

Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia

BAPTIST HERALD

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The many friends of the Rev. and Mrs. Reuben P. Jeschke of the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, O., will be delighted to know that they have taken a little four year old boy for adoption into their home. As Mr. Jeschke wrote: "He is a blond, little fellow and seems to fit in very well. His name is Paul, which happens to fit well with our name."

● The Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Peter Geissler, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his services in the Avon Church early in July, succeeding the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Jamestown, No. Dak., at present the evangelist for the Dakota Conference.

● Mrs. O. G. Graalman of Okeene, Okla., was recently elected president of the Oklahoma Federation of Music Classes at its convention held in Muskogee, Okla. She is active in many ways in the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, of which she and her husband are members. Mrs. Graalman is the daughter of the Rev. Joseph Scholz, a former pastor of the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., held special pre-Easter services for two weeks. Many were blessed by the messages brought by Dr. Billesen during the first week. The Rev. A. Bredy, pastor of the church, delivered the messages during the second week. "Many persons were reconsecrated to Christ and on Easter Sunday evening a baptismal service was held," according to the reporter, Ruth Mock.

● On Sunday evening, April 12, the cantata, "Redemption's Song," was sung by the choir in the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa. The choir was directed by Mr. Harry Johnson with Ruth Krueger serving as pianist. A large audience received the message in song with spontaneous enthusiasm. Solo, duet and trio selections were rendered by 12 individuals, supported by a large choir. The Rev. Paul Zoschke is the pastor of the church.

● The Rev. Leo F. Gassner of Gladwin, Mich., recently resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church near Gladwin and accepted the call extended to him by the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., Canada, where he will begin his pastorate about May 15. The Vancouver Church has become self-supporting by vote of the church



Miss Alice Kaaz of New Haven, Conn., the Efficient Secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, About to Enter an American Airlines Flagship on a Trip from New York to Chicago

on April 12. In Vancouver Mr. Gassner will succeed the Rev. E. S. Fenske, now pastor of the Freudenthal Baptist Church near Carbon, Alta.

● Recently the Jeffers Baptist Church of Minnesota burned its church mortgage, so that the church now is debt free. The Sunday School is constantly growing and the attendance is now regularly about 100. The fine Easter Sunday offering for the missionary enterprise of the denomination amounted to \$64.00. Following Easter Sunday, April 5, meetings were held every evening for one week with the Rev. Leander Strotzman speaking. The Rev. John J. Johnston is pastor of the church.

● On Tuesday evening, April 14, the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held its Father's and Son's banquet in the church's dining hall with about 60 men and boys present. Mr. Kenneth Miller served as the able toastmaster introducing the various numbers and the speaker, Mr. Edward Ramsey of the Milwaukee Y. M. C. A. Mr. Arvid Pedersen of Racine, Wis., also gave a chalk talk. Mr. Adolph Baudisch, as president of the Brotherhood had a part in the program as well as the pastor of the church, the Rev. Frank Veninga.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., of which the Rev. Paul Wengel is pastor, has called Mr. Lawrence Wegner, a student at Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill., to serve in the church during the summer months, beginning with May 31st. Mr.

Wegner will direct the Vacation Church School, serve as pulpit supply in Mr. Wengel's absence, and work among the young people. He is a member of the Gladwin Baptist Church of Michigan and has been rendering an appreciated service in the First German Baptist Church of Chicago during the school year.

● On Tuesday evening, April 21, the Men's Brotherhood of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., enjoyed the unique program presented at their monthly meeting by the members and pastor of a nearby Negro Baptist Church. The program consisted mostly of spirituals, which were sung with great emotional fervor. The president, Mr. Charles Meier, was in charge of the meeting. Recently the men of the Brotherhood finished digging out the rest of the basement for an enlarged church hall, working two nights a week at the job. The Rev. Roy L. Schlader is pastor of the church.

● Mr. Vernon Ekrut, formerly the council member of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union representing the Southern Conference, is now stationed in Washington, D. C., where he is employed by the accounting department of the Federal Government. Miss Helen Kincannon and he were married on Jan. 29th at the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas with Dr. C. H. Seecamp officiating. He is the oldest son of the late Rev. H. Ekrut of the Cottonwood Church. Mr. and Mrs. Ekrut are now residing at 2314 Nineteenth St., Washington, D. C.

● The Rev. Fred Trautner of Benedict, No. Dak., is continuing his influential ministry with God's help on his extended mission field in Max, Benedict South, and Sawyer North. Four weeks of meetings in the Sawyer Station resulted in 3 confessions of faith in Christ. A Bible Day program was held in the two stations with an offering of \$33.50. Easter services were well attended in spite of snow and bad roads. Mr. Trautner wrote for the encouragement of all: "It is a religious privilege to live in these days of the world's history and to make history for the Church of Christ and our own lives in the power of His resurrection."

● The dedication of the new church building of the First Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alta., Canada, was held on Sunday, April 26, with festival programs in the morning and afternoon. Among the guest speakers were the Revs. F. W. Benke, former pastor, and E. P. Wahl of Edmonton. It is an entirely new church edifice, located on the gravel highway some

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Coming!

GLAD NEWS FOR SAD TIMES
In times like these the glad news of the gospel needs to be proclaimed with fearlessness of spirit and with winsomeness of love. Mr. Roy Seibel, the young pastor of the Strassburg Baptist Church of Kansas, sounds this note of Christian faith in a sermon for all to read.

A BRIGHT STAR IN GOD'S FIRMAMENT

The story of August Rauschenbusch, one of the notable pioneers of our churches and the first teacher in our seminary, is related by the Rev. Charles F. Zummach of Trenton, Ill., in another historical article that will impart invaluable information and inspiration to every reader.

ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!

Several very interesting letters from service men, who are members of our churches, have revealed that they are giving a good account of their loyalty to the government and that they are also endeavoring to give a faithful witness for Christ. These letters to be published will provide exceedingly interesting reading material.

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EDITORIAL

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Five Banner Days In Forest Park

EPOCH MAKING EVENTS were set in motion by several important denominational committees which met in Forest Park, Illinois, recently for five stirring days, which are bound to affect the life of our churches to the outermost reaches. These five days witnessed the charting of an important course for the year preceding the denomination's Centenary Jubilee.

The complete report of the sessions will be found in another part of this issue of "The Baptist Herald." The first day was reserved for the official program committee for the 1943 General Conference to be held in Philadelphia, Pa. The next three days belonged to the General Missionary Committee, which not only took care of routine business matters in missionary appropriations but which also wrestled with the larger problems of the spiritual life and missionary advancement of our churches. On the fifth day the General Council convened for a memorable session of prayerful and earnest planning.

It will be heartening news to our pastors and people to learn that several plans are already under way to increase the salaries of our woefully underpaid ministers. The darkness of discouragement in some homes will be dispelled by the light of new hope and cheer with the coming of these glad tidings. Our denomination forgets not its own servants!

The name of our General Conference has been changed to "North American Baptist General Conference." We shall have to become accustomed to the ring of these new words. We shall avoid endless misunderstanding in the circles, in which we move, by the immediate use of this descriptive term concerning ourselves as "North American Baptist General Conference."

A challenging spiritual program will be launched in the next few days to be known as the "Centenary Mission Project." Every church society and sectional young people's union will be urged to assume as large a share as possible in this program which calls for twenty important steps of spiritual advance in the days to come, supported by funds from the Centenary Offering. Do not fail to become acquainted with this plan.

We are on the threshold of an important year in our denominational history in the midst of historical upheavals in the world at large. These five days of committee sessions at Forest Park loom large because of God's wondrous ways of using small groups for the great things of his Kingdom. They were banner days in our denominational history!

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Dreams Are Dynamos

By

ROSALEE MILLS APPLEBY

Missionary in Brazil, South America.

(One of Several Inspiring Chapters in the Book, "Orchids and Edelweiss," Reprinted by Permission of the Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn.)



High Perched Castles Are Like Dreams That Call One to Greater Heights of Service.

*Dreams to hold high like a banner unfurled
Over a tired, disheartening world.*

—Revah Summersgill.

THE BOY dreamed a dream and the man discovered a continent. Columbus with his sea dreams walking the streets of Genoa, watching the men unfurl their white sails to the wind, finally planted his feet in a new world.

Ideals That Undergird Life

Balboa dreamed of a golden kingdom and hewed out a way across the mountains and valleys of Darien until one day he stood on a peak from where he peered through the hazy distance. On the faraway rim, he caught glimpses of a patch of blue, pale against a line of white. Later, in the full light of a new day, he saw the great Pacific that sweeps the shore of many countries. This was a greater discovery than the golden kingdoms of his imagination.

The visible is made out of the invisible. Dreams are not the gauze of butterfly wings but the stable substance out of which is built "the house of life." Oh, the splendor of dreams, shot through with the ideals that undergird life—dreams that gather on their wings the glory of the past and the greatness of the future!

If Moses had not held in his vision the vine-laden Promised Land, he would not have reached its borders later. He saw not the Red Sea nor Pharaoh's army but a God who could make a path in the sea. He feared neither desert nor famine, for his eyes were on One who could bring water from dry rocks and manna from heaven.

The invisible was visible to the spiritual eyes of this great leader.

If David had not kept a kingdom in his heart during the exile, he would have been utterly overcome by the years of waiting. If Joseph had not seen past prison bars, he would have been crushed by the seemingly ungrateful recompense for his noble stand. If Elijah had not contemplated a radiance beyond the veil, he would have lost grip on life during the time of famine.

Light For the Path Ahead

Dreams are wings on which man rises, woven as they are back in the past and reaching as they do out into the future. They plant roses across the barren plains and scatter sweet peas on life's pathway. They cull out the thorns and push back the thistles. They let the sunlight gleam through the grinding toil of every day and illumine the path ahead.

Jacob dreamed and the darkness was dispersed by a ladder reaching up to the lights above. His stone became an altar. His haunted road became the house of God; his deserted highway the gates of heaven. Joseph dreamed and his tent became a throne and the sheaves of the field his faithful subjects. Paul dreamed and the gospel started its triumphant march through Europe. Mary dreamed at the feet of Jesus and a life of alabaster sweetness was spread out before her. The virgin of Nazareth carried her white dreams to their fulfilment in a lowly corner of Bethlehem.

What must have been the dreams of God for the world in the brightness of that Eden morning

when he planted a paradise for the feet of man and wove a web of loveliness across all his creation! Then when this garden was marred by the sin of man, he gathered up the broken threads and started on a program of restoration. The wooing by tender cords of thousands of years tells its own story of the Father's efforts to win back mankind. This moving narrative culminated at Calvary.

The Golden Dreams of God

We catch glimpses of this dream of God for the world he made through the pen of the prophet and the song of the psalmist. It was an earth where men beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; where an arm was never lifted against a fellow man. It was a people ruled by love, not by hate; by co-operation, not by force. It was a government that existed for the welfare of its citizens; where the Prince of peace reigned and the power of righteousness was regnant. All mankind was one brotherhood. Every race worked for the common interest of others. Men lived to give and not to get.

Dedicated to Our Young People!

This issue of "The Baptist Herald" is dedicated especially to the young people of our churches, who are expressing themselves in their service for the Kingdom of God through the ministry of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

The president of the Union, Mr. Harold J. Petke, appears in the accompanying column of this page of "The Herald," and the picture of the secretary, Miss Alice Knaz, can be seen on page 2 of this same number. The vice-president is Mr. Walter Pankratz of Chicago, Ill.

