



"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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## WHAT'S

## HAPPENING

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 5, the Rev. Walter Gomez, a missionary among the Mexican people and a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, was the guest speaker in the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma. On Sunday, Sept. 12, he addressed the congregation of the Bethany Church near Vesper, Kans., in the interest of Mexican missions.

● The Rev. Ray L. Schlader, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., served as dean of the Wisconsin Southeastern Baptist Bible Camp which convened at Long Lake Conference Grounds at Long Lake, Ill., from July 11 to 17. A staff of capable teachers offered such subjects as evangelism, the life of Christ, building a Christian home and a Christian life, Bible studies, and a standard Leadership Training Course.

● Mr. Jacob Zimmerman of Chicago, Ill., the interim pastor of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, and Miss Margaret King of Tahlequah, Okla., were married on Aug. 19 in the First Baptist Church of Tahlequah, Okla. On the preceding Sunday, Aug. 15, Mr. Zimmerman also preached in the morning service of the church. He is a Senior student at Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary. He and his wife are residing at 149 No. Albany Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 5, the Rev. Phil. Potzner, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., baptized two persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Recently the church honored Mr. Frank Stangl upon his service as church sexton for 13 years. He is also the clerk of the church. Beginning with Oct. 3rd evangelistic meetings will be held in the church with the Rev. Herman Palfenier of Philadelphia, Pa., serving as evangelist. Mr. Potzner has been the pastor of the Bethlehem Church since April 1, 1943.

● On Sept. 2nd a baby boy was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein of Ebenezer, Sask., who has been named Murray Walter. Mr. Stein is the pastor of the East Ebenezer and Yorkton Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan. On September 3rd Major and Mrs. Robert I. Dittrich of Wichita, Kans., became the proud parents of a baby girl, who has been named Gretchen. Major Dittrich, who is in the U. S. Army Air Corps, is a member of the

King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn. His picture appeared in the denominational Centenary Jubilee calendar for July, 1943.

● Dr. Verner I. Olson, pastor of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., for more than five years, recently tendered his resignation to the church and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the Melrose Baptist Church of Oakland, California. He will begin his ministry in Oakland on October 3rd. The Melrose Baptist Church conducts a Service Center which affords a wonderful evangelistic

### Bazaar at the Chicago Home for the Aged on October 21, 1943

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Missionary Societies of our Baptist churches of Chicago and vicinity for the benefit of the Western Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago will be held on Thursday, October 21, 1943, at the Home, 1851 No. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

The hearty cooperation of all interested friends in the form of financial or material gifts is solicited. They may be delivered personally or sent by mail. Luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock noon for a nominal price.

Mrs. Julia Deutschman,  
Secretary.

opportunity among young men in uniform at a busy embarkation point. Dr. Charles W. Koller, now president of Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary, was formerly pastor of the Clinton Hill Church of Newark.

● On Aug. 29 the Rev. M. G. Mittelstedt resigned as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Tex., and accepted the call from the Lebanon Baptist Church of Lebanon, Ohio, a Northern Baptist Church which is located about 20 miles from Dayton, Ohio, the home city of Mrs. Mittelstedt. The resignation will take effect on Nov. 1st. Mr. Mittelstedt's ministry in the Kyle Church and in the Southern Conference during almost five years has been accompanied with much success. He is the council member for the Southern Conference on the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

● On Sunday, Sept. 5, the Fonehill Baptist Church of Saskatchewan, Can., which had been a station of the Yorkton Church, became independent and is now recognized as a self-governing

church. The examination took place on the afternoon of Sept. 5 and the service of recognition in the evening. Ten delegates from the neighboring churches composed the council. The Rev. Phil. Daum of Winnipeg acted as chairman and the Rev. E. M. Wegner as Secretary. Mr. Daum brought the message of the evening. This newly organized church is being served by the Rev. H. Waltereit as pastor, who is also the minister of the Fenwood Baptist Church.

● On Sunday, Aug. 29, the two Baptist Churches of Fonehill and Fenwood, Sask., held a joint baptismal service in Fenwood. The pastor, the Rev. H. J. Waltereit, baptized 8 candidates, five from Fonehill and three from Fenwood. After the service the Lord's Supper was observed and the new converts were received into the fellowship of the church. Those converts were mostly the result of the Vacation Bible School work in Fenwood and the week of revival meetings held in Fonehill from August 2 to 6, with the Rev. E. M. Wegner of Springside, Sask., bringing the messages. The Fenwood Ladies' Aid recently surprised the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Waltereit by purchasing a new Congoleum rug for the living room of the parsonage.

● The Rev. and Mrs. John Kuehn of the Sebastopol Church of Ontario, Canada, were invited on Tuesday, August 24, to attend the Children's Day rehearsal at the church. At the close quite unexpectedly, Mr. Kranz, deacon, presented an envelope to the pastor containing a generous gift of money from the members. Then all were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Heideman where a reception party followed for them. Lunch was served and a pleasant hour of fellowship followed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn spoke words of appreciation for this act of kindness shown them. Mr. Basil Heideman, church secretary, added: "May God bless Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn as they minister among us so that God's Kingdom may be built!"

● On Sunday, Aug. 29, the Rev. E. M. Wegner of Springside, Sask., was privileged to baptize seven persons, three from the Springside field and four from the Ebenezer West field. The baptism was held out-of-doors. Recently the choirs of the Springside and Ebenezer West Churches rendered an appreciated musical program, which was held in the Ebenezer West Church. The large church was filled to its capacity. Two summer Vacation Bible

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## Coming!

## SERVICE MEN'S PAGES

Several pages in the next issue will be devoted to letters from Service Men, the story of the seven Albrecht sons in the Armed Forces, an article about "Every Man As His Own Chaplain", and many pictures of the boys in uniform.

## THE NINETY AND NINE

Mrs. Helga Bender Henry, a daughter of our former Cameroons missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Bender, and the wife of Prof. Carl F. H. Henry of Chicago, Ill., will contribute an inspiring article for the next issue with the story of the familiar and beloved gospel song, "The Ninety and Nine".

## WE ARE CLIMBING

The sermon in the next issue by the Rev. A. Huber of Leduc, Alta., Canada, on the theme, "We Are Climbing", will be a stirring, personal challenge to every reader of "The Herald". No one can afford to miss it!

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## EDITORIAL



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## General Conference in April 1944

INTEREST in the recently announced plans for the convening of a special General Conference session in April, 1944, is steadily mounting. The urgency of important denominational matters may make this a truly notable conference, even though it will have to be described as "a business conference" for limited delegations only from our churches.

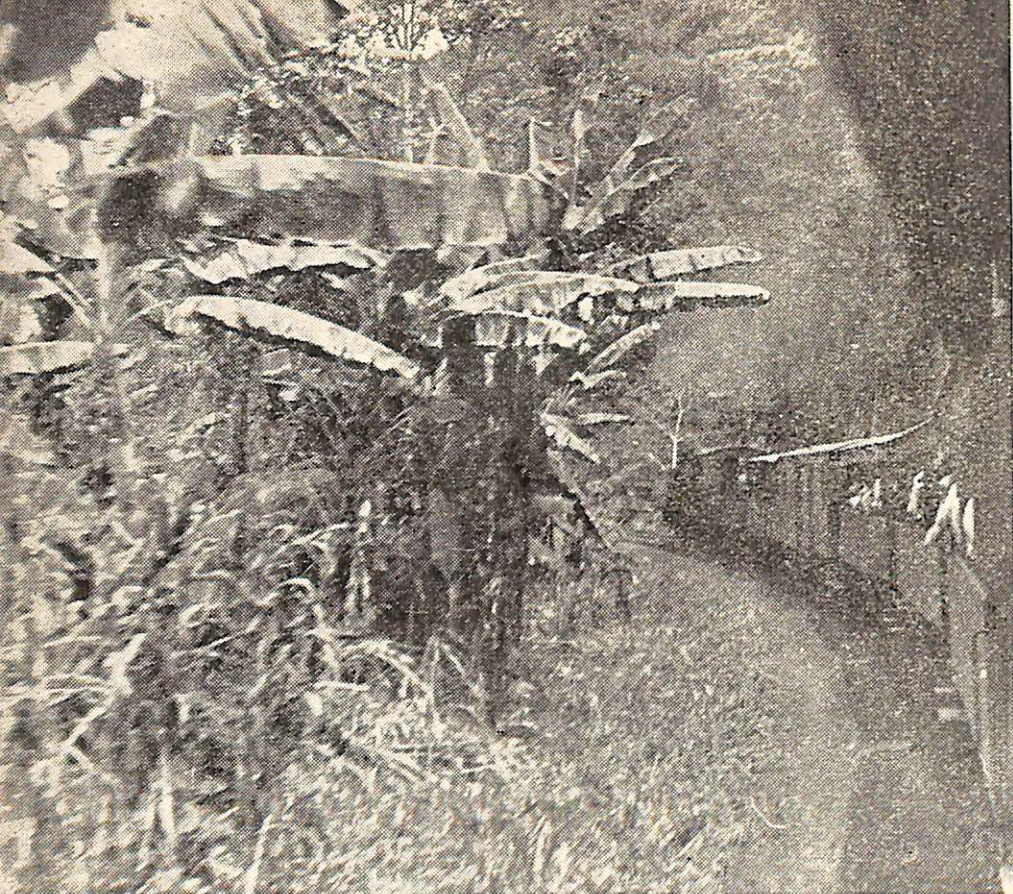
The General Council at its recent session in Rochester, N. Y., voted to call such a special session of the General Conference for the days from Wednesday morning, April 19, to Sunday, April 23, to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, or in "the Windy City" of Chicago, Illinois.

Throughout the days on Wednesday and Thursday, April 19 and 20, the various committees and boards will hold their annual sessions, beginning with the General Missionary Committee on Wednesday morning and closing with the General Council on Thursday afternoon. All others will be scheduled at convenient hours on those days. The services on the evenings from Wednesday to Saturday and on Sunday, April 23, will be inspirational in nature and will emphasize the revitalization of our churches and the Centenary Jubilee of the denomination. The young people's work will be featured on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

The delegations of the churches are to be limited, with the pastor and one or a few delegates representing each church. The local churches will assume no responsibility for the hospitality of visitors. The sessions of the conference on Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, are to be largely of a business nature.

Important and far reaching decisions will have to be reached by this conference. The election of a new promotional secretary as well as the realignment of other general denominational offices will be an item on the conference's agenda. The election of the officers for the various boards and committees will also merit prayerful consideration. Plans for denominational missionary expansion and for the strengthening of the home base will be presented.

It is hoped that each church will soon make some provision for the attendance of its pastor and a small delegation at this General Conference next April. God's Kingdom and our denominational enterprise require the fullest possible cooperation by all of our churches. If each church is represented in this way, then the conference can become an epoch making event in our denominational history.



A Cameroons Train Going Into the Interior  
Through Banana Plantations and Jungle Thickets

## A Trek Through the Grasslands

By MISSIONARY LAURA E. REDDIG of Soppo, the Cameroons

WHAT DAYS of hard work, of busy nights, and of joys untold, those recent days in the grassfields brought me! Instead of taking the rest I had promised myself, I at once set to work in order to get all done what I had planned to do before the end of May. As seemingly impossible as those plans were, God has helped in carrying them out far better than I could have hoped for.

All the ten schools were visited and some three times. Medical work was again taken up and, everywhere I went, they seemed genuinely glad to see me back.

