

A Convoy of Ducks on a Spring Day

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

- The Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, has requested the Rev. Jack Adrian, a student at Hillsboro College of Hillsboro, Kansas, to serve as an interim pastor from February 1 to September 1, 1944. Mr. Adrian was formerly pastor of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Johnston, Colorado. The former pastor, the Rev. R. W. Seibel, is now the minister of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas.
- On Easter Sunday evening, April 9, the choir of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, rendered the cantata, "Olivet to Calvary", with Mrs. F. E. Klein directing. Five persons were baptized by the Rev. F. E. Klein on Sunday, Feb. 27, and received into the fellowship of the church. A Cradle Roll was begun recently and on Sunday, March 5, fourteen mothers and fathers with their babies were introduced to the church congregation.
- "The Baptist Herald" in its March 15th issue incorrectly spoke of Mr. Robert D. Wiegner as the pastor of the Humboldt Park Church of Chicago. He is the pastor of the Lebanon Baptist Church near Watertown, Wisconsin. The Rev. L. E. Winfrey is the minister of the Humboldt Park Church. Both of these young men are students at Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary.
- O Pre-Easter guest speakers in the pulpit of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio were the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer of Ridgewood, N. Y., Rev. T. W. Bender of Milwaukee Wis., and Dr. H. von Berge. At the Union Good Friday service on April 7 held in the Erin Ave. Church the Rev. E. Wolff of the White Avenue Church brought an appropriate message.
- The West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, South Dakota held evangelistic services from March 5 to 17 with the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, general evangelist of the denomination, bringing the messages. The weather was not very favorable but the attendance was most encouraging, and a total of 8 boys and girls accepted Christ as Savior. The mission offering amounted to \$303.70.
- The Rev. C. C. Gossen, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas, baptized 3 persons on Palm Sunday evening, April 2. On Easter Sunday evening the young people presented the pageant, "Easter Dawn", with the president, Delphus Mehlinger, in charge. The Marion Church is already making plans for the entertainment of the Southwestern Conference from August 2 to 6.

- Mr. and Mrs. H. Breitling of London Bridge, Virginia, who have many friends among "Baptist Herald" readers, want to extend greetings to this large circle. They write: "We are enjoving working for the Master here in Virginia in this London Bridge Baptist Church founded in 1784. We are still enjoying the fine Christian fellowship here." Their "Herald" subscription is renewed regularly by them for their inspiration.
- @ Evangelistic services were conducted in the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana from Feb. 27 to March 17 with the Rev. F. W. Bartel, Dakota Conference evangelist, bringing the

#### Special Youth Events During the General Conference at Milwaukee, Wis.

FRIDAY EVENING, May 12

After the evening service a Social Gathering will be held for all young people and interested friends in Engelman Hall in the auditorium. There will be a Singspiration, get acquainted games, program numbers and refresh-

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, May 13 Election of General Conference Officers

SATURDAY EVENING, May 13 Program in charge of National Young People's and Sunday School Workers'

Play, "Golden Keys," by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner Presented by Cast of Young

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, May 14 Many Fine, Inspiring Features, Missionary Address by Miss Laura Reddig of the Cameroons, Africa.

#### PLAN TO ATTEND THESE MEMORABLE SESSIONS

messages. There were 21 conversions and 3 restorations during the fine and spiritually uplifting meetings. The Rev. Frederick Alf, pastor, hoped to baptize most or all of these converts on Easter Sunday morning, April 9.

- Revival meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas from March 7 to 19 with the Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Okeene, Okla, serving as evangelist. There were 4 conversions and a number of restorations and reconsecrations during the meet-The pastor, the Rev. Harold Ekrut, would like to get in touch with any of our men who might be stationed at the Great Bend Air Base nearby. A warm welcome awaits our Service Men at this Ellinwood Baptist Church
- Inspiring meetings were held from March 6 to 19 by the Baptist Church of Cathay, North Dakota. Members, friends, and neighbors showed a splendid interest in the services. "Without a doubt everyone was lift-

- ed to a higher ground, and strengthened in the service of the King", as reported by the Rev. Richard Grenz, pastor. Ten boys and girls and young people accepted Christ as Savior. The Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer of Anamoose North Dakota brought heart-searching and soul-inspiring messages.
- A group of loyal Baptists of our North American Conference of Billings, Montana recently bought a dwelling which has been remodeled for use as a meeting house. A modest room of 16 by 24 feet provides seats for about 50 persons. The initial services were held with much joy and inspiration on Sunday, March 19, with the Rev. F. W. Bartel, Dakota Conference evangelist, preaching for them. The enthusiastic congregation nearly filled the new church at the morning and evening services and contributed \$14.50 for missions.
- On Easter Sunday, April 9, the Baptist Churches of Olds and Knee Hill Creek, Alberta, Canada held a joint baptismal service in the Olds Church at which 11 candidates from the Knee Hill Creek and 13 from the Olds Church were baptized by the Rev. H. Wilcke, pastor of both churches. At the afternoon communion service, the pastor had the great joy of welcoming 27 people, including 3 by experience and letter, into the fellowship of these two churches. It was a memorable day for the large congregation that filled the church.
- Mr. Frederick Dons of Forest Park, Illinois, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Theo. W. Dons, has been appointed a Federal Reserve Bank Examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of America. On March 23 he went to Philadelphia, Pa., for the first series of engagements which will take him to many places in the United States during the next few years. His wife will join him later in these trips. Fredrick Dons has been serving faithfully as treasurer of the Forest Park Baptist Church for several years, of which Rev. C. B. Nordland is pastor.
- Dr. Pieter Smit recently resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, as reported in a recent issue of "The Baptist Herald", and on May 1 will begin his pastorate in the First Baptist Church of Marshalltown, Iowa, a church of the North-ern Baptist Convention. On Wednesday evening, March 22, the annual Fellowship Supper of the Lorraine Church was held with more than 200 persons in attendance, including the Reverends C. C. Gossen, Harold Ekrut, F. E. Klein, L. H. Smith, B. H. Fadenrecht, and Jack Adrain, Kansas' pastors. The message was brought by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald" at the close of an inspirational program of singing, orchestra and

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#### Coming!

#### PAGES FROM A FAMILY ALBUM

As a special feature for Mother's Day, "The Baptist Herald" will publish an unusually interesting and uniquely illustrated story of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ahrens or Tacoma, Washington, originally written by their daughter Elizabeth for their golden wedding anniversary. golden wedding anniversary.

#### OUR RETURN TO AFRICA

Mrs. Clara Gebauer has written an important announcement that will be of great interest to all friends of our mission work in the Cameroons. The front cover will show Chaplain and Mrs. Paul Gebauer and their year old daughter Anne in a picture, that will be eagerly awaited by all. Mrs. Clara Gebauer has written an im-

#### GREAT BIBLE PICTURES BY MILWAUKEE'S ARTIST

The story of Albert Tiemann and of his many fine paintings that adorn the walls of the Immanuel Church and of museums in Milwaukee, Wis., will be told by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry in a graphic article which will introduce the artist and his paintings to many of our General Conference delegates.

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# EDITORIAL

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### Almost Ten Thousand Strong!

OD'S blessings are often "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." In an amazing way "Baptist Herald" subscriptions have recently mounted until they have reached the total of 9533 on April 1st. Almost 9700 copies of that issue were published.

This represents a figure which is in excess of the highest totals ever reached by one of our denominational periodicals. It puts some of us into a position of humiliating embarrassment when we remember our lack of faith in considering five thousand subscriptions as too high a goal for our efforts. To be sure, these totals include more than 1500 Service Men's subscriptions, but this is an invaluable ministry by itself.

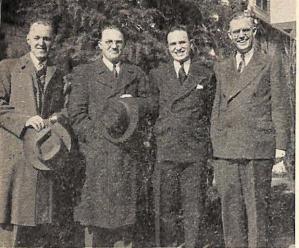
It has been a staggering blow to the business manager and editor to have the paper consumption for "The Baptist Herald" cut by almost 15 percent for 1944. This is a government order issued as a war emergency from which there is no redress. The best we can do is for all of us to make the best of the unfortunate situation.

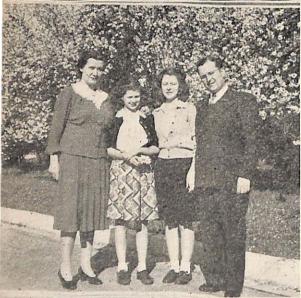
Several policies will have to be carried out hereafter by the editor. All reports must be limited to 250 words. No annual reports of churches or church organizations will be accepted at present. We shall close the pages of "The Herald" to all wedding anniversary reports for the duration. The pages for reports will have to be curtailed in every issue.

The serial story is being confined to two pages. Whenever possible, the current installment will include more of the story than this minimum. The type of this entire issue is being set more closely together in order to provide more material on each page. Advertisements will be largely omitted.

But the high standard of choice pictures and illustrations, of challenging and inspiring articles, of attractive typography, for which "The Baptist Herald" has come to be known, will be continued unabatedly. Every effort will be made to improve the ministry of our publication, even though the war has placed certain restrictions upon us as well as upon others.

At the same time, aggressive plans are now being made to make "The Baptist Herald" into a thirty-two page paper at the earliest possible opportunity following the war. If you will be patient with us, we shall be able to say together: "Even better days are ahead for all "Baptist Herald" subscribers and friends."







# A Pilgrimage to the Pacific Coast

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

He Pacific Coast is a glitter with the prosperity of one of the most astounding "war booms" which this country has ever known. Even a widely known national publication tried to describe it as follows: "The great and golden states of California, Oregon and Washington are exited. They snift destiny. They detect the fruitage of all the century old 'go-west' cries''.

