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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Cierpke of Cleveland, Tenn., have announced the arrival of a baby girl, who was born to them on Sept. 17, and who has been named Lillian Elizabeth. This is their fourth daughter. The other members of their family are living in Germany. Dr. Cierpke is serving on the faculty of Bob Jones College at Cleveland, Tenn.

● The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has called Mr. Paul H. Young as interim pastor for one year, beginning with Sept. 1st. Mr. and Mrs.

Young and their two sons are residing in the parsonage at 4017 No. 9th St., Philadelphia. Mr. Young is a student at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was formerly pastor of several Baptist churches in New York state and engaged in Y.M.C.A. work. A picture of him appears elsewhere in this issue of "The Herald".

● The Rev. William L. Schoeffel of Cleveland, Ohio, has announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis. He will begin his ministry there early in October and will succeed the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, now pastor of the Immanuel Church of Chicago, Ill. In a recent letter to the members of the White Ave. Church of Cleveland Mr. and Mrs. Schoeffel expressed their appreciation to the church and their firm assurance of God's wondrous guidance in their lives.

● The Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., Canada, has called the Rev. Richard Schilke of Minitonas, Canada, as its pastor, to which he has given a favorable response. Mr. Schilke will begin his ministry in Edmonton on November 14 and will succeed the Rev. E. P. Wahl, who is now giving his full time as the president of the Christian Training Institute of that city. The Fall and Winter term of the institute will open on Nov. 1 with an anticipated enrollment of about fifty students.

● The Fall semester of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., opened on Sept. 22 with Miss Alethea Kose serving actively on the faculty after an absence of half a year on Sabbatical leave. Students from our churches are Miss Ruby Salzman of Kankakee, Miss Ida Forsch of Calgary, Alta., and Miss Mary Schmidtke of Camrose, Alberta. Miss Margaret Kittlitz of Waco, Tex., is the assistant

house director and school nurse and is a staff member of the school. The Rev. Robert H. Beaven, son of the late Dr. Albert W. Beaven of Rochester, N. Y., is the new president of the Missionary Training School.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 12, the Rev. J. P. Epp of Chancellor, So. Dak., baptized 10 persons and received these converts and 4 others into the fellowship of the church at the communion service on Sunday, Oct. 3. On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12, Mr. Epp was the guest speaker at the annual mission festival in the Mennonite Church near

Miss Reddig Is Coming Home!

A cablegram from Missionary George A. Dunger from the Cameroons of Africa via Bamenda was received by Dr. Wm. Kuhn at missionary headquarters on September 26th. The message was as follows: REDDIG ACCEPTING PROPOSITION LEAVING HERE SHORTLY AM RECOMMENDING PLANE TRAVEL.

This good news means that Miss Laura E. Reddig, our missionary at Soppo in the Cameroons, will make every attempt to return to the United States as soon as possible by ship or by plane for an overdue rest and for considerable visitation and promotion work in 1944 as soon as her health will permit. EDITOR.

Freeman, So. Dak. A Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 30 children was conducted from Aug. 24 to 27 in Tea, So. Dak. by the Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Epp and Missionary John Grant of Nigeria, Africa.

● On Friday, Sept. 24, the Rev. Carl R. Weisser, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe and of First Baptist Church of Hagerty Township, Ontario, Canada, and Miss Eva Burke of Arnprior, Ont., were married in an impressive and lovely service held in the First Baptist Church of Arnprior. The Rev. Leslie Albus of Arnprior, who has since left for the U. S. Chaplains' School at Harvard University, was the officiating minister at the service. A reception was held for all the many friends in attendance at the church afterwards. The Rev. and Mrs. Carl Weisser are now residing in the parsonage of Killaloe.

● From Sunday, Sept. 5, to Tuesday, Sept. 7, the Forest Baptist Church of Winburne, Pa., held its Golden Jubilee

with the pastor, the Rev. George Zinz, Sr., in charge of the festive services. A report will appear later in "The Baptist Herald". On Sept. 5th the village of Winburne, Pa., dedicated an honor roll monument to its boys in the Armed Forces. The Rev. George Zinz, Sr., was the speaker at this occasion. The names of Chaplain George Zinz, Jr., at Camp Gordon, Georgia, and of Albert Calvin Zinz of North Camp Hood, Texas, sons of the Rev. and Mrs. George W. Zinz, Sr., appear on this roll.

● On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 29, the Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor of the Freudental Baptist Church near Carbon, Alberta, baptized four Sunday School scholars in an outdoor service. The Rev. C. Rempel from Trochu, Alta., was the guest speaker at the baptismal service and spoke on Matt. 28:19 and 20. These Sunday Scholars were converted in revival services which were conducted from August 1 to 8, and in which the Rev. R. E. Williams from Vancouver, B. C., served as evangelist. Mr. Chris. Harsch, church clerk, wrote that the services of Mr. Williams were greatly appreciated by the church.

● At the services on Sunday, Sept. 19, the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., held special programs in commemoration of the Centennial Jubilee of the denomination. Mr. Charles Miser, Sunday School superintendent, was in charge of the morning program at which the Rev. John Schmidt, pastor, and Mr. Elmer Strauss of Detroit, Mich., were the speakers. In the evening service, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner spoke briefly and showed pictures related to the Centenary Jubilee of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa. The evening offering of \$33.00 was designated for the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. The church has appointed Mr. Elmer Strauss, a son of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., and a Junior student in the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, as an assistant to the pastor.

● The Rev. Emil D. Gruen of Des Moines, Iowa, a missionary of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, was the guest speaker on Sunday, Aug. 15, in the Baptist Churches of Turtle Lake, Tabor and Underwood, No. Dak. On the preceding Thursday evening, Aug. 12, Mr. Gruen spoke in the Washburn Baptist Church nearby. On Aug. 13, he brought his message and missionary pictures in the Baptist Church of McClusky, No. Dak., and on Monday evening, Aug. 16, in Harvey, (Continued on Page 19)

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Coming!

SPECIAL MISSIONARY ISSUE

The next number of "The Baptist Herald" will feature missionary articles and pictures in awakening interest in the denominational observance of the annual Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week in all of our churches from Sunday, Nov. 21, to Sunday, Nov. 28.

MISSIONARY-APPOINTEE FOR AFRICA

Both Miss Amanda Kruse of Lorraine, Kans., the newly appointed missionary for the Cameroons of Africa, and her pastor, Dr. Pieter Smit, will contribute brief articles to the next issue with the story of this talented missionary and her reasons for going to Africa.

MISSIONS IN THE SOUTH SEAS

One of the most unusual articles ever to be published in "The Herald" will appear in the next number, written by a U. S. Army corporal who was among the first to go ashore on Guadalcanal Island and who tells about the wonderful blessings of Christian missions as he has observed them in the Pacific Southwest.

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EDITORIAL

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Possibilities Within Our Grasp

THE FAITH of the Christian can claim vast possibilities of attainment. There are no boundaries to what he can do with God's help and power. The sky is the limit in the outreach of his soul for the highest and best things in life. His faith, even though small enough to be encased in a mustard seed, will be rewarded of God with the removal of mountains and the doing of the seemingly impossible. These possibilities stretch out in a glorious panorama before each one of us.

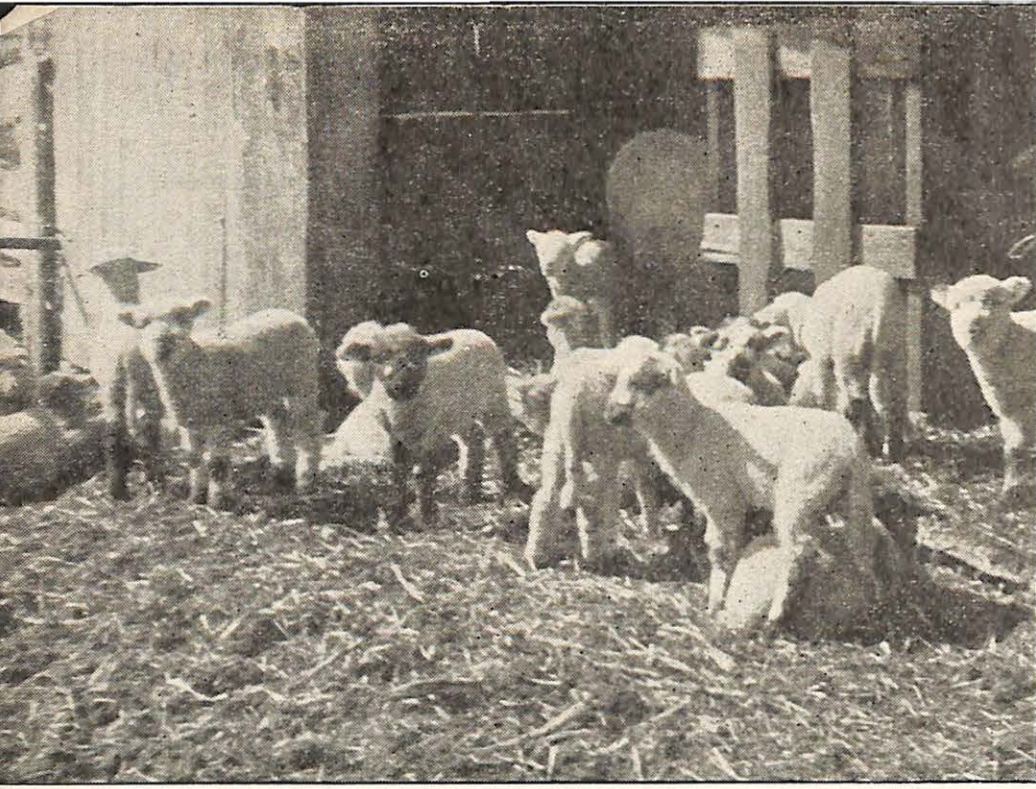
There is a negative side to this picture. It is often overlooked in our thinking. How we ought to be haunted by the ghosts of what we might have been and of what we could have done if only we had realized the possibilities within our reach. Like golden apples these blessings of God hang lusciously in the tree within our reach, and yet we sometimes lead half-starved lives because of our neglect. There's tragedy in that scene!

God is abundantly generous in the offers of his promises as found in his Word. There is every assurance that the prayers of the righteous avail much. By faith the citadel of the impossible can be stormed. Greater works than Christ did "shall ye do also". For our lives are then bound up in purpose and spirit with God with whom "all things are possible".

Reading the pages of this issue of "The Baptist Herald" will bring this truth to your remembrance. The sermon by the Rev. A. Huber challenges the individual to climb to greater heights of living with ever widening vistas of God's glory revealed to him. The reports of the Centenary Jubilee of the Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia show how this truth affects the life of an institution.

These promises of God ought to speak with special directness to the Service Men of our churches. Their lives have often been frustrated; their hopes for the future dimmed; their plans for tomorrow dashed to the ground. It's hard to maintain a radiant faith in the face of pending catastrophes and war's diabolical horrors. And still to every Christian man and woman in the service of the country, there comes the summons to believe that the best is yet to be, that God watches over his own, that a faithful witness for him will be richly rewarded.

Everywhere we are surrounded by the glory of God's possibilities for our lives. With all the strength you have and with all the grace God gives, make them possibilities within the grasp of your hands!



The Ninety and Nine

The Story of a Stirring Gospel Hymn

by MRS. HELGA BENDER HENRY of Chicago, Illinois

AT the Free Assembly Hall in Edinburgh, Scotland, Dwight L. Moody had just concluded a message on "The Good Shepherd". Turning to Ira D. Sankey he requested an appropriate closing solo.

There seemed to be none, and the singer's heart was troubled. Nevertheless, responding to an inner prompting, Mr. Sankey pulled a clipping from yesterday's newspaper from his pocket, placed the bit of verse on the organ, struck the key of A flat, and began to sing.

