



"Inasmuch as Ye Have Done It to the Least of These . . . ."

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING . . . .

● The annual meeting of the Society of the Baptist Home for the Aged of the Pacific Conference will be held in the Home, 823 N. E. 82nd Ave., Portland, Ore., on Monday, Nov. 15, 1943, at 8 P. M. at which time seven directors will be elected, as announced by Mr. Adam Hoelzer, secretary of the Board of Directors.

● On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 5, Cpl. Frederick Lauer of Burlington, Iowa, a son of the Rev. and Mrs. Philip Lauer, and Miss Helen Meger of Benton Harbor, Mich., were married at a lovely service in the Oak Street Church of Burlington with the Rev. Philip Lauer officiating. A wedding reception was held afterwards. The home of Cpl. and Mrs. Frederick Lauer is Fort Benning, Ga., for the present.

● On Sunday, Sept. 26, the Rev. R. A. Grenz tendered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ont., Canada, and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Cathay, No. Dak. He will begin his duties as pastor on this new field on Dec. 1st, succeeding the Rev. Paul Hunsicker who is now the pastor of the Baptist Church in Fredonia, No. Dak.

● The Rev. L. Hoeffner of Donna, Texas, has accepted the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Elberta, Alabama. He and his wife are already on the field in an active ministry, succeeding the Rev. G. Sprock of Houston, Texas, who served the church with much joy and enthusiasm for several years. Although the church has a membership of only about 50, it constitutes a home mission field with definite promising possibilities.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 26, a youth rally was held at the Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio, at which Dr. A. H. Gage, pastor of the South-hill Baptist Church of Cleveland was the speaker. Dr. Gage is the author of the widely known book, "Evangelism of Youth". On Sunday evening, Oct. 3, the Rev. Henry Hirsch, pastor, spoke on "The Revitalization of the Spiritual Life of Our Church" in keeping with the denominational emphasis on revitalization.

● The Rev. R. P. Jeschke, pastor of the Fourth St. Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, served as dean for the Dayton Community Training School which

was held for five Monday evenings from Oct. 4 to Nov. 1 at the Central Evangelical and Reformed Church. This school, sponsored by the Church Federation of Dayton and Montgomery County, was in its 28th year. The attendance of young people and adults was encouragingly large with more than 70 enrolled on the first evening.

● Late in September, Chaplain Frank Woyke, formerly of Rochester, N. Y., received his appointment to active duty at the close of the usual weeks of study at the U. S. Army School of Chaplains at Harvard University. He

## Announcement to the Churches of the California Association

The California Association of North American Baptists will meet from Thursday evening until Sunday evening, November 11 to 14, with the First Baptist Church of Wasco, California.

The Wasco Church and its pastor, Dr. Donald G. Davis, extend a warm invitation to delegates and visitors from our churches to attend the association meeting in large numbers.

The program will be such as will draw us closer to the Lord Jesus Christ and to each other. Prepare for spiritual feasting from God's Word! The theme will be, "That I May Know Him."

We will appreciate each church's reporting through the pastor or other representative to us the approximate number of delegates and visitors at least one week before the opening date.

C. R. Homfeld, Church Clerk,  
Rt. 1, Box 191, Wasco, Calif.

is now stationed at the U. S. Army Hospital Station at Brownwood, Tex., and ministers largely to the doctors, nurses and about 125 enlisted men who are orderlies at the hospital. He is reported to have a very select group of professional people in his congregation at this Hospital Station.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, No. Dak., with its preaching stations at Gackle and Alfred has announced that the Rev. J. J. Abel, pastor of the Holmes St. Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., has accepted the call to become its minister and will begin his pastorate on Nov. 14th. Mr. Abel will succeed the Rev. G. W. Rutsch who is now the pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, So. Dak. Mr. Abel has also fully recovered from an illness of some months ago.

● The Rev. John C. Schweitzer, formerly pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon, on Oct. 3rd began his ministry as pastor of the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak.,

where he has succeeded the Rev. Albert Krombein, now of Eureka, So. Dak. Mr. Schweitzer preached in the Mission Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., on Sunday, Sept. 19, and at the mission festival of the Bethel Church of Missoula, Mont., on Sunday, Sept. 26, while travelling with his family from Portland, Ore., to Bismarck, No. Dak.

● On Sunday, Sept. 26, the Rev. Aug. F. Runtz, pastor of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., baptized a young woman on confession of her faith in Christ. Another convert was baptized on Sunday, Sept. 12. One of these is a young mother and the other a student at the State Normal University in Normal, Ill. On Sunday, Oct. 3, the Rev. August F. Runtz resigned as pastor of the church and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him and Mrs. Runtz to become superintendent and matron of the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan.

● Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleck have been designated by the Northern Conference and General Missionary Committees to continue their fine work at the Baptist Church at Valley View, Alberta, until March 31, 1944. Mr. Fleck will also serve the station at Hines Creek, 200 miles away. The Valley View Church is our most northerly denominational outpost on the Alaska Highway. Mr. and Mrs. Fleck are living in a homesteader's hut without any conveniences. "They are doing pioneer work in the fullest sense of that term," as reported in the missionary committee's announcement.

● On Sunday, Sept. 26, the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., dedicated a new Steinway Grand piano with the pastor, Dr. Pieter Smit, conducting the special service. The purchase price of the piano of \$1200 was raised by the committee of Mrs. Edward Staebler, Mrs. E. D. Meacham, Mrs. R. E. Wilkens, and Miss Katherine Janssen without any appeal from the pulpit. On Oct. 7 the pastor began to teach a course of study on "The Baptist Faith", in which quite a number of the church people are taking part. Those who take the examination at the close of the course will receive credit.

● Since the first of the year, the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., has lost four of its loyal members by death. These have been Mrs. A. Albrecht, aged 78; Miss Anna Schoenbuecher, aged 65; Mrs. Minnie Dill, aged 55; and Miss Lydia Hoffmann, aged 52, who died on Sept. 2. At the memorial service for Miss Hoffmann, the pastor, the Rev. Julius Kaaz,

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### Coming!

#### CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN A WORLD OF CHAOS

Excerpts from an address by Miss Magdalene Luebeck of Ashley, North Dakota, on this tremendously important theme will give every young reader something to think about and seriously consider.

#### TWO "MUSTS" FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN

The Rev. C. Fred Lehr of Aplington, Iowa, has contributed a timely message on "The Revitalization of the Christian Life" that deals with a familiar theme but is brought with a new challenge and a stirring summons to every reader.

#### THANKSGIVING ANYTIME AND ANYWHERE

The Thanksgiving Day issue on Nov. 15 will feature an unusual and uplifting sermon by the Rev. Robert Schreiber of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada, the young successful pastor of the extended field with three churches: the Pleasant Prairie and West Side Baptist Churches of Wetaskiwin and the Wiesental Baptist Church near Millet.

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# EDITORIAL

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## Today's Missionary Challenge

SOME PEOPLE fail to grasp the importance of today's missionary retrenchment and retreat which the war has necessitated. They imply that far less money and support are required for the world's mission fields in view of this situation. As a result, they are all for sitting back and doing nothing for the present.

But actually, the missionary challenge is far greater today and the needs more tremendous than for many years. The only retreat that has taken place on mission fields has been the return of American missionaries to the home base. Even this picture is changing with the beginning of a small but steady stream of missionaries back to foreign fields. The missionary burden, which God has laid upon us in our North American Baptist General Conference, has not grown any lighter during recent years. If anything, that task is more compelling and challenging than ever!

To be sure, we have only a very few of our missionaries in the Cameroons. But the missionary work of preaching, evangelizing, baptizing, teaching, exhorting, building, and nurturing is being carried on almost everywhere in the Cameroons by hundreds of native Christian leaders. All of these are receiving missionary support in part from us through our Cameroons director, George A. Dunger.

Besides this, we are making preparations in these good years of missionary income to meet the terrible shock of emergencies and of crying needs after the war. The first of a succession of missionary appointees to the Cameroons of Africa has been made. The story and testimony of Miss Amanda Kruse of Lorraine, Kansas, are to be found in this issue of "The Baptist Herald". "The Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies," described in this issue by Dr. William Kuhn, is being raised now for the lean and stormy years ahead.

More than ever, we are vividly conscious of the home mission needs at our very doorstep. The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, is now a home mission task of ours. Doors are opening wide in the pioneer country north of Edmonton. That story is graphically related in this issue.

This is the day of greatest opportunity for us. Today has its missionary challenge as great as other days. Do not let this day go by without assuming your share of its burdens in order to gain your share of God's blessings bestowed upon those who are faithful.

# We Can Hear Them Crying!

A Call to Service in Behalf of the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies by DR. WILLIAM KUHN, Executive Secretary of the General Council

MULTITUDES upon multitudes in China out of their blackest midnight hour, enveloped in the shades of death, cry out for help in their hopeless misery. Recently we heard their cries over the radio direct from Chungking. That voice told of the indescribable sufferings of those of thousands of homeless ones, vainly trying to pick up some crumbs to sustain life, but now caught in the whirlpool sweeping them with unrelentless certainty to death by starvation.

## Hear the Macedonian Cries

While the needs in China are probably more staggering than in any other country, we here in America have at least heard that incessant wailing of the sufferings and the moans of the dying. In responding to their call, we have shared a part of the plenty of our tables in order to appease their hunger. But there are many other countries suffering from the destruction of war, whose cry for help cannot penetrate that solid wall isolating them from the rest of our human family. For them there is as yet no eloquent spokesman to transmit over the ether waves the story of their heart-rending misery. In the far places of the world there are many sympathetic hearts who might help.

We often wonder whether any of our Christian brethren, those martyrs for their testimony to Christ, still languish under Russian persecution and with weary hearts and with weak voices still cry for deliverance. For their sakes we would rather believe that God in his mercy had commissioned his angels to carry them from the pestiferous prisons and those cold killing forests and mines of the North into the very presence of Jesus Christ who had loved them and given himself for them. With that other prisoner of Christ, these martyrs in Russia could say: "To depart, and to be with Christ, is far better."

The scene depicted in Revelation 6:9-11 may doubtless apply to these martyrs in Russia as to those of other days:

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes

were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

God speed the day when peace will again return to this wartorn world. Then the last of those billions of death-dealing shots will have been fired. Then the last torpedo will have sent a ship with its crew to a watery grave. Then for the last time from God's firmament a rain of "block busters" will fall converting every thing into rubble. In the dawn of that Day of Peace the world will receive a horrifying revelation of the true extent of the destruction wrought by this global war.

## War's Devastation and Misery

Never before in this world's history has there been anything like it. No human mind can comprehend its scope. No human tongue or pen can adequately describe it. Just these few glimpses will convince us of this war's cataclysmic devastation. Millions upon millions of our world's manhood are no longer among the living; other millions maimed physically, mentally and spiritually for life; morality and virtue brutally ravished; the fires of hate burning intensely and setting nation against nation; the works of past generations destroyed ruthlessly; promising careers blasted; happy homes destroyed, families scattered never to be joined again; countless men and women being driven aimlessly over the sea of life after having suffered a shipwreck of their faith; hunger and starvation stalking among the homes and over the fields that had never known any want; churches of Christ established by the labors and sacrifices of God's saints now so completely weakened as to be almost beyond the hope of recovery.

We are already facing this indescribable world emergency that is marshalling its army of bitter hate, destruction, ruin and death. In fact, we are already engulfed by the same. With the passing of every day and week and month and year this world emergency will become intensified. Out of this unprecedented world emergency, we can hear those millions of unfortunate ones crying.

Even though it will require more than the help of all Christians in the United States and Canada to save those caught in this tidal wave of destruction, we North American Bap-

tists covet the privilege of sharing in this ministry of assuaging the grief of these stricken millions. Many of them may be related to us by blood and language. Many belong to God's family, being redeemed by Christ's blood and sealed by God's Holy Spirit. All of them are members of our human family, and for that reason claiming our sympathetic help.

## Our Gifts in This Emergency

Now we need to prepare for that day, when the doors will be opened for us to enter with our love gifts. After the first World War we distributed a full third of a million dollars. Considering the enormity of the disaster, we will need more to alleviate the needs in this emergency. We have resolved to secure at least \$100,000 and of this total, we have about \$20,000 in cash on hand. The cry of these stricken ones will reach our sympathetic hearts and prompt us to give generously according to our ability.

In order faithfully to fulfill this ministry of love, we need the spirit of the Good Samaritan, so that we do not pass by the stricken ones in callous self-love. Although the spirit of humane kindness should be sufficient to enlist us as willing helpers to relieve this most distressing world emergency, as disciples of the merciful Christ, we are motivated by the principles enunciated by the Apostle Paul. He wrote:

"But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he who soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loved a cheerful giver."