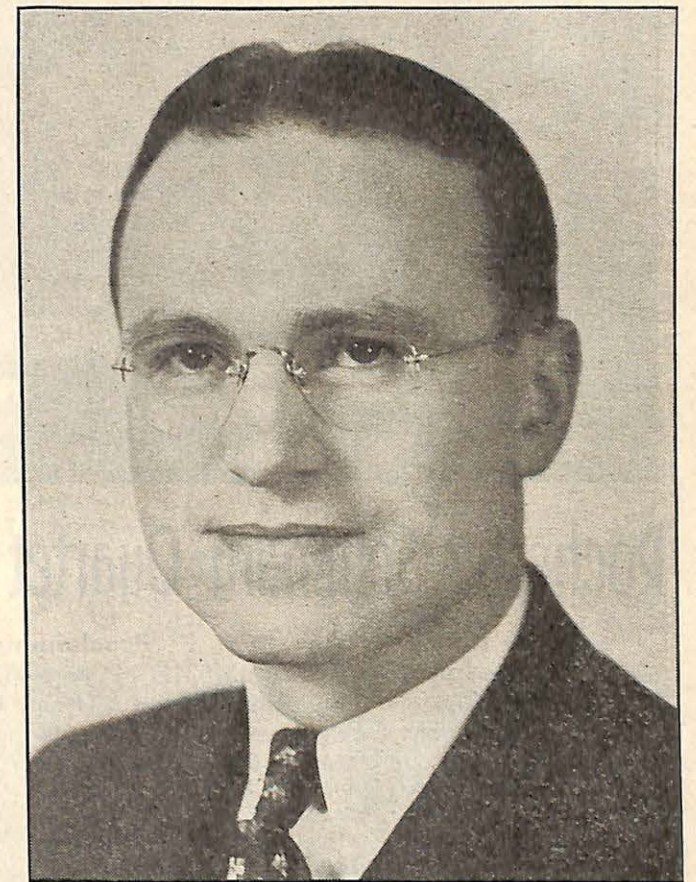
In this issue you will read a number of inspirational articles for young people, especially "Dreams Are Dynamos" by Mrs. Appleby, who has lifted the torch of Christian vision high for all young people to see. The announcement of the more than 20 assemblies, institutes, encampments and conferences, in which our young people will assume a major role of importance or will have complete charge, will be read with more than casual interest. A bird's eye view of our young people's work can be gained from a careful study of these pages.

M. L. LEUSCHNER, Exec. Secretary.

No one has portrayed more eloquently the beauty of this world that the Father hath willed for man than has the prophet Isaiah. He gathered up on his pen the golden dreams of God and gave them to us as an ideal and challenge. It was a vision of streams springing up in wilderness places, flowers covering barren plains, Sharon clothed with splendor, high roads through the earth trod by righteous men, the blind seeing, the deaf hearing, the lame leaping in gladness, the desert singing, pools of water in parched lands, the crooked places straight, the rough places plain, joy and gladness instead of sorrow and sighs, heralds of happiness leading on to Zion, and highways of holiness beat out for the coming King.

A Vision For Life

Think of the dreams that Christ has for the individual life! As we follow his teaching to the



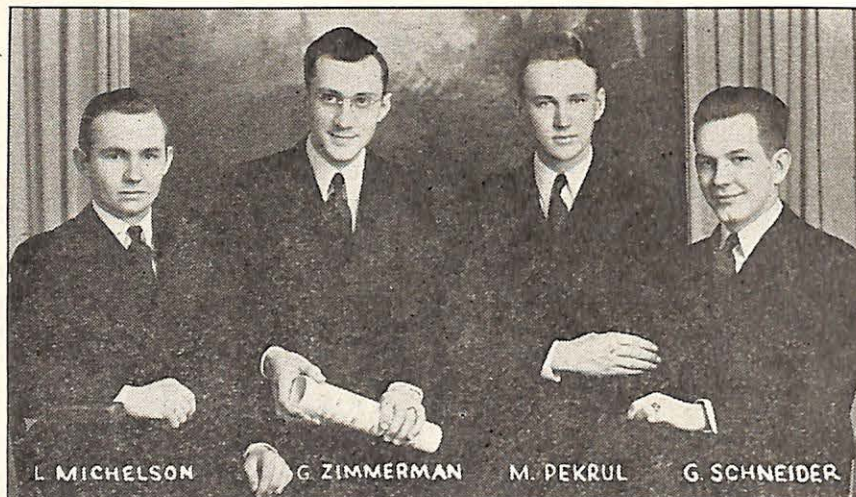
Mr. Harold J. Petke of Portland, Oregon, the Consecrated Leader of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union as Its President for the Triennium, 1940 to 1943, Whose Winsomeness and Leadership Service Have Won Him Hosts of Friends in All of Our Churches

disciples and multitudes through Palestine, on the mountain heights, by the seashore, near wayside wells, or on the dusty highways, gleams are caught of that gracious life he would have us live.

Many figures were chosen to picture the noble qualities that should clothe character: the trust of a little child, the confidence of a lily, the care-free faith of the birds, the fruitfulness of trees, the firmness of a house built on a rock, the loyalty of a light on its candlestick, the humility of the truly great, and the wisdom revealed in searching for goodly pearls.

Life is so linked up with dreams that a man cannot be separated from his inner vision. A shadow on the wall may give a faint picture of one's outer make-up, but to know a person's dreams is to have the contour of the soul. Dreams are not silhouettes but the warp and woof of character. When one's inner desires echo the dreams of God for his life, then all is well.

O matchless Weaver of beautiful dreams, help me to find thy vision for my life! Fulfill in me thy deepest desire to serve the world! Live through these frail hands and faltering lips! Let every deed be thy dream and each thought the stirring of thy truth within!



Rochester Seminary Quartet of 1942

Our Itinerary

By Lorenz Michelson

We as the seminary quartet of 1942 look forward to our summer missionary tour with great enthusiasm. After having spent many hours planning and preparing for this tour, we are now ready to submit our summer itinerary. The itinerary, which has been sanctioned by the faculty of our seminary, and which is also being favorably accepted by the many churches of our denomination, includes four conferences.

We shall begin with a visit to the Atlantic conference. The first concert will be given in Boston, Mass., on May 19, and the last one will be in Philadelphia, Pa., on June 14. The Southern Conference will be next on the list, beginning with Elberta, Ala., on June 18, and concluding in Donna, Texas, on June 30.

From there we shall proceed to Anaheim, Cal., and then continue on to Oregon and Washington, our final concert being that at American Falls, Ida., on July 29. Last but not least on the schedule will be a visit to the Montana and North Dakota churches, beginning at Missoula, Mont., on August 2, and ending at Grand Forks, No. Dak., on September 6.

The policy of the quartet this year is to sing and testify in every church, regardless of size, in each conference that will be visited. We feel that many of our smaller churches have been neglected in years gone by, and, therefore, it is the endeavor of the quartet this summer to reach all our smaller churches as well as some of the larger ones. In the course of the tour many pastorless churches and many who have not the means to support a pastor will be encountered. It will be our aim to serve these churches in every capacity possible.

Proclaiming the Savior

By Melvin Pekrul

Jesus said unto his disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to all nations." These gripping words challenged me as a young man and led me to consecrate my life to the service of the Lord.

Now at the completion of four years of training at the seminary, as one of his ambassadors, I am happy to say that we as a quartet have found open doors of service in the great work of his Kingdom. We, who labored diligently for months preparing for this great spiritual venture, are now ready to launch out into the widespread fields of our denomination.

In our attempt to glorify the Master in song, word, and deed, we hope that many will be enriched spiritually and inspired to greater service for him. May it also be our fortune to touch souls who know not the Master and bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Our brief Easter tour made us aware of the great service that can be rendered in visiting the shut-ins. Their true appreciation and warm response to our efforts has made us more determined than ever to carry on this kind of service throughout the summer, where time will permit.

In this missionary enterprise we also want to inform the many Christian friends of our denomination of the work of the seminary and of the vital part it plays in furnishing trained leaders for the great Kingdom work. We are carrying colored slides of the school with us, which we shall be glad to show on request.

As the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few, we shall be more than glad to furnish any young man, interested in entering the ministry, with catalogues and information concerning our seminary.

Building the Fellowship

By Gideon Zimmerman

From the teachings of Jesus we know that he expects us to be united in order to serve him best and to follow his guiding hand. In speaking to his disciples he said, "Abide in me, and I in you, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, so neither can ye, except ye abide in me." Jesus uttered this parable to reveal to his disciples the mystery of the vital, everlasting union between himself and them, in order to bring forth much fruit in his service.

Who's-Who in the Quartet

LORENZ MICHELSON—First Tenor—Home, Martin, North Dakota—Class of 1944.
MELVIN PEKRUL—Second Tenor—Home, Southey, Sask.—Class of 1943.
GILBERT SCHNEIDER—First Bass—Home, Dallas, Oregon—Class of 1944.
GIDEON ZIMMERMAN—Second Bass—Home, Wishek, North Dakota—Class of 1943.

As a student quartet of your seminary we are undertaking to bring about a closer fellowship between our churches and the seminary. The seminary is a vital part in our denomination, and every church member should certainly be better acquainted with this "branch of the vine."

As one of the students of your school, I can testify that it is an ideal place to prepare oneself for the Gospel ministry. The instructions we receive, the Christian life we live and the opportunities given to serve give us an excellent preparation to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

A Friendly Response

By Gilbert Schneider

It has been four years since a quartet from our school has had the privilege of visiting our churches. We, as a quartet, have been amazed at the ready response of our pastors and church members in welcoming us to their conferences. Not one refusal or discouraging reply has been received.

Our Easter concerts were well received in all the churches that were included in our itinerary. We gave eleven concerts, sang for approximately 1700 people, traveled 2400 miles, and visited 18 shut-ins. We were treated royally in every home in which we had the privilege of staying, and the churches did more than pay our expenses.

We look forward to a summer filled with wonderful experiences and opportunities to serve our people in the Master's name. We ask for your prayers in our undertaking and we look forward to meeting you and to the beginning of a lasting friendship.

Advancing Through Open Doors

Report by MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER of Forest Park, Illinois

A remarkable quotation from W. C. Poole can best describe the important sessions of several denominational committees which met in Forest Park, Ill., from April 13 to 17. "The man with vision and no task is a dreamer. The man with task and no vision is a drudge. The man with both task and vision is a hero." With heroic grandeur these committees faced the tasks of today with gratitude to God for his guidance and goodness, and they also lifted their eyes to the vision of greater things to be done in the tomorrow. The blending of these two attitudes in the light of God's Spirit alone made these sessions memorable.

1943 General Conference

The Program Committee for the next General Conference met under the leadership of the Rev. L. B. Holzer of Pittsburgh, Pa. Without revealing any of the unusual items of the program, it can, however, be said that one of the most inspirational General Conference programs awaits the hosts of delegates and visitors who will be in attendance.

The next General Conference will be held in Philadelphia, Pa., in August of 1943, according to all present plans. Even if the number in attendance may be limited due to tire and gasoline rationing and world conditions, it was felt by the committee that the ideal conference site still is the city in which the Fleischmann Memorial Church (see front cover picture) will celebrate its centennial jubilee. However, if governmental restrictions by that time should forbid the holding of any large public gathering in eastern cities, then some changes in the meeting place will have to be made.