Mr. Dunger went to Ebolowa where he had a rather serious and much needed operation. In the meantime, Louise, Daphne and I went off on trek and we trekked together until I left them at Ndu last week. Often our trek days were five to eight hours long, and I had one alone which took me through thirteen hours. Of course, being so tired, I could not have made all these treks on foot, but my horse took me everywhere.

At Mbem I spent only thirteen days, and that in two periods, for in-between we went to Warwar also. How grand it was to get back to Mbem! It was like getting home! The station looked like a bit of heaven when compared with our newly acquired mission stations. The trees had grown very high,

some twelve foot trees now being over thirty feet high in one and a half years. I would not have stayed away so long if I had gone home on furlough, and I was very happy to get back home again.

My house is still in the foundation form, no one being available for any building, nor are cement or other materials obtainable. I'm just wondering when that house will ever go up. The whole station looked so well taken care of, and faithful Johnny was still there to keep all things going. Even my cross-eyed cat welcomed me back. It was nice to have had Louise and Daphne along, for it does get lonely, especially at mealtimes not to have someone to talk to or discuss plans with.

On finishing all the schools and holding countless meetings and conferences, I finally got off again to Bamenda and there met Mr. Dunger, who had just returned from the hospital. For a very sick man he looked not too bad. He will have to go some time before he will be able to do much walking or riding, so that only makes the already hard work much harder. I'm thankful he had his troubles taken care of, for he has been sick far too long. He got there almost on time too for he had partial obstructions, was full of adhesions and had a bad appendix. And being so far from any help, it will be a relief to them to know that it is taken care of. I'm glad he went to Ebolowa,

for together with expert care and thorough examinations, he got the spiritual uplift which one always gets there. How glad we will be when we can have your own doctors out here!

We talked again of our hopes of getting out more workers, for we are constantly hearing of other American Missions who are getting out new workers, and even the much needed doctors. We cannot understand how or why we should be made to carry this immense load almost alone. We feel sure that among our Christian youth there will surely be a number who will come out in answer to God's call.

We feel that we shall soon have more workers out here. It will take some time for even new workers to be able to take over the work. We cannot expect to get home as soon as others come out. And it is useless to deny it, we will all be ready to go back for a furlough, just as soon as that is possible. If three or four could be sent out now, and three or four more in six months, the whole work would soon be going toward the goals set and planned and prayed for.

Now that the whole school work is mine, I feel as Mr. Dunger does, that the future of this mission out here depends largely on the schools, and that we must start from the very bottom and work our way painfully up. There is so little that is worthwhile among that which we took over. No plans were made for the future at all. Perhaps you won't agree with me on that, but if it were possible for you to be out here and live through the disappointments and discouragements brought on by the "leaders and teachers and catechists" we took over, you would see that our diagnosis is correct.

In all the years after the Benders, nothing was done to train more church workers, and now the only ones who had a bit of training are old and dying off. The worldly-wise coastal people have only the slightest idea as to what Christian living really is, and so few practice any of it, that again we say: This has all got to be started over, breaking down their false ideas, and instilling the fundamentals of Christianity. Where can this be done better than in the schools?

Through the schools we hope to get our future leaders, who from the day they enter school will be taught the joys of serving, the worthwhileness of lives given for others and in service for others. "How much will I be paid?" seems the constant answer to any requests we make to them to help out in any line. Mission work just isn't understood by them at all, and again here the schools will have to lay the foundations. At present our teachers are far from what we want, but in time to come, we pray that they may get the idea, and become real forces in spreading God's Kingdom on earth.

# Revitalization by Evangelism

By REV. F. W. BARTEL, the Dakota Conference Evangelist

THE revitalization of our churches is a timely theme, and becomes the vital challenge of our denomination in this Centennial Jubilee year of ours. There can be no doubt but that a denominational, national and world-wide spiritual revival is desperately needed. The conditions leading up to, and accompanying a global war, very clearly illustrate the utter bankruptcy of all materialistic philosophy and the inadequacy and futility of all human wisdom. It is time to reach out for a real heaven-sent revival.

### The Witness of Leaders

Dr. William Kuhn, our beloved general mission secretary, in promoting this movement, fittingly observes: "Our churches are in need of a deep revitalization. . . We believe the present time . . . most opportune to launch a strong and practical movement for the strengthening of our churches at home." It is very evident that nothing less than a true spiritual revival can revitalize and safeguard the church at this time against spiritual declension and deterioration during the stress and turmoil of a global war.

Mr. Walter Pankratz, vice-president of our National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, well states it: "When peace comes, and our boys return, will they find our field of Christian service overgrown with weeds, and the walls broken down, (Prov. 24:30-32), or will they find a flourishing work and a strong faith, in defense of which they risked their very lives?"

Furthermore, only a true spiritual revival can enable us to set our denominational house in order so that we may meet the post war needs and mission opportunities, as our Paul Gebauer of African mission fame has pointed out: "Now we are cut off from expansion and now we must use time and all to strengthen our home front. We shall have a word to say after the war if now we mend our ways for united action. The accumulation of an Emergency Fund is noble, but not enough. We need churches that are united, young, growing, vigorous for the tasks of post war years."

Mr. Harold J. Petke, president of our National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union, rightly sums up the situation: "The Church of Christ has the message of love and lasting peace which the world so sorely needs. Will our churches be prepared to meet the challenge? To a very great extent the answer depends upon youth. . . Now is the time to train our workers and

leaders for the tasks of tomorrow."

### A Price to Pay

So it is that the urgent and imperative need for revival demands that we give earnest and prayerful consideration as to how this deeply needed and much desired revitalization of our churches may be surely and fully realized. That the revitalization of our churches is no easy task or small undertaking is clearly evidenced in the experience of the evangelist. He is invited to come and lead the church in a revival. He comes, and spends his days in intensive Bible study and meditation, and in earnest prayer and intercession, and, as opportunity offers, in personal work, and then pours out his very heart evening after evening, and gives almost his last ounce of strength as he pleads with the unsaved to yield heart and life to God.

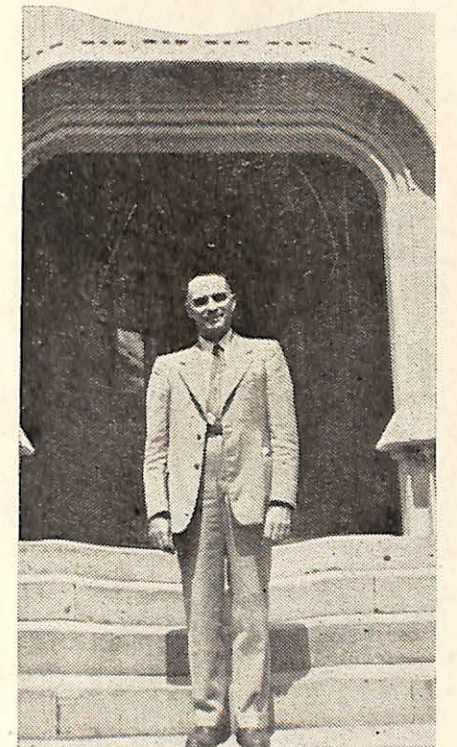
Only infrequently does he have the joy of securing conversions in the first service. More often a full week of meetings is required to stir and warm up the hearts to where God can move them. And, occasionally, the evangelist will labor together with the faithful pastor two full weeks or more, but no revival comes, and no souls are saved, because hearts are pre-occupied with earthly things. Under such conditions the revitalization of our churches means intense and strenuous spiritual labor, requiring not only earnest and sustained effort, but much prayer, tears, and agonizing intercession. It is a price that must be paid.

There can be no doubt as to God's willingness to quicken and bless the church, for our Lord expressly stated, (Joel 2:28), "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh . . ." and, (Luke 12:49) "I am come to send a fire on the earth; and what will I if it be already kindled?" Most surely, God is long waiting to quicken the church, for only a revitalized church can win the lost, and fulfill the great commission.

### Conditions of Revival

But, let us mark carefully the conditions of revival. The gift of the Holy Spirit is promised to obedient faith, (Acts 2:38-39), to empower for witnessing and soul winning, (Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49). The early Christian Church was repeatedly filled with the Holy Spirit, but never apart from witnessing and soul winning. (Acts 2:4; 4:31; 6:5-7; 8:9-24).

It is unthinkable, therefore, that God will pour out his quickening Spirit upon a pre-occupied and disobedient people, that they may have an exuberant but effervescent and idle joy. God will never show his power just to satis-



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the Dakota Conference Evangelist

fy idle curiosity, selfish pleasure or sinful pride, nor send a blessing, "that ye may consume it upon your lusts". Therefore, we may be sure that our churches will never experience a mighty outpouring of God's grace and power unless and until we awaken to our one main and God-given task of soul winning, and learn to take the great commission of our Lord seriously.

Therefore, to insure the desired revival in our churches, we must evangelize. Each local church must recognize simple and practical soul winning as its one main task. Any church that will take the great commission of our Lord seriously, and will put soul winning into the very center of its program, and will consistently and prayerfully set out to win the lost, is sure to experience a gracious spiritual revival.

On the other hand, the church that is unwilling to fall into step with Christ's great purpose of seeking and saving the lost will most surely pray for revival in vain. And the revival we shall experience will doubtless be in the exact proportion with which we will abandon ourselves to the one work that is nearest and dearest to the heart of God.

### Unsaved Multitudes

We should face the fact squarely, that the church is not reaching nor winning the unsaved and unchurched multitudes with any great degree of success. There are literally millions of unsaved people in our own beloved land, not to mention the great world at large, that, humanly speaking, will

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# "America, the Beautiful"

By DR. DANIEL POLING of Philadelphia, Pa.

"AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL" has in recent years become one of the most popular, if not the most popular, of all our national songs. Other songs have their distinctive fine qualities, but also, in almost every instance, some accompanying defects that prevent them from being accepted as completely satisfactory.

They may breathe the spirit of vengeance or of captious criticism in the mood of a particular time. They may have their small moments, but few, if any, escape the tragedy of being negative rather than positive. Katharine Lee Bates has written the great affirmation of our American story. It is a declaration of faith—faith in God, faith in America, faith in brotherhood and faith in our common humanity.

Katharine Lee Bates knew and loved the broad reaches of her continent, and within her soul she entertained

**Harvest and Mission Festival on October 17**  
On Sunday, Oct. 17, the Harvest and Mission Festival service will be observed by many of our churches with others presenting the program on a later Sunday. Programs and recitation material for the occasion have been sent to all the churches. This song, "America, the Beautiful", will be sung at many of these programs. It is a beautiful expression of our individual and national thanksgiving to God.  
The story of this hymn appears as a chapter in Dr. Daniel Poling's book, "A Treasury of Best Loved Hymns". Dr. Poling is the pastor of the Baptist Temple of Philadelphia, Pa., and was very happy to grant his personal permission to publish this account in "The Baptist Herald".

only love for her fellow men. She was born in Falmouth, Massachusetts, in

"O beautiful for spacious skies  
For amber waves of grain;  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain."

1859, and graduated from Wellesley College in 1880. She taught mathematics, the classics, and English in the high school of Natick, Massachusetts, and then came to Wellesley as an instructor in Latin. In 1885 she began her distinguished career as teacher and professor of English literature in Wellesley College.

Miss Bates was widely traveled. She spent a year in England at Oxford, another year in France and Spain, and a third year in Switzerland, Egypt, Syria and Italy. These longer visits were supplemented by several summers of foreign study and travel. While she edited editions of English classics, those volumes to which she referred as "her very own" were her books of poems, stories and travels, as well as other books on English and American literature.

