



Winter's Fluffy Mantle of Snow

BAPTIST HERALD

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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● The Rev. Adolf Reeh of Goodrich, No. Dak., has accepted the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Reeh and their two children will soon change their residence to La Salle, where Mr. Reeh on March 15th will succeed the Rev. C. H. Seecamp, now pastor of the Cottonwood Church of Texas.

● Mr. Henry Marks of St. Paul, Minn., president of the Baptist Life Association, and his wife are spending the month of February on the Pacific Coast in the interest of the Baptist Life Association. Together with Mr. David Baer, the Pacific Coast regional manager for the Life Association, and his wife, they will visit many of our churches in California, Oregon, and Washington. Mr. Marks is also a member of the General Council.

● The eighth anniversary of the Rev. A. E. Jaster's ministry as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ont., Canada, was observed by the church on Sunday, Jan. 18. The church bulletin for that Sunday was fittingly dedicated to this anniversary with the poem on prayer by Alfred Tennyson and a selected poem on "Success." The pastor preached on "Eight Years of Christian Fellowship" from the texts, Leviticus 26:12 and Luke 24:32.

● The Men's Bible Class of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., held its monthly meeting and installation of officers on Friday evening, Jan. 13. The Rev. H. A. Farrar of Raymond Center, Wis., was the guest speaker who brought the message on "A Goal to be Obtained." The new officers are: president, Mr. Charles Meier; vice-president, Mr. Henry Binder, Sr.; secretary, Mr. Ed Dudek; treasurer, Mr. Paul Dudek. The Rev. Roy L. Schlader is pastor of the church.

● The Baptist Church of Fessenden, No. Dak., held evangelistic meetings recently for two weeks with the Rev. Charles Wagner of Linton, No. Dak., serving as evangelist. Mr. Wagner brought appropriate and impressive messages and his chalk talks will long be remembered by the children. Seven Sunday School scholars made their confession of faith in Christ. At the Watch Night service of the church on Dec. 31 the pastor, the Rev. G. W. Pust, baptized 6 converts. The work in Linton is showing signs of steady growth.

● Since Nov. 1, 1941, the Rev. J. J. Lippert, pastor of the Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Tex., is serv-



A Prize Winning Picture!
Gary Reddig, (Left), the Son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reddig of Cathay, No. Dak., and Sara Lou Gunst, the Daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Gunst of Grand Forks, No. Dak., Enjoy a Good Laugh Over Their Piano Duet.

ing the Elgin Baptist Church for a Sunday morning once each month. This little church of 22 members is about 65 miles from the Greenvine Church. It has been without the services of a visiting minister since the death of the Rev. A. Becker a year ago. The Greenvine Church has also completed the erection of a building adjoining the church which is to be used by the Sunday School for its classes.

● The president of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, Mr. Harold J. Petke of Portland, Ore., and his wife, Clara, have recently announced with commendable pride that a baby girl was born to them on Saturday, Jan. 17. She has been named Joyce Elaine. This is their second child, a boy, named John, having been born to them about three years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Petke are members of the Immanuel Church of Portland, of which the Rev. Otto Roth is pastor.

● The annual business meeting of the Gross Park Immanuel Church of Chicago, Ill., was held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 28. The new president of the B. Y. P. U. is Miss Lorraine Pellett. On Jan. 16 the church helped Mr. and Mrs. William Hecht to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. On Sunday evening, Jan. 25, Mr. Herman Siemund, who took the official moving pictures of the General Conference in Burlington, Iowa, showed his lovely pictures of Bermuda to the church. The Rev. Ralph Rott is the pastor.

● On Sunday, Jan. 25, Dr. William Kuhn, general missionary secretary, was the guest speaker in the Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa. In the morning he spoke in the interest of the Centenary Offering, and in the af-

ternoon he addressed an interdenominational young people's rally for the churches of Buffalo Center and vicinity. Dr. Kuhn also spoke in the evening service. The Rev. Peter Peters is pastor of the church. On Sunday, Feb. 1, Dr. Kuhn supplied the pulpit of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., at both of its meetings and conducted the communion service.

● On Sunday, Dec. 28, the B. Y. P. U. of the West Ebenezer Church of Saskatchewan, Canada, held its annual business meeting. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Wesley Goltz, president; Hardy Hoffmann, vice-president; Sylvia Gabert, secretary; Gladys Knoll, ass't secretary; Sadie Gabert, treasurer; and Lorraine Grunert and Mrs. Wesley Goltz, pianists. Twenty-one meetings were held during the past year, which included prayer meetings, Bible study and literary programs. The society now numbers 29 young people, as reported by Miss Sylvia Gabert.

● The Minnesota Young People's Mid-Winter Institute will be held from Feb. 20 to 22 at the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn. The theme for the institute will be "The Road to Life." On Friday evening, Feb. 20, the Rev. D. Eaton of Minneapolis will speak on "The Fork in the Road." On Saturday study classes and forums will be held, and in the evening a group of 40 W. P. A. Negro Jubilee Singers will present a program. The Sunday speakers will be Prof. Henry Wingblade of Bethel Institute and the Rev. J. Johnston of Jeffers. Spiritual blessings are in store for the young people of the state.

● The Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas, is actively engaged in doing its share for the Centenary offering of the denomination. The Ladies' Mission Circle, of which Mrs. William Wirth is president, celebrated its anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 15, at which the Centenary Offering project was brought to a glorious climax. The women tried to raise an offering of \$100 by selling each Saturday's eggs between Dec. 1 and Feb. 15 and giving the proceeds to this project. Dr. Wm. Kuhn was the guest speaker at the anniversary program. The B. Y. P. U. is sponsoring the "One Hundred Club," about which announcements have appeared in "The Herald." The president of this group is Miss Betty Woody. Other organizations are also doing their part. The director of missions for the church is Mrs. Frank Will and her husband is chairman of the Lord's Acre Board.

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Coming!

THE TRIALS OF TODAY'S TRANS-LATORS

Dr. Francis Carr Stifler, a secretary of the American Bible Society and a renowned Baptist minister, provides "The Baptist Herald" with a fascinating and informative article about the Bible's 1056 translations in observance of Bible Sunday on March 8th.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO DO
Missionary opportunities of all kinds are near at hand, as Dr. Kuhn, the general missionary secretary, portrays in this stirring article about the home mission fields of our denomination and in this comprehensive announcement about the purposes of the Easter offering.

CARRY ON FOR CHRIST IN THE CAMEROONS

Gigantic tasks face our missionary, George Dunger, in the Cameroons as he endeavors to do the work of three or four missionaries in a greatly enlarged field. From Soppo on the coast he writes about his recent experiences and describes the challenge of African missions for this day!

GOD'S ANSWER TO A CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

The popular "Chaplain's Corner" will show how God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform at army camps and in the lives of our young men who are rendering heroic service for our country. Watch for this deeply moving story by U. S. Chaplain Edwin Kraemer!

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Clean Hands and a Pure Heart

THESE two are always inseparable companions to each other—inner spiritual radiance and outward Christian conduct! Both deal with the great truths of regeneration and sanctification in a human life, even as the two sides of a coin are complementary to each other. They are indispensable attributes of our Christian faith.

The Psalmist answered the question emphatically as to who might ascend unto the hill of the Lord by saying: "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; he shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation." Jesus answered the question of the lawyer as to the greatest commandment by announcing that nothing can supercede love to God and love to your neighbor as to yourself. This is the Gibraltar rock of our Christian religion.

But our difficulty lies in our expectation that the attention which we give to clean hands will provide us with a pure heart. Some say that by showing magnanimous love to our fellow-man, this love to God will grow. But the error is apparent when such reasoning results in the premise that ethical conduct can be the means of our salvation.

"The cart has been placed before the horse." The spiritual well of one's heart must be purified before it can give sweet and wholesome water to others. A constraining and overwhelming love to God and his Word are basic for any true Christian ministry rendered in his name. Clean hands presuppose a pure heart. Christian character requires a new spiritual birth.

The Lenten season, which begins this year on February 18, can be a sharp reminder to us of the neglect of the inner devotional life of much that is called American Christianity. We have exploited Christian activity at the expense of personal acquaintance with God. We need to reestablish "times of quiet" and "secret places" in our busy lives in which this spiritual intimacy with God and our Savior will glow within our hearts.

Clean hands and a pure heart! Both must be perfectly balanced in our lives, so that neither will outweigh the other. Both will be our boon companions, if Christ has given us the assurance of his saving grace and the gift of a pure heart, and then we go forth in that power to serve him with the ministry of our clean hands!

"Jesus Came Preaching"

A Sermon by
the REV. LLOYD GEORGE GIBBS,
Pastor of the Bellwood Baptist Church
Near Chicago, Illinois.

"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:13-14.

"JESUS CAME PREACHING!" These are the striking words with which Saint Mark presses home to us one of the greatest hours of all time. There had lived obscurely in humble Nazareth a youth whose birth had occasioned much attention but whose subsequent years had been more or less uneventful.

Jesus' First Sermon

Recent months, however, had found him a follower of one, John the Baptizer. For the first time he had left his humble workshop and was mingling with the people, that is, with a fanatical group who were being baptized in the Jordan.

His name was Jesus and now—"he came preaching." With no more than these three commonplace words, Mark tells us of an event that was to change the course of history and light the souls of men in all lands: "Jesus came preaching."

"What will he preach? What will he do? What is his purpose? Surely, he comes with great eloquence. Surely, he speaks with power to stir the people. Tell us Mark—you heard his voice, you knew his art of persuasion—what was it? What was his first sermon? Give us its points and its poem!"

But Mark's account answers none of these questions, for the eloquence of the Master was his life, and his power was his message. "Jesus came preaching." And this is what he preached: "The kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel."



Towering Trees
Along a Washington Highway

The Kingdom of God

Urgency was the prime mover in the message of Jesus. "The kingdom . . . is at hand." Abraham and Moses, yea, and the prophets too had promised its coming. The skeptics and cynics of every age since Jesus have said that it had not and will not come. Jesus said, "It is here." He said it then and he says it now. "The kingdom of God is at hand."

"Now" is always the time to act with reference to the kingdom of God. It is an eternal kingdom and it is eternally "at hand." You may enter it now if you will. Tomorrow may be too late.

For while it is true that the kingdom is eternally present, it is also true that it is eternally passing by. It is always "at hand" for him who will have it; but it is always going by for him who rejects it. The kingdom constantly approaches and remakes the believer; it persistently recedes from the doubter. It is therefore urgent that you take it now.

The Nearness of the Kingdom

Jesus spoke with the power that is born of swiftness. He did not use indirection to find directions out, but with the straightness of an arrow and the sharpness of a rapier he discharged his truth: "The kingdom is at hand"; "the kingdom has come." Not in its cosmic fullness but in sublime fullness for him who will repent and believe. Is the kingdom "within you"?

Because of the nearness of the kingdom, those who hear its gospel must act. The urgency of Jesus' kingdom-message is accompanied by instructions for entrance. The information is clear and concise.

It consists of two steps: "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." Regeneration, justification, sanctification and the other great gifts of God to the believer which round out the conversion experience will come. But they are God's part; they are the results of his work in the human heart. Man's portion is to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus' simple instructions refer to heart-action. "Repent ye."