General Missionary Committee

The General Missionary Committee, which convened in Forest Park from April 14 to 17, accomplished a great deal more than the usual making of appropriations for the mission churches of the denomination. The committee members wrestled with irksome problems of the day, discussed administrative policies as they will affect our work in future years, and with dauntless faith set the sails of spiritual consecration for our denominational bark.

Although the fields of our missionary labors are somewhat circumscribed by the war at present, every committee member caught frequent glimpses of a great missionary vision for the days just ahead. Such doors of opportunity are opening to us on the home mission fields at present. The Cameroons doors will open wide to us before the echo of the last shot of the war dies away. Urgent requests and

crying demands for relief will come to us in the wake of the war. "We must be prepared for every emergency and every missionary opportunity!" That was the spirit of these committee sessions under the guidance of its devoted general secretary, Dr. William Kuhn.

Centenary Calendar For 1943

The climax of the week was reached on Friday, April 17, with the epoch making session of the General Council. In a few busy hours God's Spirit moved mightily on the hearts of the seventeen denominational representatives present to accomplish great things for God and then, like Carey of old, to go ahead and "expect great things from God" in the making of plans for forthcoming days.



Members of the General Missionary Committee, Besides Several Guests, at the Recent Annual Sessions of the Committee in Forest Park, Illinois

The missionary and daily Bible reading calendars for this year with a printing of 12,000 were so successful, that another denominational calendar will be prepared for 1943. It will be rightly named the "Centenary Calendar" with attractive pictures representing various phases of our denominational enterprise. They will be considerably more colorful and picturesque than those of this year, but their distribution will largely be on the same plan as heretofore. These 1943 calendars will be something worth anticipating!

North American Baptist General Conference

The Council was unanimously convinced that we could accomplish greater things for God and his Kingdom under a denominational name that describes the nature of our ministry in North America more adequately. In

view of this fact, the action was taken to adopt the new name for our conference as follows:

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Every society in our General Conference has been asked to change its name in conformity with this new name for our conference. This is certainly a step in the right direction which will receive the hearty endorsement of our people.

Of even greater importance was the launching of the CENTENARY MISSION PROJECT for the successful completion of the \$100,000 Centenary Offering by July 31, 1943. Centenary shares of \$10.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for all church societies are to be offered, for which attractive Centenary Certificates will be granted which will be suitable for framing. Churches as such are not to be eligible for the purchase of these shares.

Young People's Mission Projects

Every Young People's and Sunday

School Workers' Union will be asked to designate its mission project for the next year to the "Centenary Mission Project." The purposes of this project are being announced in an attractive and informative leaflet under twenty separate headings, covering the home and foreign mission fields of our enterprise. This is to be a united effort for this one year before our Centenary Jubilee, in which no young people's group should be missing.

A still film lecture and a moving picture film in color will be prepared for use by early Fall with publicity about this "Centenary Mission Project." Every general worker during the summer months will stress the new project. The Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week offerings in November are to be designated to the Centenary Fund. More about the entire plan will appear in a forthcoming article in the BAPTIST HERALD.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

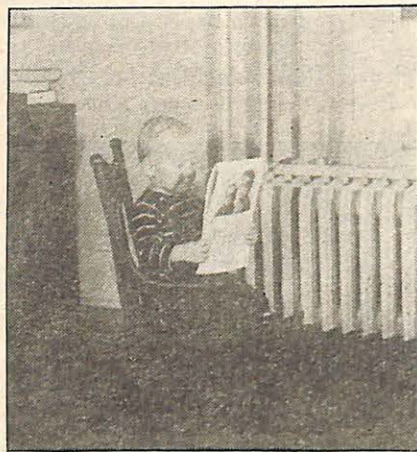
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A LOVING DEED

By Mavis Keck
of Washburn, North Dakota

Marjorie was a dear little golden-haired girl of two years. But Eunice, who was a little lady of eight years, thought she could make a lot of trouble.

This afternoon Marjorie had pulled her toy-box out into the living room and emptied its contents on the floor.



Paul Albert Zoschke of Elgin, Iowa, Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Zoschke, Enjoying the Pictures on the Denominational Missionary Calendar

There were tin soldiers, wooden soldiers, ABC blocks, dolls of all kinds, rubber balls, a top, and other things.

Marjorie was having a good time until mother called, "Marjorie, you must put your toys all away before supper."

All of a sudden she became very tired, so, as she sat down beside her box, she decided that she didn't want

to put her toys away.

Eunice looked up from behind her book, somewhat disturbed. Marjorie was looking at her so imploringly, and, after all, she was older than Marjorie, and it wouldn't be much of a job for her to put the toys away. But—no, she wouldn't help her! Marjorie had taken them out and she could put them back! So she went back to her book.

After a few minutes, she began to have a heavy feeling around her heart. For Eunice loved Jesus and she knew that he would want her to be loving and kind. She lay her book down, and willingly started to help Marjorie pick up her toys. Mother smiled happily when she saw the two girls so gaily working together.

That night when Eunice knelt beside her bed, her heart was light and she was happy, because she had been kind for Jesus' sake.

Match Them as Husband and Wife

(Contributed by Vera Zimelman, Denhoff, North Dakota)

Women	Men
Eve	Boaz
Mary	Zacharias
Sarah	Ahasuerus
Ruth	Jacob
Esther	Abraham
Rebecca	Adam
Rachel	Joseph
Elizabeth	Isaac

Special Notice

Send in your answers to "Match Them," and watch next month for a special FAREWELL GIFT!

The Story Book of Christ

Read Matthew 27:1-51. Rewrite the story in your own words. For your handwork, take a piece of black paper and cut from it a CROSS. Paste this on your page and beneath it, write this verse, "Christ died for our sins" (1. Corinthians 15:3). This will complete the fourth page in your "Story Book of Christ."

CHILDREN'S DAY June 14, 1942

The programs and recitation material for the observance of Children's Day on Sunday, June 14, were mailed to all of our churches several weeks ago by the Roger Williams Press of Cleveland, Ohio. The songs include old favorites as well as the new song, "Tell Others of Jesus," with words of Prof. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, and music by Mr. Reuben Windish of Philadelphia, Pa., which is dedicated to their mutual friend, Dr. Wm. Kuhn.

The play, "As the Children See It," and a German dialogue feature the program material. Sufficient recitations are included for all departments. The message, "The Light That Cannot Be Hid," with a picture of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., should be studied by everyone.

The Children's Day offerings, designated for the Chapel Building Fund, are to be sent to Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. Mr. Martin L. Leuschner, "editor of The Baptist Herald," will be glad to provide more material if that is requested.

The "Children's Page" Editor

Mrs. Bertha Johnson, the editor of this page since Jan. 1, 1942, is a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill. She and her husband, the Rev. Louis Johnson, formerly lived in Steamboat Rock, Iowa. She loves work with children, which has been clearly in evidence in her preparations for this page.

The answers to "Match Them" may be sent directly to her at 124 No. Albany Ave., Chicago, Ill., or they can be sent to Children's Page of "Baptist Herald," Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. We hope that all of our readers of this page will respond.

Martin L. Leuschner.

Answers for April:

(The other answers were all duplicates)

- Vivian Gabelmann Lincoln, Kansas
- Jimmy Meyer Virgil, South Dakota
- Agnes Ohlhauser Carbon, Alberta
- Ida Rapske De Wet, Manitoba

Words by Barbara Reints (age 10) Aplington, Iowa

music by Bertha Johnson

Once life was drear-y and sad, Je-sus came in, now I'm glad; He washed my soul white, Now, I'm filled with delight; For Je-sus came in, Now I'm glad!

Preaching in Battle-Scarred London

It is not by any means easy to find words with which to tell of the intense times of trial as well as of conspicuous triumph, through which we have passed, in this vast cosmopolitan center. Here in London are gathered all the representatives of the invalid countries of the continent.

The Battle of Britain

If I had tried to write these lines in November of 1940, I would have had to do so in an air-raid shelter. Those long days and nights and months, when the Battle of Britain was so bravely fought and so brilliantly won, presented an exceptional opportunity to every Christian Church. These had already supplied halls for rest centers, shelters, Civil Defense Posts, soldiers' canteens, and emergency feeding



Mrs. Ella Grauer Sitenhof Near Belfast, North Ireland

tion and every one of our beautiful windows was shattered.

When I entered the church on the morning after the night of this adversity, I could not believe that this had been the beautiful building in which we had worshipped only a few hours earlier. Glass was everywhere, embedded in the floor, the walls, the pulpit and the pews. Our beautiful pipe organ lay in ruins.

The pulpit Bible was still in its place and was open at the 16th chapter of St. Matthew. My eyes fell on the following verse: "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Above the ruins, our church tower lifted its head unscathed. These two unique coincidences encouraged us and strengthened our faith in the abiding purpose of Him, in whom we have believed.

We now meet under the gallery, which has been boarded off from the main auditorium of the church. Here we have all our services and weekly

gatherings, since this is the only enclosed space which our church has. At one time we had a canteen and catered for the social as well as the spiritual welfare of the troops.

A Minister in War Time

In addition to being minister of this church and Presbyterian Officiating Chaplain to the troops, I am also Civil Defense Warden, and giving part-time help in a business to aid my church financially. Quite a number of ministers in this way are easing the financial strain which this war has imposed on so many congregations, due to evacuation to rural areas of a high percentage of their people.

During the Battle of Britain I was in charge of an underground air-raid shelter, holding about 400 people. Day after day and night after night it was resorted to and was usually well filled by whole families from every walk of life. Among those who came regularly

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The Author

The writer of this article, the Rev. Ernest Sitenhof, is pastor of the West Hartle Pool Presbyterian Church, 300 miles north of London. His wife is the former Miss Ella Grauer of Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California.

Mrs. Ella Grauer Sitenhof was in England with her husband until June 12, 1940, returning to the United States on the crowded "S. S. Washington" with their little son, David Alan, who is now 2½ years of age. She is living "for the duration" with her parents on their orange ranch near Anaheim.

We are delighted to publish this article, not only for the benefit of Mrs. Ella Sitenhof's many friends and readers of "The Herald," but also because of the intimate glimpses into the activities of the Christian people and churches in England during the trying days of the war.

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quarters. These activities have increased the usefulness of minister and congregation. The church is thus entering more deeply into the present hard-pressed life of the people, radiating hope and healing.