Inspiration From Above

God literally filled his mouth. Note by note the melody, which has not been changed in any respect from that day in 1874 to this, was born for those stirring words:

*"There were ninety and nine, that safely lay
In the shelter of the fold,
But one was out on the hills away,
Far off from the gates of gold—
Away on the mountains wild and bare,
Away from the tender Shepherd's care,
Away from the tender Shepherd's care."*

The five stanzas burned their message into an awestruck gathering. Dwight L. Moody, with tears in his eyes, examined the little clipping on the organ. "Sankey, where did you get that hymn? I never heard the like of it in my life."

Smiling inwardly, but gripped, too, by what God had done, Sankey remembered the previous day. Having finished

a series of meetings in Glasgow, Moody and Sankey were now about to board a train for services in Edinburgh. At the sudden impulse of gleaning a little news from America, Sankey bought a weekly newspaper for a penny. He was doomed to disappointment, however, for, as he said, the only thing to remind of America was a sermon by Henry Ward Beecher!

The Hymn's Story

Idly scanning the columns of print, Sankey drifted through the advertisements. In the bottommost corner was a bit of verse. Immediately he recognized its possibilities as a great evangelistic hymn—if it had a tune. Upon invitation, Sankey read the words to Moody, inserting all the fervor and appreciation at his command.

Looking up from the paper, the singer found Moody re-absorbed in a letter from home. The preacher had heard not a word. Despite his disappointment, Sankey carefully removed the poem for safe-keeping. And now, today, God had breathed the tune to the waiting words.

That was but the beginning. Shortly thereafter, a letter of thanks for having sung her deceased sister's words so effectively came from one who had attended the service. She indicated that the author, Elizabeth C. Clephane, was one of three sisters. Retiring and quiet, she lost herself in a world of books and poetry, emerging often with an original verse or thought to help the weary and discouraged.

So it was that "The Ninety and Nine" was written for a friend, who in turn published it for others' comfort. It was Ira D. Sankey, however, who

first saw the Gospel appeal in the words and sent them ringing into countless hearts.

This hymn, together with three other favorites, "Hiding in Thee", "There'll Be No Dark Valley", and "Saved By Grace", he has reproduced as an effective closing for his life story as found in "Sankey's Story of the Gospel Hymns".

Sankey's Life

Sankey's birth at Edinburg, Pa., on August 28, 1840, was not unusual, nor in the least portentous. As for Christian influence, his first recollection thereof centers in a neighbor's taking him to Sunday School. At the age of sixteen Ira D. Sankey was converted and immediately became active in a Methodist church at Newcastle where the family now lived.

Almost unconsciously Sankey's voice unfolded into a tremendous drawing power. Great crowds came to hear the young man. A progression of events finally brought him headlong into the life of Moody, with whom he ministered for more than thirty years.

As a delegate to the International Convention of the Y. M. C. A., Sankey in 1870 traveled to Indianapolis. One early morning at prayer service a friend whispered, "Mr. Sankey, the singing here has been abominable. I wish you would start up something when that man stops praying, if he ever does."

This opportunity evoked questions from the speaker later on. "Where are you from? Are you married? What is your business?" Pennsylvania was his home; he had married Fanny V. Edwards, daughter of the Hon. John Edwards; he had two children; he was employed by the government. It was an attractive situation.

"You will have to give that up," said the speaker.

"What for?" parried Sankey. "To come to Chicago and help me in my work. You must; I have been looking for you for the last eight years."

Travels To Europe

Six months of prayer and deliberation directed Sankey to accept D. L. Moody's insistent offer. In 1871 the two men began their Chicago ministry. Notwithstanding the destructive fire of that year from which Moody said he saved only his Bible, his family, and his reputation, the work continued.

In 1873 Sankey and Moody made the first of several foreign tours together. Sankey faced a genuine problem: The Scotch, as well as others, opposed "human hymns" in worship services, nor did they appreciate his cabinet organ, that "kist o' whistles".

In fact, on one occasion a shrill voice pierced Mr. Sankey's solo with: "Let me oot! Let me oot! What would John Knox think of the like of you?"

It was Dr. Horatius Bonar himself, however, who, despite his ministry in

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We Are Climbing!

A Sermon of Spiritual Uplift by the REV. A. HUBER, Pastor of the Second Church of Leduc and the Rabbit Hill Church of Alberta

A number of years ago I attended the graduation exercises of a high school and was forcibly struck by the motto of the outgoing class of about thirty students. The class sat on the platform before a great audience and above them in large letters were the words: "WE HAVE NOT ATTAINED THE HEIGHTS BUT WE ARE CLIMBING". I shall never forget this motto because, in observing the class, I knew that they had caught the right spirit, the spirit of climbing to greater heights.

Whither Bound?

There is no standstill in life. It is either progression or retrogression. You are either climbing to greater heights or you are descending to lower levels. This question, "WHITHER BOUND?", is very timely and appropriate.

Revitalization Leaflets

The revitalization leaflets, "The Secret of a Revitalized Life" and "For This Cause" are available to churches and church organizations by writing to Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., for them. Please state the number to be sent when requesting them.

Shortly before the close of this year a German leaflet on revitalization will be ready for distribution. Announcement about this will be made later in our publications.

The apostle Paul says, "I AM PRESSING TOWARD THE MARK". He was striving to achieve something. He had his goal fixed in his mind and everything he did was influenced by that which he was striving for.

Neither was the great apostle ashamed to tell others of his goal because he was striving toward the highest calling in life, and anyone striving for the greatest and best in life, no matter how hard it is to be achieved, or how great sacrifices he must bring, need not be ashamed to say so. The coward is the one who falls by the wayside. Therefore, let me ask you, WHITHER BOUND?

Preparation

As soon as a young man or woman has decided to go to college, preparation for the leave is made. If you would ask the person, "Why be so foolish and why go to so much trouble?" he would reprimand you and laugh at you for asking so foolish a question. A mountain climber has to go through much rigid training to become efficient in his task.

The apostle Paul did not reach his fame overnight. There are fourteen years of his life of which we know very little. Those were the years of

preparation. There were, no doubt, many trials which he had to face and temptations to be overcome before he could step out and take a definite stand as the Victor over fear and cowardliness to proclaim the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, undaunted and unafraid.

The time of preparation is the most important chapter of one's life because thereon rests the hope of the future. Certainly, everyone knows that in order to reach any goal one must be prepared and ready to meet any obstacles along the way. Childhood and youth are the time to prepare. Do not neglect this period. Begin now to read the Word of God; begin to pray; begin to offer testimonies; begin to live for Christ!

Climbing

There is a little chorus that young people like to sing which goes like this:—

*"We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
Soldiers of the cross."*

*"Every rung leads higher, higher,
Every rung leads higher, higher,
Every rung leads higher, higher,
Soldiers of the cross."*

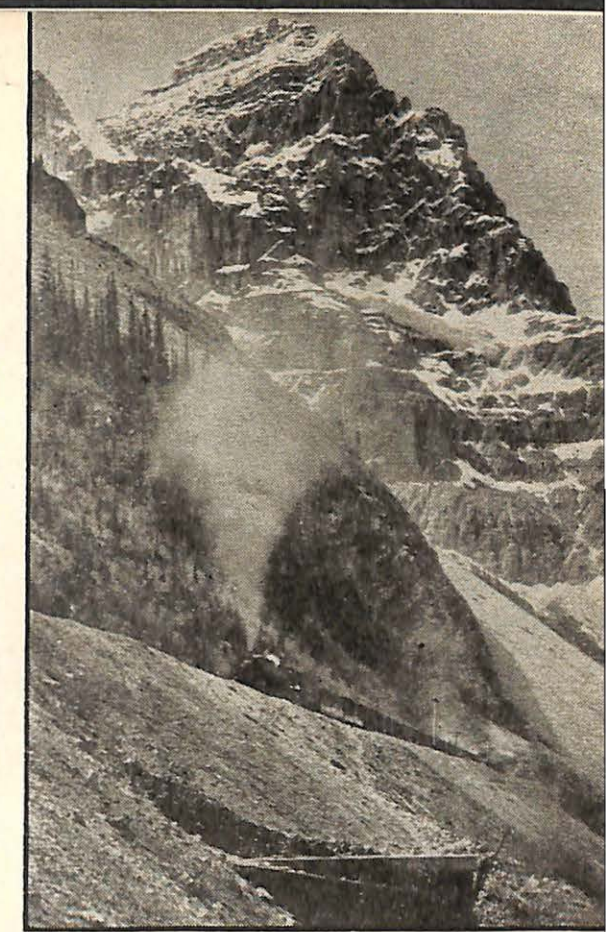
Climbing is hard work, but every rung and every step lead closer to the goal. If we are well prepared, climbing will be the only important thing in our life. Someone has said, "Work becomes play if you find joy in it." That is also true in climbing the greater heights in our Christian life. Do not be afraid of obstacles but make the obstacle the stepping stone in your climb.

A child takes its first steps with much fear and trembling, but it does not give up. Success comes only after much diligent work and untiring effort. If your first public prayer and testimony are not as beautiful as that of an older Christian, do not give up. If your first public address seems to be a flop, remember that some of the world's greatest orators went through the same experiences. If things don't seem to go your way, always be ready to respect another person's point of view and never be too proud to say, "I have made a mistake".

Climb above selfishness, greed and lusts of the flesh into the pure atmosphere of love, joy, longsuffering and final glory. Christian youth, can you truly say, "We ARE CLIMBING"?

The Heights

Did you ever observe anyone climbing a ladder or a mountain without a



goal in mind? Such an attempt at climbing would certainly be very uninteresting and humdrum. Climbing must be adventurous, and the higher you climb and the more dangerous the climb, the more adventurous it becomes. And if you reach the goal, you will probably marvel at your achievement.

The heights lie above the ordinary things of life. Often they remain only unachieved ideals of a weakling who did not dare to stand up and be counted as a pilgrim on his way to the heights, but who would sooner take the road of least resistance, becoming a menace to society instead of a leader of men.

Often the heights loom above all human reasoning and the way seems dark and uninteresting, yet while walking the way and nearing the heights many things formerly uninteresting and hazy become interesting and clear. The heights are seen from a different perspective. The air has cleared and the goal, that was formerly very indistinct, has taken on a new splendor.

Our Goal

The apostle Paul's goal was "the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus". He was an ambassador for Christ and nothing could distract him from his goal. He said in Philippians 3:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me". Nothing else mattered to him as long as he was doing his utmost to climb to the heights of service for his Master to save a world from sin and damnation.

That must also be our goal! So take your direction; prepare for the way! Dare to climb, and you will attain the heights.



Thirteen of the Nineteen Members of the Fleischmann Memorial Church Who Have Been Members for Fifty or More Years

A Jubilee of Epoch Making Glory

By MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of "The Baptist Herald"

A five star program of unusual luster lifted the Centenary Jubilee festivities of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., to stirring heights of glory. The days of September 9 to 12, 1943, that marked the celebration of this century milestone for the oldest church of our denomination, were epoch making in their historical significance.

Time was turned back in its flight as Professor L. Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., one of the first pastors of the church from 1884 to 1888, made his frequent appearances at the services and on the program. Although past eighty years in age and only recently having recovered from a rather critical illness, Professor Kaiser showed flashes of vigor and brilliance as he depicted scenes from the past and challenged the young people to seize the torch passed on to them by their forbears.

The program was also starred by the return of Dr. William Kuhn to "the City of Brotherly Love" for this centennial celebration, not so much as the missionary secretary of the denomination, but as the most illustrious son of the Old First Church. Sixty years ago he was a lad of little promise in the church. Few people of that day envisioned the possibilities in his life. But now he stood before the large festive audiences on Friday evening and Sunday morning, and, like Elijah of old, spoke with the fire of conviction and with the shafts of light from God's truths.