"Repent Ye"

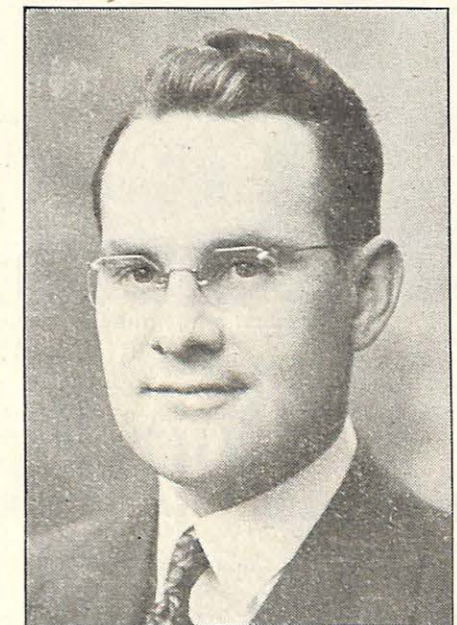
Repentance is a word which often has been misunderstood. It has been interpreted to express the exact reverse of its true meaning. We have thought that to repent meant to change our mind toward sin. True enough, repentance is a change of mind—but not toward sin. It is primarily a change of attitude toward God.

Jesus did not say anything at all about sin in his brief sermon, but spoke rather of its glorious opposite—the kingdom of God. A man can never change his attitude toward sin until he changes his attitude toward God. Repentance is not to turn from sin; but rather to turn toward God. "Change your attitude toward the Kingdom," Jesus said. "No longer think of it as being in the future—it is at hand! No longer look for the Messiah to come—he is here."

No longer reject, but now accept the gospel of the kingdom of God! And when you do? Sin will recede. Its weary fingers will relinquish their tenacious grip. And instead of the dominion of sin, yours will be the everlasting Kingdom of God and its King shall reign in your heart forever and ever.

"Believe the Gospel"

Repentance is eternal and faith is everlasting. But there was something impressively new about the "belief" which Jesus advocated. The newness



Rev. Lloyd George Gibbs
of Bellwood, Illinois

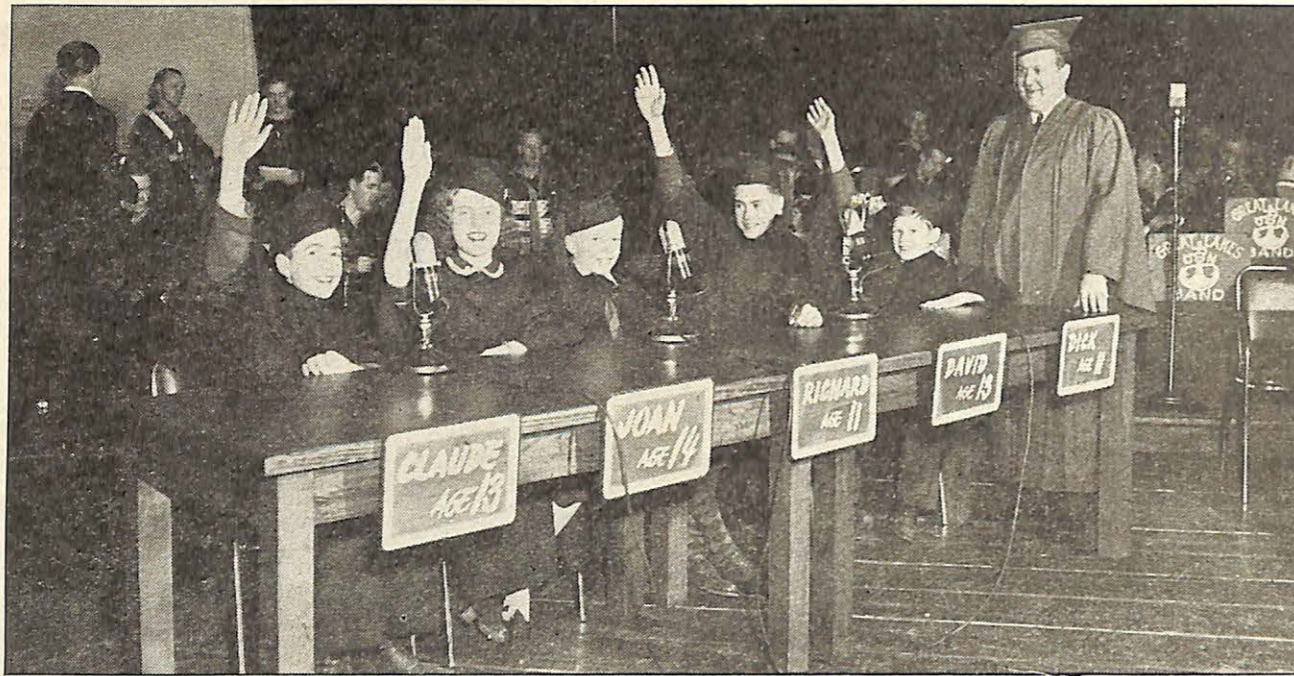
was concerning the thing to be believed, namely, the gospel. Since Abraham men had believed God. Never had they believed "a gospel." This sermon was new. "Believe the gospel" Jesus said, which in our language is "the good news." And the good news was that the kingdom was at hand.

Compared to the hour in which Jesus spoke these words, the gospel is not now new. It is an old story. When Jesus told this news of the kingdom it fell on unaccustomed ears. When now it is told, it is to ears well-worn with its message.

Its present value is not its modernity, but rather in its antiquity. A genuinely tested antique is always of greater worth than that which is passingly modern. And while the gospel is not new, it still is good. It is still life-giving! It is still "the power of God unto every one that believeth."

It is forever the story of Life as lord of death; Love as the master of hate; and Hope, springing eternal from the despairing breast. The gospel is still the Truth in hours of faith revealed. For

"the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman, seeking goodly pearls; who when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that had, and bought it."



"Quiz Kids" in the National Radio Broadcast from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station
With David Jenkins Fourth from the Left

A "Quiz Kid" Visits the Navy

AS A PARTICIPANT in the national "Quiz Kids" program of December 17th, I had the privilege of going to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago, Ill. The conditions there surpassed our highest expectations.

The prospective sailor first goes to a recruiting office where he is given physical exams. If he passes these he is sent to the nearest training station. These are located at Norfolk, Va., Newport, Long Island, (N. Y.), San Diego, Calif., and Great Lakes, Ill. Upon arriving at Great Lakes (he will probably go there because more navy men come from the Mid-West than any other section of the country), the sailor is given another physical examination, and then he trades in his civilian clothes for regulation navy uniforms, and is given a hammock and a spot in the barracks.

Navy Morale and Health

The "sailor to be" spends his first four weeks in a detention camp, so that any sickness he might have may be quickly localized. During this period he takes many vaccinations and injections. After this period of detention, the men are given the rest of their three-month training in the main section of the camp. (The training period used to be four months, but the war shortened it to three.)

The navy's morale is higher and health is better than other military organizations. The men in Uncle Sam's fleet have one doctor to every 500 men,

The Young Author

David Jenkins, aged 13 years, of Forest Park, Illinois, has been one of the "Quiz Kids" on the National Broadcasting program on four different occasions. He is a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill. He is a genial and promising lad, who is especially well versed in the Bible. His accompanying article tells about an interesting trip to the Great Lakes Naval Station.

whereas in the Army there is only one doctor to 1000 men. The morale is good because they are the best fed, the healthiest, and the best equipped navy in the world.

The government has NEVER conscripted a man for the fleet. All are and have been volunteers. The Navy's morals are high because each man is



David Jenkins (Right) and Other
"Quiz Kids" With Two
of Uncle Sam's Sailors

asked to attend either Protestant, Catholic or Jewish services every Sunday and few fail to comply. Furthermore NO LIQUOR is allowed on any naval establishment, be it a ship or training station.

A Tour of the Grounds

They have taken many precautions since war was declared. All the people on the station wear pins with their names and pictures on them. No more general visiting is allowed. When we arrived, we were all required to give our names and addresses.

Soon after we came "on board," as the sailors would say, since they use nautical terms, we were taken on a tour of the grounds, all 500 acres of it. One thing that immediately impressed me was the cleanliness of the place. We even saw the sidewalks being washed. All the wooden buildings are white, no, not tattle-tale gray, but white. The older buildings are of red brick, and there are also a fine lot of trees. The lake in the background makes the station look like an attractive college campus.

A new \$33,000,000 building program has just begun at Great Lakes. This program calls for 109 barracks, seven mess halls, three recreation buildings, several drill halls, laundries, administration buildings, dispensaries and fire stations. This vast program has been launched in order to meet the many enlistments. With all these new buildings, Great Lakes' population will rise

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Edited by MRS. BERTHA JOHNSON of Chicago, Illinois

Daniel in the Lion's Den

(taken from Daniel, Chapter 6)

By DARLENE HEITZMAN
of ALEXANDRIA, SOUTH DAKOTA

DANIEL lived in the empire of Persia. Darius, king of Persia, placed Daniel first among all rulers because he saw that Daniel was wise and able to rule. This made the other princes and rulers very jealous, so they tried to find some fault in Daniel so that they could speak to the king against him.

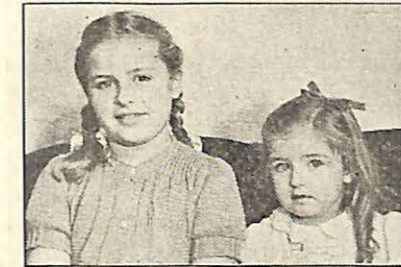
These men knew that three times daily Daniel would open the window that was toward Jerusalem and, looking toward Jerusalem, would pray to God. The nobles thought that in Daniel's prayers they could find a way to do him harm and maybe put him to death. So they came to King Darius and said to him: "All the rulers have agreed together to have a law made that for thirty days no one shall ask anything of any God or of any man except from you, O king, and that if anyone shall pray to any God or shall ask anything from any man during the thirty days, except from you, O king, he shall be thrown into the den where the lions are kept. Now, O king, make the law, and sign the writing so that it cannot be changed, for no law among the Medes and Persians can be altered."

The king, because he was foolish and vain, was pleased with the law, and without Daniel's advice, signed the writing; and the law was valid. Word was sent throughout the kingdom that for thirty days no one should pray to any God or ask favors of any man but King Darius.

Daniel, knowing that the law had been made, still went to his room three times every day and opened his windows toward Jerusalem and offered a prayer to his Lord, just as he had done many other times. These rulers were watching nearby and they saw Daniel kneel in prayer to God. Then they came to the king, and said, "O, King Darius, have you not made a law that if any one in thirty days offers a prayer, he shall be thrown into a den of lions?"

"It is true," said the king. "The law has been made, and it must stand."

Then they told him of Daniel's prayer to his God. The king was very sorry for what he had done, because he loved Daniel and knew that no one else could take his place in the kingdom. All day he tried to find some way to save Daniel, but in vain! When the sun went down the king very unwillingly sent for Daniel and gave orders that he



JoAnn Kramer and Joyce Lee Kramer
of Aplington, Iowa, Two Friends of
the "Children's Page."

should be thrown into the den of lions. He said to Daniel, "Perhaps your God, whom you serve so faithfully, will save you from the lions."

The guards led Daniel to the mouth of the pit where the lions were kept, and threw him in. Over the mouth they placed a stone, and the king sealed it so that no one could let him out.

Then the king went again to his palace, but during the night he was sad because of what he had done to Daniel. The next morning, he arose very early and went hastily to the den of lions. He broke the seal, took away the stone and with a voice of sorrow, called out, scarcely hoping to hear an answer, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God been able to keep you safe from the lions?"