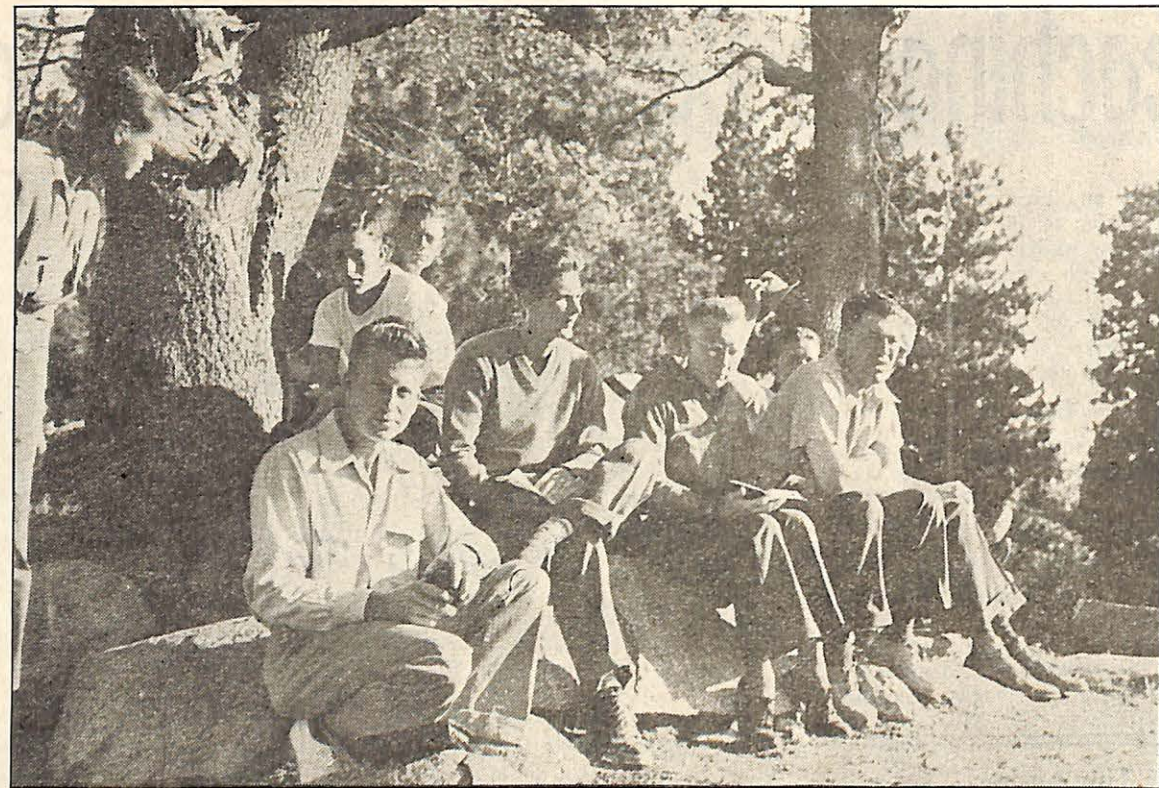
Although some 3000 churches and church buildings in Great Britain have been damaged or destroyed, the pulpit and the pew have carried on and won through. As you go about London you see signs such as these on church notice boards, "Knocked About But Not Knocked Out," "Rebuild with God," "We Are Going Forward With Christ," and "What Shall It Profit a Man If He Shall Gain the Whole World and Lose His Soul?"

Our Church in Ruins

My own church was among those which suffered severely from enemy action. The halls and vestry were completely wrecked. Half of the church roof was lifted from its original posi-



A Queen Victoria Carriage at Windsor Park, London, England. The Rev. Ernest Sitenhof is at Left of Picture.



Young Men of the California Churches Participating in the Out-of-door Devotional Service at Camp Thousand Pines Last Summer

Conferences and Assemblies During the Summer of 1942

May 8 to 10
Western New York and Pennsylvania Y. P. and S. S. W. Convention at the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

Speakers: Professors O. E. Krueger and Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. A. Husmann. *Christian Youth Going Forward With Christ.*

May 15 to 17
Atlantic Y. P. and S. S. W. Convention at the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Sunday Afternoon (May 17) Speaker: Rev. A. Husmann, Promotional Secretary. *Great Days of Spiritual Inspiration.*

May 21 to 24
Nebraska Association and Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Institute at Beatrice, Nebraska

Guest Speaker: Prof. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y. *An Uplifting Program for All Ages.*

May 28 to 31
Oklahoma Y. P. and S. S. W. Institute at Emmanuel Church near Loyal, Oklahoma

Guest Speaker: Prof. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y. *Institute Days to Be Remembered!*

June 2 to 5
Kansas Y. P. Assembly at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga Near Junction City, Kansas

Guest Speakers: Prof. Frank Woyke



Oregon Smiles at Camp Silver Creek Falls in the Summer of 1941

and Rev. Martin L. Leuschner. Dean of Camp: Rev. Ben Fadenrecht, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County. *Where Jesus Christ is Magnified.*

June 4 to 7
Minnesota Association at Randolph, Minnesota

Guest Speaker on Sunday, June 7: Rev. A. Husmann, Promotional Secretary. *Set for the Defense of the Gospel.*

June 4 to 7
Northern Dakota Association at the Germantown Baptist Church Near Cathay, No. Dak.

Guest Speakers: Professor Arthur A. Schade of Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. Samuel Blum of Cleveland, Ohio. *Glorious Conference Days for All.*

June 8 to 14
Southern Conference Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Encampment at Latham Springs, Texas

Guest Speaker: Prof. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y. *Expect Great Things of God by Faith.*

June 9 to 10
Central Dakota Sunday School Association at Ashley, North Dakota
Guest Speakers: Rev. Samuel Blum and Prof. Arthur A. Schade. *Our Sunday Schools as the Garden of the Lord.*

June 9 to 12
Iowa Y. P. Conference at Baileyville, Iowa
Guest Speakers: Outstanding Spiritual Leaders of the Christian Church. President: Mr. Harry Luiken. *Youth as a Living Testimony for Christ.*

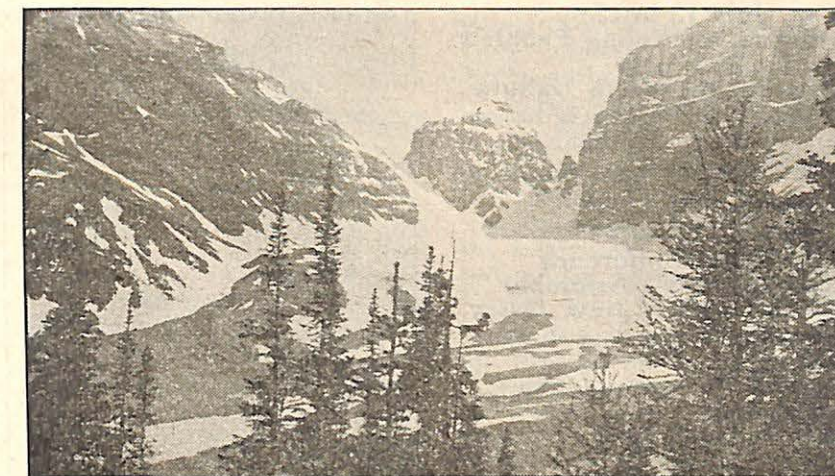
June 9 to 12
South Dakota Y. P. and S. S. W. Assembly at Chancellor, South Dakota
Guest Speakers: Miss Edith Koppin, Cameroons Missionary, and the Rev. A. Husmann, Promotional Secretary, and Dr. Pieter Smit. *"For to Me to Live is Christ."*

June 10 to 14
Central Dakota Association (Continuation of the Central Dakota Sunday School Association.) at Ashley, North Dakota
Guest Speakers: Dr. William Kuhn, General Missionary Secretary; Rev. Samuel Blum, Editor of "Der Sendbote"; Miss Edith Koppin, Missionary from the Cameroons. *Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love.*

June 16 to 21
Dakota Conference at Madison, South Dakota
Guest Speakers: Dr. William Kuhn, Missionary Secretary; Prof. Arthur A. Schade of Rochester, N.Y.; and Miss Edith Koppin at the Women's Missionary Meeting. *A Vision of Service for the Days Ahead.*

June 18 to 21
Minnesota Y. P. and S. S. W. Assembly at Mission Grove, Medicine Lake, Minnesota
Guest Speaker: Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Young People's Secretary. *Days of Quiet Rest and Blessing.*

June 22 to 26
Northern North Dakota Young People's Assembly at Jamestown, North Dakota
Guest Speakers: Professor Arthur A. Schade of Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, Young People's Secretary. Theme: "Christian Preparedness." *"Study to Show Thyself Approved Unto God."*



An Inspiring Scene in the Canadian Rockies as Photographed Some Years Ago by the Rev. John Broeder of Elmo, Kansas, on a Vacation Trip

June 22 to 27
Atlantic Conference Ministers' Retreat at Bradley Beach, N. J.
Guest Speaker: Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y. *With the Master at the Seashore.*

June 24 to 28
Pacific Conference at Salem, Oregon
Guest Speaker: Rev. A. Husmann of Forest Park, Illinois. *"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness."*

June 25 to 28
Manitoba Dreibund Meetings at Morris, Manitoba
Guest Speaker: Prof. Albert Bretschneider, Dean of the Rochester Baptist Seminary. *A Three Fold Task for the Lord.*

June 30 to July 5
Saskatchewan Young People's Assembly at Good Spirit Lake near Ebenezer, Saskatchewan
Guest Speaker: Prof. Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y. *The First Assembly for Saskatchewan.*

July 1 to 5
Ontario Association at Arnprior, Ontario, Canada
Guest Speaker: Dr. William Kuhn, General Missionary Secretary. *Strength from Above for Life.*

July 8 to 12
Northern Conference at Nokomis, Saskatchewan
Guest Speakers: Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, General Business Manager of Our Publication Society; and Prof. Albert Bretschneider, Dean of Our Seminary. *God Bless Our Canadian Churches.*



The Worshipful Chapel at Linwood Park, Ohio, Where the Lake States Young People Hold Some of Their Sessions During Their Institute

July 13 to 17
Central Dakota Young People's Assembly
 at Jamestown, North Dakota
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, Young People's Secretary.
"Give Of Your Best to the Master."

July 18 to 25
Atlantic Conference
Young People's Assembly
 at Bradley Beach, New Jersey
 Dean: Rev. W. J. Appel of Brooklyn, New York.
Christian Builders for the World of Tomorrow.

July 19 to 26
California Y. P. and S. S. W. Assembly
 at Camp Thousand Pines, Calif.
 Guest Speaker: Rev. A. Husmann, Promotional Secretary.
 Dean: Rev. B. W. Krentz of Los Angeles.
God's Voice is Easily Heard Among the Rustling Pines.

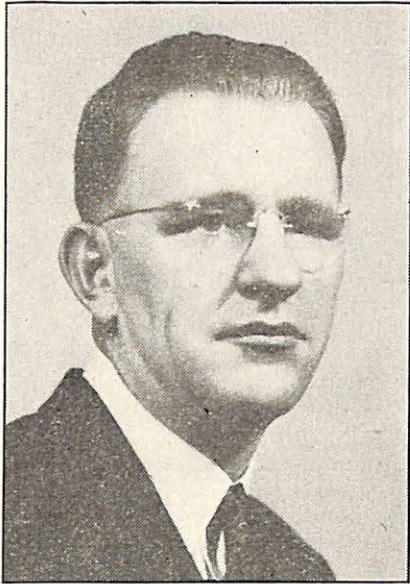
July 20 to 26
Wisconsin Y. P. Assembly
 at the Youth Camp Near Watertown, Wisconsin
 Guest Speaker: Prof. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y.
Always Happy in the Service of the King.

July 20 to 26
Alberta Tri Union
Young People's Assembly
 at Sylvan Lake, Alberta
 Guest Speaker: Prof. Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y.
Training Young People as Leaders for the Tomorrow.

July 29 to August 2
Southern Conference
 at Waco, Texas
 Guest Speaker: Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y.
Expect Great Things of God by Faith.

Early in August
Central Conference
 at Benton Harbor, Michigan. (Probably)
 Guest Speakers: Dr. William Kuhn, Miss Edith Koppin, Prof. Herman von Berge, and Rev. Martin L. Leuschner.
"Let Your Lights So Shine Before Men."

Early in August
Great Lakes States Assembly
 at Linwood, Ohio
 Guest Speakers: Prof. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill.
Jesus Christ, the Hope of the World.



Rev. B. W. Krentz, Dean of the California Youth Assembly at Camp Thousand Pines

August 5 to 9
Southwestern Conference
 at Bethany Church Near Vesper, Kansas
 Guest Speaker: Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y.
"These Are Times That Try Men's Souls."

