



Birch Trees in the Glory of Winter

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● The young people's society of the Baptist Church of Cathay, North Dakota, recently elected new officers with the following results: Mrs. R. A. Grenz, president; Mary Ann Edinger, vice-president; Myra Edinger, secretary; Eldon Leitner, treasurer; Rev. R. A. Grenz, advisor; Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, pianist.

● Chaplain Frank H. Woyke, formerly a member of the faculty of the Rochester Baptist Seminary has gone overseas as a chaplain in the service of the United States government. His address is Chaplain F. H. Woyke, 0-530782, 279th Station Hospital, A.P.O. No. 9301, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. He will be glad to receive letters from his many friends. Mrs. Woyke and family are living with relatives in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

● The Rev. Emil Becker, pastor of the Baptist Church of Herreid, So. Dak., baptized two young married couples and a young woman on confession of their faith in Christ at the New Year's Eve service of the church. The church also raised the pastor's salary by \$300 at its recent annual business meeting.

● The Baptist Church at North Freedom, Wis., held a Watch Night service on Dec. 31st at which the pastor, the Rev. Ralph Rott, baptized three young people on confession of their faith in Christ. Because of the flu epidemic several people who had asked for baptism could not be present. This service was the outgrowth of revitalization meetings which were conducted in the church in November, 1943, by the Rev. R. Woyke of Watertown, Wis., and the Rev. Ralph Rott of North Freedom.

● Union evangelistic meetings were held in Stafford, Kansas, from Nov. 23 to Dec. 12 with the Calvary Baptist Church and its pastor, the Rev. F. E. Klein, cooperating. Dr. J. C. Massee, noted Baptist evangelist, brought the messages at these services. Dr. Massee's ministry was greatly appreciated and brought many blessings to the community. Quite a number of young people and children, confessed their faith in Christ as Savior during the services.

● The newly appointed council member to represent the Southern Conference on the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union is



Our North American Baptist Delegates to the Baptist World Alliance Congress at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1939, with Baptist Representatives from Europe, including Dr. Rushbrooke of London, England, President of the Alliance (Front Row—Third from Left).

(See Accompanying Editorial)

Mr. Raymond E. Engelbrecht, whose address is 2618 Trice Avenue, Waco, Texas. He has succeeded the Rev. Max G. Mittelstedt of Kyle, Texas, who left the state some time ago to another pastorate in Lebanon, Ohio. Mr. Engelbrecht has been exceedingly active in young people's activities in his local church and in the conference.

● The choir of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, rendered two portions of Christmas cantatas on Sunday evening, Dec. 26. They were from "The World's Redeemer" by Fred B. Holton and "Behold, the King" by Alfred Judson. The service was well attended in spite of the flu epidemic and was greatly appreciated. The Erin Ave. Church also gave its pastor, the Rev. Henry Hirsch, a bonus of \$200 shortly before Christmas. The church's annual business meeting was held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 12.

● The Baptist Church of New Leipzig, No. Dak., with its several mission stations decided to become self-supporting at its recent annual business meeting, to raise the pastor's salary and to adopt the Ministers' and Missionaries' Pension Fund plan for its pastor, the Rev. David Litke. Besides this, the church presented its pastor with a gift of \$225 on his third anniversary with the church and at Christmas. Mr. Litke wrote: "If it is proper to judge the quality of a people by their fruits, I dare say that we have people of unusual quality here at New Leipzig."

● In the "Secret Place", the devotional booklet of the Northern Baptist Convention, for its quarterly issue of January to March, 1944, the following pastors and members of North American Baptist Churches have made their contributions: Jan. 5, Fred W. Benke of Edmonton, Alberta; Jan. 12, H. F. Schade of New Dundee, Ontario; Jan. 20, Miss Melba Runtz of Peoria, Illinois; Feb. 17, Rev. Stanley F. Geis of Chicago, Illinois; March 20, Chaplain Roy Anderson of the South Pacific, a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois.

● Since Jan. 1, 1944, the Freudenthal Baptist Church near Carbon, Alta., Canada, has been holding prayer services on Wednesday evenings in the town of Carbon. The church purchased the gospel hall from the Plymouth Brethren, and the building, seating about 100 persons, has been partly remodeled. At present, 11 church families are living in Carbon. At the annual business meeting, the church gave its pastor, the Rev. E. S. Fenske, a gift of \$100 and also voted to pay his dues for the Ministers' and Missionaries' Pension Fund. Mr. Fenske wrote in his letter: "These tokens of love from our people inspire us to go forward with them with new zeal."

● On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 2, the Rev. Albert Ittermann, pastor of the Tyndall Baptist Church of Tyndall, So. Dak., baptized 14 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The combined choirs of the Tyndall and Danzig stations sang at this service. From Nov. 28 to Dec. 5 evangelistic services were held in the church, during which 6 persons accepted Christ as Savior. The Christmas program of the church featured two plays, "The Christmas Spirit" and "The Angelic Song". The offering amounted to \$30. The new officers of the B. Y. P. U. are Ruth Pritzkau, president; Florence Rodack, vice-president; Cornelia Buchholz, secretary; Leonard Buchholz, treasurer; and Mable Pritzkau, pianist.

● Mr. Arthur Dale Ihrie, a graduate student at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., has been serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill., since Nov. 1, 1943. He received his A. B. degree from Wayne University of Detroit, Mich., and his B.D. and Th.B. degrees from the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is now a Teaching Fellow at the seminary and plans to work for his Master's degree. His address is 620 So. 8th Ave., Maywood, Ill. During

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### Coming!

#### REVEALING BLOOD

Professor O. E. Krueger of the Rochester Baptist Seminary has prepared three articles on the general theme, "Blood in Action", the first of which will appear in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald". All of these articles in the series will interpret the atonement of Christ in the light of God's Word.

#### MISSIONARY ADVENTURES IN WEST AND EAST AFRICA

Mrs. Carrie Swyter Tobert of Nigeria, West Africa, and Mrs. Florence Wessel Dilworth of Tanganyika, West Africa, have contributed brief but highly interesting articles about the mission fields where they are serving with their husbands. Both are members of North American Baptist Churches.

#### VICTORY CENTERS FOR THE BOYS

The illustrated articles about the Victory Centers conducted by the Seventh Street Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wis., for the Boys from nearby Camp McCoy and by the First Baptist Church of San Diego, Calif., in which Miss Jean Anderson, formerly of Forest Park, Ill., takes a prominent part, will be read with eager interest by Service Men and civilians alike.

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## EDITORIAL

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### Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 6th

BAPTISTS of all lands have been called upon to observe Sunday, February 6th, as Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Dr. Walter O. Lewis of Washington, D. C., general secretary of the Alliance, has sent forth the following call for this observance. Its importance warrants its appearance as the editorial for this issue.

"The call is not issued in order that our people should extol the work of the Alliance, but rather that our churches the world over, even in the midst of this global struggle and calamitous conflict, may manifest afresh their essential unity and scriptural fellowship which are surviving the shocks of war, and which characterize our people throughout the world, and in order that we may proclaim special messages of encouragement and hope.

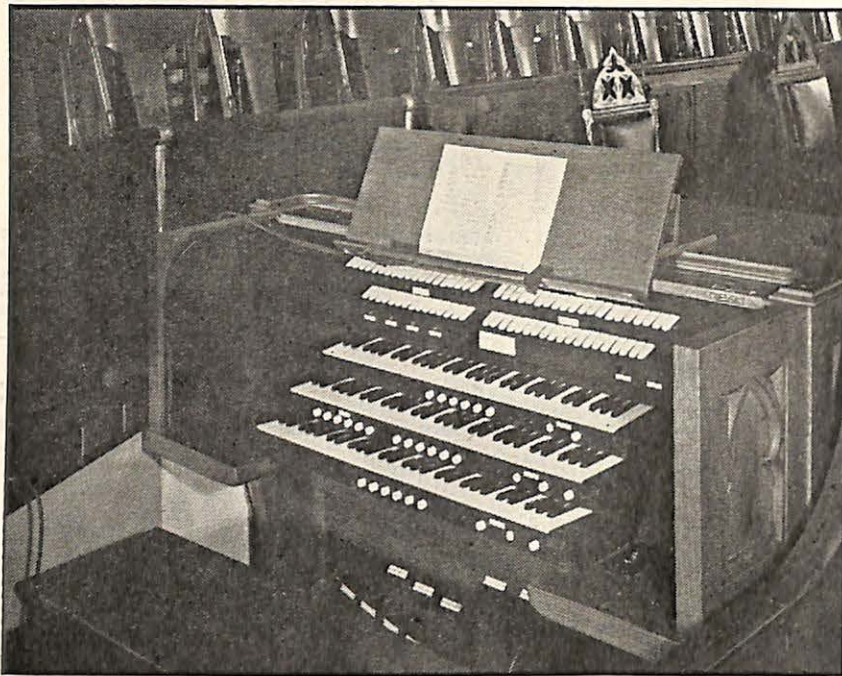
"It might well be a day of repentance. The cause of this world desolation and dreadful suffering goes deeper than the ambitions and policies of tyrannical rulers. The root causes of world upheaval have created such dictators. The world has suffered from a subtle and insidious enthronement of false gods; from new types of paganism which have arisen and old types which have been revived. People have bowed down to glittering gods of their own making in the supposition that they will create a new heaven and a new earth. The sin of man has led to the distress of the world, and our only hope is in a spiritual transformation through Christ and his gospel.

"The note of rejoicing can well be sounded on this eventful day. We have reason to rejoice in the manifold grace of our God, which frees us from the dominion of sin and the spirit of despair. We can rejoice in that millions of our people scattered in belligerent, in neutral and occupied lands alike, recognize that we are vitally linked together in the bonds of faith and spiritual fellowship and that we are citizens of a 'kingdom which cannot be shaken'.

"Let us resolve on this day to take up anew the struggle for the great essential human freedoms. The Christian faith is rooted and grounded in the assurance that man must be free to strive, to rise, to grow, to live, to love. Great freedoms are not the gift of the state, nor are they conferred by the church. They are the gift of God. The greatest freedom is the 'freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world'.

"God grant that this first Sunday in February may be widely observed and result in a firmer unity of faith and love."





The Console of the New Kimball Organ in the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, of which Mrs. Henry O. Kohrs is the Organist

## The Temple of Tone

An Inspiring Eulogy of the Organ by MRS. HENRY O. KOHRS,  
Organist of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa

"The Organ—grandest instrument the hand  
Of man has placed in Music's galaxy;  
In which all Nature's wondrous sounds  
are linked  
In golden chains of countless harmonies.  
Responsive to the touch of man's weak  
hands  
As if a giant's fingers swept the keys  
And called concordant voices from the  
depths,  
The diapason of the storm-struck sea,  
The thunder's peal, the wind's wild  
whistling wail,  
The songs of swift-winged warblers in  
the air,  
And the soft sighing of the ambient  
breeze.  
Temple of Tone art thou! The shrine  
supreme  
Of Sound's mysterious powers and  
richest gifts.  
God-given thought alone could have  
inspired  
The human mind to frame so grand a  
work:  
The Great Organ—Monarch of all  
instruments!"

—Audsley.

MAN has, indeed, been inspired by God to the creation of "the King" of all instruments. When the little Greek Pan joined reeds of different lengths and so invented the pipes which bear his name, he was, in reality, creating the organ. It needed only to add a keyboard and bellows to these pipes to make the nucleus of what has gradually developed into the most grandiose of the instruments.

The organ is more than a single instrument. It is an orchestra, a col-

lection of the pipes of Pan of every size, from those as small in diameter as a pen or pencil to those as gigantic as the columns of a temple. Each one corresponds to an organ-stop. The number is unlimited. In fact, the compass of the organ far surpasses that of all the instruments of the orchestra. The violin notes alone reach the same height, though with little carrying power. As for the lower tones, the orchestra has no competitor of the organ's thirty-two foot pipes.

