly in schoolhouses and homes until 1919, when the first house of worship was erected. In 1939 this was remodeled and beautified to its present state. Besides Mr. Kayser, the following ministers served the church: Ed Niemann, 1920-1926; E. Huber, 1926-1933; A. Stelter, 1933-1938; and the present minister, J. J. Renz since 1938. The church had the privilege of sending two young men to the Rochester Seminary.

During these 25 years the Ladies' Aid, B. Y. P. U. and Girl's Mission Circle were organized and are still faithful at work. During these years 179 persons were received through baptism. The present membership of the church is 148. A sum of \$36,100 has been expended, of which \$11,997 were given for missions.

MRS. J. J. RENZ, Reporter.

### Annual Business Meeting of the Baptist Old People's Home of the Dakota Conference

On Oct. 22 at one o'clock the annual business meeting of the Baptist Old People's Home of Bismarck, No. Dak., took place in the German Baptist Church of Bismarck. The members of the home were well represented. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, the Rev. G. W. Rutsch.

The Rev. K. Gieser, superintendent, gave a detailed report about the activities, achievements of the past year, and the present state of the home. The report related that the new addition to the building proper has been finished at the approximate cost of \$4000. Only a small sum of about \$700 remains to be paid on the original amount.

The new addition to the building gives the home eight additional rooms and a fine modern laundry room. It was possible for the management of the home to receive eleven more old

people into the home since the new building project was completed.

The reports of the two treasurers were presented, which gave a promising note for the future of the home. Due to the generous contributions from the various churches of the conference and the loyal support of the members who have kept up their annual membership dues, the management was able to meet all expenses.

In the election of the Board of Directors for a term of three years the results were as follows: The Reverends R. G. Kaiser, A. Bibelheimer, J. C. Gunst, and Mr. A. Meidinger, of Ashley. The Rev. K. Gieser was elected secretary-treasurer, and Mr. A. F. Lehr was elected treasurer of the Trust-Fund.

The following resolution was presented by the board of directors and adopted at the meeting:

"Although the Baptist Old People's Home of the Dakota Conference is an incorporated organization, functioning through its own membership, whose members annually elect the board of directors and who transact all business pertaining to the home;

"Be it resolved, that the Baptist Old People's Home be recognized as a denominational institution which is to receive the interest and security of the denomination as a whole, and that all deeds of the property of the Baptist Old People's Home of the Dakota Conference be turned over to the North American Baptist General Missionary Society."

Following the annual business meeting, the board of directors met for further business. In that committee the following officers were elected: Rev. R. G. Kaiser, moderator; Rev. G. Rutsch, vice-moderator; and Rev. K. Gieser, secretary. Rev. A. Guenther was elected trustee. The Rev. and Mrs. K. Gieser were again elected superintendent and matron, respectively.

We want to encourage the support of the home through personal gifts, through organizations, and by keeping up the annual membership dues.

J. C. GUNST, Reporter.

### SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

#### B. Y. P. U. of Bison, Kansas, Presents the Play, "The Gift," and Holds Special Programs

We, the B. Y. P. U. of Bison, Kans., can report with thanksgiving in our hearts that we are still working in the vineyard of the Lord.

We meet every Sunday evening with one of the three groups in charge. We presented a play entitled, "The Gift," and the offering at this occasion was given to the Centenary Offering. Another contribution of the society was for the purchase of new Baptist hymnals.

Three of our young men are in the service of our country, and are remembered daily in our prayers.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, we celebrated the first wedding anniversary of our beloved Rev. and Mrs. John Weinbender, Jr. We all wish them God's richest blessing and wish them many more happy years of married life.

CLARA NIEDETHAL, Reporter.



The Kansas Ministers and Their Wives and Sunday School Workers of the Kansas Association in Attendance at the Annual Sessions at Bison

### Harvest and Mission Festival of the First Church of Dickinson County, Kansas

The First Baptist Church of Dickinson County near Elmo, Kans., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 25. The neighboring churches and pastors had been invited, and some responded with eagerness.