Again:

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

## Our Thanksgiving Week

The Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from Sunday, Nov. 21, to Sunday, Nov. 28, offers us a golden opportunity to put into practice that divine injunction given by the Lord Jesus Christ himself:

"And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations."

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# Another Missionary for Africa

The Story of Miss Amanda Kruse by Her Pastor, DR. PIETER SMIT of Lorraine, Kansas

MISS AMANDA KRUSE, our newly appointed missionary to the Cameroons, was born near Lorraine, Kans., and lived on a farm with her brothers and sisters about six miles from the city of Lorraine. Here she grew up as a member of a large family which had to struggle to maintain food and clothing for all the members as they combined their efforts for the good of the whole family.

During those early years she learned the secret of hard work and saving, which have characterized her until the present day. She received her early schooling in the public schools of Lorraine and the rural schools of the community.

At the age of twelve she was converted through the preaching of her pastor, the Rev. R. Stracke, and united with the First Baptist Church of Lorraine through baptism shortly afterwards. She recalls the early association in the Sunday School and the deep impressions left on her young and receptive mind by Mrs. Henry Schacht as her teacher, who gave her the first and lasting impressions of the necessity of the new birth. She also recalls the efforts of the church to bring to her the fundamental truths of the Gospel, to which she clings to this day.

In her 'teens she felt the call of the Lord into his service. She knew not where it might lead, but no matter where, she was willing to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." To prepare herself for the work of this inner urge to go wherever the Lord would lead, she entered the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., in 1921, and then re-entered the following year and completed her Missionary-Music-Nursing Course at the Moody Institute in 1924.

Having completed her school work, she went to Africa to work under the Sudan Interior Mission. Under this mission she worked for several terms. An explosion of chemicals in a dispensary at Jos, Nigeria, several years ago caused her a great deal of pain until she needed the rest and cure of American skill. We are thankful for her complete recovery, so that she is now ready to go again to the land of her heart's desire and love.

At present, she is employed as the head nurse in Mother Bickerdyke Home, a home for War Veterans' Widows at Ellsworth, Kansas, where she is doing a noble service to these worthy people. At the same time she is being trained more and more in the care of those who need attention in Africa for their physical welfare. She is prepared to leave, however, just as soon as the necessary things are in

order for her going.

There is no doubt in our minds as to her call to Africa, nor concerning her zeal for those in the lands beyond. Her heart is there, and, if need be, she is willing to die there with those whose darkened skins and naked bodies only reveal the nakedness of their souls in need of Christ as Savior.

She comes from a home of church workers. Among her brothers and sisters are deacons within our own churches, trustees, a Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School workers, and one sister who is the wife of one of our ministers, namely, Mrs. J. H. Kornelsen of our Bethany Baptist Church at Vesper, Kansas.

She goes to Africa knowing just what it is like there. She is no novice at the task that shall be hers. She knows what work needs to be done there, and knows the cost it will mean to her. She goes, even now, with the knowledge that God has called her into this task, cost what it may.

The Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine in a recent meeting heartily approved the selection of Miss Kruse for this ennobling



Miss Amanda Kruse of Lorraine, Kansas, the New Missionary-Appointee to the Cameroons of Africa

task of winning the Cameroons for Christ.

Our prayers follow her all the way. May God use her mightily in that land where hands are extended to us and voices calling: "Come over and help us!"

# God's Missionary Call to Me

By MISS AMANDA C. KRUSE of Lorraine, Kansas, the New Missionary-Appointee to Africa

"GOD works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform." How it has been proven to me time and again, and here it is again a reality! The Lord willing, I shall soon be on my way again to the land where the Gospel is so sorely needed, even dark Africa.

In 1921 I entered the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Illinois, for special training for evangelistic work. While there studying the Word of God, I had the privilege to hear much about the need in the foreign field, as well as in the home land. It was then that the Lord spoke to me about the necessity of being willing to do his will, even to the extent of going out to the regions beyond. I heard the call like Isaiah did, (Isa. 6:8), "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I; send me."

It was then that I had peace, and it was and is a joy to go forth in his name and with his message and in his strength. "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19) What a wealth!

I first sailed to Nigeria, Africa, on Nov. 7, 1925, under the auspices of the Sudan Interior Mission. I labored under that work until five years ago, when I was invalided home. The way back to the field then was closed. Later I realized that God was at work, and the above quotation became a proven fact again. It was one of the "ALL THINGS" that work together for good for his chosen.

Mother was in poor health and not able to be alone. So I stayed with her, caring for her until she passed away a year ago. Now with "stakes pulled up", as it were, I am ready to return to the work to which I have been called, and as long as there is that tremendous need, and I am physically able, that call is not withdrawn. I do praise his name for the privilege of being an ambassador "beseeching men in Christ's stead to be reconciled to God."

*"The restless millions wait the light,  
Whose coming maketh all things new.  
Christ also waits, but men are slow  
and late;  
Have we done what we could?"*



—Picture by H. Siemuna

A Happy Group of the Sunday School of Chicago's Gross Park Immanuel Baptist Church, a Home Mission Field of the Denomination

## Opportunities on Home Mission Fields

By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Pastor of the North Avenue Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

MUCH has recently been said about the necessity of giving more attention to missionary opportunities offered on the home field. A study of facts presents ample evidence that this step is in the right direction. The strength of our denomination is found at home, and if we are to increase in spirit and numbers, then this growth needs to come from activities in our home fields.

### Early Missionary Activities

Approximately one hundred years ago at the beginning of our denomination, the Home Mission work was carried on in the German language. These missionary activities followed the westward development of our country as the years passed on. Many small German-speaking churches were started, and again, as time passed on, some of them prospered and became strong churches. Others gradually became weaker as German-speaking groups and finally either disbanded, or became entirely English and joined an English-speaking association.

The churches that prospered usually were the bi-lingual groups which tried to fit their program to the needs of their time and community. In many instances the churches that disbanded might have been saved for our denomination if there had been a policy of changing such churches to English-speaking groups, which would carry on an aggressive missionary and evangelistic program among the English-speaking people of their community.

However, in those days the denomination was not thus minded.

The work of past years, done in the German language, is indeed a glorious record which will always stand as a memorial to the devotion and dedication which our forefathers gave to the Kingdom in the endeavor to bring the Gospel of the crucified Christ to the German-speaking people who had come to this land of freedom to make their home. The work done by these bi-lingual churches is not only unique, but stands out as an achievement of tremendous importance in the Kingdom of God. Only the great Book of Life will reveal the numbers won for Christ by that little bilingual German Baptist Church around the corner in our cities, towns or at the crossroads in our great prairie area.

### Promising Opportunities

Today circumstances in the far greater part of our denomination definitely demand that Home Mission activities be conducted in the English language, and this fact is really an open door to the greatest Home Mission opportunity which our denomination has ever had. We are no longer limited to German-speaking people or to localities where there were large settlements of Germans.

All of our country and the Dominion of Canada constitute a field of opportunity. Thus, the transition from German to bilingual, and now all English, should not be interpreted as denominational disintegration, but rather as a natural development, perfectly in

line with the growth of our nation. The manner in which so many of our churches have adjusted themselves in the past to normal and natural developments casts a favorable light on the future of our Home Mission endeavor.

It is true that in some sections of the United States and the Dominion of Canada there is still opportunity for both German and bilingual work but, humanly speaking, these opportunities will naturally decrease as the years pass on. Some localities offer exceptional opportunities, such as the Alaska Highway area, of which another has reported in this issue. This survey shall be limited to some opportunities and results which the writer has had occasion to observe within the boundaries of the Northwestern Conference. Names of churches and localities will not be mentioned but will gladly be furnished to anyone requesting them.

### Several Mission Churches

One of our churches which did a splendid piece of work in the past came to the point where it virtually ceased to exist as a German-speaking group.

Only a few of the older members were left, and they maintained a skeleton organization and held occasional meetings to satisfy their own spiritual needs. This went on for some time, but several years ago a new start was made. The entire program was directed to the English-speaking community with a result that there has been a substantial increase in church membership and Church School enrollment. This is now taking place at a spot where many thought the usefulness of the little German Baptist church was done.

In a number of smaller towns and cities our mission or independent churches located there are the only Baptist churches in these respective communities, and one can readily understand that under the guidance of God an aggressive English-speaking program of evangelistic and mission work should gain good results. In two of the towns where there are other Baptist churches, our churches are the strongest in spiritual vitality and missionary zeal. Indeed, they have an opportunity to make this felt in their community.

### An Outstanding Illustration

Perhaps the outstanding illustration of missionary opportunities in the Northwestern Conference is the case of a small country church located within five miles of a city. The church had been holding its own for many years, adding to its membership by baptizing the converts who came from their own families. In the nearby city there was no Baptist Church, in fact, no Baptist Church in an area of many square miles around the city. During past years a voice was repeatedly heard—

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# The Students Return to the Seminary

The Report of Summer Pastorates and Activities by Seminary Students  
by MR. GILBERT SCHNEIDER, School Reporter

NOT FAR from Los Angeles, Calif., stands an old Spanish Mission called San Juan Capistrano. Every year on a certain afternoon in the Spring, just as the day is dying in the West and the bells of the Mission are ringing, a myriad host of swallows darkens the sinking sun. The swallows have come back to Capistrano.

Just as the swallows begin a new season in the Capistrano Mission so we begin a new year at our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. Our group is small, but our spirit is great, and we look forward to a year filled with rich experiences. The swallows were numberless and hid the rays of the evening sun. We are, however, few in number and do not desire to hide the Son but to reflect him in our lives for he is the true light of the world.

### Chapel Reminiscences

In our first chapel meetings of the new year we recalled and shared our summer experiences. Optimistic and challenging reports were brought back from the various churches visited and served during the summer months. The students travelled approximately 90,000 miles and preached over 260 sermons. Many people were spiritually blessed and a goodly number of persons were saved through our efforts.

Henry Lang, Vincent Sprock, and Fred Knalson returned after spending a profitable summer in North Dakota. Henry Lang served our church at Harvey, No. Dak. Vincent Sprock and Fred Knalson labored in the northern part of the state for the Northern Baptist Convention. All three conducted Vacation Bible Schools and reported progress in their respective fields.

Lorenz Michelson canvassed the Billings, Mont., area for our General Missionary Committee. He also attended the Dakota Conference.

Robert Zimbelman, Alex Sootzmann, and Ted Krause found their place in the big city of New York. Robert assisted the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer in the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. Alex Sootzmann served the Immanuel Church for over two months, and Ted Krause found opportunities in the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn. Ted also visited the camp at Pinebrook.

Edwin Michelson, Alvin Foster, and Edward Guenther spent most of their summer in Connecticut. Edwin Michelson "took unto himself a wife" during the early summer months, and then took charge of the Baptist Cottage at Madison, Conn. Alvin Foster worked in Bridgeport, and Edward Guenther

found employment near Willimantic, Connecticut.

### Opportunities For Service

Edwin Miller, William Jeschke, and Earl Abel found Michigan a receptive state. Miller and Jeschke were active on the farm during the week and found a great joy in serving the Lord on weekends. Most of their summer was spent near Benton Harbor. Earl Abel gained his practical experience in Lansing, where his father is the pastor.

tian ministry. Our Seminary was privileged to welcome five enthusiastic young men at the opening exercises.

Ervin Paul comes to us from Germantown, No. Dak. Ervin is a graduate of Northwestern Bible School and also attended the University of Minnesota. He will graduate in about a year.

Reinhold Kanwischer is a member of the Bridgeland Baptist Church at Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Mr. Kanwischer after trying for some time to work out his papers has finally suc-



New Students at the Rochester Baptist Seminary  
Seated, Left to Right: Leroy Moser, Reinhold Kanwischer, and John Vanderbeck. Standing: Roger Schmidt and Ervin Paul.

Bruno Schreiber and Henry Schmuland found the grass greener across the border in Canada. Leduc, Alberta, Canada, was privileged to have Mr. Schreiber in their midst and Henry Schmuland "broke the bread of life" near Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Robert Konitz worked for Uncle Sam in Kenosha, Wis. He also found many preaching opportunities in his home church.

Ben Zimmerman, Otto Schmidt, Fred Hoffman, Walter Schmidt, Wolfgang Gerthe, and Gilbert Schneider remained in and around Rochester for the greater part of the summer. Wolfgang Gerthe did travel into the South and served at Greenville, Texas, for a short time. Walter Schmidt remained in Buffalo, N. Y. Otto Schmidt, Fred Hoffman and Gilbert Schneider took extra work at the University of Rochester during the summer months. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman spent a quiet summer in Rochester and vicinity.