### An Orchestra of Pipes

Between the *pianissimo* where sound nearly ceases and a formidable power that is almost terrifying, every degree of intensity can be obtained from this magical instrument. It provides a broad variety of tone color. There are flute stops of various kinds and stops which resemble the timbre of stringed instruments. There are the rich diapasons, the pure organ-toned foundation-stops which are peculiar to this instrument alone. There are stops which imitate the instruments of the orchestra, such as the oboe, the clarinet, the trumpet, the bassoon. There are celestial voices of several kinds, produced by combinations of two stops which are not tuned in perfect unison.

Then there is the famous and alluring Vox Humana, a great favorite with the public. In addition, we have

the innumerable combinations of all these different stops, with graduations from *pianissimo* to *sforzando*. Add to these the percussions, such as the marimba, vibra-harp, and chimes, and we have a modern musical picture of what originated as a set of several pipes which were made to sound by the player's breath.

### The Organ in the Bible

As has been suggested, the organ is one of the most ancient of musical instruments and it has had continuous development, bringing it to its present state of high musical efficiency. Frequent allusion is made to it in the Bible, as for example in Psalms, and even in Genesis. "The 'organ' of Scripture has been identified by some with the Pandaeon-pipes, or syrinx, an instrument of undoubtedly ancient origin and common in the East.

By two centuries before Christ it already had a keyboard, and a mechanical device for forcing air into the pipes by water power. This "Hydraulus", or water-organ was common and very popular among the ancient Greeks and Romans. Centuries later the bellows came into use and the first pneumatic organs were in existence. For a long time human beings, working away with hands and feet, were used to pump air into these bellows. Later, however, human effort was replaced by steam and gas engines to furnish compressed air for the organ. Today we have the rotary electric fan blower, and when the modern organist presses a button and starts to play, he knows that he can count on an ample supply of wind.

Playing on the old instruments was fatiguing and uncomfortable. The touch was heavy and a real display of strength was necessary. The first keyboards had nine to eleven keys, which were five to nine inches wide, and were struck with the elbows or fists. An assistant, or several assistants, was necessary to draw out or push back the registers, some of which were beyond the player's reach. It was not until the fourteenth century that the fingers were used to press the keys, the keyboard at that covering three octaves. At approximately the same time the pedal keyboard was invented. In the pipe-work, gradual improvement took place.

### Improvements in the Organ

However, even though the organ has had a more or less constant development, it is perhaps safe to say that there have been as many improvements both tonally and mechanically in the past forty to fifty years as in the many centuries previous. These new facilities are a joy to the present day organist, for they place at his command prodigious resources and extraordinary means of expressing himself. No two organs are precisely alike, and to draw

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## Vital Grandmothers, Revitalized Granddaughters

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER  
of Oak Park, Illinois

WHAT does this picture of the white carnation and the Bible call to your mind? Does it suggest a beautiful, present day bride carrying her white Bible to the altar to pledge her troth to a man in uniform? Perhaps the white carnation reminds you, as on Mother's Day, of those mothers who are in eternity now. Can you visualize those vital grandmothers of a hundred years ago who lived when our denomination was born? Their "Glory Song" is a reality now:

"All their labors and trials are o'er,  
And they are safe on that beautiful shore."

Why do we call these departed saints *vital* grandmothers? Vital means contributing to or essential to life. These pioneers of our denomination possessed a vital spirituality. Their Christian experiences gave momentum to the power which some in our ranks have inherited today. They were sweet, Christian mothers, radiantly beautiful. In their lives were found the fruit of the Spirit.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law."

### Grandmother's Sainthood

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." We don't always appreciate references to the "good old days" or the "good old saints". True enough, the spiritual vitality of those days was not disturbed by the same hustle and strain of our day. The church was the center of all of grandmother's activity. She loved it and lived for it. She was satisfied to be a mother and a helpmeet to her husband. In many cases her education did not reach the eighth grade, but she knew the contents of her Bible better than most college students of today. The Word of God was her source of guidance and inspiration for living.

Grandmother may have lacked the methods and helps available for child rearing today. However, she possessed a Christian vitality that radiated love. She reared her family with the time old principle, "Life's lessons are caught and not taught". At the same time she recognized that to maintain a vital home, her children's rights had to stop where the rights of others were concerned. She taught them to do the

The Theme of  
"Revitalization"  
Has Been Given  
Constant  
Consideration in  
Recent Months at  
Conferences and in  
the Pages of Our  
Publications.  
In This Heart  
Warming Article  
Mrs. Grosser of the  
Forest Park  
Baptist Church  
Makes a Stirring  
Appeal for Such a  
Revitalization  
to the Women of  
Our Churches.



hard right rather than the easy wrong.

Daily family devotions introduced many important lessons of vital force to her children directly from the Bible. During the time spent in prayer she called upon God to be a very real partner in solving the problems of the home. Her motto was, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord". She did not bring about revitalization by promotion. It was too deep and sacred for that. She did not bring it to pass by commotion but only by utter devotion to God.

### Her Children's Religion

Her children were reverent in church and sat in the family pew. It gave them spiritual nurture to be there. When Jesus Christ was presented to them as Savior, they wanted to know him because they desired the peace and happiness which grandmother enjoyed. They confessed their sins and received the new birth. From the day of their salvation they strove to be "doers of the Word and not hearers only". That is what Grandmother practiced.

She taught them that unkind thoughts, jealousy, greed and ill will fly into space and grow like a snow ball rolled in packing snow. At some time, sooner or later, they are hurled back at the offender with a velocity that causes indescribable pain. Grandmother knew that deep spirituality would not be fostered in these babes in Christ by "do's" and "don'ts", nor by a list of prohibitions but by the

Christian lives of consistent, understanding and loving parents.

In the secret chamber many another mother has poured out her heart to God for the revitalization of her family. She arose from her knees and felt her task was done. It had just begun. Revitalization in a home calls for co-operation with God who provides wisdom in helping children and parents solve their spiritual problems.

### Spiritual Inventory

Our denomination started on that basis, seeking first the things of the Kingdom. God added unto it all it needed. On its one hundredth birthday there comes this renewed and special emphasis, upon the same great spiritual value—*revitalization*—of getting the old time power.

How then can the granddaughters, the women and girls of today, reconsecrate their lives to God? How may they humbly acknowledge their lack of spiritual force and receive from God showers of blessings? Not by talking about it nor by reading articles about it, but by taking inventory of their own lives in the light of scripture.

"Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old."  
"Let us search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord."  
"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting."

Never has so much happened in a short span of time as in our day.

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# Women's Day of Prayer

Program for the Women's Day of Prayer to Be Observed in Our Churches on Wednesday, February 16, 1944, Prepared by  
MRS. KLARA BICKEL KOCH of Chicago, Illinois

TO MANY PEOPLE prayer means asking or requesting things of God. This is not only the case of the general run of people, who seek the Lord in time of need and distress, but also of many Christians approaching God daily. When we study the model prayer given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ, we note that praise and glory to God have a prominent place. In view of these facts let us open our day of prayer with praise and thanksgiving. The following Scripture passages will create the right atmosphere.

*Psalms 51:15; 57:9; 66:2;  
71:8; Luke 2:38; and 17:16;  
Mark 8:6.*

Praising and thanking God, creates a desire in our hearts to pray for others and to help our fellow men. How tremendous are the spiritual, social and economic needs of mankind in our crucial days! We shall present them under various headings and bring each one to the Lord in prayer knowing that all our efforts must be blessed by him.

## The Family, Men and Women Defense Workers, Neglected Children

The family unit of every nation is of utmost importance. Let us consider several items concerning this unit. May the Lord impress the sacredness and seriousness of marriage on the hearts and minds of our young people, especially in these war days when hastily contracted marriages create a difficult problem.

Let us not forget the defense workers, especially the women of whom many are neglecting their small children, which leads to the moral breakdown of the families. Pray also for the fathers who have left their homes to work in various places or have been drafted into service. The strength of the nation depends to a great extent on the strength of the families. Let us turn to God's Word on family troubles and general conditions.

*Genesis 17:18; and 27:41;  
2. Sam. 12:16; 1. Chron. 29:  
19; Job 1:5; Deut. 21:20, 21;  
Matt. 17:15; Mark 7:26.*

## Christian Churches and Institutions, Our Denominational Leaders and Enterprise, Christian Workers in the Foreign Field

How we should cherish our churches

## Greetings from the President of the Women's Missionary Union

By MILDRED B. DYMIEL  
of Anaheim, California

*"In nothing be anxious: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

Phil. 4:6.

Whatever cares may be weighing upon us, let us take God at his word and bring them to him, thanking him for his understanding, for his unfailing love, and for his power to help us face our trials victoriously.

Let us pray for each other and for our suffering sisters throughout the world, as the writer of our meditation has so aptly brought home to us, and that even in the midst of war His peace may become a reality within our hearts.

and fellow-Christians when we think of the terrible fate of Christ's followers in some other countries! May all our hearts and lives be quickened by the Spirit from on high that we may realize our privileges as Christians in our country and also the importance of leading others to Christ. Spiritual indifference is the greatest enemy of the church of Christ today; a thorough awakening surely is necessary.

The leaders of our denomination have been stressing this for some time. We should support them with our prayers, also work more diligently for our special tasks and the furtherance of God's Kingdom in general. Are we fully aware of our tremendous opportunities and responsibilities?

Although we have been praying for the revitalization of our churches for some time, we have not reached the goal as yet. However, our prayers are being answered to a certain extent. What makes us aware of this fact? God's Word tells us: "By their fruits ye shall know them." When the Holy Spirit fully permeates our lives and churches, we shall bear fruit. Then there will be a great desire to help people spiritually and materially. One such sign of revitalization in the ranks of our denomination has been and still is quite apparent. A number of our churches have considerably increased

their giving for missions. Yes, quite a few individuals are reported to have made sizeable contributions for God's work.

Another sign of revitalization in our ranks is this that young people are offering themselves as workers for the foreign field and wish to be sent out as soon as hostilities cease. We thank God for these manifestations of his favor. However, when a thorough revitalization has taken place, we shall hear of many conversions and the returning to God and the churches of those who have grown cold and gone astray. Until this is accomplished, we must continue to pray and work with all our might and strength.

Christian workers still on the foreign fields need our prayers and support more than ever. They are in constant danger of their lives on many fields and often lack the necessary material for their enterprises. Dr. Albert Schweitzer, a very successful medical missionary in Africa, mentions in a recent report how his hospital was threatened by a serious shortage of quinine. This drug is very necessary in medical work in Africa. In the nick of time Schweitzer's Christian friends in America came to his rescue by supplying him with the valuable drug as well as with other important materials.

*Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25-27;  
Hebrews 10:25; 1. Cor. 1:11;  
Matt. 25:35-36.*

## Governments, Service Men and Women, Army Doctors and Nurses, Chaplains

How the above mentioned need our prayers at this time! All of us have decisions to make in life, at times, very difficult ones. Do we realize the tremendous responsibilities resting on the shoulders of all government heads of the world, especially those at war? The decisions we must make seem very trivial in comparison to theirs. If only more government leaders would lift their hearts and voices to the Almighty in prayer, how different things would be! What made Abraham Lincoln a strong president and leader? He was a man of prayer.

Then our service men and women, doctors and nurses. Many of these are young people, leaving home and friends for the first time. Naturally, homesickness besets them. Letters and gifts from relatives and friends will help all of them to feel less homesick, cheer

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# Abounding in This Grace Also

A Memorable Report of the Denomination's Grace of Giving  
by DR. WILLIAM KUHN, General Missionary Secretary

BECAUSE of our vital relationship to Jesus Christ, every Christian is blessed with spiritual blessings in heavenly places. Many of our churches merit that same commendation that the Apostle Paul gave to the church at Achaia: "Ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in your love for God's people."

During November, 1943, we received for our denominational enterprise \$29,074.06 and in December our income surpassed every other record. During that month we received \$54,312.07. Our total for these two months amounted to \$83,386.13. Here we have the evidence that our churches are "abounding in this grace, the grace of giving, also". In acknowledging these contributions we have issued 690 separate receipts.

Many factors have contributed to this financial success. Certain churches made special efforts with the missionary and harvest festivals. Some individuals wrote that they were following the Spirit's urge in their hearts to give an extra offering. Some of our largest contributors have completed their tithes. One of our older members arranged for a special contribution after her homegoing. Many churches have closed out their missionary treasuries before the end of the year. To all of these faithful, zealous contributors, we herewith express our deep sense of appreciation and gratitude.