"America, the Beautiful" was written in Colorado in the summer of 1893. It remained in the author's notebook for more than two years and was not printed until July, 1895, when it appeared in a denominational organ, "the Congregationalist". The original poem was revised in 1904. The first

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"O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears."

# Freedom of Worship

By MISS ELLEN RAPPUHN of Startup, Washington

"Religion is equally the basis of private and public faith, of the happiness of the individual and the prosperity of the nation."

THIS quotation from the writings of W. Barrow is as true today as it was some three hundred years ago when a group of men, weary of the yoke that had been forced upon them and determined to secure freedom for themselves and their posterity, came to the vast expanse of land which is now the United States. These men came to this great land of ours not merely to seek



Miss Ellen Rappuhn  
of Startup, Washington

wealth or economic security but for the right to worship God as they would.

## No Greater Freedom

For this freedom of worship, the greatest freedom of all, men have withstood the most bitter persecutions and have fought more courageously than for treasures of gold. It is on this freedom that our nation has been founded and sustained throughout the trials which the years of its existence have brought. It is this freedom that allows a hundred denominations to worship in a hundred different ways.

You and I and all who are fortunate enough to live in the United States and Canada may attend whatever church we wish, or if we prefer, need not attend at all. Our place of worship, whether it be a cathedral or an unpretentious building, is revered and respected.

We may enter our place of worship on a glorious summer Sunday morning, spend an hour or two singing hymns, praying, meditating, and communing with God, and be secure in the knowledge that our prayers will not be interrupted by stones crashing through the windows, or soldiers surging in to arrest the worshippers for some imaginary misdemeanor.

## A Different Picture

How different would be the picture if we lived in a country where there is no religious liberty. Just read the history of the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Wyclif, John Bunyan, and a host of others are our examples. How many churches were then destroyed is not reported. How many Bibles were later destroyed is not known.

We may expound our doctrines and win followers for Christ, but we cannot force our beliefs upon others nor can others force their ideas upon us. We may listen to the opinions of others and express our agreement or disagreement without fear of punishment or persecution.

In the past, this freedom prevailed not only in the United States, but in other nations of the world as well. It had already become an ancient heritage and we, knowing this freedom of worship from our birth, took it as a matter of course and expected others to do likewise. Until recently all the civilized nations were seemingly secure in that freedom.

## A Noble Heritage

But today not all the countries of the world offer this privilege to their people. Distorted ideas of man have created other objects of worship, and they leave their people no alternative. Their demand is give unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and besides this give unto Caesar that which is God's.

Unless there is freedom for development, art, science and music would perish. Religion is no less dependent on this freedom for development.

Any new order, if it does not include freedom of religion, is a step back into the dark ages. Every struggle that has not secured this freedom has been a failure, and if this present struggle fails to give all people this right, it will not have been a complete success.

Let it be known that freedom of religion includes and assures all other freedoms that are noble and honorable. Let us, therefore, dedicate ourselves to the preservation of this noble heritage!



One of Several Mural Paintings of "The Story of the Recorded Word" Painted by Edward Laning for the New York City Library

## AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

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musical setting was by Silas G. Pratt, printed in Part 2 of Famous Songs, published in 1895. Perhaps the most popular setting is "Materna" by Samuel Ward. Other composers have written music for these lovely words. Among these is one, preferred by many, by Charles S. Brown.

Perhaps the vast expanse of Colorado is responsible for the spacious mood of this anthem. Katharine Bates was surrounded by "purple mountain majesties" and she sat high "above the fruited plain" when she wrote "America, America, God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea." Then too it was inevitable that her thoughts should run to her own New England as she wrote of "liberating strife" and of those heroic men and women "who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life".

But it was from her own triumphant soul that she released the vision "that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears". As no other anthem, no other national song, "America, the Beautiful" is suitable to all occasions—religious, secular and patriotic. It gives expression to the noblest emotions and aspirations of the American people.

# An Exciting Summer in the Kentucky Hills

The Story of Alma Siewert's Experiences as Related  
by MISS EDITH SCHULTZ of Milwaukee, Wis.

"THE HARVEST truly is great but the harvesters are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

Truly, these words of our Lord Jesus became more real to us as we of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., listened to the glowing reports of Miss Alma Siewert, one of our

challenge to go out in gospel teams and tell the story of Jesus in the most neglected and forsaken mountain sections of our country.

Miss Siewert's story in her own words follows:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow" were the words which most frequently passed our lips, when, through no merit of our own, God led us victoriously through some very desperate

the gospel. Words cannot describe what our eyes beheld during those first two weeks as we labored seemingly in vain against every force of evil that Satan has.

Witchcraft, whiskey, (made in mountain stills), and false teachings were some of the tools which Satan used to hinder our work. Poverty, ignorance and extremely filthy and unsanitary living conditions were just a few of the problems we had to cope with. Many times the hardships seemed greater than we could bear, but as I look back God used these dark valleys to test our faith and strengthen our trust in him who called us to do his work among these people.

We entered into homes (which in reality were one and two room shacks) where tree stumps and boxes were used for chairs. In many instances, in a family of nine and ten there were enough dishes for perhaps two or three people. On every hand we saw small children that were undernourished, diseased and sick. Even little boys and girls between the ages of six and ten years were addicted to the use of snuff, liquor and tobacco.

The dwelling places of the hundreds of mountain people we visited were void of even the essential and bare necessities of life. Yes, not even a Bible could be found, and yet scattered here and there we observed various movie and true story magazines, and modern false literature telling in bold words, "There is no heaven", "There is no hell", "There is no God".

Discouraging as the situations seemed at times, we kept these words uppermost in our minds: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Traveling many miles on foot every day and visiting homes we gathered together as many children as we could and started a Vacation Bible School. Many times the buildings we gathered in were almost uninhabitable but the spirit of God could be felt as we started to plant the Word of God upon the hearts of these precious little neglected children.

We prayed without ceasing, and consequently our Bible School began to grow and grow. The grown up boys and girls became interested in what the Bible School teachers had to offer and began to attend regularly. Even mothers and fathers began attending the school and were touched by the stories of Jesus and requested that we have evening meetings so that everyone could come. How eagerly they responded to the choruses we taught them on the little portable organ we

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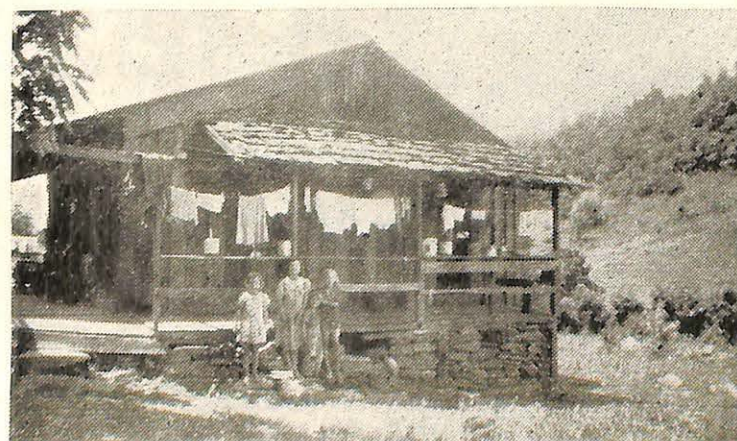
A Typical Mountain Family in the Heart of the Smoky Mountains. These Children Are Eager to Hear About the Stories of Jesus.

church young people, who recently returned home for a short visit after working all summer among the people in the remote mountain regions of North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Miss Siewert is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Siewert of Benton Harbor, Mich., and a student at the Toccoa Falls College in Georgia. After hearing of the desperate need for Christian workers among the mountain people, Miss Siewert along with several other students accepted the

situations. Often words fail us as we attempt to describe some of our summer's experiences to our friends at home. Few Christians realize how vast sections of our country are being left untouched with the story of what the shed blood of Christ means to all who believe in him.

On June 1st under the leadership of the American Sunday School Union and Missionary Rev. C. N. Cody, we were sent to a section near Pisgah Forest, North Carolina, in the heart of the Blue Ridge mountains to preach



Miss Siewert Lived in This Mountain Dwelling for Two Weeks. The 9 Year Old Girl in the Center is Addicted to the Use of Snuff. She Asked Miss Siewert to Help Her Pray that Jesus Would Take This Habit Away from Her Because She Wanted to Be a Christian.



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## Golden Autumn Days Are Here Again!

### AUTUMN

By REV. BENJAMIN SCHLIPF  
of Cleveland, Ohio

Many-colored leaves I see  
Beautifying bush and tree,  
For 'tis autumn!

Sing the songs of harvest home,  
As o'er garnered fields you roam  
This glad autumn.

Winter winds now soon will blow,  
Bringing with them sleet and snow,—  
Pregnant autumn.

Every season has its joy,  
Each one, too, has some alloy,—  
Even autumn.

### AUTUMN DAYS

By CORA MAY PREBLE

Once more the Autumn days are here,  
The loveliest days of all the year!  
When leaves put on their gayest dress  
Of glorious painted loveliness.  
With crimson, gold, and green, and  
brown,  
They spread their beauty o'er the town.  
A carnival of colorful cheer—  
The loveliest time of all the year!

The crisp and sparkly Autumn air  
Paints roses red on cheeks so fair,  
And through the faintly purple haze  
The sun peeps down with golden rays.  
And everywhere one feels the thrill  
Of joy—in valley, wood, and hill.  
One more the Autumn days are here,  
The loveliest days of all the year!

### THE SONG OF HARVEST

By HENRY ALFORD

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

### AUTUMN'S COLOR BOX

By ANTHONY COLE

The first settlers on these North American shores wrote home telling of the Autumn glory they found awaiting them. Nothing like it, they said, was known in Europe. Their friends in the home lands discounted their tales till they in turn had crossed the ocean to behold the wonder with their own eyes.

Three centuries of change have not changed the American Autumn. A legacy from nature, it comes down to us unimpaired, and we go forth gratefully by millions in these October days to enjoy it, to collect our year's inter-

est from it and to marvel at its richness.

The earth is flooded with vivid color, as if a sunset had made a forced landing upon it. A hill once clad in sober hard-wood verdure puts on, over night, the crimson-and-saffron motley of a clown. A staid and orderly grove tosses propriety to the winds and splurges in the brightest colors of the spectrum, from yellow through orange to red, with all the variegations of those exciting hues.

The hickories are splashes of yellow in the picture. The sumach turns scarlet. Beeches and aspens flaunt in cloth-of-gold. The choke-cherries blush like ruddy wine. The oaks burn with all the passionate reds in the paint-box, and the flowering dogwood goes them one better in carmine and adds purple and bronze to boot.

Maple and sassafras, sweet gum and sour gum, the lowly woodbine, the witchhazel, the barberry and all the little huckleberry bushes join the masquerade. The dull rusty elms simply drop their leaves and quit; the general ostentation is too much for them.

Human eyes are thrilled by the spectacle, and human hearts get a hopeful message from it. There may be times when it seems justifiable to suspect the earth of being the ugliest planet in the known universe. But not in Autumn; not when it displays such beauty as this. It is still the good earth.

—Courtesy of "The New York Times Magazine".



# ECLIPSE

By PAUL HUTCHENS

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"Not a shadow  
can rise,  
Not a cloud in  
the skies,  
But his smile  
quickly  
drives it  
away;  
Not a doubt or  
a fear,  
Not a sigh nor  
a tear,  
Can abide  
while we  
trust and  
obey."