August 9 to 16
Oregon Y. P. and S. S. W. Assembly
 at Silver Creek Falls
 Guest Speakers: Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer of Portland, Oregon, and Rev. A. Husmann of Forest Park, Illinois.
Saved to Serve Others.

August 12 to 16
Northwestern Conference
 at Aplington, Iowa
 Guest Speakers: Dr. William Kuhn, Miss Edith Koppin and Prof. O. E. Krueger.
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Date and Place Still Indefinite.
Eastern Conference
 Guest Speaker: Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill.
Faithful in Little Things for Christ.

September 9 to 13
Atlantic Conference
 Place Still Indefinite.
 Guest Speakers: Prof. O. E. Krueger and Rev. Samuel Blum.
"Always Ready to Do His Bidding."

BATTLE SCARRED LONDON

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was a member of Parliament. The many hours I spent in this shelter enabled me to become closely acquainted with all sorts of people who never darkened a church door. Our talks about the Gospel lasted until the small hours of the morning.

An Air Raid Shelter

Part of my duty was to see that all shelterers were as comfortable as possible. The days were not quite so bad as the nights. It was a comic-tragedy to see old and young trying to make their beds here. There were deck chairs, sleeping bags, blankets, and some even tried to sleep on newspapers spread out on the stone floor. Their ages ranged from 6 months to 96 years.

It still is a puzzle to me how any one could sleep amid several dozen loud snores which included all the notes of the scale and some new notes. I can assure you the noise was anything but musical. Just imagine the scene: hundreds of people occupying every bit of floor space with all kinds of bedding, lying huddled together and filling the air with soprano and bass snores.

We did our best to provide all with some light refreshment every night at about 10 P. M., and we also held short services. After the night raids I visited the streets damaged by bombs to see what help I could render to the homeless, especially to those of my own congregation.

Innocent War Victims

Hospitals were also frequently visited. When you saw the devastation and suffering brought about upon innocent and defenseless women and children, you could do no other but vow that you would do everything to help in the overthrow of this evil that has come upon the world. I saw a girl eight years old with both legs amputated, lying in a hospital, a victim of an air-raid. She was mercifully released from her sufferings and went to sleep in the arms of the Good Shepherd. Such things call to heaven for an answer.

The Churches in Britain realize that Hitlerism must be defeated if we are to make the world tolerably safe from fear and want. We know that our Christian faith is challenged and that everything that holds our civilization together is threatened.

A Clarion Call

When I stood at the bedside of that little girl, the words of Jesus came into my mind, "Whoso shall offend one of these little ones, it were better that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were drowned in the depth of the sea." This surely, is a clarion call to all Christian people everywhere to learn the will of God in these trying days of the world's history and to follow him, wherever he leads, and in whatever service to which he calls us.

What's Happening News

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Front Cover Picture

The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., an attractive picture of which appears on the front cover of this issue, is the oldest organized church in our General Conference. It was actually organized by Konrad Anton Fleischmann and a small group of believers on April 25, 1843, making it a little more than 99 years of age.

The General Conference of the denomination is scheduled to be held in Philadelphia in August, 1943, in connection with the centennial Jubilee of the church. Preparations are already being made to celebrate this jubilee and to hold this inspiring conference.

During the days of May 15 to 17, 1942, the Atlantic Conference Young People's and Sunday School Union is holding its annual conference at the Fleischmann Memorial Church. The Rev. Milton R. Schroeder is the pastor.

Church." Mr. Warkentin's ministry has already been blessed of God.

● Second Lieutenant Walter K. Heitzman of Lodi, Calif., a member of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, of which the Rev. A. Felberg is pastor, was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross along with several others by Lieutenant General Delos Emmons, U. S. Army Commander in Hawaii, for execution of "a hazardous and important mission over enemy territory." The award was made at the direction of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was accompanied by a citation crediting the men with "heroism and extraordinary achievements while participating in an aerial flight." The entire town of Lodi and especially the First Baptist Church is justifiably proud of this "boy" of theirs!

● On Sunday afternoon, April 12, the Men's Brotherhood of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., held its 4th anniversary program with many visitors in attendance from the Grace Baptist Church of Racine and the Bethany Church of Milwaukee. Mr. Reinhold Weiss, the president, was in

distance from the former church building. The pastor-elect is Mr. Robert Schreiber, a member of this year's graduating class of our Rochester Baptist Seminary, who will begin his ministry in Wetaskiwin and Wiesenthal on June 1st.

● At a business meeting of the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., on April 24 it was voted to change the name of the church to the Evergreen Baptist Church, by which it will be known henceforth. On Saturday, April 11, Miss Eleanor Blumberg and Mr. Alfred Orthner were married by the bridegroom's father, the Rev. Frank Orthner, assisted by the Rev. W. J. Appel, pastor of the church. Mr. Orthner will soon be the president of the Young People's Brooklyn Union with a constituency of 3000 young people from 60 Baptist churches.

● On Sunday, May 3, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, received 25 new members into the fellowship of the church. Two of these were baptized on April 26 and the others during the Easter season. The Mothers' and Daughters' banquet was held on Thursday evening, May 7, with Mrs. C. Victor Brown as guest speaker. The Rev. Phil Lauer, a retired pastor in the church, addressed the B. Y. P. U. meeting on Sunday, April 12. During the absence of the pastor, the Rev. A. Bernadt, in Rochester, N. Y., on Sunday, May 10, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner supplied the pulpit.

● On Sunday, April 19, the Rev. A. Husmann, general promotional secretary, served as the guest minister in the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., of which the Rev. A. F. Runtz is minister. On April 25 and 26 he was one of the guest speakers at the Wisconsin Young People's Rally which was held in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Roger Norman is the aggressive leader and president of that union. On Sunday, May 3, Mr. Husmann spoke in both services of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., of which the Rev. E. Gutsche is pastor.

● Since March 1st the Hurnville Baptist Church near Henrietta, Tex., has enjoyed the ministry of the Rev. J. K. Warkentin, who was called from Fort Worth, Tex., where he served a Southern Baptist Church for five years in his last pastorate. He attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for a year and a half. Mr. and Mrs. Warkentin and their family of three children are residing in the town of Henrietta. The program of reception for the new minister and his family included words of welcome from church representatives, musical numbers and the presentation of the play, "The Lost

charge of the program, which included choir numbers directed by Gerhart Klein, orchestra selections conducted by Gustav Grisse, a xylophone solo by Arthur Klein and a quartet selection. The address was brought by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald." The offering of \$32.22 was devoted to the building fund for the enlargement of the church auditorium. The pastor of the church is the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger.

● On Good Friday evening, April 3, the members of the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y., met with the students of the Rochester Baptist Seminary at the seminary chapel for a very impressive service. Professor F. W. C. Meyer brought an illustrated message on "The Crucifixion in Christian Art," using the famous Gruenewald painting of Christ's crucifixion. On Palm Sunday evening, March 29, the church choir rendered the cantata, "For He Is Risen" by Joseph Clokey. The anniversary program of the Women's Missionary Society was held on Wednesday evening, April 8, in the church with a mission play by one of the Sunday School classes featuring the program. The Rev. Daniel Fuchs is pastor of the church.

● On Palm Sunday the Rev. A. F. Runtz, pastor of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., was privileged to baptize 8 persons. Of these three were children and the others young people and adults. On Easter Sunday at the communion service these with 6 others were received into the fellowship of the church. Practically all of these were won for Christ and the church through Home Visitation Evangelism. On Sunday, April 17, beautiful American and Christian flags, presented by the Alpha Philathea Class, were dedicated. A service flag was also presented to the church by the Jewel Philathea Class. The Youth Congress of the Illinois Baptist Youth Union, of which Miss Melba Runtz is the president, was held in Decatur on April 25 and 26.

● Dr. Ernest L. Ackley, dean of the Central Baptist Seminary of Kansas City, Mo., was the guest speaker for the Holy Week services in the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. Dr. Pieter Smit, the pastor, set a goal of \$1000 as an Easter offering to be given for all purposes during the week. At the close of the service on Easter Sunday Dr. Smit announced the total offerings to be \$3125.51. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Janzen of the church celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Monday, April 20. All of their children were present at the social time. The church gave them a golden wedding certificate in a gold frame in commemoration of the event. Mr. Janzen is one of the deacons of the church. On Tuesday evening, April 21, the mixed choir of Ottawa University gave a sacred concert in the church auditorium under the direction of Prof. Kerr.



REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Memorable Events in the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan

The work and the spirit of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., are very gratifying, and the cooperation of all members is splendid under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. L. H. Broeker, and his assistant, Miss May Morey. All branches of our church are not only growing in number but also in interest in the work that is ours in our church and community.

Recently, it was our privilege to have the R. G. Letourneau Party with us. On Sunday morning we met in our church with a capacity attendance. Mr. R. G. Letourneau delivered the main address. The negro quartet traveling with the party proved to be a great attraction. The afternoon and evening services were held in the St. Joseph High School Auditorium with an overflowing attendance at both services.

On Palm Sunday, March 29, our pastor baptized five middle aged couples with a number of young people, and on Easter Sunday morning another group of converts followed Christ in baptism. At our communion service that evening twenty-five new members received the hand of fellowship.

The Brotherhood of the church sponsored a Father's and Son's banquet at the church on Friday evening, March 27, and had as their guest speaker the chaplain of the Indiana State Prison. PAUL SCHMANSKI, Reporter.

Program for the Chicago Young People's Assembly from May 29 to 31 at Camp Duncan

Theme: "Victory in Christ"
Dean: Rev. Stanley F. Geis.

FRIDAY EVENING—May 29
Informal Devotions led by Harold B. Johns.

SATURDAY MORNING—May 30
Devotions led by Walter C. Pankrat.

Classes:
"VICTORY Through the Scriptures," Rev. Stanley F. Geis, speaker.

"VICTORY Through Service" Miss Alethea S. Kose, speaker.

"VICTORY Through Self-Sacrifice," Rev. John E. Knechtel, speaker.

SATURDAY EVENING—May 30
Banquet: Rev. C. B. Nordland, speaker.

SUNDAY MORNING—May 31
Sunday School: Rev. Herbert L. Koch, leader.
Morning Worship Service: Dr. Wm. Kuhn, speaker.

SUNDAY EVENING—May 31
Evening Service: Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, speaker.

In Memoriam

Rev. John Luebeck of Minnetonka, Minn.

A minister in retirement, who died on January 21st. His pastorates in several Canadian Churches were memorable and significant.

Rev. August Heringer of McMinnville, Oregon.

A minister in retirement, whose pioneer work in the Dakota Conference will long exert a noble influence for the Kingdom of God. He died unexpectedly in McMinnville, Oregon, on March 14, at the age of 71 years.

Mrs. Christian Dippel of Baraboo, Wis.

As the wife of the Rev. Christian Dippel and a loving Christian mother of a large family, her death on Easter Sunday, April 5, has been deeply mourned by her family as well as a large host of friends.

Rev. O. Eymann of Anaheim, Calif.

A minister in retirement, whose pastorates were largely in the Middle West and on the Pacific Coast. He died quite suddenly on April 14.

Many Blessings From Above in the Connors Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan

In the annals of the Christian Church the celebration of Easter Sunday has proven to be a great blessing, thus, making the fact of our Lord's resurrection indispensable to life. The power of the resurrected Christ manifested itself in 8 candidates at a baptismal service in the Connors Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., on Easter Sunday, April 5.

