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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Lloyd George Gibbs, pastor of the Bellwood Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill., has presented his resignation to the church which has been accepted with deep regret. Mr. Gibbs will enter the Yale Divinity School of New Haven, Conn., this month for graduate studies leading to the Ph. D. degree. The Bellwood Church was formerly a mission of the Forest Park Baptist Church.

● Mr. Arthur Pankratz, the oldest son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., has been appointed organist and choir director of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., a church of 500 members of the Northern Baptist Convention of which the Rev. Joseph Carlson is pastor. Mr. Pankratz was formerly organist of the Northwest Gospel Tabernacle for 5½ years.

● The Rev. and Mrs. A. Husmann and their two sons left Forest Park, Ill., for Rochester, N. Y., on Aug. 31st where they will reside for about a month with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kaiser. On October 1st they hope to move into the upper flat of the house, in which the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Fuchs live. Mr. Husmann will begin his ministry as a member of the Rochester Baptist Seminary faculty as this issue of "The Baptist Herald" reaches the reader.

● Since Sept. 1st the Rev. Otto Fiesel has been giving his entire time as the missionary pastor of the General Mission Society for the Baptist Churches of Sidney and Savage, Montana. The relationship hitherto existing with Vida and Lambert, Mont., has been severed. The work in Sidney, Mont., is showing encouraging signs of progress with the Rev. and Mrs. Otto Fiesel living on the field and engaged in an influential preaching, evangelistic and radio ministry.

● The former Miss Marie Heusi, a prominent and active member of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Tex., and Mr. Louis Hey of Kansas City, Mo., were married on July 15 at the home of the Rev. Sam Heusi, a brother of the bride, who also performed the single ring ceremony at Higginsville, Mo. Mrs. Hey has often contributed reports from the Central Church of Waco, Tex., for "The Baptist Herald". The couple is residing at 2724 Wabash St., Kansas City, Missouri.

● The young people of the Baptist

Church of Emery, So. Dak., have sponsored a library for the church. Contributions of about 60 volumes have already been made. Some commentaries and Scripture aids are to be added soon to the library. The library facilities also include the loan of Christian fiction, especially Paul Hutchens' books, to the Service Men of the church in various camps. The church has about 25 young men in the service, according to the Rev. Arthur Ittermann, pastor.

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE to Convene in Detroit, Mich., from Oct. 7 to 10, 1943

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., extends a hearty invitation to the churches of the Central Conference to meet with it for its sessions, October 7 to 10, 1943.

All visitors and delegates are requested to write as soon as possible to Mr. Herman L. Skubick, 4879 Maxwell Ave., Detroit, 13, Mich., the chairman of the Housing Committee, or to Rev. Geo. A. Lang, 4836 Three Mile Drive, Detroit, 24, Mich. We pray the Lord for a gracious outpouring of his Spirit at this Conference!

On behalf of the church,  
GEORGE A. LANG, Pastor.

● On Sunday, Sept. 12, the Rev. Leslie P. Albus resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ont., Canada, and announced his appointment as a chaplain in the United States Army. He is to report for the usual period of training at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., on Sept. 27th. This is the second pastor which the Arnprior Church has given to the chaplaincy with the Rev. A. E. Jaster as a Canadian chaplain at Camp Borden, Ont., The Rev. Leslie P. Albus is the 14th minister of our churches to enter the chaplaincy.

● On Sunday evening, June 22, Chaplain and Mrs. Park with 13 Service Men from Fort Tilden were in charge of the service of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. Chaplain Park spoke on "Intercessory Prayer". A social hour was held afterwards. The newly elected officers of the Sunday School Class, the Crusaders, for the next year are as follows: Alfred Orthner, president; Ernest Fuchs, vice-president; Edwin Marklein, secretary; and Edward

Kartz, treasurer. The Rev. Wm. J. Appel is the pastor of the church.

● On the Sundays, Aug. 15 and 22, the Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Forest Park, Ill., general evangelist, supplied the pulpits of the East Side Baptist Church and of the First German Baptist Churches of Chicago, Ill. On Sept. 5 Mr. Dons began a series of evangelistic meetings of about two weeks in the Lyndock Baptist Church near Cormac, Ontario, of which the Rev. John Kuehn is the pastor. From Sept. 19 to Oct. 1 he will serve the Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., in assisting the Rev. Peter Geissler with evangelistic services.

● The Rev. Alfred A. Cierpke, Th. D., preached his last sermon as German pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., on Sunday, Aug. 22. For the larger part of his ministry of three months, he brought a series of messages from the early chapters of Revelation on the letters to the churches of Asia Minor. He also preached in the Sunday evening service on Aug. 22. On Sept. 7 Dr. Cierpke began his ministry as a member of the faculty of Bob Jones College at Cleveland, Tenn., teaching Christian Doctrine, Church History and New Testament Greek.

● The Southwestern Conference, which was scheduled to convene at Hillsboro College, Hillsboro, Kans., from Aug. 25 to 29, with the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kans., serving as hosts, had to be cancelled due to the serious infantile paralysis epidemic that was quite widespread in the Middle West. The decision to cancel the conference was reached by a group of the pastors who were called together for an emergency conference at Lorraine, Kans., on Aug. 17. It was deeply regretted by all concerned, but the circumstances made this decision inevitable.

● The former Kossuth Baptist Church of Wisconsin has changed its name to the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis. Since the 1st of June its services have been held in the field house of Manitowoc's city park with the Rev. E. M. Wegner of Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill., serving as interim pastor. Mr. Wegner has now received a call to become the permanent pastor to which he has favorably responded. He will also finish his Senior year of study at Northern Baptist Seminary. The church has selected building lots in the northwest part of the city for its new church edifice. Mr. Wegner is a son of the Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Mich.

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### Coming!

**REVITALIZATION BY EVANGELISM**  
The Rev. F. W. Bartel, the Dakota Conference evangelist, has prepared a timely and stirring article on the imperative need of "a real, heaven-sent revival" while in the midst of many evangelistic engagements in the Dakotas and Texas which will be of interest to all "Baptist Herald" readers.

### AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

The story of this famous hymn by Katherine Lee Bates, which was promised to "Baptist Herald" readers some time ago, will appear in the next issue. This account forms a chapter in Dr. Daniel Poling's fascinating book, "A Treasury of Best Loved Hymns", which will be published in "The Herald" with the permission of the author.

### AN EXCITING SUMMER IN THE KENTUCKY HILLS

Miss Alma Stewart of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., spent the past summer with the American Sunday School Union in missionary service among the mountaineers of North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. Her personal story with pictures will be exceedingly interesting to every Christian, who is concerned about the home mission fields of America.

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# EDITORIAL

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## Blessed Are the Meek!

NO WORD OF JESUS seems to elude our grasp of understanding and attainment as his Beatitude: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." For the Christian life at its best embodies a paradox, which is puzzling to the unbeliever and at the same time is profound for the child of God. Only if we humble ourselves to the painful point of self-effacement and become gentle with Christ-like love can God bring his promises to a glorious fulfillment in our lives.

The apostle Paul was unable to repeat this truth often enough to satisfy himself that the sermon had hit its mark. He knew the subtle weaknesses of human nature, by which detours could be found leading away from this highway of truth. "For to me to live is Christ." "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." "For it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."

How difficult it is to close the closet of our mind to those evil spirits that try to win our companionship! Their number is legion as we see them pass by in review—pride, envy, self-glory, vanity, the love of "showing off", jealousy, lording it over others, a fitful temper, bossing others around, pluming oneself, conceit, haughtiness, selfishness! They show up in the most unexpected places, even in church circles and religious temples, until the admonition of Jesus to "watch and pray" becomes of real concern to every disciple of his.

Those who inherit the eternal treasures of God's grace and power and who receive the "victory that overcometh the world" are his children who have been crucified with Christ to self in every form and guise and whose only joy and purpose in life are to magnify Christ and his truth. Their meekness is not of the passive kind to lie down and do nothing. It is the spirit of Christ that empties itself of all self-glory and is obedient to every prompting of God's will.

This is one of the keys that can unlock the treasures of God's storehouse of power for a revitalization for everyone of us and for each of our churches. It is the only way by which God can use us for the greatest deeds of his Kingdom. This truth is a Gibraltar of his Word: "Blessed are the meek—the gentle—the humble, whose only glory is in Christ, for they shall inherit the earth."



—Photo by Ellis O. Hinsey

# Vital Youth for the Church

By MR. HAROLD J. PETKE of Portland, Oregon, President of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union

THE CHURCH without young people is doomed! Contrariwise, the church that has young people has life and hope! Youth, therefore, is a vital asset for any and every church. In other words, the *vital* church is the church with *vital* young people who possess and practice *vital* Christianity.

Generally speaking, our North American Conference of Baptist Churches is richly blessed with Christian youth, whose number includes many outstanding, capable, consecrated, aggressive leaders both in the local churches and in the sectional or state Unions. For quite a number of years the young people of our churches have played an increasingly important role in the denominational enterprises, with new records of accomplishment being set in each succeeding year.

## A Meaningful Motto

Three years ago, at Burlington, Ia., we as young people and Sunday School workers in attendance at the General Conference adopted as our motto these three familiar and meaningful words: "Forward with Christ"! In conjunction with this motto a scripture text, suggested by Past-President Edwin Marklein, was adopted, as follows: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14).

During these past three years the motto has been very widely used by

young people's groups throughout the United States and Canada, and in numerous instances and in various ways "Forward with Christ" became a positive reality. Now, when our churches are considering the need for revitalization, it is high time for us young people to give more thought to the scriptural background of our motto, for therein we find the secret of vital Christian living: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".

## "Press Toward the Mark"

Great things have been accomplished by our young people in the past and far greater things will yet be accomplished if all of our young people will "reach forth unto those things which are before and press toward the mark . . .". What is the mark? It is the prize or reward promised to all who are faithful to the "high calling of God in Christ Jesus". What is the high calling of God? It was clearly and unmistakably presented to us by Christ when he said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me."

As witnesses for Christ, young people can exert a tremendous influence. The enthusiastic testimony of a young Christian always makes a deep impression upon unbelievers who like to think that religion is meant only for

the aged. This testimony, however, must be a day in and day out proposition. At all times we should be mindful of the soul welfare of others, and just as Christ, our example, "went about doing good", we, his followers, should try to live in such a way that continual goodness and thoughtfulness for others characterizes every moment of our lives. Through the grace of God alone will that be possible, and yet how else can a Christian be a true witness for Christ? Our lives as well as our lips must tell of Jesus.

Young people will not always find it easy thus to put God first, others second, and self last, but we have the promise of Christ that "ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Let us, therefore, continually pray for the fulness of the Spirit in our lives in order that our Christianity might be a vital force in the shop or office, at school and at play, as well as in the church.