The sessions of the Atlantic Conference, which were held jointly with the Church's Jubilee, contributed much

to the spiritual inspiration of the days. Here was symbolized the fact that this church celebration was more than a local affair! Others were eager to share in the joys; the entire denomination felt the throb of history's stirring events. The successful completion of the Centenary Offering by the raising of almost \$120,000 is tangible evidence of this fact.

Chalk up a star, for the young people of the church! They prepared and presented on Saturday evening a pageant of almost a dozen scenes which covered the highlights of the church's ten decades of history. Young people of the church, who could not read the old German minutes and who encountered insurmountable difficulties along the way, wrote a historical manuscript which is to be preserved in our archives because of its beauty of imagery, its historical accuracy and its spiritual warmth. The Misses Jeanette Steinbronn and Florence Wangner were the two bright stars in this galaxy of youth.

Equally important was the genial and tactful leadership of the interim pastor, Mr. Paul H. Young, who was called by the church to this position only a few months previously. Without any background in our denominational circles, he dug in and acquainted himself with the historical treasures of yesterday and rallied the church enthusiastically for the celebration. As a result, he occupied a prominent place in the Centennial Jubilee and in the hearts of all who were privileged to be present.

This stellar and brilliant program of the church's celebration was always

crowned by the unseen presence of Christ, the Head of the Church. The mighty hand of God in the moulding events of the church and the innumerable blessings of his grace bestowed upon the congregation were prominently described. From the opening address on Friday night by Dr. William A. Mueller about the apostolic church on the theme, "When the Church Was Young", to the closing message by Prof. A. Bretschneider on "The Victorious Church" with the words of Christ, "I will build my church", this note of praise to God was sounded again and again. "Now Unto Him Be Glory" was the keynote of Dr. Kuhn's Jubilee sermon on Sunday morning.

All of the former living pastors were privileged to have a part in the festivities. Professor Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., brought tears to his own eyes and to many in the audience with his heart stirring message on Sunday morning. The Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, pastor of the church from 1936 to 1943, brought an inspirational address on "Living for Jesus" to the young people on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, who served the church from 1928 to 1934, was the speaker at the mass meeting on Sunday afternoon.

Most of the church's 19 members who have had their membership in the church for more than 50 years were present at Sunday morning's service. Miss Henrietta Sheetz with a membership total of 73 years was a wide-awake, thrilled listener on that morning. After being announced by name, these honored members rose in the audience and received a lovely tribute in a brief message by Mr. Schroeder.

They were glorious days, which will often be relived by those who were present. Indelibly etched in memory's pages are the scenes of the large choir of former days and of the present rendering their inspirational anthems, of Mr. Reuben Windisch striking the chords of emotional glory with his Sunday morning solo, of the deeply moving addresses by Mr. H. P. Donner at the conference sessions, of the sumptuous banquet on Saturday evening prepared by the women of the church, of letters and telegrams read from former and far away members.

It was the testimony of many that the Centenary Jubilee was a golden hour of spiritual revitalization in the life of this church. The brief testimonies of leading members of the church, which appear in an adjoining article, will tell their own story. Equally significant is the proclamation of our denominational leaders that on the threshold of this portal leading into the second century of our history, the Lord is eager to do great things for us, whereof we shall be glad! That divine promise was sealed by the glorious events at the recent memorable Centennial Jubilee in Philadelphia!

It Was an Illustrious Centenary Jubilee

By Leading Representatives of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church and the Atlantic Conference

Tokens of a Real Revitalization

By REV. W. J. APPEL,
Moderator of the Atlantic Conference

I suppose that those of our number who were privileged to share in the Fleischmann Memorial Centenary Jubilee and the Atlantic Conference sessions in Philadelphia, will always have a more sympathetic understanding of the experience of Peter, James and John on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus and the two Old Testament worthies who appeared unto them.

None question the reality of the presence of Jesus, though not visible to our physical senses, and although no visitors from the life beyond appeared, we experienced spiritual fellowship with saintly stalwarts whose devotions and loyalty to their Lord and his cause have made possible the goodly heritage which is ours today.

Memories of other years and visions for days to come added to the vivid presentation of present opportunities, created deep and, we believe, permanent impressions that shall issue in a genuine revitalization, of which tokens are already apparent.

With wisdom and confidence as fruit of long experience of the elders and the enthusiastic devotion and courageous determination of youth as evidenced throughout the conference days, we accept the challenge of our Lord in dependence upon his promises and enter upon a new century to go "Forward With Christ".

A Stirring Challenge

By MR. PAUL H. YOUNG,
Interim Pastor of the Church

Among the outstanding experiences of my Christian ministry was the 100th anniversary celebration of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church which was held recently.

Plans for this auspicious occasion had been made early in the summer. Committees began to function and the enthusiasm grew until the opening session on Thursday night. Professor William Mueller of the Eastern Seminary Faculty gave the keynote address: "When the Church Was Young."

Having served the church as interim pastor these five months, I can truthfully say that the "Fleischmann Church is a Church of Christian Friendliness".

Our people met the challenge that was presented to them with zeal and determination, which is characteristic of our people. Each one did his part well. Everyone caught the real spirit of cooperation that made for success



Mr. Paul H. Young, Interim Pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church

A Jubilee of Wonderful Fellowship

By MR. FRANK KUENNE
Chairman of the Board of Deacons

The Centenary Celebration of our church and Atlantic Conference proved to be an outstanding success. There was a note of fine Christian fellowship discernible and the Holy Spirit was in our midst.

When our executive boards met to plan for the conference, we were in doubt as to how far the conference could be held or as to what influence the conference could exercise because of the many physical handicaps that were in the way under present war conditions. However, our committees that did the actual work in all departments are to be commended on their cooperation and loyalty. Even our visitors and guests noted this and spoke of it.

However, any conference or celebration is in vain if its people look only into the past and do not highly resolve to profit by that past and build for the future. If Christ and his Kingdom mean all they should to us, and if his church is the instrument through which he must work, then all the fine sermons brought at the conference or hymns sung by choirs and people, and all social contacts that were so enjoyable — all this is in vain if we fail to see the purpose, and that is to labor together in love throughout the entire denomination and in all that we do. May we truly be conscious of our duty to our Savior in future years to come!

of this enterprise.

As pastor and people we are determined to "Go Forward With Christ". We sincerely believe that he will guide us to greater achievements in the months to come.

It is a privilege and great honor to follow such great preachers and leaders as the Fleischmann Memorial Church has had during its great history. My prayer is: "Lord, make me worthy of the confidence reposed in me. Keep me ever as thy humble servant."



The Busy "Marthas" of the Fleischmann Memorial Church Who Prepared and Served the Delicious Conference Meals

A Mountain Top Experience

By MR. GUSTAVE STRAUB,
Sunday School Superintendent

"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand." We, at Fleischmann Memorial, gladly join in the testimony of the Psalmist of old. The best that this world can offer in the way of good fellowship, cannot compare with a group of God's children who have assembled in his Name and for his praise.

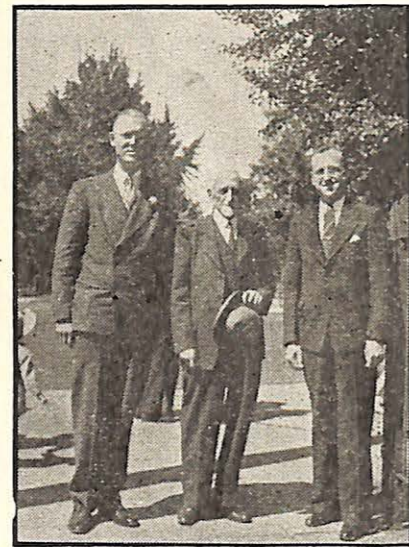
At every service we felt the inspiration from on high. Our denominational leaders thrilled our hearts with the Word of God. It was a very special honor to have had Prof. Lewis Kaiser in our midst who 60 years ago served our church as pastor.

At this Centennial Jubilee the old people, the young people and the middle-aged alike were lifted to new mountain top experiences. We shall long remember the happy days of this celebration. We want to thank all who came to celebrate with us. May God bless our entire denomination and its leaders to his own glory!

A Spiritual Tonic

By MR. GEORGE PFISTERER,
the Clerk of the Fleischmann Memorial Church

To me the most interesting features of the recent conference days were the ones interwoven with our church's centennial celebration. Especially inspirational were the visits of our former ministers, Prof. Lewis Kaiser, Rev. M. L. Leuschner and Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, who are carrying on



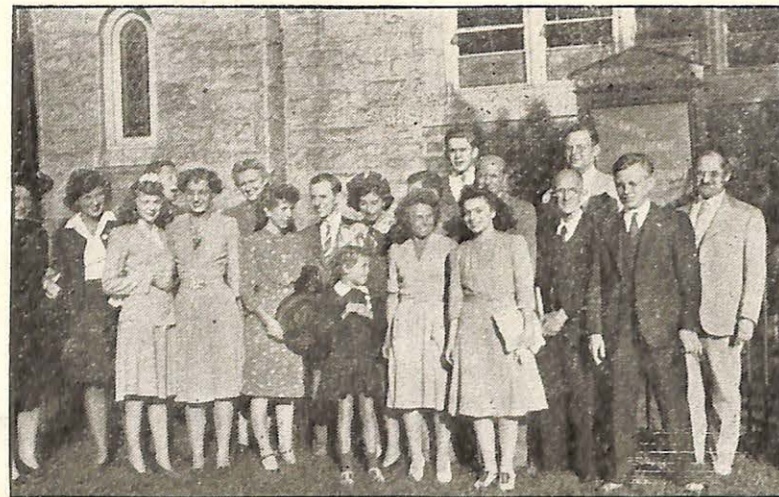
Former Living Pastors of the Fleischmann Memorial Church: Prof. Lewis Kaiser (Center); Rev. Milton R. Schroeder (Right); and Rev. M. L. Leuschner (Left).

know that there are others in all parts of our country who are thinking and caring about the same things as we of the Fleischmann Memorial Church.

The Privilege of Service

MRS. ELIZABETH HEIDE REKATZKY,
President of the Ladies' Missionary Society

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus". These memorable verses used as a text by our venerable Dr. Wm.



Young People of the Fleischmann Memorial Church Who Presented the Historical Pageant of the Century's Highlights at the Saturday Evening Program

their ministry which started in our Fleischmann Memorial Church.

A scene which will live long with many of us was the Sunday morning service, during which the "50 year" members of our church were honored.

Having many of the outstanding ministers and laymen of the Atlantic Conference with us will no doubt prove a spiritual tonic to our church. In times such as these, it is uplifting to

Kuhn on our 100th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 12, are still ringing in our ears and live on in our hearts as the days go on.

As members of the Women's Mission Society we are especially grateful for the blessings and inspiration we have received during the days of the Atlantic Conference and our Centenary Jubilee.

The session of the Women's Mission-

ary Union on Friday afternoon will also be long remembered. On what height of inspiration were our hearts lifted, when our Mr. Leuschner presented that fine missionary address: "Open Hearts and Open Doors".

We are indeed thankful to God for the privilege of service which we had during the conference in our homes, entertaining the guests, or in the church kitchen and dining room. That service was gladly and willingly rendered. The cooperation of all members was noteworthy. What harmony and sweet fellowship we experienced while working together.

Now we are looking hopefully into an uncertain future, knowing that Christ is our Guide and our Helper. May we ever be ready to do for him what he bids us do!

The Glory of the Lord

By MISS ANITA ZIMMERMAN,
President of the Young People's Society

The scene of our vision takes place at the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union and the Atlantic Conference at the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

Further Jubilee Reports

The report about the Atlantic Conference by the Rev. Herman Kuhl and a personal review of the Centenary Jubilee festivities of the Fleischmann Memorial Church by Prof. Lewis Kaiser will appear in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald". Our readers will await these reports with much interest.