Following the baptism the Lord's Supper was observed. At this time our pastor, the Rev. Wm. Hoover, extended the hand of fellowship to those baptized as well as to 3 others who joined by letter. Approximately 200 members have been added to the church roll in the six years of our pastor's ministry.

In recent months we have also enjoyed many material blessings. Improvements have been made on the church property. The entire church and parsonage have been redecorated. The church aisles and Sunday School room have been carpeted. A new Stein grand piano was placed in the main auditorium, and an adjoining lot to the church was purchased and fenced. The above expenditure involved a total of \$3500 which has all been paid for.

Bible Day Sunday was recently observed at which an offering of \$72 was received. This sum was sent to our headquarters for the distribution of Bibles. A Centenary Offering of \$240.36 was received on Easter Sunday.

LILLIE HOOVER, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

The Rev. August Rosner Addresses the Tabor B. Y. P. U. of North Dakota

The Tabor B. Y. P. U. of North Dakota held a meeting on Easter Sunday, April 5. The Rev. August Rosner was the speaker for the afternoon. The members of the society rendered all the singing and also brought several readings. The afternoon was enjoyed by all for we do not have the privilege often of having our minister and his wife with us as a B. Y. P. U.

We are only a few members left, since for different reasons we have lost quite a few members through change of residence, school studies and the army. The B. Y. P. U. will hold its annual meeting in July and is already planning on different arrangements to make it easier for the president and members to hold their meetings.

MRS. MINHARDT FIEDLER, Reporter.

God's Bountiful Blessings in the Work of the Grace Baptist Church of Alfred, No. Dak.

We rejoice that God has given us as the Grace Baptist Church of Alfred, No. Dak., so many rich blessings in the past. All of our meetings in the church are well attended. Our pastor, the Rev. G. W. Rutsch, and his wife do splendid work in building up the church.

Our Sunday School and young people's work are progressing splendidly. This is also true of our Ladies' Aid Society under the capable leadership of the president, Mrs. G. W. Rutsch.

For three evenings in April and also on Sunday, April 19, it was our great privilege to have the Rev. F. W. Bartel, the Dakota Conference evangelist, with us. Seven young people accepted Christ as their personal Savior. We praise our Lord and Master for the blessings that have been ours.

KATIE FODE, Reporter.

Election of Officers and Birthday Party by the Herreid Ladies' Aid of South Dakota

Beginning the first of the year with 38 members, the following officers were elected by the Baptist Ladies' Aid of Herreid, So. Dak.: president, Mrs. E. Becker; vice-president, Meta Ackerman; secretary, Ida Bens; treasurer, Martha Schuetzle. We also have a benevolent committee, which reported 337 visits to the sick for the year.

Recently we held a joint birthday party, each member bringing a guest. We had four decorated tables in a semi-circle, and with a birthday cake on a table in the center.

After hearing several poems and readings, each member came forward according to the month of her birthday and lighted a candle on the birthday cake, and left her birthday money. IDA BENS, Secretary.

The Ashley Baptist Church Celebrates the 10th Anniversary of Its Pastor, Rev. W. Luebeck

About a month before Easter, it occurred to several of the members of the Baptist Church of Ashley, No. Dak., that this Easter Sunday on April 5 marked the tenth anniversary of the Rev. W. Luebeck's ministry here at Ashley. All the members of the church felt very much inclined to do something in recognition of the splendid work done by Mr. Luebeck in the past ten years. It was therefore decided to conduct a special service in honor of the Luebeck family, which took place in the Ashley Baptist Church on Easter Sunday evening. This was to be a surprise to the Luebecks, and was carried out, as such, very successfully.

An Easter cantata was given by the B. Y. P. U. at 7:30 P. M. under the direction of Mrs. B. F. Heitzmann, after which Mr. Luebeck was to conduct a brief German service. After reading the scripture, he took his place at the piano to play for the male chorus. While the chorus was singing, our deacon, Mr. A. W. Meidinger, brought our guest speaker, Dr. William Kuhn, into the back door. The two sat behind the members of the male chorus until both songs were rendered. After the chorus members stepped down from the platform, Mr. Meidinger took over the service. For the moment Mr. Luebeck was unable to speak or move, so in his amazement he just stood and looked at Dr. Kuhn, who in his unique way knew how to break the ice and make every one feel at ease.

The Luebeck family was asked to come to the platform while the congregation was singing a hymn. The Ladies' Aid presented them with two beautiful bouquets of flowers, which were gratefully received. Mr. Meidinger now explained the purpose of this service, and introduced Dr. William Kuhn who gave a very fitting message for the occasion, congratulating Mr. Luebeck and the members of the family for their splendid work and success, and closed his message with these words: "Keep in mind the Lord Jesus Christ who rose from the dead."

At this time a check for \$65 was handed to Dr. Kuhn which was presented by him to Mr. Luebeck as a tenth anniversary gift from the Ashley Church. A brief response was given at this time by Mr. and Mrs. Luebeck, in which they expressed their sincere appreciation for this pleasant surprise.

We are very fortunate in being able to secure Dr. Kuhn for this occasion and the entire church unites in expressing our sincere gratitude for his kindness in accepting our invitation to this service. After the closing hymn Dr. Kuhn pronounced the benediction, and all were then invited to remain for a delicious lunch served by the ladies of the church. There were about 400 people present in spite of bad weather and roads.

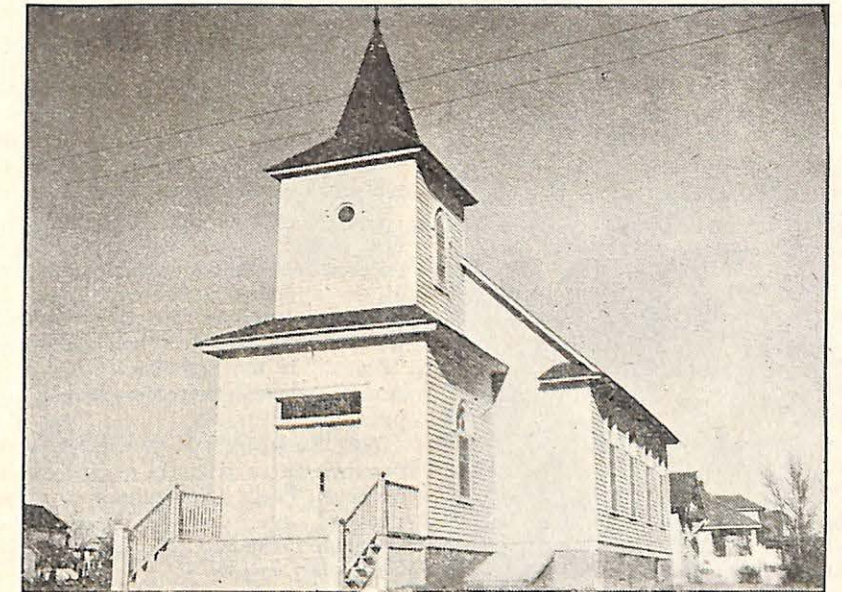
This was a unique experience for the Luebeck family, but we also feel that it was equally unique and beneficial to the church. The entire congregation worked in perfect harmony and unity in putting on this service. We wish our pastor and his family God's richest blessing here in Ashley.

B. F. HEITZMANN, Reporter.

Twenty-one Converts Are Baptized in Hebron After Successful Evangelistic Meetings

During the past Lenten season, we of the Baptist Church at Hebron, No. Dak., have had a new awakening in our spiritual life. Since last fall we had been looking forward to the coming of our conference evangelist, the Rev. F. W. Bartel.

Beginning on March 22 and continuing up to and including Easter Sunday, April 5, our expectations became a reality in that our evangelist was



The Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota, in which the new baptistry was dedicated on Easter Sunday

with us. On Sunday, March 22, we started our evangelistic meetings in our country church at Antelope, but after only three blessed meetings, a belated spring snowstorm caused us to discontinue for the rest of the week.

On Palm Sunday, March 29, we continued the meetings in our town church. Each evening at seven o'clock the young people met in the church basement, where Mr. Bartel spoke to us on "The Fundamentals of Personal Soul Winning." In these meetings the interest increased evening after evening, and a number of our Sunday School pupils found peace in the Lord.

All through the week, every evening before capacity congregations, we were privileged to hear our guest evangelist, who brought us the messages so simply that children could understand and yet so dynamic and forceful that many were moved to give their lives to Christ.

On Easter Sunday we reached the Sinai of our spiritual blessings. In our morning worship service, assisted by the church choir, we heard an awakening Easter sermon. A generous Easter offering of \$100 was placed on the altar of the Lord.

In the afternoon "they that gladly received his word were baptized." Twenty-one candidates, ranging in ages from 10 to 70 years were baptized by our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt. It was a great and joyful occasion for both members and pastor for which we had long prayed and planned. This was the first baptismal service in our newly installed baptistry.

"And the Lord added to the church

daily." At the conclusion of the baptismal service in a reverent atmosphere, the Lord's Supper was observed. Sunday, April 26, was another eventful day for the Hebron Church, in that the ladies of our church celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society.

Our guest of honor for the occasion was Dr. William Kuhn, our general missionary secretary. At each one of the three services we were highly privileged to hear our guest speaker.

DR. J. E. GRENZ, Reporter.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The Rev. W. Helwig Begins His Ministry Auspiciously in Dallas, Texas

On March 20 the welcoming and induction service for the Rev. W. Helwig and family was held in the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas.

The program was presided over by one of our deacons, Mr. W. F. Benton. Donald Porth gave a reading addressed to the youngest Helwig, aged three weeks. Helen Marie Porth also gave a reading. Musical numbers were rendered by the church choir, the mixed quartet of the church, and a vocal solo by Miss Florence Elliott.

Representatives from each organization, the church, the Sunday School, the B. Y. P. U., the Baptist Junior Union, the Women's Missionary Society, and the Fidelis Club brought short welcoming talks. Mrs. Paul Petersen read a poem which she had written for the occasion. Because of the inability of our mission secretary, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of Waco, to be present, the principal address was given by the Rev. George Sheafor of Dallas on the theme, "The Pastor, God's Gift to the Church."

We are much in prayer and hope that the work of our pastor, Mr. Helwig, will be as successful in Kingdom building here in Dallas as it was in Ellinwood, Kansas.

WM. J. BENTON, Reporter.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Flowers and Sunshine Help to Brighten the Easter Services at Killaloe, Ontario

At the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ont., Canada, the Easter morning service opened with the dedication of a beautiful Pulpit Bible, which was presented to the church by the Junior B. Y. P. U.



Mr. and Mrs. Otto Knopf of Portland, Oregon

To the strains of "Christ Arose," the Juniors marched to the platform, forming a semi-circle, each one holding a streamer radiating to the center where the Pulpit Bible had been placed. Under the leadership of Mrs. E. Klatt, each member in turn stepped forward and gave a quotation of some famous person regarding the Bible, climaxing with the great words of Jesus as found in John 3:16. The pastor, the Rev. E. H. Klatt, then offered the dedication prayer.

The church was decorated with flowers and plants, such as lilies, tulips, roses and ferns. Their beauty was somewhat veiled by the clouded sky. One was reminded of the dark Calvary incident. Suddenly while the pastor was bringing the message on the topic, "The Commission of the Risen Lord," rays of sunshine burst in upon us and flooded the whole auditorium of the church with light. The effect of the flowers, as the rays of sunshine fell upon them, was almost indescribable. They, too, seemed to speak of the Risen Lord.