Out of the darkness came the voice of Daniel, saying, "O king, live forever! My God has sent his angel and has shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because my God saw that I have done no wrong. And I have done no wrong toward you, O king!"

The king was very happy when he heard that Daniel was safe. He gave his servants orders to take Daniel out of the den. Daniel was brought to safety because he trusted fully in the Lord.

STORY BOOK OF CHRIST

This month we shall begin our story book of the Life of Christ. Since there are 5 months left that I shall be with you, we shall have five different stories.

First of all, we must make our cover: Take 2 sheets of construction paper of your favorite color. You may cut letters from another color paper to be pasted on or you may draw the letters on your cover and color them with crayons. Let's entitle our book, "Story Book of Christ." Then punch holes on the side and use either a ribbon or fasteners to hold it together. We have a nice surprise for you: If you will send me your name and tell me you are interested in making the story book, we shall send you a lovely reproduction of Sallman's "Head of Christ" to be pasted on the cover.

For our first story, we shall use the familiar story of Jesus' birth. Read Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-15, and rewrite the story in your own words. Look in your collection of pictures and see if you can find a picture of the manger scene. Paste it at the top of the page. If you cannot find one we shall see that you get one. At the bottom of the page answer these questions: Where was Jesus born?

Who was His father?

Who first told of His birth?

How many wise men were there?

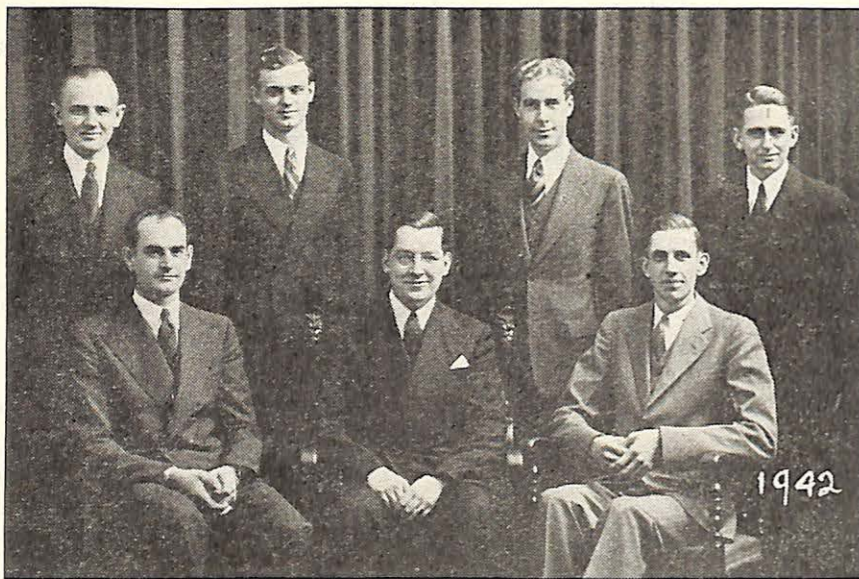
As the wise men brought gifts to Jesus, what gift can ALL of us give to Him?

Watch for the next issue as we shall have another page for you! You can write to me by addressing your letters as follows: Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Children's Page Editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Correct Answers

Those who sent the answer to "The Bible Triangle" or a contribution for the "Children's Page" are as follows:

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| Ruth and Gertrude Stading, | Antelope, North Dakota. |
| Lois Wilkie, | Killaloe, Ontario, Canada. |
| Betty Zimbelman, | Emmetsburg, Iowa. |
| Vera Zimbelman, | Denhoff, North Dakota. |



Young Men of the 1942 Class of the Rochester Baptist Seminary
(Top Row—Left to Right: Leslie Albus, Robert Schreiber, Fred Schmidt, John Giesbrecht.
Lower Row—Left to Right: Carl Weisser, Hans Wilcke, Robert Schmidt)

Ministers for Our Churches

By PROFESSOR ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER of Rochester, N. Y.

SINCE 1852 the Rochester Baptist Seminary has been sending out ministers into our churches and missionaries into the foreign missionary service. Nearly six hundred graduates have gone forth to minister in the extended vineyard of our Lord.

The 1942 class consisting of seven promising young men will graduate in May. They have had high school and two years of college training for their background of theological education. Two of them are at present pastors of churches and all of them have had some experience in preaching and teaching in the churches of Rochester and vicinity.

They are all men with fine character and winsome personalities, with minds alert to the problems and needs of our times, and with a time-transcending

Gospel that they can preach with conviction and with power.

We commend them to our churches that are without pastors and for missionary fields where there is much work to be done and harvests to be reaped.

They also understand young people and young people's work and are eager to win them to Christ and to train them for better service in the churches.

They are sufficiently German, too, to meet the needs of the older members of churches in their native tongue. The majority of them speak equally good English and German.

Churches that are interested in these young men may communicate with the president at 246 Alexander St., Rochester, New York, who will be glad to give further information concerning them.

What's Happening News

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● The play, "The Singing Woodchopper," about the pioneer pastor of Wisconsin, the Rev. Karl Kleppe, written by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, was presented for the second time by the young people of the Milwaukee Churches on Sunday evening, Jan. 18, in the North Avenue Church of Milwaukee, Wis. The play was also presented last summer at the Northwestern Conference by the young people of the Grace Church of Racine, Wis. A large audience enjoyed the play and an offering of about \$40 was received. The play is to be revised by the author for distribution as a home mission dramatization among our churches everywhere.

● On Thursday evening, Jan. 22, the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., served as host to a large and enthusiastic gathering of the Baptist Interracial Fellowship of Chicago. About 12 different nationalities were represented in the group of 125 young people, including a large group from Negro Baptist churches. The program included German songs by the Christian Fellowship Chorus of the church and an address on "The Mission Fields and Work of the German Baptists of North America" by Mr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. Miss Esther Tatter of Oak Park, Ill., was in charge of all the efficient arrangements for the gathering.

● The Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., has recently lost two of its older members by death, both of whom were very active as youth leaders in the earlier history of the church. Mrs. Sophie Lassen, aged 80 at the time of her death, was baptized by the Rev. L. H. Donner of Cincinnati in 1880. Mr. Charles Hoffmann died on Jan. 2nd in his 78th year. He was an active Sunday School teacher at the time of his death, a trustee of the church since 1895 and a deacon since 1905. He was also instrumental in purchasing the young people's cottage at Madison, Conn., and was always interested in the general work of the denomination, as reported by the Rev. Julius Kaaz, pastor.

● The Rev. A. Husmann of Forest Park, Ill., promotional secretary, served as the guest speaker at the services of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., on Sunday, Jan. 4. He also addressed the B. Y. P. U. at its evening meeting. On Sunday, Jan. 11, he spoke at both services of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., of which

Addresses Wanted!

All ministers are urgently requested to send the names and addresses of all the young men of their churches, who are engaged in military service, to the office of Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, at once, so that an Easter letter and an attractive booklet can be sent to them as an important phase of our home mission program.

the Rev. L. H. Broeker is pastor. On Sunday, Jan. 25, Mr. Husmann addressed the large radio audience of western Canada over a radio station in Edmonton, Alta., on the program directed by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, and spoke at the Central Church of that city and in several other nearby churches. From Jan. 26 to Feb. 21 Mr. Husmann is serving as a member of the teaching staff of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 28, the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., closed its calendar year with a baptismal service and the observance of the Lord's Supper. The pastor, the Rev. Pieter Smit, D. D., had the joy of baptizing 11 on their confession of faith. These had found Christ as Savior during the meetings held in November with the pastor of the church doing the preaching and the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Fadenrecht of the Dillon Church leading the singing. Fifteen people were given the right hand of fellowship at the Lord's Supper. The church has had one of its most successful years, having paid the remaining church debt, having had increase in missionary contributions, and having baptized 22 persons and adding 23 to the membership of the church. At the annual business meeting the treasurer reported all bills paid and \$1030 in the church treasury. At the close of the meeting the church voted an increase of \$400 per annum for the pastor's salary. The church also voted a 20% increase in the janitor's salary.

Give Them Their Daily Bread!

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN, General Missionary Secretary.

One of our oldest pastors, who rendered an outstanding ministry in our denomination for many years, now has to wrestle with bitter adversities. For sometime he has been receiving \$300 annually in relief aid from our General Missionary Society. From another source he has been receiving \$200 annually, but to his great dismay this income is no longer available. Additional financial assistance was given him by another party, but this will probably be discontinued because of the present world conditions.

The few savings of this minister's lifetime, which had been carefully put aside, have dwindled to the small sum of \$200. In his letter to headquarters he writes:

A Minister's Letter

"In regards to our daily bread and livelihood, the future looks dark, very dark! You are now acquainted with our situation and you know that we are not pessimists nor are we unnecessarily crying, 'Wolf! Wolf!' in a situation where there is no danger.

"For a number of years my wife and I have not been able to spend a cent on clothes. My best suit of clothes was bought in 1926 as well as my overcoat. The suit, which I am now wearing around the house, was secured in 1923.

"As I now meditate on my condition, I think of my wife who served so faithfully with me in several of our churches, how she has to suffer with me, traveling life's pilgrimage with so many disappointments and adversities of all kinds. How we are sometimes tempted to lose heart because of the struggle for our daily bread. Then you can probably picture to yourself how bad dreams plague me at night when I sleep and during the day how my heart is restless and cries to God for peace and help. In such dark hours I find comfort in the thought that Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of man, was also a poor man while he lived here upon this earth."

Pitiful Situations

This honored and venerable minister of ours has expressed a thought that probably other fellow-pastors of his have experienced in their situation. Naturally, the General Missionary Society will come to the aid of this minister, who is facing such dire need. Again and again we are permitted to learn this truth that our people have a warm hearted sympathy for our aged and retired veterans in the ministry and are eager to be of assistance to them.

From the troubled hearts of many of our ministers in the active service of our churches there arise pitiful anxieties which, however, never reach human ears and are only brought with

a sigh and a sob to the throne of God's grace. We have 14 missionary pastors in our denomination who are receiving only \$1200 annually, and out of this meager salary some of them even have to pay their monthly rent. There are also 24 ministers who are receiving a salary of \$1000 and free parsonage. There are even a few ministers, 13 in number, who have to be content with a salary of \$900 annually. Six of our ministers are receiving less than \$900 a year.

When we consider the sky-rocketing prices of today for the necessities of life and, besides this, the fact that almost without exception these ministers have families for which to provide and an automobile to maintain, then the unexpressed anxiety burdening the souls of those ministers does not seem strange. No one can be surprised that a certain minister of our circle, who has to serve two of our churches and who has to provide for a family and an automobile on his extensive mission field, can hardly make both ends meet with a salary of \$900.

Anxieties in Parsonages

But not only our aged veterans and missionary pastors of our churches find reason to worry because of their inability to meet the daily necessities of life. Some of our ministers in self-supporting churches are rendering their service faithfully with much anxious concern over their livelihood, and this is not good!

When the cold winter days were almost upon us, one of our ministers wrote to me and confided in me that last winter's coal bill had not been paid as yet and that this year's bill could not be paid. And he is one of the most conscientious men in the payment of his bills! But we can also announce with much joy that many of our churches have increased their pastor's salary substantially, which is certainly well deserved and deeply appreciated. May the number of such honorable churches increase!

We cannot be silent on this issue in this troublous day that our ministers, who have served and are still ministering to our churches so faithfully and sacrificially, find it necessary in their anxious hours of life to bring their case directly to God, that we have not dealt fairly with them in these things which rightly are their portion of life. We are able to help them and we want to be of help to them in this hour of need!