### New Faces

One of the joys of Christian fellowship is meeting other young people dedicated and set apart for the Chris-

ceeded, but his family is still in Canada. He entered the Junior Class and will graduate in three years.

John Vanderbeck is the son of the Rev. M. Vanderbeck of La Crosse, Wis. John is a high school graduate and plans to spend five years in Rochester at the seminary.

Leroy Moser hails from the "Sunny South". Leroy attended the Henrietta High School and delivered the salutatory oration. Mr. Moser has made himself at home in the North, and his winsome personality has already gained him many new friends.

Roger Schmidt, brother of Walter, another student, and son of a trustee, is a member of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y. Roger will finish his high school work and take courses in the academy.

Professor Assaf Husmann is also a new face in the classroom. He is well known in our denomination, and the students have already enjoyed his fellowship. Professor Husmann will add something to the life and spirit of the Seminary. We shall feature our new professor in one of the future articles in THE BAPTIST HERALD.



Missionaries and Vacation Bible School Teachers of the Peace River Country of Alberta  
Left to Right: Miss Christiana Hufnagel, Mr. Charles Fleck and Mrs. Ruth Lehmann of Valley View; Miss Martha Peters and Miss Elizabeth Lehmann of Culp and Watino; and Miss Christiana Hufnagel, Mr. Raymond Dickau and Miss E. Lehmann of Hines Creek

# Missionaries of the Peace River Country

By the REV. FRED W. BENKE of Edmonton, Alberta,  
Missionary, Evangelist and Bible Teacher

THERE is something alluring that draws people from different walks of life to the Peace River Country of northern Alberta. Several times I have asked "the old timers", who came to this country in the early days, what prompted them to leave the comforts of civilization and the enjoyment of friends and to endure privation, hardships, danger and loneliness. Some of them drove the four hundred miles from Edson before the railroad had arrived by oxen team or horses for months.

## The Call of the Peace

Their one answer was: It was the call of "the Peace", the spirit of pioneering that had moved their forefathers to seek adventure in the New World. One of the poets of the North has aptly expressed the sentiment of this limitless land with a spirit of romance hovering over it in the following words:

*"I am the land that listens,  
I am the land that broods;  
Steeped in eternal beauty  
Crystalline waters and woods;  
I wait for the men who will win me;  
I will not be won in a day;  
And I will not be won by weaklings,  
Subtle, suave and mild,  
But by men with the hearts of Vikings,  
And the simple faith of a child."*

Here the Great Creator has especially endowed Nature with a varied

and colorful display. The wonderful Peace River, which has given the country its restful and alluring name, presents a most magnificent scenery. Motorists are advised to stop their cars coming down the steep banks and approaching Peace River Town. They will be rewarded with a never-to-be-forgotten sight where the Big Smokey River and the Peace River unite.

This is the land of infinite possibilities. It appeals to all—to the professional man, to the merchant, to the fur-trader and the farmer. Even the artist could not miss the appeal of "the Peace", with its brilliant sunset, its flowers of many varieties and colorings, and autumn when the woods are splashed with golds, greens, crimsons and tawny russets. Grain growing and mixed farming are the leading industries of the Peace. The important commercial tree is the white spruce.

## The Response of the Church

The Church of Jesus Christ has also heeded the call of this country and unwaveringly has followed the settlers to bring them "the Good News," the only message that cheers them in their lonely struggles. We, too, were aware of the need of the Peace River Country. Settlers came in 1931 and located at Valley View, Alberta. Here, through the generous aid of our Missionary Society and the volunteer help of the devoted Christians, a neat church building has been erected and since

then the mission cause has been maintained.

During the summer months as we travelled up and down this vast country, we always stressed evangelism as the great need. "Seek ye the Lord, while he may be found." Other Christian workers, herewith mentioned, accompanied me on a number of these mission trips, assisting with testimony, music and song. God blessed these efforts to the salvation of souls.

## Baptismal Services

We were greatly strengthened and encouraged by the services of the Rev. J. Kornalewski of the First Church of Leduc, Alta., and by the Rev. Philip Daum, mission secretary of the Northern Conference. Their heart-stirring messages from God meant much to saints and sinners. Both brethren officiated at the baptismal services at Hines Creek, with Mr. Kornalewski serving on July 25th and Mr. Daum on August 29th. This was the first time that such form of baptism had taken place in that district. Many saw Scriptural baptism carried out for the first time, as 17 children of God followed their Lord in baptism.

Although the new converts here and in other localities are exposed to much ridicule, their ringing testimony is encouraging and expresses their unwavering faith in their new-found Lord and Savior. At a recent testimony meeting, one of the youngest Christians, who early in her experi-



A Group of Children and Teachers on the Way to Vacation Bible School at Hines Creek With the Rev. F. W. Benke in the Driver's Seat

ence had been called to pass through the fiery trials of adversity, voiced the loyal attitude of all in the words: "I will be true to Jesus, come what may."

A Bible Conference was also held in Valley View, rallying the Christian forces for several days of spiritual feasting on the Word of God and fellowship in the Lord.

## Vacation Bible Schools

Consecrated Christian young people held five Vacation Bible Schools this summer. We will ask them to relate some of their experiences: Mr. Raymond Dickau toured with me in Gospel work for one month and then carried on the mission work in Hines Creek. With this genial smile he said: "I am so thankful that I had this opportunity to serve my God. The Vacation Bible School was a new experience for me, being my first time in teaching. The children were very receptive and eager to attend and learn. Other children from the neighborhood would have liked to attend, but were forbidden to come near our meetings. Several children who had come to some of the former Gospel meetings and wanted to be saved were not permitted to come again. But at the baptismal services a number of people, most of them young people, did come. Much work can and must be done if we want to follow Christ's command. The need is great, and I want to prepare myself for full time service for God to follow his call and guidance."

Mr. Dickau did a blessed work for the Lord at Hines Creek that will count for time and eternity. He conducted the Sunday services, held midweek prayer meetings, young people's meetings, orchestra and choir rehearsals.

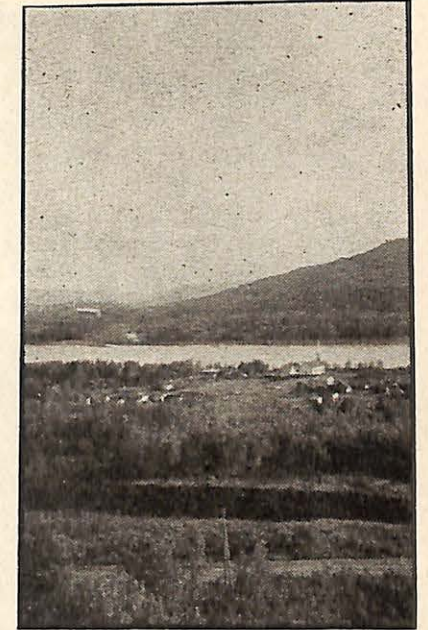
Miss Elizabeth Lehmann has described the summer's work at Watino. "We had a fine group of children daily with 34 on the roll call. They took great interest in the story about Jesus and soon learned the choruses. "This little light of mine," "Jesus loves me" and "Sunlight in My Soul" were their favorites. We also felt that after giving them the Gospel for ten days and seeing their great interest in the Christian life, we should give an altar call. Ten children lifted up their hands, and after prayer they were so glad that their sins were forgiven. On

Sunday morning, August 15th, we held the closing program of the school, when all the children took part and many of their parents were present."

## Gifted and Enthusiastic Teachers

After the school the children would go around the town singing the choruses and some would hold a Sunday School with one of the children taking the part of Elizabeth Lehmann and another the part of Martha Peters, the two teachers.

Miss Martha Peters, gifted Gospel singer, relates about the School held at Culp. "It has been one of the most blessed schools I have ever taught. The children seemed to have a yearning for God's Word. There were 54 children on the roll call. We tried to build them up in their Christian life, and some of those professing to be Christians came to our house certain evenings for Christian fellowship and



A Scenic View of Peace River With the Town of Peace River, Alberta, in the Foreground

in the Valley View Community Hall for two weeks, August 3 to 13. Three teachers took part, Mr. C. Fleck, Miss Ruth Lehmann and Miss Christiana Hufnagel. We had a bright, interesting group of children to teach. Due to sickness, our school was not so well attended as in other years. However, we had a delightful time with the children learning Bible stories, Bible verses, singing choruses and doing handwork. Then we had another school for one week in the Smokey Valley



Baptismal Scene at the Peace River With Rev. Fred W. Benke, Mrs. C. Fleck and Rev. J. Kornalewski at Left and Group of Baptismal Candidates

Bible study. We also visited as many homes as our time would permit, and the Lord granted opportunities to witness for our Savior in these homes. Besides the school for about two weeks we held meetings and Sunday School. It was at the close of one of these Gospel meetings that we gave an altar call and 11 persons accepted Christ. The testimonies that the children gave were well worth our time spent there. We want to be much in prayer for this needy mission field."

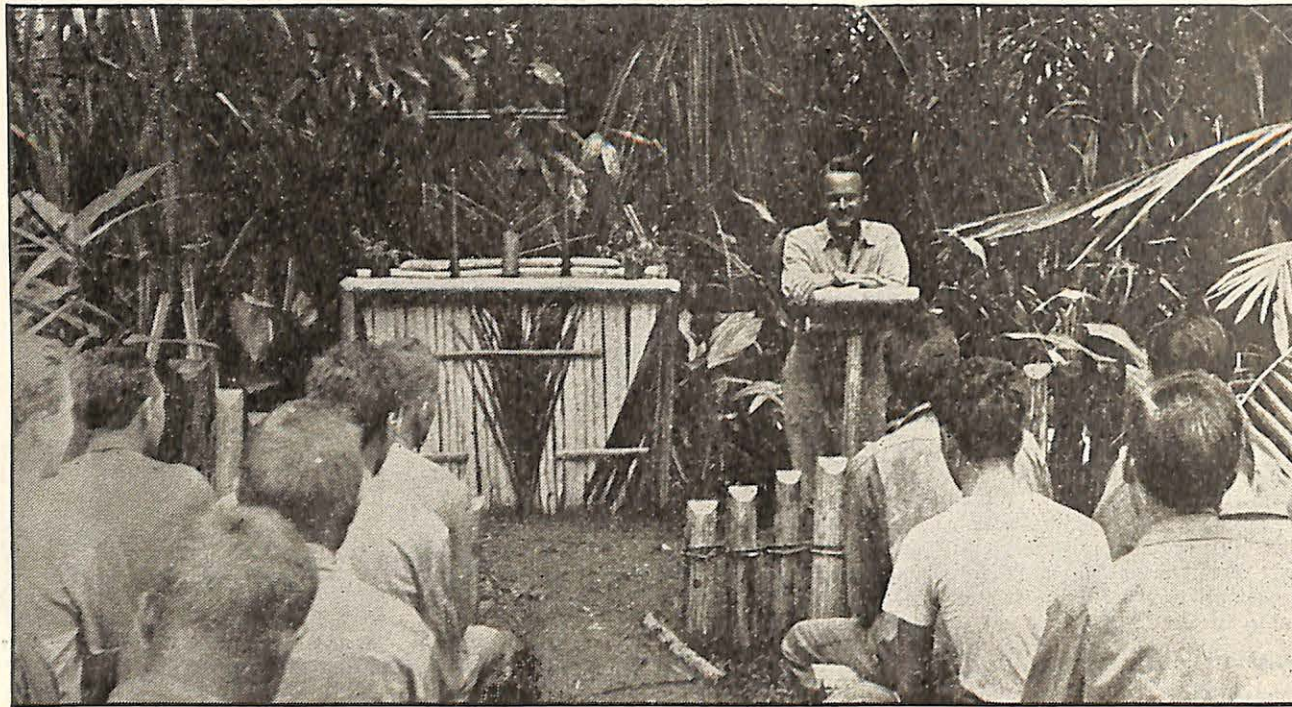
The two young women boarded in an old dilapidated house that had to be first cleaned before it could be occupied.

Miss Christiana Hufnagel reported for the schools at Valley View and Smokey Valley. "We had the school

## Mission Travels

During the summer time I have travelled several thousand of miles by car, often ploughing through muddy roads. I have gone hundred of miles by train, on passenger and way-freight

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A Sunday Worship Service in the Open Air Jungle Chapel of Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, With Protestant Chaplain Marcus W. Johnson Conducting the Service for the Boys of the United States Infantry

# Christian Missions in the South Sea Islands

By CPL. RAYMOND A. GOODSON of Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in an Article Especially Prepared for "The Baptist Herald"

I was reared in a Christian home in a small Arkansas town. I was taught at home and in Sunday School classes about the work of missionaries, but little did I realize what they did and what they endured until after I had been inducted into the Armed Forces and sent out for overseas duty.