## SYNOPSIS

The engagement of Mildred Handel to Clem Lindeman was broken shortly before they were to be married because of his scorn for her religious convictions. She fled for peace of mind to the mountain camp of which Terry Neale, a former suitor of hers, and his mother were in charge. Clem followed her there and a fight between the two men ensued. In the hospital Clem came to his senses and had a profound religious experience. Mildred was exceedingly happy about his conversion, but Terry in his blinding jealousy was still in eclipse. He knew it, hated himself for it, and yet didn't care. Later Clem gave the story of his conversion from atheism to Christ on a Sunday morning at the Community Church. It was a stirring testimony followed by a dynamic message on Saul's conversion. Right after the meeting Mildred approached Terry and wanted to announce something wonderful to him about the double wedding. Terry's dreary meditations were interrupted by Mildred as she suddenly asked him about the football field. "Here's where you used to play?" she inquired eagerly.

## CONCLUDING CHAPTER

He came to attention, startled by the change of subject.

"Here, for four years," he replied.

"You know, Terry, I told you maybe our team would win again. Remember?"

He remembered, nodded meditatively, seeing again the blackened rock on the heart-shaped lawn at Shandon—seeing Clement Lindeman making the sign of the heart...

"We've really won this time, Terry. The biggest and most wonderful game in the world. Did you hear all of his sermon? Wasn't it glorious?" She lowered her voice as she almost whispered, "I mean, the power of Christ? Taking a man who thought he was in

the full light of knowledge, and blinding him by a supernatural light? It was supernatural, for it was 'brighter than the noonday sun'. Oh Terry, that's what has been troubling me all this time—I haven't believed in the supernatural, in the power of God over and above nature. His ability to enter into one's life and make it a new creation. But I believe it now. Only Christ's power could have done that for Saul—and for Clem, and for my own eclipsed heart."

He knew it was greater than wonderful. He felt the warm glow of the Light even now, in spite of the death that he was dying—the sacrifice he was making.

Yonder, in the street, on the main highway entering the village, heavy traffic moved in either direction. Vacation-land was a busy place today as every day.

And then, without warning, Silent Oss stood beside them, tall, awkward, in perfectly pressed khaki trousers and shirt, and wearing a powder blue tie. He was panting for breath as if he had been running. "Something has happened to me," he announced in gasps—"I don't know, but I think I'm out! There isn't any pressure—here." He clasped his artistic hands over his breast. "If the Lord could save a man like Saul—a man whose hands were as red with blood as—as—"

Silent Oss stopped, gazed startled at Mildred—"Oh," he exclaimed, "you didn't know, did you. I hadn't told you the whole story, but—" he clasped his

hands again to his breast, and finished ecstatically, "but it doesn't matter! I'm out. I'm out! I'm OUT!" With that, he turned and half-walked, half-ran in long loose-jointed strides back to the main entrance of the auditorium.

They followed, neither one saying a word, until they had reached the side-door exit. He noticed then that she was still holding the little black cluster of achenes, all that was left of the flower of the anemone, as she said, "It's unanswerable, Terry. Positive proof of the truth of Christianity—as positive as any demonstrated chemical formula—proved throughout the centuries by ten million actual cases of regeneration, hundreds of millions of them. Oh, Terry!" For a moment then, they faced each other, and each of them knew in a way they had never seemed to know before, the joy of salvation. Neither of them spoke again after that, but moved happily on to the street and to the car where Clem and Nurse Marvel and Clem's mother and Silent Oss were waiting.

Clem was carrying Nurse Marvel's wooden flannelgraph case, a new folding-easel type, made for her by Silent Oss himself.

"And where have you two been?" Clem wanted to know. "We'll have to hurry away to dinner now, all of us, or we won't get done in time to drive to Miss Marvel's Sunday School over the ridge. Say, can't we work up some kind of mixed quartette?" he asked. "What do you sing, Terry? Seems to me you used to growl a sort of bass back at Shandon."

Something Terry saw in the interchange of thoughts as for a fractional moment Clem and Nurse Marvel looked into each other's eyes, gave him a wild sort of hope, which, because it was a desperate hope only, was tormenting in its intensity. But of course he had been mistaken.

Old Pack's cylinders responded beautifully to Terry's step on the starter, and they were off down the canyon highway to camp. Aunt Mary and the bushy-browed Englebrad had hurried away in their own car immediately after the benediction.

"I'm afraid my testimony upset my Aunt Mary," Terry heard Clem say to Nurse Marvel as they drove along.

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"Back east, she's been driving out of town to hear a certain Reverend Doctor Brentwood who has some strange fan-dangled type of religion and he has her all tangled up. Poor fellow! If only he could see the Lord as I've seen him—but then who am I to boast! If somebody hadn't knocked me down one night in the December cottage at Year-Round Camp, maybe I'd still be fighting against God—and trying to run away from him as I did away from you—and from you too, Mother," he said to the gray-haired woman at his left.

Terry, looking straight ahead at the winding road, dared for only a fleeting second to look through the mirror above the windshield. The expression on Nurse Marvel's face was one of utter peace. She it was who deserved the credit for winning this fiery young Saul to Christ—if the credit could go to any human being. There was that same expression on the smooth face of Clem's mother.

There was a bit of excitement at Year-Round Camp during the dinner hour. Not only had Aunt Mary Lindeman and her fiancé hurried away from the auditorium but it seemed they had planned the rest of the day to themselves somewhere. There was a note for Clem and Mildred, explaining things, the contents of which, however, remained secret as far as Terry was concerned.

Dinner over, the four—the five rather, for Silent Oss was going too, for the first time—drove up the canyon trail, following a scenic route to the abandoned mining center where at two o'clock they conducted a Sunday School for children.

Nurse Marvel was scheduled for hospital duty at four, so as soon as Sunday School was over they left her at Dr. Mansfield's office, and drove back to camp.

"And now," Clem announced to Terry, "Mildred and I have something important to tell you." They were all dressed for a hike up the trail. "You know, my Aunt Mary wants you to be best man at a double wedding. Well, there are some things we want to explain before the great event, so we thought, just for old time's sake, we'd all go up to your Old Yellow Pine and kick the post."

The petals fell again, the achenes only were left, and soon they too would die. Well, Terry thought, there was no use to be a fool any longer, and there was no use to be despondent. Nothing in life was worthwhile without it's being bought at sacrifice.

They swung off up the trail—a gay three-some—gay on the surface, Terry thought, and thought also of young Isaac being taken up to Mount Moriah to be offered in sacrifice—not knowing there was to be a substitute.

At the ranch house, they followed the flower-bordered path around it

A THRILLING  
NEW NOVEL,  
"THE SOUND  
OF THE TRUMPET,"  
THE LATEST BOOK BY  
MRS. GRACE LIVINGSTON  
HILL,  
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and went on, crossing and recrossing, as they climbed, the Solitude rivulet—Terry the tiny rivulet, and Clem the magnificent Canyon river, spectacular, dashing, grand—Terry, only contributing his own personality and desires to satisfy the greater need of the river...

At the great heart-shaped rock at the base of Old Yellow, they paused, and in mock solemnity as in days at Shandon, they reached out to "kick the post". Three right shoes touched the brown bark of the somber old tree—in the center, her brown three-eyelleted oxford; on the right, Clem's tan, brown-saddled knockabout; and on the left—on the left!—Terry's oak tanned, pebble grained...

"And from henceforth," Mildred said in grave mockery, "It's the best foot forward for all of us."

The ritual finished, Mildred seated herself high up on the top of the great rock, where she looked, Terry thought, like a queen. He wished he might be the knight to do a lover's obeisance at her throne. She was wearing again the attractive plaid-and-plain combination dress, laurel in color like the green of the aspen and the darker green of the spruce and balsam... Her smile was like the singing rivulet.

"And now," Clem turned to Terry, "I complete the transaction. A long time ago, I borrowed from you, for display purposes only, Shandon's most attractive personality. There was to have been no interest. Two weeks ago, in the hospital, I made an unsuccessful attempt to return the principal. Today, I—" Clem bowed in playful formality—"Today, I try again. And this time I succeed."

Bewildered, things swam dizzily for Terry. It simply could not be. They had brought him here to tell him something wonderful—to them—not to him. He was to be best man at their wedding tomorrow.

He could not find his voice for a moment, but when he did he said, "Don't try to make a fool of me. Let's

have the truth. You want to ask me to be best man at—"

"Right!" Clem cut in. "We want you to be best man. You be best man at my wedding and I'll be best man at yours! Tomorrow, if you say so. No, don't be so shocked, and don't be so humbly ignorant. Haven't you been watching the development of things? You tell him, Mildred."

And Mildred told him. "Remember the time back at Shandon when Clem and I, enroute to the tennis courts, dropped in at the hospital to see you? Remember how a certain grand little nurse there blushed almost furiously when she saw Clem come in?"

He remembered that Clem had almost cruelly ignored the nurse. He had been angered that day at the seeming discourtesy.

"Well, there was a story behind that—a tragedy, which has been changed to the very opposite. Right, Clem?"

"Right," Clem exclaimed. "And now, if you two will excuse me, I'll be getting along down to my study. Dr. Mansfield has asked me to give a short talk at the church tonight—and if you two can manage a few words, we'll make it a sort of gospel team service. So long!" With that Clem swung on his heel and set off down the trail whistling a merry melody.

Dazed Terry watched until Clem disappeared, then he turned slowly back to the girl on the rock—the heart shaped rock. His own heart was beating with wild hope, full-petalled, and white.

The girl on the heart-shaped rock looked past the broad bole of the old pine tree, followed with her eyes the laughing course of the rivulet to the place where, a second before, Clement Lindeman had disappeared. Life, she thought, was like that. Clem, gay, colorful, had come and gone, and Terry, like a rock upon which she now sat enthroned, remained. That was it, she thought. She had seen the thought on Terry's face. He would worship her, almost, this great strong man whose name, last year, had been emblazoned across the nation as a football hero. He had not seemed to care for the honor. He had disclaimed it again and again.

And during Clem's stay at camp, Terry had been wonderful. It had been hard to keep from letting him know how she felt...

Her eyes came back to him, standing almost pitifully at the base of her rock. He was bare-headed, his auburn hair slightly tousled, parted high up on the right side, his eyes so much alike—a wave of beautiful emotion swept over her for him. What did it matter—this light handicap? It was the man himself she loved—always had, she knew now, and always would.

He set his right foot on a bit of ledge at the base of the rock as if he would climb up.

"I believe," he said calmly, "that you were going to explain something."

She laughed. "There's nothing to explain, except that Clem's Aunt Mary—an aunt only by marriage—and my stepfather,—related to me only by marriage, and neither of them beloved by either Clem or myself—have be-taken themselves to parts unknown, and there isn't going to be any double wedding at Bear Lake, unless some-body comes to Clem and Nurse Marvel's rescue—There! That's what Clem insisted I tell you. I realize the order is reversed. I should be listening, rather than talking, but if I remember rightly, it was I who ran away from you—it was I who deliberately let my-self fall in love with another. That's something I'll never do again,—fall in love."

He heard himself replying, "Neither will I. It doesn't pay. I'm going to make careful selection,—studying her character, her background, her philo-sophy of life, her ambitions, her faith—that primarily but not exclusively, and after I've dissected her from stem to stern, I'll consider her physical features—color, height, complexion, health, mental capacity—if any—and then I'll make my decision." He had quoted it verbatim. He knew they were playing with words, parrying, avoid-ing until a little later, the words of commital they were both wanting to say to each other—and would say. He knew now that he had won at last, and his mind was in a beautiful turmoil.

Her answer, coming down from the top of the heart—coming from the surface of her heart, was facetious, as she challenged him, "Don't forget to consider the color of her hair."