## In This Time of War

You have accepted the Christ of the cross; then also accept the cross of the Christ, who said: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." If we have permitted the cares and wartime work of these busy days to devitalize our Christian influence and keep us from fulfilling our responsibility to our Christ and his church, let us reconsider the distribution of our time and energies and begin again to "seek first the Kingdom of God". The sacrificial service of friends and relatives in the Armed Forces of our nation should be an incentive for all of us at home to devote sacrificial effort in the eternal and all-important cause of Christ.

Herein lies a challenge worthy of the best efforts of every one in this time of war. It is of utmost importance that we do all that God enables us to do to "keep the home fires burning 'till the boys come home'."

To do this will require double and triple duty in many instances in order to fill the gaps caused by the loss of so many hundreds of vital Christian young people who have been called from our churches into the service of our country. The detrimental effect of this loss of young people has been felt to a greater or lesser degree everywhere.

## A Yardstick for Life

In the meantime, what is the status of youth activities in your own church, in your state, in your conference? Are you really doing all that God enables you to do to keep the work going in the way our boys who are "over there" will want to find it upon their return? Will they come back to a devitalized and lifeless church, or will you do your utmost to make your church a revitalized and influential church? Herein

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# We Won This Height

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN, Executive Secretary of the General Council

IN THE TRIENNIUM from 1919 to 1922 our denominational income reached the highest point during any three year period of our history. This successful financial effort is known as "the Million Dollar Offering". We passed the goal of a million dollars by about \$53,000. We recognize and acknowledge the blessings received through the Million Dollar Offering. At least one quarter of a million dollars was used for the relief of our brethren in the faith in Europe. The treasury of every affiliated society was strengthened, as also our confidence for the launching of other big projects.

In the last triennium which closed on July 31, 1943, our denominational income reached another high point. During these past three years we received for our own denominational enterprise the total sum of \$533,579.65. Contributions for local churches and for other missionary causes outside of our own are not included in this total.

## Our Denominational Income

Missionary and Benevolent Offering (Our Budget) . . . . .	\$372,624.29
Chapel Building Fund . . . . .	7,491.31
Bible Day Offerings . . . . .	7,066.79
Centenary Offering . . . . .	113,036.04
Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies . . . . .	19,193.57
Miscellaneous . . . . .	14,167.35
<b>Total Receipts . . . . .</b>	<b>\$533,579.65</b>

For the first time since the Million Dollar Offering, our budget which had been set at \$300,000, was exceeded by \$72,624.29, and our Centenary Offering of \$100,000 passed that goal by \$13,

036.04. This financial success awakens a song of praise and gratitude in our rejoicing hearts to our heavenly Father who supplies all our needs.

As indicated in the caption, we "won" this height. It was not accomplished without strenuous effort on our part. We gladly paid the price of careful planning, unflinching persistence, cheerful sacrificing and loyal cooperation on the part of many. Certain other circumstances have also been potent factors enabling us to win this height.

## Increased Income

Because of the war situation, more money is circulating among the people in general than before. In fact, the income of many families has gone beyond the bounds of healthy normalcy. On the other hand, many of our most faithful contributors have not shared in any notable increase of income.

Most of our pastors find themselves in this class, although they, too, are affected by the high cost of living, while their salaries are still in the lower brackets of earlier days. At this time we cannot fail to see that a flood-tide of high incomes is spreading all over our land, and this fact has contributed in enabling us to reach that high mark.

## God's Blessing

Because of this increased income, many find themselves caught in the swirl of a type of life which finally ends in economic and moral ruin. God has been gracious to our people in giv-

ing them not only more money but a spiritual enlightenment. He has poured out over us in an abounding measure the grace of giving.

A deadly malady will befall all such Christians who can live contentedly in selfish luxury while the building of God's holy Temple is neglected. To become "rich in God" by personally supporting the Lord's cause with our money contributions proportionate to our financial ability is an evident proof of God's blessing.

## United Effort

We have 38,312 members in our denominational family. The most of these could accomplish very little alone. Unitedly, however, they have done much in providing for our denominational needs. In this treasury of God many rich have cast in much, and the poor have also given their share. Today, as there in the temple courts of Jerusalem, the Lord himself appraises each contribution justly.

Although our denominational enterprise forms but a very small segment of God's work fields, it is, nevertheless, just this segment that he has assigned to us. Divided we become impotent, but with united effort we can do great things.

## Devotion to the Cause

Many families are bound together through a strong sense of family loyalty. As a General Conference group of 38,000 we are still numerically small

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# Wonderful Words of Life

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

"THE WORDS that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." God said: "Let there be . . . and there was . . ." If we as individual Christians, as churches, as a denomination are to experience the impact of the revitalizing power of the Holy Spirit, we must begin with God's Word.

These daily Bible readings, covering five weeks, are selected with a view to bring the message of the Bible to bear upon our spiritual condition to the end that our Christian life may become more virile. The reader will find a topic for each week and a subtopic for each day.

**Sept. 26, 1943 — Oct. 2, 1943**  
FIRST WEEK — THE LACK OF SPIRITUAL VITALITY

Revitalization presupposes life. A stone cannot be revitalized. We proceed from the assumption that there is still life left. A dead tree cannot be revitalized. The term, "spiritual death", does not connote hopelessness. So-called "dead" Christians may be quickened and restored to full activity by the power of God. The Bible gives us several pictures of the state of desolation of spiritual devitalization. Follow the readings through the week.

**SUNDAY, September 26**

*Spiritual Dryness*—Ezekiel 37:1-14.

Does that describe your condition? Is your church like a field of dry bones? Are your prayer meetings like that? "Can these dry bones live? O Lord God, thou knowest!" Take courage, faint heart! All life comes from God. Thou shalt live; thy church shall be revived.

**MONDAY, September 27**

*Spiritual Barrenness*—Isaiah 5:1-10.

In spite of God's care, there may be seasons of barrenness or a harvest of wild grapes. One of life's chief functions is reproduction. I found a stone recently which looked much like a potato. But what a vast difference! A stone cannot reproduce itself. But we have been chosen that we go and bring forth fruit. The fruit of a Christian is another Christian. It takes about 30 Christians a whole year to bring one soul to Christ. If it took 30 potatoes to produce one, no one would plant potatoes. Are we like the barren fig tree?

**TUESDAY, September 28**

*Lethargy Manifests the Lack of Spiritual Vitality*—Deut. 6:10-12.

According to Greek mythology, the dead drink from Lethe, the stream of

For 5 weeks in September and October all of our church members are asked to make use of these Bible readings on "Revitalization". Some ministers may want to base their prayer meeting talks on them. Young people's programs can be built around them. The second installment for October 10 to 30 will appear in the next issue.

Another leaflet on "Revitalization" entitled, "For This Cause", is now available. It will be sent in any quantity without charge upon request of Dr. William Kuhn, Forest Park, Illinois.

oblivion, before they pass into Elysium that they may forget all of earth's sorrows. It would seem that many of God's people drink of a "Lethe" which makes them forget God and all his benefits. They fall into a lethargy of morbid drowsiness. A good deacon dreamed that his pastor vainly tried to keep all the members awake by going from one to another and shaking them. But they slept on. Having forgotten the significance of the cross, many in Corinth were weak and sickly, and many were asleep.

**WEDNESDAY, September 29**

*Low Vitality is Shown by Indifference*  
Matt. 25:41-46

Low vitality may cause temporary blindness. The blind are unaware of their danger. They make light of the invitation to the wedding feast (Matt. 22:5); they do not know that they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked (Rev. 3:17); they are indifferent toward the flock (Ezek. 34:1-10); they pass by on the other side (Luke 10:31).

**THURSDAY, September 30**

*Low Vitality is Shown in Stunted Growth*—1. Cor. 3:1-9.

When our babies do not grow, we conclude there is something wrong with some glands. You have been a Christian 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years! What progress? Are you a virile Christian, or are you a weak, touchy, selfish, shriveled up little thing? Many Christians never get away from the milk bottle (Heb. 5:12).

**FRIDAY, October 1**

*Spiritual Pride Goes With Low Vitality*—Luke 18:9-14.

True humility is always found in a rich spiritual life. When a man knows he is nothing, he feels it necessary to puff himself up, as did Aesop's toad, to make himself as big as an ox. Jesus, that spiritual giant towering high above all the great among men, could say: "Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart."

**SATURDAY, October 2**

*Low Vitality is Spoken of as Spiritual Death*—Rev. 3:1-6.

Some are supposed to be rich, but they are poor; some are supposed to be in good health, but they are full of disease; some are supposed to be pure, but they are vile; some are supposed to be alive but they are dead! They merely have the name that they are alive.

**October 3 to 9, 1943**

SECOND WEEK — THE CAUSES OF LOW SPIRITUAL VITALITY

From the fact of low spiritual vitality we turn to an inquiry into its causes. They cannot all be stated here. Will the reader observe these suggestions and continue his own investigations.

**SUNDAY, October 3**

*The Lust of the Flesh*—1. John 2:15-17.

It is strange that the lust of the flesh found a place in the Garden of Eden! The lust of the flesh crowds out the life of the Spirit as does the proverbial camel who, once he gets his head into the tent, crowds out the owner.

**MONDAY, October 4**

*The Lure of the World*—Gen. 13:8-13.

The lure appeals to the lust—they are Siamese twins. Lot was lured by the plain which appeared like "a well watered garden of the Lord", and he pitched his tent toward Sodom. Pretending they had given all, Ananias and Sapphira gave only a part, with what disastrous results! (Acts 5:1-11.)

**TUESDAY, October 5**

*The Lack of Touch with God*  
Luke 15:11-24.

A broken wire carries no power, no light. A severed limb must die. An uprooted tree withers away. A soul separated from God can have no vitality of spirit. The father of the prodigal pronounces him to have been "dead" during those years of separation. Are you at home with God and alive?

**WEDNESDAY, October 6**

*The Law of Inertia*—Matt. 11:16-19.

Inertia is that property of matter which persists in its state of rest. Many church members resent being disturbed. They never want to try anything new, do anything different. They are good blockade runners for every venture the pastor suggests, long on criticism, short on cooperation.

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# Conferences Emphasize Revitalization

Reports from the Dakota Pastors' and Northwestern Conferences

## Dakota Conference Pastors' Convocation at Ashley Is a Time of Spiritual Refreshment

The Dakota Conference Pastors' Convocation, to lead off "The Revitalization of Our Churches" in the Dakota Conference, was held on Aug. 10 and 11 at the Ashley Baptist Church of Ashley, No. Dak. Under the fine leadership of Rev. W. J. Luebeck, pastor of the entertaining church, the meetings were opened on Tuesday evening.

The evening meetings were open to the public and were to be of special benefit to the entertaining church. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, one of the guest speakers at our convocation, brought a stirring and thought provoking message on the passage of Scripture Psalm 40:3 "He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God."