The Rev. J. J. Reimer, pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, was the speaker in the morning service. Inspirational messages were given in the afternoon by the Rev. C. R. Wing, pastor of the Baptist Church of Hope, Kans., and by the Rev. Everett Mitchell, pastor of the Methodists in Hope, as well as by the Rev. L. H. Smith of Durham in the evening. The male quartet of the churches of Tampa, Kansas, favored us with several numbers in the afternoon and evening services.

The offerings amounted to \$181.32, of which \$89.09 was for the Centenary Offering of the denomination. The Rev. Ben Fadenrecht is pastor of the church.

MRS. ALVAH IHDE, Reporter.

### Good Will Meetings Are Conducted by the Rev. Theo. W. Dons at Stafford, Kansas

It was the happy privilege of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, to have our evangelist, the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, with us in a series of two weeks revival meetings from Oct. 25 to Nov. 6. Together with our plans to advertise the meetings, we held prayer meetings in the homes and in church to prepare for the coming of God's messenger to us. The Lord heard the prayers of his people and gave us beautiful weather. The roads were in good condition so that the people could come, and there prevailed a spirit of expectancy for many blessings from the presence of the Lord.

In his messages Brother Dons led us into green pastures of the deeper things of God's Holy Word. The Christian people were edified and more firmly established in their most holy faith. Hearts were awakened and stirred to a greater love of the Lord and a deeper appreciation of what he has done for us. A number of boys and girls confessed the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord. Mr. Dons has

rendered a helpful ministry to our entire church.

As a visible evidence of gratitude to the Lord, the church gave an offering of \$422 to our missionary cause. We thank our Heavenly Father for all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. We thank Brother Dons for the noble ministry in our midst, and we thank our Mission Committee for making it possible to have our general evangelist with us.

F. E. KLEIN, Pastor.

### Inspiring Sermons and Papers at the Kansas Association Held in the Bison Church

The Kansas Association convened from Oct. 19 to 21 with our church in Bison, Kans. The delegates and visitors enjoyed these days of fellowship.

The papers and sermons were inspiring. The theme was "The Opportunity of Our Churches in a Time Like This." Dr. Clarence Benson of Chicago, Ill., was our guest speaker. Both in his lectures and sermons Dr. Benson gave us much light on Sunday School work, Vacation Bible Schools, and Teacher Training in a time like this. A sermon, "Faith, the Eternal Foundation," was brought by the Rev. F. E. Klein.

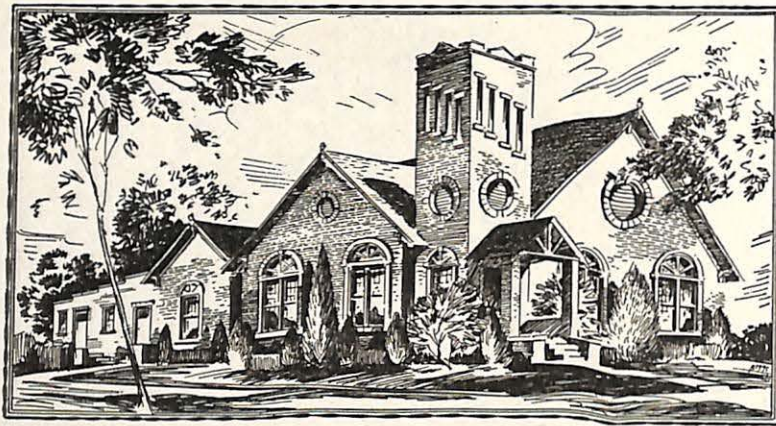
We had several papers such as, "Preaching in a Time Like This," Rev. J. J. Reimer; "Pastoral Calling in a Time Like This," Rev. John Broeder; "Preparing Youth in Times Like These," Rev. Roy Seibel; "Church Discipline in a Time Like This," Rev. Charles B. Thole; "Women's Work in a Time Like This," Mrs. Henry Froning. Fine discussions followed these papers.

