



December's First Snow

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● On Sunday, Oct. 1, the Rev. Richard Schilke, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, received 16 new members into the fellowship of the church at an impressive communion service. Of these 15 persons came into the church by letter and one on confession of faith.

● Chaplain Roy Anderson, a chaplain of the United States Navy, who has been attached to a unit of the Seabees and has been stationed on Guadalcanal and other South Pacific islands for the past 15 months, spent six weeks in October and November on a furlough in the United States. On Sunday, Oct. 29, he spoke briefly at several services of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., of which he is a member. He is a graduate of Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill.

● The Rev. Ralph Rott, pastor of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wisconsin, presented his resignation recently to the church after receiving his appointment as a United States Army Chaplain by the government. He is now at the chaplains' school in preparation for his new field of labors.

● Revival meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Yorkton, Saskatchewan from October 8 to 22 with the Rev. E. P. Wahl as evangelist. The meetings were very well attended and many people rededicated their lives to Christ. According to the pastor, the Rev. G. Beutler of Ebenezer, Sask., 14 persons also confessed their faith in Christ as Savior.

● The Baptist Church of Linton, North Dakota with its several mission stations has called the Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Olds, Alberta, Canada as its pastor, to which he has responded favorably. Mr. Wilcke will begin his pastorate in Linton on December 5th and will succeed the Rev. G. P. Schroeder, who is now associated with the Russian department of the Northwestern Bible School of Minneapolis, Minn.

● The Rev. E. A. Buenning of Cherokee, Okla., pastor of the Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., tendered his resignation to the church on Oct. 22 and announced that it would become effective on Nov. 26. Mr. and Mrs. Buenning will move to Rochester, N. Y., because of the ill health of Mrs. Buenning's mother. Mr. Buenning will continue his studies in Rochester in completion of the work required for the A.B. degree.

● From Oct. 16 to 27 the Rev. F. W. Bartel, general evangelist, brought messages at meetings held at Isabel, So. Dak., and from Oct. 29 to Nov. 10



The First Seminary Quartet in 1895

(Left to Right: Wm. Kuhn, J. Roeber, J. Kratt and H. von Berge)

This Picture in Full Page Size Appears as one of 48 Historical Pictures in the New Denominational Book, "These Glorious Years", Which Is Reviewed on Page 6 of This Issue.

at Fessenden, No. Dak. The pastors of these churches, Rev's. Wm. G. Jaster and G. W. Pust, will report about these fine services. From Nov. 19 to Dec. 1 Mr. Bartel served as evangelist at Hilda, Alberta and from Dec. 3 to 15 he will be at the Gnadenfeld Church, of both of which the Rev. Karl Korella is pastor.

● The Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Kornelsen of Wheaton, Ill., formerly serving the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas, were received into the fellowship of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., on Sunday morning, Nov. 5. Mr. Kornelsen as director of the Rural Bible Crusade, made his first promotional trip in the interests of the Crusade in November, with extensive engagements in and about Fargo, North Dakota; Omaha, Nebraska; Denver, Colorado; and in Kansas and Oklahoma.

● An ordination service was held on Tuesday evening, Oct. 31, by the Ebenezer Church of West New York, N. J., for its pastor, Mr. Herbert J. Freeman. The ordination sermon was brought by the Rev. M. A. Darroch of the Evangel Church of Newark, N. J., with the Rev. Wm. Swyter offering the prayer. Other ministers of our churches taken part in the service were the Reverends Victor Prendinger, H. G. Kuhl, William A. Kahlert, William J. Appel and Frank Orthner, besides four other ministers. The benediction at the close of this impressive service was pronounced by Rev. H. J. Freeman.

● On Sunday, Oct. 8, the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, No. Dak., held its mission festival with the Rev. Paul Hunsicker of Fredonia, N. D., as guest

speaker. The offering for missions was \$1,331.19 and a total of \$1350 was dispatched for missionary purposes. At the church's observance of Seminary Sunday on Oct. 29 the offerings amounted to \$726.76 with \$150 in pledges, a total of \$876.76. This means that the relatively small church of Gackle, of which the Rev. J. J. Abel is pastor, raised almost \$2000 for missions in October!

● On Wednesday evening, Nov. 8, an ordination service was held in the Gross Park Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., at which Mr. Frederick C. Peterson, a member of the church and a student at Northern Baptist Seminary, was ordained into the Christian ministry. Dr. F. D. Whitesell, seminary professor, brought the ordination sermon. The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. John Schmidt of the First Church, with the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, pastor, in charge of the service. The Rev. F. C. Peterson has been called to several Northern Baptist churches in the vicinity of Max, No. Dak.

● Sixteen young people, who are members of our churches, are in attendance as students at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., of which Dr. Charles W. Koller is the president. They come from our churches in Chicago and Forest Park, Ill.; Milwaukee and Manitowoc, Wis.; St. Joseph and Detroit, Mich.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Newark, N. J.; Burlington, Iowa; and Vesper, Kansas. Two other young people whose membership was formerly in our churches are finishing their courses at the seminary. Six other young people, not identified with our churches formerly, are serving as church workers or pastors' assistants in the First German, Humboldt Park and Grace Churches of Chicago, and in the Forest Park and Bellwood Churches nearby.

● Six of our young women are students this Fall at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill. They are Ruby Salzman of Kankakee, Ill., Ida Forsch of Calgary, Alberta; Esther Schultz of the Beaver Church of Michigan; Bernice Westerman of Chancellor, South Dakota; Twila Bartz of Anamoose, North Dakota, and Esther Burger of the White Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio. On Sunday evening, Oct. 22 these young women and Miss Alethea Kose of the school had charge of the young people's meeting and evening service at the First Church of Chicago, Illinois. The students spoke on "New Horizons" and Miss Kose addressed the congregation on "The History of the Sunday School." A birthday party and reception were held for Miss Laura E. Reddig after the service in celebration of her birthday on Oct. 21 at which the Rev. John Schmidt, pastor, brought the congratulations of the church.

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Coming!

A PAGAN OR CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS?
This Christmas sermon by the Rev. Frank Armbruster, pastor of the Linden Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., will provoke a great deal of thinking on the truly Christian observance of the year's greatest festival.

CHRIST'S TREE
"The Baptist Herald" has secured the reprint rights to the publication of a beautiful Christmas story entitled, "Christ's Tree," by Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth of the Volunteers of America. This story, which appeared in the "Christian Herald" some years ago, will delight the heart of every reader.

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER
Special Christmas pictures, an illustrated article about our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., a lovely Christmas poem by Miss Laura E. Reddig, missionary, an editorial on "Hail, Immanuel" and other features appropriate for the season will make the next issue of "The Herald" brimful of interesting and inspiring things for a rich spiritual feast.

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EDITORIAL

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God's Wonders and the Printed Page

GOD performs his greatest wonder when he takes a silent printed page and sends it forth on a strange, uncharted course to do his bidding. The printed Bible has gone ahead of missionaries to lead some heathen tribes to Christ. It touches some lives with comfort and cheer where human companionships are missing. It can often reach the door of a man's heart where all other efforts have proved in vain.

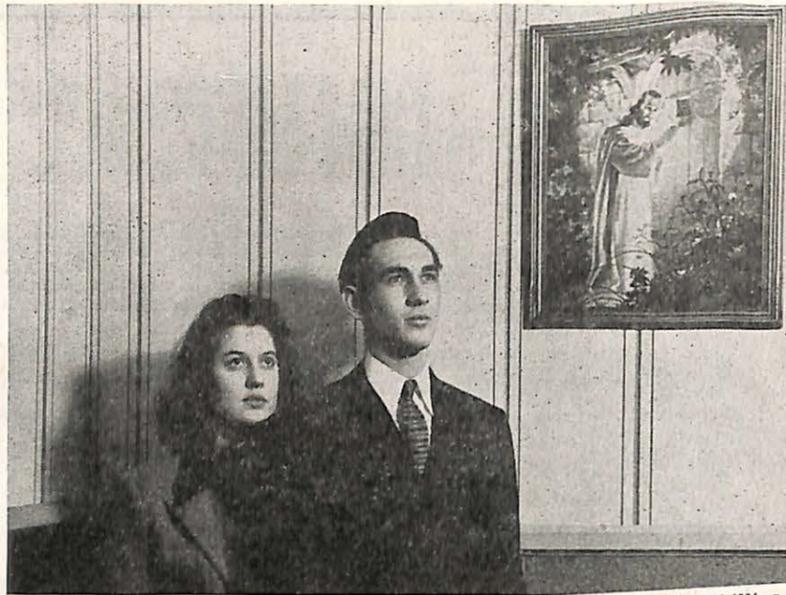
One of the most amazing stories of this war was recently reported in "Missions", a Baptist magazine. Missionary W. E. Wiatt of Burma, now living in California, received a letter from Captain Chester Chartrand, also a former missionary in Burma and now in the United States Army Intelligence Service. The Army Captain wrote as follows from Burma:

"Yesterday a copy of 'The Secret Place' " (the devotional booklet of the American Baptist Publication Society) "was taken from the dead body of a Japanese soldier who was killed in the battle of Myitkyina. The astounding fact is that it is the April-May-June issue of this year! How did that get into the hands of the Japanese soldier before he was killed here in Burma? I do not know. Perhaps some day I may be able to discover how it happened. Ironically that issue says on its cover, 'And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth.' "

"Missions" magazine through its editor, Dr. Wm. B. Lippard, was unable to solve the mystery and could only marvel at God's wonders in his use of the printed page. There at Myitkyina, Burma, where Missionary George Geis of one of our churches formerly labored in the gospel ministry, a Japanese soldier, who had been led to Christ by some nameless missionary, was reading this devotional booklet even before American soldiers could have received it.