A Definite Plan for Help

1) With love to our ministers and with gratitude to God for the many spiritual treasures which have been dispensed by his ambassadors to his people, every church will want to sup-

The Ministers of Our Churches Are Often Like Towering Lighthouses Along the Ragged Coastline That Let Their Lights Shine Brightly for the Ships and Sailors at Sea to Enable Them to Reach the Safety of the Harbor

port its pastor to the best of his ability in order that his needs might all be met.

2) The General Missionary Committee will be happy to do its part in the case of most of our pastors who are receiving missionary aid by increasing the salary of those who are underpaid, whenever the respective churches will do their part in assuming their share of this financial responsibility.

3) The General Council at its annual session in April will also consider this matter seriously and will present definite plans to the churches of our denomination. In this way, we as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ through our churches want to give his ambassadors, the pastors of our churches, the things which pertain to their livelihood in such a sufficient measure that will permit them to render their ministry with joy and strength.



★ The Prodigal Returns ★

By HAROLD GARNET BLACK

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SYNOPSIS

Benoni, the younger son of the Hebrew farmer, Ezra ben Israel, felt an irresistible desire to be free, to be away from all parental restraint and from the necessities and duties of home and the farm. His father, ben Israel, understood the strange yearnings in his younger son's heart and was ready to let him have his share of the inheritance. So Benoni went into a distant land, spending some time in Damascus in riotous living. He made the acquaintance of a glamorous damsel, Hermione, upon whom he lavished his wealth and showered his affection. Then after four or five golden months had passed away—as it almost invariably does—something happened, for Hermione began to grow tired of Benoni.

CHAPTER SIX

Along the Tigris

Before long, however, Benoni began to sense the change that was coming over Hermione, and one day charged her with being a little petulant and lacking in consideration for his wishes.

"Oh, you are just angry, Benoni, because I do not always do exactly as you say," she said by way of defense.

"No, that's not it," declared he. "But you seem to have changed. I think you are ungrateful; I've tried to make you happy by giving you everything you wished."

"Ungrateful!" she flashed back, with quick vehemence, her eyes agleam with sudden fire. "Ungrateful indeed! You seem to forget what I have done for you. I owe you nothing!"

For the first time Benoni began to realize that he had been duped, had fallen a prey to his own inexperience, had foolishly allowed himself to be carried away by Hermione's beauty, and that beneath her undeniably lovely exterior was a cold, calculating heart that was intensely self-centered and greedy, interested only in using him and his wealth as a means of satisfying her own whimsical desires and her personal ambition to be dazzlingly clad like the sun with shimmering garments of softest silk, and gaily decked with golden ornaments and flashing jewels.

And Hermione? She knew that she had never really loved him; indeed to her own heart she had never made the futile pretense of doing so; she had simply found in him a pleasant and easy means of self-gratification. She had used him as she had used other men before—and then let them go!

Add to this another discovery that he made some days later and quite accidentally when he was supposed to be out of the city—that during his occasional absences she had been encouraging the attentions of a rich young princeling who had likewise fallen a victim to her subtle charms—and Benoni's disillusionment was complete.

"You are hard to satisfy," said he with jealous anger in his voice. "You evidently use men only for what you can get out of them. You are as inconstant as the moon itself, as variable as the weather."

"Not always," she quickly retorted. "Only sometimes."

"Women are as deceptive as they are gay and heartless," he flashed back. "That seems to be their nature. And you are a woman. So perhaps you can't help it."

"Men teach us our tricks—if we have any," she replied by way of self-defense. "We profit by what we see them do. If women are fickle, so are men too. You cannot forget that I am not the first one with whom you have been enamored. We are good learners. But you have nothing more to teach me." The last words came like a cruel thrust.

Then it was that he charged her with infidelity to him, with being only like a gorgeous butterfly that flutters about in the bright sunshine, lighting now here, now there; or like a honey-bee that sips its nectar from this blossom and from that, and then is on its airy way again, attracted by the sweet perfume of the flowering fields beyond.

It was a hard and bitter experience—this disillusionment that had come upon him so suddenly and unexpectedly, and vastly disturbing to his peace of mind. He scarcely knew what to do or which way to turn. One thing, however, he was fully determined upon—never to see her again. For hours he walked up and down the city streets, plunged deep in thought, wondering what he should do and trying to settle upon the wisest course of action, but strangely enough never once thinking of his father. Finally he made his decision. He would leave Damascus at once.

Having formed this resolve just as the afternoon sun was dipping down towards the horizon, Benoni turned off the main thoroughfare into a narrow side street. So swiftly did he turn that quite by accident—probably because his mind was in such a turmoil—he ran into an elderly man sitting outside a small booth covered with a heavy cloth striped with red and yellow.

"I am sorry, sir," said Benoni by way of apology as he stepped back. "I turned too quickly. It was my fault."

"It is nothing, my friend," replied the elder man with a gracious bow.

His long, graying beard showed him to be beyond middle life. On his head he wore a fluted, conical cap. He was dressed in a long-sleeved Parthian tunic descending a little below his knees. Benoni's eye was quick to notice that he wore golden earrings, and on his left arm three armlets of silver.

"I perceive by your speech," continued the stranger, "that you are not of Damascus. One has to become accustomed to strange cities."

"Yes, it takes time for new ways. I am, as you say, not a native here. I come from the south," volunteered Benoni.

"And I from Parthia," said the old man. "Perhaps," he continued, as he gave a penetrating glance at Benoni, "you would like to learn what the future has in store for you. I am Gotarzes, the astrologer. I can see by your appearance that you are a man of refinement. You are aware, of course, that man's life and happiness are dependent upon the heavens and the conjunctions of the planets, nor do I need to tell so discerning a young man that there is a complete accord between celestial phenomena and earthly occurrences. The fact that the fertility of the soil is dependent upon the sunshine and rains that come from the heavens is one proof of these things. We astronomers study the ancient tablets of Chaldea and compute the times and seasons; we can look into the seeds of time and tell which will grow and which will not. We are obliged, of course," he added in an apologetic undertone, "to ask five silver denarii for looking into the future and revealing the secrets that a profound study of our occult science discloses."

"That sounds interesting enough, sir," answered Benoni gaily. "I don't happen to believe in your occult science, however, but tell me, anyway." So saying, he drew from his purse twice the number of denarii the stranger had asked, and placed them in the palm of his hand.

Taking Benoni inside the little cloth-covered booth, Gotarzes asked him the name of the month in which he was born. Then he made certain moon calculations, studied the signs of the zodiac, and consulted his planetary tables.

It took him some minutes of apparently deep study to cast Benoni's horoscope at his birth, and thus find out the exact position of the heavenly bodies, from which their influence might be deduced. Long and carefully he examined each of the zodiacal signs that control the "house of life."

As Gotarzes continued his study, his brow clouded a little.

"My young friend," he said at last, looking up, "I have studied astrology for many, many years, but never before have I seen anything quite like what the heavens have to say to you. The predominance of the Babylonian Ishtar suggests a life in which love is destined to play a considerable part. Perhaps you can already understand the significance of that." He looked at Benoni with a merry twinkle in his eye as he spoke, but the young man did not wince under the intended pleasantry. "However," he added, "the lunar eclipse that came shortly after your birth hour would seem to offset largely the influence of Ishtar. Your life, too, seems destined to be led in some hill country, though not all of it. The planets are semisextile, and the position of Saturn or Ninib indicates, from the sign in which it is in the ascendant, that hunger and poverty await you. I dislike to say these things, for somehow I cannot reconcile them with your own fine appearance and evident wealth."

"Nor I either," laughed Benoni, "for, as you say, I am a man of means. And as far as poverty and hunger are concerned—well, you can understand why I put no faith in your art of astrology. But, sir, I thank you for your trouble. It has all been quite amusing. Here is another denarius to add to the others. Your talk of stars and signs, of love and poverty, was worth them all!"

With these words Benoni bade Gotarzes farewell and strode down the narrow street, leaving the old man still gazing at his handful of silver pieces.

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Two days later found Benoni striking northeastward in company with a half dozen fellow travelers who were riding across the great north-Arabian desert to the Euphrates river and thence into Mesopotamia. Several of his jewels were already squandered. In order to make the rest of them doubly safe, he had made a second inside belt or girdle, into which he placed half the remaining stones and strapped both of them about his body in such a way that if he ever chanced to lose one he might perhaps retain the other. Not that he had any special fear of loss when traveling but he wished to guard against possible disaster.

There were seven in the company, not counting the military escort of three for protection against marauders. They traveled on horseback, since there was no camel caravan passing northeastward and they were eager to reach the banks of the Euphrates as quickly as possible. Benoni had bought for the



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purpose a fine bay stallion that had been sired in Parthia and been highly recommended to him by one of his acquaintances, an expert judge of horses. The others had provided themselves with dark brown and chestnut Arabians.

The country through which they had to pass was typical desert, tolerably level at first, but with low-lying mountain ranges in the distance. Some of these mountains the road into Mesopotamia avoided by going around them. For the most part the land was shrubless, with an occasional oasis fringed with palms. By midnight they had covered eight parasangs of the nearly forty that lay between Damascus and Palmyra, before they lay down to rest near the horses, which had been staked out for the night.

The second day proved hot and wearisome. Desert travel soon became monotonous. Sometimes they trotted for miles on a road that was tolerably straight, though often rough and stony; occasionally they wound through hill country almost totally devoid of vegetation but by no means so steep and precipitous as that which Benoni had traveled through after leaving Jerusalem.

In the daytime the blazing sun streamed down upon the dust-covered riders; it beat unmercifully, too, upon their noble steeds, whose steaming flanks were flecked with foam. Towards evening the air cooled slightly, and a little later the Syrian stars twinkled down upon them and brought a pleasing sense of tranquillity and peace. On and on they traveled—mile after mile—across a hard plain, barren or producing only sapless shrubs or low thin grass.

At the end of the fourth day they saw in the dim distance, in the midst of a fertile oasis, the renowned caravan city of Palmyra, which stood about midway between Damascus and Doura on the Euphrates. Palmyra was a Syrian desert center of sufficient importance only a few years before to have been dedicated to Tiberius, the Roman

emperor, and Germanicus and Drusus by a commander of the famed Tenth Legion.

Benoni was glad of the rest that Palmyra afforded. Here were to be found the chief luxuries of the ancient world, jewels, pearls, silks, perfumes—a city whose caravan trade was becoming enormously profitable, for it flowed between Damascus and Antioch, on the one hand, and the great cities along the Tigris and the Euphrates anw, indeed, as far as to the Persian Gulf, on the other. Its delightful tree-shaded central avenue, with minor streets to left and right, reminded Benoni of Damascus—and Hermione. Indeed, he found it difficult to get the designing girl out of his thoughts, much as he tried to do so.

His fellow travelers, however, were eager to be on their way again, for they wanted to reach the Euphrates as soon as possible and thence strike northward to Edessa, their destination. It was, therefore, only with difficulty that Benoni was able to persuade Orodas, leader of the group, to remain till the following afternoon.

Thirty-three hours after they got into their saddles, they reached Aracha. There they rested for a little; then, having fed and watered their horses, they once more headed eastward. In two days they had passed pretty well through the sandy desert and the low mountain ranges that separated Palmyra from Doura on the Euphrates.