More than a million and a half new civilians have made their appearance on the West Coast since 1939. Billions of dollars have poured into the laps of laborers through huge and staggering military contracts. A frenzied excitement has seized the average resident of the Pacific Coast and given him visions of an epoch-making and glori-ous era in this "land of promise" even in the days and years following the

Our Pacific Conference of North American churches streches along this narrow strip of paradise from Anaheim in Southern California to Kelowna, British Columbia, an amazing distance of almost 1700 miles. These 24 churches of ours in this youngest conference are to a large extent affected by the social tides about them. They are enjoying a spiritual prosperity which is a delight to behold. Some of them are already embarked on great and wonderful undertakings of faith. Others are making stirring plans for expansions in the future.

These are impressions of the editor of "The Baptist Herald" as he recently sojourned in this land for two months and visited all but two of the Pacific Conference churches. It's "good news" which he is exceedingly eager to share with all "Herald" readers.

Our church at Anaheim, California in the heart of the Sunkist orange groves has been strangely warmed by spiritual fires from above until the uniquely beautiful edifice and the evangelical religious fervor of the congregation to combine to make a winsome and lovely church. Both the pastor, the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, and his people speak freely and joyously of this heaven-sent revitalization which has flooded their church with spiritual sunshine.

Top Picture: Youth Leaders in Oregon-Roy Rocks. Oregon League President; Henry Schmunk, Pacific Conference Coun-cil Member; Harold J. Petke, National Union President; and M. L. Leuschner, General Secretary.

Top Center: Rev. and Mrs. A. Felberg of Lodi, California, and Their Daughters, With Blossoming Almond Trees in the Background.

Top Bottom: The Baptist Church of Odessa, Washington, of Which the Rev. J. G. Rott is the Pastor.

Bottom Picture: Sunday School Officers and Teachers and Church Leaders of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, With Mrs. L. F. Gass-ner on Extreme Right.

The Fifteenth Street Church of Los Angeles is keeping pace spiritually with the secular boom of California. The church auditorium is now ablaze with lights. Attendances have increased by leaps and bounds. The choir is the envy of the entire Pacific Coast. Best of all, the pastor, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, is leading his church aggressively and hopefully with plans for the building of a new church as soon as conditions will permit. The small Ebenezer Church of the same city is facing the future with confidence.

The Baptist Church of Wasco with Dr. Donald G. Davis as pastor and our church at Franklin with Rev. G. G. Rauser in the leadership have never risen so high in membership totals, spiritual achievements and in community influence as in these days. And the highest peak is not yet in sight!

The Baptist Church at Lodi, California has probably a larger attendance at its services than any other church in our denomination. In spite of conglomerate groups which have made their exodus from the Dakotas and Canada to this garden spot of vineyards and fruit orchards, the church s enthusiatically behind the agressive leadership of its pastor, the Rev. A. Felberg, in a constantly enlarging program of activities and plans for the future.

Our Oregon churches are equally fervent in the upholding of Christ's ban-ner and the doing of big things for his Kingdom. The Oregon Youth League with a goal of \$1200 for the mission project to help the Gebauers return to Africa promptly went out and with great ecstacy raised more than \$2000 for this cause.

The Bethany Church near Portland is about to open a new Sunday School in a nearby historical Baptist church building. The Laurelhurst Church of Portland has already made its plans for an enlarged church edifice after the war. The Trinity Church with its munificent missionary gifts and the Immanuel Church with a redecorated edifice are energetically going forward with the Lord in "the City of Roses". The same happy story is being repeated in the Salem, Salt Creek and Stafford Churches of Oregon, where the people are assuming large responsibilities with real consecration to Christ under the leadership of their pastors.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington has already reaped amazing harvest in a remarkable short time after its launching of the new mission project in the Salishan District. A report of this new Sunday School and mission with pictures appears elsewhere in this issue.

Our churches at Startup, where "in the beginning God created" the majestic mountains, and at Odessa, Sponage and Colors kane and Colfax are small congregations that sometimes face the complex problems and discouraging difficulties of a small field. But their eyes are set to the sunrise of victory and great things for the Lord! Their determin-

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Miss Eva Blum, the Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Blum of Cleveland, Ohio, Directing Activities in a Red Cross Canteen Somewhere in England With United States Soldiers Getting Something to Eat.

# Red (ross (lubs Overseas

The Story of MISS EVA BLUM Which Appeared in an American Red Cross Communication

MACs and G. I's jammed a former furniture store in the famed pottery city of Stoke-Trent, England recently, now transformed into one of the rapidly growing scores of the American Red Cross clubs, and cheered as Miss Eva Louise Blum, Acting Club Director, officially opened the club.

Almost every historical spot in the United Kingdom or town that may hold a general interest of some kind for the Service Men has an American Red Cross club. They may serve troops somewhere in the area or serve as specifically "leave area" clubs. To this ever-expanding list was added this club, which is located in Hanley, one of the five towns composing this city, known the world over for its pottery and chinaware.

Miss Blum, who is the daughter of of the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Blum of Cleveland, Ohio, has arranged with the pottery firms to provide tours for men and women of the Armed Forces. Here they will be privileged to see right from the start to finish how some of the best plate-ware in the world is made.

By a coincidence the colors of the cafeteria in the club, which is housed in a modernistic structure that once offered the best in living-room and bedroom suites, are in blue and gold. Miss Blum, a member of the board of directors of the California Writers Club, received her M. A. from the University of California in 1938—colors, of course, blue and gold. She was at work on her Ph. D. there when she signed up to go overseas for the Red Cross in October, 1942.

Eva Blum, the daughter of Rev. Samuel Blum, the editor of "Der Sendbote," was baptized by her father in California in 1923 and is now a member of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

At present Miss Blum is still in England somewhere where she is now engaged in establishing Red Cross canteens for the United States Navy.

Editor.

One of the greatest thrills Miss Blum has received working for the Service Men in England has been the realization that she, as one small cog in a great machine, had organized Junior Red Cross clubs that are helping to carry on the work of the Red Cross abroad. "Little did I realize when I was organizing the Junior Red Cross in University and Castle-mont High Schools in Oakland, California that I would ever see such a direct and graphic picture of the results of their work and the work of all Junior Red Cross clubs throughout America. And the Service Men aren't forgetting for one moment what their younger brothers and sis-

ters are doing." Miss Blum said.
On her arrival in England in the latter part of December, 1942, Miss Blum was made assistant club director of the American Red Cross in Oxford. To many members of the University's faculty she was able to bring greetings from friends back at the

University of California.

About her stay in England, she has the following to say: "The English people have been extremely cooperative and friendly on all occasions, helping us in every way. It is grand the way some of them have thrown

their doors open to the American Service Men, so that besides their second home in the Red Cross, many of them have grown quite attached to many English families."

#### SERVING GOD AS CHAPLAIN SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND

By Chaplain Gustav T. Lutz, Formerly Pastor of the Baptist Church in Jamesburg, New Jersey

(The Addresses of Chaplains G. T. Lutz, John F. Schilling, Frank Woyke and George Zinz, All of Whom Are in Eng-land, Will Be Sent to Those Who Re-quest Them of the Editor.)

It has been God's will to carry us safely across the ocean. We are now located somewhere in England. I know that he has much work for us to do before victory comes. With the prayers of our people back in the states we will endeavor to win more souls to Christ each

My wife and I were pleasantly surprised back in the states when my promotion to the rank of Captain came through around the first of December, Our only prayer was that God might continue to use us both to a greater measure, even though we know that it wouldn't be long before we separated as we are now.

I was much more surprised to have contacted Chaplain Woyke quite accidentally over here on this side of the ocean. We are arranging a meeting somewhere over here sometime in the next few days.

Convey my Christian greetings to all our "Baptist Herald" readers and may God continue to bless our work.

# The Dakota Conference Trek

By REV. J. C. GUNST of Wishek, North Dakota

T THE annual Dakota Conference in 1943 when the executive committee of the Y. P. and S. S. Worker's Union made plans for promotinal work during the conference year, the task seemed huge and almost looked like an impossibility. Today the idea of promotional work has been realized.

Since the need was evident, it was thought wise to do some promotional work with respect to the Conference Union projects. Also, it seemed wise that promotional work be carried out by the three conference project chairmen and the executive officers.

After much planning and ardent prayer for many weeks, the plan of a conference visitation seemed advisable. The contacts with the various churches to be visited were soon completed. The members of the team were Rev. Arthur Ittermann, Evangelism; Rev. J. C. Gunst, Christian Leadership Training; Rev. E. Kary and Miss Magdalene Luebeck, "Ben-der Memorial Trek" for North Dakota and Rev. A. Schulz for South Dakota. The representatives for the Bender Memorial Trek were acting in place of Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, chairman of the project, who was unable to act on the team due to her nurse's training at St. Paul.

The tour of the team lasted three and a half weeks and took the team to 14 churches in North Dakota and 9 churches in South Dakota. In all the team visited 23 churches, contacting 28 churches. In spite of severe cold weather and muddy roads at times, the response on the part of the churches was, indeed, very gratifying.

In most of the churches the projects were presented in the afternoon meeting and a preaching service was held in the evening in the same church. In a few places it was necessary to omit the preaching services and have the presentation of the projects in the evening. A total of 3,672 people were reached in all the services. The team members made many contacts with young people's, Junior, and Sunday School leaders and teachers.