On Sunday, December 10, our churches will observe Publication Sunday, thanking God for the ministry of the printed page and preparing to open more homes and hearts than ever before to the reception of our publications and literature. On that same day many of our churches will observe "Universal Bible Sunday" and will consider the work of the American Bible Society, printing and distributing the Bible, especially among Service Men in these years of the war.

In these days let us remember the world-wide ministry of our Publication Society which among many other things sends "The Baptist Herald" in the footsteps of our Service Men and Women around the globe and which dispatches "Der Sendbote" to bring spiritual light and cheer to German war prisoners in this land. Let us send our prayers as winged messengers with every printed page of our Publication Society.



—Photo by Harold L. Phillips.

May Jesus Christ Implant Within Our Hearts the Desire Completely to Obey and to Follow Him!

RISE, take up thy bed, and walk," How full of meaning were these words of the Lord to that impotent man at the pool of Bethesda! In the fifth chapter of John we read the account of the healing of this man who had been infirm thirty-eight years. There at the pool of water, he had sought healing, only to have hopelessly failed.

There, also, were gathered many others with misguided hopes. A great multitude was there, the Scriptures tell us, by their very hope confessing their need of healing. Then, what the waters could not do, the Lord was able to perform. He made the infirm man completely whole.

There is another "pool" about which men often gather for healing, hoping somehow, someway, to be made whole through it; but the desire is never satisfied. This "pool" is the law. That it is God's law is true, but the keeping of that law was never meant to cleanse from the dreadful plague of sin. God says in Galatians 2, verse 16, that "by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

The law, as a mirror, reflects the sin of man and shows him he has a need. Because of it, man sees himself to be infirm, impotent, halt and withered in spiritual things, but it cannot make whole. How futile are the endeavors of man for cleansing, other than by the miraculous power of the omnipotent Son of God!

To a man physically sick and infirm, the Lord spoke with divine authority and said, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." It is all three parts of this command we need to ponder and consider together.

Rise! — Salvation

"Rise!"—To many of us in a similar condition of thirty-eight years infirmity, this command would have sounded even more startling than to that man. Perhaps, many of those years had been spent at the pool seek-

ing vainly for healing. All else had failed, but when Jesus spoke, the man was instantly made whole. Not gradually changed, nor simply partially healed that he might care for himself, but *made whole*. Verse nine states that when Jesus said, "Rise," the man immediately arose.

Today this same Christ speaks to men and women who are broken and diseased with the leprosy of sin; to those who may vainly have sought healing for their souls at any "pool," whether the law, a false religion, or even the things of time. To those infirm and recognizing their need, Christ says, "Come unto me," "Rise," and instantly those who believe him and take him at his word are made whole—cleansed as only Christ can cleanse.

In Matthew chapter nine, verse six, we read of another time when a diseased body was made whole. It is



Rev. Paul E. Loth, Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York

To Do Less Is To Disobey Jesus

Message Delivered At The
Muskoka Bible Conference by
Rev. Paul E. Loth, Pastor of the
Bethel Baptist Church of
Buffalo, New York

stated here that this physical healing took place in order that men might know that the Christ has power to forgive sins. He who came to redeem lost men and women through the shedding of his blood upon the cross of Calvary desires that we today, also, might know that unto him is committed the power to forgive sins.

Today the message of Scripture, I John 1:7, still stands true, "The blood of Jesus Christ his (God's) Son cleanseth us from all sin." "Without the shedding of blood is no remission," Hebrews 9:22, but because his blood was shed there is healing and eternal life for all those who look to him.

*"What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."*

Take Up Thy Bed! — Consecration

The Christ who said, "Rise," said also, "Take up thy bed." In these words we might see reason for hesitation on the part of the healed one. What? Take up his bed and lose a place by the waters of false healing—a place he had spent years securing? What if Christ should fail? The pseudo-advantages of a false hope would be gone. To what would he then turn? To take up his bed was to separate himself from his diseased friends, from his former manner of life, from his old habits and plans. Was the One who healed worthy of asking this?

Apparently the man did not hesitate long in deciding affirmatively, for we read, "Immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked." It was the fact that this man was carrying his bed that caused others later to criticize him. "The religionists" of his day cared little what he believed, or that he was made

whole; they were concerned only with the fact that he was carrying his bed.

Today in the experience of believers those who seek to honor the Lord in the actions of their lives, separating themselves from the old actions dishonoring to God, are criticized by men, even religionists, who see their lives different from the "average" sin-diseased man. Others may derogatorily call them, "non-conformists", but this is just what Paul told believers to be. For in Romans 12:2 it says, "and be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed . . .,"—changed in your actions; separated from past desires, sins, habits, and even friends who dishonor God. Believers are to be separated unto the Lord, to walk as new men among all people, honoring God in all they do.

As Christ told that man years ago to take up his bed in separation from his former manner of living, so to us today he says, "Follow thou me." "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Corinthians 6:19b and 20.) Oh, that believers would separate themselves from things which are characteristic of men outside of Christ, diseased still with sin and infirm, and yield their lives unto God, doing the things honoring and pleasing unto the One who made them whole!

Walk! — Witness

But there is still more to the command which Christ gave. Not only did he say, "Rise, take up thy bed," but, also, "Walk." We find that this man did all of the commandment. Walk! Had the man failed to do this, others would not have seen his separation from the past, nor would they have heard his testimony of being made whole. Certainly, Jesus meant that others might know of his healing and see this separation.

Certain also are we, that God desires men made spiritually whole by faith in Jesus Christ, men whose lives have been turned over to God, to go forth before others witnessing to his saving grace as manifested in redeeming them. The consecration gave opportunity to speak for Christ; the walking or going forth gave contact with men who needed the message of a Christ who saves sinners; the being made whole himself, gave him something worth talking about.

Nor has Christ's command in regards to witnessing changed. He still says, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me," and "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Men and women are dying outside the Lord Jesus Christ around whatever pool of false hope they may be gathered. How can we fail to go near and far to tell others of the Christ who died for them?

To the man at the pool of Bethesda Christ said, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk," and "immediately, the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked." To do less would have been to disobey Jesus. To men and women today Jesus says, "Come unto me," and "Follow thou me," and "Go ye therefore." Accept me, live for me! To do less is to disobey Jesus. May God implant within our hearts the desire completely to obey him!



Dr. Wm. Kuhn (Left) of Forest Park, Ill., and Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, on the Latte's Birthday in Oct., 1943

Congratulations Dr. Kuhn!

Editor's Note

On Saturday, December 9th, Dr. William Kuhn, our general missionary secretary, will observe his seventy-fifth birthday. He is still enjoying exceptionally fine health and is vigorously engaged in the multitudinous tasks for our beloved denomination and the Kingdom of God.

As he reaches this memorable milestone in his life many hundreds of our ministers and church people will want to extend their birthday congratulations by card and letter. A shower of

Chaplain Gebauer's Great Popularity at Camp Campbell, Kentucky

By MRS. CARL W. SCHOENEWOLF
of Gatesville, Kentucky, Whose Husband Was Stationed at Camp Campbell

Through reading "The Baptist Herald," my husband and I found that Chaplain Paul Gebauer was stationed at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. On June 11th, it was our happy privilege to attend the Sunday morning service conducted by Chaplain Gebauer.

It being the Sunday following "D-Day," he brought an appropriate message taken from Exodus 17, using as his text Exodus 17:12, "But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun."

In this message he stated that Christians today must be steady in

such friendly congratulations will bring much cheer to his heart. Send your cards and letters to him at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

His personal friend of many, many years, Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, has composed the following tribute to Dr. Kuhn in verse for this special occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS!

By DR. HERMAN VON BERGE
of Dayton, Ohio.

The year of eighteen sixty-nine,
The ninth day of December,
That is a very special date
We're happy to remember.

'Twas on that day a lad arrived
At life's initial station,
Who later was to mean so much
To our denomination.

For all the leaders through the years
That God to us has given
Our most sincere and grateful thanks
Shall ever rise to heaven.

And how could ever we forget
Thankful for him to be
Who in our midst now celebrates
His Diamond Jubilee?

To that important milestone reached,
With this year's celebration,
We offer you, dear brother Kuhn,
Sincere congratulation.

Your busy life through all these years
Of service now behind you
To untold thousands in our ranks
In love has come to bind you.

Your life and all it meant to us
Words fail us in expressing;
You've been a servant of the Lord,
And to us all a blessing.

May He who slumbers not nor sleeps
Be ever watching o'er you
And guide you on through happy years,
We hope still lie before you.

prayer as Moses also was steady, remembering now as never before those over the world who are constantly facing the dangers and horrors of war. He painted a beautiful picture before our minds of praying hands of a Christian. He emphasized the fact that "Prayer Changes Things."

Chaplain Gebauer is now overseas with his unit, probably in the European sector. He has promised to write an article for "The Herald" as soon as censorship rules will permit. —Editor.

Chaplain Gebauer stated that it was a great joy to him that he is privileged to preach the gospel to the Service Men and to help them solve personal problems. He has won the love and adoration of the boys through the fine chapel services and also through the recreational programs sponsored by him.

Although Chaplain Gebauer can not be in the Cameroons mission field of Africa, he is doing a great work among our Service Men.

"These Glorious Years," Our Centenary Jubilee Book

A Review by MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER of the Eagerly Awaited
Denominational History

HERE it is at last—the long awaited denominational book, "These Glorious Years"! This Jubilee volume reviews the story of our churches and denomination through the century of 1843 to 1943. In 262 pages of type and with 48 additional pages of colorful, thrilling photographs the history of our denomination lives again to make our heritage seem more precious and valuable to us than ever before.