On that horrible day of December 7, 1941, my regiment was on a troop train bound for San Francisco, Calif., there to take a boat and sail for the Philippine Islands. The outbreak of war held us up a few days, but we were the first convoy to sail from San Francisco after war was declared.

We were sailing for an unknown destination. Under what condition we would get off the boat was unknown. The future looked very dark, and that is where the soldiers secured Bibles and started reading. There is no doubt that almost everyone was praying and asking God for a safe landing, something which only he could give.

## Hawaiian Missions

On the Sunday before Christmas the ship's chaplain held service in the ship chapel, and I don't think that prior to this time I had ever seen a chapel packed with so many soldiers. By this time these soldiers had come to realize that religion was a necessity for men to have the same as food, clothing and shelter.

After sailing for several days we pulled into what was left of Pearl Harbor. There we unloaded and made this our home for a number of months. There in the city of Honolulu, I learned something about what our missionaries are doing. Honolulu has three Baptist churches and each church has several missions throughout the city. These churches were founded by none other than our Baptist missionaries, there teaching the Word of God and telling the story of how Jesus died for men's sins to the typical Hawaiian



Cpl. Raymond A. Goodson at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands

people and all other nationalities, such as Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, and the Filipinos as well as the American people who make Hawaii their home.

Each of these churches has plenty of cultured help since a large number of missionaries whom I met there had for years taught in China and Japan. They had been home on a furlough and were returning when war was declared and were therefore stranded in the territory of the Hawaiian Islands. After seeing the work that needed to be done, they chose to continue to stay, rather than return to the mainland for the duration of war. I met a number of Japanese people who had found Christ in these churches and had put their complete trust and faith in him and are now seeking to help others be saved.

I am now thinking of a man who, back in the late twenties, spent an enlistment in the Army on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii. After this man had completed his enlistment and returned to the mainland, God called him to preach. After attending Bible School and pastoring a few churches, this man realized the need of missionaries in Honolulu, and God put it on his heart to return. This man is E. K. Begley, now pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church of Waikiki, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii. Mr. Begley

founded this church a little over three years ago which now has a large church membership and has a good attendance in all services.

In April of this year this church opened a full time Baptist Church in the city of Hilo on the island of Hawaii, where there is plenty of work to be done. In my last letter from Mr. Begley, he stated that the Lord had blessed these churches in many ways and he is now planning to open a Bible School in Honolulu for the service men and civilians who want to prepare for special duty. A number of men in the Armed Forces plan to return home after the war and to study to be ministers.

## The Author's Letter

By Cpl. Raymond A. Goodson

DEAR EDITOR:

Some few days ago a friend of mine received a copy of "The Baptist Herald" with one of your letters enclosed. After my friend had finished, he passed the paper on to me knowing that I was interested in all Baptist work.

After reading "The Herald" from cover to cover I immediately mailed in for one year's subscription. Good literature is hard to find, and I have learned that it pays to have plenty handy at all times so that I can pass it on to friends.

Enclosed is a copy of an article which I have written recently and am sending it to you for possible publication in "The Baptist Herald". I wrote it with the hope of its opening the eyes of the Baptist people of America to see just what our missionaries are doing.

I am the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Goodson of Louann, Arkansas, age 24. I was converted in the Louann Baptist Church in June, 1938, and later moved my letter to the First Baptist Church of Little Rock, Ark., while attending school there.

We are experiencing a lot these days as well as having some trying times here in the South Seas. God has taken care of me greatly and if it be according to his will I pray for him to see me through this disaster so that I may serve him through years to come.

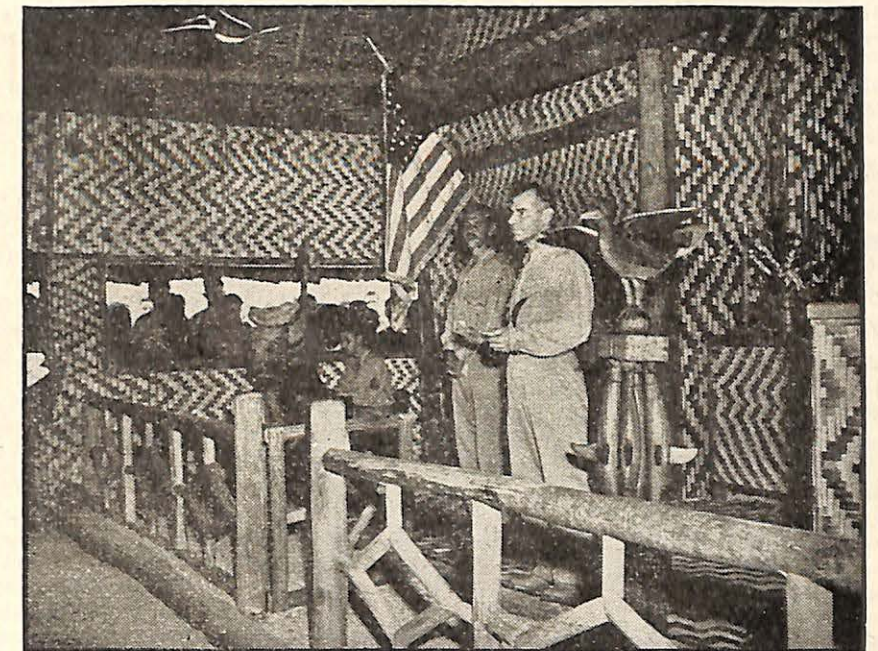
May God bless you and your church as the years journey along!

We sailed from Pearl Harbor several months later for parts unknown. After many days, sailing in the Southwest Pacific, we landed on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. We were advised to get ready to land on Guadalcanal within the next couple of days. This again aroused the men's thoughts of all the things that could happen to them and that any day now could be "the finis", and, regardless of what might take place, it would be insecure to take any chances.

## Guadalcanal's Horrors

On the Sunday before our landing the ship's chapel was crowded again with men who had come to worship their God, maybe for their last time, and prayers were raised for our safe landing which God greatly answered.

We were here three days before any men of this regiment made contact with the Japanese ground forces but



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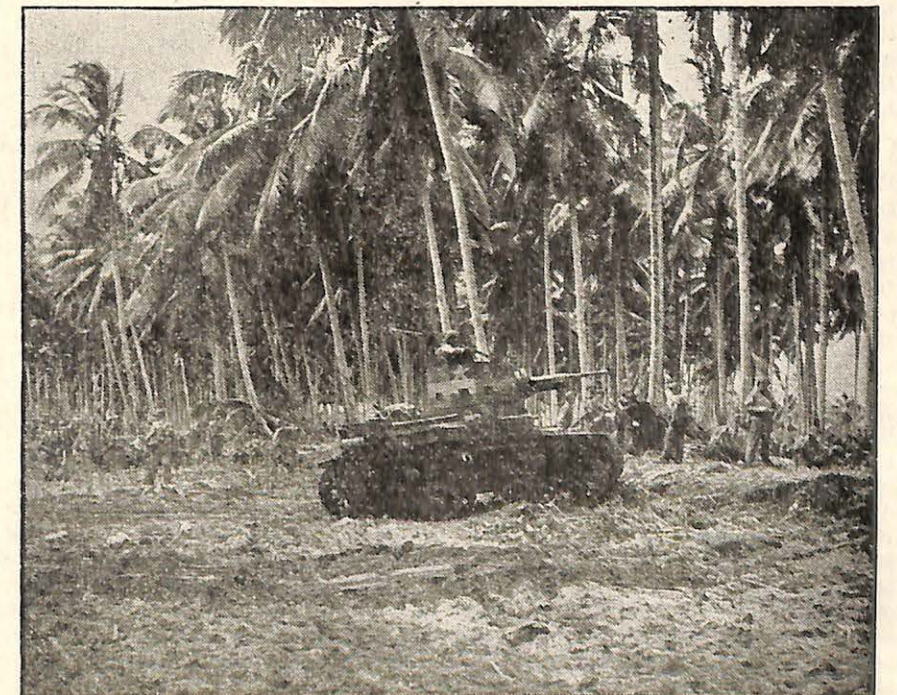
Two United States Army Chaplains Hold the First Services for the American Dead in a Tiny Chapel on Guadalcanal, Which Was Built in the Midst of a Military Cemetery on the Island by Solomon Island Natives and Dedicated to the Memory of the Lads Who Fell During the South Pacific Campaign

were attacked from the air on the first night. The Marines had driven the ground forces back into the jungles and hills, this leaving my detachment far from all danger with the exception of falling bombs and shrapnel from our anti-aircraft guns.

Here we spent many "insomnia nights" in fox holes and trenches for our first time. To you who don't know what fox holes and trenches are, the best example I can give is that they are a good place to be during a bombing and enemy firing, and an excellent

place for prayer meetings. However, I found it best to do my praying before it was time to enter a fox hole since sometimes some of the boys never made it.

One boy, whom I know well who was reared in a Christian home but had failed to accept Christ as his Savior, made the following statement to me. "One night during a terrible bombing I was in my fox hole and for my first time I realized that if God was to call me home, I was not ready and there I



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United States Marines, With Supporting Tanks and Jeeps, Assemble on the Beach of Guadalcanal Island As They Prepare to Strike Into the Palm Forest of the Island Against Enemy Resistance in an Early Phase of the U. S. Offensive in the Solomon Islands

prayed for God to save me, and I accepted Christ for my Savior."

The Army chaplains have done a great work here. They have had many dangerous duties to perform. They were found up on the front lines in trenches helping men with their spiritual affairs and praying with them. They also delivered the mail when there was any, and they found that the letters received were the best morale builder that could be delivered by man.

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of walking through the Guadalcanal Island Cemetery, looking over the graves of men who have given their lives in battle here. Never in my life have I had such a pathetic feeling as I had there looking over these graves, each with a cross by it and some uplifting words written on them, and knowing the conditions under which these men's lives had been taken while fighting for our nation and the Christianity which we have. These men may have been forgotten by some of their friends at home but they will never be forgotten by the Guadalcanal fighting men.

### South Sea Missionaries

Now to get back to the work of the missionaries of the South Sea Islands! The native people of Guadalcanal are of the black race and look to be very un-intelligent people about their work with nothing but "a towel" tied around the waist line. This is his dress the year around. Just what the women look like I don't know, since I haven't seen any.

After getting acquainted with these natives we learn that they are very intelligent, religious people. Their teaching was done by missionaries who have devoted years in the civilizing of these people who not many years ago were savages and head hunters. With the grace of God these missionaries have taught them to overcome such practices.

The natives will walk for miles through the woods and jungles to attend our services and are more than glad to bring a group along to sing special numbers. Most of these people cannot speak English very plainly but can sing our old-fashioned hymns and read the Bible with no trouble at all.

When I first arrived here I met one of these boys whose name was Israel. He was quite young and rather intelligent. All of the boys with whom I lived were very partial to Israel, for we loved to listen to him talk. He could answer most of our questions. Israel told us a lot about the history of the Island and how the missionaries had taught them. One day he told us the way in which the people of the old days (savages) used to take the lives of men and how they would prepare the body for a feast. This happened before Israel's time, but the story was told to him by his people.

I haven't seen this boy in several months now. We speak quite often of

# God Answers Our Prayers

A Letter from PVT. THEODORE E. BAUER, Somewhere in Australia

Sunday Afternoon,  
September 5, 1943.

Dear Editor and Friends:

I feel I must write a few lines to express my appreciation and thanks for "The Baptist Herald". I like to read the news of the different churches and their work. "The Herald" has become more precious to me since I haven't been able to attend any of the rallies and assemblies which I always enjoyed very much.

This has been a wonderful day for me here in Australia filled with many blessings. I believe with all my heart that it is only because of my parents and many friends who on this day very earnestly sent special prayers to the throne of God for us in the service.

We had a wonderful service this morning. It seems as though our Lord has again tried our faith and eagerness to hear his Word. It has been raining for several days, and as some of you may know, we do not have beautiful churches here, in fact we haven't any. We hold our services in the open with the sky as our roof. And so when it rains, it is quite uncomfortable to sit and listen to a sermon.

him and I am sure that wherever he is, he is working for the Lord. When Israel was questioned about worldly and sinful things his answer was always, "No good, me Christian".