Dr. William Kuhn, our second guest speaker, led the pastors in "A Time of Spiritual Refreshment" in the Wednesday morning devotional. He refreshed our minds with that inspirational message on Acts 10 about Peter's prayer, vision and faith. Again in his second message, at the close of the morning session, Dr. Kuhn called our attention to Paul's prayer for the Ephesians according to Eph. 3:14ff. "This prayer is for a revitalization of the Ephesian church. Paul prays here for the spiritual strengthening, the revitalization, and development of all churches." On Wednesday evening Dr. Kuhn brought the closing message based on Romans 16:1-2, that our lives ought to be "as becometh saints".

During the convocation each member of the mission committee treated one of the subjects pertaining to revitalization. The Rev. J. C. Gunst spoke on the subject, "The Relation of Prayer to Revitalization." Prayer is more than a formal expression before God of one's inner desire or need. Prayer, in its deepest sense, is Christian life in action. The Rev. H. G. Braun treated the topic, "Practical Suggestions in Revitalization." To root out some of the hindrances, the sin in the church, which is a handicap, "a cleansing has to take place". The Rev. W. J. Luebeck brought a clear and concise message on "Our Part in Bringing About the Revitalization."

The Rev. G. W. Rutsch spoke on "Carrying the Revitalization Project Into Our Churches." The pastor must be enthusiastic himself about the project. This is a spiritual movement and the spirit of the Lord must have pre-eminence. The Rev. G. W. Pust chose his own subject and spoke on "The First Christian Revival" according to Acts 2. We need to get the spirit of revival into the membership of our churches. The apostolic revival was wonderfully attractive to win so many for the Lord.

The Rev. M. L. Leuschner led in a very helpful devotional in the afternoon on the striking thought of the chorus, "Break me, melt me, mould me,

fill me with Thy Spirit, for service." He again gave us a heart searching message at the close of the afternoon session on "The Harvest of Revitalized Churches and Individuals."

More than an hour was spent in sharing suggestions by the brother pastors present. Repeatedly it was mentioned that human efforts alone cannot bring about a revitalization. The task is too great for us, but with God's help we can do it. "Expect great things from God and receive them," one pastor said, Prayer was constantly emphasized. Much of the time was spent in prayer and meditation, but repeatedly it was stated that we must pray to the Father and pray for each other continually.

By unanimous consent it was decided that each pastor on each Sunday morning at eight o'clock, whenever possible, will give some time to prayer in his

## Northwestern Conference at North Freedom Emphasizes Spiritual Revitalization

The annual session of the Northwestern Conference, held at North Freedom, Wis., from Aug. 11 to 15, was, indeed, one of blessing and inspiration. The theme, "Is There Any Word From the Lord?", was most vigorously and affirmatively answered by the various speakers. Each speaker assured us of God's desire to reveal himself and his message in such a time as ours. The Rev. Alfred Bernadt assured us most positively that there is a "Word of Eternal Reality".

The Rev. Peter Peters spoke most vivaciously concerning the "Word of Eternal Presence". Ample scripture passages were given, thus proving the eternal presence of God. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner called our attention to the "Word of Eternal Living". The closing address in the series was brought in the form of a paper prepared by the Rev. Otto Brenner and read by the Rev. Paul Zoschke. This message called our attention to the "Word of Eternal Destiny".

The morning devotionals and prayer and praise services brought comfort and cheer to those attending. The evening services were well attended. The presence of God was keenly felt in our midst. The speakers, the Rev's. H. W. Wedel, Herman Lohr, Assaf Husmann and John Johnston, brought messages which were both encouraging and challenging.

The annual young people's banquet was held in a nearby Methodist Church. This occasion was enjoyed by young and old. Mr. Vernon Heckman, president of the young people's union, served as toastmaster. The Rev. John Walkup led in the singing of hymns and choruses. A challenging banquet message was brought by the Rev. Ray Schlader of Racine. The Rev. Assaf Husmann brought an appropriate message at the young people's service on

study or home for "the revitalization of our churches", to pray for all pastors, our general workers, seminary, missionaries, and all other branches of our denominational enterprise.

We are grateful to the Ashley Church for their invitation and their generous hospitality in providing free lodging and all meals throughout the convocation. We enjoyed this congenial Christian fellowship. The mission offer on Wednesday evening amounted to \$30.84.

God has been in our midst during the convocation. All of us, to be sure, have gained not only in perspective for the revitalization now in progress, but have experienced to a large extent what it can mean to our churches when it is carried out in our local fields as guided by the Holy Spirit and according to the needs of each church.

J. C. GUNST, Reporter.

Sunday afternoon on the theme, "On Fire for the Lord".

The Seminary was represented by Prof. Albert Bretschneider. Mr. Bretschneider gave an encouraging and hopeful picture of the Seminary. The missionary address was brought by the president of the Seminary on Sunday morning. The fine address undoubtedly accounts for the splendid missionary offering of \$200.00.

The beautiful Service Flag called our attention to the 510 young people of the Northwestern Conference serving in our Armed Forces. Two men of our conference have given their lives for their country. This flag was dedicated in a most impressive service on Friday evening.

The church letters revealed a most encouraging report of each local parish. Reported in these letters were the following: increase in membership, improvements of church property, increase in pastor's salary, and expansion of missionary outlook.

The conference showed a very vital interest in the denominational revitalization program. This was made specific by aiming at a ten per cent increase or improvement of all church work and life, including attendance, giving, Bible reading, prayer and membership. The following officers were elected: Rev. Alfred Bernadt, moderator; Rev. John Walkup, statistical clerk; and Rev. August Lutz, secretary.

Our appreciation is expressed to the Rev. C. Fred Lehr, conference moderator, for his excellent leadership; to the general workers, Prof. Albert Bretschneider and Rev. Assaf Husmann, for their fine contribution; to the Rev. Ralph Rott, pastor of the host church, for entertaining the conference; to members and friends of the North Freedom Church for their friendliness and hospitality; and to all others who helped in making the conference a spiritual revitalization.

FRANK VENINGA, Reporter.

## WORDS OF LIFE

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"The nobles put not their necks to the work of the Lord" (Neh. 3:5). Meroz is cursed because of inertia (Judges 5:23).

THURSDAY, October 7

*The Love of Ease*—Amos 6:1-6.

Do we love ease so much that we can think of heaven only in terms of eternal rest? Ease does not revitalize. The hardness of Japanese soldiers is the result of centuries of hardship. Toughening is the first objective of training in our armed forces. An Oriental missionary pronounced our easy Christian life "a noonday nap". Some stiff persecution might put vitality into our Christian life.

FRIDAY, October 8

*The Loss of the Locks*—Judges 16:4-21

The great giant, Samson, who had been a Nazarite unto the Lord from his birth, divulged the secret of his strength, was shorn of his locks and became a spectacle of saddest devitalization.

SATURDAY, October 9

*The Load of Care*—Matt. 6:19-34.

Not many people work themselves to death; many worry themselves sick; some worry themselves to death. Worry is always devitalizing. "The care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word and it becomes unfruitful." Worry and vitality do not go together.

## WE WON THIS HEIGHT

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enough to foster this family loyalty effectively. This spirit of intimate Christian fellowship is one of the most attractive features at every conference or denominational gathering.

It is cause for sincere joy to see this spirit of devotion so strongly developed in our young people. One reason for this may be that their parents and grandparents and, in some cases, even their great-grandparents, have been members of our churches. It is our sacred duty to guard and strengthen this devotion to the cause as our priceless heritage.

## Effective Promotion

We are living in a day of spectacular, intensified and multiform advertising in every sphere of life. We cannot afford to lag behind in our promotional effort. Reviewing the promotional efforts made about 45 years ago will convince anyone of the remarkable progress we have made since then. Without an adequate promotion, we could never carry on successfully.

Although it is not possible to enumerate all who are engaged in this promotional effort, some of the most prominent promoters can be named. As this noble company marches before us, we notice that "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" are near the front. Then come our denominational secretaries who are commissioned to keep our membership informed and enthused. On our summer visitation tours our conferences are visited by the general workers, including the seminary professors.

The monthly denominational News Letters now being sent to 2000 persons, are to be included in the list of effective promoters. The appointing of special days, like Bible Day, Children's Day, Harvest and Mission Festival, Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week, Publication Day, and, last but not least, our annual Easter

Offering, these all have proved themselves to be most effective promotional agencies. We would not forget to mention those many pastors who with enthusiasm and understanding acquaint their own congregations with our denominational projects.

## Appealing Projects

We consider ourselves most fortunate in having a number of worthy projects which through the years and decades of our history have won the confidence of all. Our Seminary at Rochester, our Publication Society in Cleveland, our Children's Home in St. Joseph, our general missionary enterprise, and our National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union are all fundamental and essential to the upbuilding of our enterprise.

Because of their interest and devotion to our foreign mission work, our young people have developed, so that today we consider them influential and powerful missionary helpers. As groups they have voluntarily assumed the responsibility of supporting big missionary projects, and they have also met their obligations.

Our Centenary Offering has proved exceedingly attractive to many of our young people in this respect, and we already have evidences that our Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies will make a strong appeal to them.

A striking illustration is often a convincing argument. Years ago our Hurnville Baptist Church near Henrietta, Texas, built its commodious brick church. In order to complete that project, the church borrowed \$2,000 from the General Missionary Society. During the following years of depression the church could make no repayments on their loan. With the coming of their new pastor, the Rev. J. K. Warkentin, new interest was aroused.

On the occasion of a visit by the Missionary Secretary, the pastor after

## VITAL YOUTH

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Christian youth faces a grave responsibility.

The following quotation may be used as a yardstick to determine the depth of your love for Christ and His cause:

"A CHRISTIAN IS:  
A mind through which Christ thinks,  
A heart through which Christ lives,  
A voice through which Christ speaks,  
A hand through which Christ helps."

According to that definition, are you a really vital Christian? If you are, you will enthusiastically join with young people in all of our churches in a concerted effort to "press toward the mark" in a revitalized determination to go "FORWARD WITH CHRIST!"

a gracious introduction, said that the church had prepared a little surprise for Brother Kuhn. Then with beaming countenance the pastor drew from his coat pocket a leather money pouch containing more than \$700 as the first payment on that old church debt. In the following months sufficient money was sent to the office to complete the first \$1,000 as repayment on the debt.

On that closing Sunday morning of this year's Southern Conference session, which was being entertained by the Hurnville Church, the pastor again, with a countenance beaming with joy, handed the Missionary Secretary a check for another \$1,000, completing the repayment in full. It is true beyond doubt that the success in securing that first payment of \$700 encouraged the Hurnville church to complete that project by paying the last \$1,000. Success always has the same effect; it encourages to undertake mightier works.