And he tossed back up to her, "If it isn't gray by that time. You see, I am not going to marry for years and years—"

She liked his game—but oh, he was saying so much. So very much. She began suddenly to be very happy.

And he, with his foot on the ledge at the base of her heart, decided as suddenly to climb up to where she was. "Listen, O Fairy Queen," he called up to her, "am I to be your knight only, doing obeisance here, or do I get to share the throne?"

He was on his way up, and a little later when he was sitting beside her, happier than he had been in all his life before, she answered his question by saying, "You've been on my heart for a long time, Terry—even when I was trying to persuade myself that I was in love with Clem."

She was letting him hold her hand in his own trembling hand.

"You really never loved him?"

"Never—not as—not as I—Oh Ter-ry!" She turned her face away that he might not see her tears.

It was then that he caught her to him, kissed away her tears, and told her, as he never before told woman, that he loved her.



Baptismal Candidates of the Baptist Church at Pindorama, Brazil, South America, With the Rev. Oskar Horn, Left, and the Rev. F. Matschulat, Right

## Baptist Brethren of South America

### A Brief Letter from Pindorama, Brazil

THE following letter from the Rev. F. Matschulat of Brazil, So. America, will be of great interest to our readers for several reasons. Mr. Matschulat attended our Rochester Baptist Seminary from 1902 to 1905 and was ordained into the Christian ministry in Rochester, N. Y., on May 14, 1909. He is personally known to many of our ministers and church people.

In this day interest is deepening in South America as a great open door for Christian missions. Certainly, Brazil offers opportunities for some kind of missionary work in our day. This interesting letter follows:

Pindorama,  
Ex-New Wuerttemberg,  
Brazil, South America.

Dear Editor:

You are sending "The Baptist Her-ald" so faithfully to my address, to which I can only respond with these words, "God bless you for it!" Long ago I wished to respond to your kind-ness, but never trusted if my lines would reach you.

Today I can no longer delay it, and like Noah and his birds, I let my letter go, trusting it will reach you. Today

It was a beautiful moment—and tender. A little later he said, "I thought we were going to wait for years and years."

"We were, but that was before I was—yours and yours."

"And we were going to wait, maybe, until our hair turned gray."

"It'll be more fun watching it to-

I received the last number of 1942, which brings the news of the home-going of Prof. F. W. C. Meyer. He too has gone before my professors Ramaker and Kaiser.

On the second page of the above mentioned number I see a print of the interior of the Immanuel Church of New York City showing in the back-ground a mural painting, "Ihr seid teuer erkaufte". Wie einem das anheimelt! You cannot find something like that here neither by microscope nor telescope. All strange language is banned in print, church and elsewhere outside of a home. That situation ham-pers our work, especially in the Sun-day School. The young people do not have the same difficulty as the older people, who never will be able to learn anew. At once we find ourselves like strangers—we can say—in this world. This is the time to look upward, be-cause our redemption is drawing nigh.

Hoping, dear brother, that these lines may reach you—and not getting lost like the ravens of Noah—I trans-mit hearty greetings to the readers and to old and new friends.

Very truly yours,

F. MATSCHULAT.

gether, don't you think?"

And so, in the quiet of Solitude, be-side the singing rivulet, they pledged themselves in the old, old way of love, to live and to die for one another. The wonder of it was sweeter than any-thing he had known.

Still later, on their way down to  
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# Wonderful Words of Life

A Bible Reading Course on Revitalization by PROF. O. E. KRUEGER  
of Rochester, N. Y., Moderator of the General Conference

October 10 to 16, 1943

### THIRD WEEK—THE POSSIBILITY OF REVITALIZATION

Neither a stone nor a dead tree can be revitalized. By the creative power God's Holy Spirit devitalized church members can be restored to normal vigorous Christian life. The miracle has happened again and again.

SUNDAY, October 10

*The Spirit Can Quicken Dry Bones*  
Ezekiel 37:1-14.

Read it again and know that "with God all things are possible".

MONDAY, October 11

*"Lazarus, Come Forth"*—John 11:31-44

Here is a symbolic picture of re-vitalizing the dead church. Note the steps in the experience of Lazarus: "Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick." "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth." Jesus said unto them plainly, "Lazarus is dead." "Lord, by this time he is decaying, for he has been dead four days." "Take away the stone." "Laza-rus, come forth!" "Loose him and let him go!" Was there ever a spiritual state worse than this physical condi-tion? Here is much food for thought. Thirty pastors in the Dakota Confer-ence report 365 members as "dead wood". Don't bury them before you are sure! There might still be life in them.

TUESDAY, October 12

*"Let It Alone This Year"*  
Luke 13:6-9.

The gardener promises the best of care and pleads for another year for a tree which has forfeited its right to a corner in the garden where it merely cumbers the ground.

WEDNESDAY, October 13

*"By the Rivers of Water"*  
Psalm 1 and 92:12-15.

If your own Christian life is lan-guishing, you may need to be trans-planted. Trees do not grow in the desert, nor above the timber-line.

THURSDAY, October 14

*"Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock"*—Rev. 3:14-22.

If the Prince of Life is outside, your church will be dead. Your church must repent, buy gold, put on white raiment and anoint her eyes, and open the door to the Savior and Lifegiver. Don't give up hope for your church.

FRIDAY, October 15

*"A Few Names Even in Sardis"*  
Rev. 3:1-6.

The virile ones in the denomination have the great responsibility of "being watchful and of strengthening the things that remain, that are ready to die." By comparison with others, we feel that we are not in the worst state. There are many among us who are devoted to Christ and his cause. If the average were brought up to the upper tenth the world would talk about our faith. We pray and work for a revital-ization that will reach every member of our denomination.

SATURDAY, October 16

*"The Wilderness Shall be Glad"*  
Isaiah 35.

There is a need for and a possibility of universal revitalization. God de-sires it for the whole church in all its branches. When we look at this pic-ture we know that "the best is yet to be".

October 17 to 23

### FOURTH WEEK — CONDITIONS UPON WHICH REVITALIZATION DEPENDS

Life always is contingent upon con-ditions. Soil, sunshine, rain and rea-son all work together for results. Bananas do not grow in the polar regions. If we are serious about revitalization, we must be ready to fulfill certain conditions. Only a few can here be stated.

SUNDAY, October 17

*"The Living Word"*—John 6:51-63.

The Word of God is a living seed, an energizing power. It is to the spirit of man what vitamins are to his body. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. It generates life; it nour-ishes life.

MONDAY, October 18

*"The Witnessing Prophet"*  
Ezekiel 3:15-21

The man of God must not only sit where the people sit; he must stand where God stands and warn the people on his behalf. Great revitalization movements have come forth from the faithful witness of men of God. We are thinking of Samuel, Jonah, Ezra, John the Baptist, Peter, Paul, Luther, Knox, Spurgeon, Finney, Moody, and many more. Will you be God's Antipas, his faithful witness?

TUESDAY, October 19

*"The Praying Remnant"*  
2. Chron. 7:12-15. (Memorize v. 14)

It is the remnant that does the pray-ing. The remnant in Sardis is typical of the remnant in your church. Just recently one of our dying churches ex-perienced a most wonderful revitaliza-tion through a daring venture in prayer. History repeats itself here also. A questionnaire answered by 30 pastors in the Dakota Conference show an attendance of 25% of the members at prayer meeting. That is far beyond the general average. We may expect these prayer groups to be the first to respond to the work of revitalization.

WEDNESDAY, October 20

*"A Willing People"*—Isa. 1:18-20.

"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat of the good of the land." See also 2. Cor. 8:3-5. God does not force us!

THURSDAY, October 21

*"An Organized Effort"*—Joel 2:12-32.

Attention, pastors! Attention, lay-men! Here is organization for repent-ance, prayer, preaching. The promise of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit follows the organization effort. Revi-talization is not going to come by dreaming and wishful thinking. God can use organization better than con-fusion. "Blow the trumpet, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the people —." Why not have a roll call on a Sunday and let every one respond to the call of his name!

FRIDAY, October 22

*"A Deep Sense of Responsibility"*  
1. Kings 20:35-43.

The 30 pastors mentioned above re-port 1068 names on their responsibility lists. These are the people for whom God through direct circumstances has made these pastors responsible. We must not be too "busy here and there" lest they slip away from God through our negligence. But not only pastors have such responsibilities.

SATURDAY, October 23

*"The Release of Activity"*  
Mark 2:1-12.

Jesus sent his workers out two by two. One of our pastors, Rev. Alfred Weisser of Carrington, North Dakota, trained his workers for such a task last winter and sent them out with wonderful results. Too many assume that laymen cannot lead souls to Christ. Some even assume that the pastor cannot do it. No, you need not wait for a certain season of the year and the appearance of the evangelist. Many

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# Service Men's Page

News Items About Our Chaplains and Service Men  
and Letters of Greeting

## CHAPLAIN SCHILLING GOES OVERSEAS

Chaplain Fred Schilling has arrived at his destination overseas in England and is now rendering his ministry with his group to which he is attached. His address is as follows: John F. Schilling, 1st Lt. Chaplain, 0-506552, 1982 Q. M. TR K. Co., (A V N) APO 635, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. Chaplain Schilling is a son of the Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Schilling of Beulah, No. Dakota. He was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis.

## "THE HERALD" IN THE TEXAS DESERT

The following letter from Corporal Oliver Hollendsworth of Fort Bliss, Texas, will be of interest to all "Herald" readers. "I want you and all 'The Baptist Herald' readers to know that I enjoy reading 'The Baptist Herald'. When we are out in the Texas desert, it surely lightens one's heart. My home church is the Pin Oak Creek Church at Mt. Sterling, Missouri. But now while I am stationed at Fort Bliss, I go to the First Baptist Church of El Paso, Texas. I like to go to the

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members are so "sick" and so "lame" that they cannot come to church. Four men in Capernaum organized themselves into a rescue crew and carried their friend to Jesus. Why not have four men with stout hearts and strong backs go after "the lame and the halt!"

## October 24 to 30

### FIFTH WEEK — THE RESULTS OF REVITALIZATION

God has put a law into the nature of things whereby action produces reaction. Efforts generally bring forth results. Crop failures are not the rule. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Our cooperation with God in bringing about an experience of revitalization will have satisfying and gratifying results.

#### SUNDAY, October 24

"Restoration of the Joy of Salvation"  
Psalm 30 and 126.

There will be happy hearts, homes, churches.

#### MONDAY, October 25

"Increase of Attendance at all Services"—Mark 2:2; Acts 6:7.

According to the reports of the 30

B. Y. P. U. here which sure is swell. I want to ask you all to pray for us boys, for we need it. We expect to leave for overseas duty soon."

## CHAPLAIN PFEIFFER AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The Rev. P. Pfeiffer, until recently the pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, has received his commission as a chaplain in the United States Army. On August 14 he reported to Harvard University for the usual period of study and training. He wrote as follows: "It is with mixed emotions that I take this step, for I do not relish leaving the fellowship of my fellow pastors and denominational leaders. But I feel certain that I am following the guidance of God and thus I am looking forward with great anticipation to this work."

## CHAPLAIN SCHADE AT MADRAS, OREGON

Chaplain Paul Schade, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., received his assignment to an active duty station following the usual period of study in the School for U. S. Army Chaplains at Harvard University,

pastors, our churches in the Dakota Conference have a larger average attendance at the main service than the total of resident members. When a third of the membership in attendance is regarded as good, the standard is low. Some members would show up at church only if the church caught fire. Is that what it needs? Revitalization will produce fervor. Fervor will stimulate all activity.