## Many Contributions

In DER SENDBOTE under the list, "Wie der himmlische Vater sorgt", the details of these contributions during November and December are published. The Lord Jesus Christ himself, who even today is sitting over against the treasury, takes knowledge of every contribution, be it large or small. It will be of interest to know that during the month of November three churches made contributions ranging from \$1,000 and over. The highest sum was \$2,653.77, the second-highest \$1,638.71, and the third-highest \$1,185.60.

During the month of December thirteen churches made contributions to the amount of \$1,000 or more. Beginning with the highest contribution, we are listing these thirteen contributions in a descending order: 1) \$3,007.99; 2) \$2,742.00; 3) \$2,640.70; 4) \$2,405.00; 5) \$2,051.53; 6) \$2,000.00; 7) \$1,835.00; 8) \$1,370.00; 9) \$1,358.58; 10) \$1,279.25; 11) \$1,121.54; 12) \$1,024.54; and 13) \$1,000.00.

All the churches and individuals whose contributions during a single month are not in that bracket of \$1,000 or more have, according to their ability, contributed to this financial success. Their cooperation has been for us a source of constant joy, and it has awakened a song of gratitude in our heart. The Lord himself has recorded this ministry of his faithful stewards, and at the same time he has given it his infallible rating.

At this time we can report that as of December 31, 1943, the sum of \$117,102.74 had been received for the Centenary Offering. Some unpaid pledges are still outstanding, and almost daily payments are being made.

The cash receipts for our Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies until December 31, 1943, amounted to \$47,938.70. When this war ends, we will doubtless have need of much more than \$100,000 for relieving the distress in many parts of this world.

## Wise Expenditures

Many may be asking: "What are you doing with all this money?" With assurance we can answer that not one dollar is being wasted. Our fathers were honest and intelligent administrators of the denominational funds, and we of this generation are carrying on the same policy. When Joseph was filling the storehouses in Egypt during those seven years of plenty, many may have asked: "Why is that being done?" During those seven long years of want that followed, everybody's question was satisfactorily answered. It is not our policy to accumulate huge reserves of money. Any reserve that we can accumulate will enable us to respond to the many urgent calls for help.

What has become of our mission work in the Danubian countries? In Yugoslavia, for instance, guerilla war has been raging since the occupation of that country. Very probably, the membership of many churches has been scattered; their chapels may have been destroyed and their pastors probably lying in their graves. What has become of our Gypsy work in Golinzi near Lom, Bulgaria? Is that chapel erected by us still standing in that Gypsy village? Can we think of the Gypsies from Golinzi and the neighboring village of Humata meeting every Sunday in their beloved chapel? Can we still see the smoke ascending from these Gypsy huts, or are the former occupants of those huts scattered far and wide or lying in unmarked graves?

Let us turn our attention for a few moments to our beloved Cameroons. George and Louise Dunger with their little daughter Daphne are at this time our only missionaries caring for that widely extended field. Day and night our Cameroons Christians call to us: "Do come over to us and help us by sending additional missionaries, and do not delay your coming too long."

## Cameroons' Needs

Open doors invite us everywhere. If we could send today ten or twelve missionaries, men and women with a definite call from God, there would be work waiting for each one. Much money is required to carry the gospel into far-away Cameroons. It costs about \$1,000 for the passage and equipment for every missionary. Our people everywhere are ready to make the necessary sacrifices to carry on vital missionary work in the homeland and also in the foreign field. It is our conviction that our churches will support every missionary whom God will call.

We are pushing into new territories on our home mission field. There is a promising work opening up for us in the Peace River Valley of Alberta and in Northern Saskatchewan, Canada. Here we find real primitive conditions and only such missionaries with a pioneer spirit can succeed. It will require more than \$40,000 to support our home mission work during the coming fiscal year. Every year we are assisting churches from our Chapel Building Fund. Many of these little missions have developed, so that they now are recognized as belonging to our strongest churches.

We will never deny our veteran pastors or pastors' widows a plea for help in their old age. These servants of the Lord have borne the privations of earlier years, and now we are happy that we are able to lighten their burdens in their old age.

In our large denominational household emergencies will always arise and unforeseen situations will claim our help. Only those among us, be they either individual members or organized churches, who actually share in relieving the burdens, cares and distresses of our fellow-Christians, will have that inexpressible privilege of hearing the Lord saying to them on his coronation day: "Come, ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even the least, ye did it unto me."



# Light for the World's Darkness

Report of the "Congress on Prophecy" by the REV. EMIL D. GRUEN  
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"We also have a more sure word of prophecy—whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place." 2. Peter 1:19.

ON SUNDAY morning, December 5th, Dr. Wm. Ward Ayer, outstanding Baptist pastor, addressed an audience that overflowed Calvary Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., as well as a great radio audience, on the theme, "Watchman, What of the Night". This was the keynote address opening the Second New York Congress on Prophecy, held under the auspices of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, and convening in the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City from Sunday, December 5th, through Sunday, December 12th.

Realizing the fact that the world is under a great cloud which has plunged all men into darkness, twenty-one of our nation's outstanding Bible teachers assembled in New York City. Their task was to survey the conditions, spiritual, moral, social and economic, in a war torn world, and to give an answer for them in the light of God's Holy Word. Not only to interpret the conditions as they are now, but also, and perhaps more important, to try to find the answer to the question's arising as to the post-war world.

Special attention was given to the problem of the Jew in a world turned against him, a world where he can find no welcome, no place to lay his weary, bloody head. What of the Jew now, and what of the Jew after the war? What of the Church now, and what will her opportunities in the post-war world be? These and many similar thought-provoking themes were presented and discussed in a masterly fashion. At the close of the sessions we all realized that we had not solved the problems of a war torn world and the post-war reconstruction period. But, and this is most important, we had found the answer to the underlying principles that have brought about a world in chaos, and in the darkness had seen the Light shining, as we had applied God's Word, and especially his prophetic utterances to the problems considered.

What was the result of the Congress on Prophecy?

First of all, it gave to all of us who were privileged to attend the assurance that for the child of God there is always Light, no matter how dark the way may seem. And that despite the fact that sin, and its resultant evils, is rampant in the world, the Redeemed of the Lord need have no fear.



A Modern Scribe of Israel Reads the Prophetic Passages of the Torah.  
(From the Booklet, "The Good News According to Matthew", Prepared for Jewish Service Men.)

Secondly there came out of the sessions a pronouncement clearly stating the position of the assembly upon the religious question of the present and post-war day.

- 1—The belief that the personal return of Christ is the only hope for a permanent peace, and the gateway to a world government of righteousness, justice and equity.
- 2—That history clearly demonstrates it is not within the power of men and nations to effect a warless world, a fact corroborated by the teaching of the Bible.
- 3—That the post-war period would offer strategic opportunity to the Church for a united presentation of her spiritual message; that message is not outmoded, but will be more than ever needed in a world that will be facing moral and economic collapse.
- 4—That if the nations will not accept the divinely given program of the Church, a periodic lapse into strife, discord and war will be inescapable.

Thirdly, the Congress left behind a permanent record of the proceedings and messages in a book entitled, "Light for the World's Darkness". This will be a companion volume to the book which followed the first Congress entitled, "The Sure Word of Prophecy". (This book can be purchased through our Publication Society in Cleveland, Ohio, at \$2.00 per copy on April 1st.)

"We have heard God's voice speaking through his servants — — — God has kept a witness alive and a light burning so that men shall be without excuse in that day if they turn aside from truth to fables and from light to darkness. We thank God for this Congress."

## VITAL GRANDMOTHERS

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Methuselah lived 969 years, but there was little doing in his day. We see more changes in fifty years of our time than Methuselah saw in 969 years.

### Calls to Service

From our nation today comes the urgent call to women and girls to serve their country. Some are answering the call by donning the uniform. Others are replacing men in essential war industries. Everywhere the man shortage is being felt. Women are urged to practice conservation in the home and kitchen. They are reminded to feed the family foods that produce physical vitality. Those who have loved ones in the service are spending spare moments packing boxes of goodies and writing letters to cheer them, while they pray for their safe return.

Amidst all the din of these pressing and confusing days comes the voice of the Master tenderly calling, "Give unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God that which is God's." He does not say, "Give unto Caesar his share and if you aren't too pressed for time perhaps you can give God a little attention." While we are rationing material things, we are sinfully rationing our time for God. Yet we have never needed him as we need him today. His power has not changed, only we fail to appropriate it. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever."

### Revitalized Christian Lives

Each generation of women and girls has added faithful, God loving, Bible reading, praying saints to the ranks of our denomination. Each succeeding generation must give new life to that vitality.

When Johnny comes marching home again, he will show the marks of hard war experiences. He will need more than ever the warm, understanding love of his mother, wife, sweetheart and sister. Will he find them to be better Christians than when he left home? Will he see in their faces that they have kept company with Jesus while he was gone? He will not want to be told about it in words. He will desire to feel it. He will sense the renewed life his loved one has experienced.

A great challenge comes to the granddaughters of our pioneers of one hundred years ago. It is the call of our denomination to revitalization. More than that, it is God's own call to reconsecration.

# Adventures in Revitalization and Evangelism

A Report by the REV. F. W. Bartel of Jamestown, North Dakota,  
the Dakota Conference Evangelist

IN a peculiar way, the sphere and activity of the evangelist ties up very directly with the movement for the revitalization of our churches. Normally, the local pastor with his loyal group of co-workers faithfully man the front line trenches the year round, and, in vital untiring faith, press the battle for the revitalization of the church and for the winning of the lost to Christ to the enemies' gate with varying success. And, that is as it should be for, after all, the first responsibility for spiritual conquest and advancement rests with the local group. Then, occasionally the evangelist is called in to assist the local Christian forces in a series of special revival meetings. It is in his unique capacity as revivalist that the evangelist makes a direct and vital contribution to the revitalization of our churches.

To serve our churches as evangelist is, indeed, a high spiritual adventure. For the most part, the spiritual state of the church, to which he comes, is unknown to him. Often, like Abraham of old, he, too, goes out "by faith", not knowing what new adventure he will meet with in the next church. Upon his arrival on the field, usually, his first task is by prayerfully relying on the Spirit's guidance to sense out, and then to find in the Word of God the divine remedy for the existing spiritual ills and needs of the church.

Very frequently he finds the church in no condition to win souls, and in need of a spiritual renewal as much, perhaps, as the unsaved are of salvation. How to arouse a backslidden church from its death-like spiritual lethargy and to bring it back to full wakefulness and to a new realization of its great God-given task and to a new vision of a lost world perishing in sin, presents a tremendous challenge. For who is sufficient for these things?

With Paul we say, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves, . . . but our sufficiency is of God." For God says, "Is not my word like a fire, . . . and like a hammer, that breaketh a rock in pieces?" Therefore, "take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God", and "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine".

Revival costs intense and exhausting spiritual labor. What searching of heart, and wrestling with God in prayer! What great sorrow and disappointment when the redeemed of the Lord are in love with the world and remain preoccupied with material things! What compassion and yearning

of heart over the impenitent, who turns away from the only Savior! What if this should be his last opportunity to accept Christ and be saved! And have we really done our best to win him? Earnest, faithful and powerful preaching of God's Word, watered by much earnest and agonizing prayer, is the only thing that will arouse a worldly church, and lead it out with Christ after the lost.

However, the intense labor and sorrow of heart attendant upon the work of revitalizing the church and winning the lost is more than balanced by the glorious joy and blessing of it. It is a wonderful compensation to go home at the close of a service too happy to sleep because of exaltation of spirit over sinners coming home to God, and men and women and precious young people gladly giving devotion and allegiance to our Lord Jesus Christ. And it is wonderful to see the mighty

grace of God at work in the hearts under the faithful preaching of the Word of God! The dormant powers of the church are quickened into joyous soul winning activity; the careless member is awakened to a new sense of his privileges and responsibility; the soul of the devout Christian is flooded with a new life of joy and love; the tongue of the timid saint is loosened; malice and envy and evil passions are banished from the hearts of God's people; the thoughtless sinner is awakened and led to Christ; the young converts are led to follow the Lord in the path of obedience and service; a confession of Christ is called from secret disciples; an irrefutable testimony is borne of the power of vital faith and of the reality of salvation; the godless are attracted, convicted of their sin, brought to the Savior, and God's cause comes into its own.