The first printing of a thousand copies may not last long. The book is available at the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio at the very reasonable price of \$2.50. Everyone who can look back upon a few decades of association with our denomination will want to own a copy and to read it with these accompanying utterances: "I was there when this happened!" "How well I remember that saint of God!" Young people will read it with excitement and blessing to make their acquaintance with "the eventful, golden past" of the work in which they are now engaged. The volume will be used by women's missionary societies, young people's groups and Sunday School classes as a study or text book about our denominational history. So hurry, and secure your copy before it is too late!

"These Glorious Years" is a book which typifies the democratic spirit of our own Baptist churches. Our General Council authorized its publication as early as 1940 at Burlington, Iowa. Thirteen authors worked industriously at the preparation of their respective chapters. Many ministers and other friends contributed pictures from their albums. The type was set up by our linotypists and the book was printed by the presses of our own Publication Society. No single individual can bask in the limelight, for many have labored together for the completion of this memorable Jubilee volume.

To be sure, the story terminates with the year 1943. Some readers will miss the account of more recent denominational developments. It is not an easily flowing narrative, since the chapters by different authors have a varying style and point of view. Three of the authors are no longer actively engaged in the work of our churches, and another has been called home to his heavenly reward. Tempus fugit! Yes, time seems to fly more rapidly today than ever with transitional changes all about us.

The book, which is bound in a dark green buckram with gold stamping and special design prepared for the purpose, will lead its reader into an attractively lighted vestibule in the "Foreword" by Prof. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio. With a song of gladness in his heart and with an unwavering faith in God's purposes,

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GLORIOUS YEARS"**

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he sees "God's hand in the things that have come to pass among us that have led us where we are today". It is the ardent hope of this great spiritual leader in our midst that "this record of our own century of service might be another chapter added to the book of acts of God's people!"

Dr. William Kuhn, our general missionary secretary, has contributed the first chapter. He has captured the spirit of our century-long history by sounding the introductory note of praise and thanksgiving to God, "Now Unto Him Be Glory". In a bird's-eye view of the entire century he emphasizes that which has been of primary importance to our people and leaders. "During these one hundred years Jesus Christ has exercised His leadership over us through His Holy Spirit. He has determined and shaped our course".

No more qualified author could have been found to review the "Earliest Beginnings of Our History" than Professor A. J. Ramaker of Rochester, N. Y., for many decades intimately identified with the unfolding story of our denominational history. With historical exactness and interpretive description he focuses the light of our attention brightly upon those important formative years of our churches from 1840 to 1851.

The story of our conferences, how they originated and how they came to have such a moulding and welding influence in our work, is pictured graphically in the chapter, "Milestones Across the Century" by Prof. Arthur A. Schade. The conference method and the democratic spirit of our conferences is aptly described by Prof. Schade as "peculiarly appropriate to this immigrant Baptist group". This is a key chapter to the rest of the book.

"Our School of the Prophets" by the Rev. Charles F. Zummach of Trenton, Illinois is brimful of fascinating anecdotes, historical data, interpretive judgments, and sketches of rugged personalities who stamped the spirit of their saintliness upon our this immigrant Baptist group. This is our oldest denominational society, having been founded in 1850, and in the book it is the longest and one of the most important chapters which merits generous consideration.

The late Prof. F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., has contributed the heart-warming chapter to the book in a review of the Publication Society's history and accomplishments. In his "Memories of the Printed Page" he drew upon his storehouse of richly laden memories and upon little known historical facts to present the Publication Society of many years with colorful vividness and with glowing tribute to its leaders. This is Prof. Meyer's "swan song" which will be read with great delight by friend and stranger alike!

Two chapters are devoted to the history and achievements of our General Missionary Society. They are entitled, "See His Banners Go", the story of "the intrepid pioneers of our churches who unfurled their banners of missionary zeal and held them high wherever they went," and "Forward Through God's Open Doors", the account of the Society's multitudinous activities at home and abroad in the interest of God's Kingdom. These chapters prepared by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, ought to give every reader a better historical perspective of and a greater passion for our missionary enterprise.

The story of "The Benevolent Outreach" of the denomination is related by the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, formerly pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. The developing history and unfolding work of our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., of our four Homes for the Aged, and of our two Girls' Homes are etched with adroit skill by the author in this chapter.

"The Strength of Youth" is an appropriate title to the chapter that deals with young people's activities in our denomination which culminated in the formation and ministry of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Professor O. E. Krueger, formerly moderator of the General Conference and always beloved among young people, outlines this interesting account how our denomination has recognized and utilized the strength of youth throughout the years.

The concluding chapters present the work of our Women's Missionary Societies in the section, "Our Loyal Women", prepared by Mrs. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill.; the account of the important place of music, hymnody and congregational singing in the life of our churches under the intriguing caption, "Their Glorious Song", by the Rev. Paul Wengel, formerly pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich.; and the impressive and inspiring calling of the names and work have added spiritual luster beyond the confines of our denominational enterprise in the chapter

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"Seminary Sunday" in Our Churches

Reports Edited by REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Director of Publicity
for the Rochester Baptist Seminary

Clay Street Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan

By REV. E. GUTSCHE, pastor

In the morning of "Seminary Sunday" the undersigned preached on Matt. 9:37 and 38. For the evening service we were able to secure the Rev. G. Wetter as the special speaker, who spoke on the topic: "Purposes of the Endowment Fund." The speech was interesting, stimulating and encouraging. Since we regard this only as the beginning of the "Endowment Drive," we intend to observe other similar meetings. On one of the following Sundays we will have the joy of having the Rev. R. Kubsch and the Rev. A. F. Runtz as special speakers.

Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, California

By REV. HENRY PFEIFER, pastor.

Pastor and people approved and supported wholeheartedly the suggestions for the observance of "Seminary Sunday." Plans and preparations were prayerfully made, and by the grace of God we were able to carry them out. Willingness and cooperation were evidenced everywhere, and the decision of the church to raise \$750 for this enterprise speaks for itself.

Prayers of thanksgiving for this new vision and for the faith so definitely expressed rose from many a heart. The literature available, pledge cards and envelopes were distributed among our people and the response was most gratifying. The message for the day was based on II Timothy 2:15 and dealt in particular with the theme, "Approved Unto God."

Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

By REV. HERBERT HILLER, pastor.

Seminary Sunday at Temple was a day of triumph. Weeks ago the church took up the matter of the Seminary Endowment Fund at its quarterly business meeting, adopting the recommendation of the Board of Trustees to appropriate \$1500 from the church treasury and to collect an equal amount in pledges and cash contributions. For that purpose a committee of five was appointed to stimulate interest and enthusiasm among the members.

Our people caught the spirit. Just to relate two instances: Two faithful quilters over 70 years saved \$25.00 and gave them for this cause. A Sunday School scholar pledged \$5.00, paying 10c per Sunday. For Seminary Sunday evening, October 29, we invited President George A. Lang to bring the message. In that inspiring service it was announced by the Committee that the Endowment Fund had reached the \$2,000 mark, which in addition to the earlier appropriation makes a total of \$3,500. The Lord be praised!

The Milwaukee Churches, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

By REV. F. VENINGA, pastor of the
Bethany Church

On Wednesday evening, November 1st, an inspirational and informative union service consisting of the Immanuel, North Avenue and Bethany churches was held at the North Avenue Church, the purpose of which was that of further interesting those in attendance in our Seminary and the present Endowment Fund.

Mr. Fred Grosser, denominational treasurer and chairman of the Endowment Fund drive, brought an enlightening address concerning the purpose of this worthy fund, and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner followed with the showing of a Seminary film. This film portrays the beauties of Rochester, depicts the life and activities of the Seminary as well as the recent inaugural service.

At the conclusion of the service an offering was received designated for the Endowment Fund. Everyone profited by this service and we are determined to go forward with this cause in our own individual churches.

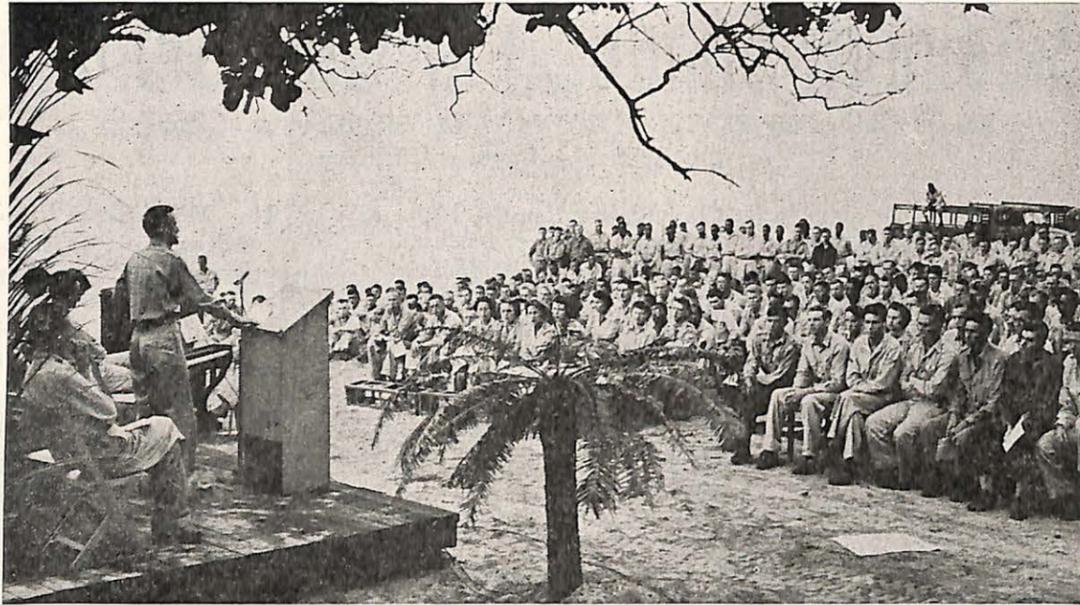
Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa

By Mr. ARTHUR SCHWERIN,
Layman

In a way the Seminary Fund was the most unusual money raising campaign I ever conducted. There were no teams to do any soliciting, nor any high powered speakers. On October 15th I talked for 15 minutes outlining our denominational work as a whole, with the explanation that the Seminary was a part of our program. On October 22nd Mr. Fred Grosser spoke for 20 minutes about the Seminary and the need for the Endowment Fund. On October 29th, our pastor, the Rev. A. R. Bernadt, talked for 10 minutes and I followed with another 10 minute address to explain how to fill out the pledge cards and how to make cash contributions. The total time spent in presenting the matter was 55 minutes and the total cash and pledges received amounted to \$2,800, which was only \$200 short of our goal, and these \$200 will come from those who were not present on Seminary Sunday. This response on the part of our membership is gratifying. It shows that the Lord has heard our prayers.