#### TUESDAY, October 26

"Growth in Christlikeness"

2. Peter 1:5-8; 3:18; Eph. 4:12-16.

The scrawny will give way to the brawny Christians. When the Queen of England saw the first American troops she exclaimed: "How tall they are!" Our American way of life has produced these stalwarts. Wholesome conditions in the church will produce stalwart Christians—Christlike men.

#### WEDNESDAY, October 27

"Costly Sacrifices"—2. Sam. 24:18-25.

The best evidence of a real vitalizing grace of God is a willing heart and an open hand. Withered hands need revitalization (Mark 12:10). David refused to present a cheap burnt offering. Our financial projects for the last triennium have gone over the top. But if we take away 10% of the top-notch givers, what a wretched report it would be. If the whole mass of 38,000

city, Cambridge, Mass. He is now stationed with the 2nd Army Air Force Headquarters, Madras, Oregon. His services there began about August 20. The group to which Chaplain Schade is attached is a training air force for heavy and medium bombers.

## PROF. FRANK WOYKE AT CHAPLAINS' SCHOOL

On August 18 Prof. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y., a member of the seminary faculty, who is on leave of absence for the duration of the war, reported to the Chaplains' School at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., for the usual period of instruction. Professor Woyke and the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, formerly of Waco, Texas, met each other almost at once on the Harvard Campus and have been enjoying each other's company immensely.

## CPL. G. KOCH VISITS MRS. ONCKEN IN ENGLAND

In a recent letter Cpl. Gerhardt Koch, a son of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Koch of Forest Park, Ill., has written that on August 16th he had a delightful visit with his 86 year old Aunt Nellie Oncken in Southport, Lancashire, England. Mrs. Oncken is the oldest daughter of the Rev. Philip Bickel, and her husband was a son of the Rev. Johann Gerhardt Oncken, one of the outstanding forerunners of the Baptists in Europe. Mrs. Oncken is the oldest sister of Mrs. Henry Koch of Forest Park, Illinois.

church members could be brought up to the top levels, the offerings would amaze the world. There is still room for revitalization.

#### THURSDAY, October 28

"Open Doors"—Rev. 3:7-13.

For such a church God opens the doors of influence and opportunity. "Behold, I have set before thee an open door." Such an open door can be closed only by the dead church itself.

#### FRIDAY, October 29

"Effective Witness"

Matt. 5:13-16; Acts 1:8.

The church endowed with the Holy Spirit will be effective as salt and light. Its witness will carry conviction. Conviction will bring conversion.

#### SATURDAY, October 30

"The Glory of God"

Romans 11:33-36; 16:24-27.

If the object of our revitalization efforts is anything less than the glory of God, we had better drop the whole matter. Unless we keep ourselves in the background and make the movement Christocentric, we shall fail. Such a possibility makes it imperative that the work of revitalization begin with us—you and me, first of all. The Spirit of Christ must be so vital in us that self shall play no part in the motivation of the movement.

# Leadership Training in the Dakota Conference

By the REV. J. C. GUNST of Wishek, North Dakota, the Director  
of the Christian Leadership Training Project for the Conference

FOR two years the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Dakota Conference has been trying out a new project known as "the Christian Leadership Training Project". This is only one of the three progressive and widely supported projects in our Dakota Conference Union. The other two projects are "Evangelism" and "Missions", or as it is better known in our conference, the "Bender Memorial Trek".

Trial years are always hard in every undertaking, but the Union must be convinced that these projects have not only been successfully launched but are also successfully working out in our churches. For at the annual business meeting at the sessions of our Dakota Conference last summer the Union voted to make these permanent projects of the conference.

There were a few churches which, for reasons beyond their control, were unable to have Christian Leadership Training courses thus far, but we feel confident that plans can be worked out by which all young people and Sunday School workers will benefit through these study courses in time to come.

Laying the foundation in Christian Leadership Training work was somewhat difficult at the beginning, but with the kind and generous assistance of our general secretary, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, plans were made, presented, accepted and have been working out since. We are, indeed, happy about the response of the churches and the enthusiastic support they have given the project.

What we are doing in the Conference can be gleaned from the following.

From time to time we are sending out and supplying each church with all the available information on Christian Leadership Training. The very attractive and useful folder on Christian Leadership Training Curriculum, prepared by our general secretary, is sent out to each church and, in addition, a shorter list of study courses is drawn up each year and sent out.

Sample copies of books listed on the special list can be ordered from the local chairman to be used in selecting the proper courses for each group. Record sheets are made available, and a record is being kept of each training courses taught. One record sheet is sent to our office at Forest Park, Ill., and one to the conference chairman.

After each course a certificate of credit is issued to the student who met all requirements of the course. After completing four courses, three basic courses and one elective course, the student is entitled to an attractive

diploma. A number of workers in several of our churches have met these requirements and will receive their diplomas this year.

Study courses on missions, evangelism, the art of teaching and many other courses of a practical nature have been introduced into our assembly programs. It will be of interest to all Christian leaders, and should be of special interest to our pastors that over 180 young people were issued credit cards at two of our summer assemblies. Truly, a gratifying number after only two years of emphasis on this type of work!

At our annual conference meeting 13 churches reported training classes held in the past year. There were 276 church leaders and persons interested in becoming leaders who attended these classes, and some 150 received credit cards. Some churches reported three courses taught during the conference year. This again is evidence of keen interest in Christian Leadership Training and also proves that some people are really profiting by the project.

Of course it is not all as easy and simple as it may seem. These projects call for strong leadership to begin with in our churches as well as in the conference to promote and interest our people. There are many difficulties to cope with and these difficulties must be overcome.

In our Dakota churches where people are spread out over large areas it is not easy these days to have special meetings. Farm work in the spring, summer and fall of the year does not permit our people to take time out for work of this nature. During the long winter months, when people have the time, the roads are often impassable. The pastors who should be the key men and faithful boosters have their many stations and find it hard to concentrate on this work. But more often there is not enough enthusiasm on the part of the workers.

Plans are now underway for a more intensified and inspiring program for this year. New courses are in the offing. Posters stimulating new interest in these projects have been sent to all churches. An honor roll will be displayed at our next conference giving each church proper recognition when cooperating in the work. Other plans are underway whereby those churches in the conference area that have never had a training course can possibly be reached and helped. We encourage our pastors, Sunday School superintendents, and young people's presidents to give this important work for our churches their prayerful and diligent support.

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carried with us! The Spirit of God was working in the hearts of those hungry souls.

The evening services, conducted in lantern light, continued to grow from a beginning of perhaps a mere eight or nine to over a hundred. As a result of our labors the Lord rewarded us with forty-nine persons who accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior in our meetings. We visited five mountain communities during the summer and in each case the beginning was hard, but God blessed our efforts.

Christian friend, reading this article, what are you doing to help win these precious souls for Jesus? How long has it been since through your testimony you led some soul to Christ? The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few. The Lord has no tongues but ours to tell of his love. He has no talents to use but those we use for him. He has no money to use for his work except that which we cheerfully give. He has no hands but ours to do his work. Are you doing your share?

## What's Happening

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Schools were held during the month of August, one at Springside, the other at Ebenezer West. Springside had an enrollment of forty, and Ebenezer West an enrollment of nineteen. Deeply appreciated demonstration programs were rendered at the close. Mrs. E. M. Wegner of Springside and her sister, Miss Beatrice Ross of Winnipeg, were the teachers.

● On Sunday, Sept. 5, the Seventh St. Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wis., celebrated a triple event with special festive services in the morning, afternoon and evening which were addressed by the pastor, the Rev. M. Vanderbeck, and the Rev. Robert N. Benedict of Winona, Minn. The events were the 50th anniversary of the organization of the church, the 30th year in the ministry of its pastor, the Rev. M. Vanderbeck, and the entrance of John Vanderbeck, the minister's son, into the Rochester Baptist Seminary, who also preached his first sermon before a crowded church on Sunday evening. Appropriate gifts were presented by the church to Mr. August Kaaz, deacon, to the pastor and to his son. The church conducts a Service Men's Center in La Crosse and has 15 men in the Armed Forces of the country, as reported in a special anniversary article in the "La Crosse Tribune and Leader-Press".

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

#### Evangelistic Meetings With Rev. F. W. Bartel at the Crawford Church of Texas

Friday evening, Aug. 20, closed a successful week of revival meetings at the Baptist Church of Crawford, Tex., conducted by the Rev. F. W. Bartel, the Dakota Conference evangelist. This evening proved to be the great climax of the preaching of Mr. Bartel, and also of "The A. B. C. Bible Study" held by him each evening prior to the preaching service.

Many wonderful thoughts were discussed concerning the Christian life and the responsibilities of a follower of Christ. When the opportunity was given for individuals to come to the front for reconsecration to a deeper and better spiritual life, there was a great response. Three girls also remained for prayer to find the way of salvation.

On the opening date of the meeting, we had the privilege of having the Rev. C. C. Gossen with us, who was formerly pastor of the church. He came to conduct the funeral service of one of our members, Mrs. H. W. Engelbrecht, on August 15.

Although our Church is pastorless at this time, we shall endeavor to carry on in some way in order to serve our God, to whom we must all give an account of our stewardship.

TILLIE MAE SPROSS, Reporter.

### PACIFIC CONFERENCE

#### God's Bountiful Blessings Experienced by the Franklin Baptist Church of California

We of the Baptist Church of Franklin, Calif., greatly rejoice over the bountiful blessings which the Lord has bestowed upon us in the past months. On July 11 we had the privilege of having Professor A. Schade of Rochester, N. Y., in our midst. His inspiring and enlightening message as well as his fine pictures were a lasting blessing to our people.

On July 25 we had our Sunday services in God's beautiful nature at the Elk Grove Park. In place of Sunday School each teacher gave a five minute talk to the entire group. These talks were most interesting and beneficial. The pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser, spoke on Ps. 19:1. At the end of the service the church surprised its pastor on his birthday and expressed its appreciation by presenting him with a birthday gift of \$75.00.

On Aug. 22 Dr. Donald Davis, pastor of the Wasco Church, and his family spent the Sunday with us. His edifying messages were greatly appreciated by all who were present.

One of our young ladies answered the call of the Lord and left for a Bible

#### Evangelist Theo. W. Dons' Engagements for October and November

Oct. 3 to 15—Elgin, Iowa.

Oct. 23—Northern Dakota Sunday School Association at Turtle Lake, No. Dak.

Oct. 24 to Nov. 5—Goodrich, North Dakota.

Nov. 7 to 19—McClusky, No. Dak.

Nov. 21 to Dec. 3—La Salle, Colo.

School to prepare herself for better Christian service. Miss Henreita Schmidt was saved in the first evangelistic meetings that I had the privilege to conduct here at Franklin. She was one of our faithful Sunday School teachers. Her consecrated Christian life is an example to everyone. We feel sure that God has a greater purpose for her life.

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

#### Revitalization Convocation for the Ministers of the Pacific Northwest at Benbow Lakes

In the quiet of Benbow Lakes the ministers of British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington met for discussion, fellowship and prayer from Aug. 17 to 19. Present also were the wives of four of the brethren, so that they might minister to our physical needs in preparing the meals. Truly, great strength is necessary to carry on; hence the great measure of spiritual blessings bestowed upon all. The Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Damrau, who were charged with arranging the place and provisions, did justice to their task.

In line with the task of "Revitalization of Our Churches" Dr. J. Lepoldt had arranged a practical program dealing with the Minister, the Ministry and the Church. Two short sessions were held each day with Dr.