### Spiritual Guides

Two of my favorite chaplains here are Chaplain W. E. Grindstaff, a Baptist minister from Oklahoma, and Emmit Carpenter from Mississippi. Chaplain Grindstaff has baptized a number of soldiers and has prospects of a number of others. Each chaplain here says that it is his greatest desire to return home after the war and preach missions stronger than ever before.

Friends, if you are guilty of not supporting these missionaries, I hope that this article will be a help for you to know the truth about the work that missionaries have done in the South Sea Islands and that there is still plenty to be done in the future.

Mothers and fathers, don't worry about your son who is in the Armed Forces. Pray for him! The chaplains will help him with his spiritual welfare. Each has the privilege of taking off as much time from duty as necessary for religious activities. My Captain not only gives us time off to attend services but furnishes transportation so that we can attend wherever we desire.

There are a large number of men who have come overseas the same as

But this morning, in spite of the rain, we had a good attendance. It was still raining while the band played several hymns and then we sang one song. As our Chaplain read to us from the Word of God, it gradually quit raining, and by the time he had finished reading it had stopped raining altogether. He then spoke to us undisturbed by the rain.

After the service was over we all went home or back to our tents. We had no more gotten there when it again started to rain, only harder than before, as though it had been held up in the middle of the sky until our service was over and we were under cover again.

This is just one of our experiences. Here in Australia I know there are many of us who have different experiences, so why not share them with each other? I know some will be of great benefit to all of us.

It is through such experiences that we are reminded that there is a God and that he is watching over us. And so, fellow-soldiers and friends of the home front, wherever you are, if we keep faith in our Lord and God, he will certainly be with us. And "if God be for us, who can be against us?"

the familiar Saul when he left Damascus, and they will return home the same as Paul when he returned to Damascus "a regenerated man", with the determination to serve Jesus Christ forever.

In memory of these we have left behind, I quote the following verse:

*"When our brave lads are dying  
In lands across the sea,  
On these we are relying,  
Great God, they die for thee!  
And if we lay them sleeping  
In lands beyond the sea,  
God, have them in thy keeping,  
We leave them there with thee."*

We will soon be overseas for two years. After the Guadalcanal campaign we had hoped that on our next move we would see the Golden Gate bridge at San Francisco, but now the arrow is pointing another way. There is a big job to be done in the Solomon Island Group, and we will probably have a part in it.

Will you continue to pray without ceasing for our Country, our Armed Forces, and our missionaries? May the time soon come that each of us can return to our respective churches and loved ones. May we put our complete trust and faith in God so that through him he will give us victory through Jesus Christ.

# The Kossuth Church "Goes to Town"

The Story of the Kossuth Baptist Church of Wisconsin  
by MR. EDWIN NIEPHAUS, Church Clerk

"THE LORD HATH DONE GREAT THINGS" for the Kossuth Baptist Church of Wisconsin, "whereof we are glad". Sunday, May 30, is a day that will go down in the history of our church, as perhaps the greatest day since its inception. For on that day decisions were made, the consequences of which will only be revealed in eternity.

Manitowoc, a city of about 30,000, is a great defense area and offers unlimited opportunities for evangelism. People have migrated here from every part of the United States. Due to the defense work, many of our own members were attracted from the country.

This presented a tremendous challenge to us as a church. We were deeply concerned about the spiritual needs of this area and decided to do something about it. At a special business meeting of the church, after our evening service on May 30, we decided to change the location of our church from the country to the city itself. Immediately we set out in search of a suitable meeting place.

The Lord richly rewarded our efforts when a field house, which is owned by the city and is ordinarily used for recreational and social gatherings, was made available to us. It is a beautiful brick building and is situated in a park. On Sunday, June 13, we held our first service at this new location. The increase in attendance was noticeable almost immediately and rapid adjustments had to be made in our organizational setup.

We also changed our name from the Kossuth Baptist Church to the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc. A Building Fund was immediately started, and we are happy to report that it has grown to almost \$1,000 during the three summer months. There has been a decided increase in the total giving of the church.

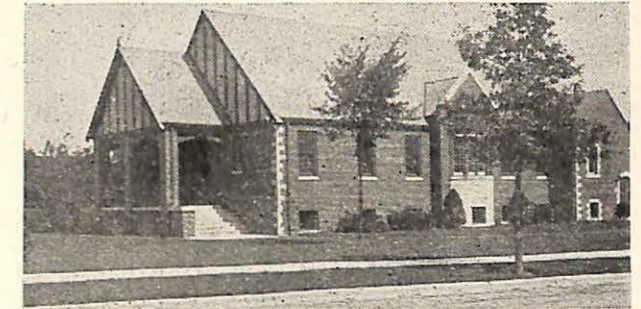
A two week Vacation Bible School was held the first part of July in cooperation with the Presbyterian Church of our city.

On Sunday, August 1, a beautiful and impressive baptismal service was held in our church in the country. The twelve who followed the Lord in obedience to this command were Mr. and Mrs. Leland Kreimann, Miss Shirley Kreimann, Miss Pearl Kreimann, Gladwin Kreimann, Mrs. A. H. Bond, Miss Jean Bond, Mrs. Marshall Long, Miss Gloria Long, Virgil Long, Glen Skatrud, and Marlene Ferguson. The Rev. Herman Palfenier of Philadelphia, Pa., who happened to be here on his vacation, officiated at the baptism after the pastor preached a message on "The Significance of Immersion".

On the following Sunday, August 8, we were happy to receive 21 persons into the fellowship of our church. This made a total of 27 for the short summer period. We are grateful to God for this great ingathering of souls. Certainly this is evidence that the field is truly ripe unto harvest.

We are grateful to God for sending to us Mr. Lawrence E. Wegner, who has served us during the summer months and under whose capable leadership we were able to experience

The Field House  
in Manitowoc,  
Wisconsin,  
in which the  
First Baptist  
Church  
of Manitowoc  
(Formerly  
Kossuth Baptist  
Church)  
is holding  
its services



such glorious victories. His radiant personality and consecrated life have been most contagious. We are beginning to see the vision of what the Lord

has entrusted to us. Feeling that Mr. Wegner is God's man for this field, we have extended to him the call to become our permanent pastor. He will be a senior at the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill., this fall and will come here weekends until next Spring when he will finish his course.

On August 22, after our morning service, a consecration service was conducted by our deacon, Mr. George Anthold, at which every member pledged his loyalty and cooperation to

our pastor in the great program of reaching the lost for Christ. By God's grace and under the guidance of his Holy Spirit, we are going forward.

## The Opening of the Seminary Year

Report by the REV. EDWARD KARY of Napoleon, North Dakota,  
a 1936 Graduate of the Rochester Baptist Seminary

ON Friday evening, Sept. 17, the formal opening of the new Rochester Baptist Seminary year took place. The words of the great church hymn, "The Church's One Foundation", rang through the corridors of our old Alma Mater, and our hearts were thrilled with memories of the past. President Albert Bretschneider presided and extended a most cordial welcome to all who had gathered for this annual occasion.

Prof. Arthur A. Schade, who began his 12th year as teacher, gave the opening address, speaking on the subject, "Fishers of Men". This was a most appropriate subject, since he was directing his words primarily to the students. In his address Professor Schade stressed the need of a well trained mind, a strong faith, a pleasing personality and a fine character. He concluded his message with a strong challenge to the young men. The day in which we live demands leadership, and students should be prepared to meet that need.

The newly appointed professor, Assaf Husmann, was welcomed into the fellowship of the faculty by Prof. Bretschneider. Prof. Husmann responded with the promise to do his utmost to serve the denomination and the school.

Prof. Bretschneider then introduced the new class. Five of the young men had arrived, the other three having been detained at the Canadian border.

Mr. Robert Zimelman, president of the student body, greeted the young men and assured them of the friendly

cooperation of their fellow students. The Rev. Daniel Fuchs, pastor of the Andrews Street Church, urged the students to join in the activities of the church and to make it their church home during their student days. The Rev. Edward Kary, visiting pastor, spoke a prayer for the Seminary.

This part of the program was followed with a brief flag dedication service under the direction of Prof. O. E. Krueger. The American flag was presented by someone who has withheld his name. The Christian flag was presented by the young people of the Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan. Prof. A. J. Ramaker spoke a prayer for our country, and Prof. Lewis Kaiser offered a prayer for the cause of Christ.

These beautiful flags reminded us again of our great heritage. Our forefathers gave their best to give us this land of liberty, freedom, and opportunity. Our Christian fathers lived and died for the cause of Christ, giving us the message of Christian love and brotherhood. May those symbols long remind us of the greatness of our country and the greatness of the cause in Christ Jesus.

Mrs. Rose Storz served refreshments in the dining room and we were given an opportunity to meet the new students and make new acquaintances as well as renew old ones.

It was a privilege for me to attend this service. Ever since my graduation I have longed for such an opportunity. May God's richest blessing continue with our Seminary!

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, Entertains 48 Soldiers From Camp Phillips

A group of 48 soldiers with their Chaplain Volle M. Piland from Camp Phillips, Kans., were entertained by the members of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., on Saturday evening, September 18, and the following Sunday. The boys came in four large trucks.

On Saturday evening a potluck supper was served in the church basement, followed by social entertainment and games. The evening was brought to a close with a short program consisting of two vocal solos by Miss Rachel Wilkens, a double piano duet by Mrs. Roland Wilkens and Mrs. Edward Staebler, and devotions by our pastor, Dr. Pieter Smit. Then each of the boys was taken to the home of one of the 27 families who entertained them.

On Sunday morning the boys attended Sunday School and the worship service. After dinner in the homes in which they were guests, the boys returned to Camp Phillips.

The following states were represented at some of these boys: New York, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Ohio, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois, and Pennsylvania.

GRACE ELLEN BORGMAN, Reporter.

### NORTHERN CONFERENCE

#### Baptism and Vacation Bible School by the Rosenfeld Church of Saskatchewan

The Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Golden Prairie, Sask., Canada, held a successful Vacation Bible School in July with an enrollment of 37 children. Mrs. Anna Ermann and the Rev. and Mrs. G. Beutler served as teachers. The children were taught in handwork, memory work, Bible history, missionary stories, and Baptist doctrine.

On Aug. 15 the Rosenfeld Church had a lovely all-day out-of-door baptismal service at the Lee Lake. The pastor, the Rev. G. Beutler, brought the morning and the afternoon messages on "The Lord's Baptismal Command" and "Go Thou Into My Vineyard". Seven young people were baptized upon confession of their faith. With them another woman was also given the hand of fellowship and received into the church by her testimony.

The young people surprised their minister's family with a large linoleum rug for their house. The Ladies' Aid renovated the kitchen of the parsonage, and the church built a large cistern in the vestibule of its parsonage for healthy water for their minister's family.

G. BEUTLER, Pastor.

#### Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz Will Take Charge of St. Joseph Children's Home

Mr. Walter Grosser, secretary of the Board of Directors of the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., has announced that the Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz of Peoria, Ill., have accepted the call of the board to become the superintendent and matron of the Children's Home. They will succeed the Rev. and Mrs. Hans Steiger on November 1st. The members of the board are highly elated over the favorable decision of Mr. and Mrs. Runtz and firmly believe that the Home will be in competent hands in the days to come. In Peoria Mr. Runtz has been pastor of the State Park Baptist Church.

Since Sept. 30th the Rev. and Mrs. Hans Steiger have continued their tenure of office and will also do so until the arrival of their successors. Their willingness to meet the request of the board has been deeply appreciated. All checks and money orders for the Children's Home are to be sent directly to the treasurer of the denomination:

Mr. Fred A. Grosser, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

#### Vacation Bible School at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Recently the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, held its Vacation Bible School for the children of its members and of many interested friends.

There was an enrollment of 62 children and an average attendance of 47. These children were instructed by four teachers: Mrs. Hannah Unruh, Miss Elsie Colert, Miss Edith Streichert, and the Rev. O. Patzia. The Primary Department studied "The Miracles of Elijah and Elisha"; "the Intermediate girls studied Old Testament stories; the Senior girls took up a course of study entitled, "The Bible and the Blackboard" dealing with and illustrating portions from the historical and prophetic books of the Bible; and the Junior and Senior boys considered "The Life of Christ".

The Scripture memory work was taken up with gratifying enthusiasm by the different classes as well as by the school as a whole. The new and old choruses sung found hearty response. The abilities and ingenuities of the pupils were shown in the different kinds of handcraft produced.

On the following Sunday, the school presented the closing program.

EDITH STREICHERT, Reporter.

### NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Two Hundred Young People Attend Rally on Religion at Grace Church, Racine, Wis.