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# Soul Harvesting in the Dakotas

A Report by the REV. ARTHUR ITTERMANN of Emery, So. Dak.,  
Director of Evangelism for the Dakota Conference

SOUL HARVESTING in the Dakotas and Montana is one of the three permanent projects of our Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union to include Missions, Christian Leadership Training and Evangelism. During the four years of our evangelism project thousands of gospel portions or tracts and hundreds of booklets, such as "Personal Evangelism" by Oscar Lowry and prayer list booklets by L. R. Scarborough, as well as many posters and circular letters, have been sent out to our numerous churches and stations in the Dakotas or Montana either for inspiration or distribution purposes.

Soul Harvesting has encouraged prayer-life, individually or collectively through family altars, prayer lists and groups; profuse tract distribution, either through personal efforts, tract racks, or local newspapers; protracted evangelistic meetings; evangelistic B. Y. P. U. programs and messages; evangelism literature for Service Men; and clear definite gospel instruction for Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible Schools and church services.

In the past years practically all our churches reported to their promotional chairman of their participation in these endeavors, which results were listed openly on Survey Charts at our conferences. Furthermore, various churches adopted further suggested

evangelism plans as best adapted to their local fields. Some churches either distributed gospel literature through church libraries, formed gospel teams as various B. Y. P. U.'s exchanged gospel programs, participated in noteworthy personal evangelism work through visitation campaigns, took up evangelism study courses for efficiency in personal evangelism, or had Scripture memorization for young and old.

Some have availed themselves of the books of our Soul Harvesting Loan Library for better evangelistic B. Y. P. U. programs or inspirational plans. The fact that more gospel or chorus singing is stressed by our B. Y. P. U.'s, Sunday Schools, mixed or men's choirs, etc., points to the renewal of the great and glorious revival days of gospel songs and messages.

Happily, indeed, we can tell of the new home mission fields successfully organized and growing in neighboring church vicinities as has the church in Sydney, Montana, and mission station at Savage visited recently by the promotional chairman as evangelist. God is truly writing a glorious chapter in church history as local churches branch out with the gospel in their areas.

Above all, we shall pray that all our lives may be so yielded to and Spirit-filled by God that as the Jerusalem church we may attain the ideal, "God added daily to the church such as should be saved."





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#### SYNOPSIS

Two men, Lacey and Weaver, made their preparations carefully as saboteurs to secure the secret plans for an important war model from the factory of Vandingham & Company. They agreed that John Sargent was their man, whom they tried to interest in the scheme. They even approached him with a definite proposal to get rich quickly if he would agree to their plans. While John Sargent was busy with a group of other men digging the ditch, beautiful Lisle Kingsley first saw him and with her quick perception recognized his fineness even in this setting. But Lisle was supposed to be engaged to Victor Vandingham, the rich manufacturer's son, and therefore seemed to be utterly beyond his reach. John Sargent was again approached by a strange man with the name of Kurt Entry who tried to hire him at a big salary for a mysterious job in Vandingham's factory. "You've got to get the job," Kurt Entry said, "before you'd be in a position to give out facts."

#### CHAPTER SIX

"Yeah, I see," said John grinning. "There's always a hitch somewhere."

"What do you mean, young fellow? There ain't any hitch. It's just common sense. You can't do my folks any good unless you're in a position to get their information. Now, once for all, are you interested in getting that job with Vandinghams?"

"No," said John soberly, "I'm not interested."

Kurt Entry gave him a sharp look, and then suddenly became aware of two men approaching. They were not in uniform, but Kurt Entry was well versed in the art of escape and allaying suspicion. His eyes narrowed. He lowered his head. Let his feet drag a little as if he were about to turn back. Looked up at John and said in a low tone:

"Then I'm afraid I can't promise to hold this any longer for you. I shall probably not return unless I find there are still openings. Good by!" and he scuttled diagonally across the street to an alley and disappeared. But John, with an eye toward the approaching pedestrians, and a grin on his lips,

shouted: "Definitely, not interested."

The two men approaching turned their eyes toward the place where Kurt Entry had disappeared, and plunged across the street themselves, giving John a hurried salute as they went.

After the football game there was a formal truce between Lisle and Victor. That is, it was formal on Lisle's part, and warmly friendly on Victor's. For Victor had been on his good behavior the rest of that afternoon and took great pains to be attentive and interesting. He told at length about games he had been seeing elsewhere, bought candy and peanuts and pennants and flowers for his girl, just as he used to do when they were very young. He acted out the old-time comradeship. Sometimes she wondered at him greatly. For though she was pleasant the old comradely friendliness was missing from her manner and he must have noticed, even though he was not of a fervent nature. It suited his purposes at the time to keep Lisle in the old intimacy, for he had been surprised beyond measure at her reaction to his behavior at the store, and at present it wasn't in his plan to have any disaffection arise.

For in truth his future was rather a muddle at present. The party, the war possibilities, and any chance that he might find a place in the scheme of things that would enable him to remain honorably at home made it desirable that there should be no disaffection, no gossip, no outward break between the families. Therefore Victor put aside his newly acquired insolence and was just a boy-friend as he used to be. This attitude on Victor's part made it very much easier for Lisle to continue her friendliness. Although Lisle was just a shade more distant than she used to be, quieter, more silent, not quite so joyous and smiling, more dignified, a bit cool.

# The Sound of the Trumpet

A New Novel

by

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But it didn't seem to bother Victor in the least. With his nonchalant self-assurance he went calmly on his usual way, taking it for granted that whenever he got ready he could easily change his old friend's attitude, and bend her to his will.

But Lisle on the other hand was not quite ready, as in former days, to accept all his invitations, or to take it for granted that of course he was always to be her escort. She was often now seen in company with other young men, and acted as if it were a matter of course that she had other friends besides himself.

If Victor did not like this he never let it be known, just took it for granted that of course if he asked her first and wanted her badly enough, she would be his companion, no matter who else had chosen to ask her.

But Lisle was quietly working it so that she would have a number of other escorts and was not always available when Victor came to claim her. Sometimes this state of things distressed her mother, who had always been fond of Victor, and felt that his family was beyond reproach. She had excused his conduct at the store as being only the freak of a boy who was playing a prank, and she was often dismayed at the definite hostility toward the young man that she continually saw in her daughter. She was always hoping that there would soon be a better understanding between the two young people. She was a woman who found it very hard to give up an ideal that she had cherished for years. So, whenever Lisle went out with Victor, and seemed fairly happy about it, she drew a deep breath of relief and kept hoping that the lad would forget his new found standards and return to the ways of his childhood.

But Lisle was by no means happy in the company of her old friend. She

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seemed to have had her eyes opened to a great many things in him that did not satisfy her, ways that she had never noticed before he went away to college. She went through her engagements with him in a continual state of protest and anxiety, in fact a state of defense.

Not that she ever spent time in argument. She was not of that nature, but now that she was beginning to see more clearly, Victor was no longer her ideal friend, and she sometimes had hard work to keep up the semblance of enjoying a pleasant occasion. Continually she was hoping that Victor would presently be called away to wherever he was going in the scheme of war work.

But the days went on, and Victor was still hanging around, apparently doing nothing but having a good time. Playing tennis and golf, playing polo sometimes, out in his motor boat or his handsome high-powered car, as long as gasoline was to be had. Not making much show of sacrifice in any way because his land was at war. Only going on as always having the best time he could and denying himself nothing.

"The war will cure him of that," said Mrs. Kingsley. "He doesn't really know what it's all about yet. But he will. Wait till he gets out among the other soldiers!"

"Sometimes I wonder whether he's really expecting to go at all," said Lisle one day. "He keeps talking of that party of his as if it was an assured fact, as if it was the end and aim of all existence. And of course the time is going on and the date is almost here."

"Yes," said her mother, "and dear, if that party is really to come off of course you'll have to attend it, and we ought to be thinking about a dress. It is to be very formal, you know."

"Well, I don't feel like spending a lot of time and money on an evening dress when we are at war and ought to be thinking about other things. Little children starving and needing clothing. I don't think it is at all right. And of course an evening dress isn't really essential. You know we are being urged not to buy anything that isn't absolutely necessary."

"Yes, I know, of course, but I'm afraid this is really necessary, my dear. You know Mrs. Vandingham has always been a very close friend of ours, and I'm afraid she will be hurt if you do not take as much pains about a dress for her son's party as you have done for other parties in the past. And you know Victor has always recognized your old dresses, even if you have worn them only once. He'll be sure to tell his mother."

"Yes, I suppose so," said Lisle with a sigh, "but I don't like it! Mother, it almost seems wicked to be dolling up this way when a lot of the boys we know are actually dying to save our

country from awful peril! Mother, do you know, they think Richard Gerrick was killed in action? Or at least, maybe is missing in action. I don't see why Mrs. Vandingham is willing to have a great party now when everybody is anxious and worried, and we don't know what dreadful thing may happen next."

"Are you sure they are going to have it, dear? Have you asked Victor about it lately? I think that would simplify things greatly if you would just speak of it, and ask if it is really coming off, or will he be called to serve before it is time."

"Perhaps," said Lisle with a troubled glance. "I'll see, if there is a good chance without seeming to drag it in, but I'm almost afraid to mention it lest he will go off into one of those fits of modernism, the way he did in the store. It just makes me sick every time I remember that."

"Well, I scarcely think he will," said her mother. "I think he realizes we didn't like that at all. You'd better find out if possible. And then, perhaps we can think of a way to fix up one of your evening dresses that you have worn before. There's the wine-colored tulle you haven't worn much. I don't believe Victor ever saw that on you, and you could live it up with a white sash edged with pale blue that would give a patriotic touch to it."

"Perhaps," said Lisle without enthusiasm. "All right, I'll try to find his affairs. So the government has arranged to have me take over. Of course if dad gets better he'll be back here now and then and keep in touch with things, but I'll be the chief executive, and I'll be no end busy. I'll have to be going back and forth to Washington constantly, and working night and day. And there'll be no chance of my having to go to camp and be put through all that drilling and training dope and that fighting business. I'll be right here in one of the most important plants in the whole United States. Of course there'll be other people associated with us in the work, but I'll be practically the head of the whole shooting match. Isn't that great, Lisle? Can't you congratulate me? Haven't I just landed on my feet again, like I always do?"

But as it happened, Lisle didn't have to do what she dreaded at all. Victor took it all in his own hands.

He arrived at the house the next evening, his eyes shining with the look Lisle had learned to interpret as the glow that came when he had got his own way. Her heart sank, for somehow she knew that something must have happened. Victor was not going to be steadied and strengthened into the man he ought to be, but was likely to be allowed to go on and do as he pleased. How this could possibly be when one considered that he was going to have to deal with the government, she could not explain. Although she knew that some people had what they called "pull" and found ways to carry out their own wishes, even in opposition to the laws and regulations that had been laid down for the guidance of the country. Victor had always been one of those who found ways for priority above others. She wondered what he had done now that gave him that look of having won over against great odds. And suddenly she realized that it was a look such as his mother wore at times when she had succeeded in getting her own way.

So, soberly, with searching eyes, she sat herself down to listen to his eager tale.

"Well, Lisle, it's all settled at last,

and now you can plan to go down to the store in the morning and select your dress for the party. You haven't said anything about it so I judge you haven't bought it yet. But there's no time to lose now, for everything's all fixed up, and it's only ten days off, you know."

"What do you mean, Victor? Only ten days off? Do you mean you have to leave for the army as soon as that?" Lisle asked it calmly, not at all as if she were in the least excited.

"Leave!" shouted Victor with a laugh of triumph. "But I don't have to leave! Not at all! I'm to stay right here for the duration! Isn't that great?"

"Oh!" gasped Lisle. "Do you mean you have been rejected? But on what grounds? You're perfectly healthy, aren't you?"