We are proud of our scripture memory work. The association appoints a committee of five to carry on this work. Boys and girls, ten to fourteen years of age, are given a free camp for memorizing one hundred Bible verses. The boys and girls enjoy these days at camp together.

Our offering amounted to \$140.79, of which we are sending \$75 to our Centenary Offering. Our moderator, Rev. J. H. Kornelson, helped very much in making this association both interesting and worth while with our Bison people.

ERNEST HILDEBRAND, Reporter.





An Attractive Artist's Sketch of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, Which Celebrated Its Golden Jubilee Recently

### Young People's Society of La Salle, Colo., Elects and Installs New Officers

On Sunday, Sept. 27, the B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., held its annual election of officers. The new officers are as follows: president, Carl Jepson; vice-president, Lloyd Geis; secretary-treasurer, Charlotte Meyer; reporter, Evelyn Meyer; card sender, Florence Croissant; pianist, Anna Jepson; librarian, Dorothy Meyer; adult advisor, Fred Meyer.

Installation of officers was held the following Sunday, Oct. 4, with the Rev. A. Reeh in charge. Mr. Reeh brought to our minds the responsibility of the young Christian leaders of today in a short speech.

On the evening of Oct. 29, the executive officers met and planned topics for our B. Y. P. U. for the next 3 months. We as the officers are looking forward to a bright and fruitful year. Many new plans have been made to increase our number.

EVELYN MEYER, Reporter.

### Revival Blessings and Triumphs of Baptisms at the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma

God is still on the throne, and the power of the gospel is still available. That has been our experience during the revival held in the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., from Oct. 4 to 18 with the Rev. F. E. Klein from Stafford, Kans., as evangelist. Two weeks before his arrival we contacted every home in the city, presented a personal invitation and a copy of the "Gospel of John."

Our experiences have been wonderful and the blessings of God manifold. The week before the services we gathered in various homes for prayer. From night to night precious gospel messages were heard and during the day Mr. Klein and the pastor contacted many who were still in the bondage of sin. We were privileged to pray in the open field and in many homes. We also appreciated the musical services which the Rev. and Mrs. William Sturhahn of the nearby Immanuel Church rendered during the meeting. Their singing helped to beautify the services.

It was a happy day when on Sunday, Oct. 25, we were privileged to step in-

to the baptismal waters with nine precious souls. A father, mother, and two of her children were among them who followed the Lord all the way. A woman, who for 39 years was satisfied, surrendered to the Scriptural way of baptism and gave a testimony that will long be cherished by all who heard it.

On the following Tuesday a young couple came to the pastor and urgently pleaded to be led to the Savior. The Lord answered our prayers and on Sunday, Nov. 1, we baptized them. That same night we extended the hand of fellowship to all of them and together observed the Lord's Supper. It was a glorious night. We shall all remember these blessings for some time to come.

One Saturday night we were privileged to speak to a great crowd on the streets of Okeene. The music and message rang out that night into all directions of our city and community.

HENRY PFEIFER, Pastor.

### Interesting Activities of the Immanuel Baptist Church Near Loyal, Oklahoma

A number of interesting activities have helped the members of the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., to renew their loyalty and faith to Christ and his Church. It started off with a well prepared rally and promotion day. The interesting feature was the roll call of all church members. Each name on the church roll was called, and the members were asked to respond with the date or year of their spiritual birth or conversion. Absentee members sent words of faith and encouragement with their response.

On the following Sunday the pastor introduced two projects by a special message, which were to strengthen the unity and understanding of the members of the Body of Christ. The first project was a reading assignment. All members were asked to read through the New Testament during the following month and to make a special notation of the relationships of church members.

The other project was "Visitation Week." A list of all church families was made, and each family was assigned either to make a visit into another home or to receive a caller. Reports of the visits and experiences were brought during the following midweek prayer meeting.