## Higher Heights

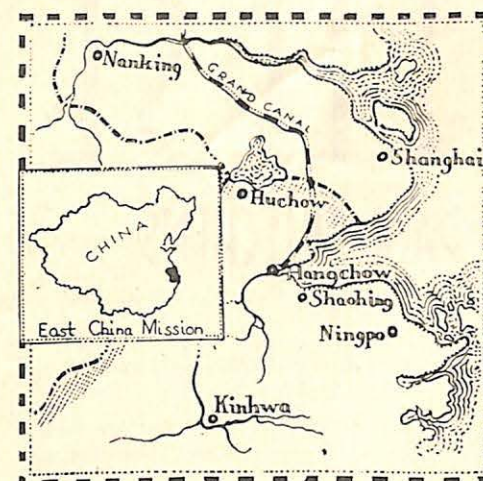
At the completion of the first century of our history, in all humility but with boldness of faith we would declare that we have lost none of our enthusiasm to carry on in the Lord's work. With the eighty year old Caleb, we would request of the Lord to give to us some big assignments. Without premeditation on the part of anyone, we have committed ourselves to pray and work for the revitalization of our churches in this our Century Jubilee Year.

As we cross the threshold into the new century, we can see higher heights beckoning us onward and upward. We will never win those higher heights without strenuous effort on our part. We must pay the price of careful planning, unflinching persistence, cheerful sacrificing and loyal cooperation on the part of many. Only as we prove ourselves to be faithful stewards of the Lord, can we at some future Jubilee festival join in harmonious accord and sing "the Hallelujah Chorus" for the victories granted us.

A Missionary Refugee  
in China

The Thrilling Story of MISS ESTHER SALZMAN  
of Kankakee, Illinois,

a Baptist Missionary at Kiangshan, Chekiang, East China



NEVER expected to spend a summer roaming over parts of China, but for the last nine months I've been a refugee, getting well acquainted with some of the roads in Chekiang, Kiangsi and Fukien provinces. The actual mileage covered has not been great. It is about three hundred and fifty miles from Kinkwa, Chekiang Province, to Nanking, Fukien Province, but with the exception of a few hours' truck ride, the mode of travel was slow enough to give time to enjoy the scenery.

## A Roaming Refugee

I think I'll never forget May 21, 1942, the day when we four Baptist foreigners felt as though we were caught in a trap in Kinkwa, since it seemed impossible to get any means of transportation out of the city. We were fully prepared to walk out early the next morning, taking with us a very limited amount of possessions and hoping to go fast enough to keep ahead of the Japanese, when in answer to prayer we were told a boat was waiting for us. It was a dark night as we went through the empty streets, around barbed-wire barricades, being frequently stopped by soldiers asking who we were.

The boat was small and leaked both top and bottom, but within five days it carried us to Kiangshan. The China Inland Mission friends here were already packed and two days later our party—now eight foreigners and equal number of Chinese—were able to hire a truck which took us to Kuangfeng-Kiangsi. It took us two hours to make that distance, but since the weather man gave us the protection of a heavy rain every one and everything became well soaked. Every one was well enough acquainted with other types of "drops" from above not to care.

## Moving Difficulties

After ten days in Kuangfeng, it became evident we would have to move on. Getting boats or a truck was out of the question although we had invested over four thousand dollars for

thirty gallons of gasoline. The party, now twelve foreigners, walked to Wu Tu, a small town twelve miles south. The city official had commandeered coolies for us, so all things were carried to this small place. Only four more days and again the front lines were catching up with us, so another move was necessary. This time not even coolies were available, so all repacked and started out with almost less than necessities. My precious typewriter stayed behind. The three days it took for us to get to Pucheng, Fukien, were the climax,—planes overhead, retreating soldiers all around, no food to be bought, and weather too warm for comfort.

Gradually the various members of the party were able to get rides on passing trucks. We were thankful for a ride on top of a truck full of hand grenades, until the sun came up and brought with it the possibility of planes. Finally we reached Pucheng and the gracious welcome of the two Church of England lady missionaries. We made number thirteen, fourteen and fifteen of the household, but they had plenty of boards and horses for beds, and did everything possible for our comfort. Later two more refugees joined the group and, as our hostess said, we had a summer conference, with serious moments, but plenty of time for recreation.

## Bicycle Adventures

The middle of October Miss Barham and I started back for Kiangshan. Funds were available for relief work in Chekiang Province if only someone would take care of the work, so we felt led to come back at this time, although many others thought it was a bit early to return.

Up to Pucheng it was possible to come by bus, but after that the roads were still torn up, so we came with bicycles. I won't say, riding bicycles, for at least half of the way our arm rather than leg muscles were exercised. Large holes had been made across the road by retreating Chinese, so we would hardly get on our bike

until another pit or broken bridge would be ahead of us.

Sometimes there was a narrow path on one side we could use to walk on while carrying our bicycles into the holes and then lift them up on the other side. You see it is impossible to walk along the side of the roads in the fields, for most of the fields are much lower than the roads, or the roads are built along the mountain side with mountain on one side and a deep precipice on the other.

## Villages in Ruins

Our worldly goods amounted to about one hundred pounds each. Military leaders in various places were good enough to us to send some of their men as coolies to carry our baggage. It took us four days to travel eighty miles from Pucheng to Kiangshan. It was four days of going through country which showed the effect of the invasion. We saw very few houses which had not been bombed or burnt. Village after village was a mass of ruins. Practically every one we met had the same story to tell—home destroyed, very little clothing or bedding, and rice crop very poor.

Kiangshan itself had suffered badly. The entire business section was burnt out. Many of the remaining houses had large holes made in the walls. The China Inland Mission house was at least a shelter for us. Many of the partitions between rooms had been taken down and numerous holes had been made in the walls until we felt as though we were in an open-air sanatorium. It took a few weeks to get settled. We even built a stove with an oven, using stone and plaster, as it was impossible to get a mason.

## Pitiful Human Suffering

Since the end of November we have been busy with relief work. We literally have been mobbed by the number wanting help,—folks without homes, no rice, no winter clothes or bedding. Many times they have come saying half or more of their family have been

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# ECLIPSE

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

## SYNOPSIS

The engagement of Mildred Handel to Clem Lindeman was broken shortly before they were to be married because of his scorn for her religious convictions. She fled for peace of mind to the mountain camp of which Terry Nealle, a former suitor of hers, and his mother were in charge. Clem followed her there and a fight between the two men ensued. In the hospital Clem came to his senses and had a profound religious experience. Mildred was very happy about his conversion, but Terry in his blinding jealousy was still in eclipse. And now Clem was going to give the story of his conversion from atheism to Christ on Sunday morning at the Community Church. Before that event Silent Oss, an old friend of the family, made an agonizing confession to Terry that a bullet from his gun had accidentally killed Nealle, Terry's father, at a rodeo. With a shrieking voice he revealed the Gethsemane in his soul by shouting: "Lost! Lost! LOST!"

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

It was a terrible confession the old man had made—and a strange dream that he had dreamed. One, a skeleton in the closet of the past—the other a weird prophecy of the future. There was already war in Europe, and there were ominous rumblings in the Pacific—but thus far only rumblings. Only rumors of war.

There was, however, another war raging within Terry's mind this Sunday morning as he sat with Nurse Marvel, Mildred, Lem and the pastor of the Community church on the high school stage, where on other occasions he had stood to deliver an amateurish oration, where, acting a part, he had played in a number of school dramas.

In the audience, fifth row back, center section, sat Terry's own mother—

his new mother, happy in her restored fellowship with Christ. He must keep her so. He dared not tell her the gruesome story which Silent Oss had told him only yesterday. In the meantime, Terry had wondered if it were fact or fancy. Only Dr. Mansfield would know.

On the left of his mother was Silent Oss himself, his eyes watching the platform hungrily. There also, were Clem's mother, Mary Helene Lindeman and the shaggy-browed Englebrad.

The congregation was singing now—standing and singing Old Hundred—  
"Praise God from whom all blessings flow—"

And now the pastor was praying and saying, "We thank Thee, Oh Heavenly Father, for the continuous outflow of Thy blessings—flowing from calvary—via calvary, through the wounds of Thy Beloved Son, our Savior—"

There were many children present, Terry noticed, and to them a little later Nurse Marvel spoke, illustrating by a new and popular visualaid, the flannelgraph, a familiar Bible story, making the characters leap into vibrant life in the minds of the listeners.

Introducing the various participants in the service was no new thing to Terry. He had been director of the "Y" Gospel Team back at Shandon. It was difficult today only because of the emotional storm which raged within. Almost, Mildred's throbbing solo lost its loveliness as she sang:

"Hear the Lord of Harvest sweetly calling,

"Who will go and work for Me today?  
Who will go and seek the lost and dying?  
Who will point them to the narrow way?"  
"Speak, my Lord, speak my Lord,  
Speak and I'll be quick to answer  
Thee . . ."

Even while he listened, looking up at the rich raven-wing hair of the girl who stood before him, singing as only he knew she could sing—lovely little canyon wren—he knew that he was hearing again the Voice of the Lord of Harvest. Like Saul of Tarsus of whom Clem was soon to speak, he was replying in the voice of surrender, "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?"

If only he could say with the voice of true Faith, "I can do all things through Christ Who strengtheneth me." He knew he could only bear his heavy burden as he was given grace.

It seemed to him suddenly that he wanted to pray, to go alone somewhere with His God, and cry out his loneliness, and seek strength to live through the tragedy of the afternoon just ahead.

Clem introduced, he stepped back, moved silently across back stage to the right wing and down the steps to a side-door exit where he stopped, for at that moment he heard his own name. Clem was saying in his strong, always commanding platform voice:

"It is to my friend, Terry Nealle, first of all,—his unflinching testimony to the reality of Christ,—that I owe my conversion. How many times I have heard him speak fearlessly of what it means to know Christ. And many is the time his exemplary life has rebuked mine—like a light revealing the hidden things of darkness.

"I think if I had found one major flow in his life, I should have welcomed it in those days back in college, for it would have afforded me an excuse . . .

"And to one other—a Christian nurse here in your beautiful hospital. She it was who told me of the power of Christ to save, and demonstrated by her own Spirit-filled life His very presence . . .

"And finally, and perhaps first of all, to my own mother, who is here this morning, and who through the years, has suffered a broken heart because of

my skepticism, which was only atheism in disguise . . ."

Terry, standing behind a potted palm in a scene in the stage wing, was unnoticed. He was ashamed, bitterly, that he had not always lived as Clem evidently believed he had. He looked now to Mildred in an easy chair on the stage just beyond Clem. Her dark eyes were rivetted to Clem's face, her own face alight, beatific almost . . .