"Rejected, nothing! Not on your life I haven't been rejected! I've been asked to stay at home and take over the management of my dad's business. You see it's quite important. He's been selected to make some important things for defense. I'm not at liberty to tell what of course, and I'm to have charge of the office! Of course you know—or maybe you hadn't heard,—that Dad hasn't been well for almost a year now, and the specialist he's been to has said positively that dad can't run the business alone. He needs my help, as of course I'm the only one close enough to him to know all about his affairs. So the government has arranged to have me take over. Of course if dad gets better he'll be back here now and then and keep in touch with things, but I'll be the chief executive, and I'll be no end busy. I'll have to be going back and forth to Washington constantly, and working night and day. And there'll be no chance of my having to go to camp and be put through all that drilling and training dope and that fighting business. I'll be right here in one of the most important plants in the whole United States. Of course there'll be other people associated with us in the work, but I'll be practically the head of the whole shooting match. Isn't that great, Lisle? Can't you congratulate me? Haven't I just landed on my feet again, like I always do?"

"Why, yes, it does seem that way, doesn't it? That is, if that was what you wanted. Personally I'd rather go and fight, for I'd feel more as if I were really doing something worth while. But I suppose your plant must be very important, too."

"Oh, it is, Lisle! It's about the most important plant in the whole country. We have a new invention that is practically going to make over the whole operation of war, and bring victory, so I feel I'm far more important here than if I stuck on a uniform, and swelled around shooting people. I never did have much of a yen for that sort of thing anyway. Of course when I



was a kid I used to fight and all that, but I wasn't brought up to be a fighter. Our family always felt there were better ways of settling differences than going out and seeing which side could kill the most people, anyway, so I'm just as well satisfied. Although of course if I had gone I was practically promised a major's commission, and all that. But seeing dad and the government need me here, I'm entirely satisfied."

"Yes?" said Lisle, trying to be appreciative. "Well, it's fine that you're pleased, and of course your mother will be glad to have you at home after you've been away so long at college and other places. What it is you're going to be, Victor? An executive in your father's office?"

"Well, practically that, but it's quite an important executive of course. And now, Lisle, can you arrange to go down and get your outfit tomorrow morning? I'd like to go with you and help you select it. It's all kinds of important to me how you look at the party, you know, and I shall have plenty of time to trot around with you and look things over before you decide. I'm not to take over the plant till the week after the party, so I'll have plenty of time."

Lisle was still for a moment, looking thoughtfully at her old playmate. Then she spoke, slowly, gently:

"That's very kind of you," she said, "but it won't be necessary. Mother and I have arranged to take care of that."

There was a quiet dignity in her manner that was not like anything he had ever seen before in the usually docile girl, and he looked at her in amazement. What did this mean? She had always seemed glad to have him go shopping with her. He frowned.

"What's the idea?" he said. "I certainly have a right to have a say about what you shall wear at my party, haven't I? It's a great time for me. You don't seem to realize that I shall be coming into my majority, and I certainly want my best girl to appear just right."

"You speak as if it were to be a sort of coronation affair," she said smiling. "But now about your suggestion. I am sorry if I don't usually dress to please your taste. You often used to admire my clothes, I remember."

"Oh, yes, they've been well enough when you were nothing but a high school girl, but you must admit that this occasion calls for a little more sophistication, and your mother's taste isn't always that. You see she hasn't got it into her head yet that you are grown up, and I think it's time that you did some choosing for yourself. It's just what I was telling you the other day. You let your mother think for you, and it's time you were on your own. So you and I will go down tomorrow early and pick out something rare. Don't tell your mother about it until afterward, and see if after all she isn't pleased with our taste. She

certainly wouldn't want you to wear something that I disapproved, would she?"

"I'm sorry," said Lisle calmly, "I really don't think that it would occur to her, or to me either, that you had anything to say about what I shall wear to your party. If you can't trust me to dress fittingly I think it would be better for me not to come at all."

"For Pete's sake, Lisle, what's got into you? You never acted this way before. Is your mother still angry over that misunderstanding we had at the store the other day? Because if she is, after all the humble pie I had to eat, I think it's time that we had a little more plain speaking. I think it's time she kept her hands off our affairs once and for all. And I demand that you and I shall go down and select this dress ourselves. That can be a sort of test proposition between you and me."

A flame of anger burned in Lisle's eyes, but she kept them veiled for a moment, her lashes down. Then she lifted them calmly, her voice quite cool and steady:

"Well, I'm sorry to disappoint you, old friend, but that will not be possible, you see, I am not buying a new dress."

"You're not buying a new dress? You don't mean to tell me you are coming to my party in some old rag that everybody's been seeing you in for dear knows how long? The kind of thing you've been bringing out of the past ever since I got home!"

Lisle smiled.

"Sorry," she said, "haven't you hear that our country is at war and we are asked not to buy unnecessary things? But I don't believe even you will call my dress an old rag. However, if you don't like what I'm wearing when I get to your party you can just give me a high sign, and I'll slip home the back way and nobody will be the wiser. But as for letting you select my dress, even if I were getting a new one, nothing doing. And I don't quite understand why you think you have a right to even suggest it. Now, if you would like to see that book we were talking about the other day, I happened to find it this morning when I was going through the bookcase. I'll get it for you."

"Hang the book," said the indignant youth. "I don't care if I never see it. I want to know what you're proposing to wear at my party. It isn't right, believe me I'll make the biggest row you ever heard of. Now, I demand to know. If it's already bought I want to see it. What is it?"

"I don't care to discuss the matter any further, Victor, and I fail to understand why you should have any more jurisdiction over my garments than you do over those of any of your other guests."

"Why certainly, I have more interest in what you wear. You're my best girl you know, and I've got to be pleased by the way you appear!"

"Or else?" said Lisle lifting her eyebrows quietly.

"Or else I'm off you for life," said the young man wrathfully. "Do you think I want everybody criticizing your dowdiness when you appear for the first time in public as regularly belonging to me?"

"Oh, but I shall not be appearing that way," said Lisle sweetly. "I'll just be one of your childhood friends, that's all. And there will be so many people present that nobody is going to take particular notice of what I'm wearing. Besides, most of my friends are being very careful to dress quietly on all occasions. It's a matter of patriotism, you know, so I don't think you need to worry. But you'll have to rid yourself of that idea that I belong to you in any special way, for I do not, and I wouldn't care to have people think I did. In fact I should stay away entirely if I thought you would put me in any such position as that before people. I am not your best girl, or any kind of a possession of yours, and I want that very plainly understood before the time comes."

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## ADVENTURES IN EVANGELISM

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Now as to the work of your Dakota Conference evangelist. By the grace of God we were enabled to make a good recovery from the third attack of a recurring illness during the fall of 1943, and, under certain restrictions, we were happy to resume our ministry again at the beginning of the year. With deep gratitude to God we are happy to report that by his sustaining grace we have successfully completed another year of strenuous service with God's manifest blessing. During these past twelve months it was our great privilege to serve 19 of our churches in special revival meetings, of which five were in our Southern Conference in Texas. We also visited eight pastorless churches, attended both the Dakota and the Southern Conference sessions, and the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly, participating in their programs.

Further, we conducted two successful Vacation Bible Schools, and taught an original series of Bible studies, "The ABC of the Christian Life", to the young people of 14 churches with beneficial results. The year's activities represent a total of 536 messages, resulting in 122 conversions, and in the giving of \$3279.27 for our mission causes. My sincere thanks to pastors, pastors' wives, friends, old and new, who in any way helped to make my visits in churches and homes something to be remembered with deep gratitude. All glory and praise to Him, who has promised, "My word shall not return unto me void!"

## THE TEMPLE OF TONE

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from a great instrument all its possibilities presents a challenge that any conscientious organist will feel requires the guidance and inspiration of the Divine Creator.

Organs were first used in religious services in Italy about the middle of the seventh century; possibly in Spain a century earlier. In the following century England and France and Germany introduced them. In ancient times, before harmony was discovered, congregations sang hymns in unison. Gradually simple contrapuntal settings were given to tunes, with the melody placed in the tenor. The congregation, however, still sang in unison and the choir supplied the parts. Later the melody passed to the treble in a simple harmonized style.

The development of the organ made it possible for the instrument to take the place of the choir as accompaniment to unison congregational singing. Here we find the beginnings of what today is considered the organ's chief function, that of furnishing accompaniment and support to worshippers as they sing praises to their God. Its other ministers include aiding in meditation and prayer by helping to create a reverent atmosphere that is conducive to the worship of God.

## The Organ's Ministry

In our own church, the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, our new Kimball organ for the past two years has been a joy that we should not like to surrender. The worship services have been greatly enriched by its majestic music, and the thought has often been expressed that heaven seems a little closer to earth because of its presence. More inspired congregational singing and more reverence in the sanctuary are among the blessings that have been felt. We have enjoyed two recitals by out-of-town concert organists, a number of guest organists have played for our services, and several request programs were played by the organist. The latter were at the suggestion of the pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, and met with great favor.

Most satisfying, though, are the expressions of blessings received by individuals through the ministry of the organ. These expressions have been unsolicited and spontaneous, coming from hearts filled with deep emotion. One sweet old lady said she was so thankful that God had let her live to hear the organ. "It is like a sweet benediction at the close of my life," were her words.

To a young woman, who has been for a long time separated from her husband by the war, the quiet strains of the offertories bring a soothing and calm that lift the loneliness somewhat, bring her in tune with the Infinite

and somehow closer to her loved one. On the other hand, one of our oldest brethren enjoys the bigness and the power of the instrument. A young girl, too, bubbled over with these words one morning after worship service: "Heaven never seemed so real to me as it did this morning when we sang 'Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord'. I always knew that God is great and wonderful and powerful, but with the mighty organ adding its grandeur to our praises, I really felt his majesty."

## The Organ's Benediction

From a reverent and music-loving little four-year-old came this simple expression, "Mama, the organ says, 'Praise Him!'" A fourteen-year-old boy, who possesses a deep musical appreciation, said the organ had taught

him how to pray. And to a soul who was in deep distress because of too many duties and conflicting emotions over their relative importance—one, who, indeed, was ready to "give up"—the organ spoke a benediction that helped her to make her decision. Through a descriptive piece full of turbulent moods as well as peaceful quiet, she could see that life, as well as music, has its high moments as well as its low ones, and she was able to go on, knowing that in the strength of God's power, she would be sustained.

So for many, the organ has made worship full and complete. It has expressed what they felt in their deepest hearts, but could not utter in words. In the words of the poet, it has

"Made precise  
What simply sparkled in men's eyes  
before,  
Twitched in their brow or quivered on  
their lip,  
Waited the speech they called but  
would not come."

## "What's Happening" News

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January the pastor spoke on themes with the emphasis on "The Life That is Pleasing to God". The programs of the various church organizations were centered around this same theme for the month.

● A Watch Night service was held in the Baptist Church of Cathay, No. Dak., on Dec. 31st. Many people from Germantown and Cathay came to hear Miss Laura E. Reddig, one of our Cameroons missionaries, who was at home on furlough, during the first hour of the evening service. She presented a report of our work in Africa. The Rev. R. A. Grenz, pastor, wrote: "We, her home church, were proud to have heard Miss Reddig on one of her first speaking engagements." A mission offering of \$118 was received. On Sunday, Jan. 2, Miss Reddig spoke to the Sunday School and at the morning service of the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, No. Dak., in the absence of the pastor, Rev. D. Klein.

● On Thursday, Dec. 16, eleven persons, including the Rev. and Mrs. Stuart C. Thomas, organized the Assiniboine Valley Baptist Mission which is located near Rockford, Sask., Canada. The name was suggested as appropriate because the group hopes to purchase or build a church edifice on the banks of the Assiniboine River. A number of other people are waiting to be baptized and several others, who are sympathetic, will join the church in the near future, according to the pastor, the Rev. Stuart C. Thomas. The Rev. Phil. Daum of Winnipeg, Manitoba, district missionary and worker, was the guest speaker at both services on Dec. 12. The Junior Church Choir rendered a Christmas concert on Friday evening, Dec. 24.