About 500 booklets on evangelism and about 800 Leadership Training Curriculum leaflets were distributed. Several hundred leaflets on our denominational revitalization program were passed out and numerous pamphlets on soul winning were distributed. About 50 books and numerous helps for Sunday School teachers and young people's leaders were easily sold. The churches made a splendid contribution of \$1359.40 for the Bender Memorial Trek.

Everywhere the team received a warm reception by the churches. The varied experiences which the team members made were a real blessing to the promotional workers. We trust that the work of the team also proved a blessing and a real inspiration to



The Dakota Conference Promotional Team (Left to Right: Reverends A. Schulz, J. C. Gunst, Arthur Itter-mann)

the leaders of the churches which we

From the standpoint of the team members, and we say this very humbly, the work has been a great success, thanks to the wonderful cooperation of our pastors, church leaders, and many fine members in our churches. The interest for such work ran high and the team found a great host of fine, devoted, loyal, and Christ-loving leaders, and workers in our churches. These workers are very conscious of the huge task with which they are confronted these days in trying to lead souls to Christ and to teach the Christian principles to young and

everywhere that our churches welcome inspirational Christian leadership and also suggestions for appropriate study materials for both Sunday School and young people's work. Our churches welcome wholesome suggestions and are eager to learn how they as leaders and workers may better serve their Lord and his people. In many instances our churches are doing a noble work in building for the future. It may be said though that, in spite of consecrated efforts on the part of these faithful leaders, much is still to be wished for and the great work of the Lord must not only continue, but must also grow and expand. God grant us, not only a farview vision, but a greater portion of his wisdom to do his will.

The members of the team are much concerned that this has not only been a work begun and completed, but that it might be only the beginning of much greater things to be undertaken and carried out by the workers of the Conference Union. The Lord's great command, "Go ye therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them-teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you:"
(Matt. 28,19-20) is his command to his workers today. We the members of the team wish to thank all of our pastors and their families as well as many church members for their fine Christian spirit in cooperating on the program and especially for entertaining the team in their homes and mak-The members of the team sensed ing many helpful suggestions.

# Our South Dakota Tour

By REV. ARTHUR K. SCHULZ of Unityville, So. Dak.

HE Bender Memorial Trek occupies a very important place in the hearts of our Dakota Conference people. This was evidenced in several ways during our recent trek to our South Dakota churches. First of all, our people showed great concern for the needs of the Cameroons and, secondly, they gave us offerings that were commendable. During the days between February 21 and 29 the so-called "project Team" toured most of the churches of South Dakota. The team consisting of the Rev. J. C. Gunst, the Rev. Arthur Ittermann and myself, represented the three projects of our denomination: Christian Leadership Training, Evangelism, and the Bender Memorial Trek respectively.

The interest shown in our meetings was remarkable. Much information was given that was greatly needed.

As one lay worker said after a meeting, "Why I never knew about that!" Let's apply that to the natives of Africa. They never knew there was a Christ who died for their sins to save their souls until someone came and told them about it. As Romans 10:14,15 puts it so aptly, "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, except they

As I spoke in behalf of the Bender Memorial Trek, I saw how Christians were yearning to help. It thrilled me to find a great number of Christians whose hearts beat for Africa. God is working in the hearts of our people and I believe that great things will happen. The pulse of a church's spiritual life can be ascertained fairly well by the interest it shows in missions. May God awaken our churches to their task of launching out beyond the borders of our country!

# Lvangelism in the Dakotas

By Rev Arthur Ittermann of Emery, So. Dak.

UR Dakota Conference Visitation Team had the happy privilege to fellowship with and serve our Dakota pastors, young people and Sunday School workers while touring some of our Dakota churches recently. We appreciate the fine hospitality, loving interest, and thought-provoking dis-

cussions we had on our tour.

Centuries ago Christ's disciples returned joyfully from their extensive tours to report about the wondrous workings of God's Spirit through his followers. Paul tells us: "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit, but the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." Of these diverse general and specific Holy Spirit gifts or means for the furtherance of evangelism, that I recognized in our Dakota churches toured, I would give a re-port to the end that similar evangelistic gifts or means may be encouraged in all churches.

#### NO RATIONING

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In general, it may be said that a careful observer may notice how the Spirit of God is laying hold on many pastors and Christians with the need for calling God's people to prepare for a great revival. Christian leaders are entreating God's children to make deep and sincere confession of individual and national sins of omission and commission. Christians are realizing again Christ's high evaluation of human life. In spite of wholesale manslaughter, man's life in God's eyes is of more value than this world in gold or more value than heaven itself, for Christ left heaven's glory to save man's soul from destruction as he sacrificed his life on Calvary's cross. Christians are again living a life of prayer, for they are asking for hundreds of prayer list booklets that they might pray more definitely in their churches, home circles and secret

Christians are asking for hundreds of Oscar Lowry booklets on "Scripture Memorizing" and "Successful Per-



Senior Class of the Rochester Baptist Seminary (Left to Right, Front Row: Edwin Michelson, Robert Zimbelman, Lorenz Michelson, Second Row: Alex Sootzman, Ben Zimmerman, Erwin Faul, Robert

# Graduation Exercises at Our Seminary

Report by President ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER. 246 Alexander St., Rochester 7, New York

WAY 7th is the date set for this year's graduation exercises of the Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. Nine young men, whose picture appears above, are leaving their Alma Mater to enter the Christian ministry, to serve in foreign mission fields, or to continue study.

Mr. Erwin Faul has accepted a call to the Baptist Church in Nokomis, Saskatchewan and Alex Sootzman has responded favorably to a call from Mc Laughlin, South Dakota. Henry Lang and Ben Zimmerman have volunteered to take churches in the Canadian Northwest. Mr. and Mrs. Ed-win Michelson and Gilbert Schneider have volunteered for mission work in the Cameroons. Gilbert Schneider, however, will study another year to secure his bachelor of arts degree before entering missionary service. Bilingual churches needing a minister will find Robert Konitz ready to respond. Two young men, Robert Zimbelman and Lorenz Michelson, will continue study for another year if they can secure student pastorates. Churches interested in any of these young men may write to the president, Albert Bretschneider, who will gladly furnish further information concerning them.

Commencement speakers this year will be Rev. Peter Geissler of Avon, S. D., and Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio. The usual seminary dinner will be held on Saturday evening, May 6th, at 6:30 p. m. in the refectory of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Distinguished guests of the city will be present and will address us. Prof. Otto Krueger will give the principal address. Reserva-tions must be made before April 30th. Write to O. E. Krueger, 13 Tracy Street, Rochester7, N. Y.

Summer school will commence on May 22 and will continue six weeks. The second semester begins July 8. New students may begin in either term. The summer work counts just like other work toward the bachelor of arts degree. Write for particulars to the president.

ANY YOUNG MEN who have felt

the call of God to enter the Christian ministry or to prepare for foreign mission work in the Cameroons should correspond with the president even though the way to enter Rochester may not be open now. Those who are expecting to come during the summer or fall term should send in their applications at once.

sonal Work" that they might study to show themselves approved as workmen of God needing not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Without doubt or fear but with joyful faith and happy countenance these people are witnessing to their faith. Also, more Christian leaders are either buying or borrowing books, as "Revival Lectures" by Finney that they might better prepare for successful revival meetings held during the year. All these revi-

of God point to a great awakening. The Spirit of God is promoting evangelism since he has blessed the local churches which we visited with his appropriate and fitting spiritual gifts most adaptable for evangelism in the local vicinities. Would that each church might treasure highly its spiritual gifts as they are used for Christ. Some day Christ will say to such faithful servants: "Well done, good and faithful servants, ve have been faithful over a few things: I will val interests prompted by the Spirit make you rulers over many things."

# The Sound of the Trumpet

A New Novel by

#### GRACE LIVINGSTON HILL

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#### SYNOPSIS

Lisle had little interest in the big party which was arranged for Victor Vandingham at the millionaire's mansion because of Victor's recent strange behavior and also because she had come to know about some Bible teachings which she had learned at a mission. There she had also met John Sargent, a fine, upright Christian young man. Victor brought the ash-blonde Erda to his party, who shocked everybody and who tried at once to get a job in the office of the Vandingham plant, which was engaged in filling secret government war orders. Lisle left the party with considerable disgust and went home to bed.

#### CHAPTER ELEVEN

That very afternoon as John Sargent left the shipyard and began his short walk to the trolley that would carry him to his grandfather's apartment, an elderly man walked up to him and asked how to get to the center of the city. John told him clearly.

"If you get on this car I'm taking it will take you within a block of where you say you want to go".

John swang himself onto the car, found a seat and settled down. He was annoyed when the other man followed him and took the other half of his seat. It was the more annoying because there were plenty of other seats the man could have taken, but he followed John closely and indicated that he wanted to take the outside of the seat next the aisle.

"I'll just sit here with you," he said cheerfully, "then you can tell me where to get off."

John drew a faint sigh and accepted the company of the stranger. This new patience was one of the things at that Bible class, and not always did he remember it. But after an instant's thought he moved over and gave the man a little more room. Then he pulled out the morning paper from his overcoat pocket and absorbed himself in its pages, though he had already read as much as he cared to

that morning on his way to work. But his companion was not abashed by the paper. He opened a conversation, and was not in the least troubled by John's inattention.