"For years," Clem's testimony continued, "I tried to run away from God Whose existence I denied, but Whose presence continued to follow me and to demand recognition and surrender. It was only two weeks ago that the climax in my conviction was reached. I did not understand it at the time. I only knew I was ashamed of myself, that I was like Jonah, trying to run away from God—yes, and from His call to serve Him. That night also, I had heard a forceful, piercing sermon by a minister who dared to speak the truth. Other things entered in to make me miserable. I was lonely, disappointed, disillusioned, trying to find something in the world to satisfy. I drove out into the country to a popular dance pavilion, thinking perhaps that there I could throw off my despondency. Had anyone tried to talk to me of Christ at that moment I would have denied the very existence of God, Who Himself was making me so restless.

"But our God was on my trail. My own mother had arrived in town a half hour earlier, and not finding me at the hotel where I had been staying, had hired a cab to take her to that very dance pavilion, knowing that I often frequented such places, even on Sunday nights.

"We met out there under the stars. Mother and I, and we had a stormy scene for awhile, for which I was wholly to blame. Then, as we were standing in the shadows, suddenly I heard the strains of an old hymn, one of mother's favorites, coming from a car radio near by—

"To him that o'er cometh, God giveth a crown;

Through faith we shall conquer,  
though often cast down . . ."

"The song angered me, and I shouted, 'Somebody's antiquated around here . . .!' Blurting it out that way gave me a moment of self-inflation, and I felt relief, until a second later I heard somebody else who was as heathen as was I, exclaim, 'Who wants a crown anyway? I'd rather have a new hat!'

"That did anger me, but in another way. I saw myself in the class of the scornful. I laughed to hide my embarrassment, and then all of a sudden, Mother turned to me, and in desperation threw her arms around my neck and sobbed, and begged me to turn to Christ."

Terry, standing in the wing, listening, spellbound as always when Clem

## NEW SERIAL STORY

The last installment of the current serial story, ECLIPSE, will appear in the next issue. Announcement will be made at that time about the new story which will start soon in "The Baptist Herald".

It will be a modern, thrilling Christian story which will delight the heart of every "Baptist Herald" reader.

EDITOR.

spoke, peculiarly moved by the story, saw Mildred take a startled breath, clasp her handkerchief to her lips, dab furtively at her eyes, and then sit as one in a trance throughout the rest of the service . . .

The story of his conversion finished, Clem gave his own specially-prepared and memorized message, the story of the arrest and regeneration of Saul of Tarsus . . . Never had Terry heard such eloquence, such pathos, such a dynamic presentation . . . He forgot for the first few moments that he was listening to his rival, and was carried along with the others, as Clem said . . .

"The blind young man stumbled falteringly along the center avenue of the Damascus highway, the street called straight. On either side of him in the second and third avenues, heavy traffic moved—toward the eastern gate and toward the west. He could hear the creak and groan of wooden-wheeled ox carts, the shuffling of camels' hoofs, the swish of the tasselled garments of the companions who led him, the scrape and clatter of wooden and leather-soled sandals on the pavement.

"He had been smitten blind in a lightning flash of time, by a light that was phenomenal, terrific in its intensity, brighter than the noonday sun which even now beat down upon him as he walked, led by the hand . . ."

Terry's thoughts for a moment flashed to Silent Oss. What was this queer individual thinking as he listened—he who believed he was doomed to a life of chastening, who dreamed queer dreams of a war with Japan? He who seemed to have taken a passionate fancy to Clem? What was he thinking now as he listened to the words—

"One moment Saul had been a man of vengeance, and, a moment later, a subdued and broken man, smitten by a glimpse of him whom he had believed dead . . . Smitten also by the words which that Man had spoken, 'Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?'

"ME!" Clem uttered the word with tremendous pathos, as if he himself were the bewildered Saul of Tarsus, thinking almost convulsively of the strange thing that was happening to him . . .

"ME! Was the Man Jesus not only alive but had he so identified Himself with His disciples that He was one with them? Did He feel every heart throb of the pain of those who all over Palestine were suffering in His name?"

"Such a voice! It had been a voice of love that had spoken to him yonder

at the city gates. He spoke to me, his enemy, in a voice of love! My bitter hatred clashed head-on with His love, and I fell, crushed under its power! Crushed, but also made whole . . . Crucified . . . nevertheless, I live . . ."

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The fiery, dramatic message rolled on like a mighty war machine, crushing before it all the doubt and bitterness in Terry's mind, compelling him to believe—not only in the direct intervention of the God of heaven in the affairs of men, in the verity of Christ's resurrection and present active influence in the work of the Kingdom, but also in Clement Lindeman's regeneration. It was, beyond doubt, a phenomenon of Christianity.

The message showed careful preparation, not only as to content, but as to delivery, yet it was not a mere drama—not the acting of a part. Terry felt that the speaker was feeling tremendously every emotion he expressed, believing every verity he proclaimed . . .

All this Terry thought while he listened to the detailed recital of the stoning of Stephen, the church's first martyr, as Clem imagined it to have been re-enacted in the mind of Saul who had not only seen it but had consented to it—all this, Clem had learned through hours of hard study yonder in the old attic of the ranch house, mining among Father's books, and in the Bible itself. Clem had been studying not only the Bridge, but he had studied also the avenues approaching it. Terry saw now, with Saul, "lying at his feet the little pile of varicolored mantles of the witnesses and of the mob while they stoned the helpless Stephen into eternity. He heard the frenzied screams, the bedlam of voices that was like the rushing roar of a cyclonic wind (like the rush and roar of the canyon river when after a cloudburst, a mighty wall of water thundered down from the mountains above) while the thoughts of the mob went mad with thirst for blood . . . It was a horrible thing that he, the sheriff, had consented to, thinking he was doing God service . . . Stephen's death had been terrible, yet strangely beautiful in spite of its terror . . .

"Stripped of mantle and tunic, with only a cloth about his loins, his youthful muscles brown and strong, his face like the face of an angel, Stephen's death had been . . . Victorious!"

On and on went Clem's dynamic voice, now like lightning, now like thunder, now singing like the rippling of the Solitude rivulet, now swiftly rising to a climax which Terry knew would carry his audience with him to that climax . . .

" . . . With a vicious shove, the first witness pushed the man from the ten-foot-scaffold, while the second witness held aloft a huge stone, waiting only until the body struck the earth before hurling it. The stone crashed against the man's chest, and then, like bedlam

released, the mob finished the gruesome task. Great jagged-edged boulders fell mercilessly against naked flesh. There was a breaking of bones, the spurting of blood as veins and arteries were torn open. Stones and more stones, falling like hail from the hands of the delirious crowd—the very dregs of humanity—shouting, jostling, with livid faces and wild eyes . . .”

For a moment, the young man, standing in the wing, seemed to feel that he himself was Saul of Tarsus, standing and giving consent to the death of Stephen—standing, standing. How long had he been standing idle—all these many months, moping, living within himself, while the powers of the world and Satan killed and crushed the life of the visible church. Dreaming! He had been too much of a dreamer. Dreams were either good or bad for a man. His boyhood dream of becoming a famous football star had come true. But his dream had not reached far enough. He should have considered—“After football stardom, What?” A man could not live on football glory alone.

And having lost Mildred, he had dreamed, and moped, stood idly while men were dying—men who needed Christ. He had dreamed of getting even with Clem, for having taken his love away . . . Such dreaming was harmful.

Stephen had said at the close of his final sermon—“I see heaven opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

Christ in heaven, standing, waiting to receive His first martyr of the church. And Stephen, dying, had said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

Terry's hand was on the knob of the side-door exit when the address was finished. Never in all his life had he been so deeply stirred. He had followed Saul all the way into the city, suffering with him during the three days of his blindness—while the eyes of his soul were being opened, while he was thinking on the Heavenly Vision, and having his whole life reshaped, his loves and hates reversed—while the fire and passion of soul-winning was beginning to burn with fierce intensity.

Ashamed, knowing that all his spiritual darkness had come upon him because he, Terry, had neglected to let his light shine, Terry resolved now to live one hundred percent for Christ.

No, he could never be like Paul—that would be Clem's task, and others who were so gifted, but he could be like Andrew, the quiet disciple, who had won his brother, Peter, to Jesus. No matter what might be his vocation in life—no matter what he might do to make a livelihood, there should be one thing paramount, and that, to be a witness—to be an Andrew looking for a brother; a Stephen, dying in order to win a Saul . . .

Tomorrow afternoon, there would be a double wedding. He would of course,

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killed the past summer. Some of the people we have taken on as workers. A group of women are busy making clothes, men are cleaning up the streets, and our group of orphans, ten in number, are gathering grass from the hillside to be used as firing in the rice kitchen. How I wish you could see the line-up for rice! There are around sixty folks who come twice a day with their bowls and chop-sticks. We offer them no such convenience as table and bench, but they are too busy eating to miss them.

Mornings I have a little clinic, because of the lack of material or equipment it hardly deserves that name. My three primary medicines are: tea oil for tropical ulcers; quinine for ma-

He was invited to go—he would be asked to be best man. And he would stand on the left . . .

He would stand on the left of the groom . . .

Terry thrust open the side-door, stepped out into the cool mountain air, circled the auditorium to the back, stood alone looking out across the football field, on which, years ago as a high-school student he had first played the game—and where, winning high acclaim, he had been fired with ambition to attain still higher—to fulfill the dream of his boyhood.

The old gridiron today was dotted here and there with wild flowers. He stooped, picked a hairy-stemmed alpine anemone. At his touch, the white petals dropped away, and he held in his hand only a broad head of clustered achenes—dry and only awaiting further ripening, to also fall or be blown away, bearing seed for reproduction. Dandelions, too, he thought, were propagated in the same way. Each tiny achene would detach itself from its cluster, and be borne away to fall into the ground and die, and later bring forth fruit.

The ground where he now stood, in the shadow of the tall wall of the auditorium, was sprinkled with the white anemone petals . . . The flower dying, to give place to the seed—the seed dying, to rise again in glory. “No sacrifice is too great to make . . .”

To win a football game? To win a soul? . . .

He seemed to know then that Mildred was coming. He heard her step behind him, heard the rustle of her dress—saw her in his mind's eye—her dark hair as black as the black achenes in his hand—a velvety blackness with overtones of purple—almost.

He turned then, to look into her happy dark eyes, with misery in his own—in his one. He hated himself for not being able to rise above his handicap.

laria; and sulphur for scabies. So many of the people are undernourished they have no resistance or building-up power. I usually have from thirty to fifty people in a morning. A few have come to realize that their spiritual needs as well as their physical needs are being cared for.

There are rumors frequently about advances. That is one reason I have not wanted to replace some things which were lost, for it may be necessary to move again this spring. Will you please continue to remember the work in prayer. I often wonder what conditions are like at home, but I know our Father can give you the same protection and joy He is showering upon us.

She was a bit out of breath, he thought, and her cheeks were flushed, her eyes saying—saying what? He could not understand what they were saying.