Further Reports

Further reports are published in "Der Sendbote" and among those contributing are: Rev. H. Hirsch, Rev. W. Helwig, Rev. Fred W. Mashner, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Rev. Otto Roth, Rev. R. A. Klein, Rev. John E. Grygo, and Rev. George Zinz, Sr.



—Acme Photo.
A Beach Fronting the Coral Sea in the South Pacific Serves as a Church for this Sunday Service Somewhere in New Guinea With a U. S. Army Chaplain Delivering His Sermon to Part of the Crowd of 600 Service Men and Women

Encircling the Globe for Christ

Testimonies and News From the Service People of Our Churches

Ensign Elmo C. Voth of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Oregon, Attached to the U. S. Navy Air Corps

Ensign Elmo C. Voth, naval aviator, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Voth of Dallas, Oregon, enlisted in the U. S. Navy on Dec. 16, 1941, and served one year in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska. He was then transferred to the Navy Air Corps and received his wings at Corpus Christi, Texas on Feb. 16, 1944. He was then sent to the South Pacific, and returned home on Sept. 1st for a 30-day furlough. While home, he had the privilege of flying to Rochester, N. Y., to attend the graduation of his brother, Irvin, from the Rochester Medical School.

Elmo left on Oct. 3rd for Alameda, Calif., for further training. He always enjoys reading "The Baptist Herald." But in the South Pacific area he did not receive it regularly. He is a member of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Oregon.

Christ Leads by His Hand and by His Power

By PVT. ALFRED H. HILDEBRAND
(A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ)

As a member of the Armed Forces and a partner of Christ I want to take this means of thanking you for "The Baptist Herald". It is indeed a great comfort in these days we are going through along with our Lord, Jesus Christ. I received a recent issue a few minutes ago and certainly do enjoy reading it, not only for the

spiritual blessings but also for the progress of our churches and the people in Christ.

I have been out in the Louisiana maneuvers a number of months. I have certainly been grateful for the leading and guiding hand of our Lord. My days of training are drawing to a close and will soon fall into the field of action, but with Christ's leading hand and power, I will go with a lightened heart.



Ensign Elmo C. Voth of Dallas, Oregon with the Parsonage of the Salt Creek Baptist Church in the Background

Greetings From a Small Southwest Pacific Island

By PVT. WILLIAM SPROSS

I enjoy "The Baptist Herald" very much. It brings news from old friends and tells me what they are doing. It brings a part of the good U.S.A. to this small southwest Pacific Island.

We are located in a comparatively safe zone. We have a fine chapel and have two other chapels within walking distance of our place. Each has a Protestant and a Catholic Chaplain. One even has a good Southern Baptist minister as Chaplain. He had been a missionary to Burma for quite a number of years.

My Faith Has Been Strengthened in the Service

By PVT. WILLIAM ALBRIGHT
Birmingham General Hospital,
Van Nuys, California

I have kept up my church attendance while in the service. I intend to do the same after the war and help my church all I can. The war has caused me more or less to turn over a new leaf.

Then, too, I have been bedfast nearly five months with an illness. I have been in two hospitals and must see a third. I guess I will be in for sometime yet. I have not given up though, and the Lord has helped me through three critical stages in the hospital.

I still have faith I will get well soon. I had individual communion today with the Chaplain. My faith encourages me to ask God's help a lot. Please remember me in your prayers.

Five Dollars for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies by One of Our Service Men

By LOUIS A. DREYER, Ph.M.3 c
U.S. Naval Hospital Staff, Farragut, Idaho
(A Member of the Baptist Church,
Parkersburg, Iowa)

Again I feel constrained to send to you another gift for "The Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies". Enclosed please find a Money Order for \$5.00.

With the open Bible before me I read 2 Cor. 8:9—"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Surely, there is here a great example for us, for as we become poor in this world's goods we become rich in glory, "laying up treasures in heaven", as we apply our trusts and ourselves to his work.

"The Baptist Herald" is a Light in This Dark Age

By CPL. JOSEPH FRIEZE
(Somewhere in England or on the European Continent)

Today I received another edition of the Baptist Herald which I have been receiving now for about 18 months. I want you to know that this paper certainly is a beam of sunshine to a soldier in a very difficult time. It certainly is a help to read it and see what our churches today are doing to carry the gospel to a dark world and to bring about a lasting peace. "The Herald" is being sent to me through the courtesy of my father and brother at home. I wish to extend my thanks to you for your cooperation in sending this paper so regularly.

I am writing this from England where I have been for over two years. My stay here has been made quite pleasant by English Christian friends who have shown their utmost courtesy and willingness to help.

I now thank you for a truly gospel paper and a light in this dark age.

A U. S. Soldier in India is Gratiified to Hear About Missionary Advance in Africa

By PFC. IRVING SCHWARTEN
of the U. S. Cavalry
(Stationed Somewhere in India)

I am stationed at Ramgarh, India, not far from Calcutta. I hope at some time to go to Calcutta to see what it looks like, and also to take pictures.

I am glad to hear that our Baptist churches are on the march. It means that something will be happening in the not too far future. It ought to be for the betterment of the world. The time has come for something to happen. Let's hope that the Christian Church will have something to say about the outcome.

We men in the service are gratified to know that we are remembered in prayer, both in the churches and in the homes. Let us know that the people are pulling for us both spiritually and physically. To us that means plenty.

The information that your Cameroons field for missionaries has increased is good news. I know the missionaries that are sent to the new field will do their best to uphold the good of the Baptist Church. I am pretty sure that if the people of India were changed from their ways of worship, that the country as a whole would benefit by it.

One comes in contact with a lot of things of interest in a country like this. I have seen some of William Carey's work and was in one of the churches he built—something which most of us have read about but hardly ever thought of seeing.

A group of us, together with the Chaplain, climbed a very high hill one Sunday afternoon to a Hindu Temple.



—Acme Photo.
American Soldiers Just Arrived at a Port in India, Have a Lot of Fun With a Native Lady Fruit Vendor Who Returns Their Smiles But Keeps a Tight Hold on the Bunch of Bananas

Strange Adventures in India Open the Eyes of This U. S. Soldier to Their Need of Christ

By T/S WALTER AMAN
(A Member of the Baptist Church of
Herreid, South Dakota)

I want to take this means of letting you and the host of "Baptist Herald" readers know how grateful I am to receive "The Baptist Herald" even over here in India. I never knew how much I would miss it until I was in a strange land for months without any news from any of our home churches. What a joy it was when the first three copies arrived! I always love to read the interesting articles by our ministers and the reports from our churches.

Since I have come overseas we have usually managed to have the Chaplain with us every Sunday for services. We have communion service on the first Sunday of every month. Occasionally we get together with the Chaplain and have a "hymn sing." It is wonderful to join in singing the songs we all knew back home.

India is a strange country with its many different languages, castes and religious beliefs. Cows are sacred over here and can be seen wandering around on the streets, even of the big cities. Most of the people are poor and use primitive methods and implements to make a living.

Here we saw the blood of animals which had been sacrificed to appease some strange and unknown god. When one sees these things, one cannot help but think how much these people need to be told about the true God whose Son was sacrificed once for the sins of the world and for all people, regardless of race or color.

This is the time of year when our churches back in the Dakotas are having their mission festivals. I hear that crops out there were very good again, and I am sure the people will give generously so that the Word of God can be carried further into the heathen lands. If you could see the light in the eyes of the natives who have been reached by the few missionaries here and could hear them sing the hymns we sing at home, there wouldn't be any question as to what our mission offerings can do.

Conditions here are very similar to those in the Cameroons of Africa as described by Missionary Laura Reddig in the "Herald" several months ago. Here, too, there is a shortage of missionaries and medical workers. The conditions in which these people live are awful.

In closing, I want to ask all of you to keep on praying for us who are so far away, so that, if it be God's will, we may soon return safely to our homes and loved ones. Pray also for the whole world that peace may reign again, instead of hatred and war.



Pvt. Benjamin Staiger of Medina, North Dakota, Who is Stationed Somewhere in Wales

The Fine Ministry of Chaplains in Our Behalf

By PVT. BENJAMIN STAIGER (Somewhere in Wales)

(Pvt. Staiger is a Member of the Baptist Church of Medina, North Dakota, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Staiger)

I am in the hospital somewhere in Wales with a broken ankle. It is getting along fine now and I am starting to walk on it, but still have a cast on it. I enjoyed the trip over here on the ship. It surely seemed funny when we got out in the ocean where we could see nothing but water and sky. They also had a Chaplain on the ship and we had meetings two or three times every day and they really were a blessing to me. We were also very glad when we saw land again. I'm sorry I cannot tell you how long it took to get over here.