During the past two months the young people's meetings were made more interesting by the use of the Bausch and Lomb lantern purchased recently. Slides on "The Life of David Livingstone" were shown, and a mission offering of over \$8 was received.

In January the Rev. A. E. Jaster of Arnprior was the guest speaker when "Fathers and Sons" gathered for a week of special meetings, and continued with his fine talks during the following week when "Mothers and Daughters" met together.

MRS. LAWRENCE GETZ, Reporter.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Twenty-five Years of Happy Wedded Life for Mr. and Mrs. Otto Knopf of Portland

On Wednesday, March 25, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Knopf of Portland, Ore., were surprised by their many friends of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland. An unusual number of people appeared for the mid-week meeting.

A fine program had been prepared, consisting of numbers by a vocal trio, vocal duet, violin duet, song by the choir, and short congratulatory talks by the leaders of our church's organizations. The Rev. Fred W. Mueller presented the Jubilee couple with an electric clock in the name of the church.

On the following Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Knopf invited as many of their friends, as their home would take care of, to a delicious turkey dinner, and an evening of fine Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all. Their oldest son, "Ernie," is now serving in the U. S. Army and was therefore unable to be present.

Mr. Knopf served as church sexton for over three years in a most efficient manner. Their faithfulness in attending the church services is to be commended. Their home is a regular haven for young people.

ANNA WARDIN, Reporter.

Missionary Paul Gebauer of Portland, Ore., Is Finishing His Course at Linfield College

Missionary Paul Gebauer has been spending the recent days, soon after the first of this year, as a diligent student at Linfield College, a Baptist institution, at McMinnville, Oregon. He hopes to secure his collegiate degree to be prepared for greater service on the mission fields after the war and for other opportunities "for the duration." In response to the editor's request for some information about his studies, Paul Gebauer sent the following statement, which is uniquely his own.

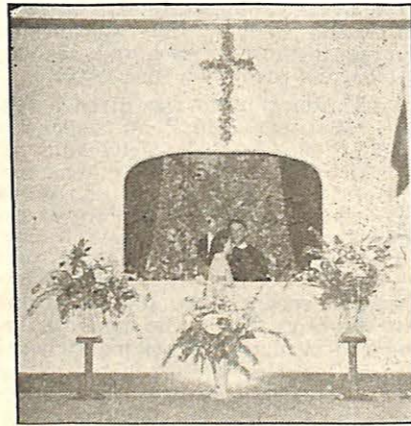
EDITOR.

"During the Spring semester I am enrolled as a student at Linfield College near Portland, Ore. It can be said that I am disturbing classes in the study of the psychology of abnormal people to gain a better understanding of my own square head, a more scientific interpretation of our African friends, and a deeper appreciation of the saints of God, (especially missionaries). To keep the mind afloat I dig deep and deeper into philosophy and find that instead of my taking these courses they take me.

"Studies in race relations, world history, sociology and photography take the place of pie in the mental menu. A ride through English literature of the Romantic period leads me to a fuller appreciation of springtime and all the woes that come with blossoms, mur-

muring rivers, and birds to all who are young and noble.

"I do the most beneficial research during chapel periods and in sessions of clubs and fraternities. I sit among 300 college students and you will hear it without flowers what speaker and theme are worth, and what should be done to stale preachers and staler teachers! It is grand training! And it is a joy to discover, that underneath the youthful laughter surges that deep quest of a nation's youth for the way out of the chaos of our days."



Rev. G. G. Rauser, Pastor of the Franklin Baptist Church in California, baptizing a convert

Showers of Spiritual Blessing in the Franklin Baptist Church of California

Sunday morning, April 12th, was another great day for the Zion Baptist Church of Franklin, Calif. It was the privilege of the pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser, to extend the hand of fellowship to eleven new members. Five of these were married young people, who, through their talents and strength, will be a great asset to the church. On Easter Sunday evening, before a large and attentive audience, nine of the above mentioned were baptized on the profession of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior. A picture of the baptistry of our beautiful little church accompanies this report.

During the last week of February and the first week in March evangelistic meetings were conducted in our church by the Revs. Roy and Ralph Kraft. These meetings proved to be a great blessing to the church. Eleven persons accepted Christ, of whom seven followed the Lord in baptism. Several young people, who had become worldly inclined, reconsecrated their lives to God, the faith of the saints was strengthened and the name of Christ was exalted. We are thankful unto the Lord and the brethren for the blessings.

We are enjoying very well attended services from Sunday to Sunday, experiencing the visitation of the Spirit of the Lord in our meetings. Our prayer and desire are that we might be a shining light in this community in the future by God's grace and to his honor.

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

Comprehensive Report of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon

We, as the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., are thankful to God for his blessings bestowed upon us and for the increase. In the four months since the 1st of December we have welcomed 17 new members into our fellowship, 10 of whom our pastor, Dr. John Leyboldt, had the joy of baptizing. Although we have had no special evangelistic meetings, our pastor and our various church organizations have stressed evangelism and we are truly grateful for the fruit it has borne.

Two of our members, Mr. Melvin Becker and Mr. Albert Losli, have donated a Service Flag in honor of the members of our church who are in government service. It is a large white flag with a red border and on the white field a blue star is placed in honor of each of our members in the service. So far, fourteen have left to serve their country. Our young people's society has an active USO Committee that periodically furnishes our members and friends in the Service with Christian literature, bulletins, letters and boxes of sweets.

Other activities of our Young People's Society are tract rolling in cellophane for distribution; our monthly "Fireside" when the young people meet at a home after the Sunday evening service for singing, devotions, fellowship and refreshments; and our monthly sick visitations.

Our Sunday School has set aside the 4th Sunday of every month as Missionary Sunday that we may become more missionary minded and to remind us of the special mission our birthday pennies can fulfill. We are fortunate in having our missionary, Paul Gebauer, with us and on this Sunday he gives a short talk on one phase of the African work with a large picture to illustrate, after which all those having birthdays in the current month are invited to drop their birthday money in the box and receive a birthday card. All this birthday money goes to help support our African missionary field. Also of interest is the new mixed Sunday School Class, ages 21 to 30, which has just recently been organized but has already surpassed our expectations in interest and attendance. They are studying "Baptist Principles" and "Facing Everyday Problems and Temptations from a Baptist Viewpoint."

Our Ladies' Missionary Society, as well as one of our large organized Sunday School classes, have been active in Red Cross work. The ladies meet once a month in the morning for quilt-making, knitting for the Red Cross or sewing for other worthy causes, followed by a luncheon at noon and their regular meeting in the afternoon.

On Friday evening, March 27, Mr. James D. Billeter and Miss Margaret C. Passage were united in marriage. Mr. Billeter is a former president of our Young People's Society and the present vice-president of the Oregon Youth League, and Mrs. Billeter has been our church organist for a number of years. Following the wedding, they left on a trip to California. We offer our congratulations to them.

BETTY K. PFAFF, Reporter.



Rev. Julius Kaaz of New Haven, Connecticut, Pastor of the Central Baptist Church for 25 Years

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Two Unusual Anniversary Celebrations by the Central Baptist Church of New Haven

On April 10th and 12th the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., celebrated its 85th anniversary and 25 years of service of the pastor, the Rev. Julius Kaaz, with the church. Professor F. W. C. Meyer, who served the church as pastor from 1888 to 1900, was the guest speaker.

Young People of Nokomis, Saskatchewan, at the Time of Their Society's 30th Anniversary



A fine program followed the dinner on Friday evening. The ladies surprised Mrs. Kaaz with a wonderful bouquet of red roses decorated with some of Uncle Sam's precious "green leaves." The church treasurer handed the pastor a very valuable envelope.

At the recognition service on Sunday evening, Professor Meyer, who presided, presented the pastor with an envelope containing a dollar for each year of his service here. Dr. Luther Weigle, dean of the Yale Divinity School, delivered the address and Dr. Harold Jones, Dr. John McClean, the Rev. G. Friedenberg, and the Rev. Paul Schade also participated at this occasion. The Rev. W. J. Zirbes of Pater-son, N. J., also attended and took part in the celebration activities.

This church has had nine pastors.

During the last 54 years there were only three: Prof. F. W. C. Meyer, Prof. Otto Koenig, and the present pastor, the Rev. Julius Kaaz. It has sent nine young men into the Christian ministry and one into the foreign field, among whom are Dr. F. W. Meyer, medical missionary in the Philippine Islands, and the Rev. Otto Nallinger of Dallas, Ore. Four young ladies also went into missionary activities. This church has had a wonderful history; may it prove to be of greater blessings in the future.

The theme song of the celebration was composed by Professor Meyer and was sung to the tune of "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me."

"May the beauty of holiness
Fill this place;
All its wonderful glory
Of truth and grace,
O, Thou power divine
All our efforts refine,
'Till the beauty of holiness
Fill this place."

JULIUS KAAZ, Pastor.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Thirtieth Anniversary of the Nokomis Baptist Young People's Society in Saskatchewan

On Sunday, March 1, the young people of the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., celebrated their 30th anniversary in their society.

Under the leadership of our pastor's wife, Mrs. E. M. Wegner, during the year of 1941 and now in 1942 we as a society have gone forward with renewed vigor.

Some highlights of our anniversary program were two anthems by the society, violin duet by Mr. John Sailor

and son, Lawrence, an address by the Rev. E. M. Wegner, our pastor, and several short talks by retiring members, who urged us to go ever "Onward With Christ." A Biblical play was presented entitled, "The Boy Who Found the Kingdom."

On April 2nd, one month later, the society again had the privilege of presenting a program, this time as an Easter pageant and cantata entitled, "The Unshadowed Cross." Approximately 9 anthems were rendered by the young people's society. The success of this Easter program was largely due to the pastor who directed the young people's choir; to our pastor's wife, who directed the various scenes in the pageant; and to Miss Bernice Sailor, our pianist.

ARNOLD JESCHKE, Secretary.

Bible School for 38 Students and Evangelistic Meetings at Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

With much joy and anticipation we as young people looked forward to the days from March 9 to 20, when we would be able to attend Bible School held at the German Baptist Church of East Ebenezer, Sask., and look into God's depths and study his riches which he has in store for us. We had 38 students enrolled in the school, of whom a number attended only part time. The students showed much interest in all the studies as given by the teachers, the Rev. A. Husmann, Rev. Phil. Daum, Rev. W. Stein and Mr. K. H. Neufeld.

The Rev. A. Husmann, our promotional secretary, gave us lessons on

Friday evening, March 20, was the closing day for the Bible School students when they rendered a program of addresses, songs and musical numbers, followed by a dainty lunch served in the basement of the church by the Ladies' Aid.

Sunday evening was the climax when we had our musical festival, conducted by Mr. Neufeld. The church was filled to capacity and a very enjoyable musical evening was spent. Many of the students expressed the wish to remain together longer than the two weeks. We hope that some day it will be a reality to have a Bible School as the one at Edmonton, Alta., in our district.

The Bible School, besides paying all other expenses of the two weeks, has raised \$14 extra which we agreed to give to mission work.

LOTTIE G. DOHMS, Reporter.

A surprise farewell in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Krieger and Andra Lee took place on April 11 in the church basement. Guests enjoyed many new games. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served while the group sang choruses.