Her voice was low and filled with emotion, “I saw you, standing behind the palm,” she told him, “and when you slipped out, I—I followed you. There's something I want you to know, Terry, something wonderful.” She paused, then reached out her hand for the petal-less anemone, which he let her take. He was pained and thrilled and troubled at the touch of her hand as she inadvertently pressed his.

“Something wonderful?” He heard his voice as if it came from another. Its sound was strange like the hungry wail of a wolf, crying across the mountains to a mate who would never answer.

“Very wonderful. I—you know there is to be a—was to have been a double wedding, two weeks ago in Claytonville—?”

His own thoughts interrupted her words, as he groaned, and she stopped abruptly. She was going to ask him to be—worst man! To die to self, to make any sacrifice, to drop his snow-white hopes forever, that the gospel seed might be carried . . .

In the auditorium the benediction had been pronounced, and people were streaming out the main exit—and some out the side. A young man moved hurriedly across the football field, engrossed in his own thoughts. He stopped to light a match, held it cupped in his hands, tossed it away, walked on enveloped in a cloud of smoke . . . Hope, a white sepal falling . . . Hope, a tiny light cupped within the hands of fate—soon to be tossed away forever . . .

Mildred interrupted Terry's meditation—“Here,” she asked, gesturing toward the gridiron, “is where you used to play?”

(To be continued)

**REPORTS FROM THE FIELD**

**SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Missionary Message and Baptismal Service for the Mt. Zion Baptist Church**

On Sunday, Aug. 1, the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kans., had the pleasure of having the Rev. and Mrs. M. Talbert, missionaries among the Mexicans at Laredo, Texas, as their guests. Mr. Talbert brought the morning message, and in the evening both Mr. and Mrs. Talbert told of their work among the Mexicans.

On Monday evening, Aug. 9, just after sunset, we had the privilege of baptizing two Sunday School pupils, a girl and a boy. The baptismal service took place in the beautiful Lyons Creek. The clear, flowing water of the stream, the green grass, the mighty oak trees, and the hushed stillness of evening created a worshipful atmosphere. Immediately after this service, our pastor, the Rev. J. J. Reimer, extended the hand of fellowship to the two young people.

MRS. WM. BRENNER, Reporter.

**Tent Revival Meetings Are Held in Ellinwood, Kansas, by the Baptist Church**

The First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kans., conducted revival meetings from Aug. 1 to 13. The meetings were held in a tent located near the heart of the business district of Ellinwood. This was a new venture on the part of the church.

Although the meetings came during a busy season of the year, the attendance was far better than many had expected. We had the privilege of bringing the Gospel message to people who would never have attended a meeting within a church building. From night to night we were privileged to hear soul-stirring messages as brought to us by the blind evangelist, the Rev. Bob Means. The music for these services was under the direction of Mr. Milo Haynes and his wife, members of our church now studying at the Northwestern Bible School.

The appreciation of the church for the efforts of these workers was manifested by the love offerings of \$220.00 to Mr. Means, and \$75.00 for Mr. Haynes and his wife. We rejoiced over the souls saved and those coming to join the church by letter.

HAROLD EKRU, Pastor.

**Baptismal Service and Vacation Bible School at the Bethany Church of Kansas**

Again, on Sunday, Aug. 15, a baptismal service was held in the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas, at which the Rev. J. H. Kornelsen, baptized three persons and received one other by confession. It will be of interest that two of those baptized were the Rev. and Mrs. Loren Harrington, pastor and wife of a neighbor-



Vacation Bible School Group at New Leipzig, North Dakota

ing Methodist Church. They are now members here at the Bethany Baptist Church. Mr. Harrington has several invitations to preach in nearby vacant Baptist pulpits. He is awaiting the leading of the Holy Spirit as he is visiting these churches. The Bethany Church thinks highly of the sermon he preached on the morning he was baptized. He is twenty-two, and his wife twenty years of age. They are both fine young people.

Our Vacation Bible School came to a close on Aug. 20, having run two weeks. The teaching staff included Ruth Schulz, Ellamary Schulz, Irene Hanneman, Lucille Wirth, Violet Stussy, and Margaret Will, who was also the registrar.

The church also delightfully surprised its pastor and wife on their 15th wedding anniversary on August 18. There was a crystal shower and luncheon in connection with the surprise.

J. H. KORNELSEN, Pastor.

**DAKOTA CONFERENCE**

**Young People's Rally for the Northern North Dakota Association at McClusky, N. D.**

Sunday, Aug. 8, was another red letter day for the members of the Northern North Dakota Young People's Association. The rally held on that day in McClusky, No. Dak., was to compensate in a small measure for the absence of our regular summer assembly, which had to be cancelled.

The theme of our rally was “Revive Thy Work, O Lord”. Our guest speaker was the Rev. Theo. Dons of Forest Park, Ill., who gave us three inspiring messages. The Rev. Karl Gieser of Bismarck and Mr. Wehr of Anamoose were the speakers at the Sunday School session. Special musical numbers were rendered by the McClusky, Lincoln Valley and Turtle Lake societies.

The presentation of awards to the winning societies was made during the afternoon session. The McClusky society again received the banner and also the library award. The mission awards were both given to the Bismarck society.

At the council meeting plans were made for our Fall rally and the assembly to be held next year. It was also decided that all offerings during the day should be designated for “the Bender Memorial Trek”.

We lived upon spiritual heights for another day, and so we reluctantly turned our steps homeward.

CAROLINE BARBIE, Reporter.

**The Young People's Society of New Leipzig, North Dakota, Is Reorganized**

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church of New Leipzig, No. Dak., was recently reorganized. We elected the following officers to serve us during the year: Rose Iblings, president; Amanda Auch, vice-president; Adeline Kallis, secretary; Teofil Auch, treasurer; Anna Ruff, pianist.

On the third Sunday of every month we hold our regular meetings. We have 37 members on the roll. They are all loyal to the society, and active in their work for the Lord. We have sponsored a “Bible Contest”, so that each member could have a chance to take part.

Our pastor, the Rev. David Littke, has been a great blessing to us by bringing to us his messages of inspiration. ADELINE KALLIS, Secretary.

**Evangelistic Spirit in the Vacation Bible School Held at New Leipzig, North Dakota**

God's rich promise to do “exceeding abundantly above” was fulfilled in a blessed way in answer to earnest prayers concerning the Vacation Bible School conducted in the Baptist Church in New Leipzig, No. Dak., early in July.

Even though the Sunday School department is small, there were 45 pupils enrolled with good attendance. Miss Alma Iblings, Mrs. Willard Iblings, and Ruben Schram were in charge of the school. The first Bible School held in this church was in 1942, the enrollment almost doubling this second year.

The most interesting and effective feature of the whole school was the discussions carried on in the Junior-Intermediate class of 19 pupils concerning the vital subject of salvation. The teachers were overjoyed when one afternoon six of this class came to them, put down their handwork and said, “We want to be saved and give our hearts to Jesus before we go home for supper. Won't you show us how?” More earnestness is seldom seen even in old-fashioned revivals, and their hearts were truly melted and tears shed in penitence and love for Jesus now that they knew and had found “the Way”.

At a fireside meeting after an evening picnic and treasure hunt, nine children raised their hands, expressing a desire to give their hearts to Jesus. What a joy to tell boys and girls of Jesus when their hearts are so eager to yield!

ALMA IBLINGS, Reporter.

Ministers' Retreat of Central Dakota Association Is Held at Wishek, North Dakota

The annual Ministers' Retreat of the Central North Dakota Association took place this year on July 27th at Wishek, No. Dak. Nearly all the ministers and their families were able to attend this gathering for inspiration and fellowship.

We assembled at the local parsonage in the morning. Later we went to the church for a devotional period, which was conducted by one of the pastors. At noon a picnic dinner was enjoyed at the city park.

We are very thankful to our heavenly Father for enabling us as pastors and our families to have this grand day of fellowship.

MARTIN DE BOER, Reporter.

Baptism of 23 Persons by the Turtle Lake and Tabor Churches and Alta Station

Sunday, July 18, was a day of rejoicing for Turtle Lake and Tabor churches and the Station Alta of North Dakota. On that memorable day 23 persons were baptized on the confession of their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

At 2:00 P. M. a large crowd was gathered at Brush Lake, where the baptismal service took place. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler from Goodrich, our guest speaker, preached in the English language.

In the Tabor church we extended the hand of fellowship to the seven new

members on Sunday, July 25, in connection with the Lord's Supper. Each new member received a booklet, "What Saith the Scripture" about salvation, baptism, communion and giving.

The Rev. F. W. Bartel, our Dakota Conference evangelist, conducted revival meetings in Turtle Lake and Tabor last winter and spring, and through his sincere effort most of these persons were won for Christ.

Since July the Rev. E. Broeckel serves our Alta station on two Sundays each month. This gives the station more regular services and greater opportunities to develop its mission possibilities.

MRS. AUG. ROSNER, Reporter.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

The Lyndock Baptist Church of Ontario Surprises the Rev. and Mrs. J. Kuehn

Although the Rev. and Mrs. John Kuehn have been serving the Lyndock Baptist Church near Cormac, Ont., since the middle of May, on Tuesday evening, Aug. 10, the members and friends gathered in secret to hold a surprise reception for their pastor and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kuehl asked the couple to go for a car ride to an unknown destination. Near the church Mr. Kuehn was asked to turn into the church grounds where he found many cars parked.

Mrs. Herman Kuehl was in charge of the program that followed. All phases of the church took part in this program, and several envelopes were handed to them containing gifts of money. The "Candle Class" presented them with a plaque.

MRS. LEONARD KUEHL, Church Clerk.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Sunday Evening Summer Services of Philadelphia's Pilgrim Church at Beulah Park

There is true inspiration in the outdoor worship service with the trees and the sunset clouds for a setting! The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., met each Sunday evening during the summer months in "Beulah Park" at the Philadelphia Home for the Aged for inspirational singing and a gospel message.

For four weeks in the absence of the Rev. Herman Palfenier, pastor of the church, the evening services were ably led by Mr. Elmer Zachay. Mr. Zachay, who is a member of the church, is a recent graduate of Wheaton College at Wheaton, Ill., and has been accepted as a member of this Fall's entering class at the Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas.

The Wednesday evening prayer services of the Pilgrim Church have also been held at the chapel of the Home for the Aged. Recently the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, also a son of the church, led the Wednesday evening service during a visit to the city.

IDA DRAEGER, Reporter.

Chaplain Paul Gebauer Visits With the Boston Church While Studying at Harvard University

The Rock Hill Baptist Church in Boston, Mass., was the recipient of a surprise visit on a Sunday several weeks ago, of our Cameroons missionary and friend, Paul Gebauer, now a chaplain in the United States Army.

Arriving late on Saturday night, preparatory to entering the Chaplains' School at Harvard University at Cambridge, Mass., Paul, (as we came to know and love him), recalled the visit he was unable to keep with the church on his return to this country about three years ago.