England is a country something like North Dakota. I mean that they raise about the same crops. It is pretty nice here, but I'm sure I would sooner be back in the states again.

Today is Sunday and I was at the chapel again this morning and really was blessed. The Chaplain they have here believes in preaching the old time gospel.

One thing I'm really thankful for is that I have a little church back home that remembers us boys in the Army, wherever we may be, in their prayers. Do keep up the good work in Sunday School and church so that when this war is over, we boys can all join you again. Oh, what a great day that will be!

Many Opportunities to Witness for Christ as an Army Nurse

By 2nd Lt. FLORENCE WEISSER Oakland Regional Hospital, Oakland, Calif.

(Lt. Weisser is a Member of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon)

I wish to thank you at our Missionary Office for your letter and pamphlets giving the report of the General Conference, the future plans and needs of our churches, and the marvelous

news of all the missionaries that are going to Africa. We all have a great responsibility to our God and so much to be thankful for. He has been especially gracious and good to me since I have been in the service. We do see the very worst phases and results of this terrible war daily and at times it takes much strength and faith to carry on.

My hope and prayer are that my life and activities may be such that I might be a burning light and not a stumbling block for Christ. There are many temptations and much ungodliness in Army life and I often wonder how God can be so patient with us.

I have completed my anesthesia course and have been sent here to work in surgery in the Oakland Hospital which was the Oakland Hotel before the Army took it over.



Albert Fisher, S. C., of Ashley, No. Dak. was inducted into the Navy in 1941. He received six weeks of boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

After his boot training, he was transferred to San Francisco and shipped across to the Hawaiian Islands.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Ashley, No. Dak., and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fisher. He was converted and baptized in November 1932. He is a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

Many Privileges in the Service of God and of Our Country

By JOHN G. BUSEMAN of Fort Lewis, Washington

I have been reading the "Baptist Herald" for quite a few years and am thankful that it is possible for me to have it now that I am serving in our Armed Forces. I feel that it is a privilege to be able to know what our fellow Christians are doing in their work.

I am also thankful that I know those whom we love are remembering us in their prayers and that I know that John 3:16 is also meant for me. Another favorite verse of mine is Psalm 37:4.

I have been in the service for about two years and have had the privilege of attending different Baptist churches. Recently I attended services in Tacoma, Wash., at the Calvary Baptist Church.

I have also attended services at the chapels at different times, and feel that our Chaplains whom I have met are doing a splendid work.

My home is in South Dakota and I hope that, if it is "God's will," we may all be home with those we love again soon.

Sgt. Gerhardt C. Koch in the Ninth Air Force Service Command in Europe

Sergeant Gerhardt C. Koch of Forest Park, Illinois is now serving overseas as an Administrative Clerk with a Ninth Air Force Service Command Advanced Air Depot Area, Medical Section, Headquarters Squadron, somewhere on the European continent.

The Ninth Air Force Service Command acts as a gigantic invisible hand, supporting Ninth Air Force medium bombers and fighter planes on their forays over enemy-occupied territory. It supplies bombs, guns, ammunition, spare parts, tools, oxygen, clothing and skilled technical labor. It maintains equipment at the highest peak of operational efficiency and repairs all battle damage for America's tactical component of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force.

Sgt. Koch's wife, Mrs. Irma G. Koch, is employed in the office of the General Missionary Society at Forest Park, Illinois. Sgt. Koch is a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church and choir and has served as treasurer of the Sunday School and president of the young people's society. Before leaving for overseas late in 1943, Sgt. Koch was stationed at Walterboro Army Air Field, Walterboro, So. Car.

Gratitude for Letters and Christian Literature

By CPL. WALTER FISCHER (Somewhere in Africa)

I can't begin to thank you for the kind and friendly letter you sent me. Also the fine booklets in which I was very much interested. There are times here in Africa when it is impossible

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Sgt. Gerhardt C. Koch, Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Koch, in a Picture Taken in England

The National Women's Missionary Union

Program Material for Women's Missionary Societies and Guilds For Use in December Prepared by Mrs. MARTHA F. REEH of La Salle, Colorado

Theme For the Month

"KEEPING CHRISTMAS"

"Again on sleeping field and town,
A light of wonder showers down.
Once more we lift our tired eyes
To see a radiance fill the skies,
Our weary senses, worn and dull,
Receive the ancient miracle;
And, hopeful, hear the words again
Of 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'
When will the wars and hatreds cease?
When will we celebrate this peace?
When each one humbly does his part
By keeping Christmas in his heart."
Mildred Goff

ALMOST 2,000 years ago the first Christmas hymn, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," was breaking upon the stillness of a Judean hillside. The night our Savior was born there were not only stars, but also Herods. There were not only songs of adoration; but also hatred and tyranny. It was a cruel world into which the Christ child was born. The world is still a grim, forbidding place, unresponsive to his gospel, yet millions have been reached by his message of love, touched by his spirit and walk in newness of life.

Light Above Bethlehem

The great prophet Isaiah foretold the birth and reign of the Prince of Peace. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." (Isaiah 9:2). The real secret of Christmas rejoicing is not only that a child was born in Bethlehem, but that it grew in favor with God and men. Christ taught us what the heavenly Father was like. To know the love of God, to experience the power of God puts the prayer on our lips, "Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace."

The way to peace lies in two directions, to the manger child in devotion, and out across the world in service and giving. How much have we done in 1944 to make real the angel message of "Peace . . . good will"? Our missionaries have borne the good tidings

GRATITUDE FOR LETTERS

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to attend a church. It is during such times when this literature does one most good. After reading the booklets through, many things have clarified for me that had been a bit vague before. It does one good to think there are people at home who are interested in one's well-being physically as well as spiritually. I'm sure the prayers of these good people are being answered in many cases.

Since arriving in Africa it has been my privilege to travel it from one end to the other. Yet I hope the day is not far off when we can all go back home and continue leading a normal Christian life. I have been receiving the "Baptist Herald" regularly and

to distant villages in dark Africa. In the coming year some will hear the good news for the first time; countless others will have to wait another year. How many have we helped in our own country to find the Light of the world?

A seriously wounded soldier was lying on the battlefield. His officer turned to him and asked compassionately, "Is there something that I might do for you?" "No," answered the dying boy, "please, don't bother with me. I know that soon I shall enter the haven of rest." "Shall I write to your parents and express your last wishes?" the officer remarked. "I have none," came the reply, "but you may do one thing for me. Get my Testament out of my pocket and read John 14:27." The officer reached for the New Testament with great emotion and read, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be fearful." "Thank you," whispered the dying soldier. "I have peace, perfect peace—I have need of nothing else—I am going to my Savior."

Radiating Light Into Darkness

What is needed today is candle lighting. Christ needs the women of our North American Baptist Churches to light candles of mercy and compassion. Unless Christ is born within my soul, he is not born at all. You and I can celebrate Christmas as countless people do all over the world, but unless Christ has changed our own selfishness into love we do not know the real Christmas spirit. Has he awakened within our hearts a spirit of loving and sacrificial service to others?

Missionary Bruno Luebeck related the following of his last Christmas in Ungkung, China. "The day before Christmas nine bombers rained terror over our little town. More than 200 houses were destroyed, 50 people were

killed, and over 200 wounded. The air raids greatly interfered with our plans for Christmas. The people were panicky and had fled. Martial law made the customary street singing of Christmas carols impossible.

"Fear and destruction seemed nearer to our hearts than joy and peace. The anguish brought hundreds of strangers into our Christmas services, who experienced true Christian happiness in spite of outward suffering. We kept vigil with the refugees that crowded our house. To feed them we stripped our garden of cabbages, the cupboard of Argentine tinned beef."

Brother Luebeck went on to say: "I do not know what the future holds in store for us, neither do any of us, but I am prepared to stay on here in Ungkung and continue to call people to repentance, and to offer them Christ as their only hope."

It was only a few months later that God called his faithful servant to be with him and to rest from his labors.

Light Shining Into Hearts

Christmas, even for Christians, often means little more than frantic shopping and a meager gift on the altar for the Christ Child. Never has a suffering, war-weary world more desperately needed the saving message of Christmas. Today a broken world looks to the church of Jesus Christ and to us as Christians to let the light shine. The tidings of great joy were for all people.

Try to imagine what a lightless world would be like, a world without lamplight, firelight, sunlight or love-light. Without light we should have no color, no warmth, no growth, no life. What light is to homes and gardens, Jesus Christ is to our spirits. What would Christmas be without the Light of Bethlehem? We can offer no better gift to Christ, than to say in our hearts, "Send me, too, as a light into this dark world."

it keeps me in touch with the doings of the churches. I wish it were possible to say "Hello" to all my friends.

Wherever We Go, God Is Always With Us

By CPL. HILMER D. ZIMBELMAN (Somewhere in New Guinea) (A Member of the Baptist Church of McClusky, North Dakota)

I am always happy to receive "The Baptist Herald" and especially to read all the letters from our boys on all fronts. I am glad to hear that our boys are putting their faith in God and we know that in him we shall always be safe.

Wherever we go, God is always with us. We had the most beautiful sunrise service on Easter that I have ever attended. And it was on the beach in

New Guinea. Our chaplains are always anxious to bring the gospel to us, whether on ship or land or even at the front. They are always there with a word of encouragement to the wounded, battle-fatigued, etc.

Even the hardest of men break down and go to chapel services, men who had never thought of going to church in the states, but here they realize the need of God, and that we must turn to him.