"It feels good to sit down," he said. "I've been all day long hunting for a job. Queer, isn't it, just because I have a few grey hairs, and no bunch of references. You see my references were burned in a little rooming house where I was staying. It got on fire, and I barely got out alive with the few clothes I could manage to scramble on as I climbed out the window to the ladder the fireman had bought. And while I wouldn't of course have any trouble in getting more, it happened that all the places I had worked that would have mattered were in the far west, and it would have taken time to get them. Of course if I hadn't lost my money too I could have called people on the phone, long distance, but you can easily see what a time I am hav-

"Yes?" said John, giving the man a quick glance.

It was a fantastic story. Was the man a superior kind of crook, or what? He certainly wouldn't be expecting to get anything out of a working man on his way to work, would he? Sometimes working men were gullible. He knew he was himself occasionally.

"Well, how did it come out?" he asked as he turned over another leaf

of his paper.

"Well, it hasn't come out yet," said the man with a sigh and a good-na-tured grin, "but I guess it will in the end. I heard of a job this morning, and I went without lunch and spent the nickel to phone. I took a chance. The man I had to call was the same name as an old fellow workman of mine, and it turned out to be the same man. He's at the head of the personnel in this big Vandingham plant. Do you know it? I hear they are making some new kind of a secret weapon that is going to do big things in this war and hustle it up in great shape, and they're crazy to get workmen at once. But of course they have to have reliable men, that they can trust, to keep their mouths shut, and that's where I had the advantage. This head man knew me, and I tell you he was glad to hear my voice. They want to begin work right away, and they need more men badly, only so many are gone to war, and so many haven't had the training, and so many are strangers, that it is hard to get the right men. The only thing was he wanted me to hunt up another man to spell me, half time. He said they always get along better if they know each other, or were sort of buddies. He said it would be to my advantage if I could find some old friend in the city, or somebody I knew and thought could sort of go partners with. But I can't find any old friends. I called up several names I knew, one had a son who used to be a buddy of my son, and I knew if I could get hold of him I'd be in the velvet, because my son used to say he was bright as they make 'em and the work was right along his line, welding. If I could get him for my assistant I'd be sitting pretty. But when I called I found he had joined the army same as my son

did, and was already overseas. So that was that! And then I unearthed another name, but the whole family had moved West, and I found I'd have to go on my own. But the more I thought about it the more I felt maybe I could find somebody, just anybody, who was looking for a job, and take him along with me. And when I saw you I took a notion to you. I liked the way you walked, and the way you held your head, and I knew I'd never be ashamed if I buddied up to you, so here, I'm telling you. Would you like a chance to rake in a whole lot of money? Of course I know the shipyard pays well, but nothing like this job. You could be a rich man if you kept at this long. How about it, buddy, would you be willing to go along with me and take on this job? You know the Vandinghams are a good people to be with. You can't find much better. And now the government's behind it there isn't a question. How about it, man? Will you come with me and get the chance of a lifetime making your pile? It's a job you can't match anywhere else that I know of. Want to go with me and try for it?

"Thanks," said John indifferently, "I have a job that I'm very well satisfied with and I don't care to make a change at present."

"But wait, young man, till I tell you what these people pay," said the stranger, putting out a detaining hand as John rose and signaled that he wanted to get out.

"That wouldn't be a consideration with me at present," said John determinedly. "I'm perfectly satisfied with my job, but thanks for thinking of me. I hope you succeed in getting what you want. Good by." and John swung off, made for the nearest drugstore which wasn't far away and called up his officer friend.

The man on the bus rode on a few blocks and was lost in the dusk of the evening. His name was Lacey.

Later that evening he called on one named Weaver.

"Nothing doing!" he said with a half-triumphant note in his voice. "He says he's not interested."

"Well, keep at him," said Weaver. "He may come around yet. It sounds as if he is just the man we want, in spite of his reluctance. They say he has a lot of character. What's that? The girl? Oh, yes, I liked her all right, but I still think the young man is our best bet for the Vandingham outfit. The old boss has some very decided notions, and one of them is that he doesn't like women around business. You can't go against that.

"But I think there may be a way for the girl to work too. She's got ways of her own. She's been scraping acquaintance with young Vandingham and got a bid to his party. She might work it through him."

"You don't say! Well, that shows enterprise, and if she can work it is okay with me. But I'd still try for the young man. A man's invaluable where machinery is concerned. A girl doesn't always understand some important point that a man would know intuitively. So keep on trying for the young fellow. See if you can't get in

your own attempt to get into the plant, and ask him to help you. Maybe that will work."

"Okay!" said Lacey. "But I still say I don't believe it will work. The boy's got something in his mind that makes him allergic to the idea."

"That so? Well, perhaps there's something in that. Look up records. Find some other student who knows them. See what he says. If there was rivalry between them you might work it on the line of revenge. Sometimes a strong-minded guy like Sargent would yield if you told him there was a chance to get it back on Vandingham. But you'd have to buddy up to him and get pretty close to make him own that, before you could do anything about it. There's another thing, too. This man Sargent has a pretty good reputation around town wherever he's been. He's known to be honest. Goes to some queer kind of a Sunday School, is thoroughly trustworthy. And that's a good reputation to have in a business like this. Nobody would suspect a fellow like that if it ever came to a showdown."

"Yes that's all right," said Lacey, "once you get him going and into the job too deep to get out ond tell. But the trouble with the conscientious kind is they're too honest to start in something that seems a bit shady. I doubt if you can ever win the guy over. He's too genuine to fall for it, no matter how much money he could make."

"Is anybody really that honest and conscientious if he once gets a chance to get away with a big thing like that, and no strings to it?'

"Could be," said Lacey. I've seen 'em occasionally."

"Well, keep at it. You can't do more than fail! And remember, we don't fail in our business. We've got too much to lose. Of course if worst comes to worst there are ways to make anybody do as we say. You understand."

"Yes, I understand. But this is not the old country. These people will not fall for everything. They have courage. They are proud. They have a sense of right and wrong, which we over there have forsworn. We have a different standard of life."

"Lacey, you need to go back and take another course if you don't know how to win over a needed fellow. This one has all the qualifications we need, and there are not so many any more who have since the men are going into the army. Of course in the old country we have ways to train the stubbornest of them to do what they are told, but not here, yet. Say, how about turning your girl loose on the lad? She looked to me as if she were better fitted for that sort of work than the actual spying in a plant where they are all men and where she would not have the mechanical knowledge to understand what she was doing. But she might persuade your young man to undertake the job. She's pretty enough. Get her to work on young Sargent."

Lacey shook his head.

"Not his type. He doesn't have much to do with girls. I've never seen him with a girl but once and that was to protect her from a bunch of drun-

take her home afterward."

"Who is she? Did you find that

"Yes, naturally. She is the daughter of the millionaire Kingsley. He steps high when he falls for a girl." 'H'mmmm! Is she a good looker?"

"Yes, but in a different way. More refined. More old-fashioned. You wouldn't get her stooping to win a young man. Besides, I've heard she engaged to young Vandingham."

"The very thing, Lacey! You can take her into the plant, and then approach her wisely about the great job there is for the right young man. Perhaps she will induce him to go into this, talk to him about how much good he could do with the money." Lacey shook his head decidely.

"You don't get me, he said contemptuously. "They are neither of them that type. The girl would never stoop to coax a young man to do anything, not even to get him to give money to some cause for which she was working, war work, or defense or something of that sort. She is reserved, and dignified and lovely. And he is reserved also."

"Very well, then, I'll tell you what we'll do. Kidnap the girl and let the boy know she is in trouble. Then employ a bum to tell him where she is, and will tell him if he will get certain information from that plant for us. Try the chivalrous line and see how that works."

Lacey still shook his head. "No, you're wrong there! These two young people have been born and bred to honor. They drank it with their mother's milk. They have not succumbed to the worldliness and modernism that so many are full of today. That young Vandingham has, and that is why he can be influenced by Erda, but the other girl, Lisle Kingsley, has an exalted view of life, also is devoted to manners and customs. You will find it hard to kidnap a girl like that and get her into a dangerous situation."

"Oh, no, you wouldn't. Not if you picked your kidnapper, and you and I know plenty who could do it.'

"Yes. It could be done. But there would be plenty danger in trying it. The so-called righteous indignation of the wealthy and fashionable, of the respectable church-going community would be roused and the dogs of the law would be turned loose upon us."

"Those are things we have to expect and avoid," said the big bully whose name was Weaver. "Those are the things we are trained to overcome and beat. You know how! Now go and accomplish. I don't care how you do it, but I want that lad, and that other girl if possible and I don't care how much it costs. When is the next blackout? Watch for that. It's an excellent time to carry out any schemes. Does that Kingsley girl go every night to the Red Cross class in the southern part of the city?"

"No, but she goes to a dinky little religious gathering of some sort. At least that's where she took refuge when the young man was with her.' "Oh! So that's the game is it? The religious angle. Well, that ought-

n't to be hard to beat. The element

with him. Profess to have failed in ken bums during a blackout and then of fear would likely help a lot. Work it out, Lacey, and let me know tomorrow what you plan. Time is going fast, and the quicker we get this thing under espionage the better. It's about the most important thing we have to do just now. This plant has got to be watched in the right way. The man that makes this possible is due for advancement. You know what that means. Now go, and see how quick you can get some action."

The two men parted and Lacey went on his way back to his desolate room to get on the telephone, call up his satellites and work out a plan.

Lisle Kingsley, all unaware that her name had been set down among the victims that the saboteurs were arranging to use to attain their ends, went happily on about her war work, Red Cross classes, and her university course. But none of these at present led her into a neighborhood where plans such as had been discussed could be carried out without detection. And approaching examinations kept her busy with her studies, too busy to go to the Bible classes which she longed to attend. Thus God protected

John Sargent wrote her a brief and deeply grateful note after the lovely flowers reached his grandmother.