● The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has organized a Junior Church, which meets regularly each Sunday morning with about 30 boys and girls under the leadership of a student from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. The church has also voted to appoint a full time church missionary who will work with the B. Y. P. U., Sunday School and other organizations. At the White Christmas program on Sunday evening, Dec. 26, the church set a goal of \$3000 for the building fund. The Rev. H. Palfenier, pastor, could report that "the church went over the top in the raising of this money." On Sunday, Jan. 9, Mr. Palfenier baptized 8 persons, who represent the results of evangelistic services conducted by the Rev. Phil Potzner of Bethlehem, Pa., in November, 1943.

● From Jan. 23 to 26 the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., held a missionary conference which was well attended and which aroused considerable enthusiasm. The speakers on Sunday, Jan. 23, were Dr. William Kuhn who spoke on "The Challenge of the Cameroons" and Mrs. C. Wayne Saunders of India under the Scandinavian Missionary Alliance. The other speakers were the Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Forsythe of the Rural Bible Crusade; the Rev. B. M. Nottage, director of the Association for Colored Evangelism; and the Rev. Leonard Gittings of Battle Creek, Mich., a former missionary in the Belgian Congo. Moving pictures of the Cameroons field were shown at the Sunday School session by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner. The meetings were planned and ably carried out under the supervision of the pastor of the Forest Park Church, the Rev. C. B. Nordland.



# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

### A Review of the Past Year and Varied Church Activities at Killaloe, Ontario

The Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, has come to the close of another year. The door of 1944 now stands open before us as a golden gate of opportunity for the church.

The past year was a very interesting and profitable one. The meetings were well attended and the offerings have been good. The church is indebted, however, to the various departments for their help in making the year a success.

At the Sunday evening services the choir was always in its place. The male quartet furnished the special music. The members of the quartet are: the Rev. C. Weisser, Melville Kuehl, J. H. Zummach and Harold Zummach.

A short time ago this church together with the members of the First Baptist Church of Hagarty paid a surprise visit to the parsonage and presented Mr. and Mrs. Weisser with a congratulatory address and a gift of money. The occasion marked the homecoming of the pastor and his bride from their honeymoon.

Mr. Weisser replied very touchingly and voiced the gratitude and appreciation of himself and Mrs. Weisser who however, could not refrain from adding a few words of gracious tenderness. It is the sincere wish of the people that they may long be spared to work together in this field where they have begun their ministry.

EDNA VERCH, Reporter.

### Recent Outstanding and Inspiring Events in the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa.

The young people's organization of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., which had been inactive during the summer months, met in September, 1943, with the pastor, the Rev. E. B. Keller, for the purpose of reorganization. They are now going forward in full strength having remarkable success and interesting discussions while meeting weekly under the supervision of their president, Mr. Wm. Siegrist.

Our two "soldier secretaries", Mrs. Henry Meuser and Dr. Ivan Jaynes, pass out envelopes each month to the congregation containing the names and addresses of our men in service. The people then write to them and thus they are assured of a letter and of being kept in the hearts and minds of those back in the home church.

Sunday morning, Nov. 21, our pastor, acting upon the recent suggestion of Professor O. E. Krueger, had a roll call. The cooperation was wholehearted, the experience was enlightening, and worth while comments poured forth in a stream. Mr. Keller was also the main speaker at the Union Thanksgiving Day service in which Central Church joined with five other churches.

## Pacific Coast Itinerary of Editor Martin L. Leuschner

(All "Baptist Herald" reports and articles are to be sent, as usual, to Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, from where they will be forwarded to the editor.)

Feb. 6-9: Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California.

Feb. 11: Ebenezer Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California.

Feb. 13: Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California.

Feb. 16: First Baptist Church, Wasco, California.

Feb. 20: Zion Baptist Church, Franklin, California, and First Baptist Church, Lodi, California.

Feb. 21-23: First Church of Lodi, California.

Feb. 25 to March 2: Visitation of Several Oregon Churches and Oregon Youth League Conference.

March 3: Startup, Washington.

March 5-6: Ebenezer and Bethany Baptist Churches, Vancouver, British Columbia.

March 7-9: Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington.

March 10: Odessa, Washington.

March 12: Mission Baptist Church of Spokane and Wilcox Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington.

March 14: German Baptist Church of American Falls, Idaho.

The Christmas program was held on Sunday, Dec. 26, in our church which was bedecked with evergreens and a large and beautiful Christmas tree. A committee of three set up the program of vocal and instrumental numbers and carols, highlighted by a group of young people giving "Christmas in Sight and Sound". Colored slides of Christ's birth and ministry were thrown upon the screen as the young people gave readings relative to the scenes.

Last, though not least, we saw the old year out and welcomed in the new by singing carols and hymns, praying and sharing our experiences. The theme of this Watch Night service was "The Untrodden Path".

MRS. R. R. EICHLER, Reporter.

## PACIFIC CONFERENCE

### Christmas Program and Annual Business Meeting of the Odessa Baptist Church

The Christmas season was a blessed one for the Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash. Our Sunday School together with the choir rendered a beautiful Christmas program on Christmas eve, Dec. 24. The children rendered their part first, and then at the end of the program the choir sang several Christmas anthems, closing with "The Hallelujah Chorus". The offering was \$29.70. Many individual members and friends remembered the pastor and

family with useful gifts and the church and Ladies' Missionary Society presented them with a fine check.

At the annual business meeting on Jan. 2nd the church decided to modernize our church and to arrange it according to our present need. Also, the name was changed from "The First German Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash." to "Odessa Baptist Church".

In another report it was stated that the B. Y. P. U. had decided to send "The Baptist Herald" to all of our boys in the service. This was done and we have received many letters saying they are receiving "The Herald" and how much it means to them. Quoting Pvt. Milton Koth: "I have been receiving 'The Baptist Herald' regularly, and sure enjoy reading it very much, and want to thank you one and all for sending it to me. It keeps up my morale and I sure look forward to receiving it in these days." Pvt. Koth is a nephew of our beloved Rev. H. G. Bens of Bismarck, No. Dak.

We also thought of our boys in service at our Christmas program as well as in our Christmas decoration. A beautiful, lighted star with Christmas decorations was placed over the Service Flag and a special prayer of memory was spoken for them. May God's guiding hand lead us in every undertaking!

J. G. ROTT, Pastor.

## NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

### Watch Night and Week of Prayer Services in the Pound Baptist Church

On Watch Night we of the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., held an unusual beautiful service in our church. We began the service at 9 P.M. In the first hour the play, "Faith of Our Fathers", was presented, followed by an hour of lunch and fellowship. The last hour was conducted by the young people of the church and a beautiful devotional candle-light service, entitled, "The Light That Never Fails", followed. In the flickering candle-light the pastor, the Rev. F. W. Mashner, brought a message on Matt. 7:7, "As Ye Go, Preach". A few minutes before twelve we entered into prayer. At the sound of the midnight bell there was complete silence for several moments, then the song, "Blest Be the Tie", and the happy New Year greetings followed.

The Week of Prayer was also observed and the meditations given in the December 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald" were used as outlines for the messages each evening. Since the choir meets on Friday nights for rehearsal, we did not have a prayer meeting that evening. But the pastor had the opportunity to speak over radio station WMAA in Marinette, Wis., that day and he used the meditation of that day for his radio broadcast.

F. W. MASHNER, Pastor.

### Echoes of Recent Events at the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

We of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., have been busy during the past few months. Evangelistic services were held during the last week in October and the first week of November. We were fortunate in having the Rev. John Walkup of St. Paul, Minn., with us. He brought very inspirational messages to us in word and song.

A very fitting children's dedication program was attended by nine children and their parents on the second Sunday in November. On Dec. 12 a baptismal service was held, and several other persons joined the church by letter. On Friday evening, Dec. 17, a group of young people went carolling at one of the hospitals and several homes of ill members. A social followed at the home of Miss Gladys Schielke where games and refreshments were enjoyed by the twenty members present.

On Christmas Eve the Sunday School scholars rendered their program in songs and recitations, and an interesting dialogue was given by the young people. The congregation all entered into the spirit of Christmas and an offering for missions was taken.

On New Year's Eve we enjoyed a well planned service prepared by the Rev. Frank Veninga, assisted by his wife who brought a fine message on the words, "I Will Make You". Mr. Veninga read a very grateful letter from Miss Alma Siewert, who has gone from us for full time Christian service and is at present at Toccoa College, Georgia. We are very happy to mention that another one of our young people, Miss Dorothy Schaeffer, has answered the call to Christian work and entered Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., at the end of January.

Our pastor also read various holiday letters from our Boys in the Service in different parts of the world. As former Sunday School scholars, these young men have learned that "He Will Not Leave You Comfortless".

CECILIA BORENITSCH, Reporter.

### The Immanuel Church of Kenosha Burns Its Mortgage Papers of Indebtedness

On Sunday evening, Jan. 9, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., echoed with the praise and joy of its people over the attainment of unusual heights and goals in its ministry. By raising almost \$4000 on its church debt in recent months, this congregation of a few more than 100 members was able to burn the mortgage papers and liquidate an outstanding debt of originally \$7500. For all purposes the church raised \$8,130.34 during the past year, and on Jan. 1 had a balance of more than \$1500 in its treasury. Here was something that was really worthy of a celebration!

The Rev. William L. Schoeffel led the evening service with sincere enthusiasm. The choir of about 20 young people, directed by Mrs. Schoeffel, sang several appropriate selections. The history of the mortgage, which made



Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel (Left) and Trustees of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin, Who Led the Church in a Very Successful Financial Program in 1943

possible the building of the fine, commodious parsonage next to the church, was read by the church clerk, Mr. Henry J. Kristopeit.

It was a solemn moment for everyone in the audience as the mortgage papers were burned by Messrs. Paul Kaiser and Leonard F. Frederick and the congregation burst into the praise of the "Doxology" and entered into the earnest prayer by Mr. Schoeffel. Letters from former pastors, the Rev's. J. A. Pankratz, Jacob Herman and W. P. Rueckheim, were read. The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger of Chicago was unable to be present because of illness.

Brief addresses of congratulation were brought by the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender of Milwaukee, the secretary of the Northwestern Conference Mission Committee, who spoke on Colossians 2:13-14, by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Milwaukee, and by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., who spent the entire day at Kenosha and had brought the sermon at the morning service as well.

At the supper table on Sunday afternoon, after a delicious repast had been served by the women, interesting talks were given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaiser, Mr. Henry J. Kristopeit and Mr. Fred Klein about many of the earlier incidents in the history of the church and parsonage. Nine charter members who helped to organize the church in 1922 were also present for the supper. A wonderful spirit of harmony and fellowship graced this informal occasion.

The Kenosha church has already ventured forth to do great things for the Lord. The Sunday School under the leadership of Mr. Bruno Frese,

## A Request

The Bethany Baptist Young People's Society of Vancouver, B. C., has now founded a library which will include both German and English Christian literature. To enlarge our selection we would appreciate donations from churches, societies and individuals who have books to dispose of, especially in the German language. Any persons willing to donate kindly get in touch with the said Society at 6239 Prince Albert Street, Vancouver, B. C. All postage and duty will gladly be paid for.

superintendent, has set a challenging goal in attendance and achievement for itself. At the annual business meeting on Sunday afternoon the church voted to set \$1000 of its church balance aside for the building fund treasury and to purchase 100 Bibles and sufficient new hymnals for the church services. On that Sunday evening the church held a missionary offering of \$95 to which an additional sum was added to send \$250 to headquarters for our missionary enterprise.

MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE

### Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society of Benton Harbor, Michigan

The Women's Missionary Society of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., would like to have a small part among the missionary reports appearing in "The Baptist Herald". We are thankful to God for our dear faithful members who are always at their post. Mrs. Stubenrauch has been very faithful in guiding this society as its president for so many years, and God has blessed both her and the members to do the work assigned to them.

In the past year we observed our Prayer Day, Mother's Day when we invited our daughters to be with us, and our Birthday program when the brethren also come. Special speakers were invited and so we had many blessed times together.

On Dec. 8th we celebrated the anniversary of the society and the Rev. A. F. Runtz, superintendent of the Children's Home, was our guest speaker. In this way he got to know our church and we, in turn, learned to know him. We enjoyed a fine program.

May this year 1944 be a brighter and better year and may we all experience the happy home-coming of our sons for whom so many prayers have gone up to the Throne of God to protect and guide them.