Scarcely two hours' ride out of Doura, as they were descending the last range of hills that rose somewhat abruptly from the level plain, there came a sharp turn in the road. Just at this point there suddenly swept down upon them, as swiftly as an eagle swooping down on its easy prey, three fast-riding horsemen, fierce tribesmen who infested the low hills near the end of the trade route, and attacked them viciously before the travelers were aware of it, and before the military escort, walking their horses leisurely some distance in the rear, had time to

rush forward and drive off the attackers.

In the short skirmish which followed, clubs and lances were used freely. Shapur, brother of Irdes, and Benoni were knocked off their horses, and their lives saved only by the prompt arrival of the soldiers, who quickly put the tribesmen to flight and drove them back to their native fastnesses in the hills. A glancing blow on the side of the head had rendered Benoni unconscious. Fortunately Shapur, likewise stunned by the heavy fall, was more frightened than hurt. Ordes picked up the still senseless form of Benoni, from the side of whose head he washed off a little stream of blood as it trickled down his right temple. Less than half an hour later, however, he was able to set him upon his horse again.

"What a lucky escape," said Benoni, as he found himself once more on the strong back of his Persian steed, "to have lost nothing more than a little blood when my very head might easily have been split wide open."

"It was certainly a quick and savage attack," replied Ordes, "but the lazy soldiers were altogether to blame. They should not have ridden so far in the rear. They ought to have known how dangerous these hills are to travelers."

A few minutes after dusk they reached Doura, about twenty miles from where the Chaborus, flowing down from the north, joins the main river. It was not till after they had reached that river-city that Benoni learned that he had lost more than a few drops of blood in the recent encounter; for when he went to a khan to wash and refresh himself after his long and wearisome ride across the Syrian desert, he discovered that in the skirmish one of the tribesmen had evidently reached beneath his tunic and, seeing a leathern girdle about his body, had hastily cut it away with a sharp knife and made off with it.

Gone was his girdle, and gone with it the precious gems it contained! How the bandit failed to see the second girdle Benoni never knew and could never explain. In his hurry to get away and save his own life, the robber had evidently seen only the one. Benoni's wealth was over half gone and—worst of all—there was no hope of recovering it.

It would take too long to tell Benoni's wanderings during the next few months. His fellow travelers bade him farewell after a day spent at Doura, for they turned at once north towards Edessa, famous for its temple and its citadel, below which stood a double pool full of fish sacred to Atargatis. After remaining a few days in that city, Benoni felt impelled to be on the move again, chiefly because of the turbulent times under the Parthian king, Artabanus II, whose excessive cruelties had doubtless been in consequence of his early education among the barbarous Dahan nomads.

Before long, Benoni had crossed the flat valley between the Euphrates and

the Tigris and had arrived at Hatra, scarcely fifteen parasangs south of ancient Nineveh. This desert stronghold in Mesopotamia owed its existence, its importance, and what prosperity it had to the caravan trade of Parthia. Its stout, thick, circular wall was pierced by four gateways. Inside the most notable building was the Temple of the Sun, in which the piety of successive generations had accumulated vast treasures.

At Hatra Benoni gave himself up once more to unrestrained license and gaiety—feasting, gaming, drinking the strong wine made from the large dates which grew near the ruined city of Babylon, and otherwise aping the vices which the Greeks and the Romans had introduced.

Oftentimes, in imitation of petty monarchs, the gay and wealthy youth of the city beguiled the midnight hours with dice, sometimes playing for high stakes. It was on one such night that Benoni, having indulged too freely in strong date wine, wagered one of his blue sapphires on a single throw of the dice—and lost! What a fool he had been, he thought the next morning on waking, as he rubbed his bloodshot eyes still heavy with slumber. And the swift recollection of his folly angered him.

Weeks later found him at the site of the ruins of ancient Nineveh, because of a curiosity aroused while still a boy living with his father among the Idumean hills. The vast extent of the ruins amazed him, for the circuit of the walls was nearly eight miles, walls which Ninus had made a hundred feet high and so wide that three chariots could drive abreast thereon. Everywhere huge mounds of earth were visible, the two highest about a half mile apart and now furrowed by ever deepening ravines. This was all that remained of the once famed capital that had been captured by the Medes and Persians under Cyaxares and Nebopolassar more than six centuries before.

South, along the wooded banks of the Tigris, wandered Benoni, always in company with other travelers. He journeyed past the ruins of Assur, thence on to Ctesiphon, on the left side of the river, where the Parthian king was wont to pass the winter months, delighting in its most excellent air. Crossing over to Seleucia, he traversed the valley of Mesopotamia at its narrowest point and from there rode south to visit the remains of far-famed Babylon.

There before him in the distance lay the ancient ruins, dismal and desolate. It was easy to see that Babylon must have been immensely larger than Nineveh, for it had been a city with a hundred gates and a circuit of between forty and fifty miles. Through the center had run the great Euphrates, dividing the city in half.

What a gorgeous city it must have been, thought Benoni to himself, at the height of its glory—with its pleasure grounds and hanging gardens towering at least seventy-five feet high; its im-

mense shrine occupied by three colossal golden images of Bel and Beltis and Ishtar; its enormous palace, larger even than the huge temple; its triple wall surrounding the palace, the outside one enclosing all these and guarding them, yet protected by a wide and deep moat being nearly seven miles long; and, beyond, its gigantic walls of unusual strength and thickness and vast height, surmounted by two hundred and fifty low towers. But now, what deep silence, what magnificent ruins, what desolation!

After several months more of wandering up and down the Mesopotamian valley, Benoni arrived once more at the capital city of Ctesiphon. He did not wonder that the Parthian king had chosen it for his winter residence, for it was a marvellously beautiful city, with a pleasant location on the east bank of the Tigris, where it commanded a splendid view of the surrounding country. Here he renewed acquaintance with several whom he had met there on his earlier visit. Some of these were military officers of the king's guard.

Chief among Benoni's friends was Hormuz, a young Parthian military officer who claimed he had noble blood in his veins, an ardent lover of swift horses and a gambler by instinct. On one occasion, when Hormuz had a streak of ill fortune at the dicing table, he persuaded Benoni to lend him one of his shimmering pearls as a pledge for the payment of a small loan that he had been forced to make. Inwardly Benoni was hesitant to grant the request but found it difficult to refuse so gay a companion and so good a friend.

Fortunate it was that he did thus defy his better judgment, for not many days thereafter, as they were riding down the left bank of the river several miles below the city, a band of robbers swooped down upon them and before they knew it had stripped them both of all they possessed. It was not till later they learned that two young brothers of Antioch, who had strayed across the desert into Mesopotamia and suffered undeserved ill-treatment at the hands of their employers, had given up their trade and withdrawn to some marsh lands near the river, and decided thereafter to live by robbery. About them they had gathered a few needy youths, desperate and adventurous, and together decided to become the terror of the neighborhood.

Hormuz and Benoni were both badly bruised and scratched in the swift encounter. That was bad enough, but, so far as Benoni was concerned, worse than that was the fact that the robbers had plundered him of all his remaining gems and left him bleeding on the roadside without a solitary denarius to his name. About his waist was now only the mark made by his leathern girdle in which he always carried his precious burden of costly gems—emeralds, topazes, diamonds, and sapphires. What a cruel blow fate had dealt him!

(To be continued)

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

The Rev. Vincent Brushwyler and Family Leave Newark, N. J., for Muscatine, Iowa

The Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., held a number of farewell programs for their pastor, the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, and his family before their departure to Muscatine, Iowa, where Mr. Brushwyler has now become the pastor of the First Baptist Church, a church with a membership of 1559 persons.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, the annual business meeting was held at which the church also expressed its appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Brushwyler for their services during the past 10½ years. In May, 1931, when Mr. Brushwyler began his ministry, the membership of the Evangel Church was slightly under 200. Today it is 531, with 65 persons baptized and 12 received by letter during the past year. Total receipts at the beginning of his ministry were slightly over \$7,000, but for the past current year they will be considerably over \$23,000.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the church presented Mrs. Brushwyler with a lovely traveling bag, and the Men's League of the board of ushers presented Mr. Brushwyler with a beautiful wallet. Besides this, Dr. C. F. Dinger, chairman of the board of trustees presented the pastor with a lovely wrist watch in behalf of the church.

On Thursday evening, Jan. 8, the fifth annual winter concert of Evangel's orchestra was held, which was also in the nature of a farewell concert for Mr. Brushwyler, who served as the orchestra's conductor. On Friday evening, Jan. 9, a group of Christian organizations of Newark held a farewell gospel rally for Mr. Brushwyler at the First Reformed Church with Dr. William Ward Ayer of New York as the guest preacher. Musical features included numbers by the Rev. William Stroth of Passaic, the Salvation Army band, and the Rev. Winfield F. Ruelke, song leader.

On Sunday, January 18, Mr. Brushwyler preached in the pulpit of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn., in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Robert G. Lee in Chicago. He began his ministry in Muscatine on Sunday, Feb. 1st. The prayers of his many friends in the Evangel Church of Newark and the denomination at large will ascend to God's throne of grace for an outpouring of his blessings upon this servant of his in the new field of his labors. God speed, Brother Brushwyler!

Since the departure of the Brushwylers, the church has had a number of guest ministers, including Dr. John Bradburg, editor of "The Watchman-Examiner." The church is prayerfully awaiting God's guidance in choosing another pastor and shepherd.

Editor of "The Baptist Herald."



Mr. and Mrs. William Wengel of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at Their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Splendid Beginning for 1942 by the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has had a most gratifying number of its people in attendance at the various worship services. The Week of Prayer was observed in January despite the coldest weather which Milwaukee has had in fifty years.

The Youth Fellowship Hour is also well attended and is doing fine work under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. T. W. Bender. The church has adopted the Club Plan for the "Baptist Herald" and "Sendbote" beginning with Jan. 1, 1942.

The financial outlook of the church at this time looks hopeful. Everyone

Announcing Bible-Day

The second Sunday in March has been established as Bible Day for our denominational group.

Let us make of it a universal observance and thereby help in building the Kingdom.

Program material has been sent to all of our Sunday Schools to enable them to observe the day with its specific objective. The material is flexible so that a very brief program can be made supplemental to the regular order of the day, or can be extended over an hour or two if so preferred and which is the custom in some of the churches, some of them holding a combined service.

It is, of course, assumed that, in any event, an offering will be taken for our Bible and Colportage Fund.

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recognizes his responsibilities more keenly because of many spiritual blessings received. One family made a generous Christmas offering of five hundred dollars for which we are grateful. During the past 6 months four persons were added to our membership by baptism and six others by letter and confession. Still others are coming into our fellowship in the near future.

We wish to continue to praise God for his mercies and blessings.

M. DENOMME, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wengel of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

December, the time of year when all Christians rejoice, brought with it a very special day for the Wengel family of Milwaukee, Wis., a day never to be forgotten. Dec. 9th marked the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wengel of Milwaukee.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, the family and relatives celebrated the occasion. The Rev. Paul Wengel of Detroit, the oldest son, delivered a very touching and fitting message in the morning service at the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, of which the Wengels have been active members for about 48 years and of which the Rev. T. W. Bender is now pastor.

The beautiful floral pieces presented to the couple added much to the effectiveness of the worship service. On each side of the altar stood a large basket of gold and yellow chrysanthemums. These and many other bouquets received by the bridal pair brought them many hours of happiness.

In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Wengel received the good wishes and congratulations of their many friends, including the young Mayor of Milwaukee, the Honorable Carl F. Zeidler. God has certainly been gracious in sparing this devoted couple these many years to make it possible for their children to carry out the plans made in their behalf.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 10, Mr. and Mrs. Wengel were again honored in connection with the monthly fellowship night at the church, which was attended by about 200 people. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Quade, who celebrated their silver anniversary that same week, were also guests of honor. After an excellent supper served by the ladies of the church, we were favored with numerous well sung selections by a male quartet, of which Mr. Helmut Wengel is the leader and second bass.