Our Harvest and Mission program was successfully given after the first attempt was rudely interrupted by a

heavy electric storm. The special offering for the Centenary Fund amounted to nearly \$220. The pastor is now conducting the study course, "Pilgrim's Progress," during the regular young people's hour. At the same time the Juniors receive instruction in "Building a Junior B. Y. P. U." by Mrs. Lester Hill. God's blessing has been with us. To Him be praise and honor!

WILLIAM STURHAHN, Pastor.

## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

### Fiftieth Anniversary Festivities of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas

On Friday evening, Oct. 9, a beautiful three-day observation of the 50th anniversary of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Tex., began. This opening service was in the form of a home-coming banquet which was enjoyed by a capacity crowd. One need only mention the fact that Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., was guest speaker to know that this evening was not only an enjoyable one, but most uplifting and inspirational.

On Saturday evening we enjoyed an informal testimonial service. Brief talks were given by members who served the church for a number of years. Among these were three charter members who opened these testimonials. A fourth charter member could not be present due to advanced years and ill health. It was an inspiration to hear these pioneers of the church speak of their varied experience.

Sunday was anniversary day. In both morning and evening services Dr. Kuhn brought most fitting messages. Especially was it fitting to close these meetings with the challenge to give unto God such talents which we possess. Dr. F. M. McConnell, editor of "The Baptist Standard," spoke in the afternoon on the church of the past and its important place in the future. A mission offering was received amounting to \$157.13.

Thus a half century is in the past. Now, with Paul, we would forget "those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Tomorrow's task will be different from that of yesterday, but we would meet the tomorrow, in spite of its uncertainties, ever eager and anxious to meet the requirements of the Church of Christ in such a time as this.

W. HELWIG, Pastor.

### Crawford Church Celebrates 15th Anniversary of its Pastor, Rev. C. C. Gossen

An important event took place in the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, on Oct. 8, since this was the 15th anniversary of the Rev. C. C. Gossen as pastor of the church. Special services were conducted in the evening under the capable leadership of the deacon, Mr. A. J. Weber.

Talks were given by the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Walter

Gauer, who is also Baptist Training Union president, and by Mr. F. Jaeckle. We were very glad to have the Rev. P. Pfeiffer, general missionary secretary of our conference, with us who gave a fine address.

Then came the rare treat of listening to the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D., of Chicago, Ill., who admonished the church to carry on in cooperation with the pastor and his wife. After a few remarks by Mr. Gossen, the choir sang and the Rev. W. H. Bueening of Gatesville pronounced the benediction. An offering was taken for missions which amounted to \$120.

When the Rev. C. C. Gossen came to Crawford in October, 1927, the church membership was 88. During the fifteen years there have been 72 members added by baptism and 17 gained from other churches. We now have a membership of 141. We may also report that we have 84 members on our Centenary Offering Club roll.

TILLIE MAE SPROSS, Reporter.

### Anniversary Program of the Cottonwood Ladies' Missionary Society of Texas

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Tex., met for its anniversary on Sept. 25. Our president, Mrs. C. H. Seecamp, gave a hearty welcome to all present. The program consisted of a song by the Ladies' Chorus, a piano duet, a vocal solo, ladies' quartet number, two readings, and a play, "The Fifty Dollar Bill." Chaplain Edwin Kraemer, who was visiting his mother, spoke a few encouraging words to the group. Then our pastor, the Rev. C. H. Seecamp, gave us an inspiring message based on Luke 12:49.

The society has been very active during the past year and has helped in many ways. We contributed to the St. Joseph and Buckner's Orphanage Homes, to the Baptist "Hillcrest" Hospital in Waco, and to several mission projects. We also had our part in the remodeling of our parsonage.

We have one meeting a year in the German language to honor our older members, which we held on Sept. 10, at which time the older members had an opportunity to tell of God's love manifested to them in many ways. A birthday surprise was planned for our president since her birthday was on this day. A beautifully decorated table with flowers and a huge birthday cake was ready in the basement. After the singing of "Happy Birthday to You," Mrs. B. Lampert gave a birthday reading and Mrs. Wm. Bremer, vice-president, handed Mrs. Seecamp a present by which the Union tried to show their love and appreciation to her.