Although at this time a war hampers the spirits and ways of our people, there are many people, many more than expected, who have come from various directions to enjoy the services, meetings, a historical pageant, and heartfelt hospitality at the church tables and in the homes.

"Living for Jesus" is the theme of our conference. At the services we're enlightened as to the individuals of years past who "lived for Jesus" and who labored so diligently for the up-building of Christ's Kingdom in the church. 'Tis inspiring, indeed, for us as young people to hear and even to see, those whose blessed lives were given in this task.

Very touching to our hearts is the tribute to our Service Men presented at the Sunday mass meeting, when after the singing of "America", two service men carry in the American and Christian flags and Prof. Lewis Kaiser offers a beautiful prayer for our men. Tearful eyes and yearning hearts belong to all who hear this part of the conference.

The first 100 years of love and devoted work of the people of the Fleischmann Memorial Church are now coming to a close. As the Conference fades slowly away in our vision, we see the young people intently gazing at the past and then turning, looking searchingly into the second century, individually saying, "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the Lord."

CONTRIBUTOR'S PAGE

TWO MEN

By MRS. ERICA LOEWEN
of Chicago, Illinois

(This poem describes a conversation between two men while debating whether to give "a bum" a tract or not.)
Insignificant, that man? Why, no;
He is a soul. Before him lies the day
When he shall see what none have seen
and told.

Alone, craven or brave, this man shall go
Into the great Beyond; no one can stay
Him. I wonder if he knows? . . . 'Tis cold,
You say? Yes, . . . yet, I wonder if he knows?

YES, 'TIS WONDERFUL!

By MILTON VIETZ
of Glen Ullin, North Dakota
(A Member of the First Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota)

Oh, it's wonderful to be Spirit-led,
To think how Christ for us has bled
To save us from the wrath to come,
When he shall reward with the words,
"Well done!"

Oh, it's wonderful to be Spirit-filled,
To know his voice and by it be thrilled,
To hear his call, "Follow ye me,
I am come to give life eternally".

Oh, it's wonderful to sing to the Lord,
With heart and voice in one accord,
To pour out praise in word and song,
That rightfully must to the Lord belong.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

By MRS. M. ZURBRIGGEN
of Sumner, Iowa
(Formerly of Elgin, Iowa)

Turn not your face away, dear Lord,
We need you so!
How bitter are the tears,
This agony of soul,
As those we love march on
Into the shadow of the vales!
They urge us now to face about
E'er it forever be too late.

Help us to clarify the truth;
Release our tainted souls
From empty chaff and dross
In this oppressing gloom,
And lift our eyes once more
Unto the heights
Where stands the Cross,
For there alone is Light.

If you do that, dear Lord,
We then shall know
That all these tears,
This pain, had needs to be,
Since blood alone atones.
God grant us then
The blood of those we love
Was never shed in vain!

JUST TALKING WITH GOD!

By MRS. WILLIAM SCHINDLER
of Detroit, Michigan

We thank thee, God,
The great Discerner of all tho'ts!
Thou alone doth know
Our innermost intent!
Thou dost see each heartache
And countest all the tears that flow!

A refuge sweet we find in thee
Where evil tongues cannot molest!
Thou hast spoken, "Just wait on me,
My peace, and joy I give in every test!
Be not dismayed, thou art not alone,
I have called thee out to be my very own!"

We thank thee, God, for every trial here,
And our hearts yearn, Lord, for thine appearing!
Lord! Father! Let us wait on thee!!
How long a time, we do not know,
But give us daily strength and peace—
As we follow thy calling, here below!

SHATTERED DREAMS?

By MARY ANN ALEXANDER
(A Reader and Subscriber of "The Baptist Herald")

Of all the dreams I've had so far
Few have been realized.
What shall I do about it all
Fret, be dissatisfied?

Yes, I must confess my weakness,
That many's the time I've cried,
Because I've failed to gain my goal,
No matter how I've tried.

But now I do not worry so,
Let come what'er befall;
Jesus has taught me patience true,
He is my all in all.

What more, I shall continue true
And cause my dreams to wait;
For there are others who need help
Stronger to make their faith.

IN THY PRESENCE

Psalm 16:11

By MRS. MARGARET WOLF
of Jeffers, Minnesota

Into thy presence, Lord, I come
With thee alone to be;
My door I close
And no one knows
I come to worship thee.

Here in thy holy presence, Lord,
What joy my soul doth know,
What love divine,
What peace is mine,
When to my God I go!

Lord, as I meet thee day by day,
Set thou thy mark on me,
That may show

Where'er I go
The joy I find in thee.

Let me go from thy presence, Lord,
My peace and joy to share
To souls in need,
To hearts that bleed,
Let me thy love declare.

Then, when the night at last is done
And morn' breaks fair and sweet,
When by thy grace
I see thy face,
My joy shall be complete.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

By MISS SUSAN SCHILLING
of Alanson, Michigan

With humble hearts we bow before thee, Lord, and give thee thanks for thy numerous blessings. We thank thee for the days filled with pleasant tasks and happy fellowship, with peace and love. We thank thee for the nights with their wonder of stars and moon, and refreshing slumbers. We thank thee for thy gracious Word to guide us along our way, and for the power of prayer to give us strength and courage to meet the day.

Father, we are mindful, too, of the suffering and the needy, of those in war torn countries undergoing great hardships for thy sake. We are mindful of the restless throngs about us, who, knowing thee not, go about seeking for that which they know not, living incomplete and unhappy lives without thee. At this time of thanksgiving, dear Lord, we would have thee remember these also.

But, gracious God, lest our prayers of thanks be a vain and meaningless babble of words, we beseech thy guidance! For, indeed, it is a simple matter for us to accent thy great goodness and thy daily care lightly, to read thy precious word superfluously, to pity the poor and the suffering and those who seek thee, and yet in our very hearts to remain untouched!

Father, truly we are a faithless, dispassionate people. Forgive us, and in this time of thanksgiving, stir thou our hearts and fire them anew with thy love, so that we might forget self and worldly desires and be no longer content to walk passively at thy side, to smugly feed from the bounteous table of thy word and to bask blindly in the sunshine of thy blessings. Awaken us, Father, for we have slumbered too long.

Help us now to arise and to go boldly forth, as men with a purpose, passionately, zealously, earnestly accepting our privileged responsibilities as disciples of thy Kingdom. May our lives, consecrated to thee, be our daily thanksgiving! Amen.

When Every Man Is His Own Chaplain

An Article Reprinted from the "Bible Society Record"

"A steel helmeted marine, his head against a machine gun, reading carefully page after page of the Bible."

THE above was a vignette reported by a newspaperman as he hurriedly toured Bataan before its fall. Except for the dramatic situation, such a personal reading of the Scriptures can be seen everywhere that soldiers meet.

The men in the armed forces are the greatest reading group in the world. These men in uniform read everything and anything. Along with whatever else they read, they read the Scriptures.

no definite time is given. Scripture reading is a habit which can be fitted into the "breaks".

Our wise government has provided well-equipped chapels and trained chaplains to minister to service men. The story of that ministry is one of the most thrilling that is being written in these sacrificial times. It is becoming familiar to civilians as, in camp after camp, soldiers and sailors continue or begin anew their worship and God-seeking habits. In the field and aboard ship, the chaplains continue this significant ministry.

But, what of the lonely day or dark

who becomes his own chaplain is to be met.

When the chaplain leaves a Testament beside a hospital bed, he will return to discover the recuperating soldier reading for himself the passages which he may have "loved long since and lost awhile". In the guardhouse and stockade, prisoners, jarred by the serious reality of their present situation, read the Scriptures. It is not uncommon to see soldiers read briefly from their Testaments during a rest period on a long hike. Testaments open in the triangular "doors" of pup tents at the evening bivouac, to be read before the daylight fails. The Scriptures become an available source of encouragement in the solitary life of the outpost radio squad on a tropical island. Like small stars twinkling on one by one until there are thousands visible, so do the Testaments issued by the government and given by loving friends flash daily light into individual lives of service men all over the world.

"Every Man's Book" is the ever-ready companion of every man who must become his own spiritual guide, his own personal pastor, his own chaplain.

The Testament published by the American Bible Society, with the full King James New Testament and the more familiar of the Psalms, with helpful hints concerning the location of the great passages which minister to critical needs, with the few noble hymns of the church and a handful of direct and guiding prayers,—this Testament makes an ideal pocket book for the time when every man is his own chaplain.

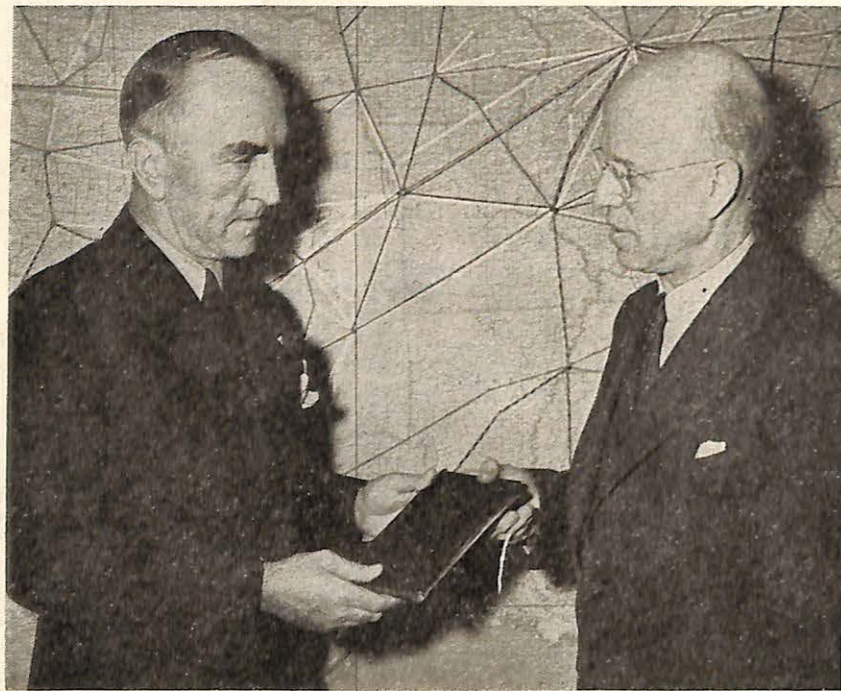
"Baptist Herald" Articles Help Me to Live a Better Life

By CPL. RALPH E. POPP
of Strother Army Air Field,
Winfield, Kansas

I am receiving "The Baptist Herald" as a gift from my folks. I think it is excellent reading material. Naturally, I look for news about my home church or conference first, and have been able to find quite a few such items.

The article, "I Met God in a Raft" by Sergeant Johnny Bartek, in the July 1st issue meant a great deal to me. I have read it several times and have enjoyed it each time. It is so true, probably more so of the Service Men than of others, for the Army is no religious organization.

I have gotten much encouragement and inspiration from that particular article to encourage me to try to live a better life. "The Baptist Herald" is a welcome item in my mail.



—Acme Photo

As a Token of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker's Witness to the Power and Comfort Afforded by the Bible, Francis Carr Stifler, Editorial and Recording Secretary of the American Bible Society, Presents the Holy Book to the Flying Ace. The Presentation Was Made Recently at Captain Rickenbacker's Office. When All Hope Seemed Lost For Himself and His Men, Shipwrecked at Sea, Rickenbacker Found Comfort in the Bible.

"But do people read the Bible?" is the question which Bible Society Secretaries are asked when they speak of the wide distribution of the Word. Chaplains can answer the question in the affirmative when asked, "But do the men read these Testaments?" Of course, they read them! A soldier or sailor learns to leave behind him, when he goes on maneuvers and into foreign service, everything which he knows he will not need or use. But the men take along their Testaments, frequently carrying them in their pockets, where they will be available for "spot" reading during the few "breaks" which occur in the busy day. A good soldier learns to take advantage of all such "breaks" to do those things for which

night when every man is his own chaplain? Aside from the desire to worship and the yearning for divine companionship, what has he to direct his thought?