I can never tell you what those flowers did for my grandmother. In order to understand it you would have had to see her eyes when she looked at them, and to have known her expressive eyes through the years as I have done, to read the almost glorified look of wonder that she wore when I brought them near to her face and she caught the heavenly fragrance. I know she smelled them for she drew deep breaths, as if she were fairly reveling in them. You see she knows I would not feel I could buy flowers just now, and she wanted to know who sent them, so I told her it was a friend of mine whom I had told about her, and I gave her your name. I think she knew the name.

Your family of course is well known, and there was surprise in her eyes that I should know you. So I told her of the blackout and how we came to know one another. I told her about the Bible class, and there was great joy in her face, a kind of glory, if it is right to use that term about a human being. So I thank you from my heart for your kind thought of my dear grandmother and for the flowers.

I do not know if you have been to the class again, because my work has been changed to the night shift and I work from four until midnight, so have missed the class myself much against my wish. But I trust that the Lord will guide you into His truth.

Lisle kept that letter among her treasures, quietly, not even telling her mother about it. She felt her mother might not understand and of course since she would not be likely to see this young man again, at least not often, if at all, it didn't matter.

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# WINTER CHILDREN'S PAGE SISTIS

#### Edited by MRS. BERTHA JOHNSON of Wyocena, Wisconsin

#### The Promise of the Month

(To be Memorized)

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:33

#### The Verse of the Month

(To be Memorized)

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto my Father, but by me."

John 14:6

#### FRIENDS OF GOD, Series II

Read Matthew 2:13-23 and Luke 2: 41-52, and answer the following questions without the use of your Bible. You may have to read the story through several times. (Again let me suggest that you need not send these answers to me. This is just to help you remember the story better. Perhaps your mother or Sunday School teacher will correct them for you.)

- 1. Why did Mary and Joseph take the baby Jesus to Egypt?
- 2. Where did Mary and Joseph live after they came back from Egypt?
- 3. What was Joseph's occupation?
  4. What great feast did the Jews celebrate every year?
- 5. How old was Jesus when he
- went along to Jerusalem?
  6. When it was time to go home,
  Mary and Joseph could not find
  Jesus. How long did they hunt
- for him?
  7. Where did they find him?
- 8. What was he doing there among some learned men?

The Lord is ever near, He bids his children pray; While they are speaking He will hear

And bless them day by day.
Our Father's love is sure,
And very wise His care;
He gives us what He knows is
best,

And hears our every prayer.

Poem sent in by Manetta Frohlich,
Trochu, Alberta, Canada

# Gopal's Recovery

By AMELIA O. STOTT

"Iya! Iya! How time has flown! The supper not cooked yet, and Gopal's father even now on the road home!" The Indian woman started up from her spinning wheel and began quickly stirring the fire.

Gopal, her eldest boy, was sitting outside, in the doorway of their small mud home, busy reading a ragged schoolbook. His mother was just about to call him in to help when he jumped up with a scream of pain. Unseen by anyone, a slithering snake



—Harold M. Lambert Photo April Showers Cannot Stop These Children's Smiles

had noiselessly crept nearer and nearer to the boy until he could dart at him and fasten his poison fangs into Gopal's plump brown leg. The boy's screams soon brought all the neighbors and all started shouting and running about in great excitement. The snake was beaten to death, but poor little Gopal was left in agony.

His father Shanbarro, a small farmer and a very keen, earnest Christian, rushed off to fetch the Church Teacher. But he was not a doctor and, though he tried his very best to help, it was useless. The poor boy soon became unconscious. His parents were struck almost speechless, for Gopal was their eldest child and only son, and so he was the very light of their eyes.

Suddenly his father rose from the mud floor where he had been lying prostrate in the style in which Indians pray.

ans pray.

"We can do nothing more for my son, but God can do everything. He is able, and I am going to trust him to save my boy's life even yet, if it be his good will." Lifting the unconscious lad in his strong arms he made his way through the crowd to the little Christian church. There he laid Gopal on the floor and prayed.

"Oh, God of Elijah!" he cried.

"Oh, God of Elijah!" he cried.
"Hear a father's prayer, and have
mercy upon me. Thy will be done."
He was so absorbed in this that he did
not hear the door of the little church
open. Suddenly a voice made him
look up.

"I was passing through the village and the people stopped me. I am a foreign doctor and, fortunately, have some snake bite medicine in my case." Very quickly the doctor gave an injection to the apparently lifeless boy and worked on him so hard that Gopal slowly regained consciousness. At last he opened his eyes.

jumped up with a scream of pain. As for his father, he was filled Unseen by anyone, a slithering snake with joy, and he began pouring out

his gratitude to God. "It is a miracle! Oh, how good is the God we worship and adore! Henceforth my son shall serve him, for I can never again feel that he is mine in the way he was before."

It was some time before Gopal got quite well again. As he heard his father saying so constantly, "Now you belong fully to Jesus", he felt he must try to learn books at some Christian school. But, alas, there was no money for fees, but Gopal and his father felt that God would one day surely accept the offering of Gopal's life in service for him, and answer their prayer.

A year passed, and then one morning a letter arrived from the missionary in charge of the district. The letter informed them that the fees for a new schoolboy had unexeptecdly arrived from a friend in America, and that Gopal had been chosen to be the new schoolboy.

"I knew the Lord Jesus would make it possible for me to go," said the boy. "Oh, Father, I am so glad, for I mean to be a real worker for him by-andby, because I belong to him altogether."

Away at his Christian school today Gopal is trying to remember that wonderful fact, and day by day his teachers are seeing in his life that he is seeking to live and work for his Savior.

#### A PILGRIMAGE to the COAST

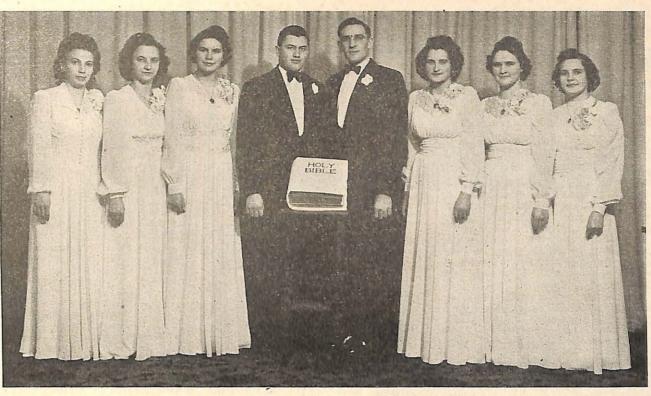
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ation to succeed and their boundless optimism are a spiritual tonic for any soul.

In the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, British Columbia we have a large church which has had an amazing history. Its remarkable growth stamped it at one time as "our fastest growing church in the denomination". It is now self-supporting and aggressively forging ahead with the Rev. L. F. Gassner as pastor. The Bethany Church of that same city and our church in the interior of British Columbia at Kelowna are equally bright stars in the firmament of the Pacific Conference.

Far in the West, at American Falls, Idaho is the last of our Pacific Conference churches. With its mission station of Paul, fifty miles away, it is located almost at the foot of extensive mountain ranges. Although the church is facing an uncertain future at present with the departure of its pastor, even here the bright rays of hope shine through the clouds and gloom.

It will not be possible for all of us to heed Greeley's advice of decades ago: "Go west, young man, go west!" But it ought to be a joy for all of us to follow this suggestion: "Look to the west, friends, look to our churches of the Pacific Conference. For God is there accomplishing great things for his cause".



1944 Graduates of Edmonton's Christian Training Institute
(Left to Right: Laura Goltz, Helen Grunwald, Ruth Unger, Alvin Straub, Isador Faszer, Rose Weiss, Herta Krueger, and Pearl (Weiss) Faszer.)

# Commencement Exercises at Edmonton Institute

A Report of Graduation Festivities at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta by President E. P. WAHL

ANOTHER school year at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta has passed and March 21st and 22nd, which were set aside for the closing activities, were most memorable. The Mission Committee, the Governing Board of the school, our General Missionary Secretary, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, and Miss Laura Reddig, our Cameroons missionary, honored us with their presence for these days.

Beautiful spring weather prevailed, which made the country roads next to impassible. Thus it was impossible for many of our country friends to be in our midst. However, we were so thankful that a goodly number overcame all obstacles and were able to celebrate with us.

"Missions" was the topic of the program on the first day. Miss Laura Reddig, our missionary from the Cameroons; Mrs. H. O. T. Burkwall, missionary from China; Capt. James R. Cox, Station Chaplain of the Air Transport Command; and the Rev. Phil. Daum, mission secretary of the Northern Conference., were the principal speakers. Challenging messages were brought to the great meetings.

The Christian Training Institute has faithfully and humbly labored to prepare young people who would give themselves to the cause of our Master. Before the great audience at the Central Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, March 21, a group of 14 young men and women stood on the

platform who had been appointed by the Mission Committee for special missionary work during the coming spring and summer months.

There is a quartet of young women to go out to do promotional work and to inspire the hearts of many of our people in our churches in Canada and the United States for the work which God has so graciously entrusted to us. There are some who are taking over some of our missionary churches and others to labor with children and young people. Four of this group are being sent out with the Rev. F. W. Benke into the Peace River district to take up pioneer missionary work in this great field which is being opened up more and more.