"The wise heed the teachings of the Bible and fools ignore them," Dr. V. Raymond Erdman, president of Wheaton College of Wheaton, Ill., told 200 young persons who held a rally in Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., on Saturday evening, Sept. 25. Dr. Erdman has been a soldier, Bible teacher, college professor, pastor and foreign missionary.

The Rev. J. Ellwood Evans, president of the Lake Shore Fundamental Ministers' Association which sponsored the meeting, presided, with the Rev. W. E. Kohnle, pastor of the Garfield Ave. Baptist Church of Milwaukee, in charge of singing. Our pastor, the Rev. Ray Schlader, as well as Mr. Elbe assisted in making this occasion a most enjoyable and spiritual one.

A missionary play, "Soup, Sand and Sagebrush," was presented at the 17th birthday party of the Grace Baptist Church on Thursday, Sept. 23, by the King's Daughters Society. In addition to this play, various musical numbers were rendered and a missionary message was given by Mrs. Leslie Whittington.

VIOLA GOEDEKE, Reporter.

#### Two Special Anniversaries Are Celebrated by the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Illinois

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 14, the members and friends of the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., very pleasantly surprised the Rev. and Mrs. H. Renkema and daughter Genevive. The occasion was a dual celebration in honor of their 16th wedding anniversary and 4th anniversary as pastor of the church.

At the appointed time the members and friends gathered in the auditorium of the church which was beautifully decorated with flowers. The pastor and his family were then called to the church from the home of one of the members where they had been invited to spend the evening. An interesting program followed, consisting of talks by the officers of the various organizations, interspersed with musical numbers and readings. The pastor's family was then presented with a generous check, and a reception was held in the dining room of the church. A special anniversary cake adorned the honored table.

Our church has progressed numerically as well as spiritually under the faithful and talented ministry of our pastor, and many improvements have been made in the church building, such as Sunday School rooms, a nursery, etc. May God's blessing rest on our church and pastor in the future so that souls may yet be won for Christ!

LOUISA ZIMMERMAN, Reporter.

#### Celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wisconsin

Sunday, Oct. 3, the day chosen for the celebration of the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Baptist Church of North Freedom dawned bright and beautiful. It seemed that each tree and shrub had dressed for the occasion in its brightest autumn colors, and it was in this same festive spirit that members and friends arrived for the service.

We had our regular Sunday School period at 9:45 A. M. At 10:45 we gathered for our morning worship service. We were especially privileged to have the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner as our guest speaker for the occasion. He brought an inspiring message on "The Book of Remembrance" with a challenge for greater service in the days ahead. An offering, amounting to \$100.00, was taken to start a pipe organ fund for the church.

At twelve o'clock noon a very special service was held in our basement. Our new kitchen and dining room were dedicated. Music by our male quartet, a dedicatory message by our minister, the Rev. Ralph Rott, and a dedicatory prayer completed the service. In addition to a kitchen and dining room, the rooms are being used for Sunday School classes.

A bountiful pot luck dinner was served. In the afternoon interesting and challenging letters were read from former pastors including Rev. and Mrs. Julius Kaaz, Rev. W. Argow, Rev. E. Bibelheimer, Rev. H. Hirsch, Rev. H. Palfenier, and Rev. T. Stoeri. The Rev. C. Dippel and the Rev. C. Stoekman were able to be present and gave interesting reminiscences of the past. A dramatization of four scenes of our church history with narration between acts was very informative and entertaining. The many old costumes added interest and humor to the scenes. Two musical numbers were given by members who sang in the choir and quartet years ago.

As our church has always been a missionary church, the interesting missionary pictures shown by Mr. Leuschner in the evening and a missionary offering of \$42.44 brought the day to a fitting climax.

ELSIE H. JAHNKE, Reporter.

### DAKOTA CONFERENCE

#### Many Summer Activities and Programs in the Grace Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota

The Senior B. Y. P. U. of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., conducted a very impressive candlelight installation service for its new officers in June. The charges to the new officers were given by the outgoing officers and were acknowledged and accepted by the new officers and the installation prayer was given by our pastor, the Rev. Edgar Klatt. Our new officers for 1943-44 are president, Mrs. John Kranzler; vice-president, Mrs. Albert Kurzweg; secretary, Mrs. Albert Bibelheimer; treasurer, Lydia Wolff; pianist, Mrs. Fred Kranzler; ushers, Eleanor Dutt, Betty Bintz.



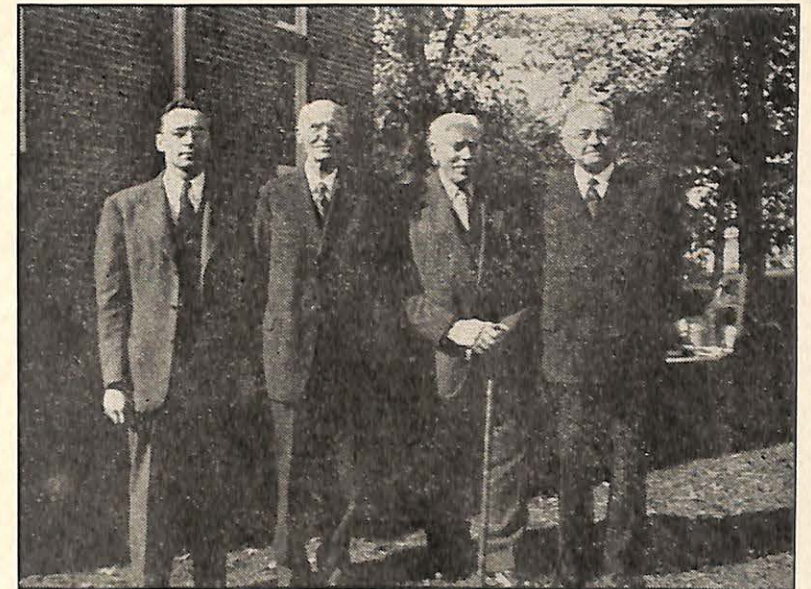
Young People of the North Freedom Church Who Took Part in the Historical Pageant Depicting the Scenes of Yesterday

The Junior B. Y. P. U. has been very active during the summer months and is under the direction of Mr. Klatt. This group has met every Sunday evening all summer with a few exceptions.

On the evening of July 4, the Dorcas club presented the inspiring play "The Challenge of the Cross", which was very well received by everyone. The loose offering taken up that evening was credited to the Building Fund through the Dorcas Club.

We were privileged on Wednesday evening, Sept. 15, to have Mr. Vincent Sprock, son of one of the former pastors of our church, who was on his way back to the seminary at Rochester, as guest speaker at our prayer meeting. This was a special treat, especially to the older members of our church who knew Vincent's father, the Rev. Gerhard Sprock.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 12, our church again witnessed a baptismal



Outstanding Brethren at the 85th Anniversary Celebration of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wisconsin

(Left to Right: Rev. Ralph Rott, Present Pastor; Rev. C. Dippel, Former Pastor; Mr. John Seils, Church Deacon; and Rev. C. F. Stoekmann, Guest Speaker.)

We realize that the growth and activities of the church are handicapped by our church building. Last fall the spirit was created to erect a new edifice. Early this year the idea took root one Sunday evening at an appropriate time when \$1300 were pledged for the building fund, and a goal of \$2000 set for 1943. We pray that God will direct our efforts in building for him!

Throughout the summer we have continued our Wednesday evening prayer services. These meetings have been very well attended in comparison with any of the other churches of the city, of which we are very proud. May the Lord bless us and help us to continue in humbleness and faithfulness.

service at which time the Rev. Edgar Klatt baptized two candidates. To these two persons, as well as to two more persons, who were joining by letter, the hand of fellowship was extended following the baptismal service and then the whole congregation partook of the Lord's Supper.

September marked the beginning of the Senior B. Y. P. U. activities with their first meeting on September 12. In the same week Mr. Klatt called the choir together for the first meeting of the fall. Our Sunday School held Promotion Day and Harvest Festival programs. We are looking forward to another year packed with activities, all of which will be done for His honor.

MRS. A. F. BIBELHEIMER, Reporter.



### Twilight Campfire Service for the B. Y. P. U. of Bismarck, North Dakota

On Sept. 12 we, of the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church in Bismarck, No. Dak., held an out-of-door meeting which proved very enjoyable to all who came. The afternoon was spent in recreation, closing with a picnic lunch.

This was followed by a "Twilight Campfire Service". We had a most enjoyable time singing choruses and having quiet devotions at the fireside under stars and with God's great out-of-doors all about us. We had a guest speaker, the Rev. E. Broeckel, who showed us how our "Faith In God" should increase.

Although many have left our midst and our number seems to get smaller with every meeting, we carry on as best we can with the help of the Lord. We have hopes for increased enrollment as the year progresses.

ESTHER SCHLICHERMAYER, Reporter.

### Central Dakota Young People's Rally Is Held at Ashley, North Dakota

The young people of the Central Dakota churches were again privileged in being able to rally together, as we gathered at the Baptist Church at Ashley, No. Dak., on Sept. 6th.

The Rev. E. Becker started the day in speaking to the Sunday School on the topic, "What God Expects of Us Today". This was followed by an inspiring message by the Rev. J. Benke, reminding us to be on the watch, to testify, and to lead a life of service.

The Rev. E. Klatt, the guest speaker for the day, spoke many challenging words in bringing his message for the morning service.

The Rev. A. Krombein began the afternoon service by speaking on the topic, "The Christian's Influence", followed by the Rev. E. Kary's message on the words "The Challenge of an Open Door".

We again had a mass choir under the able direction of the Rev. E. Klatt. For the evening service our very faithful guest speaker, Mr. Klatt, spoke on the topic, "Our Great Need", the words of which touched the hearts of all present. The offerings brought during the day were designated for missions.

We left the church and carried with us the "revitalization" which we had acquired, assured that the rally had been a great success.

EMILY SCHAUER, Reporter.

### The Summer Pastorate in North Dakota by Seminary Student Fred J. Knalson

A ministry of three months was concluded on Sept. 12th at the Kenmare, Newport, and Niobe Baptist Churches in the North Dakota State Baptist Convention by Fred Knalson as student pastor. Dr. Roy W. Hodges, secretary of the convention, has proven himself to be a friend of the men of our seminary and the work there in these last years has made forward strides under his direction.

During the first three weeks of the summer pastorate the efforts of all three of the churches were directed in the life-giving channel of ministering



Vacation Bible School Group at Kenmore, North Dakota

to the children at Vacation Bible Schools. The pastor was supplied with a car and children were brought from far and near every morning to attend the classes, which were made interesting and instructive with the aid of a very capable staff of teachers.

The enrollment and attendance at all three schools were remarkable. Several young people accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior during the schools. All the children were enrolled as "soldiers," and they advanced in rank as they learned their lessons. We had several Major Generals! The teachers who taught at these schools were Rev. S. Haukedalen, Helen Johnson of the Northern Baptist Seminary, La Valice Larson of the Teachers' College in Minot, Ella Ness, a local school teacher, Vernice Rodin, Mrs. Ruben Duerre and the student pastor.

The student pastor traveled about 1100 miles on the field, making about 30 home calls, preaching 36 sermons, teaching 13 Sunday School classes, organizing an adult choir and a Junior choir, making several hospital visits, reorganizing the young people's work and conducting the usual mid-week prayer meetings.

Evangelism was stressed at the Sunday evening services at all three churches. Fine musical talent was always available, and God blessed us beyond our expectations. The last week special meetings were held with the Crusaders' Evangelistic Party there to bring the message in song and word. Young people came 60 miles to hear one service, sacrificing their gas ration stamps which were needed to go to market.

FRED J. KNALSON, Student Pastor.

### Recent Interesting Activities of the Ebenezer Church of Wessington Springs, So. Dakota

We are glad to report that the young people of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, So. Dak., were fortunate in receiving the Attendance and Efficiency Banners given every year to the most outstanding group at the South Dakota Young People's Assembly held at Tyndall, So. Dakota.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 19, the church held a dedication service for the Christian and American flags. Flag bearers were Elaine Bender and Curtis Weber. A patriotic program was carried out with several of the young people participating, and as a special feature an address was given

by the Rev. A. C. Wolcott, president of the Wessington Springs College.

On the following Sunday, Sept. 26, the Harvest and Mission Festival was observed with the Rev. Edwin Walter, pastor of the Mennonite Church near Onida, So. Dak., as guest speaker. Everyone was blessed by the inspirational messages throughout the day. Special music was furnished by the young people and a Ladies' Quartet. The mission offerings held in the morning and afternoon totaled \$227.34. A special offering was held in the evening for the young people totaling \$85.67, which was designated for the Bender Memorial Trek. Our pastor, the Rev. A. J. Fischer, had been previously the guest speaker at the Harvest and Mission Festival in Onida.