The Army is providing some Scriptures for soldiers of each of the three major faiths,—Protestant, Catholic, and Hebrew. This is an official recognition that when a doughboy or blue-jacket or a marine is far from his unit, out of touch with the services of his chaplain, "on his lone own", he must have a spiritual source of first aid to sustain him. The Testaments, however, must be supplemented by an additional supply from the churches and people of America. This has been done by the American Bible Society, and must continue to be done if the need of a man

A Soldier in North Africa Gets "The Herald" Through His First Sergeant

By PFC. VOLLIE P. ODOM
in North Africa

(A Member of the First Christian Church of Durant, Oklahoma)

Dear Editor:

I enjoy "The Baptist Herald" very much that you have been sending our 1st sergeant. I have practically read the June 15th issue and it always has good news about the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. I appreciate you folks back home who are interested in us leading a Christian life. We have very good sermons here in the Army and a swell Chaplain. I haven't missed going to church but very little since I have been in North Africa.

I joined the church in 1934 and I am glad I accepted the Savior when I did. I'm thankful to God for being with me and all the others while we were on the way across. It took us twelve days to get over here and we made the trip nicely, except I was very seasick the first three days out, but after that I made it O. K. I hope the Cameroons missionaries will continue to do a good job with their religious work in Africa. There are many people over here that need to know the right way to live and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I don't feel right if I can't go to church on Sunday and I always like to see a large crowd at the services, but there isn't a very huge group that goes to church regularly. Sometimes it takes something like what happened to Sgt. Johnny Bartek to bring some people to know the Christian way of life. I read the boys letters that were in the June 15th issue and I wish there were more of the boys in the service that would write letters like that.

The weather here is quite different from what we have back home. It gets pretty warm through the day and cool at nights. It also gets very windy here during the day.

I hope I can continue to get the "Baptist Herald", because I always like to receive good news like you have been sending from the United States.

Cpl. Roy F. Krueger of Milwaukee, Wis., Gets a Spiritual Uplift While on Active Duty Overseas

Dear Friends:—

To receive a letter from a loved one, or to find a card from a friend in our mail-box is an event cherished and remembered forever. Throughout the month those events occur frequently. We know that those greetings will arrive, since our friends and loved ones held a physical interest in our well-being and safety. But since I have been "over here", there is one group to whom I look forward to receiving a spiritual message every month in the



Chaplain A. E. Jaster of Camp Borden, Ontario, Canada, Conducting a Service in the Army Post Chapel. Chaplain Jaster, Who Holds the Rank of Captain, is on Leave of Absence from His Church, the First Baptist Church of Annprior, Ontario.

Letters from Service Men

Open Letters for "The Baptist Herald" from All Over the World

form of booklets, pamphlets, and "The Baptist Herald". Through the medium of their sendings, I have become familiarized with the church that I joined through marriage in November, 1941.

Needless to say, besides affording me a spiritual uplift during these trying times and a religious education of

my church, the material has been of the greatest value in aiding my Post Chaplain in preparing announcements of the coming Sunday's services here on the post.

What with the various types of religion found among the men on active duty here, it is essential in most cases to unite them under one service. Our worship service is held every Sunday morning at 10 A. M. and the attendance has been steadily increasing. We are united in our prayers for peace in the name of Jesus Christ.

Yes, we realize more than ever today that we cannot fight this battle unless we have the spiritual guidance of our folks and friends back home, whether they be individuals, congregations, or General Missionary Societies.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Society and to let you know that my prayers are offered unto God that he may bless you all with the best of health in order that you may carry on the good work that has been exemplified in the past through the material I have received.

Through the untiring efforts of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., under the spiritual guidance of the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, I have been kept informed of the activities of the church. Although we are the fighting men of the world, we are still children of God.



Cpl. Wesley John Trautner of Camp Crowder, Missouri, Who Has Undergone Intensive Training for the U. S. Intelligence Service. Cpl. Trautner is the Oldest Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Trautner of Benedict, No. Dak.

Greetings from One of Mr. Donner's Sunday School Students

By LIEUT. ALBERT BESSEL
of Camp Shelby, Mississippi

Dear Editor:

I am a member of the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. I am a son of Mrs. Pauline Bessel of the same church. Mr. H. P. Donner was my Sunday School teacher.

First, I want to thank the one who is responsible for sending me "The Baptist Herald". I surely enjoy getting "The Baptist Herald", and also enjoy reading it very much. At times, it has been a great help to me in my work.

I have now been in the U. S. Army for almost 3 years, the last 4 months as a Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. I am a platoon leader with the 265th Combat Engineers here. My job keeps me working and studying 15 to 18 hours a day. But I enjoy it all very much.

Pray for all us boys in the Armed Forces so that some day we may come back to the churches we love.

Appreciation and Counsel From an Interested Reader of "The Baptist Herald"

By 1ST SERGEANT ALBERT HOFFMAN
of Lehr, North Dakota

(His wife is a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rosenfeld Station of Lehr.)

I have been invited to use a part of "The Baptist Herald" to express my appreciation for receiving that splendid piece of literature. It is through the courtesy of my many friends at home that such pleasures are available to me in a land that was strange to me until 15 months ago.

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I am unable to say anymore about my location except that I am "Somewhere in the Atlantic".

I have noticed so many strange things after being away for such a long time, but the people themselves changed most at home. They don't seem to have time for anything. They are always going some place in a hurry and no one has time to stop and help another.

It seems, however, that the majority of people don't stop to think of all the things the boys are giving up who are called from their homes, families and their native land, to sit at gun positions, or to walk a tour of guard duty during cold and rainy nights and when it seems as though daylight would never come. It is the same routine, day after day, waiting, for perhaps something that will never come.

It is at times like these that a man's desire is to receive letters, little gifts, magazines, their church paper or anything else to bring him a little closer to home and to show him what his people are doing.

Seven Albrecht Sons in the Service

By the REV. G. P. SCHROEDER of Linton, North Dakota

SEVEN SONS of the family of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Albrecht of North Dakota are in the Armed Forces of the United States government. That is probably the highest number representing a single family in all of our North American Baptist Churches.

For thirty years Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht lived in Temvik, No. Dak., which is a preaching station of the Baptist Church of Linton, No. Dak. Early in July they moved to Bismarck, No. Dak., where they will be a blessing to our church there. Before they left our Linton Church and Temvik station held farewell programs for them.

church since 1929. He enlisted in September, 1941, and is in the U. S. Navy, and is now stationed at Farragut, Idaho. (Metal smith first class.)

Arthur has been in the U. S. Army since February, 1941. He is a warrant officer in Seattle, Wash.

Robert enlisted in the U. S. Navy in April, 1942, and is on a United States subchaser, serving as radio man.

Walter enlisted in the U. S. Navy in February, 1939. He is on the U.S.S. "Sampson" somewhere on the Atlantic Ocean.

Samuel enlisted in the U. S. Navy in April, 1942, and is in training as radio



Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Albrecht of Bismarck, No. Dak., and Two of Their Seven Sons in the Armed Forces

Left to Right: Arthur of the U. S. Army, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Albrecht, Mrs. Esther Pfaff (a Daughter), and Carl of the U. S. Navy

Mr. C. A. Albrecht was baptized and became a member of our church in 1906. Since then he has served in this church in many capacities. For about 25 years he was our church clerk and for many years the Sunday School superintendent in Temvik. He was also our first president of the B. Y. P. U. in 1923. During the last few years he also served as deacon of our church. Mrs. Albrecht was quite active in our church, in the Sunday School, in the Women's Missionary Society and in the B. Y. P. U.

The Albrechts have eleven children: three daughters and eight sons. Seven of their sons are in the uniform of Uncle Sam, and only one of them, Harold, is at home.

The oldest son, Reginald, is a member of the First Baptist Church of Bismarck, No. Dak. Formerly he belonged to our Linton Baptist Church. Since October, 1942, he is in the U. S. Army somewhere in the Coral Islands.

Emmanuel has been a member of our

It is through "The Baptist Herald" that I have been able to keep up contact with all the church activities that I once attended as a boy and on up to young manhood. Our privileges for such activities now are very much limited, but we do make the very best out of what we have.

man at Redlands University, Calif.

Carl enlisted in the U. S. Navy in November, 1942. He is a member of our Baptist Church at Linton. He is now in the Field Medical Service School, Hadnot Point, Camp Leyenne, New River, North Carolina.

Of the three daughters, Margaret, is at home, and is a member of our church. Esther and Lydia both formerly belonged to our church and are now married and live in the West. Esther (Mrs. Arthur Pfaff) is head nurse in the surgery department, Cook County Hospital, Centralia, Wash. Her husband, Mr. Arthur Pfaff, is in the U. S. Navy somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. Lydia (Mrs. Redlaczky) lives in Mill Valley, Calif., where her husband is occupied in defense work.

We are glad the Albrechts have not moved too far away, so that we shall be able to see them from time to time. May God richly bless them! We are also praying for all the boys in the Armed Forces of our country.

No one was ever more anxious to get home than are the boys overseas. We also know that there are countless wives, mothers and sweethearts who are praying and hoping for the safe return of their loved ones, but, in order to achieve all that, we must learn to work together and sacrifice.

Chaplains on Duty for Christ

Letters and Reports About Several Active Chaplains

Pfc. Elmer C. Stanke Is Thrilled to Meet Chaplain Paul Gebauer at Fort Brady, Michigan

A Letter by
PFC. ELMER C. STANKE,
a Member of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist
Church of St. Paul, Minnesota

Several months ago I was scanning through our Regimental Paper when my eye caught the name of Gebauer, stating that he was one of two new Chaplains assigned to our regiment. Although that name was very familiar, I took it for granted that he probably was some relative of Paul Gebauer, our former missionary in Africa. Im-



Pfc. Elmer C. Stanke and Chaplain Paul Gebauer at Fort Brady, Mich.

mediately I inquired as to who this man might be, and very much to my surprise and good fortune I learned it was none other than Chaplain Paul Gebauer.

Needless to say, it didn't take me very long to contact Chaplain Gebauer, and ever since our first meeting I've spent many enjoyable moments with him. Since both of us are from North American Baptist Churches, my home church being the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church at St. Paul, Minn., we had much to talk about. I wish I could pass on to all of you the joys and pleasant experiences we have received from our Chaplain here at Fort Brady.

Even though Chaplain Gebauer has been stationed here but a very short time, he has helped many in their spiritual lives. Facing a very low average of attendance he brought the Sunday morning attendance up to an average of some 125 men and women dur-

ing the first few weeks of his service here. He also baptized three soldiers upon their confession of faith in Christ during that time. I am sure I can speak for all the men up here at Fort Brady when I say, "We are indeed grateful to God for sending this disciple of his to us to preach the gospel and give us a clearer and better understanding of Christ and of his will for us."

May I again take this opportunity to thank those responsible for my receiving the Christian literature that I have received during the past nineteen months that I have been in the service. I receive much joy from "The Baptist Herald," always waiting for the coming issue as it contains many interesting topics, and also keeps me informed as to where our service men are stationed.

By the time this reaches "The Baptist Herald" I will be down near the Gulf of Mexico at Camp Van Doran, Mississippi, and then perhaps will be sent much farther. Regardless of when or where I am shipped I will fear nothing since I know I'm walking with my Lord, and he will guide those who trust him. Also I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your many prayers for the Service Men.

Please remember Chaplain Gebauer, as well as our other Chaplains, in your prayers. I know that Chaplain Gebauer would appreciate your letters of encouragement if you would write to him, and perhaps his new address will be published in a future issue of "The Baptist Herald".