MRS. R. KISSAU, Secretary.



## SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

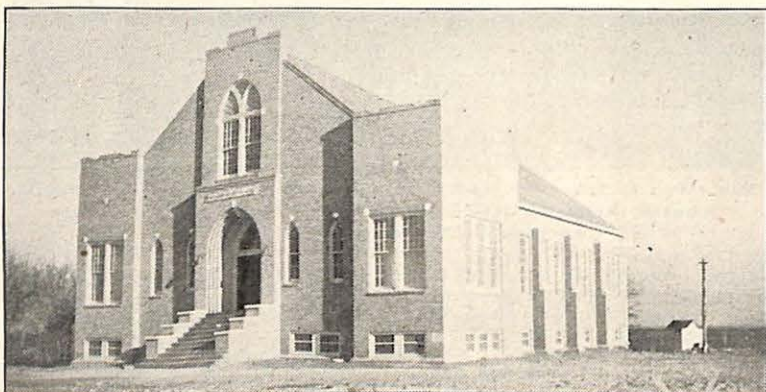
### Recent Golden Jubilee of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado

On Nov. 28 and 29 the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., celebrated its golden anniversary with Dr. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary, as guest speaker. The program com-

our goal when it reached the peak of \$647.35.

In the fifty years eleven ministers have served the church including the incumbent pastor, as follows: Rev. A. G. Schneider, 1891-93; Rev. Jacob Albert, 1893-98; Christ. Armbruster, 1896-1901; Ewald Meyer (interim pastor); W. A. Zeckser, 1920-22; O. Eyman, 1922-26; Ch. Wagner, 1926-29; Theo. Frey, 1929-38; Carsten Seecamp, 1939-42; A. E. Reeh since March, 1942.

A. E. REEH, Pastor.



The Newly Constructed and Dedicated Cottonwood Baptist Church Near Lorena, Texas, Which Has Been Built on the Site of the Old Church That Was Destroyed by Fire

mittee had made special plans for this memorable occasion and every member of the church supported the preparations wholeheartedly. This golden jubilee celebration was arranged in conjunction with a two week evangelistic effort in which the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, the denominational evangelist, served so inspiring. It was a great privilege to have these two consecrated denominational leaders as guests at this celebration. Dr. Kuhn arrived on Sunday morning in time for Sunday School in which Mr. Dons spoke convincingly before the assembled school. In the morning worship service Dr. Kuhn gave the inspirational message which was gratefully received.

The opening of the evening service was in the hands of our B. Y. P. U. A huge, six layer birthday cake with fifty candles and gorgeous flowers adorned the platform. On one side of the platform three charter members took their places and on the other side three of the youngest members were seated. On top of the cake a large candle was placed to represent Christ, "The Light of the World". As all the candles were lighted the darkness fled before the light, signifying how Jesus Christ had been made known in this community by the work of the church. Dr. Kuhn in his message which followed urged us on to do greater things for the Head of the Church in the years to come.

On Monday evening the Ladies' Aid had prepared a delicious jubilee fellowship dinner with members and friends partaking. In the well attended meeting which followed we listened to letters by former pastors and absent members. Reports were read and congratulations by representative churches received. In a closing message to the church, Dr. Kuhn inspired our hearts with Ephesians 3:20-21. The Jubilee Thanksgiving Offering had exceeded

## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

### Dedication Service of the New Cottonwood Baptist Church Near Lorena, Texas

The 12th of December, 1943, was a great day for the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, for on that day we held the dedication of our new church. Early on Sunday morning, Dec. 12, cars came rolling in from far and near until about 125 cars were parked all around the church. There were at least 260 visitors and 240 "home folks" in attendance. The fol-

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lowing pastors were present: Rev. W. Helwig of Dallas, Rev. J. K. Warkentin of Henrietta, Rev. W. H. Buening of Gatesville, Rev. B. Stowe of Waco, Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn of Bessie, Okla., Rev. Harold Ekrut of Ellinwood, Kans., Rev. W. O. Wright of Marlin, Rev. Hamrick Rosebud of Texas, Rev. Paul Hintze of Mowata, La., and Rev. J. Strauss of the Evangelical Church of Robinson, Texas.

At 10:30 A. M. we assembled in front of the church and waited with great joy for Mr. Henry Karels of Robinson, Texas, the supervisor of the construction of our church, to open the doors. The congregation sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name", Mr. Karels gave a short talk and Mr. Stowe led us in prayer.

The program of the day was under the splendid leadership of our pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp. The congregation sang for the opening hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy". The Rev. H. Ekrut read the Scripture, 1. Kings 8:1-11, and the mixed choir sang "O, Come Let Us Worship". The Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn led in the dedicatory prayer and the Rev. W. Helwig of Dallas brought the dedicatory message, "The Sanctity of the House of God".

At 2:30 P. M. we assembled again in the auditorium and were led in a song service by Mr. W. B. Marsteller. After the Junior Choir had favored us with a song, all pastors of the Southern Conference present spoke words of congratulation and encouragement to the church, letters from our sister churches were read and a telegram from one of our boys in the Navy. The pledges, gifts and offerings of the day amounted to \$2468.68. Report by the Building Fund Treasurer, Brother Wm. Bremer: total cost of building, \$30,000; received \$26,500; debt of \$3,500. With the grace of God we hope to pay that soon. The Rev. J. K. Warkentin of Henrietta, Tex., brought the message, "Why Do We Believe in Missions". The male chorus served with music in the afternoon service.

The Rev. H. Ekrut led in the song service of the evening where many had gathered for the final service of the day. A piano duet was rendered by the local church. The Rev. W. O. Wright of Marlin brought the closing message, "The Old and New Testament Church". The Ladies' Choir also sang in the evening service.

On Monday evening, Dec. 13, we had another fine meeting by our church members led by our pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp. It was "A Praise and Thanksgiving Service". A large number of the members took part in testifying, praising and thanking God for the beautiful church building which he had made possible for us to build at this time.

The Rev. H. Ekrut and the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn again spoke encouraging words to the church. A very fine spirit prevailed. A mission offering was taken to the amount of \$578.00.

Our pastor gave the invitation to lost souls to accept Christ and one young lady responded confessing Christ. Our praise to God for this victory, and our prayer is that many more persons shall be brought unto Jesus, our Lord.

GEO. VORDERKUNZ, Church Sec'y.

## DAKOTA CONFERENCE

### Christmas Program by the Hoffnungsfeld Young People of the Eureka Baptist Church

The young people of the Hoffnungsfeld Church, a station of the Baptist Church of Eureka, So. Dak., are very active, and enjoy the work in Christian fellowship since our pastor, the Rev. Albert Krombein, and his wife have come to work with us.

At Christmas we had great joy in giving a successful program of recitations, special musical numbers by Fred Meidinger, Jr., choir songs by our Senior and Junior Choirs, and dialogues.

As the climax of the program we gave a three act play, "The New Born King", by 12 young people. This play was written and directed by Mrs. A. Krombein, and was very well rendered by all who took part.

We have great hopes for this year 1944. Our aim is to work together and be a blessing in our society and church. May God help us to do so in all sincerity and devotion to him!

ALICE TRAUTMAN, Secretary.

### Missionary from Belgian Congo Speaks at Anniversary Program of the Unityville Ladies' Aid

The Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Unityville, So. Dak., can look back with thankful hearts to the past year for all the blessings we have received.

Sunday, Nov. 14, was a great day for us. We had the honor of having Miss Helen Tieszen with us. Miss Tieszen is a returned missionary from the Belgian Congo of Africa. She spoke to us on Sunday morning, and on that Sunday evening the Ladies' Missionary Society had their missionary program with Miss Tieszen as guest speaker. She told of her work among the natives and lepers in Africa and also about the torpedoing of her ship but that all the crew got safe to the homeland. We also had special music by the members of the Ladies' Aid. The missionary offering totaled \$53.

MRS. FRED RUEB, Reporter.

### Christmas Program by the Rosenfield Baptist Sunday School of North Dakota

Although we of the Baptist Church of Rosenfield, No. Dak., are only a small group, we are still active in the Lord's work. On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, a fine audience gathered at our church to hear the Christmas program by our Sunday School. Songs, recitations and dialogues were given by the Primary and Junior departments under the leadership of their teacher, Mrs. A. Dieterle.

A group of young ladies under the leadership of Mrs. C. M. Knapp sang Christmas carols and presented a 30 minute play entitled, "The Second Coming of Christ".

At the close of the program a short talk was given by our pastor, the Rev. C. M. Knapp. He called special attention to our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., for which the generous offering of \$29.55 was taken.

MRS. EMIL FANDRICH, Reporter.



Young People of the Hoffnungsfeld Mission of the Eureka Baptist Church of South Dakota Who Presented the Christmas Play, "The New Born King", Written and Directed by Mrs. A. Krombein

### Annual Report of the Ladies' Missionary Society of Tabor, North Dakota

We, the Tabor Ladies' Mission Society of North Dakota, held our anniversary program on Nov. 14th. Dinner was served at the church and our program was given in the afternoon.

Our program was opened by our president, Mrs. August Rosner, and songs and readings were given by the different members. We also opened our mite boxes which contained \$76.00. We enjoyed a message by our pastor, the Rev. August Rosner, followed by an offering which brought \$14.00.

We meet regularly every month in our church parlors and the members take turns leading the devotions. We also read the "Missions Perlen" and visit the sick.

In the past year the Society sent \$25.00 to the Centenary Offering and \$10.00 to the Old People's Home in Bismarck, No. Dak. We also subscribed for 20 copies of "Der Muntere Saemann", which are handed out every month by Mrs. Rosner.

The following are our officers: Mrs. Aug. Rosner, president; Mrs. Manuel Bauer, vice-president; Mrs. Bennie Littke, treasurer; and Mrs. Emil Meyer, secretary.

MRS. EMIL MEYER, Reporter.

### Turtle Lake Young People's Society of North Dakota Holds Annual Business Meeting

At its recent business meeting the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, No. Dak., elected the following officers for 1944: president, Mrs. Carl Schlafman; vice-president, Reuben Bauer; secretary, Phyllis Klein; assistant secretary, Dorothy Wolitarsky; treasurer, Reuben Mehrer; ushers, Lyle Wacker and Vernon Wolitarsky; and pianist, Betty Klein.

Among various discussions held at this meeting plans were made to begin a library. Members present agreed to put forth every effort in making this library successful which will enable our society to become a part of the Reading Circle recommended as an

assembly project. We feel this reading material will also stimulate interest among society members as well as provide personal benefits.

We decided to have quarterly social gatherings throughout the year as an additional activity. Committees in charge of these socials have been appointed by our president in advance, so also have our program committees serving each month during 1944.

PHYLLIS D. KLEIN, Secretary.

### Reception for the New Pastor, Rev. R. A. Grenz, and Family at Cathay, North Dakota

It was a happy occasion recently when the members and friends of the Baptist Church of Cathay, No. Dak., gathered to welcome its new pastor, the Rev. R. A. Grenz, and his family. Our Senior Deacon, Mr. Wm. Neumann, presided over the meeting and spoke warm words of welcome in behalf of the church.

Representatives from the various branches of the church in turn greeted our guests of honor. Mr. F. G. Helm spoke for the Sunday School, Mrs. A. Pepple for the young people, and Mrs. A. E. Reddig for the Ladies' Aid. Perhaps the most touching welcome was presented by a group of Juniors who sang a song especially composed for the occasion. The choir and Men's Chorus rendered special music.

Our neighboring churches at Carrington and Germantown were also well represented. The Rev. A. Weisser of Carrington gave a very fitting address, and in the absence of the Germantown pastor, a deacon, Mr. August Seidel, spoke a word of welcome for that church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Grenz gave appropriate responses at the conclusion of the service. Immediately following the benediction, refreshments were served in the church basement with informal songs, stories, and speeches in charge of Mr. Albert E. Reddig as toastmaster.

We are glad that the Rev. R. A. Grenz was led to accept the pastorate of our church, and we pray that together we can accomplish great things for God.

ALBERT E. REDDIG, Reporter.