I am always glad to hear how our people back home are so eagerly carrying on the work of our denomination, the work in our churches to which we expect to return some day. We need your prayers always, and some day we want to come home as better Christians, and more ready to serve Him.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Baptist Proficiency Shield Is Won by the Central Baptist Young People of Edmonton

The young people of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta have been awarded the Edmonton Baptist Proficiency Shield for their activities and services rendered during the past year. Miss Agnes Buckles won the silver cup in the Edmonton B. Y. P. U. Public Speaking Contest. She is holding her trophy in the accompanying picture. Those with her are Sgt. Fred Holzimmer, vice-president; and Mr. C. Shroder, president of the B. Y. P. U.

The fall term was started with the "Fall Kick-off," a banquet attended by about 65 persons. Mr. Shroder was toastmaster, Sgt. Holzimmer served as song leader, and Miss A. Buckles was hostess. The Rev. Keith Daniel, secretary of the Western Baptist Convention, was the guest speaker.

The toast to His Majesty the King was proposed by Mildred Falkenberg. The Rev. E. P. Wahl gave the toast to the young people and Mrs. Peter Shroder responded. Taking part in the program were Mrs. Henry Nordheimer, Miss Freda Yeske, Miss Jeanette Wilchinski, Mr. Walter Yeske, Mr. Karl Zilke and Mr. Albert Layetske.

Madeline Buckles, Reporter.

Harvest Festival and Evangelistic Meetings at the Hager Memorial Church of Prince George

At the well attended Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, British Columbia, Canada on October 15th, marked Thanksgiving Sunday, the Rev. E. Riemer of Carbon, Alberta served as guest evangelist. To the already attractively bedecked auditorium with the God-given fruits of harvest, the children added their color and charm to the enjoyment of those present in their renditions of verse and song.

The ensuing message by Brother Riemer was so earnestly and adroitly presented, with such deeply affecting inspiration for thanksgiving, that results were bound to leave a lasting impression in many a heart's soul that afternoon. Contributions of cash were one manner of thanksgiving manifested during the service as the tally scored an extraordinary, large sum for missionary work.

Throughout the following week the Rev. E. Riemer continued steadfast in the Lord's good work with revival meetings each evening during which the beams of God's Holy Writ shone brightly, leading many to consecrate their lives anew to be better servants in the field of Christ's vineyard.

Kurt Jeske, Reporter.



Miss Agnes Buckles of Edmonton, Alberta with the Central Church's B. Y. P. U. Officers

Many Activities at the Springside and Ebenezer West Churches of Saskatchewan

The Lord has blessed our Springside and Ebenezer West Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan, Canada so graciously lately that we feel we must share the joys with our "Herald" readers. We have had evangelistic meetings throughout the month of October, two weeks at the Ebenezer West Church and two weeks at Springside. We cannot help but praise the Lord for he has given us nineteen conversions, four at Ebenezer West and fifteen at Springside. In addition to these conversions a large number of Christians have rededicated their lives to Christ. The Rev. E. S. Fenske of the Freudenthal church, Alberta, was the evangelist at Ebenezer West, and the Rev. H. Schatz of Morris, Manitoba at Springside. The Lord willing, we shall have an out-of-door baptism next summer.

On October 29 we observed "Seminary Sunday" at both churches. A generous offering was taken which we trust will serve toward the making of a better Seminary. We also had our Thanksgiving Festivals recently. The offering amounted to over \$340.00. The Ladies' Aid of Ebenezer West also had its annual festival this Fall on which occasion the ladies rendered two very interesting dialogues, "Was Hast Du Getan" and "The Challenge of the Cross."

In the Ebenezer West Church we have introduced the envelope system. They have proved to be a great blessing. The individual communion cups have also been adopted. Then we have built a very practical basement under that large church and at present we are busy building a barn the size of which is 23 by 96 feet. (The church-going horses will be thankful for that.)

The Springside church has also been quite active. We have partly rebuilt and wholly remodeled the old parsonage. Now it is a beautiful, practical, warm, and roomy home consisting of eight rooms. There is but one thing we still need at Springside, namely, a church building. We have been dreaming about a new church for some time

and lately some of us have been thinking about it. On Sunday evening, Nov. 5, however, we began to act upon our dreams and thoughts and took an offering at our joint young people's program held at the Ebenezer West Church. Some seventy young people took part in this military program, about which they will report at a later date.

E. M. Wegner, Pastor.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Sunday School Convention of the Northern North Dakota Association at Goodrich

The Northern North Dakota Sunday School Association met at the Baptist Church of Goodrich, No. Dak., on October 19 and 20. The Rev. R. Wiegand, director of Religious Education and Evangelism of the North and South Dakota Northern Baptist churches, served as the guest speaker. In his discussions of the topic, "What Baptists Believe", he stressed the history of our great denomination. Mr. Wiegand is a former member of our church at Peoria, Illinois.

During the course of the two days different ministers discussed topics relating to the Sunday School and brought messages in the evening services. Certain laymen took charge of the devotions. God blessed the days of the association with fine weather. His Spirit pervaded each meeting. It was truly a very fine association.

The new set of officers are: Rev. A. Weisser, president; Rev. E. W. Klatt, vice-president; and Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, secretary-treasurer.

E. W. Klatt, Reporter.

Johannestal B.Y.P.U. Presents a Missionary Program in Honor of Laura E. Reddig

On Sunday evening, October 21, our B. Y. P. U. of Johannestal, North Dakota gave a program in honor of our Cameroons missionary, Laura Reddig. Our members worked earnestly in order to make this special evening a success.

Our church was filled to capacity with eager listeners and at the close of our program they showed their appreciation by giving an offering of \$35.56. We plan to use this amount for mission work.

Our program was divided into two parts, the first being in honor of Laura Reddig and the second dedicated to the boys who have left our church to join our Armed Forces. At this time we remembered the boys with an impressive prayer by our pastor, the Rev. W. J. Luebeck.

It was a great privilege to have with us the Rev. Wm. Hoover of Detroit, Michigan who gave us an interesting talk.

Vernon Jenner, Reporter.

Baptism and Farewell Reception by the Spring Valley Church of South Dakota

On Sunday evening, Oct. 1, the Rev. Arthur Schulz, pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church of South Dakota, had the joy of baptizing ten persons on confession of their faith in Christ.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 3, we had a farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Schulz who left us for the Strassburg Church of Kansas. The program consisted of musical numbers, brief addresses by Pvt. Chewing of Sioux Falls Army Air School and Rev. B. Mueller of the Gospel Mission in Sioux Falls. The church presented Mr. and Mrs. Schulz with a gift, and members wished them much success and happiness on their new field.

Ed. H. Woltzen, Clerk.

Birthday Surprise for Rev. A. Krombein and Harvest Festival at Eureka, So. Dak.

Friday evening, Oct. 27th, was an exciting occasion for the Baptist Church of Eureka, So. Dak., where the Rev. A. Krombein, pastor, celebrated his birthday. It was a successful surprise planned and arranged by the Ladies' Aid Society and Mrs. Krombein. When Mr. Krombein was called over to the church, he was taken by complete surprise, and led to the platform by Deacon Jacob Eiseman, and seated in a comfortable platform rocker, which was presented to him as a gift by the Station Eureka.

A short program of songs, poems, and addresses was given. The Krombein children presented their father with a footstool to go with the rocker. After the program the audience gathered in the basement for refreshments. A lovely birthday cake with 50 lighted candles was placed on the table before him.

It was a wonderful evening of fellowship, and will long be remembered by all present. The Rev. A. Krombein is now "comfortably seated" in Eureka and enjoys his work very much.

The young people of the church are very active, and we have had some blessed times together lately. One of the outstanding events was our Harvest Festival program which was very well rendered with musical numbers by the Junior Choir and Ladies' Chorus, recitations, and a dialogue entitled "Which Do You Prefer, Christmas or Thanksgiving?" The church was beautifully decorated with small grain sheaves and wreaths, vegetables, flowers, etc. The Lord is blessing us abundantly in our work and efforts here in our large mission field of 4 stations.

Mrs. A. Krombein, Reporter.

Bad Lands' Sunday School Convention at the Baptist Church of Isabel, So. Dak.

The Bad Lands Sunday School Convention was held at Isabel, So. Dak., from Oct. 13 to 15. The churches at Havelock, Hettinger, New Leipzig, McLaughlin, McIntosh and Bison were represented.

On the opening evening the Rev.

Wm. Jaster welcomed the visitors and a brief welcome program was presented. The Rev. F. W. Bartel, denominational evangelist, spoke on "A Pattern for Revival." (Neh. 4).

On Saturday morning messages were brought on the revitalization of the Sunday School by the Reverends Otto Lohse, Alex Sootzman, Wm. Jaster and F. W. Bartel. The Rev. R. Kaiser brought a message in the afternoon. The following officers were elected: Rev. David Littke, president; Rev. R. Kaiser, vice-president; Rev. Otto Lohse, secretary-treasurer. The sermon at the Saturday evening service was brought by Rev. R. Kaiser on the text, Ezek. 3:17.

The speakers at the Sunday School service were the Rev. David Littke and Mr. Adolph Hoherz. Following the mission sermon by the Rev. F. W. Bartel, an offering of more than \$200 was received. At the young people's program in the afternoon many musical numbers and readings were presented.



Decorations for the Harvest Festival at the Baptist Church of Eureka, South Dakota

A dedication program was also held for the greatly improved church edifice at Isabel. A fine basement was constructed, the church building was strengthened and a piano was secured a few days before the convention. Mr. Bartel offered the dedication prayer at this impressive service.

Next year, if it be God's will, we hope to hold our convention at the Baptist Church of New Leipzig.

Mrs. Wm. Jaster, Reporter.

Mission Festival at the Tabor Church in North Dakota With \$300 Offering

We of the Baptist church of Tabor, North Dakota, held our mission festival on Sunday, Oct. 8, with our minister, the Rev. A. Rosner in charge and the Rev. Charles Knapp from the Rosenfield church as guest speaker. After the Sunday School session, led by our superintendent, Mr. John Rauser, Mr. Knapp brought an inspiring mission sermon. At noon all stayed at the church where the ladies served delicious refreshments.