There are eleven boys from our church and Sunday School in our country's Services and several of these are in overseas duties.

ELAINE BENDER and ERMA KLUDT, Reporters.

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

#### Vacation Bible School of the Cottonwood Church of Texas Met on Wednesday Evenings

Under the sponsorship of the Cottonwood Sunday School near Lorena, Texas, we were permitted to have a Vacation Bible School. Due to rubber and gas shortage we had our school on Wednesday evenings.

Our enrollment was 70 with an average of 51. To boost our attendance an automobile race was used. The winners were the Intermediates over the Juniors, and the Primaries over the Beginners.

Our school was under the able leadership of the Primary Superintendent of our Sunday School, Miss Viola Hansen, her assistant being Mr. Edwin Gummelt. The Beginners were taught by Mrs. Edwin Gummelt, having as her assistant Mrs. Ted Nehring, their study being "Learning About God and His Care." The Primary Class was taught by Mrs. Hiliary Wittner, her assistant being Mrs. Louis Wedemeyer, having as their study, "Bringing Our Gifts". They also made a booklet, "Jesus Loves Me", which will be used for the Cradle Roll Department in our Church. Mrs. Seecamp was the teacher of the Juniors, her assistant being Mr. Arthur Schraeder. Their study was "Learning of God from His world". Their notebook was "The Wonders and Cares of God". Our Intermediates were taught by Mrs. Adolph Guderian having as her assistant, Mr. Ernest Gummelt.

Our teachers and officers worked very faithfully in order to make this school a success. On Sunday morning we had our commencement exercise using our opening period and a demonstration by each class. Diplomas were awarded to 56 children.

Having our Vacation Bible School on Wednesday evenings, our adults met the same evening in their prayer group. Under the able leadership of our pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, they studied the books of the three epistles of John.

EDNA FREDRICH, Reporter.

### ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

#### The Atlantic Conference Session at the Jubilee of the Fleischmann Memorial Church

The 46th annual session of the Atlantic Conference is history! Convening in the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., from Sept. 9 to 12, God lifted us from meeting to meeting, until noone could doubt that He was a great factor, the greatest factor, in the history of the church and the denomination.

"The Baptist Herald" and "Send-bote" had raised expectations in our hearts and minds as to what we might expect. History was to be relived, revived, and rejoiced in! The Baptists of long ago were to speak to us as the Baptists of today in terms of achievement through thick and thin.

Pastor Paul Young gave us an old-fashioned Philadelphia welcome, to which the Rev. Wm. Appel responded favorably. Prof. Wm. Mueller then brought a quickening message on "When the Church Was Young".

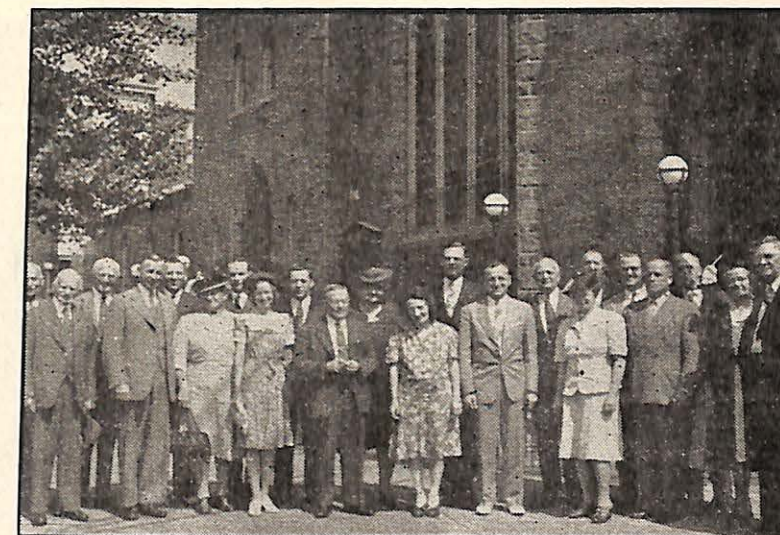
Friday morning found pastors and delegates at the morning devotions led by the Rev. Julius Kaaz. Church letters gave insight to doings in our churches. People were appointed on committees right and left. Our Mission Committee then told us how they had carried on through the past year. Reports from the work of our Homes were given: Girl's Home in New York; Home for the Aged in Philadelphia; Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, then brought his opening devotional message on "The Foundation for a Vital Christian Life."

In the afternoon Mrs. Wm. Schmidt led the Women's Union in their session. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., addressed the ladies who had rallied from far and near to be at this feast of good things. Dr. Wm. Kuhn then gave his missionary report, Prof. A. Bretschneider reported for the Seminary, and Mr. H. P. Donner for the Publication Society.

On Friday evening Dr. Kuhn gave his missionary address on "The Promise of the Greater Works". They are such as we do in cooperation with God and with one another; such as God had done with Fleischmann, and in and through the churches of the denomination.

On Saturday morning devotions by the Rev. V. Prendinger helped us to be "Living for Jesus". Election of officers followed with these results: moderator, Rev. Herman Palfenier; vice-moderator, Rev. George Hensel; secretary, Rev. Frank Orthner; statistician, Rev. C. Peters; missionary committee, Rev. Gustav Schmidt, Mr. Alfred Orthner; representatives on General Missionary Committee: Rev. G. E. Friedenber, Mr. John C. Lotz, alternate, Mr. Vincent Nold. Mr. H. P. Donner brought his fine message on "The Foundation for a Vital Church".

In the afternoon the young people's conference convened. Leadership Training was discussed and plans made to continue the same. There were 334 men and one WAC who were reported in the Armed Forces. The Rev. Mil-



Some of the Ministers and Their Wives and Guest Speakers at the Atlantic Conference Held at the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

#### The Celebration of a Great Anniversary

By PROFESSOR LEWIS KAISER of Rochester, New York

The cancelling of the national celebration of the Centenary Jubilee of our Baptist group in this country because of the war conditions met with keen disappointment on the part of many who had been eagerly looking forward to that event.

Although the larger project had been cancelled for the time being, it was well that the Philadelphia Church arranged to celebrate its hundredth anniversary in conjunction with the sessions of the Atlantic Conference. That proved to be a happy event for all those who were privileged to be present.

For some of us who had at some time or other been more intimately identified with the interests of the two churches of Philadelphia it had a peculiar significance. It bore evidence of the rich fruition of that feeble beginning in 1843, when under Fleischmann's leadership a few German-speaking Baptists organized themselves into the First German Baptist

Church of Philadelphia, indeed, of all America. Brother Kaiser in that period, preached the anniversary sermon with deep conviction and much feeling. God was given all the glory for the 100 years of history!

After an informal Sunday School period on Sunday morning, Prof. Lewis Kaiser looked back to the beginning of our history, when he felt the guidance of God in the work of the pastorate. Dr. Kuhn, who had been baptized by

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Church of Philadelphia, indeed, of all America.

In that humble beginning spiritual forces were released that have wrought wonders of grace in the hundred years since then. The 38,000 members, gathered in 266 churches throughout the land, are only a small part of what has been achieved in the up-building of the Kingdom of Christ through the movement that sprang from that small beginning in 1843.

That thought was dominant in my mind during the festive days in Philadelphia. And that was the thought, too, that was eloquently brought out in the fine addresses during the sessions of the conference.

It was a great joy for me to meet a few old friends of long ago—but there were only a few. What changes time works in the membership of a church in 40 to 50 years!

May the Lord greatly prosper the Fleischmann Memorial Church in this new century of its history and under its new pastor, Mr. Paul Young! May the church's eventful past be prophetic of a still greater and more effective future under the triumphant sway of the living Christ!

In the evening Prof. Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y., preached the last message of the conference, "Christ Building His Church". He is building it by using personalities with passion, principles that endure, power from above. He would like to use YOU!

REV. HERMAN G. KUHL, Reporter.

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE

### The Baraca Class of the Forest Park Church Honors the Church's Service Men

An impressive and unusual program was presented by the Baraca Bible Class of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., on Sunday evening, Sept. 26.

Each part of the service was the request of one of our men in service. Some time prior to that night a letter was sent to each man, telling of our plans, and asking his choice of song and scripture and a short letter of greeting to the church. From the material received the following program was arranged.

One fine feature was the reading of the letters received. An amplifier had been installed in the front of the church and the letters read over this system, to give the effect of being spoken by the men who wrote the letters. Another feature was the part our Christian Service Brigade took at the

### Invitation to All Service Men

The Forest Park Baptist Church located at Harlem Ave. and Dixon St., Forest Park, Ill., extends a friendly invitation to all Service Men who are in the vicinity of Chicago. The Men's Baraca Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:15 A. M. in the church.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. C. B. Nordland, will be glad to be of service to any of our denominational Service Men. Parents may write to him about their sons in the Chicago area. His address is 209 So. Harvey Ave., Oak Park, Illinois.

start of the service. These boys in uniform marched to the front of the auditorium with the American and Christian flags, making a formal presentation of colors and bugle call. The roll call of our thirty-eight men in service, followed by a dedication prayer, was most impressive.

The message of Chaplain James W. Parrish, Lt. J. G., U. S. N. R., had as its scripture, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" 1. Cor. 14:8. The subject was most appropriate, and had a very stirring appeal to the Christians at home to be diligent in living up to the standards we desire for our boys, that they will be encouraged rather than disappointed when they return.

Words of welcome were spoken by Mr. Walter W. Grosser, president of the class. The invocation was offered by the pastor, the Rev. C. B. Nordland, and Mr. Fred A. Grosser, Sunday School superintendent, brought the prayer of dedication. Mr. Carl Jenkins read the requested Scripture lessons of Psalms 91 and 111, and Mr. Ed. Maxant read the roll call. A report of the Service Men's Committee of the church was given by its chairman, Mr. Frederick A. Dons.

The hymns, which the Service Men requested as their favorites, were "Rock of Ages", "The Old Rugged Cross", "Face to Face", "That Will Be Glory for Me", "Love Lifted Me", "Jesus is the Friend You Need", "In the Garden", "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".

ROLAND ROSS, Reporter.



Rev. E. G. Kliese  
of Detroit, Michigan

### The Late Rev. E. G. Kliese of Detroit, Mich., Is Held in Loving Memory

The Rev. Eli George Kliese was born in Jackson, Wis., May 24, 1874, and passed away very suddenly of a heart attack in Detroit, Mich., on September 29, 1943. When a boy of 13 years he accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior, was baptized by the Rev. Voight and became a member of the Polk Baptist Church near Milwaukee.

Mr. Kliese taught school in Washington County, Wis., for 4 years. During this time he received his call into the Gospel ministry. He went to our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., took the five year course and graduated in the class of 1901.

In that year he became pastor of our church in Tonawanda, N. Y., where he was also ordained into the Gospel Ministry. After serving 4 years, he accepted the call to Munson, Pa., where he was pastor until 1907. Then he served our church in Wilmington, Del., (1907-1911), and from 1911 to 1914 in South Bethlehem, Pa. Thereupon (1914-1918) he served our church in Evansville, Ind. His pastorate in the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago followed from 1918 to 1925. Then he served the Passaic Church (1926-1930). For 9 years (1930-1939) he was pastor of the Second German Baptist Church (now Linden Baptist) of Detroit. In 1939 he and his family became members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, of which he remained a faithful and active member until his death. During these latter years he served as pastor of two striving missions: for about one year in the Gaylord Mission, and for 2½ years in the Anthony Wayne Mission which belongs to Ebenezer.

On Sept. 11, 1901, he was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Goergens who stood lovingly and faithfully at his side as minister's wife for over 42 years. To this union were born three children, one of whom, a son, passed on in early childhood. He is survived by his dear wife; his two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Rumminger and Miss Helen Lenette; his son-in-law, Ewald Rum-

mingier; 3 grandchildren, Susanne, Joan and David Rumminger; a brother, Dr. Louise Kliese; two sisters, Mrs. Alma Stier of Madison, So. Dak., and Mrs. Minnie Goergens of Chicago; and a large group of more distant relatives and friends who mourn his sudden departure.

At the funeral service words of tribute and comfort were brought by the Revs. Paul Wengel of Adrian, Mich., and George A. Lang. The Rev. H. P. Kayser read the Scripture and led in prayer. The Rev's. Graf, Armbruster, Hoover, Miller, Palmer and Biastock were pallbearers. The earthly remains were laid to rest in the beautiful Woodlawn Cemetery. The large display of flowers and well attended service were evidences of the appreciation of our brother's life and ministry.