March 22nd was a wonderful day for us. Early in the morning the ladies in the kitchen were kept busy getting ready for the number that had to be fed. We invited our friends to have their meals with us during these closing days, which meant that no less than 900 meals had to be served during these two days. And the matron and her help made a splendid job of it! The day started with another Devotional Hour. An arousing lecture by the Rev. J. Dawe on "Catholicism—A Religion of Darkness" moved us to take more definite action against false teachings.

The afternoon meeting was held at the Central Baptist Church. It was called the "graduating class meeting." A large number of friends practically

filled the main auditorium of the church. The eight members of the graduating class rendered a splendid service and the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Regina brought a stirring message, on the topic, "Christ Is All In All".

The final meeting, the Commencement Excercises, take place in the evening. Even before 7 o'clock, people began to gather and to assure themselves of good seats. Even standing room was at a premium. No less than 600 people must have crowded the church this evening, and why not? The program for the evening was well worth hearing. Missionary Laura Reddig sent forth once more an appeal for the Cameroons work. Dr. Wm. Kuhn brought the commencement address with an inspiring message on "Life's Greatest Asset". The graduates were honored by being presented with the diplomas of the Insti-tute and the Gold Seal Diploma of the Evangelical Teacher Training Associ-

Throughout these days the students served in music with orchestra and with vocal selections. The Institute Chorus participated in the evening services most acceptably under the direction of Mr. Robert Neske. With these special days having come to a close, we keep on singing:

"Help us to serve Thee more and more, Help us to praise Thee o'er and o'er; Live in Thy presence day by day,— Never to turn from Thee away."

## REPORTS FROM THE

### DAKOTA CONFERENCE

#### Study Course and Election of Officers by the B. Y. P. U. of Lehr, North Dakota

The young people of the Baptist Church of Lehr, North Dakota, re-cently completed a study course en-titled, "The Book We Teach". All who participated in this worthy project feel that they have been greatly benefitted and are grateful to our pastor, the Rev. Martin De Boer, for his able presentation of the subject.

This year, as in previous years, we have our society divided into four committees. Each group takes charge of three meetings and each is assigned one of the following subjects; education, devotion, missions, and social activities.

The election results at our annual business meeting on March 2 were as follows: Jacob Ehman, president; Isadore Kranzler, vice-president; Ella Ehman, secretary; and Mrs. Henry Kranzler, treasurer. These officers are capable workers and, we hope to continue in the service of our Lord and Master.

Mrs. Isadore Kranzler, Reporter

# Women's Missionary Society of Goodrich, North Dak. Reviews the Past Year of Activities

The Baptist Women's Missionary Society of Goodrich, North Dakota observed its 32nd anniversary in Fedruary by presenting a mission program, which consisted of songs, dialogue, readings and a short talk by our pastor, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler. Bible mottoes were presented to the three charter members still with us. The evening mission offer amounted to \$91.45.

We have 30 members and 5 honorary members. Our total income for the past year was \$345.92. Of this we spent \$236.41 for missions, Red Cross, Salvation Army and we also helped to decorate the interior of our church and parsonage. We sent cards to all our boys in the service for Christmas and Easter, and to the boys serving in this country we sent boxes of homemade cookies.

With the Lord's help and the able leadership of our president, Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, we hope to do bigger and better things in the furure. Mrs. Wm. Engel, Secretary

#### A Poem of Gratitude by Mrs. Albert Krombein of Eureka, South Dakota

(Mrs. Albert Krombein of Eureka. (Mrs. Atlert Krombein of Eureka, South Dakota, spent a number of weeks, in Dr. Nichovs Sanatorium recently dur-ing a critical illness. After returning home on March 20, she sent the follow-ing poem for publication.—Editor.)

I thank you all, is what I say, As at the San, in bed I lay But, first, I thank my Father in

#### Attention, Reporters!

Because of the reduction of the size of "The Herald," all reports will have to be limited to 250 words. They must be sent within 30 days after the occurrence of the event.

For the duration, no annual re-ports of churches or church organizations will be accepted for publication. No further reports of wedding anniversaries, including golden wedding celebrations, will be published during this time.

All reporters are asked to be patient with the editor if abbreviations have to be made or reports have to be held up for a later issue. Everything will be done to publish all eligible reports as soon as possible.

That again to me health was given; So many prayers for me were spok-

Which pain and agony have broken, And now I fully understand, For I felt the touch of the Master's

hand. Oftimes there were some lonesome

days, In came the mail to spread bright

A cheerful card and with it a letter, Was just the thing to make me feel

How thankful I feel, words cannot

convey, But I asked my Lord you all to re-For what you have done toward

one of his least; Your deeds in heaven will have increased.

#### Harvests of the Field and Spiritual Harvests at Ashley, North Dakota

Sometimes it is good to hear from our other churches, how they struggle along, are gaining here, and failing there, if their report is a true picture And so, we of the Baptist Church of Ashley, North Dakota, shall confess that God is guiding us and watching over us. In the past years we had to undergo natural hardships and our heads were bowed. Now we have natural harvests, but our minds, the future is dark—and our heads are bowed again. "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" Through all the inner and outer depressions

#### Southwestern Conference Dates

The Southwestern Conference will convene with the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas, from August 2 to 6. It is quite certain that Prof. Assaf Husmann of the Rochester Baptist Seminary will be one of the guest speakers present. Since last year's conference could not be held, it is hoped that goodsized representations will be present for these sessions.

God is still guiding us.

We have good church attendance, although it is harder now to win the souls for Christ. At harvest time we had our regular rivival meetings at which the Rev. E. Kary of Napoleon, North Dakota and Rev. H. G. Braun of Parkston, South Dakota helped us. They did their very best and God blessed their messages. At our bap-tismal service we could baptize four, for which we are thankful. Our mission festival, on Nov. 21, brought us \$1200, which we gave mostly to the mission work of our denomination.

Before us is a plan to think of our youth in a special way. We intend to hold Bible courses to acquaint our young people with our work and to deepen spiritual life.

W. J. Luebeck, Pastor

#### First Anniversary of the Bap-tist Church of Sidney, Montana is Celebrated Recently

We are now one year old as an organized Baptist Church in Sidney, Montana. The Rev. Otto Fiesel gave the call to organize on Feb. 17, 1943, and we organized with 25 charter members.

The following week, after much prayer, we rented the beautiful mortuary which is now our very own property. The story of the building coming into our possession is nothing less than God's undertaking and a di-

rect answer to prayer.

Our Sunday School has grown to
79 on the roll with Mrs. Glen Snyder as our superintendent. Our clases have grown from one to six in number. We also have a fine choir, and their songs of praise help to beautify our services. The women have organized into a missionary society. There are 17 members in the organization of which Mrs. Fiesel is president.

The Rev. Arthur Ittermann of Emery, So. Dak., served as evangelist for two weeks last Fall. The Lord truly blessed his Word in that souls were saved and more Christians showed their desire to join our fellowship.

We celebrated our first anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 27. We had a full house at all the services of that day. We partook of a fellowship dinner at noon. In the afternoon we met to dedicate our new baptistry, which had just been built in the church. How our hearts rejoiced when we saw a mother and her two grown children in the water ready to follow the Lord in baptism. Then two more married couples followed, after which six Sunday School children were baptized.

In the evening our young people of the Savage mission station brought a program for the Sidney group, which was led by Miss Esther Klemple. The Rev. Otto Fiesel then brought the evangelistic sermon.

We now have a membership of 53, and our prayer is as one of our little Sunday School girls prayed, "Lord, may we double girls prayed, "Lord, year," double this in the coming

Esther Klemple, Secretary.

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

#### Sessions of the North Texas Association at the Bethel Heights Church of Gatesville

The North Texas Association of the Southern Conference convened with the Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas, March 17 to 19. Weather conditions crossed our plans in many ways, and many, who would otherwise have been present, could not attend the sessions because of bad roads. To those who attended these were days well worth while.

The general theme, "The Church Facing the Future", was most optimistically discussed in every message. The Rev. R. W. Seibel, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, brought the opening message, speaking on "The Spiritual Advancement For 1944". This message struck the proper note for a fine beginning.

Saturday was a full day! The morning was spent in business and reports from the various churches. The Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn led the morning devotionals as also the closing meditation at noon. In the afternoon three addresses were given on "The Church Facing the Future" by the Reverends J. K. Warkentin of Crawford, R. W. Seibel of Waco and W. Helwig of Dallas.

Due to heavy rains and bad roads the Sunday services were considerably interrupted. Inasmuch as the regular speaker could not be present because of the rain, the Rev. Robert Means, blind evangelist, was asked to bring the morning message on "The Hope of the Church—The Throne". The afternoon was in Throne". The afternoon was in charge of the young people. After a number of special numbers, the Rev. W. Helwig brought the closing message on "The Christ Who Satisfies".

W. Helwig, Reporter.

## PACIFIC CONFERENCE

#### Salishan Chapel Is Dedicated as a Mission of Tacoma's Calvary Baptist Church

Thousands of the boys in our Armed Forces have become missionaries, even in foreign lands. What are we at home doing along missionary lines? The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., recently caught a vision of an unusual opportunity for evangelistic work in the new Salishan Defense Housing area of 2,000 homes in this city.

In July 1943, the church appointed a committee to make investigations as to the possibility of a mission project in this possibility of a mission project in this new district. In August of last year suitable lots were located across the across the street from the Housing

District, and these were purchased. In December two office buildings which had been used by government contractors, were also purchased and to the men of lots. It was then up to the men of our church to remodel these buildings. They gave many of time and labor after their



A Part of the Croyd of Friends at the Dedication of the New Salishan Mission Chapel in Tacoma, Washington

fense plants, working late into the

We then named the mission, "The Salishan Baptist Chapel". On Sunday, February 6, over 40 members of our church canvassed the Salishan district, inviting the people to the first services to be held on Sunday, February, 13. We loaned our very efficient Sunday School superintendent, Henry Schmunk, for the establishing of the Bible School and sent five teachers also.