A Chaplain's Ministry at a South Pacific Navy Base

By CHAPLAIN ROY ANDERSON,
a Member of the Forest Park Baptist
Church of Forest Park, Illinois

Dear Mr. Leuschner:—

Just a note to say that I have been assigned to the above base. I wish I could tell you where it is, and a little bit about it, but that's impossible.

I'm just beginning to get acquainted with the men, which naturally takes time but which is most important. I feel fortunate in the assignment and am looking forward to a happy time. Of course, it's not home, and "home was never like this", but if others have lived through it, so can I.

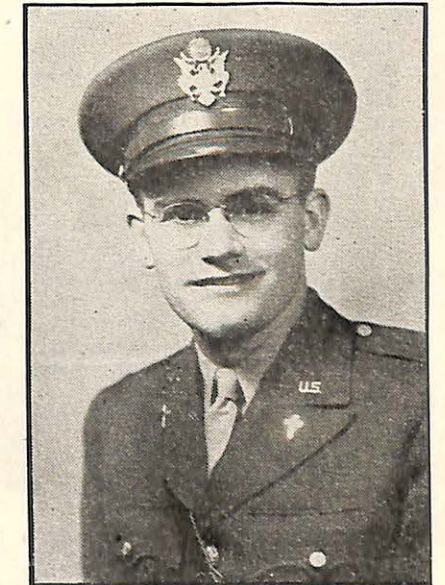
Food? Not too good, but I feel well, so it must agree with me. I have a hut to myself which is really OK. Screened in—just like a summer home!

There are no facilities for church except an altar which someone had made before I came. This meant that I had to get a pulpit made, procure hymnals, in fact, begin at the very be-

ginning. I was able to secure a folding organ from the "good old Army", but as yet haven't anyone to play it. Piano players are hard to get as you can well imagine. I have also accrued a hundred hymnals, so I am ready "for business".

I really have three camps, as two others nearby have a Catholic Chaplain only. This means that I have to take care of them, too. As it is, I preach three times on Sunday, and conduct two Bible classes each week. This and some recreational work is enough to keep me busy.

The men are able to play baseball



Chaplain G. T. Lutz,
113th A A A Group,
Camp Adair, Oregon,
Who Formerly Served as Pastor of
the Baptist Church of Jamesburg,
New Jersey

and other games in off time, and, of course, the movies held each night never lack an audience.

I should have said that we hold our morning worship service out doors on the movie grounds. This has been possible, since each time it has not rained. Otherwise the service would have to be held in a mess hall. There are no chapels around here like there are in San Diego and such places.

The interest is only fair. As yet the men have not seen the need of spiritual things. A Bible class of ten is good. I have had 150 men in a morning service, but 60 isn't bad. There is a lot to be done, I assure you.

The BAPTIST HERALD has been coming right along and I sure do appreciate receiving it. The last issue I received was July 1st, so you see I have not been very far behind. That issue was interesting, especially the article about Sgt. John Bartek.

The Annual Session of the Publication Board

Report by the REV. THORWALD W. BENDER, Secretary of the Publication Board

MR. Harold B. Johns, vice-president of the Publication Board, called the meeting to order promptly at nine o'clock on August 24th. Those in attendance were the brethren Chas. Zummach, R. Jeschke, H. Wobig, H. von Berge, Theo. Dons, and T. W. Bender. The brethren toiling at the Publication House, Donner, Blum, and Leuschner, as well as the Rev. H. Hirsch of the Erin Ave. Church were also with us. Prof. Frank Woyke, now in the chaplaincy, and the Rev. Paul Wengel, our former president and no longer in our denomination, were unable to be with us.

help greatly in this new opportunity of Christian service.

Beginning with 1944 you will find some of the following improvements in our publications: The KONFERENZVERHANDLUNGEN will carry a new title page with a suitable English name. The VOLKSKALENDER will cost 35 cts. instead of 25 cts. Our LEKTIONSBLAETTER will have two editors, one to edit the German lesson and one to write the English lesson for each Sunday.

A recommendation that has come to us repeatedly for a number of years has now been carried out. THE BAPTIST HERALD has now been placed

of denominational history written by a number of our denominational leaders.

As in previous years, the Board was happy to adjourn its annual meeting in the confidence that our Publication work will be prosecuted with Christian consecration and denominational enthusiasm by the brethren in charge. Before adjourning we voted an expression of our sincere gratitude for faithful services rendered the denomination by our manager, Mr. H. P. Donner, and our two editors, the Rev's. S. Blum and Martin L. Leuschner, as well as by the entire office and shop force in Cleveland.

A very special resolution was recorded in our minutes this year. It was formulated by Mr. Leuschner, and recorded by the Board on behalf of one of our members who through the years has rendered inestimable service to our denomination and the cause of our Lord. We are including it in full as the last item in this summary report of our annual meeting.

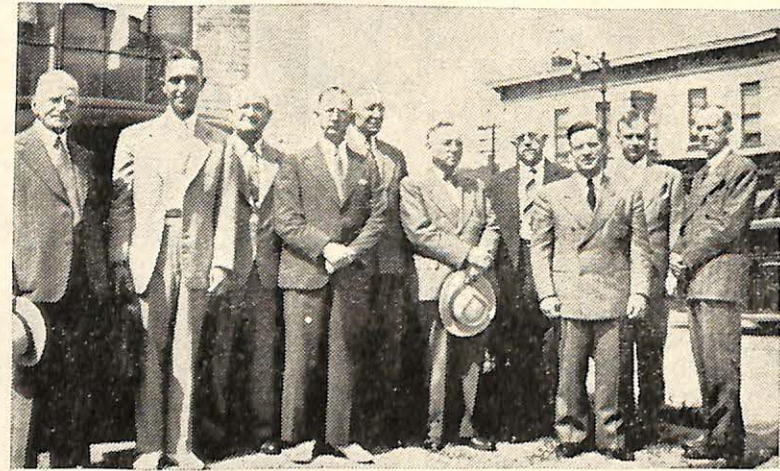
"Whereas on August 27, 1943, the Lebanon Valley College of Annville, Pa., will confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Brother Herman von Berge in recognition of his meritorious services in editing the CHURCH HYMNAL of the United Brethren in Christ, and

"Whereas Brother von Berge, as a member of the Publication Board for many years, as the moderator of our General Conference for several trienniums, and as a member of the General Council since its inception, has enriched our lives by the graciousness of his radiant Christian spirit and has guided our deliberations into channels of greater usefulness by his tactful leadership and wise counsel, and

"Whereas we feel that seldom has a Christian leader so definitely merited such an honor as will be bestowed upon our friend and co-worker in the Kingdom of God,

"Be it thereby resolved that we, the members of the Publication Board assembled for the annual session at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 25, 1943, express to Professor von Berge our sincere congratulations with the hope that both this distinctive honor, which he is to receive, as well as the high esteem of his friends, which he has always had, will cast a golden glow of joy and peace upon his pilgrimage in the days and years to come."

T. W. BENDER, secretary.



Members of the Publication Board at Cleveland, Ohio
Left to Right: Mr. H. P. Donner, Rev. R. P. Jeschke, Mr. H. Wobig, Rev. Theo. W. Dons, Rev. Henry Hirsch, Rev. Chas. F. Zummach, Dr. H. von Berge, Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, Mr. Harold Johns, Rev. Samuel Blum

The Rev. H. Hirsch was elected to take the place of the Rev. Paul Wengel. The secretary was instructed to express to Mr. Wengel the Board's appreciation of his devoted services to our denomination through his work on the Board. Mr. Johns was elected to serve as president.

The work of our Publication Society, under the consecrated leadership of our manager, Brother Donner, continues with real service and profit to our denominational enterprise. New avenues of service are opening to us among the thousands of German War prisoners who are coming to our country and to Canada in these days.

Mr. Donner has been asked to explore the possibilities of helping these men with Christian German literature. The colportage fund was placed at Mr. Donner's disposal for this purpose. The WEGWEISER already has begun a worthwhile ministry in this area. By getting in touch with Mr. Donner, if you have German books to give away, and by supporting the Bible Day program next Spring, you can

under the direct jurisdiction of the Publication Society, after being released by the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. This does not change the editor's relationship to the Union, but it does place him on a par with our other denominational editor, the Rev. S. Blum.

Like all physical establishments, our building in Cleveland needs a little face lifting from time to time. The Board requested the General Council to make \$2000 available from the Centenary Fund for this purpose, and we understand that this request has already been granted.

In connection with our General Conference in April, 1944, we hope to be able to present to the denomination THESE GLORIOUS YEARS, a book

Instructions for Reports

All reports must be brief, limited to about 250 words, in order to find space for the many reports now reaching the editor for publication. Any report, to be eligible for "The Baptist Herald", must be sent within one month after the occurrence of the event. EDITOR.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

A Teacher Training Course Is Held at the La Salle Baptist Church

A very successful and inspiring Teacher Training Course was conducted at the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., during the past three months. The title of our prescribed course was "Improving Your Teaching". A group of young people met each Sunday morning for a forty-five minute session conducted under the capable leadership of our minister, the Rev. Adolf Reeh.

During the course each member of this class wrote two theses. The first one was on the subject, "How I Would Teach a Sunday School Class." The second one we wrote covered the entire course of teaching. Each member of this class received many helpful suggestions and hints about teaching Sunday School classes which will remain with us throughout our Christian work. The members of this class were the following: Elma Staudinger, Esther Moser, Anna Jepsen, Adam Moser, Carl Jepsen, and Edward Oster.

ANNA JEPSEN, Reporter.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Philadelphia's Pilgrim Church Choir Holds Farewell Reception for Mr. and Mrs. Herm. Zachay

On Saturday, Sept. 18, the members of the mixed choir of the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa., regretfully bade farewell to Mr. Herman Zachay, their director for almost twenty years, and his wife, who will take up their residence in Anaheim, Calif. The choir endeavored to show their appreciation for Mr. Zachay's untiring and efficient leadership and Mrs. Zachay's faithful and talented participation in the choir with a testimonial dinner.

Following a delicious meal, letters were read from the four choir members now serving in the Army. Our president, Miss Katherine Yung, and our pastor, the Rev. Herman Palfenier, voiced their appreciation for the splendid service rendered by the Zachays in our church.

Mr. Zachay served for a number of years as Sunday School superintendent, and Mrs. Zachay as teacher. We wish them God's blessing in their new home and know they will serve him as faithfully and joyfully on the west coast as they did in the east.

We are very thankful that God has led by Mr. C. Fred Hofmaier, another capable musician of our church, to accept the responsibility of directing the work of our mixed choir. Mr. Hofmaier has recently been acting in the same capacity in the male chorus.

MARGUERITE GAERTNER, Reporter.



Officers of the Northwestern Conference Y. P. and S. S. W. Union

(Left to Right: Ruth Siems, Secretary; Ellen Lehr, Vice-president; Vernon Heckmann, President; Marian Norman, Treasurer.)

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Young People's Sessions of the Northwestern Conference Which Convened at N. Freedom

From Aug. 11 to 15 the Northwestern Conference was entertained by the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wisconsin. On Saturday evening the young people held their banquet in the Methodist Church in Baraboo, Wis. Their theme was "Speak, Lord, for Thy Servant Heareth". Mr. Vernon Heckmann, president of the group, was the toastmaster for the evening.

After eating the tasty meal prepared for us we had a program as follows: "Welcome" by the local president, Erwin Gaetzke; vocal solo by Clinton Platt of Baraboo. The following were elected for the coming year: Vernon Heckmann, St. Paul, Minn., president; Ellen Lehr, Aplington, Ia., vice-president; Ruth Siems, Burlington, Iowa, secretary; Marian Norman, Watertown, Wis., treasurer.