At two o'clock everybody gathered in the church for the afternoon service. Two special numbers were sung by a group of ladies and the Rev. C. M. Knapp brought another sermon. Our little church was well filled and we all felt God's blessings. The mission offering of the day was \$300.00.

Mrs. Edwin Fiedler, Reporter.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Installation of the New B.Y.P.U. Officers of the Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

The B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., has had a successful year under the capable leadership of Elton Burgstahler. We as a society have enjoyed many socials during the past year, several of which included singspirations with the Evangelical Young People's Society as well as the City-Wide Singspirations and short devotionals after the evening services. A Junior League was organized for the young people between the ages of 12 and 14, with Miss Emma Rawe elected as their leader.

"The B. Y. Speaks," the society's news sheet, has had a successful year under the editorship of Miss Thelma Forsch. At the present time 120 copies are being sent to our Service Men,

with approximately 70 copies distributed among the members. Several contributions by non-society members in the service have been received in appreciation of the paper. A highlight of the year was the unveiling of a copy painting of Werner Sallman's Christ, painted and donated by Mrs. Bertha Wolff.

The president appointed several members for the special committees as follows: publicity chairman, Cornelia Berendt; sick committee, Loretta Forsch, chairman; assistants, Iona Nagle and Eleanor Fandrich.

On October 8th a candlelight installation was held with Emma Rawe as installing officer. The following officers will preside in the new year: president, Elton Burgstahler; vice-president, Tillie Schweigert; secretary, Aileen Gabel; treasurer, Marjorie Filler; pianist, Bertha Melcher; usherettes, Katie Michelson and Elsie Leicht; ushers, Burdette Forsch and Harold Klein. The president appointed Thelma Forsch as "B. Y. Speaks" editor and LoRayne Engel as assistant. LoRayne Engel was also appointed as leader of the Junior League to be assisted by Irene Gentner and Freda Melcher.

Each officer was presented with a charge and responded with her or his willingness for the year. The Rev. Felberg gave a short talk closing with prayer.

Aileen Gabel, Secretary.

Mr. Elmer Zachay is Called as Assistant Pastor by the Lodi Baptist Church

Mr. Elmer H. Zachay of Anaheim, Calif., has accepted the call as assistant pastor to the Rev. A. S. F. Felberg of the First Baptist Church in Lodi, Calif.

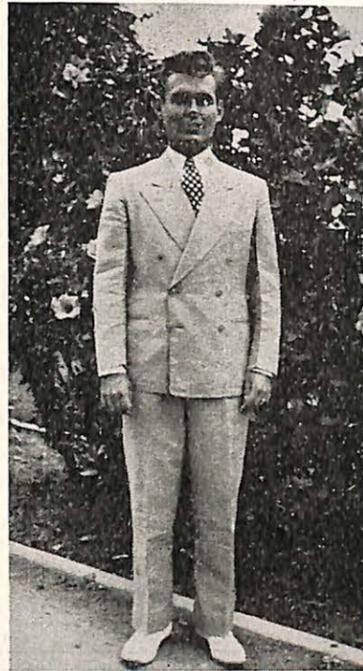
Mr. Zachay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zachay of the Bethel Baptist Church in Anaheim. At the age of eight years he gave his heart to Christ in the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., under the ministry of the late Rev. J. G. Draewell.

He was graduated from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., in June, 1943 where he received his A.B. degree. While there he traveled extensively on gospel teams around Chicagoland.

Mr. Zachay studied a year at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. While at Southwestern, he was director of Christian Education at Worth Height's Baptist Church. He is continuing his studies in Berkeley, Calif., at the Baptist Divinity School for the B.D. degree.

We are grateful for our gain in having such a splendid and talented young man as our assistant leader, for he has already won the confidence, love, and respect of the Lodi Baptist people and especially of the young people by whom he has been chosen to be their advisor and director of Christian Education. At the present time, Mr. Zachay is serving the church over the week-ends, and in the summer will be with us full time.

Mrs. Bertha Wolff, Reporter.



Mr. Elmer Zachay, the Assistant Pastor at the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif.

Tacoma, moderator, responded to the welcome given by the local pastor, and the Rev. A. Kujath of Kelowna, B. C. brought the opening message.

The devotional openings of each day dealt with prayer, while the lectures and papers given centered on the church and its work. A severe



Girls' Chorus of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas

Inspiring Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Association at Vancouver, British Columbia

The Pacific Northwest Association met with the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C. from Oct. 25 to 29. Crossing the boundary line was not as dangerous a venture as most visitors expected, especially when the officials discovered that it was to attend a Baptist convention. Even the weatherman tried his best to welcome the visitors by putting forth a desperate effort for good weather.

The opening service was in charge of the local pastor, Rev. Leo F. Gassner. The Rev. W. C. Damrau of

could kept Dr. Wm. Kuhn in bed for a day, robbing us of some of his service, but we were fortunate to have with us an able substitute in the Rev. Philip Daum of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The ladies had Friday afternoon for their very fine program, at which Dr. Kuhn was the speaker. This was the first time that a whole afternoon was given to this very important organization, and we were convinced it was a step in the right direction.

The young people and Sunday Schools at their business session on Saturday evening pledged themselves responsible for \$1,000 for "the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies." At the Sunday afternoon meeting Captain B. W.

Krentz, chaplain in the U. S. Army, was the guest speaker.

To all those who had a part in making this convention the success that it was, we, your officers, and your guests say, "Thank you!" God bless you till we meet again next year!

R. H. Zepick, Reporter.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

"The Singing Girls" of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas

Early in 1942 the girls of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas began singing as a chorus. When they started, they had eleven girls, but now the number is eight. They sing for the church services on Sundays, and render special music in different churches.

The girls are under the direction of Miss Agnes Ehrlich, who is also the pianist. The following girls compose the chorus: First Sopranos: Ella Meier, Frances Mehlinger, Ella Marie Gossen, and Tillie Reisdig; Second Sopranos: Lydia Meier and Betty Lou Longhofer; Altos: Marie Meier and Betty Lou Gossen.

The girls sing three-part music. On Sunday, October 10, the girls gave a musical program in the Marion Church. The program consisted of group numbers, solos, duets and readings.

Frances Mehlinger, Reporter.

Baptist Ordination Credentials Are Granted to Rev. L. H. Smith of Durham, Kansas

An ordination council met at the Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas in response to the invitation of the church for the purpose of granting Baptist ordination credentials to the Rev. L. H. Smith of the Durham Church. Mr. Smith had been ordained by another religious body some 18 years ago, and desired to come into the Baptist fellowship.

Accordingly the council heard a statement of his faith and a review of his call to the ministry. By unanimous vote, it was agreed to welcome Brother Smith into our North American Baptist Fellowship and consecrate him for the Baptist ministry.

The following brethren were chosen to assist with the consecration service: Rev. F. E. Klein, dedication message and prayer; Rev. Ben Fadenrecht, charge to the candidate; and Rev. Arthur Schulz, charge to the church. The council was constituted with Rev. C. C. Gossen as moderator; Rev. F. E. Klein, clerk; and delegates from seven of our Kansas churches.

Arlene Hamm, Reporter.

The Rev. Otto Pankratz of the Ebenezer Church of Kansas is Ordained

An ordination council convened at the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo, Kansas on October 27, for the purpose of considering the matter of

ordaining Mr. Otto Pankratz, the church's pastor. The council was organized with the Rev. F. E. Klein as moderator and the Rev. L. H. Smith as clerk. The credentials of the delegates from 10 Kansas churches were approved.

The candidate brought a clear and acceptable testimony concerning his conversion and gave a clear statement of his call to the ministry. He also gave an acceptable statement of his faith, after which the council asked questions before reporting a unanimous vote to ordain him.

The following were chosen to participate in the ordination service: Rev. C. C. Gossen, ordination sermon; Rev. Fred Ferris, ordination prayer; Rev. F. E. Klein, welcome into the Christian ministry; Rev. Ben Fadenrecht, charge to the candidate; and Rev. L. H. Smith, charge to the church. The Rev. Otto Pankratz, pastor of the Ebenezer Church, pronounced the benediction. L. H. Smith, Clerk.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J., Holds Reception for Dr. Harold C. Abbot

On Thursday evening, Nov. 2, the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., held a welcoming service for its new pastor, Dr. Harold C. Abbot, who had commenced his ministry there on Oct. 15th, following a unanimous call from the church.

The auditorium was crowded and greetings were brought by many ministers representing various denominational organizations, as well as by officers of the church. One unusual number on the program was the rendition of the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is our God," by a chorus of 15 ministers. Hundreds of those present remained for the reception which followed the service.

Dr. Abbot came to Newark from a ministry of 14 years at the First Baptist Church in Everett, Mass., where he also conducted the largest Men's Bible Class in New England. His other pastorates were in Philadelphia, Pa., and Malden, Mass.

Dr. Abbot is a native of Maine and was graduated from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine and from Andover-Newton Seminary. He received his degree of S.T.D. at Gordon College, Mass.

Clinton Hill Church is enthusiastic over its new pastor and is planning a "five year program" leading to the celebration in 1949 of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the church as an organized body.

As one of the features of his new ministry, Dr. Abbot will teach "the Forum" of the Bible School at Clinton Hill and a portion of the Forum service will be broadcast over the radio each Sunday morning from 10:15 to 10:30 o'clock over Station WAAT, commencing Sunday, December 3rd.