#### Sunday Morning Radio Broadcasts from Edmonton, Alberta

The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, will resume its regular radio services on Sunday, October 10, over radio station CFRN, Edmonton. (1260 kc.) The program will be known as "The Sunday Morning Devotion" and will be heard every Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:00 A. M., Mountain Standard War Time. This program is kept on the air by the free will offerings of friends of the Institute.

E. P. WAHL, President.

J. F. Olthoff presiding. The family altar in the morning and the devotional hour in the evening were also inspiring.

The following are the prayer resolutions to which the ministers pledged themselves: 1) To pray for fellow pastors; 2) To pray for the deepening and quickening of spiritual life; 3) To pray for workers for God's fields of labor; 4) To pray for ministers and churches who have special problems; 5) To pray for special efforts for God.

May we spend our strength, our talents, and our prayers for God's work. He will ever reveal himself anew if we seek him.

R. HUGO ZEPIK, Reporter.

#### California's Fourth Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Assembly at Camp Thousand Pines

The fourth annual California Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Assembly was held at Camp Thousand Pines in the San Bernardino mountains of California from Aug. 9 to 14. In spite of gas rationing and uncertain conditions over 135 people spent the week in fellowship together.

Each morning before breakfast, we gathered for our devotions on Inspiration Point overlooking Lake Gregory. A session of quiet Bible reading and meditation was followed by songs, prayers and testimonies.

At 9 A. M. we gathered together for classes. The following courses were offered each day: "The Biblical Background of Modern Cults" by Dr. D. Davis of Wasco; "Sunday School Administration and Teaching" by the Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Anaheim; "Music" by the Rev. E. Mittelstedt of Los Angeles; and "Prayer" by the Rev. G. G. Rauser of Franklin. Interesting classes of Bible study and handcraft were held for the Juniors under the capable leadership of Mrs. H. G. Dymmel.

The afternoons were spent in recreation. The evening services were in charge of the various churches, with the pastors bringing spiritual messages, after which we gathered around the bonfire for choruses and testimonies. Last year we were able to give \$500 for the Centenary Offering. This year we again have pledged \$500 for a denominational enterprise.

The officers elected for the coming year are: dean, Dr. D. Davis of Wasco; president, John Wolf of Los Angeles, Fifteenth St. Church; vice-president, Al Villegas of Wasco; secretary, Esther Leuschner of Anaheim; association treasurer, David Buhler of Los Angeles, Ebenezer Church; camp treasurer, Ed. Schuh of Franklin; representative at large, Calvin Lohr of Lodi. We are grateful to the dean, the Rev. G. G. Rauser and the vice-president, Al Villegas, who gave so much of their time in planning this fine assembly.

May the blessings we received during these days help us to be better witnesses for our Lord.

ESTHER LEUSCHNER, Secretary.

### DAKOTA CONFERENCE

#### This Year's Vacation Bible School in Emery, South Dakota, Was the Best and Largest

This year marked the third year of Daily Vacation Bible Schools held in the Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak. Each year has advanced the school in attendance and enthusiasm.

The school was under the direction of Rev. Arthur Ittermann with a staff of 8 teachers and an enrollment of about 65 pupils, a growing number of which were from neighboring churches of other denominations.

On the last evening of the school a demonstration program by each class and an exhibition of their handwork were presented to a large audience. The offering, which amounted to \$62.87, was designated by the children of the school for the Chapel Building Fund. MRS. ART. EDZARDS, Reporter.

### NORTHERN CONFERENCE

#### Recent Enthusiastic Activities of the Bethel Baptist Church Near Carbon, Alberta

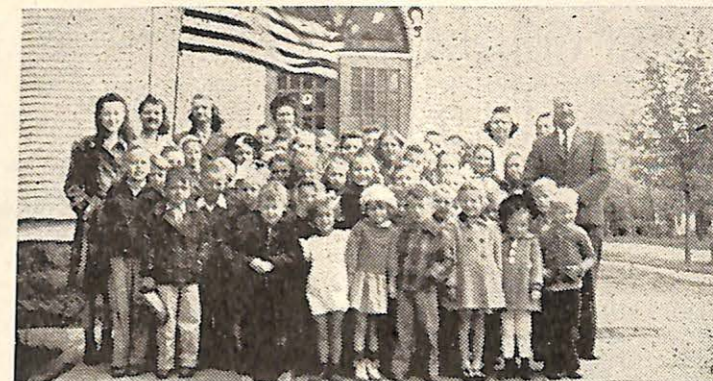
The Word of God exhorts us to declare his doings among the people. (Ps. 9:11.) This is what we have in view with this report for the Bethel Baptist Church near Carbon, Alberta. Eight months have already elapsed since our coming to the Bethel Church.

As we look back on these months we find many reasons to praise our God because of the manifold blessings which he has bestowed upon us. The Bethel Church was an active church before our coming, and so it needed only the encouragement and assistance of the pastor to animate the church for a greater endeavor.

Our meetings are well attended, the young people's work is very active, Ladies' Aid, Sunday School, the choir, and orchestra contribute a great part to the church activities. In June the church invited our three neighboring pastors, the Rev's. E. Fenske from the Freudenthal Church of Carbon, C. Rempel of the Trochu Church, and R. Kern of the Bridgeland Church in Calgary. Each served two evenings. Four persons were saved.

On August 15 we had the pleasure of having the Rev. A. Teske, pastor of the Bethany Church in Camrose, in our midst. Mr. Teske was invited by our young people's society. In the afternoon the meeting was held in the church yard, and young people from the neighbor churches were also present. He brought very timely messages, and in the evening two persons surrendered their lives to the Lord.

Sunday, Aug. 22, was an extraordinary day for the Bethel Church. On this Sunday the pastor had the privilege to baptize 10 converts in the Kneehill Creek before a great attendance. Four weeks of Vacation Bible School were also held. The church also presented \$150 to the pastor as a contribution to obtain a car which he did not possess when he came to this church. EMIL RIEMER, Pastor.



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Held at Emery, South Dakota

#### The Edmonton Church and Its Mission Stations Are Actively Building God's Kingdom

The words of Purd E. Dietz's hymn, "We Would Be Building", express the longing and aspiration of God's children at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta.

We miss the boys who have been called to serve their country. Their places in the various activities of the church can not easily be filled. However, we are not forgetting them and the Ladies' Missionary Society made and placed a beautiful Service Men's Honor Roll in the church auditorium ever to remind us to pray and to support "the boys".

The Edmonton Church has a male and mixed choir. Loyally they have supported their pastor throughout the summer months.

schools were held during the past summer. On July 7 our missionary, Miss Myrtle Hein, and Miss Elsie Schmidt, a graduate of the Christian Training Institute started with the school in the Barrhead district. This is about 80 miles northwest from the city of Edmonton. With much interest and great expectancy the children came as far as 5½ miles daily. They came with horse and buggy, or pedalling each other on a bicycle or walking.

During the second week of the school evangelistic meetings were conducted in the evening with the two young women in charge. People came 12 and 16 miles to attend these services. Roads were rough and muddy most of the time, but the soul hunger overcame all these obstacles. A number of persons pledged themselves anew to be true and loyal to Christ.

From July 26 to Aug. 6 the Vacation



A Group of the Pupils and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Held at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta

Last Fall the Sunday School decided to raise \$500 for our Centenary Offering. Mite boxes were used by young and old in which daily offerings were placed. Each class was given a definite portion to raise. By the end of July, when this missionary project came to a close, our hearts were thrilled by not only having reached our goal but going far beyond the same. The sum of \$658.30 was the exact amount raised for this special offering. Now the Sunday School is planning to continue using the mite boxes to bring daily offerings unto the Lord and use the money for a parsonage which we need.

The golden opportunity of the summer is found in special Bible training for the boys and girls and building Christian character upon the solid rock, Jesus Christ. Three Vacation Bible

Bible School at our mission station, Lauderdale, and in our Edmonton church took place. Conducting the two schools simultaneously was no easy matter but God gave us success.

The Lauderdale community was canvassed beforehand. The children, too, went out "to bring them in", and 76 pupils were enrolled in this school. We are very thankful for those who gave of their time and talent and served as teachers.

The Edmonton school had 56 children on the enrollment list. How immensely the youngsters enjoyed these schools was expressed by them asking to have the same continue for at least two weeks and by the splendid closing programs rendered.

E. P. WAHL, Pastor.

## SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

### Baptismal Service and Study Courses at the Salem Church Near Gotebo, Oklahoma

Although we of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., are only a small group, we are striving to do the will of our Lord. We held 2 study courses this Spring. The Sunday School studied "How Do Teachers Teach" and the young people "Winning Others for Christ". Both proved very interesting. The Rev. Menno Harms served as teacher for both courses.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harms presented a bulletin board to the church, welcoming visitors and advertising the church services. We have recently finished paying our church debt which we were very happy to be able to do.

We were very happy to have had three of our boys home on furlough, namely Sgt. Mitchell Powell stationed in Africa, Pft. Earl Geis of North Carolina, and Pvt. Ernest Schantz of Camp Gruber in Muskogee, Okla. Pvt. Wilmer Lipps who was in Hawaii, was unable to spend his furlough at home. In honor of these boys we have an honor roll on which we keep their addresses and photographs. We also send them a quarterly News Letter from the Young People's Union.

On Sunday, Aug. 15, the Rev. M. Harms had the joy of baptizing seven converts who found the Lord during our Vacation Bible School. We have been greatly blessed through the inspiring messages which Mr. Harms brings to us. Mr. and Mrs. Harms have now been with us for a year. May the Lord bless them in their work!

MRS. WERNER SCHANZ, Reporter.

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

### Eastern Conference Ministers Meet For Their Revitalization Convocation at Rochester

On Wednesday evening and Thursday forenoon and afternoon, Aug. 25 and 26, a group of earnest servants of God in the Eastern Conference churches met in the students' reception room of the Rochester Baptist Seminary to discuss the revitalization program and various personal and church problems.

The Rev. L. B. Holzer opened the convocation with scripture and prayer. He gave general guidance at all meetings. Prof. O. E. Krueger spoke on "The Minister Searching His Own Heart and Mind."

It was like sitting again in the classroom of our beloved professor as he brought a picture of the minister and his ministry, what they are and what they can be. It is of vital importance for the minister to put himself into the place of a church officer or any member. Thereby he will learn to understand the individual. A real understanding of people's circumstances produces the flow of sympathy.

A brief period of discussion followed. Those present voiced their eagerness



Rev. Menno Harms of Gotebo, Oklahoma, and Seven Baptismal Candidates

to meet the following day for yet greater results. A service of consecration brought the evening session to a close.

The Rev. H. Hiller opened the new day's meeting with the words of John the Baptist, "He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:30. This splendid message paved the way for an interesting period of discussion and prayer. The Rev. S. Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote", made a fine contribution in bringing some of his experiences.

Our last meeting was opened by the Rev. D. Fuchs. The general theme was, "My Church and I." Every church and minister have their questions and problems to be solved mainly by themselves, and yet how wonderful to talk them over with others.

What of "Revitalization"? Through these meetings we received light on the new program and life, power, and vitality for the great work—not for our glory, but for the glory of Christ's name, mercy, and truth.

We are grateful to the pastors, Professors Bretschneider, Krueger, and to the Rev. S. Blum for their interesting and helpful contributions. These meetings served as an introductory chapter to the 93rd session of the Eastern Conference held the following three days.