Before the address of the evening we heard a lovely violin solo by Elaine Kampfer. The Rev. Ray L. Schlader of Racine, Wis., spoke to us using 1. Sam. 3:10 as his text.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Heckmann again presided and the Rev. John Walkup led the singing. Special music was furnished by a Girls' trio from the Dayton's Bluff Church in St. Paul. The missionary offering for the afternoon was added to our treasury from

Pacific Northwest Association at Missoula, Mont., from Oct. 28 to 31

The Pacific Northwest Association will meet in the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., from Oct. 28 to 31. An inspiring program has been arranged. The guest speaker will be the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Herald", who will also show missionary pictures. Delegates and visitors should announce their arrival to the Rev. F. Alf, 1302 So. 5th St., West, Missoula, Montana.

which \$117.10 will be sent for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies. The Rev. Assaf Husmann was the speaker for this meeting. He gave us a very stirring message challenging us to "Be on Fire for God".

RUTH SIEMS, Secretary.

50th Anniversary of the Sumner Baptist Mission, a Station of the Elgin Church of Iowa

The Sumner Baptist Mission, a mission station of the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, observed its fiftieth anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 22. All the former ministers and ministers wives still living came to share in this occasion. They are Mrs. R. J. Hack of Sioux Falls, So. Dak.; Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann of Ableman, Wis.; Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Draewell of Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Wedel of Victor, Iowa; and Rev. and Mrs. Philip Lauer of Burlington, Iowa.

The meetings were held on the beautiful lawn of the M. & A. Potratz farm, where the regular services are held. Presiding over the observances was the present pastor, the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke.

In the afternoon service Mr. Martin Potratz presented the history in an interesting fashion as he related the incidents leading to the first baptism of five persons on August 20, 1893, one of whom was his father, William Potratz, under whose general leadership the work was carried on regularly every Sunday for a number of years in that he conducted Sunday School and read one of Spurgeon's sermons in worship.

Of those five persons only one is still living, Mrs. Nicklaus Ruckdashel, to whom Mr. Potratz presented a beautiful cameo pin with which he fastened an American Beauty rose to her dress. He also featured other members who were baptized early in the work of the station in this historical sketch.

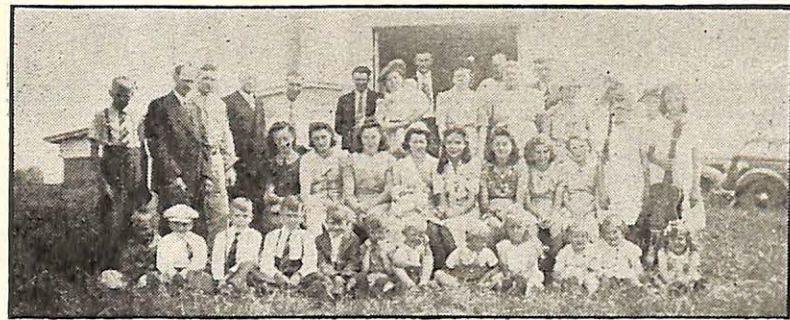
Special music was rendered by members of the station. Two spiritual messages were then brought by the Rev. Philip Lauer in the German language and the Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann in the English language.

Time for reminiscence and testimony was given at the evening service, in which many spoke of the goodness of the Lord to them in this work. The choir of the Elgin church enriched the service with three selections. The Rev's. J. G. Draewell and Henry W. Wedel brought messages of spiritual truth.

This group of faithful members is now looking forward to the erection of a church edifice in which they, and particularly the younger generation, can enjoy the benefits of regular church life.

The church at Elgin had the inspiration of having all the ministers and ministers' wives present in the morning services. The Rev. Philip Lauer preached in the worship service, and all the visitors spoke briefly in the church school.

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Reporter.

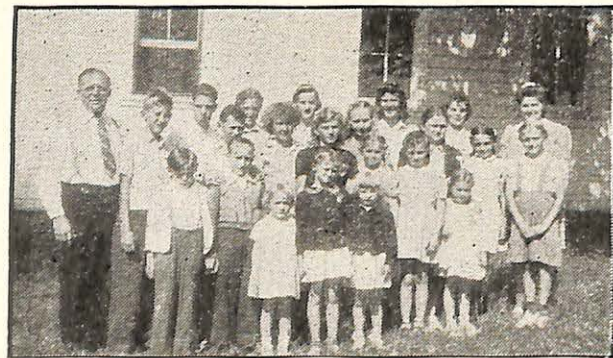


B. Y. P. U. Members and Friends of the Baptist Church at Bison, So. Dak.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

The Bison B. Y. P. U. of South Dakota is Enjoying Constant Growth and Good Programs

We, of the Baptist Church of Bison, So. Dak., organized our B. Y. P. U. Society four months ago with eight members at the start. Our membership has grown to twelve in the meantime. We enjoy singing our theme song, "Forward With Christ", and



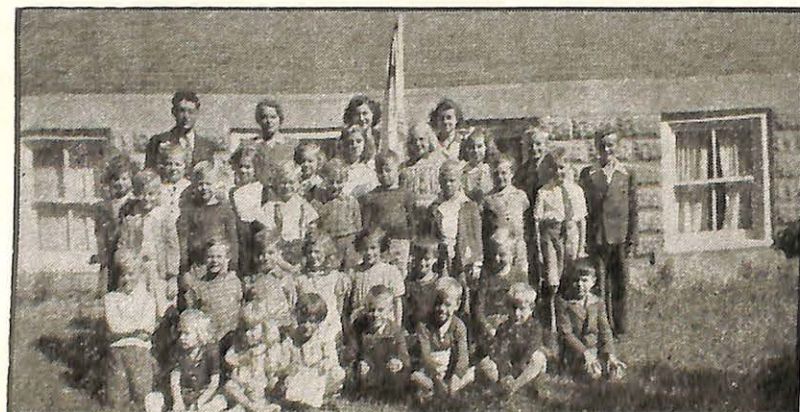
Rev. Geo. Zinz, Sr., and Children of the Vacation Bible School of the Forest Baptist Church near Winburne, Pa.

choruses. Almost all the members have a chance to take part every month because we are not a large group.

Our program consists of Bible study, musical numbers, "Do You Know That?", and recitations. A report by the Rev. Wm. Jaster about the Dakota Conference young people's work was appreciated. We are getting some good reading books for our library.

We had a beautiful day for our picnic on August 29. We enjoyed the good food, games, choruses and a fellowship we had together. We are all reading "The Baptist Herald" and enjoy the soldiers' letters very much.

VERNA BROCKEL, Secretary.



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School at Neustadt, Ontario

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7:30 P. M. English Sermon by Rev. A. Weisser; German Sermon by Rev. J. Kepl.

The Turtle Lake Baptist Church sends a cordial invitation to all churches and Sunday Schools of the Northern Dakota Association to attend the Sunday School Convention, October 22-24. Please announce your coming in time to Mr. Dan Bauer, Turtle Lake, No. Dak., or to the pastor, Rev. Aug. Rosner, Turtle Lake, No. Dak.

DANIEL BAUER, Church Clerk.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Vacation Bible School at the Forest Baptist Church of Winburne, Pa.

The 1943 Vacation Bible School held at the Forest Baptist Church of Winburne, Pa., is now a thing of the past. We had a fine group of boys and girls in attendance. They were all eager to learn. They did well in learning to sing choruses, to memorize the outstanding Bible verses referring to soul salvation, the Beatitudes, the 23rd Psalm, and the names of the books of the New Testament.

At the closing of the school we had a good program, and the parents were able to hear and to see what their children had learned. At this occasion all the students received their certificate. Mrs. William Fisch, Mrs. Carl K. Hahn and the Rev. George Zinz, Sr., were the teachers.

GEORGE ZINZ, Pastor.

An Interesting Vacation Bible School Is Held by the Neustadt Baptist Church

The Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ont., conducted two weeks of Vacation Bible School from August 9 to 20. The Intermediate class under the leadership of the Rev. R. Grenz studied the "Life of Paul and His Three Missionary Journeys." The Primary Class taught by Miss Gladys Diebel and the Beginners' Class by Mrs. J. E. Schnurr studied stories from both the Old and New Testament. The Juniors taught by Miss Naomi Helwig studied "The First Ten Bible Stories" from the Old Testament.

Miss Marion Derbecker and Miss Dolores Helwig very kindly assisted whenever needed. The memory work for the 4 classes consisted of 1. Cor. 13, John 14, the books of the Bible, Psalm 23 and the Lord's Prayer.

On Sunday evening, Aug. 22, we held our closing program for the school. We were happy to see the main auditorium filled for this program which showed that the parents and friends were interested in what their children had learned. Thirty-two diplomas were awarded to these faithful pupils who came every morning eager to learn more of our Savior. After the service everyone was given an opportunity to view the handwork which the children had made during the two weeks.

NAOMI HELWIG, Reporter.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Recent Joys and Blessings Experienced by the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Alberta

We as members of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Alberta, Canada, have reason to "rejoice in the Lord", and not only that but to thank God for the many blessings he has permitted us to partake of during the past weeks.

On Aug. 4 we began a ten day session of a Vacation Bible School under the capable and willing direction of our pastor, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, assisted by Louis Ertman, Irma Pohl, Verda Scheeler and Verda Borchert. This was the first School ever held at our church, and we as teachers were, indeed, happy over the great interest taken by both children and parents. There was an enrollment of 65 children with 50 having perfect attendance.

In connection with our Bible School a series of revival meetings were begun on the evening of August 9 and were to continue until August 13, but through the working of God and his Holy Spirit we saw it necessary to continue our meetings for another week. During these services our pastor was assisted on several evenings by the neighboring pastors, the Rev. J. Kornalewski, the Rev. A. Huber and by his brother, Mr. Bruno Schreiber. God richly blessed our meetings and his Spirit worked within our midst, bringing forth 22 persons to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

On Sunday, Aug. 29, it was our privilege to witness the baptism of these 22 candidates together with 4 others who had already accepted Christ at previous meetings. Our baptismal service was held in connection with our three neighboring churches of Rabbit Hill, the First and Second Churches of Leduc.

To God be the "praise and glory" for these manifold blessings, and may we continue to work and pray with untiring effort for the service of our King. VERDA BORCHERT, Reporter.

The Swan River Mission Station of the Minitonas Church Holds Baptismal Service

The First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba, has several outlying stations. The one which has its regular services each Sunday is Swan River, about eleven miles from Minitonas. Swan River itself is a beautifully situated town with a population of over one thousand, and is the business center in this valley.

Here we have a lovely group of people which tries to serve God to the best of its ability. At present, there are 55 members who comprise this group, but the average attendance in the meetings is 70 to 80. The pastor, the Rev. R. Schilke, gives his service every third and fifth Sunday of the month in the afternoon. During this summer he also gave the second Sunday of the month to this station. We do not have a building of our own as yet, but we meet in the building of the First Baptist Church at Swan River which is a



Rev. Richard Schilke of Minitonas, Manitoba, and 9 Converts of the Swan River Mission

church of the Canadian Baptist Convention.

For some time it has been the desire of this group to have evangelistic meetings. Our efforts to secure someone for the time which was suitable for us this past summer was in vain.



Rev. Robt. Schrelber (Back) and Twenty-two Baptismal Candidates of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Manitoba

The pastor, therefore, began these meetings himself, trusting in the Lord. God has his own way with us. He sent us someone in Mr. J. Andres, a minister of the Mennonite Brethren, who helped us in casting the net for three days. The Lord blessed us wonderfully. During the days of July 14 to 23 God's people were revived and sinners accepted Christ as their personal Savior. We are, indeed, grateful to God and thankful to Mr. Andres for his services.

As a result of these meetings a baptismal was arranged for Aug. 22. Joyfully we met at the Swan River. The pastor and Rev. A. Milner brought short messages, after which the pastor was able to baptize nine young people, among whom was a young couple whom he recently had married. The Swan River choir added much blessing to this out-of-door meeting. After the baptismal service we went to the church where the hand of fellowship was extended to these nine persons and the communion service held.