MRS. WM. LAMPERT, Reporter.

## PACIFIC CONFERENCE

### Anniversary Program of the B. Y. P. U. of the Fifteenth Street Church of Los Angeles

The annual program on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18, climaxed another year

of service for the B. Y. P. U. of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California. A fine group of friends from our neighboring churches, the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles and the Bethel Church of Anaheim, gathered with us to celebrate the occasion.

An impressive play was given entitled, "How Much Owest Thou Thy Lord?" in which twelve of our members took part. In three scenes depicting the untaught mountaineers of Tennessee, the heathen idol worshippers of China, our European forefathers who offered human sacrifices to their gods before the gospel was known to them, showed us in unmistakable truths that we owe our Lord everything we have and are. This truth touched the heart of Mrs. Crawford and her daughter Jean, two members of a wealthy Pennsylvania family. Mrs. Crawford felt she had paid the Lord all she owed, but now her eyes were opened and, with her heart full, gave her blessing to Jean who surrendered her life to become a medical missionary to the Chinese.

The officers were installed for the coming year, as follows: Florence Eisele, president; Gladys Wessel, vice-president; Mary Jane Heiman, secretary; Mrs. Anamarie Maahs, treasurer.

We are sorry to miss twelve of our men who have gone into the service of our country.

RUTH BAER, Reporter.

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## OBITUARY

MR. CHRISTIAN BEHR  
of Dallas, Texas

Christian Behr was born in Trichingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany, on December 12, 1881. As a young man he came to the United States, where he resided in several communities for a short time before finally settling in Dallas, Texas, in 1906. In 1907 he was united in matrimony to Miss Anna Herrmann. This union was blessed with three children, Esther, Walter and Christian, Jr., all residing in Dallas.

Mr. Behr was a member of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church for the past 36 years, serving in every capacity asked of him by the church. He was ever willing to do his part in the work of his church. His Christian life for many years has been considered by young and old as ideal, being concerned only for the welfare of his fellowmen and God's Kingdom.

For the past three years he was confined to his bed due to a paralytic stroke, and during these long years of suffering he very patiently endured his cross ever looking to the time when he could again attend his beloved church. Only in the last few months did he realize his condition as hopeless, and therefore often expressed his desire to be at home with his Lord. His prayers were answered when he quietly went to sleep on Monday, October 19, to awake in that Home for which he longed.

He leaves to mourn, his wife, who waited upon him so faithfully, and three children, and a countless host of friends. The Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn and the Rev. W. Helwig spoke words of consolation at the funeral services.

Carroll Ave. Baptist Church,  
Dallas, Texas.

W. Helwig, Pastor.



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**REPORTS FROM THE FIELD**

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**The Bethel Church of Anaheim Celebrates Its 40th Anniversary and Burns Its Mortgage Papers**

Forty years ago on Oct. 25, 1904, our church of Anaheim, Calif., was recognized. Sixteen Baptists had met for worship in homes with the blessings of God openly manifest by the fervor of prayer, the abundant testimonies and hearty singing. The purpose of our church was declared to be "the promotion of the moral and religious nature of its members and the worship of God."

On Nov. 19, 1902, the infant church for the first time partook of the Lord's Supper. In February, 1903, she ordered two dozen hymnals, "Evangeliumslieder" and 18 "Glaubensharfen." The church showed a healthy growth and reported to the Pacific Conference in 1904 a membership of 49.

The first minister of the church, the Rev. J. Berg, served for six years. He was characterized as a good preacher and singer, taking his illustrations from his experiences as a farmer and from every day life.

The Rev. Ernst Wiesle began his pastorate in April, 1909. He organized a men's league, and the young people were commended in the letter to the Pacific Conference for their loyal support of the church and the prayer meetings.