H. Theodore Sorg, Reporter.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Inspiring Song Festival at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio

October 22 was an unusually happy day for the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. It was the occasion of a Song Festival which was arranged jointly with the choir of the Connors Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. The choir of the Connors Ave. church sang seven numbers in our German service, and in the evening the choir of Connors Ave. and the choir of Erin Ave., jointly, 60 voices strong, gave the musical program.

The Rev. E. Wolff of the White Ave. Church brought a 15 minute appropriate message for the occasion. The White Ave. church joined us in the evening, and our house, side room included, was filled to capacity. It was a beautiful spiritual service and, when in closing "The Hallelujah Chorus"

THESE GLORIOUS YEARS

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by the Rev. Frank Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., entitled, "Widening Horizons".

The volume closes with a discerning, interpretive message that evaluates the opportunities that lie before us as seen by the Rev. R. P. Jeschke of Dayton, Ohio. In "Afterglow and Foregleam" Mr. Jeschke, a promising young pastor of one of our churches, ably concludes: "What has been wrought for God can never utterly be lost, for it has a part in his eternal purpose. And for those who seek to live by his light, whatever their place or circumstance, there remains a work to be done. That is an abiding challenge for all of our churches."

The book contains many nuggets of information which will fascinate the reader. Some of them will be quite new to most of our people. Do you know that one of our earliest pastors, Rev. Alexander von Puttkamer of Buffalo's Spruce Street Church, entered the Northern Army during the Civil War and fought valiantly, or that the first conference of our churches in 1851 resolved that "slavery is contrary to the gospel and that its practice must not be tolerated"?

The hardships of our pioneer pastors is a thrilling story, glimpses of which are often seen in this book. One of our ministers, William E. Grimm, was imprisoned ten times in Germany and once was obliged to flee from an infuriated mob in the disguise of a sailor onto an English ship lying in the harbor of Memel. August Rauschenbusch, the pioneer pastor in Missouri, was baptized in the Mississippi River on May 19, 1850 by Rev. S. Kuepfer who had to come from Newark, N. J. for this occasion, since Rauschenbusch did not want to be baptized by any English-speaking Missouri pastor who might favor slavery.

In this book you will learn, probably for the first time, that Andreas

was sung, every heart was deeply stirred and we hope moved to crown Christ King of kings and Lord of lords.

We are looking forward to another service of this kind. We are grateful to the choir of Connors Ave. and to our brethren at White Ave. Churches who helped us in making this day a blessed day for all concerned.

H. Hirsch, Reporter.

:: OBITUARY ::

MRS. HELENA KRAUSE of Watertown, Wisconsin

Mrs. Helena Krause, nee Baumann, was born in Germany on April 9, 1880. In 1884 she came to the United States and finally settled in Watertown, Wis., in 1895. In 1903 she was married to Wm. Krause. She was converted in the year 1895, being baptized and received into the membership of the church that same year. She remained a faithful member of this church until her death. A stroke caused her sudden departure on October 7, 1944. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, a daughter, a son and a grandson.

Watertown, Wisconsin.

RUDOLPH WOYKE, Pastor.

Henrich signed the initials, V D M, to his name meaning "a minister of the divine Word" in Latin; that "Way Out Upon the Prairie" was one of the most popular missionary songs of the early days; that the third General Conference meeting in New York City in 1871 and hearing about the terrible fire in Chicago raised a relief offering of \$150.00 from their slender traveling purses; that an orchard of fruit trees flourished on the tract of land behind Tracy Institute building in 1874 before the present Students' Home was constructed at that corner; that Prof. Walter Rauschenbusch wrote most of the popular book, "Prayers of the Social Awakening", on Pullman cars during his many trips.

NATIONWIDE BIBLE READING PROGRAM

SPECIAL BIBLE READINGS from Thanksgiving to Christmas See List of Passages on Page 10 of Nov. 15 Issue of "Herald." Write to the Editor for Bookmark Leaflets Listing the Passages.

Do you know that conference discussions used to be very warm in dealing with the subject, "May believers participate in political parades?" Are you aware of the fact that we have carried on missionary work in twenty different countries on four continents of the world at one time or another? Do you know that Kansas can claim the credit for organizing the first sectional young people's union in 1886?

This is a volume that ought to be in every home, church library and pastor's study of our denomination. It will make the past live again with glory and open vistas of promise for the days ahead. It will partly serve as an encyclopedia of information and of data about our work. It stands as a memorial to our first century of service for Christ, to be read and prized by every North American Baptist.

Life in Normandy, France for One of Uncle Sam's Soldiers

A Letter Written on July 23, 1944 by PVT. RAYMOND NOLL of Philadelphia, Pa., a Member of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of that city.

The last time I wrote I was in England. Now I have left my station work in England and find myself in Normandy, France.

This seems to be the third big move, in my estimation that I have made since being in the United States Army. To start out my Army life, I moved from my reception center to Fort Lewis, Washington. While at Fort Lewis I enjoyed many blessed meetings at our Calvary Baptist Church in Tacoma and also became acquainted with many people there.

The second big move was to England. While there I enjoyed innumerable and very pleasant meetings at the church in the small town where we were stationed as I have mentioned in previous letters.

Moving to Normandy, France has been the third big move. Because the people speak a different language it may be impossible to get acquainted as well with a church of our faith when we finally get located for our special job. The chapel meetings that are held under some apple trees in a nearby orchard have been very fine and well attended.

Since being out here in France, I have only passed through several small towns. The people waved to us as we passed and had very happy faces. They surely have gone through a lot these past four years. Most of the towns were damaged a great deal through hard fighting. I have only seen a small portion of France so far, but the country side along which we rode is very lovely, but, of course, marred by war.

A chill of gladness went along my spine when I waved to those rejoicing French people with happy smiles on their faces as they realized that they were free people once again. French flags waved from the people's homes and stores, where only a month or so before the Nazi flag probably had flown. I guess we shall never know how these people feel. Some of them mourn, however, since they lost their loved ones on account of the war.

The field in which we are is a combination of pasture land for cows, and also for raising apple trees. The apples aren't ripe as yet. Two blankets keep us plenty warm, and as for making the hard ground our resting place, it has become quite comfortable since we have become used to it.

Even if I am over here many miles from home, it is a comfort to know that the Lord is here as he is all over the globe guiding us every day. As you people back home are praying for the end of this war, we too over here pray that all will be over soon, and we may once again find ourselves in our rightful places back home.

Now that I am this far, possibly I shall have the opportunity of seeing a little of Germany and at the same time probably thinking that there my great grandparents and even grandparents came from.

THE CLUB PLAN for 1945

This subscription privilege is at the very height of its popularity. It was popular at its very initiation. Our churches very generally recognized its advantages. The number qualifying in the year of its inception was quite phenomenal. Some churches were not able to adopt it then but have since then recognized its superiority and year after year they have been falling in line until in 1944 one hundred sixty-one churches, including organized stations, have enjoyed the advantageous rates.

The definitely lower subscription rates are a real inducement. In fact, one might wonder that any church would ignore them. Why pay \$2.50 or \$1.50 when one might secure the respective paper for \$1.90 or \$1.10.

One might ask why is the Publication House so anxious to sell at the lower figures? It would seem as though the house would much prefer to get as much money as possible for its products. Here is the answer: The Roger Williams Press, as we now officially call ourselves, is not primarily organized to make the maximum amount of profit. Its function is to disseminate the truth and so the larger number of subscribers gives to it larger opportunities for the promulgation of Christian truth and increases the avenues of information affecting the life and service of our specific denominational group. Every church joining the ranks of the club churches adds to our corporate strength and helps insofar to advance the Kingdom of our Lord. This is our firm conviction.

The conditions of the Club Plan are the same as in the past few years. There has been no change. Any church, not fully familiar with them may write to the business manager for details.

We are extending the invitation to membership in the club group to all of our churches, to those who are now enjoying this distinction, and to those also who are holding aloof. We do most sincerely want to count you in.

H. P. DONNER,
Business Manager.

Do You Know That...?

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

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Our Burlington Church placed the first gold star on her large service flag last month. With 186 young people in the service, two are prisoners of war and six have been wounded. Having but one gold star is exceptional.

A woman who can spot a blond hair on a man's coat across the room can't always see a pair of garage doors ten feet wide.

The Protestant-born movement of Religious Education in Public Schools has now reached 44 states and will find 1,500,000 boys and girls enrolled in these Bible courses.

A boy goes four years to college because it takes about that long to develop an all-American football player.

A Schenectady, N. Y., pastor denounced the radio recently as the "laziest way to religion" and urged people to go to church where "they can't turn off the service".

About the time one learns to make the most out of life, most of it is gone.

The "Flying Tiger" who had to bail out recently over China and was led to safety by Christian Chinese children now claims that he is a "Praying Tiger".

Our laundryman has the wisdom of a Solomon. When he can't decide to whom the shirt belongs, he splits it in half.

An oil-company official reading of pitch being used in Biblical times to daub the basket of Moses, reasoned that where there was pitch there was also oil. He went to Egypt and discovered oil there as he had deduced from his Bible reading.

A speaker who doesn't strike oil in twenty minutes should stop boring.

Westminster College at Salt Lake City, Utah, will be owned and operated by five denominations beginning with a new charter for the school in 1945. Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Congregationalists have demonstrated here the possibility of cooperation and will make of this two year college a senior four year school.

Doctors have discovered that hay-fever can be negative or positive. Sometimes the eyes have it, and sometimes the nose.

The Greenwich Savings Bank of New York recently dispossessed the Church of the Strangers of that city. The bank holds a \$600,000.00 first mortgage and a \$300,000.00 second mortgage on the property. The pastor claims the bank had a legal right but not a moral right to oust him, and gave them a Bible to read at the bank.

A whale's tongue is found to contain eight per cent of the oil in his system. In politicians the proportion is even heavier.