With the exception of one Sunday, Paul Gebauer was found at all the church services while studying at Harvard. On one of the Sundays, with permission from and upon a formal request of his commanding officer, he brought to the church a very brief and interesting outline of his Cameroon work.

Chaplain Gebauer won his way into the hearts of the Boston people with his words of praise and prayer, that heartfelt handshake and his warm congenial smile.

The writer wishes again to extend a cordial invitation to all chaplains and boys in the Armed Forces to attend the services of the Rock Hill Baptist Church, 440 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, Boston, Massachusetts.

FRED SCHLICHTING, Clerk.

Vacation Bible School Is Held by the Pilgrim Church of Jersey City, N. J.

Our Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., again held a successful Vacation Bible School from July 6 to 16 with an average attendance of 31 children. There were 40 registrations.

Mrs. C. Kling, Mrs. L. Malsch and the Rev. and Mrs. Victor Prendinger served as teachers. E. Buell, R. Pusch and D. Kling assisted as pianists. We used the Superior Summer School material with good results.

Now all of our church boys are in the Armed Forces. The last remaining young man left on July 25. Our son, Victor, is still in England. We are so grateful to God that he has held his protecting hand over him in 9 months of danger in these terrific air battles.

VICTOR H. PRENDINGER, Pastor.



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Vacation Bible School Is Held by the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware

The accompanying picture shows a number of the children who attended the Vacation Bible School held at the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Del., recently. Mrs. Miriam Shoemith served as superintendent and the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Christian Peters, assisted in the teaching.

Courses were given in Bible memory verses, Old Testament characters such as Ruth, Esther and others, New Testament studies on the three parables of Luke 15. Handwork, such as sewing Scripture verses on cards, pasting them into booklets and making plaques, helped to keep the work interesting.



The Beginners' Class of the Vacation Bible School Held by the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, New Jersey

The sessions were interspersed with games which helped to hold the attention of the youngsters.

The school finished its term with a picnic and the awarding of prizes at the Brandywine Park. The entire school work was enjoyed by all and our thanks go to those who have helped to make it complete.

CHRISTIAN PETERS, Pastor.

pastor, the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, who was assisted by Mr. Robert Zimbelman, a senior student at our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., whom the church had called as student pastor for the summer months.

The teaching staff of the school consisted of Mrs. Gustav Koerber, Mrs. Edwin Neithardt, Miss Ruth Tonn, Miss Ortrud Fromann and Mr. J. C. Lotz.



Some of the Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Conducted by the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware

Seventy-five Children at the Ridgewood Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School

Approximately 75 boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 14 attended the Vacation Bible School sessions held at the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Brooklyn, Long Island, from July 6 to 28.

The school was conducted by the

A host of parents, friends and members of the church attended the closing exercises on the evening of July 28th. An excellent program was rendered and the results of the daily handwork periods were on display. Prizes were awarded for memory work and 45 certificates of merit were presented. As in former years, 25 children were privileged to attend a big league baseball game as a special treat.

HELEN N. NEITHARDT, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School at the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, L. I.

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## CENTRAL CONFERENCE

### Activities of the Pioneer Girls of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Illinois

Sixteen Pioneer Girls of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., accompanied by their two guides, spent the last week of July at Bethany Camp, Winona Lake, Ind. There they enjoyed the full benefits of a Christian camp under the leadership and supervision of consecrated workers.



Pioneer Girls of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., at Bethany Camp, Winona Lake, Indiana

The Forest Park Fortalice, organized on September 14, 1942, its members ranging in ages from 9 to 14, meets weekly at the church on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 P. M. Miss Irma L. Grieger and Miss Martha C. Remus are the leaders.

The organization is based on a system of ranks which are attained by memorizing Scripture and songs, passing various tests and earning badges. Each meeting has its Bible study, chorus time, and recreational period. Seasonal programs and parties, hikes, continued story reading, discussion periods, games (among which Bible Baseball is a great favorite) and handwork, keep our programs varied. Candle light installation services are held periodically for new members, and each month two girls are appointed to report our activities to "Trailmates",



Vacation Bible School Children and Teachers of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia

the Chicago Area news sheet. The Pioneer Girls' Chorus, under the direction of Miss Marie Ziesemer, has aptly chosen as its theme song, "Singing of His Love".

The aim of the Pioneer Girls program is to demonstrate by actual experience that a Christian life can be happy, useful, and truly holy. The aim of its leaders is "Christ in every phase of a girl's life" which can be accomplished only by "looking unto Him". We look forward to our second year together with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

"Pioneer Girls we seek to be,  
We're looking unto him,

Trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Our Savior and Guide.  
By his grace we'll live for him  
In this world here below.  
Our one aim to glorify  
Our Lord where'er we go."

IRMA L. GRIEGER, Reporter.

## PACIFIC CONFERENCE

### Forty-nine Children With Perfect Attendance at the Vacation Bible School in Vancouver

For two weeks from July 12 to 23 a Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted in the Ebenezer Baptist Church at Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Fifty-nine children were enrolled, and of this group 49 never missed a class. A program given on Sunday evening, July 25, concluded the school. Given

by the classes as groups, this program convinced us more than ever how important a school of this kind is to the children of our church.

The Sunday School under the superintendency of Mr. Ed. Nelner sponsored the school this year. The teachers were Mrs. George Pohl, Mrs. L. Pelke, Violet Nelner, Mrs. L. Gassner and the pastor, Rev. L. F. Gassner. The subjects taught were "God, Our Heavenly Father", "Stepping-Stones in Life", "Children of Other Lands", "Bible Doctrine Primer", "Gospel Color-ins" and other handwork made the work more interesting for the children.

L. F. GASSNER, Pastor.

## NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

### Twenty-fifth Anniversary Program of the Service Guild of Burlington's Oak Street Church

The missionary Service Guild of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, took a backward look on the occasion of its 25th anniversary recently which recalled many interesting achievements of this organization. The program for the evening was built around the theme, "The Journey of the Good Ship Service Guild". Mrs. Alfred Bernadt, our pastor's wife, who has served very capably as president for four years, was our captain on this "trip".

### Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, October 17

The programs and dialogue and recitation material for the observance of the Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 17, 1943, have been mailed to our churches. In some churches the program is held on a date nearer Thanksgiving Day.

The offering of this program are to be designated for missions and sent to Dr. William Kuhn, general missionary secretary, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

The resident charter members, eleven of the original sixteen, "chartered our course" and the audience was on its way to an enjoyable occasion. There was a distinct sensation of motion, for the accomplishments reported under the headings, "Hoist Sails", (the treasurer's report), which revealed \$13,000 raised during these 25 years; "Home Ports", (Home Missions, community and home church activities); "S.O.S.", (the response to foreign mission needs), represented much action by this loyal group of Christian women.

In addition to "Radio Grams" from former members and pastor, the Sunday School presented its greetings and good wishes with a beautiful basket of flowers. The "Oaketts", a new missionary organization of working girls, brought their congratulations in song which had been composed by one of their number.

An unusual feature of this birthday party was the fact that, instead of receiving, the Guild gave a gift of \$100 to the church to start a fund for new lighting. The "Captain's Table", the concluding item on the program, was not imaginary, for from the beautifully decorated table refreshments were served to all present.

AUGUSTA JORDAN, Reporter.

## NORTHERN CONFERENCE

### First Vacation Bible Schools at Whitemouth and Beausejour, Manitoba, Are Well Attended

From July 19 to 30 the Baptist Church of Whitemouth, Manitoba, held its first Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 35 pupils. The children were very enthusiastic, and as a result there was an almost perfect attendance throughout the two weeks of school.

The following two weeks, Aug. 2 to 13, Bible School was held at the mission station in Beausejour, Man. Here, although the membership of the church is only 26, through the special efforts of the pastor, the Rev. Fred Schmidt, teachers and pupils, there was an enrollment of 36 pupils. The teachers were Miss Rempel, Mrs. Erich Best and Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt. At the close of each of the schools a program was held in which the children demonstrated what they had studied and learned during their two weeks at Bible School.

MRS. F. SCNMIDT, Reporter.

### First Vacation Bible School in Fenwood, Saskatchewan, Is Wonderfully Successful

The children of the Baptist Church at Fenwood, Sask., as well as from the surrounding district and neighboring churches at Fonehill and Lemberg, looked forward with eager expectancy to our new venture of conducting a Vacation Bible School in Fenwood during the last week in July.

The enrollment of 36 pupils was very encouraging to both pastor and teachers. The fact that this school created a great interest among the children was seen in that we had a full time average attendance of 36 pupils.

We had the school divided into four classes for Beginners, Primary, Juniors and Intermediates with Esther Schmuland, Clara Lang, Lottie Dohms and Mrs. Waltereit serving as teachers and the Rev. H. Waltereit as general supervisor. The subjects considered were "Memory Work" with more than 600 Bible verses memorized, "Bible Stories", "Church History", "Sunday School Organization", and handwork.

Our greatest joy was experienced when five of our pupils gave their hearts of the Lord on the last day of school. The entire week was climaxed with a splendid program on Sunday, August 1, and a display of the handwork. The program made such a good impression on the congregation that we delivered the same program at Fonehill on the following Sunday, Aug. 8, where it received the same warm response. The offering of over \$14.00 more than covered all expenses for the school.

LOTTIE DOHMS, Reporter.

### Vacation Bible Schools and the Baptism of 32 Young People at Minitonas, Manitoba

From July 26 to Aug. 6 we held our fourth annual Vacation Bible School at Minitonas, Man. Again we divided



Vacation Bible School Students and Teachers of Whitemouth, Manitoba, With the Church in the Background

the field into four districts: Swanford School, Sinclair School, Ravensworth School, and Minitonas. A number of our Sunday School teachers volunteered to help so that we were able to have two schools at the same time and thus do the entire work in two weeks.

The pastor, the Rev. Richard Schilke, had charge of one school, and Mrs. Schilke had charge of the other school. The following were the teachers: Rev. and Mrs. Schilke, Lydia Hart, Hilda Siewert, Olga Liepholtz, Hulda Fiks,

Elsie Mincer, 260; Katie Lausmann, 334; Lily Hart, 401; respectively. Katie Lausman and Lily Hart have completed the course in memory work in these three years, (we did not have this course the first year), and have received five certificates. They are now entitled to a diploma. Each school brought its work to a close with a program on the Friday night of its week.

August 8th was a day of great rejoicing for the Baptist Church at



The Rev. R. Schilke of Minitonas, Manitoba, and the Thirty-two Young People Whom He Recently Baptized

Helen Liepholtz, and Lillian Boymook. Besides handwork, chorus singing, and the learning of Bible verses, two subjects, Judges and the general letters, were taught to the older children. In these four years we have completed a four year New Testament course with these children.