The original group of workers will never forget the first meeting at the chapel. They assembled early for prayer and then waited with suspense to see how many people might come.

usual day's work at factory and de- belheimer of our church is assisting with this work and in the near future we hope to call a permanent worker. Elizabeth Ahrens, Reporter.

#### Anniversary Program and Activities of the Missionary Guild of Startup, Washington

On the 13th of February the Missionary Guild of Startup, Wash., celebrated its seventh anniversary with a program, consisting of songs, readings and a two act playlet, all of which was very inspiring to the congregation as well to the Guild members.

The Missionary Guild, formerly known as the Willing Workers, was organized in 1937 under the leader-



The Salishan Chapel, a New Mission of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington

School annex.

There were forty-six, which was more than we of little faith had hoped for. Each following Sunday the attendance increased until it has reached 65.

Funds for this project have come in almost without request. The various organizations of the church gave funds, and some of the Sunday School classes have given gifts, such as pulpit chairs, lighting fixtures, shades for the many windows, etc. The church donated 100 chairs, a piano and a pulpit. The main auditorium seats approximately 100 people, and there are separate Sunday School

On Sunday, February 27, the chapel was dedicated. The Rev. Fred Mueller from Portland, Oregon gave the dedicatory address, using the text, "Give ye them to eat". Our pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau, also took part At the present time, the Rev. E. Biin this program.

at which business is transacted, opportunities for service discussed, and instruction is provided through a brief program which is in charge of the members. The monies are raised by monthly dues and the selling of articles made by busy hands. The society, when organized, had 14

ship of Mrs. C. E. Schoenleber. The

purpose was to raise funds to help pay

for the construction of the Sunday

The society was reorganized by our

president, Mrs. Adolph Hieb, in 1943 with a more vital need. The object

now is to foster the missionary pro-

gram of the church in keeping with its

new name, Missionary Guild.

Meetings are held once each month

members, and now after seven years of Christian work and Christian prayers we have 20 members, all working together toward the one goal.

Mary Schalo, Secretary.

#### A Year of Blessings at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia

The year 1943 had many blessings from the Lord for the Sunday School of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia. He guided us in the arrangement of new and more effective devices and the carrying out of his plans. We have organized a Primary Department of which Mrs. W. Faundery is the Superintendent. The younger married people, who had no class until now, were organized into the Home Builders Class with Mrs. Gassner as teacher.

# NORTHERN CONFERENCE

#### Activities of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Bethel Church of Carbon, Alberta

The women of the Missionary Society of the Bethel Church of Carbon, Alberta can look back with grateful hearts upon a year of activity for our Lord and Master. We meet once a month at the church and have interesting programs in which all take part under the leadership of our president, Mrs. E. Riemer.



Boys' Class of the Ebenezer Baptist Sunday School of Vancouver, British Columbia With the Best Average Attendance in 1943 Left to Right-Standing: Willie Teichman, Cecil Heffner, Arnold Miller, Ted Teichman, Ed Konesky. Seated in Front: William Kohnert, Mr. Wilfred Faundery, Teacher; Elmer Bismeyer, and Herb Holmes

The opening of the Sunday School with the song, "Everyday With Jeeverybody for the session. The singing also became more effective through the engagement of Erwin Bunkowskie Walter Gertz as cornet players. The brief and to-the-point talks by our superintendent, Mr. Ed. Nelner. before the class period awakens everybody's interest in the lesson which is to be discussed by our efficient teachers in the class periods. The cooperation of the teachers and workers of Sunday School is increased through quarterly meetings.

The attendance of the Sunday School increased considerably and the offering doubled on most Sundays. Our Sunday School is most fortunate to have an experienced superintendent in Mr. Ed Nelner who through many years in Sunday School work accquired the ability with which he helped our Sunday School to great success. The Lord blessed our efforts in winning scholars to Christ, and during the year 9 scholars accepted Christ as their Savior and followed him in baptism. All classes worked hard during the year, but to the Boys One Class with their teacher, Mr. W. Faundery, goes the honor for the most regular attendance for the year. Their picture accompanies this report.

Leslie Miller, Secretary.

We are glad to report that our annual bazaar was very successful and netted us \$210.50. We have decided to have a cupboard built in the basement kitchen of our church. The church has also bought a parsonage, and it was our privilege to help fi-nancially with \$150.

Mrs. Anita Ohlhauser, Reporter

#### Recent Activities and Programs by the Mc Dermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba

As we have not sent in a contribution to the HERALD for sometime past, may we be permitted to say a few words about ourselves in Winnipeg, Man.

We have reason to be grateful to God for his many blessings. We have recently concluded a two weeks' period of evangelistic meetings conducted by the Rev. L. B. Berndt of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn. These meetings were well attended and proved to be a source of inspiration and spiritual awakening for all who took part. Several of our young people decided to follow Christ in baptism, and we hope and pray that others will follow. Our pastor, the Rev. O. Patzia, had just concluded a two weeks' campaign of Bible teaching with the Baptist Church in consecration as a continual progress. Minitonas

We were also deeply touched recently by the death of one of our pioneer members, Mr. Otto Heide. He will be missed for many years to come, since he was one of those who could be depended upon to do his part in the building of God's kingdom.

All branches of the church continue to help cheerfully in whatever there is to do, although the young people's work has been somewhat retarded through the absence of so many of our young men in the Armed Forces.
The Sunday School is very well

attended to the delight of the superintendent and the teachers. A special feature of late has been the object lessons by Miss Olga Gross, which are greatly enjoyed by the children. P. Penner, Reporter

#### OFFERING MEN THE WORD OF GOD Phil. 2:16.

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Near McCord Field, Fort Lewis, Camp Murray.

Also Bus Connection to the Navy Yard at Bremerton, Wash, A Hearty Welcome Awaits You!

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Easter Joys and Evidences of God's Blessing at Benton Harbor's Clay St. Baptist Church

On Palm Sunday, April 12, the Rev. E. Gutsche, pastor of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich. had the joy of baptizing three persons into Christ's death and ex-tending the hand of fellowship to them. At the same time the Rev. and Mrs. R. Kubsch joined the fellowship of the church, having chosen Benton Harbor as their permanent residence.

On Easter Sunday morning the young people held an Easter sunrise program, and in the evening the mixed choir rendered a cantata entitled,"The Easter Sunrise Song", by E. S. Tillotson.

Several improvements at the church edifice were made under the supervision of Mr. O. Wesner. The church also raised the pastor's salary by the sum of \$200, joined the Ministers' Benefit Fund with an annual contribution of \$100, and will also henceforth show its appreciation to the pastor and his wife for conducting the Male Choir in paying them an additional \$100 annually. The Sunday School decided to support a native African teacher with an annual contribution of \$100. Giving for missions and other purposes in the church has increased considerably. Pertaining to the "revitalization" effort, it must be said that our members look upon E. Gutsche, Pastor

#### Announcement of Forthcoming Events by the Young People's Union of Chicago and Vicinity

Here is the news of the NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION OF CHICAGO AND VICIN-ITY, formerly known as the JU-GENDBUND.

The officers, under he capable leadership of their president, Fred Dons of Forest Park, are planning an active summer program, starting with a missionary rally to be held at the Forest Park Church on April 22nd. The Rev. Peter Deyneka, director of the Russian Gospel Missionary Association, will be the speaker. A Russian Choir will assist him.

Next in order comes our Pre-Conference Rally. Do not forget, the Conference this year is to be held on June 24 and 25 at the Methodist Camp Grounds in Des Plaines, Ill.

Ephraim Schulz, Publicity Director.

#### Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, Illinois Installs New Pastor, Rev. L. E. Winfrey

On Sunday evening, February 13, the Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, Ill., had a time of rejoicing. Members and friends of the church and delegates of sister churches gathered together to witness the installation service of our new pastor, the Rev. L. E. Winfrey, who came to us from Blandinsville, Ill.

Mr. Winfrey started his services as our full time pastor on January 1st but it was not until February 13th that he was officially installed. The Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park was the speaker of the evening. Dr. John Knechtel of Grace Church, Chicago welcomed Mr. Winfrey into our conference and gave the charge to our church. Others officiating in the installation service were the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger of the Immanuel Church of Chicago, the Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, superintendent of the Chicago Baptist Old People's Home, and Mr. Jacob Zimmerman who served Humboldt as interim pastor for the past year.

We believe that the Lord has great things in store for us as a church under the leadership of Mr. Winfrey, as we hear Jesus Christ speaking to our membership. "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.'

The installation program ended with refreshments provided by two of our very active women's organizations, the Ladies' Missionary Society and our Philathea group. Humboldt's board of deacons was responsible for arranging the program.

Ephraim Schulz, Reporter.

#### Rally and Evangelistic Meetings at the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 27, the auditorium, Sunday School room and balcony of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., were filled with members, friends and visitors from surrounding cities whom we have come to know through our radio programs, "Echoes of Heaven", for the first radio rally to have been held in our church.



The Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Winfrey and Family of the Humboldt Park Baptist

Our assistant pastor, Mr. Wilkinson, led the song service, after which the radio choir sang, "Master, the Tempest is Raging". Radio announcer Gordon Ernst introduced the program and welcomed the friends.