Because there are not so many German-speaking people living in and about Swan River, the opportunities of extending the work at present may not be so great, but the future is bright, indeed. Our prayer and our striving are that in the not too distant future this station will grow to be a church with its own minister.

R. SCHILKE, Pastor.

Ordination of the Reverends Fred Mashner and August Kuhn in Alberta, Canada

On Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 18, nineteen delegates from seven churches met in Leduc with the members and friends of the Second Leduc and Rabbit Hill churches of Alberta to consider the ordination of Mr. Fred Mashner, a member of the Second Leduc Church, and Mr. August Kuhn, a member of the Rabbit Hill Church. The pastor of these churches called the meeting to order. The resolutions of the churches, read by the church clerks, concerning the ordination were heard and the Rev. E. P. Wahl was elected moderator and the Rev. A. Huber as clerk of the council.

The candidates for ordination were presented by the pastor, after which they were called upon by the moderator to give a full account of their Christian experiences, call to the ministry, and their views of Christian doctrine. After close examination the council agreed to recommend both brethren to their churches for ordination.

The ordination service was held the same evening in the Rabbit Hill Church under the leadership of the Rev. J. Kornalewski. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, and the ordination prayer offered by the Rev. J. Kornalewski. Mr. Wahl welcomed the charge to the candidates, and the Rev. J. J. Wiens the charge to the church. This inspirational meeting came to a close with prayers by the brethren Mashner and Kuhn.

The Rev. August Kuhn was born at Leduc. He was graduated from the five year course of the Rochester Baptist Seminary in May, 1943. He also undertook some studies at the Rochester University while studying at the Seminary and is planning to continue his studies there, hoping to be able to serve a church in the vicinity of Rochester during his study period at the university.

The Rev. Fred Mashner was born at Cass Lake, Minn. He received his public school education in Milwaukee, Wis., and Leduc, Alta. Because of the death of his father when still an infant, our brother was not privileged to attend high school but instead studied an extra year at our seminary, completing a six year course, graduating in May, 1943. He is now the pastor of the Pound and Gillet Baptist Churches of Wisconsin.

A. HUBER, Clerk of the Council.

The First Vacation Bible School in Morris, Manitoba, Is Remarkably Successful

Forty-six girls and boys of at least three different churches, Baptist, Lutheran and United, made up the classes of our first Vacation Bible School held here in Morris, Manitoba, during the last two weeks in July.

Together with their eager, inquiring little groups they had searched for the beautiful, the most inspiring and touching parts in "The Life of Christ" and "The Life of Paul".

The program at the close was a beautiful testimony in itself, far surpassing the expectations of even the most hopeful teacher.

IDA HOFFMAN, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School at the Bethel Baptist Church Near Carbon, Alberta

At the Bethel Baptist Church of Carbon, Alta., we have had the privilege of holding another Vacation Bible School for two weeks.

The daily schedule began with the entire school assembling and marching into the church to the music, "Onward, Christian Soldiers".

It was a group of happy boys and girls who gathered daily to receive instruction in choruses. Bible and missionary stories, object lessons, hand work and memory work were under the guidance of the following teachers:

Then we have also had the joy of having held the first Vacation Bible School in the town of Carbon under the leadership of the Rev. E. Riemer and Miss Elma Neher.

children attended this year but we prayerfully hope that this work will be continued next year and more children will be reached.

ELMA NEHER, Reporter.

The Rockford Community of Saskatchewan Enjoys the Ministry of Henry Schmuland

It has been our privilege in the Rockford Community of Saskatchewan, Canada, to have had Mr. Henry Schmuland, a Rochester Baptist Seminary student, with us for the summer months.

Our services were held in the Rockford Community Hall each Sunday afternoon, with an average attendance of forty-five.

On August 22nd a program of recitation, dialogues and pantomimes was presented by the children and young people.

August 29th was Mr. Schmuland's last Sunday with us, and hearts were deeply stirred as he brought his message, "Prepare To Meet Thy God".

For a long time we have felt the need of a constant worker here. God has sent the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas to us. May he bless them richly, and let them be a blessing to others, for the need here is great.

ESTHER E. BRESCH, Reporter.

Vacation School, Baptismal Service and Birthday Surprise at the Trochu Baptist Church

The 1943 Vacation Bible School conducted by the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, proved to be very successful with an enrollment of 80 children.

One item of interest enjoyed by all was the program of lantern slides on which were shown "the Life of Christ", "The Lost Word", and posters on temperance.

Our baptismal service was held on Aug. 15th at the swimming pool of the home of Mr. T. Heer.

The Ladies' Aid and Girls' Club surprised Mrs. Rempel, our pastor's wife, on the evening of her birthday on Aug. 24th.

MISS ELLA KAHLER, Reporter.

Events and Activities of the Baptist Church of Yorkton, Saskatchewan

The past summer has again been one of many joys and blessings for the Baptist Church of Yorkton, Sask.

Evangelistic services were held in June with the Rev. H. Waltereit from Fenwood, Sask., assisting our pastor, the Rev. Walter Stein.

A baptismal service was held on Aug. 22 in the English Baptist Church at which time the six converts along with one from East Ebenezer followed the Lord in baptism.

During the past year we had the pleasure of having several ministers visit our church. At this time they favored us with inspiring messages.

Each Sunday morning we have our regular Sunday School and worship service. Every second Sunday evening we have another service under the leadership of the B. Y. P. U.

We wish to join with the other churches of our denomination in making our aim for the future, "The Revitalization of Our Churches".

RUBY SCHINDLER, Reporter.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Three Vacation Bible Schools Are Held by Detroit's Burns Ave. Church and Missions

Under the auspices of the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., three Vacation Bible Schools were held for two weeks each during the past summer.

These Vacation Bible Schools proved to be a great joy and blessing to all who attended. The enrollment of the Burns Ave. School was 257 children with an average attendance of 206 in 20 classes.

Our Mission on Liberal Ave. reported 78 children enrolled, an average attendance of 72, nine teachers and 17 decisions.

DOROTHY NIENHUIS, Reporter.

OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT HEIN of the Lyndock Baptist Church of Ontario

Mr. Robert Hein of the Lyndock Baptist Church near Cormac, Ontario, was called to his heavenly home in the Penbrooke "Cottage" Hospital after a lingering illness on September 7, 1943.

He married Amelie Potter on July 27, 1892, with whom he lived a happy wedded life for 51 years.

Brother Hein was a faithful member of the Lyndock Baptist Church for 64 years. The funeral service was held on September 10th in the Lyndock Baptist Church.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord henceforth."

Lyndock Baptist Church, Cormac, Ontario.

J. KUEHN, Pastor.

MR. EDWARD NEUMANN of Detroit, Michigan

Mr. Edward Neumann of Detroit, Mich., was born in Elbing, East Prussia, May 8, 1860, and he went to be with his Lord on August 19, 1943.

He was a member of the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., for over 62 years. He sang in the church choir for

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teacher of the German class for over 8 years. At the turn of the century and for a few years following, he served as secretary of our church.

He was preceded in death by his son, George, who passed away in 1925, and by his wife, Theresa, who passed away in 1934.

Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

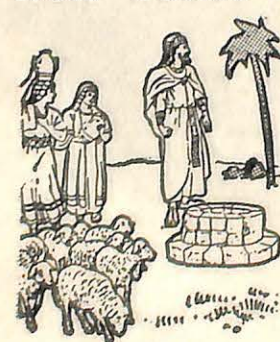
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No. Dak., where the Rev's. John Kepl and A. Bibelheimer of Martin and Anamoose, No. Dak., were also in attendance. On Wednesday evening, Sept. 22, Mr. Gruen related the work of Christian missions among the Jews pictorially in the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., and on that same day he was the guest speaker at the chapel exercises of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., in response to the invitation of Dr. Chas. W. Koller, president.

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THE NINETY AND NINE

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churches that believed only in the use of Psalms, fired Sankey with the necessary confidence for "human hymns" in Scotland.

Even a Dublin circus brought glory to Sankey's ministry, albeit unexpectedly. Said one clown, "I am rather Moody tonight; how do you feel?" "I feel rather Sankeymonious," replied his pal, while the crowd not only hissed in protest, but vociferously sang "Hold the Fort For I Am Coming".

This same tour brought Moody and Sankey to a gypsy camp near London. Placing his hand on the head of one of the lads there, Sankey said, "May the Lord make a preacher of you, my boy." Fifteen years later, in America, the world-renowned evangelist, Gypsy Smith, reminded Sankey of that incident.

Through years abroad and at home Ira D. Sankey continued to sing the Gospel. Among his favorite hymns was always "The Ninety and Nine", which never failed to quicken some shrunken, needy soul. Even showman P. T. Barnum, with his Universalistic leanings, was forced to say, "Mr. Sankey, you go on singing THE NINETY AND NINE, and when you get that lost sheep in the fold we will all be saved." Certainly the man who, when Sankey asked him if he were a Christian, said, "No, I am a Missourian", needed the Shepherd of that song. And many need Him today.

The strenuous work of Sankey's British tour in 1899 left his health in a precarious state, and he withdrew into comparative inactivity. During these years he compiled the history of his own and others' gospel hymns, while Sankey was a guest of his friend, Dr. J. H. Kellogg in the Battle Creek, Michigan, Sanitarium.

Undaunted, the now sightless and critically ill singer began the task anew, dictating from memory to his faithful secretary. This achievement inspired from the blind hymn writer, Fanny Crosby, these lines:

*"Friend of years to memory sacred,
Years whose light will never die,
In the service of the Master
We have labored, thou and I.
Now a rest for us remaineth
In our Father's house above
'Tis the promise of our Savior,
And we know that He is Love."*

Shortly before his death in Brooklyn, N. Y., on August 13, 1908, Ira D. Sankey wrote a statement of his creed. It said, in part:

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Do You Know That...?

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81 per cent of all those over 18 years of age in this country are members of some church!

Lend lease expenditures exceed the billion dollar mark for the month of June, a sum of money which if stacked in dollar bills would be 60 miles high and weigh 1351 tons.

There is a 28 per cent drop in Sunday School enrollment and attendance throughout our country due to shift of population.

Liquor causes 20% of all divorces, 25% of the fatal accidents, 25% of the cases of insanity, 35% of poverty, 50% of all crimes, and more than 75% of all social diseases.

Mr. Fred Schlichting of our Boston Church gave favorable support to the action taken 20 years ago in the Atlantic Conference leading to the birth of our publication, "The Baptist Herald". He has been an ardent reader of every issue since that time. Are there others with a similar record?

If the New Testaments given away by Gideons to men and women in the service were stacked, they would make a pile 39 miles high!

Recently several members of Congress held weekly prayer meetings to ask for divine guidance in their decisions. We only wish that all Congressmen would take note of this noble attitude toward the problems that beset the world.

Some people are good listeners when they are doing all the talking.

Our Burlington Church now has four young men preparing themselves for full time service in the Baptist ministry!

"The Peace May Be Won With a Three-cent Stamp" is the slogan of a group of Methodists who are writing their personal views on peace in a personal letter to their Congressmen.

An owner of a drug store in a town in Iowa where there is no Baptist Church advertised in the local paper that he is willing to move his whole business to any town where there is a Baptist Church. Such church denominational loyalty isn't seen every day.

The average attendance of the Free Methodist Sunday Schools exceeds the total membership of their denomination by more than 20%.

Louisiana Negro Baptists recently held their State Convention in a town of 4,000 Negroes who were hosts to 5,000 delegates to the conference! Seems like the white Baptists might learn that "where there's a will there's a way".

The American Bible Society Library in New York contains more than 10,000 copies of the Bible or parts of it, written in more than 850 languages or dialects.

Catholics are already insisting that the Pope be granted a seat at the peace table!

Secretary Ickes maintains that the per capita wealth of Americans is \$89,000 when everything is considered. The author has been unable to find one friend who approaches the average.