Mr. Ladner spoke words of farewell and presented a gift of remembrance from the choir. Mrs. Myra Krieger was our choir pianist and Mr. Krieger sang in the choir. Both were active in various church organizations. The Kriegers have left for Portland, Ore., where Mr. Krieger plans to work.

CHARLOTTE MEYER, Reporter.

Countless Blessings in the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County in Kansas

We as members of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County in Kansas lift our voices in praise to God for the countless blessings that he has bestowed upon us during the past year. We had many interesting meetings during the year. Among the highlights of our year's activities was the ordination of our pastor, the Rev. Ben Fadenrecht.

On Nov. 2 and 3 we celebrated the 75th anniversary of our church. It was our privilege to have our general mission secretary, Dr. William Kuhn, as one of our guest speakers. His inspiring messages were the outstanding part of the program.

We were also delighted to have with us two of our former pastors, the Revs. J. A. Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., and P. C. A. Menard of Cincinnati, Ohio, and our neighboring pastors and members of their churches, who helped to make it a time of blessing and of fellowship together.

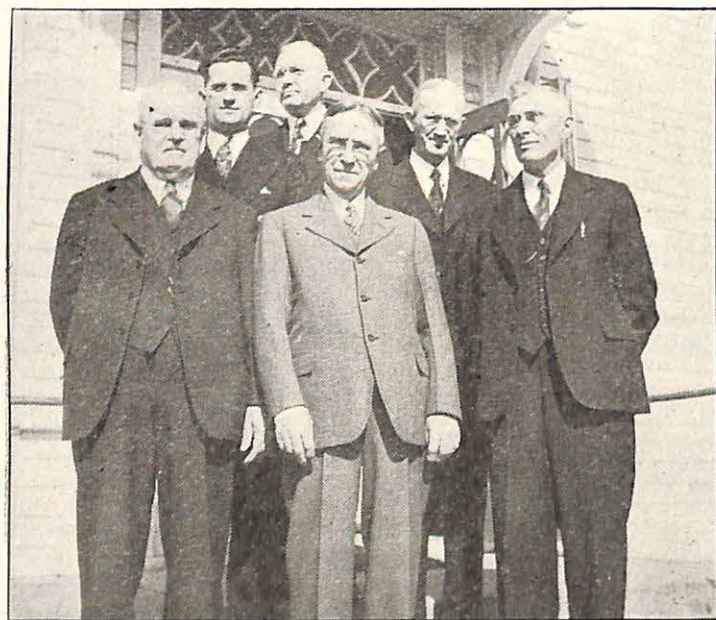
Two weeks of revival meetings were also conducted. Our evangelist, the Rev. Henry Pfeiffer of Okeene, Okla., gave clear and convicting messages, appealing to God's people to surrender wholly to God and to lost souls to accept Christ. Through the messages and personal contact, seven persons, all of whom are members of the Sunday School, accepted the Lord as their personal Savior and gave confession of their faith in him, later following the Lord in baptism.

On March 17 and 18 the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," was with us and showed pictures of the general conference in Burlington, Iowa, and some of Philadelphia, Pa., as a preview of the next general conference in 1943, besides pictures of our missionary work in the Cameroons, through which we could see some of the results of the wonderful work of our missionaries, how the natives are cared for and shown the way of salvation.

In connection with the meetings two missionary offerings were taken with \$47.70 for the Centenary Offering and \$100.70 for general missions.

Under the capable leadership of our beloved pastor, the Rev. Ben Fadenrecht, and his wife we have been lifted to a higher level and have been drawn closer to God. The Lord has set before us an open door and with God's guidance we want our church to look forward to even greater accomplishments in the future.

MRS. ALVAH IHDE, Reporter.



Guest Speakers at the 75th Anniversary of the Dickinson County Church of Kansas
(Left to Right: Dr. Wm Kuhn, Rev. B. Fadenrecht, Dr. Fromm, Rev. P. C. A. Menard, Rev. J. A. Pankratz and Mr. Fadenrecht.)

"The Baptist Fundamentals," which was very instructive and showed us on what foundation we as Baptists stand. He also taught a course on "Christian Leadership," a study of our Sunday School work. The Rev. Phil. Daum of Winnipeg, Man., very fully and clearly taught us "The Ten Commandments" and "How We Can Experience God Through Nature."

Rev. W. Stein of Ebenezer based his lessons on "Christian Stewardship," "Public Speaking," and "The False Witnesses of Our Time," all very inspirational and instructive to us for use in our Christian life.

We had evangelistic meetings during those two weeks with Mr. Husmann and Mr. Daum bringing us the messages. They also visited some of the neighboring churches. Mr. K. H. Neufeld, vocal and musical instructor of Winkler, Man., instructed us in singing and led the choir, consisting of Bible School students and the local choir at every meeting. He also arranged an orchestra of almost 20 persons that added much to the beauty of the meetings. Under his leadership a ladies' quartet, ladies' trio and a ladies' double duet sang on the "Singing Evangelist's Program" in Yorkton, Sask.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

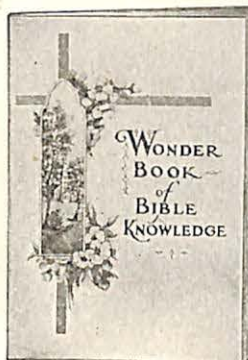
Welcome and Farewell Receptions Are Held by the La Salle Baptist Church

Members and friends of the Baptist Church in La Salle, Colo., were very happy recently to welcome the new pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. Adolph Reeh from Goodrich, No. Dak., in our midst. On March 15 a program and reception in honor of the Reehs was in charge of Mr. Christ Ladner, deacon and choir president.

Mr. Jacob Croissant spoke in behalf of the church. The Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Albert Renke, gave a short talk. The missionary circle was represented by Mrs. Fred Meyer, with Mrs. Albert Renke speaking for the Sewing Circle. Welcome from the B. Y. P. U. was given by Carl Jepson.

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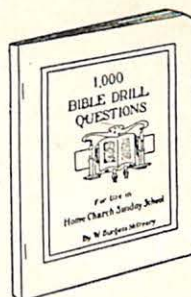
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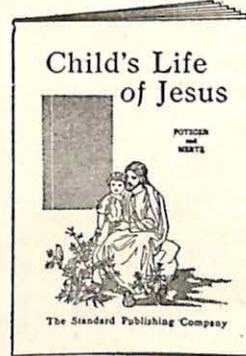
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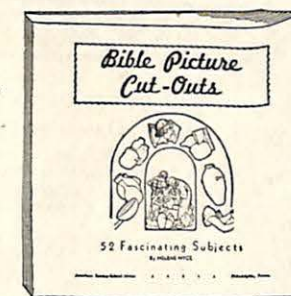
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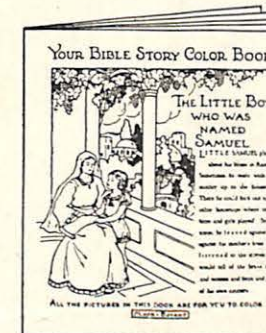
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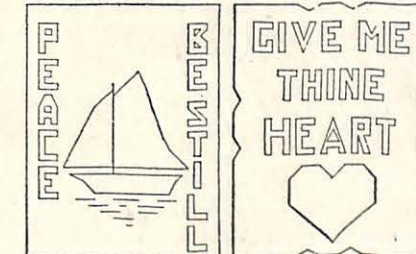


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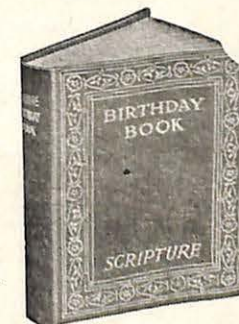


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MR. FREDERIC MELCHERT
of Lorraine, Kansas

Frederic Melchert, son of the Rev. Frederich and Elizabeth Heibach Melchert, was born near Sandwich, DeKalb County, Illinois, on September 18, 1856, and passed to his heavenly reward on April 14, 1942, at the Ellsworth Hospital near Lorraine.

At an early age he confessed his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized by his father who was then pastor of the German Baptist Church of Minonk, Illinois.

It was also this devout Christian minister who read the marriage vows which united in marriage his son and Miss Mettie Janssen. Twelve children were born to this union. Here little of life's luxuries but much of parental love and sacrifice nurtured their young lives in the fear of the Lord. Never in the strain and stresses of life did the family altar fires fail to burn at the beginning and the close of the day.

Mr. Melchert's devotion to God next found its greatest expression in the work of the church. He served as Sunday School teacher and as general and assistant superintendent. He was formally ordained as a deacon by the Illinois German Baptist Association in 1884 and acted in the capacity of a deacon for almost fifty-eight years. He was treas-

urer of the Lorraine Church and also the treasurer of the Southwestern Conference for a number of years.

In February, 1898, he and his family came from Minonk, Ill., to Lorraine, Kansas. Shortly after celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, the mother of the home was invalided for two and one-half years. Death claimed her on Feb. 8, 1930. Beside his wife four children preceded him in death. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Alvah Parks of Minonk, Ill.; eight children, Mrs. Emma Roskam, Mrs. Lillian Mollhagen, Joseph, Walter, and Mrs. Edna Froning of Geneseo, Kan.; Henry Melchert of Salem, Oregon; besides twenty-three grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

The services were held at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine and conducted by his beloved pastor, Dr. Pieter Smit. The Rev. J. H. Kornelsen and the Rev. R. Vassel assisted at the service. He was laid to rest in the Baptist Cemetery of Lorraine on Friday, April 17.

"Not upon thee or thine the solemn angel
Hath evil wrought;

The funeral anthem is a glad evangel.
The good die not.

God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly
What he has given.

They live on earth in thought and deed as truly
As in his Heaven."

Lorraine, Kansas.
Pieter Smit, D. D., Pastor.

Do You Know That...?

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1. Our denominational churches spend on an average of \$373.18 in local expenses for each baptism. This year the lowest church expenditure was \$8.19 per baptism (last year's was approximately \$100) and the highest church expenditure without a single baptism was more than \$6200 (last year's was approximately \$1500). This means that we are, indeed, becoming extremists with our low lower, and our high higher.
2. Many people in writing the editor of this column invariably begin their letter with the sentence, "Do you know that . . . I am a reader of your column."
3. The blood of the different races in the human family has been found to be interchangeable, which means that if we are in trouble even Negro, Japanese, German, Indian, or Chinese blood could be used to save our lives. Now there is new meaning in that old verse, "For God has made of one blood all nations of men."
4. The American Baptist Publication Society of the Northern Baptist Convention publishes 324,905,958 pages of religious material every month!
5. The Government of the District of Columbia has ordered realty taxes placed against excessive land holdings of the Washington Cathedral. They held 33 acres of city lands to be used by 215 students! Now a church and one house for the pastor will be exempted. This new trend will reach into all cities, we feel.
6. Some people think that a thirty minute sermon is too long, so they substitute for it a 600 column Sunday newspaper.
7. There are over 400,000 legalized saloons in America, or one for every 72 families. Experts agree that 3 to 5 ounces of alcohol produce one "drunk." Last year 147,985,200 gallons of intoxicating alcohols were sold, which means a potential 5,327,567,200 "drunks" or enough for each man, woman and child in this land to get drunk from 17 to 29 times. This isn't one of the situations included when we sing, "God Bless America."
8. One of the earliest exemptions from the military draft based on marriage was found in Deuteronomy 24:5. "When a man taketh a new wife, he shall not go out with the host . . ."
9. The Christian who refuses to join a church, but just browses around, is trying to get something for nothing—just like any other gambler.

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