R. A. GRENZ, Reporter.



Seminary Students at the Youth Rally in the Beaver Church of Michigan

Left to Right: Edwin Miller, William Jeschke and Earl Abel

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE

### Seminary Students Address Young People's Rally in the Beaver Church of Michigan

The Beaver young people of the Beaver Baptist Church near Auburn, Mich., felt the need of a spiritual rally for the purpose of giving new life to the young people of our churches and creating a greater zeal for serving Christ. Therefore, preparations were made and a Rally Day was called for Sunday, Aug. 22. The response was very good, young people coming from Alpena, Detroit, Gladwin, and Lansing with a total of over 200 people present, which was quite a number for our small church. We were very fortunate in having with us three students from the Rochester Seminary, who were the guest speakers for the day. Messrs. Edwin Miller of Benton Harbor, Mich.; William Jeschke of Nokomis, Sask.; and Earl Abel of Lansing, Michigan.

Young people from the various churches participated in the services of the day. The invocation for the morning service was given by the Rev. Gideon Zimmerman of the Beaver Church. Esther Schultz, president of Beaver B. Y. P. U., led the meeting and introduced the speakers. Scripture reading was presented by Edgar Everett of Lansing. Prayer was offered by Ferdinand Timm of Alpena. Walter Petke of the Linden Street Baptist Church of Detroit gave the offertory prayer. The Beaver young people's choir sang a number, and Donald Witt played a violin selection. Mr. Abel and Mr. Miller were the speakers for the morning service.

The afternoon was spent in visiting, playing a few games, and rehearsing for a mass choir in the evening service. Mr. Abel was director of the choir and Marguerite Pletz assisted at the piano.

The evening service brought the day to a beautiful close. The Rev. W. W. Knauf of Alpena led the song service. It was grand to hear the voices of youth raised in praises to Him who is worthy of all praise and honor. Roll call was a very interesting part of the program. Each church when called upon responded with one or two numbers of its own choosing. Donald Witt played two violin solos in the evening service. He is a remarkable musician for a lad of thirteen and is using his talents even at this early age unto the glory of God. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Zimmerman and Carl Witt, Jr. Mr. Jeschke was the speaker for the evening and he brought a fine message on prayer.

The mass choir numbers which completed the evening service were especially well received. Approximately eighty voices were raised in singing "Lead On, O King Eternal" and "The Awakening Chorus". The countryside fairly echoed the anthems. Thus a beautiful day of richest blessings drew to a close. We are sure that the lives of all who were present were enriched in the things of God and many went their homeward journeys renewed in spirit and determined to serve Christ.

RUTH MAJESKE, Reporter.

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE

### Enthusiastic Vacation Bible School in the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

A splendid Vacation Bible School was conducted by the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., from July 26 to Aug. 6, with an enrollment of 43 pupils. Because of lack of help we were not able to include those of Primary age in this year's school.

The music and singing of choruses was led by Mrs. Frank Veninga. The children sang most heartily and managed to master one new chorus per day.

Bible study and memory work was conducted under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. Frank Veninga. Many of the children memorized 20 Bible verses during the ten day school period. This was done in conjunction with other class studies.

Mrs. Martha Schielke, assisted by a number of willing workers, was in charge of the handwork for the girls. Mr. A. W. Giesecke, superintendent of the Church School, provided the boys with sufficient woodwork during the manual training period. Mr. Giesecke also led the school in daily "shouts" and yells.

A closing program was held on Friday afternoon, Aug. 6. The parents and friends of the children expressed their appreciation for the biblical training given their children and for the manual work completed during the school period. We are looking forward to a bigger and better Bible school next summer.

FRANK VENINGA, Pastor.

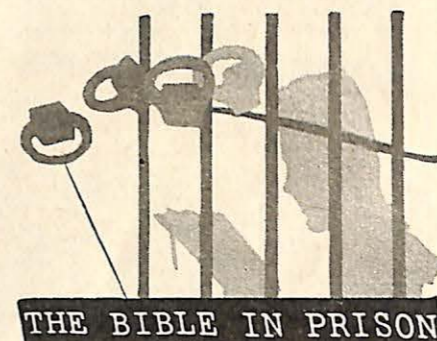
## REVITALIZATION

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never be saved, unless a separated and revitalized church will go out to seek and to win them with a tender compassion and flaming zeal. Realistically and prayerfully considered, only a revitalized church inspired by a Christ-like compassion and soul-winning fervor can meet the desperate needs of a world dying in sin.

Therefore, every local church should immediately make definite plans, not merely for the customary annual revival meeting, but to enlist, to organize, to train and to prepare its membership as an army of the Lord to go out to seek and win the lost. The pastor, of course, is the natural leader in this vital task. The salvation of souls must burden his every private and public prayer, and must become the supreme passion and purpose of every sermon. He must also inspire his leaders and workers to share his passion and his labor for souls.

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out for Christ after the lost in direct and personal soul-winning effort will prove the most effective means for nourishing and developing the spiritual life of the average church.

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## :: OBITUARY ::

### HERMAN L. STEINBERG of Wasco, California

Mr. Herman L. Steinberg was born in Einbeck, Hanover, Germany, on May 18, 1856, and departed from this life on August 26, 1943, at the age of 87 years, 3 months and 8 days.

He came to America with his parents at the age of four years. He was converted at the age of 21, was baptized by the Rev. Friedrich Berndt and admitted as a member to the Baptist Church of Sharon, Minnesota. Throughout life the deceased was very much devoted to the progress of the work of the Lord in his community, and served the congregations with which he was affiliated for many years in various official capacities.

In December, 1878, he was united in matrimony to Miss Alvina Groth of Bloomington, Ill., and in the spring of the following year the young couple settled on a farm near what is now Lorraine, Kansas. Brother Steinberg was present at the meeting in which the Lorraine Baptist Church was organized on June 22, 1878, and they were members of this church until about 1916, when they retired to Wasco, Calif., and became members of the First Baptist Church of Wasco until death.

He leaves to mourn his going two sons and two daughters, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; also a great host of other relatives and friends who have a sympathetic interest in the decease of this aged veteran. He was preceded in death by his wife, a daughter, a son and four brothers.

He was buried in the perpetual care section of Union Cemetery, Bakersfield, Calif., his pastor, Rev. Donald G. Davis; his son, Rev. Edgar C. Steinberg; and his grandson, Rev. Melvin Friesen, officiating.

Wasco, California  
DONALD G. DAVIS, Pastor.

### ANNA HELEN ZINGELMANN of Cleveland, Ohio

Anna Helen Zingelmann was born on January 25, 1871, in Detroit, Mich., and she died on September 1, 1943, reaching thereby the age of 72 years. She was converted and baptized in the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich. In her youth Miss Zingelmann came to Cleveland, and here she joined the White Ave. Baptist Church. Of this church she was a faithful member of almost 50 years.

The departed loved her Savior and her church. This she proved by various activities in the church, especially by being an active and faithful member of the "Everyday Women's Society" of her church. Miss Zingelmann is survived by two brothers and three sisters, and her departure is mourned by her relatives and a great host of friends. Of her it might be truly said: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth: Yea, said the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works follow them."

Since the pastor of Miss Zingelmann had another funeral on the same day and at the same hour, the undersigned conducted this service, speaking on the subject: "The evening of life and the new morning," based on Luke 24:29.

White Ave. Baptist Church,  
Cleveland, Ohio.  
H. HIRSCH, Officiating Pastor.

means and every resource of the Church must be devoted to this one supreme end. Christ is expecting every Christian to win souls. (Matt. 4:19). He has no other plan to save the world. He is depending on us. We dare not fail him, nor the lost world. It is only when we have caught the vision, and obediently have laid our all on the altar, that the fire of God, for which we pray, is sure to fall.

## ECLIPSE

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camp, they stopped at the ranch house for Clem, but he had already gone. A note on the door said:

"After waiting hours and hours (slight exaggeration), I've decided to run down to camp, and perhaps to the hospital again to look after the affairs of my own heart . . . Here's a thought for your tomorrow's sunrise. I copied it from Thomas Armitage . . . :

"The grass was bedewed with his tears and flecked with His bloody sweat. The history of man has not witnessed such a dismay. But all this shows there was some deep mental

### 50th Anniversary of the Parkston Baptist Church of South Dakota

The Baptist Church of Parkston, South Dakota, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on October 24 and 25, 1943. We cordially invite all former pastors and members to this celebration. Dr. Wm. Kuhn, our general mission secretary, will bring the anniversary sermon. All those who expect to come will kindly let our pastor know. If it is impossible for some friends to attend the celebration, we would appreciate a letter, which will be read at this occasion. The letters are to be sent to Rev. H. G. Braun, Parkston, South Dakota.

In behalf of the Parkston  
Baptist Church,  
Fred Fastnacht, Clerk.

struggle, some mysterious foreboding unusual with suffering man. Evidently his sufferings held their seat in the mysterious pavilion of His nature. His death was to be the equivalent for the sins of guilty millions, so that the real tragedy of Calvary was impervious to human scrutiny, and was chiefly enacted in the internal agitations of the incarnated God.'

"Mother Lindeman and I will be having lunch at six at the Green Lantern, if you care to join us. Otherwise, we'll be seeing you in church."

Your Best Man,  
Clem.

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The shadows of mountain twilight were already shrouding the Camp. The blue neon sign was on above the public shower. The man and woman standing now near the canyon river bridge, listening to the river, and to the happy beating of their hearts, heard also, coming from the living room of camp headquarters, the sound of music—piano and vocal. Through the leaves of the ivy sprawled across the window, Terry looked and saw his mother sit-

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ting as she had in other days, at the piano, and standing beside her, a song book in his long artistic hands, was an old man, and the song they were singing was:

"Though your sins be as scarlet,  
They shall be as white as snow . . ."

THE END.

## Do You Know That...?

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

President Rushbrooke of the Baptist World Alliance proposes that the next meeting of the Baptist World Congress be held in Moscow sometime after the war!

Shoes in China, that cost \$6.50 a pair four years ago, now cost \$450 per pair. A \$6.00 sack of flour now costs \$341 in that stricken, war-torn country.

96% of all Negro church members in America belong to the Baptist or Methodist denominations.

Children in a New York City School were allowed to slap the face of a Jap drawn on the blackboard each time they bought a war stamp or bond. Its bringing our motives down to a pretty low level.

50.3% of the people in America are now listed as church members according to the latest religious census. There are 133,952,672 people living in the United States with 67,327,719 in all the churches. Baptists are still the largest of the Protestant denominations.

Government expenditures are now running \$235,000,000 per day or nearly \$10,000,000 per hour or about \$165,000 per minute or \$2,750 every time the clock ticks.

Under the present immigration laws Madame Chiang Kai-shek of China could not become a citizen of the United States.

"Saturday Evening Post" stockholders voted 2,381,101 to \$0,804 against admitting liquor advertising to their magazine pages.

The pastors of Freeport, L. I., pride themselves on the cooperation of all their pastors in that city, for Protestant, Catholic, and Jews are all active in the association. But they admit that religion is never discussed in their ministerial meetings, which makes one wonder what caliber of cooperation is actually taking place.

The well-known Chautauqua Assembly being held at Chautauqua, N. Y., has the largest enrollment in its history for this summer's program. Evidently transportation difficulties will not hinder the average Chautauqua-goer from going.

Buffalo clergymen are asking for a probe of the case where a man was killed in a police station by third degree methods. They passed a resolution that "the case should not be buried in the forgetfulness of public inertia". Perhaps other groups might well crusade against "public inertia".

42 denominations operated 3,000 youth camps this summer with approximately 150,000 Christian young people in attendance. Surely, the Christian seed was sown even in these stormy days.

1188 missionaries are working in China at the present time—and that in spite of all the hardships caused by occupation and war.

Please don't knock—use your hammer and drive things home!