The Ladies' Aid presented Mrs. Wengel with a large basket of flowers and a delicious, beautiful wedding cake, baked by one of the good women of the church. The congregation presented the couple with a picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ."

Another item, which is worthy of mention, is the guest book signed by everyone present and the cover of which was decorated by our own artist, Mr. Albert Tiemann. It is, indeed, a token to be treasured.

Reporter.

Days of Blessing and Victory in the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa

In November it was our great privilege in the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, to have had the Rev. P. G. Neumann, pastor of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., with us for a series of evangelistic meetings. The weather had been rather rainy for some weeks, and we approached the time for our services with some misgivings, but also with the prayer that we might be given weather that would make it possible for our people to attend.

God was very good to us in that we had the nicest weather imaginable. Mr. Neumann preached with much joy and in the power of the Spirit. Our people attended faithfully and in the spirit of prayer, and God richly blessed us during the services. God's own were strengthened in their faith, and some of those, who did not know the Lord, accepted him as their Savior. Others, while they had known and loved the Lord for some time, but had never followed him in the step of obedience, became willing now to do so.

As a result of these services, it was our privilege, in connection with our Watch Night service to see seven converts follow the Lord in baptism. Others were awakened and we are looking forward to them also following. Those baptized were to have been received into the church on the first Sunday of the year, but the January 1st snowstorm had so completely blocked all roads around Aplington that not one of them could come to church that day. However, they were received on the first Sunday in February.

C. FRED LEHR, Pastor.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

The Napoleon Church Begins the New Year by Welcoming Its New Pastor

As the year of 1941 became history, there was no happier group of people than the members of the Baptist Church of Napoleon, No. Dak. It was our privilege to welcome our first pastor, the Rev. Edward Kary, and his family to our midst.

The Rev. Karl Gieser of Bismarck was in charge of the evening program. He delivered a fine address to the church, showing the necessity of cooperation between members and the pastor and our duty towards God. The Wishek congregation and their pastor, the Rev. A. Ittermann, were also our guests.

After the sermon, greetings of welcome were extended by the visiting pastors, deacons and trustees of the church, president of the Ladies' Aid and Sunday School superintendent. Mr. and Mrs. Kary responded with interesting messages.

Shortly before midnight a brief prayer service was begun, which continued into the New Year. We extended our thanks to God in prayer for his leadership during these trying days of the immediate past.

ALEXZINE GRENZ, Reporter.

Successful Bible School of 114 Students in Venturia, North Dakota

A most successful Bible School was held in Venturia, No. Dak., from Dec. 29 to Jan. 2 under the able instruction of our state evangelist, the Rev. F. W. Bartel.

A devotional period preceded each session, which was led by our pastor, the Rev. A. Guenther. A group of 73 persons received credit cards. However, the lessons proved of such widespread interest that, in spite of below zero weather, the enrollment rose to 114 students.

Mr. Bartel gave us outlines based on the textbook, "Outlines of Bible History," which proved to us that our teacher spared neither time nor energy in the preparation of the lessons. These classes convened from 10:00 to 12:00 A. M. every day. Since it was during Public School Christmas Vacation, all the high school students were able to attend.

Besides the splendid Bible instructions, we were especially privileged to hear a very inspirational evangelistic message every night.

On New Year's Eve we had a Watch Night service. The first part of the evening was taken over by the young people, who gave a program of various musical numbers. The message by Mr. Bartel was followed by an hour of testimony and prayer, climaxed by two adult converts just as the bells tolled in the New Year.

Such was the closing of a week which we feel will have a far reaching influence in our church and bring to us many of God's blessings in years to come.

MRS. E. J. SCHRENK, Secretary.

Interim Pastors and Evangelistic Services in the Baptist Church of Chancellor, South Dakota

When we of the First Church of Chancellor, So. Dak., look over the past year, we must say that the Lord has been wonderfully good to us as a church. Being without a resident preacher since the first of April, we were very fortunate in securing pastoral help from time to time.

During April and May the Rev. A. G. Lang labored among us. His sound preaching and great Bible knowledge were an inspiration to all of us. Then for three months we had a student pastor from Sioux Falls College, Mr. Roger Fredrikson. He was a great friend of the young people and by standing squarely upon the Word of God he endeared himself to the church. During the Vacation Bible School several young people accepted Christ as their personal Savior and on the 17th of August 14 followed him in baptism and were given the hand of fellowship by the Rev. A. Ittermann of Emery, So. Dak.

From the 30th of November until the 7th of January we had with us evangelist and Mrs. R. P. Bronleewe, who made their home in a trailer house. Having had nice weather during these days, Mr. Bronleewe was privileged to preach to a full house with 200 to 225 persons every night. His sound and timely sermons, his great love for the

cause of Christ and his untiring efforts to win souls for his Savior have won him and his wife the hearts of the congregation and its many friends.

Their efforts were not in vain. On Jan. 7th Mr. Bronleewe had the joy of baptizing 11 converts and giving them the hand of fellowship with two others who joined the church. On New Year's Eve we had a Watch Night service. Although it was bitterly cold a goodly number was in attendance and we had a blessed time together.

At the present time we have a very capable young man, a student preacher, Mr. O. Anderson, who rightly divides the Word of God every Sunday night to a full house. We praise God for all these blessings and hope and pray that he will continue to bless and give us an under shepherd soon.

L. F. JACOBS, Reporter.

The Bismarck B. Y. P. U. Renders Various Inspiring Programs in Recent Months

On Sunday evening, Nov. 16, the young people of the Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak., presented a musical program consisting of instrumental and vocal selections and numbers by the church choir. A Thanksgiving Day program was given by our young people on Nov. 21, which was enjoyed by all.

On Nov. 29, a Memorial Program was given in honor of the late Rev. Bruno Luebeck. Various mission articles on his life were given, and selections by the Junior and Senior choirs were rendered, after which the Rev. A. Krombein, who had been a personal friend of the missionary, made a few statements concerning the personality of the Rev. Bruno Luebeck.

On Dec. 5 at the close of our general business meeting the wife of our pastor, Mrs. A. Krombein, capably presented a chalk talk on "The Narrow and the Broad Way," in which she brought out various interesting points concerning the road of life. This was very much enjoyed by everyone present.

Our Christmas program, which was given on Dec. 21, consisted of selections by the orchestra and by our two choirs. An appropriate reading, "The Birthday of Hope," was given by Dorothy Kluck, after which a vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Krombein was sung. Two dialogues were presented by various members. The offering of \$8.88 was forwarded to the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan.

Our officers for the coming year, who were elected Dec. 19, are as follows: president, Mrs. Reinhold Neuharth; vice-president, Mrs. Krombein; secretary and treasurer, Melita Sukut; reporter, Freda Kessler; and librarian, Melita Sukut. Our society has taken up 19 new members in the past 4 months and we are happily looking forward to the adventures of the year ahead of us. The organization of our orchestra, and Junior and Senior choirs must be accredited to the faithful labor of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Krombein, whose presence has been greatly enjoyed during the few months which they have already spent with us.

FREDA D. KESSLER, Reporter.

Review of Recent Activities in the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, North Dakota

Greetings! The young people of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, No. Dak., have been active during the past year, even though you have not heard from us often.

The B. Y. P. U. met every two weeks, taking charge of the evening service in English while our pastor, the Rev. G. W. Rutsch, was at our sister church in Alfred. We used the group system in dividing and presenting programs.

We, with the aid of Mr. A. F. Lehr, bought 100 copies of "The American Hymnal" for our church. "The Gleaners," a missionary group of the church, sponsored the building of a book case and library for the church. The new hymnals are placed in the new case at the front of the church. We, as young people, also contributed toward the building of these cases.

The Christmas program was given by the Sunday School directed by Mrs. Rutsch and the Sunday School teachers. At the last business meeting of the church it was decided that we have weekly prayer meetings on Wednesdays, one week in German and the next in English.

A fellowship chicken supper was held in the church basement on Monday, January 5, with 43 members and about 15 visitors attending. The theme of the program for the evening was "On to Victory" with the following program given: Mrs. A. K. Remboldt acted as toastmistress; prayer by the Rev. G. W. Rutsch; song, "On to Victory," by mixed quartet; 1st speaker, Walter Schmidt, "The Soldier"; solo by Cordeil Neumann; 2nd speaker, Mrs. Rutsch, "In Training"; girls' trio singing "America"; Mrs. E. J. Remboldt spoke on "Necessary Equipment"; instrumental duet by Mr. Rutsch and son, Alvin; Mrs. E. K. Remboldt talked on "The Battlefield"; instrumental solo by Patricia Stuhler; and the closing talk on "Success and Victory" by Mrs. Rutsch.

After the dinner the annual business meeting was held with the following officers elected for 1942: Walter Schmidt, president; Mrs. E. K. Remboldt, vice-president; Mrs. S. Kvien, secretary; Elsie Remboldt, treasurer.

We have not found topics for B. Y. P. U. programs to fit the needs of our large age group which ranges from 12 to about 50 years. Perhaps some of our friends may have some publication that has proven satisfactory in their church, about which they can tell us.

MRS. E. K. REMBOLDT, Reporter.

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New Year's Day Outing of the Anaheim Young People in the San Bernardino Mountains

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Good News from the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California

We have closed a year in the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., that will be memorable to all in this world of turmoil and strife. Our prayers are reverently offered for our boys who have been called into military service for their country that, with the ending of 1942, peace may again reign over the world.

Our Ladies' Aid, of which Mrs. Albert Felberg is president, is very active in every phase of missionary work. At Christmas, with Mrs. John Goehring as chairman, they sent boxes of "sweets" to 22 of our Baptist soldiers, as far as Alaska, Hawaii and many of the Eastern states. Up to date fifteen of the boys have responded with letters expressing their thanks to the women.

One of our young Ladies' Aid members, Mrs. Ted Reinicke, is conducting classes in free knitting instructions for two evenings a week for the young people of our church, at which time the knitting is being done for the Red Cross.

The B. Y. P. U. with Milton Grieser, retiring president, enjoyed a successful year due to his earnest leadership. It held its installation for the newly elected officers on Sunday evening, Dec. 28. They are Arthur Heinle, president; Irene Weigum, vice-president; La Rayne Engel, secretary; Levring Pfeiffer, treasurer; Bertha Melcher, pianist; Eleanor Martin, assistant pianist. Ushers are Milton Grieser, Frieda Melcher, Lavern Howen and Lorraine Erbele.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, after long anticipation, we were greatly honored with the presence of Clara and Paul Gebauer in our church. During the afternoon meeting, the Ladies' Aid presented them with an envelope containing money. The Girls' Guild presented Clara with a corsage of gardenias and red roses and Paul Gebauer, who was not forgotten by the Guild, received a boutonniere. Slides of much interest were shown of Africa, where they have been teaching at the services.

BERTHA MEYERS, Reporter.

Anaheim Young People Marvel at God's Wonders in Africa and the Nearby Mountains

The B. Y. P. U. of the Anaheim Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Cal., greet the other young people of our denomination through "The Baptist Herald." We would like to tell you a little about what has been happening in our society in the last few months.