The male quartet sang two numbers and Eleanor Russell sang, "The Christ of the Galilee Road". Mr. Henry Holzimmer, a member of the radio committee, gave a short report of the work which has gone over the air for five years and also read portions of letters from listeners.

Three young people followed the Lord in baptism. The Rev. P. G. Neumann then gave the evening message.

We have come to love our pastor very much during the seven years of ministry with us, and look forward to having him with us for many more years.

Five great nights from March 7 to 12 were a time of inspiration and consecration, of heart searching and prayer, for the church. Our speaker was Mr. John Sergey, converted Rus-

sian concert singer.
One of the most touching meetings was the Sunday morning service, at which Evangelist Sergey spoke especially to the children, and upon invitation several children and two adults came forward for salvation.

Dorothy Nienhuis, Reporter

#### .. OBITUARY ..

#### MRS. MARTHA FRIED

of Benedict, North Dakota

Mrs. Martha Fried was born in Gernany on October 7, 1884, and passed away at the Minot Hospital on March 12th. She came as a child to America with her parents. Hutchinson, Minn., became their new home. Here she grew up to womanhood and during this time she heard the call of Christ to come and she heard the call of Christ to come and follow him, which she did and became a Christian by the new birth from above. She also obeyed the Word of the Lord and was baptized in Jesus' death. She united with the Baptist Church in Hutch-

united with the Baptist Church in Hutchinson.

In 1913 she was married to Mr. Philip Fried and God blessed this union with 6 children who are now living to mourn over the mother with the bereaved father. They are Mrs. Ella Sailer of St. Monica, Calif.; Mrs. Helen Paul Emil of Itta, Oklahoma; Mrs. Oliva Sam Vitrochanko of Michigan; Margaret and Reinhold with their father; and Paul with the Armed Forces in Italy.

In 1929 our sister joined the Baptist Church at Turtle Lake and later on became a member of the Benedict Church where she remained a true follower of Christ until her death and she was brought into God's presence whom she loved and served.

The funeral service was held in the Thomas Funeral Parlor of Minot on Friday, March 17.

BENEDICT, NORTH DAKOTA.

BENEDICT, NORTH DAKOTA. FRED TRAUTNER, Pastor,

of Carbon, Alberta, Canada Lydia Karas, beloved wife of George Karas and daughter of the late Jacob and Rosina Bitz, fell asleep in Jesus after an illness of several months at the home of her brother in Calgary, Alberta, on Monday, Feb. 21, at the age of 39 years, 1 month and 13 days.

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MRS. GEORGE KARAS

years, 1 month and 13 days.

Born at Forbes, North Dakota, on Jan.

8, 1905, Lydia came to Grainger, Alberta,
with her parents in the year 1909. At
the age of 14 years she found peace in
the precious blood of Christ and in the
summer of 1919 was baptized by the Rev.
A. Kujath and received into the First
German Baptist Church of Freudental.

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Some years later she was united in marriage to George J. Karas at Miles City, Montana, in which vicinity they resided until she came back to Canada with her husband and two sons in 1933. Upon making her home at Hesketh, Alberta, she became affiliated with the Bethel Baptist Church near Carbon, Alberta. Her gentle nature and loving thoughtfulness will long be remembered by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her departure her

by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband; three sons, Lester, Harvey and George; one daughter, Roseleen; four brothers, Gustave of Calgary, Edward, Theodore and John, Grainger; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph G. Kary of Hemaruka and Hilda of Winnipeg, Manitoba, besides many other relatives and friends. The Rev. L. J. Hamilton of Calgary, and the pastor of the church, the Rev. E. Riemer, officiated. The interment took place at the Bethel Baptist Cemetery.

Bethel Church, CARBON, ALBERTA.

E. RIEMER, Pastor.

### NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Ministers' Retreat of the Northwestern Conference is held at Baileyville, Illinois

Many good people of our church sometimes wonder what ministers do when they gather for a retreat. This custom is becoming rather popular in recent years, and for a good reason. "None of us liveth to himself". We are all facing similar problems, sighing under the same crushing burdens, facing almost insurmountable tasks. Many a lonely soul feels the hopelessness and futility of his task. Others again seem to see a way out of the labyrinth of present day perplexities. Others again have discovered a method that will help them in their work, or, perhaps, have seen a new light in some truth or technique. Moreover, there is a common basis of interest due to the similarity of our work and because of our common consecration.

Thus prayer for ourselves, for our churches, and for a world lost in sin is the result of many of our conferences. We try to face the realities of this heetic and materialistic life of ours, and in spite of many solutions offered, we are driven again and again to the everlasting throne of mercy. After all, all our efforts seem like a railroad engine, complete as it may be, yet powerless without full steam. Thus is the need of the Holy Spirit and the grace of God in the work of the modern minister.

We met in the quiet rural church of Baileyville, Illinois. No noise of great industrial machines or city traffic disturbed our profound meditations. Kind hands and loving souls prepared for the physical welfare, so we could be perfectly content in all things. The Rev. H. Renkema and the members of his church were ideal hosts, indeed.

The spiritual and intellectual contributions at such a pastors' retreat are always rich and stimulating and suggestive. The Rev. Gerhardt Neumann of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit and Rev. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park were the special invited guests. The former spoke often very feelingly about the minister's task of evangelism, while Dr. Kuhn brought many rich experiences and discovered truths out of the long life devoted to the Christian ministry. The following brethren also had a definite task assigned: Rev. C. F. Lehr, Frank Veninga, John Wobig, A. Bernadt, and W. L. Schoeffel.

For those of us who attended these were blessed hours, rich in suggestions and precious in fellowship, but we missed many of our colleagues. We wonder, sometimes, why. Are we all so self-satisfied or self-centered? Or is the fellowship with the brethren very superficial? There isn't one who cannot contribute something worthwhile, as well us receive many helpful hints. In this day of ours Christian leaders need to stand together, exhorting one another in the work which our great Master has entrusted to us.

Wm. L. Schoeffel, Reporter.

# Twenty Years Ago

(April 1 to 15, 1924)

The Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa has torn down its old building and is constructing a fine new edifice, as reported by the Rev. A. G. Lang.

\*At the annual program of the Sunday School Association of Chicago and vicinity held in the First Church on April 24 the Rev. C. A. Daniel spoke on "Some Studies in Early Conversion".

The first anniversary of the pastorate by the Rev. G. Wetter in the Fourth Ave, Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., was celebrated on April 25 with a surprise party and the gift of a mantle clock was presented to the Rev. G. Wetter and his wife by the young people's society.



At the Father and Son banquet held on April 22 in the Second Church (now Grace Baptist Church) of Chicago, Illinois, the Rev. L. H. Broeker, representing the sons, compared characters with pianos in that they are "square, upright and grand".

The Rev. S. S. Feldmann, one of our seminary students in Rochester, N. Y.. has been appointed by the board of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society as successor to the Rev. George Geis in the Philippines. He expects to sail for the mission field early in October 1924.

The Rev. H. C. Baum, pastor of the First Church of Chicago, was surprised on April 16 on his birthday by members of the church especially by the presentation of an automobile to him, so that he "might use it in his work to win souls for Christ and also to keep in closer touch with the members of the church."

Strom April 27 to 30 the Golden Jubilee of the First German Baptist Church of Harlem, New York was held with the Reverends C. A. Daniel R. T. Wegner, F. Niebuhr and F. Busch, former pastors, on the program. An interesting feature of one of the sessions was the singing of "Gott ist die Liebe" by five year old Lawrence Orthner, the youngest son of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Orthner.

# Do You Know That ...?

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

Our denominational membership is now 38,298, the largest in the history of North American Baptists! But we also report a loss of 6 churches last year, 164 fewer baptisms than the preceding year, a loss of 21 Young People's Societies and 10 less Women's Societies. Perhaps this means a greater centralization of our church strength?

Industrial casualties in the United States since Pearl Harbor are 36,000 killed, 200,000 crippled, and 4,500,000 injured! Still some people think that being a soldier is the most dangerous vocation.

Three of our students at Rochester are giving serious consideration to serving in our Cameroons Mission Field as their life-work.

Two of the boys from our Burlington Church, Robert Inghram and Ben Inghram, are now members of the Caterpiller Club, for both have been forced to bail out of their falling planes with parachutes.

A Mississippi Baptist pastor and his son do not seem to be worried about the shot-gun shortage! They went hunting recently and killed 12 squirrels— with slingshots!

The world's water supply is increased 17,500,000,000 gallons each year by the condensations from American automobile engines—that is the estimate before gas-rationing.

Baptist have purchased a large camp site at Green Lake, Wisconsin, and fittingly enough have named it "Freedom Acres." If anyone has a right to talk about freedom and democracy in religion, the Baptists have that right.

Colorado State College experimenters have slowly killed a pack of white rabbits by feeding them a co-ed's diet!

The first Baptist Church of Chicago recently called a Japanese-American to be their assistant pastor. It is the first time in Baptist history that a Japanese has served as clergyman in an American Baptist Church.

Seventh Day Adventists in Kansas City have built a Church from the stone and steel from a demolished brewery!

A student of Drake University in making a study of space allotted by newspapers for religious news discovered that 32% of the papers reduced such space last year, 16% increased the space, and 52% gave the same amount of space.

Every Chaplain in the military service is a volunteer! And it is the most dangerous branch of the service for in proportion to their total number, Chaplains suffer the highest mortality rate.

An enterprising pastor in Pennsylvania had on his bulletin board this sentence, "Hitler Does Not Go To Church Either". The following week vandals smeared paint on the front porch and poured acid in the mailslot.