In all 187 children enrolled with 100% attendance. These have learned a total of 7,444 Bible verses, an average of 40 per child. The best in each school were: Lydia Liepholtz, 251;

Minitonas. On this day the pastor was able to baptize 32 young people. Most of these were the result of the evangelistic meetings held in our church from June 14 to 24. At these meetings the Rev. Ph. Daum served as our evangelist. Sixty decisions were recorded during these meetings, but not all were ready for baptism. We are very thankful to Mr. Daum for his services, but more so to our heavenly Father for his rich blessings.

R. SCHILKE, Pastor.



Boys and Girls of the Vacation Bible School at Fenwood, Saskatchewan, With Their Teachers

**Vacation Bible Schools at Leduc's First Church and the Clover Lawn School**

The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, held a Vacation Bible School from July 26 to August 6. We had a total enrollment of 75 children with an average attendance of 65. The classes were under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Sonnenberg, Mrs. Emma Benke, Mrs. Delia Kornalewski, and Mr. B. C. Schreiber, the student pastor. The Rev. J. Kornalewski attached a trailer to his car and was kind enough to bring the children to school in the morning and take them home at noon. In spite of the gas rationing he made a round trip of 44 miles each day.

On Sunday, Aug. 8, the closing program was given before a large audience under the leadership of the student pastor. The children gave a good account of the things they had learned during the two weeks. We are also glad to report that two of the young people gave their hearts to Christ and want to follow him in baptism.

From Aug. 2 to 13 a Vacation Bible School was also conducted in the Clover Lawn School in Clover Lawn, Alberta. A total number of 57 children attended. The two groups were under the able leadership of Miss Muriel Roth and Miss Helen Grunwald. We are happy to report that eleven children accepted Christ as their Savior in this school. During the same time we were also blessed by the evangelistic service conducted every night by the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski and Mr. B. C. Schreiber.

The First Church of Leduc is happy to report that they have purchased an old school building in the Clover Lawn school district and they will organize a mission station there as soon as the building can be moved and renovated. Formerly, a Sunday School and short service were held in the Clover Lawn school. May God bless every effort put forth for his cause.

B. C. SCHREIBER, Student Pastor.

**Happy Assembly Days for Young People of the Alberta Tri Union at Sylvan Lake**

Many and varied were the blessings experienced by the young people who attended the assembly of our Alberta Tri Union, held at Sylvan Lake from July 19 to 26. The Sunnyside Camp with its many conveniences is situated



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on the north shores of the lake, completely surrounded by trees, an ideal spot for spiritual and physical recreation.

We were, indeed, fortunate in having the Rev. A. Husmann as guest speaker. He conducted a course on "Problems of Young People" each morning, while the Rev. J. A. Mac Rae of Edmonton lectured on the subjects, "Rightly Dividing the Word" and "Missions".

Each afternoon featured a period for active sports. The evangelistic services in the evening were conducted by the pastors of our Tri Union with the Rev. A. Husmann bringing the message each evening.

The program on Saturday evening was under the leadership of the Rev. R. Kern of Calgary and consisted of various instrumental and vocal numbers. An interesting feature of this program was the special remembrance service for our young men in the Armed Forces. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Olds led in an intercessory prayer for these boys of our churches.

On Sunday morning Mr. Bruno Schreiber, student pastor at Leduc, brought a message in the English language and Mr. Husmann spoke to us

on "Missions" in the German language. After a soul searching message from Mr. Husmann, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, our president, challenged the young people to give of their best to the Master. A number of young people came forward to take a definite stand for Christ, and many others expressed a desire to be more fully consecrated.

The following officers were elected at the business session on Saturday morning: Rev. R. Schreiber, president; Rev. H. J. Wilcke, vice-president; Miss Myrtle Hein, secretary; Mr. Arthur Schmidt, treasurer; pianist, Miss Verda Scheeler and Miss Molly Unger; Young People's director, Rev. C. Rempel of Trochu; Sunday School director, Rev. A. Teske of Camrose; choir director, Rev. A. Huber of Leduc; dean of the assembly, Rev. R. Kern of Calgary.

As a Tri Union we have undertaken to raise the sum of \$800, which is \$100 more than the sum set for the previous year. This money is to be divided among foreign missions, the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies, for the building of our own summer camp in the future, and the balance for home mission work.

FRANCES KARY, Reporter.

**SOUTHERN CONFERENCE**

**The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, Bids Affectionate Farewell to Its Pastor**

These are days of testing and of sacrifice. On every hand we are called upon to sacrifice more and more. Now the call has come to the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, to share its pastor, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, with the boys in service, who deserve the best when they are giving their best. Mr. Pfeiffer received his appointment as a United States Army Chaplain the latter part of July and on Aug. 14 entered the Chaplains' School at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., where he will spend several weeks in intensive training.

On Friday evening, Aug. 6, our church family met in beautiful Cameron Park and spent a few happy hours together. The church friends presented Mr. Pfeiffer with a wristwatch and the ladies presented Mrs. Pfeiffer with an original painting of blue bonnets, the Texas state flower. These tokens in a small way only can show our love and appreciation to them.

The following Sunday morning, Aug. 8, after a short but beautiful service the congregation in a body accompanied the Pfeiffers to the depot. Smiling through tears the friends waved their farewell as the train disappeared in the distance.

We shall miss Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer and their little daughter, Natalie, in every phase of the church life. As he enters this greater service we wish our pastor, "God speed!" His humble consecration and his thorough understanding of human nature make him quite fit for the work of a chaplain. Our prayers shall go with him all the way.

LYDIA HEUSI, Reporter.

**OBITUARY**

**MR. CONRAD JANSSEN of Wasco, California**

Mr. Conrad Janssen was born on December 30, 1864, in Hollen, Ostfriesland, Germany, and was called home by his Lord on August 10, 1943, from the hospital in Bakersfield, California.

Mr. Janssen came to America at the age of 17 years, settling in Minonck, Ill., where he was saved. He was baptized by the Rev. Friedrich Hoffmann. He was married to Sophia Mollhagen on September 30, 1885, and to this union 5 children were born. One daughter died in infancy and a son passed away in 1934. His wife died in Lorraine, Kansas, in 1918.

In 1920 Mr. Janssen came to Wasco, Calif., where he made his home until his recent illness. In 1940 he suffered a stroke which paralyzed his right side. Since that time he had remained in the hospital where he had several more strokes. Early this year he contracted a heart ailment which caused his death.

He leaves one son, Wm. Janssen, of Antioch, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Wm. Kroesch and Mrs. Alvin Raven, both of Wasco, Calif.; two grandchildren, Everett L. Kroesch and Miriam Rayen Heinberg; two great grandchildren, Leroy and Beverly Kroesch; one sister, Meta Schoone, living in Germany; and two nephews, Anton and Conrad Schoone.

Services were held in Wasco on Aug. 13. The Rev. Donald G. Davis spoke on "Contrasts" found in 2. Cor. 4:16 to 5:9. Interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Bakersfield.

Wasco, California.  
DONALD G. DAVIS, Pastor.

**MRS. JENNIE LUBBERS of Tyndall, South Dakota**

Jennie Lubbers, nee Johnson, was born on May 10, 1886, near Freeport, Ill., and passed away on July 29, 1943, following an operation in a hospital at Sioux City, Iowa.

Mrs. Lubbers was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson. She moved with her parents from Freeport to Avon, So. Dak., in 1906. In September of the same year she was united in marriage to Mr. Lubbers of Tyndall, So. Dakota.

To this union were born 5 children: John Lubbers of Tyndall; Walter, who is in the U. S. Navy; Mrs. Helen Meyer of Freeport, Ill.; Ethel Lubbers of Rockford, Ill.; and Mrs. Evelyn Stanicek of Freeport, Ill. Ethel, who is a nurse, was constantly at the bedside of her mother from the time of her operation until her death.

Mrs. Lubbers was converted when 18 years of age and joined the Tyndall Baptist Church by baptism. In a faithful way she served her Lord whom she loved dearly. She was always a most loving wife and a good mother.

She leaves to mourn her husband, 5 children, her mother and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Jake Busker, Dixon, Ill.; Mrs. Jake Cordes, Freeport, Ill.; Mrs. William Boomgarden, German Valley, Ill.; Mrs. William Burfeindt, Dixon, Ill.; Mrs. William Schmidt, East St. Louis, Ill.; Mrs. Raymond Zimmerman, Freeport, Ill.; Albert Johnson, Avon, So. Dak.; and 3 grandchildren.

The text as recorded in John 14:1-3 for the memorial service was selected by the family. The undersigned brought the message of hope for the bereaved on "Many Mansions".

Baptist Church, Tyndall, So. Dak.  
ALBERT IITERMANN, Pastor.

**MRS. MARY ENGELBRECHT of Crawford, Texas**

Mrs. Mary Engelbrecht, nee Eichholt, was born on Feb. 13, 1878, near Cedar Hill, Texas. Here on her parents' farm she lived her youthful days helping with the farm work and going to school during the winter months. At the age of 17 she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior and was baptized by the Rev. Petereit.

On Dec. 3, 1896, she entered holy matrimony with Mr. H. W. Engelbrecht. This

union was blessed with 10 children of whom one daughter, Minnie, preceded her in death in 1934. About 4 years ago she and her husband retired from actual farm work to live the rest of their lives more quietly. For a number of years she suffered with high blood pressure, but was always able to do her housework.

In June, when taking treatments in Marlin, Texas, she fell and dislodged her right hip. Because of this she was forced to undergo an operation. The morning before her operation during their morning devotion, she said to her husband that she was ready to die if the Lord saw fit. She also expressed her desire that the Rev. C. C. Gosson should come and conduct the funeral service, that her five sons should serve as pallbearers and that the song, "Have Thine Own Way", should be sung. After the operation she was cared for, during six weeks in the hospitals in Marlin, Hillcrest, and Waco. Upon her request she was taken home as other complications set in. At home she was cared for by her family and Mrs. Ling of Waco. On Monday night, Aug. 9, she collapsed into

a state of unconsciousness and on Friday, Aug. 13, her spirit took flight to be with Him whom she loved so dearly. She found great joy in serving her Lord in the different branches of church work. She had the joy of knowing all of her children to be saved. She leaves to mourn her husband, five sons, four daughters, five daughters-in-law, four sons-in-law, 15 grandchildren, four sisters and a host of relatives and friends. She reached the age of 65½ years.

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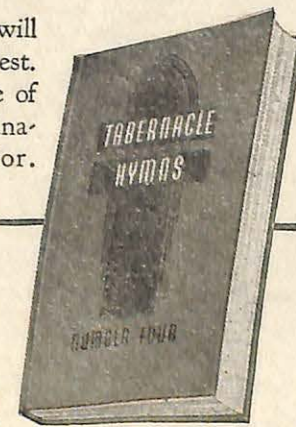


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