In 1911 the Rev. August Rhode began his ministry. The church now numbered 86 members. The women of the church formed a Mission Society which was destined to play a most active part in the promotion of the missionary spirit and the material aid of the church. It now became imperative to enlarge and remodel the church edifice. Mr. Rhode being also a decorator, painted the wall of the baptistry.

The church then called the Rev. M. Leuschner who accepted and began his ministry in 1916. The date of March 4, 1917, was a red-letter day, for 40 persons, robed in white, were baptized, representing the largest single group to be baptized in the history of the church. On the following Sunday they were welcomed to a love-feast. The spiritual effect of this event lasted for many years.

The church now called the Rev. O. R. Schroeder. The greatest project was the building of a new sanctuary. The Women's Union had already started a building fund. The church answered the call unanimously and pledged \$25,000. The finished edifice is paneled with mahogany and fitted with stained glass cathedral windows. It is valued at \$41,000. The church's membership had risen to 220 and her financial contributions for that year reached an all time high of \$26,098.86.

The church called Prof. H. G. Dymel of the Rochester Baptist Seminary in July, 1938. The pastor and B. Y. P. U. cooperated in 1939 in enabling the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union of California to meet for their first assembly at "Camp Thousand Pines," in the San Bernardino Mountains for worship, study, fellowship.

The church decided to pay off the debt before the 40th anniversary. All organizations of the church put their

## The Subscription Campaign Is In Progress

SUBSCRIPTION BLANKS FOR COMPILING THE LISTS FOR 1943 HAVE BEEN MAILED TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND WE HAVE REASON TO KNOW THAT THE WORK INVOLVED IN THIS CONSTRUCTIVE TASK HAS BEEN STARTED.

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**H. P. DONNER,  
BUSINESS MANAGER.**

shoulders to the wheel and by the end of September, 1942, had succeeded.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, the church celebrated its 40th Jubilee and entertained the California Association. Dr. Wm. Kuhn was present to take part in this great event and spoke in the morning on "Everyone Serving." At the afternoon service the church burned the mortgage of its indebtedness. It was a happy occasion when the chairman of the trustees handed the notes to the pastor and instructed him to burn them, signifying the completion of the payment.

The ministers and missionaries from our church who have entered Christian service are as follows: Herman Wedel, Martin L. Leuschner, Carl Jungkeit, Ella Grauer Sittenhof, Eva Krenzler, and Mrs. Fred Berger (Lois Schroeder).

PAUL LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

## ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

### New England Association Rally Is Held at New Haven, Conn., Recently

More than one hundred delegates were in attendance at the New England Association Rally held Oct. 18th at the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn. The meeting was the 45th annual conference of the five churches of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

In the absence of the Rev. E. S. Kaland, moderator, removed to Pennsylvania, the program work was carried on by a joint committee of the pastors and church representatives. Mr. Vincent Nold of the Liberty Street Baptist Church, Meriden, secretary-treasurer, presided at the meetings. The Rev. C. Friedenbergh of Memorial Church of New Britain opened the services with devotion.

After a brief business session, with letters and reports from all of the churches, the Ladies' Missionary Union presented its program of a Memorial Service, an address on "Burma" by Missionary Mrs. W. H. Roberts, and a business session over which Mrs. Hamilton of New Britain, president, presided. Mrs. Harry Woodworth of Meriden led the service of recognition for a number of members who had died since the last meeting. Mrs. Pitt of New Haven played numbers on a "glassophone," and a sextet of young people sang several numbers.

A fellowship supper was served by the New Haven Church under the direction of Miss Lena Spalte. Young people provided the program for the evening meeting, and president Myron Schuster, Jr., of Meriden, conducted a brief business session, and presented the guest speaker of the evening, the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder of Philadelphia, Pa.

A high point of the program was the unscheduled opportunity to hear a few words of greeting and some glimpses of the work of our own Captain R. I. Dittrich, test pilot for the U. S. Air Force, stationed at Wichita, Kansas, and home for his first leave in two years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Dittrich of Bridgeport, Conn.

PAUL G. SCHADE, Moderator.