Brother Kliese was a loving and thoughtful husband and father, a congenial friend, a faithful pastor who sought the best of his flock, a devoted preacher of God's Word, a cooperative minister in the greater Kingdom enterprise of the denomination, a winner of souls, and a devout follower of the Christ whose he was and whom he served most conscientiously. After 42 years of service for his Master, our brother well may appropriate these words unto himself: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

GEORGE A. LANG, Reporter.

### Young People Sponsor a Christian Life Conference at Burns Ave. Church, Detroit

The young people of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church sponsored a Christian Life Conference, which was held on September 17, 18 and 19 at the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich. Our speakers were the Rev's. L. Davis and Vander Schie of Grand Rapids, Mich., missionaries who plan to return to Africa as soon as arrangements are made.

Several weeks before the conference began, our young people gathered each Saturday evening for prayer, asking God's blessing on the conference. We also canvassed the neighborhood with handbills inviting everyone to attend. The theme of our conference was "A Separated Christian Life".

On Saturday evening we were favored with special musical talent from the "Voice of Christian Youth", a group of Christian young people from the city. Our speaker on Saturday was Rev. Vander Schie, the message entitled, "Grow in Grace".

On Sunday morning our pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann, spoke on "Tears in Heaven". We gathered again in the afternoon to hear Mr. Davis on being unprepared at Christ's coming.

The climax of the whole conference was on Sunday evening after an inspiring song service. Jean Stammel, our guest violinist, played, and the music brought a hush over the entire audience, when the speaker for the evening, Rev. Vander Schie, told of some of his experiences in Africa. Upon giving the invitation many went forward in consecration and some for salvation! We thank God for answered prayer.

DOROTHY NIENHUIS, Reporter.

## What's Happening

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and the Rev. Gustav Friedenberg of New Britain, Conn., officiated. For almost 40 years Miss Hoffmann gave liberally of her time and money to the New Haven Church and Sunday School. She had also been an efficient teacher in the West Haven public schools for more than 30 years.

● Six pastors and former members of our churches have made contributions to the devotional readings of the inspiring Northern Baptist booklet, "The Secret Place", for the months of October, November and December, 1943. They are Rev. Richard A. Grenz of Neustadt, Ontario, (Oct. 2); Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Fenwood, Sask., (Oct. 21); Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alta., (Nov. 21); Chaplain Vernon P. Jaeger of Camp White, Ore., (Nov. 23); Rev. William F. Bostick of Detroit, Mich., formerly of Benton Harbor, Mich., (Nov. 29); and Mrs. Edith Tiller of Topeka, Kans., formerly a member of Philadelphia's Fleischmann Memorial Church, (Dec. 9).

● Mission Sunday was observed by the German Baptist Churches of Benedict and Sawyer, No. Dak., on Sunday, Oct. 3. The Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, No. Dak., who had officiated at the wedding of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Trautner of the local churches 23 years ago, was the guest speaker for the day. Cadet Homer Schnick from the Minot Training Station also took part in the program. The Benedict Church brought a missionary offering of \$192.73 and the Sawyer Church of \$308.62 making a wonderful total of \$501.35 for this small mission field. Mr. and Mrs. Trautner have moved to Sawyer, No. Dak., where they are now residing. On Oct. 23rd Mr. Trautner observed the 20th anniversary of his ordination into the Christian ministry.

● On Tuesday, Oct. 5, Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, quietly observed his 72nd birthday by receiving many congratulatory cards, telephone calls and a lovely bouquet of flowers from the Lorenz Publishing Company, where Dr. von Berge has served for many years as its literary editor. He also spent the day in strenuous labor with Dr. William Kuhn, his intimate friend of many years, and Mr. M. L. Leuschner in editing and preparing the new denominational historical volume, "These Glorious Years", for publication by April, 1944. Prof. O. E. Krueger, another member of the editorial committee, will join the group on Nov. 6 in Forest Park, Ill., to complete the task of editing the manuscripts for the book.

● The death of the Rev. G. Eichler of Missoula, Mont., a retired minister of the denomination, on September 16th, brought sadness to the large host of his friends in his many former

churches and throughout the denomination. He served as pastor of the following churches: Salem, Ore., 1899 to 1901; Second Church of Portland, Ore., 1901-1903; Tacoma, Wash., 1903 to 1906; Odessa, Wash., 1906-1908; Second Church of Detroit, Mich., 1908 to 1912; Anamoose, No. Dak., 1912 to 1920 and 1925-1928; Lodi, Calif., 1920 to 1924; Bismarck, No. Dak., 1924 to 1925; Linton, No. Dak., 1928-1934; and Streeter, No. Dak., 1934-1937. He was also district missionary for Montana from 1937 to 1939. The memorial service was held on Sept. 20th in the Bethel Church of Missoula, Mont., with the Rev's. Frederick Alf and C. A. Gruhn speaking on Rev. 14:13 and Psalm 92:13.

## :: OBITUARY ::

### MRS. REKA ELIZABETH SPLITTER of Lorraine, Kansas

Reka Elizabeth Splitter, daughter of Harm G. and Sadena Janssen, was born at Minonk, Ill., on March 15, 1867, and passed away to glory on August 26, 1943, at the age of 76 years. She was united in marriage to W. J. Splitter on November 15, 1886, and to this union were born six children, two of whom died in infancy.

She leaves to mourn her departure two sons: William Splitter, and Harm Splitter; two daughters, Mrs. Lulu Borgman, and Mrs. Walter Wessler; three brothers, Haddo, Herman, and Lewis Janssen; 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church on August 30, 1943, with Dr. Pieter Smit in charge and assisted by the Rev. Walter Schmidt. She was buried in the Lorraine Baptist Cemetery.

Lorraine, Kansas

PIETER SMIT, Pastor.

### NORMAN J. CAPELLER of Buffalo, New York

Norman J. Capeller, beloved son of John and Betty Capeller, died on September 9, 1943, in Buffalo, N. Y. Deceased was born in Buffalo on October 17, 1923. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church, having accepted the Lord as Savior in the Kallenbach meetings at Spruce Street Church in October, 1936. He was baptized in November, 1936, by the Rev. Peter Geissler and joined Bethel Church on December 6, 1936. During his years of membership he was Sunday School pianist and an active member of the young people's society, seeking to glorify the Lord in all that he did.

Bethel Baptist Church,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

PAUL E. LOTH, Pastor.

## HOME MISSION FIELDS

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"Close the country church, move to the city, for there you have a real missionary opportunity and there is work to be done."

This year the little country church decided to move. It was not easy to give up the hallowed and beautiful place of worship! But they moved to the city, rented a meeting place, selected a building site, started a building fund and within four months after the move was made over 20 members were added to the membership of the church and the Sunday School enrollment has risen by leaps and bounds. As this church continues to hold its meetings in the city, it will be the only Baptist Church proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a community of far over thirty thousand people. A wonderful missionary opportunity, indeed!

There is reason to believe that God is offering us new Home Mission opportunities. In many communities we have the church building, (frequently called the German church), and we have church organizations. Many have demonstrated their willingness to change the character of their program so that it will expand their work and mission to English-speaking groups. May we as a denomination encourage them by word and deed!

Finally, as a denomination we should also bear in mind the city church, independent or mission, which faces difficult problems, owing to circumstances beyond their control. They should relocate if at all possible. This requires faith and vision plus a venturesome spirit. This, too, is a part of our Home Mission work and as a denomination we should be helpful to these churches before it is too late.

God has led us in a wonderful way in the past, and as we, in this time of transition in so many localities, stand at the threshold of new opportunity, may God help us to see it and claim it as his will for us, be it in the German language, in bilingual effort or all English. Our Home Mission challenge is wonderful, and from God.

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**PEACE RIVER COUNTRY**

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trains. Many miles have been traversed by wagon over rough and new roads, crossing treacherous rivers and descending steep hills. Several times I have spent a day and night on the road.

Then I entered some places where there was opposition to the Truth of God. A number of false teachings have found their way to the Peace River Country. There is also a spirit of indifference and lukewarmness prevalent among some who once knew the Lord. Having been without a Christian service for a number of years they have gradually drifted away. However, we have joyfully observed that often "a little child shall lead them" and wayward ones have come back to their Savior again.

In most places the school houses can be used for religious services. In many towns and country communities the people urgently and pleadingly request a Sunday School and Gospel meetings. A Christian man, living with his family in a community where they have no spiritual fellowship, said to us with tear-stained eyes: "You do not know how hungry we become to hear the Word of God." During the last year there has been much road improvement going on and better roads will greatly aid missionaries in getting to their different appointments.

There are many fields of service where the Gospel message needs to be proclaimed, but God has especially laid on our hearts the work among the children, and we have sought to make the most of this God-given opportunity. We praise the Lord for those who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior. What a grand army of children in the different mission stations, who have stepped out for Christ! Our prayer is that they may be strengthened and follow in the footsteps of the Master day by day, and that others may see Jesus living in them and accept him, too.

By divine guidance we have been directed to communities where there is no church of any kind, no Sunday School, or preaching of the Word of God. In several such districts we are now holding a regular Sunday School and a Gospel work is being maintained. Other places have been contacted and we hope, by the grace of God, to bring them the message of God's love, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleck are faithfully giving forth the Word of God in Valley View and district. Miss Elizabeth Lehmann is carrying on the Sunday School in Culp and Watino in a spirit of self-sacrifice. Other Christian workers are assisting. The work of the Lord is going on. We are thankful for the liberal support that has been given to this cause, and it is such an encouragement to know that many prayers have been offered for the work and the workers.

**"The Sound of the Trumpet"**

the New Novel by  
**Grace Livingston Hill**  
Will Begin in the Next Issue of "The Baptist Herald"

Up to the minute in setting and plot, Mrs. Hill has in this new novel told an exciting story of a band of saboteurs who try to deflect the secret of a vital mechanized gadget into the hands of the enemy. The real theme of the story, however, is the triumph of faith over evil.

Beautiful Lisle Kingsley first sees John Sargent when he is busy with a group of other men, digging a ditch. With her quick perception she recognizes his fineness even in this setting. John notices Lisle, too, and it is love at first sight, although he resists because he thinks Lisle too far above him.

How the saboteurs are foiled in spite of complications, and how Lisle achieves a happy ending with her soldier-lover make up the rest of this timely story.

**This Thrilling New Novel Will Start in the November 15, 1943, Issue!**

This Peace River country needs the prayers and the support of fellow-Christians. Shall we be always seeking to press forward in the service of our great Commander, Jesus Christ, who bids us: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."? Thus, in the Spirit of the Master, we would humbly follow and tell "the Good News to all, irrespective of race or nationality.

**Do You Know That...?**

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

Our own Northwestern Conference with an approximate membership of 5,000 dedicated a service flag at the last conference in recognition of the 512 young men and women now in the military services—truly, a tithe in living service. Two of these young people have already made the supreme sacrifice.

**The devil has no happy old people—yet all of God's old people are happy.**

The First Baptist Church at Boise, Okla., was recently bombed with some damage to the building. The Army Air Base Commander said the plane was assigned the task of dropping bombs on an army range 32 miles away but missed its mark . . . navigator's error.

**If you wish to go up, get down.**

The Northern Baptist Postwar Planning Commission recently issued six challenging peace imperatives based on justice and goodwill and the immediate alleviation of the starving millions in occupied Europe.

**No man can make or break a habit in a moment, but any moment we can begin to make or break a habit.**

Bishop Dahle, the new Nazi Quisling at Bergen, Norway, declared recently, "I cannot understand how a Christian can be anything but a Nazi."

**There are no elevators in the house of success; you must toil up one step at a time.**

Protests have been made to the U. S. Secretary of State Hull that the Waldensians, the active Protestant minority group of worshippers at Rome, Italy, were not notified that their churches would not be bombed in the recent Rome air-raids,

**The Bible fits man for life and prepares him for death.**

22 soldiers stationed in North Africa and representing 9 different states were received into the membership of the First Baptist Church at Augusta, Georgia, and will be sent all the church literature with full rights and privileges of membership.

**Don't hold back because you can't do much; every walnut helps fill the sack.**

A British Chaplain confined in a German Prison Camp found several men interested in studying for the ministry and has notified the Archbishop of Canterbury he has nine candidates for ordination.

**The U. S. Army keeps up the morale of the boys by buying 88,000 foot-balls at one time and thousands of sets of dice and playing cards, but not a penny of Army money goes for Bibles or Testaments.**

Dr. Philip Guiles of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary said, "Unless Churches retain their leaders to cope with real life situations, the American Red Cross threatens to become the religion of the future."



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