During the evangelistic campaign held by the Kraft twins in our church recently, our young people gained a new foothold in their Christian life and are now going forward in better serving their Master.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14, we had the privilege of hearing Paul and Clara Gebauer speak to us on their work in Africa and also to see many interesting pictures. The young people of the Los Angeles 15th Street and Ebenezer Churches were invited to enjoy this afternoon with us, and a fine number of them turned out. An offering was taken for the Laura Reddig home in Africa, which, added to what we already had on hand, makes a total of \$108 given by our young people towards this project.

Many of our young people went lustily caroling in an open truck on Christmas Eve. After visiting the homes of some of the older people and the shut-ins, we stopped at one of our members' homes and partook of the refreshments that were waiting for us.

New Year's Day was one which we shall long remember. About 20 of our group enjoyed the day and night in the San Bernardino Mountains at Camp Ro-Ki-Li, about 76 miles from Anaheim. It was snowing when we arrived, and as it was the first time many of our group had ever seen snow actually falling, the day was doubly enjoyed. After we had been tobogganing and skiing awhile, a splendid meal was served in the lodge.

In the evening we sat around the glowing fireplace playing games, singing, and then having a devotional time ending up with a prayer circle, after which everyone retired to one of the cabins to sleep. We were pleasantly awakened in the morning by the sunshine streaming through the windows, and then, after eating a hearty breakfast, we hiked down the mountain slope to the place where the cars were parked and left for home.

RUTH ANNE URBIGKEIT, Reporter.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Victory Days at the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan

Someone has pictured the church "rushing through the ages as the winged thunderbolt of an everlasting enthusiasm, a thing without rival or resemblance and still as new as it is old." No one who has been with us in the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., recently can deny that this enthusiasm, or at least part of it, has been ours in these recent years.

Can you imagine about 1100 people in our church singing praises to God for a whole hour? That is what happened in our church last month, after our pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann, had preached a stirring message on "Things that Cannot be Shaken" before a full house, and then had asked the members of our church to go down into the basement in order to make room for the guests who joined us for our "Hymn Sing." There they came hundreds upon hundreds, filling every nook and corner. What a singing that was! It, indeed, was a foretaste of heaven.

Have you ever been in our services? If you have, you will recall feeling like the two seminary students from Rochester, who have been with us recently, one hailing from "the Sunny South" and the other from "the North," but each one stating he felt perfectly at home. You see it is like this, we have English, Scotch, Irish, Swedish, Dutch, Belgians, Germans, Rumanians, Hungarians and almost, as one might say, a regular "League of Nations" in our church, and yet we are all one in Christ, for he is the Head of the church.

God has greatly enriched us with his blessings so that we have been able to send \$2000 to our denominational Mission Fund and also support five missionaries outside of our church. Almost every Sunday night, upon the invitation of our pastor, we have persons come forward for salvation or consecration. Our prayer meetings of which we have two, one in German and the other in English, are almost always well attended and it is here that many battles are fought and many blessings received.

On New Year's Eve, when the people of the world were out celebrating in their worldly way, members and friends of our church were having a most blessed and wonderful time in the Lord at our Watch Night service. One of the most impressive parts of our meeting was testimony time. It seemed as though everyone who praised God for his wonderful help and guidance in the past year also expressed a feeling of unworthiness of it and a desire to do more for Christ in the future. Several young ladies, who had been saved recently, followed the Lord in baptism. We were also privileged in having the Liberal Avenue Baptist Tabernacle, a branch of our church, join us in this service and they presented a very appropriate New Year's play.

Reporter.

Many Activities of the Bethel Guild Girls of Detroit, Michigan

The Guild girls of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., consecrated an evening of music to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts on Friday evening, Jan. 16. With Psalm 98 as their standard, each girl displayed the talent that was given her.

Our program was introduced most beautifully, with organ selections by our organist, Mrs. B. H. Zannoth. This was followed by an inspiring song service, led by our sponsor, Mrs. V. H. Rocho; the welcome by Miss Ruth Keppler; scripture reading by Miss Lydia Hammel; and prayer led by Mr. Palmer Graf.

The artists taking part included Miss Audrey Zannoth, Mr. Elmer Wengel, Miss Ruth Sauer, Miss Natalie Zannoth, Mrs. Bernice Weidler, Mrs. Mary Burns, and Mr. Milton Semrau.

Miss Lorraine Neumann, our treasurer, gave the audience an insight into what the girls have done and of their aims for the future. We believe you would enjoy knowing this too, so we bring her words to you:

"Many of you possibly wonder just who the Guild Girls are and what they have accomplished in their organization. We are a group of girls 16 years and over and are the junior Ladies' Aid. Our goal has been to lend a helping hand both in and outside of our church.

"Each thanksgiving we have given a complete dinner to some family and at Christmas time we distributed cheer baskets and also caroled to the sick and aged. As part of our outside work, we have taken dolls and toys to the Children's Hospital here in our city.

"As mentioned before, we are part of the Ladies' Aid, or in other words, the Ladies' MISSIONARY Society. So this year we have decided to do more

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Our Guild Chorus, in which 17 girls participated, was led by Ruth Rocho. Their selection was entitled, "Keep Us in Thy Care." The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. P. G. Neumann of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, thus terminating our program.

We would also like you to meet our sponsor, Mrs. V. H. Rocho, whose untiring efforts rendered our program a blessing to many.

WINIFRED BRUCKS, Rec. Secretary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

A Review of God's Blessings in the Baptist Church of Munson, Pennsylvania

Munson is still on the map! Although the readers of "The Baptist Herald" have not heard from us for a long time, we wish to assure you that we have been busy working for the Lord during the past year.

The year was ushered in with a Watch Night service under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. George Zinz, Sr. Then followed "Prayer Week." Each evening of that week was spent in prayer at the various homes.

Besides the regular scheduled programs of Bible Day, Children's Day, Harvest Home, and Christmas, the young people gave an impressive candle light service on the Sunday evening before Christmas.

Then, remembering the great need for child evangelism and religious training, we held a Daily Vacation Bible School for two weeks. It was attended by many children of the community, some from other denominations. As the fruits of this work, several children accepted Christ, although they have not been baptized.

We had two weeks of evangelistic services in October. We were fortunate to have missionary Harling with us for the first two evenings. The Rev. Mr. Clark, pastor of the neighboring English Baptist Church at Phillipsburg, Pa., was our speaker for the remainder of the two weeks.

Our Sunday School is well attended. We are making plans for building an extra room to be used by one of our large classes.

Mr. Zinz conducts the morning worship service in the German language while the evening service is in the English language.

We are sorry to have lost some of our young people because of work, school, or marriage which took them elsewhere, but that seems to be the fate of country churches. However, we thank God that they are serving their Master wherever they are.

We are especially grateful to God for having sent us such a splendid leader as we have in Brother Zinz. We receive many blessings through God's Word as preached, and taught, and lived by him.

MRS. HENRY LITKE, Reporter.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Special Program Held at the Bethel Baptist Church of Alberta

On Sunday evening, Dec. 21, we as young people of the B. Y. P. U. of the Bethel Baptist Church near Carbon, Alberta, held our Christmas program under the leadership of our president, Mr. David Gieck.

The program was opened by a short song service and scripture reading by Mr. Gieck, and Mr. Emil Ohlhauser led in prayer. Our president then gave a short welcome speech. We listened to a recitation and the choir rendered two Christmas songs. A dialogue, "Modern Wisemen," directed by our president, was enjoyed by all. We were also favored with a piano solo while the offering was being taken and Ted Neher brought the closing prayer.

ADELIN MARTIN, Reporter.

Festive Christmas and New Year's Season at the Camrose Baptist Church

The Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, Canada, enjoyed a well arranged program during the Christmas and New Year's season. These are a few of the highlights. On Christmas Eve the children of the Sunday School presented a festive program. The comely decorations within the church added considerably to usher in the spirit of Christmas.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 28, a chorus consisting of fourteen girls dressed in white assisted the pastor, the Rev. Rubin Kern, in a most effective candle light service entitled, "Star Over Bethlehem." This service reached its climax as the chorus sang softly in the German language, "Stille Nacht," followed by the recession of the chorus carrying their candles to the triumphant tune of "Joy to the World."

On the evening of Dec. 31st the young people of the church, under the direction of Mrs. R. Kern, with Miss Clara Brickman at the piano, rendered the main part of the Watch Night program in presenting the pageant, "Silent Night." The well arranged background, the costumed characters and soft lighting, as also the realistically prepared manger scene created the proper atmosphere so that the "Spirit" which was ushered in on Christmas Eve was also carried over into the New Year. An hour of fellowship and devotion concluded this impressive service.

RUBEN KERN, Pastor.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske by the Freudental Church of Alberta

The Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske and family were guests of honor at a reception in the Freudental Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta, Canada, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 31.

A program, with Mr. J. J. Ohlhauser, first deacon of the church, in charge, opened with song, scripture and prayer, after which representatives of the different branches welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Fenske into their

December 13th marked the closing service for the year 1941. A short program was given, music being supplied by the orchestra. We were especially glad to have several of the students of the Christian Training Institute in our midst. They rendered a few extra musical numbers and helped along with the orchestra. After the refreshments, the Rev. F. W. Benke took charge of the Watch Night service and the New Year was ushered in with prayer and thanksgiving.

LEONA R. SCHEELER, Reporter.

The Morris Church Begins the New Year With Unusual Promise for the Future

It was a great privilege to have had our promotional secretary, the Rev. A. Husmann, as an instructor at our Bible School here in Morris, Manitoba, Canada, from Dec. 1 to 5. The subject which he taught in the forenoons was "Baptist Principles." His afternoon subject was "The Ideal Sunday School." We surely appreciated his fine sense of humor and the splendid Christian fellowship which we dared to share with him. Our pastor, the Rev. H. Schatz, gave us an excellent treatise on the book of Colossians. His other period was taken up with instruction on singing.

A full program brought by individuals and troops of happy, smiling children together with our pastor and the choir made Christmas Eve of this year a memorable one. Our offering for the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., amounted to \$35.00.

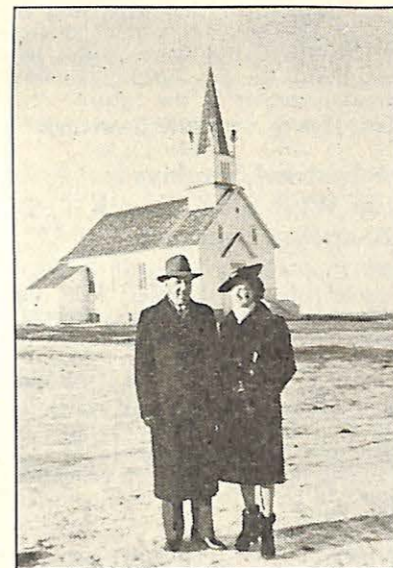
The week between Christmas and New Year's Day was a busy one in which all business was balanced and the books closed. This year we had a net credit balance of \$1100 on our church books and therefore have decided to become self-supporting. We thank God by whose grace these things have become possible.

Our annual "Family Afternoon" was probably one of the finest we have ever had. It followed immediately on the New Year's Day service and was held in the church basement. The band, led by Mr. Waldemar Rempel, played the opening and closing numbers. Mr. E. S. Walters gave the introduction and read the scripture. Mr. R. Bergstresser led in prayer after which the Paschke brothers quartet sang.

Brief and interesting reports were given by the following: Mr. Dyck for the Sunday School, Ida Hoffman for the Junior Church, Fred Zielke for the B. Y. P. U., Mrs. M. Lohr for the Ladies' Missionary Society, Mr. Rapske and Mr. Paschke for the church proper. The Paschke sisters sang a beautiful selection as a double quartet. After this Mr. Janzen spoke a few words of appreciation to our pastor and his wife and presented Mr. Schatz with an envelope with the assurance of the wholehearted support of the church.

Then Mrs. Dyck in her quiet but earnest and kindly way expressed the thanks from the Ladies' Aid to Mrs. Schatz and from the Ladies' Bible Class to Mrs. Lohr, and presented Mrs. Schatz with a 32 piece silver service set and Mrs. Lohr with a silver flower basket filled with roses from these two organizations.

IDA J. HOFFMAN, Reporter.



Rev. and Mrs. Ruben Kern of Camrose, Alberta

new work in the church and community.

The deacons spoke fitting words of welcome on behalf of the church. The Sunday School superintendent voiced the welcome sentiments of the school. The presidents of the Ladies' Missionary Society and the B. Y. P. U. also brought brief messages of good will. The director of the choir spoke in behalf of the mixed choir and promised to stand behind their new pastor and help to spread the gospel in song.

Other items on the program included 3 numbers from the mixed choir, a duet and quartet. To all these warm welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Fenske responded most heartily. This being the Watch Night service, we re-assembled again after a church lunch, and the Rev. E. S. Fenske brought us a stirring message. With prayerful hearts we entered into the new year.

CHRIS. HARSCH, Reporter.

Annual Report of the B. Y. P. U. of the Wiesenthal Church of Alberta

The year 1941 is now completed and with it another successful year has ended for the Wiesenthal B. Y. P. U. of Alberta, Canada. With 6 new members enrolled, we now have a membership of 65. Twenty meetings were held, each one being very inspiring.

A better understanding of God's word was gained by studying the book of Philippians during several of our meetings.

Then one evening, after returning home, the members of our society who had attended the Christian Training Institute last winter, gave us a glowing account of their studies and activities. On Easter Sunday a play, "So Pilate Washed His Hands," was rendered under the directorship of our president, Arthur Smith. This same play was given shortly afterwards in the neighboring First Church of Leduc and the Edmonton Church.

On Dec. 16 our annual meeting was held. Officers elected were Arthur Smith, president; Louis Ertman, vice-president; Lydia Affolder, secretary; Leona Scheeler, assistant secretary; and Ralph Smith, treasurer.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Annual Women's Missionary Union Report of the Emanuel Church of Oklahoma

Once again we of the Women's Missionary Union of the Emanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., are grateful that the Lord has been so gracious to us during the past year 1941.

During the year we held ten meetings which were fairly well attended. Our present membership is 21 active members. Our programs have been of a varied nature, consisting of a "Bible Study Course" and articles taken from "The Baptist Herald" and "Missions" magazine.

We have purchased several articles for our church kitchen this year. We sent \$25 to headquarters for the Centenary Offering, and have remembered the Old People's Home, and Children's Home with appropriate gifts. We have contributed to both home and foreign missions and also remembered the sick with flowers.

We were, indeed, happy to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. William Sturhahn,

our new pastor and his wife, into our midst in December to guide us as a church. With God's ever present help from above, we are looking forward to great blessings in the future.

MRS. HARRY STEBENS, Secretary.

Two Festival Sundays in the West Side Church of Beatrice, Nebraska

Two Sundays of unusual rejoicing were celebrated by the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., recently. On Jan. 11 eleven persons followed the Lord in baptism upon their profession of Christ as their Savior. At the communion service immediately following six of the eight others, who have recently united with us by letter and statement, joined the eleven baptismal converts in receiving the right hand of church fellowship.

Sunday, Jan. 18, climaxed a year of hopes, loyalty and sacrifice in the dedication of a roomy and bright church basement. Much needed in the teaching service, and much longed for on other occasions, the members and friends began in January, 1941, to lay aside one penny each meal toward purchasing the building materials.

In Spring the men began to work evenings and on Saturdays and continued through the Summer and Fall. Just before cold weather set in, the outside work was finished and the remaining weeks saw the virtual completion of the inside work. The general mission society made a modest but much valued grant. Friends in the community helped and God gave the blessing.

So this small church, although without resources for the first "mile," was willing to set out like Abraham of old, "not knowing whither," especially not how far it would be able to go. But within the year's time it was able to complete and dedicate to the Lord, who blessed the effort, an enlargement valued modestly at \$1500, practically complete and without debt. Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., was present for the occasion and a good attendance marked the dedication services.

A. G. RIETDORF, Pastor.

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Farewell Reception Is Held for the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary at Durham, Kansas

A farewell reception was held for the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary and family in the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kans., on Sunday evening, December 28.

An unusual large attendance was present for the evening service to hear Mr. Kary bring his closing message to the church. After this inspiring message, our superintendent, Mr. David Zimmerman, took charge of the program which had been arranged for the occasion. A mixed quartet rendered an appropriate number. The visiting pastor, the Rev. John Broeder, from the Ebenezer Church at Elmo, gave a brief address of recognition.

Our Senior deacon, Mr. John Frick, spoke in behalf of the church. He commended our pastor and his wife for the faithful and loyal service they had rendered this church during the five and one-half years of their ministry here. He also extended best wishes to them for much success and for God's richest blessings on their new field in the Baptist Church of Napoleon, North Dakota.

The Sunday School, Ladies' Missionary Society, King's Daughters and Girls Guild were represented by their respective leaders. As a special token of appreciation, Mr. and Mrs. Kary were presented with a beautiful clock by the King's Daughters and with two very fine woolen blankets by members and friends of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kary responded with warm words of gratitude to all for the tributes and good wishes extended to them. MRS. JACK GEIS, Reporter.

The Pin Oak Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri, Holds Evangelistic Meetings

The Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo., was privileged to have the Rev. Phil. Potzner of Marion, Kans., to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings from Dec. 2 to 12 in our church. God granted us good weather and the meetings were well attended. We are happy to report four conversions and one addition by confession.

Praise the Lord for all his blessings! It is the Lord who has kept our church in his loving care and has not permitted it to discontinue during these changing times and moments of discouragement. We hope he will continue to help us to go on unto the day of Christ's return.

Our church has always been giving members to other fields of service. Many of our former members, who have gone out to other parts of Missouri or other states, have become great instruments for the cause of Christ in the various churches of our country. They have not forgotten the church of their childhood and occasionally visit it and pray with us and give us comfort.

Soon after the organization of our church by the Rev. August Rauschenbusch on July 4, 1855, who also was its first pastor, the little flock was asked to let its shepherd go to a greater field of service for the Master, to our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. Much as they needed his pastoral care, the members were willing to say, "Lord, thy will be done." Mr. Rauschenbusch, as well as the small group gave it deep and prayerful consideration, and he let the call be repeated before he fully decided to lead them. Before he actually left, he sincerely instructed them in the Word of God. He drew up a church covenant which they accepted, and advised them soon to have a meeting house, for up to that time the meetings had been held in the homes of members and most of them in his own home.

The John Henry Leimkuehler family, (grandparents of the writer of this article), then members of the church, had built a new house on their first dwelling, a one room log cabin, that was vacant. This little log cabin became the first church building until 1869, when a new building on Pin Oak Creek was dedicated.

The church has had its flourishing days. There were days of joy, but there were also days of sorrow. God called many a faithful member home. Oh, how they were missed! Then from time to time families of the church moved to other sections of the country, and the various disturbances of the time added often to discourage those left behind to carry on. But never in the entire history of 86 years of the church have its doors been closed for the Lord's service.

May the Lord continue to bless our little Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church in Mt. Sterling, Gasconade County, Mo., on one of the Ozark Hills, still overlooking the historic Pin Oak Creek, as did its first building, a one room log cabin which also stood on a hill overlooking the same creek, though some few miles up its course from the present site!

RIEKA LEIMKUEHLER, Reporter.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK C. JORDAN of Burlington, Iowa

Our faithful member and friend, Frederick Chris Jordan, was called to his reward on the 13th of January, 1942, at the age of 83. He was born in Germany on Feb. 21st in the year 1858, and as a very small boy came to our city where he was baptized on confession of his faith on his twelfth birthday in a nearby stream. In years of service as a member he was the oldest of the local church group, since he had served for nearly 72 years in the various offices that were entrusted to him.

The following children mourn his passing: Augusta, a daughter, who has served as missionary in our denomination for years; Mrs. E. A. Kohrs of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Mrs. W. J. Zenk of Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. Carl F. Jordan of Des Moines, Iowa, who had also served for years as medical missionary on the foreign field; and Rudolph Jordan, a teacher in the local school. One brother, Arthur, as well as 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren also remain. It was on last 28th of September that our Brother Jordan and his good wife, also a loyal member of this Church, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa.

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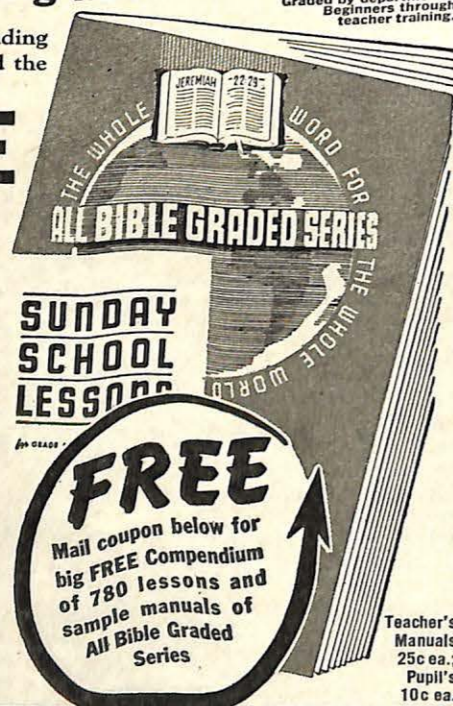
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A Visit to the Navy

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Do You Know That...?

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

1. Approximately 40 churches of our denomination still use the single cup at the fellowship communion services.
2. Private Henke, the first American soldier of the new A. E. F. to land in Ireland, was born of a German father whose last admonition to his soldier boy was a stern challenge to do his duty.
3. According to the denominational figures for 1941; 72 out of every 100 baptized in our churches came from our Sunday Schools. Let teachers take notice.
4. One young married couple at Burlington drives 32 miles each way, many of these miles over dirt roads, to go to church each Sunday. Quite often they make the trip twice a day. Another couple walked nearly four miles through mud on foot and then drove nine more miles each way to attend the services. But there are also those who live around the corner who cannot attend church because it looks like rain.
5. The Federal Council of Churches recommends the giving of blood for blood banks as "a Christian Act" and claims that these unknown donors cannot be accused of "Giving alms before men to be seen of them."
6. One of our seminary professors last summer gave 50 addresses in the course of his journey throughout our denomination, but only one sermon was in German with 49 given in the English language.
7. The Greenland Hills Baptist Church of Dallas, Tex., has offered space on their own grounds to the civilian defense officials for the construction of a community air raid shelter. They intend to grant not only spiritual refuge but physical as well.
8. Spain has declared that all Protestant Schools now be closed, and that all Protestant Churches closed during the Civil War are not to be reopened.
9. The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., reports having an 84 year old member who has been a member of the church for 71 years.
10. Many pastors wish they could summon up courage to put the following slogan on the bulletin board: "Sure, next Sunday this Church will be full of hypocrites, but come right in, there is always room for one more!"
11. We now have a total of 6580 subscribers to "The Baptist Herald," the largest subscription list in our history.

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