## Wedding Anniversaries and a Wedding Are Celebrated by the Martin Baptist Church

The Baptist Church of Martin, No. Dak., held their revival meetings from Nov. 8 to 19. The Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler from Goodrich, No. Dak., helped us. The Lord blessed these meetings and three persons were saved.

During that time Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rust celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, which took place in their home on Nov. 11th. A program was given by the children and those present. The Rev. J. C. Kraenzler gave a short address, and a fine silver gift was presented to the parents from all the children.

On Nov. 10th a fine church wedding took place, when Miss Luella Helm was married to Lt. Charles Kirkwood from Montana who is now located in Seattle, Wash. A reception was given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helm of Martin.

On Dec. 16th Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hirschhorn celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. It was a church affair, connected with a program of recitations by their grandchildren, music by two different quartets, and the message by the pastor, the Rev. John Kepl. Our deacon emeritus congratulated them in the name of the church and handed them a gift of love. Their son, David Hirschhorn, presented them with a motto and their daughter, Elsie Jarosch from St. Paul, Minn., gave them a gift in money from all the children. A beautiful wedding cake decorated the table. Mrs. Kepl presented them with a gift from the Ladies' Aid. Mr. and Mrs. Hirschhorn belong to the early pioneers of our state of North Dakota and of our church. They are faithful members, and as a church we wish them God's blessing in the days to come.

MARTHA KEPL, Reporter.

## Watch Night Service and Birthday Surprise by Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota

At the Watch Night service of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., we witnessed two very impressive candle light programs. The first, in which fourteen young people ranging in ages from 9 to 14 of the Junior B. Y. P. U., dedicated the new pulpit Bible as their gift to the church was especially beautiful and touching.

Candles were arranged around the open Bible and white streamers led from the table to each individual in a semi-circle in back of the table on which were the Bible and candles. Each member had some words to say from some famous person in history, which were in reference to God's Word. This was followed by the dedicatory prayer by the Rev. E. W. Klatt. As a church we are very proud of our Juniors and feel deeply indebted to them for this gift. May God bless their lives always!

The Ladies' Aid took this opportunity to celebrate everyone's birthday. Little boxes were arranged on the front table with the names of 12 months, into which everyone placed his or her offering and gave a word of testimony. The total of this offering amounted to \$29.43, which will later be applied on the debt of the parsonage.

Following a short intermission for fellowship in the lower auditorium, the group assembled upstairs again to partake of the Lord's Supper just before the New Year was ushered in.

January 1st is the birthday anniversary of one of our beloved members, Mrs. Rosa Wolff. For 21 years she has served as president of the Ladies' Aid, and as has been the custom her friends have helped her celebrate this event in some way every year. On Saturday evening, January 1, a group of her friends walked into her home and surprised her with a wealth of congratulations and best wishes for many more birthdays to come.

MRS. ALBERT BIBELHEIMER, Reporter.

## Happy Events in the Life of the Avon Baptist Church of South Dakota

The past 18 months have been blessed and happy months for us in the First Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak. No doubt we are reaping the harvest of the prayerful sowing and planting of ministers and members in years gone by.

Thus far it has been our joy to baptize 27 persons into the fellowship of the church. How we thank God for these souls! We are looking forward to another baptism soon. Having had the Rev. Theo. W. Dons with us during September was a real joy and a refreshing privilege. Three professed acceptance of Christ as their personal Savior. The old baptistry out of the church and the ground out of the church kitchen have been removed. Just now we are busy building cupboards in the kitchen and a new baptistry in the church. Other necessary conveniences are contemplated.

During the year 1943 the Avon church contributed \$7843.99 for current expenses and \$2990.87 for missions. Our church loves to give, and the Lord fulfills his promise to her in Mal. 3:10 and 2. Cor. 9:7. To date 48 of our young people from church and Sunday School are in the Armed Forces of the nation.

The second part of our well attended Thanksgiving service on Nov. 25 was very unusual. After the Thanksgiving message, the Rev. P. Geissler, the pastor, thought it a fine opportunity for expressions of praise and gratitude from the congregation. But one of the deacons came forward, interrupting him by announcing that the church had planned a special program for this part of the service.

Then followed in rapid succession words of congratulation, commendation and love by representatives of the church. Also a sizeable gift of money was presented to the pastor. All of this was done to remind him that it was his birthday. Too deeply moved for speech, the pastor thanked God and the church for such love.

"How rare and lovely is it, this fellowship of those who meet together!—sweet as the sacred oil poured on the head, that flows down Aaron's beard, down to the very collar of his robe; vital as dew of Hermon, that falls on the hills of Zion. For in this fellowship has the Eternal fixed the blessing of an endless life." (Psalm 133, according to Moffatt's translation).

P. GEISLER, Pastor.

## DAY OF PRAYER

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their hearts and give them more courage to carry on. A young army doctor stationed in a "Hinterland" region wrote that he was the only white doctor at that time working with nurses of whom only a few were not natives. Of course, a man under such conditions is very busy; otherwise loneliness would press heavily upon him.

Other groups who need friends and prayers are the chaplains and prisoners of the war prisoner camps. Of course, we cannot visit them personally but sometimes we have the opportunity of sending good literature in their respective languages. One chaplain in a German camp located in our country requested German hymnals containing German Christmas songs. He reported that of 300 prisoners, 800 attended religious services in this particular camp.

Titus 3:1; 1. Peter 2:13,14;

Isaiah 33:15,16; Col. 4:14.

## Justice, Enemies, War Sufferers

At the present the so-called working class receives fairer treatment than in former days, at least, in this country. However, there still is quite a lack of understanding between labor and capital. Again we hear so much about strikes. These should be entirely out of the question at the present time, at least. What is the trouble? Love for gain and money head the list. The next seems to be unwillingness to cooperate. Real social justice still is in the making and political and international justice in its infancy. Let us work and pray toward the inclusion of Christian leaders in the group to decide on peace terms.

International justice leads to our next topic, "Enemies". One of the most difficult things which our Lord and Savior asks us to do is to love our enemies, especially during war time. We can at least pray for them that they may be directed to do the right thing eventually. This will require a tremendous lot of praying on our part. Let us not overlook the religious and political enemies in our own country which are a great menace to unity in our ranks.

We are filled with compassion for the unfortunate folk all over the world who have been and still are being bombed out of their homes; not only that, but in many cases they have lost loved ones. Let us remember the aged victims and parentless children especially, who are sufferers of these terrible air raids. A recent book tells of an elderly Englishman visiting the European continent at the outbreak of the war and came back to England with a group of children comprising several nationalities and races. They were taken care of by some friends of their benefactor. This is a story which

## :: OBITUARY ::

### MRS. WILLIAM H. EHRHORN of Wasco, California

Mrs. Gesina Rolfs Ehrhorn was born Feb. 24, 1872, at Walsville, Ill. In 1877 she moved with her parents to Lorraine, Kansas. After attending the public schools of Lorraine, she enrolled in Ottawa University. She was married to Mr. William H. Ehrhorn in Lorraine on May 24, 1900. At the age of 17 she was converted and was baptized into the First Baptist Church of Lorraine by the Rev. Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhorn, with their children, Arthur W., Hannah, and Mildred, moved to Wasco, Calif., in 1919. A son, August, died in childhood in Lorraine. The entire family became members of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, where they have been active. Among other positions of responsibility in the church, Mrs. Ehrhorn was president of the Ladies' Missionary Society. After a brief illness, Mrs. Ehrhorn was taken home to be with the Lord on Dec. 7, 1943, in Bakersfield, Calif.

Mrs. Ehrhorn is survived by her husband, one son, two daughters, two brothers, one sister, and five grandchildren.

The memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church of Wasco on Dec. 11. Mrs. Ehrhorn was an inspiration to her pastor because of her quiet loyalty to God and the church and her life of prayer and consecration.

Wasco, California.

DONALD G. DAVIS, Pastor.

### MRS. KATHARINE BURBECK of Avon, South Dakota

Mrs. Katharine Burbeck, nee Radack, was born at Alt-Danzig, South Russia, Dec. 5, 1860, and died in Avon, So. Dak., Dec. 21, 1943, at the age of 83 years and 16 days. As a young girl of 17 years of age she came to this country with her parents, and lived in the state of South Dakota for more than 65 years. On Nov. 16, 1879, she was united in marriage to the late Mr. John Burbeck. The Lord blessed their union with 13 children, six of whom survive the mother.

Pioneer days are not known for their flower-strewn paths. Early she came to know Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized into the fellowship of the Emanuel's Creek Baptist Church in the year 1886 by the Rev. Fred Reichle. Since 1905 she was an honored and faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Avon.

She leaves to mourn her demise, three sons: John Burbeck of Seattle, Wash.; Edward and Fred of Omaha, Neb.; three daughters: Mrs. Amelia Steckler, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. John Tesenga, Vallejo, Calif.; and Mrs. Helmut Gledde of Avon, So. Dak.; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Theodore Mattis of Avon, So. Dak.; many other relatives, a host of friends and her church, where she was loved and highly esteemed.

Her memory will always be sacred to those who knew her best. May God in his almighty love and grace comfort and bless all her loved ones unto eternal life through Christ Jesus. And when life on earth is done, grant them all an

in many instances is true to life.

Job 31:13,14; Jeremiah 22:13;

Ephesians 6:5; Matt. 5:44-48;

Romans 12:20; Phil. 3:18;

Isaiah 13:16; Psalm 79:3.

## Peace, Coming of Christ

Peace is a much treasured word at the present time. How many of the rank and file of people all over the world long for the day when hostilities shall cease. Peace palaces and treaties do not insure peace, but agreements must be made. God grant a just and wise peace! Even if wars are raging,

abundant entering into his presence and an everlasting reunion before his throne. Avon, So. Dak.

P. GEISLER, Pastor.

### MRS. HANNAH G. SCHEUFLE of Ellinwood, Kansas

Mrs. Hannah G. Scheufler, nee Hinrich, of Ellinwood, Kansas, was born Sept. 28, 1890, at Clafin, Kansas. She went to her eternal home on Friday morning, Nov. 26, 1943. She had reached the age of 53 years, 1 month, and 28 days.

During the days of her childhood and youth the family lived near Ellinwood. On Nov. 23, 1910, she was united in marriage with Mr. Pete Scheufler. To this union were born four children. Lorraine, the first of these children, preceded her mother in death on May 5, 1922. Mrs. Scheufler was baptized and received into the membership of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood on Dec. 4, 1938, by the Rev. W. Helwig.

Death came when complications set in resulting from an operation of a few weeks previously. Services were held at the house and the church. The church auditorium could not nearly accommodate the many who came to pay their last respects to this dear Christian woman. Mrs. Scheufler was loved and respected by her many friends and neighbors. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, 3 children, 1 sister, and a host of relatives and friends.

Ellinwood, Kansas.

HAROLD EKRUT, Pastor.

### PAUL PETERS of Lorraine, Kansas

Paul Peters, son of Christian and Jennie Peters, was born at Woodbine, Kansas, on April 20, 1876. He passed away at Hutchinson, Kansas, on Dec. 17, 1943, at the age of 67 years, 7 months and 27 days after five months' illness.

As a child he came with his parents to Lorraine, Kansas, where he made his home. In early youth he professed his faith, was baptized by the Rev. Robert Stracke and united with the Lorraine Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until his death.

He was married in 1902 to Martha Janssen at Lorraine and to them were born four children: three sons, Clarence E. Peters; Pvt. Paul Peters, Jr., of Camp Wolters, Texas; Tech. Sgt. Harvey R. Peters who is serving with the army overseas; and one daughter, Mrs. Edward Staebler, all of whose homes are at Lorraine. Besides his wife and children, he is survived by a brother, Ernest Peters of Lorraine, and six grandchildren.

For more than 45 years he was in business in his store at Lorraine besides holding many responsible positions in church and town life.

His simple life, founded on Christian ideals, was centered in his home and family, his church and the welfare of the community. His helping hand and ready wit have lightened many burdens and brightened many lives through the years and will not soon be forgotten.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Lorraine Baptist Church with Dr. Pieter Smit officiating. Interment was in the Lorraine cemetery.

Lorraine, Kansas.

PIETER SMIT, Pastor.

we may have peace in our hearts which passes all understanding and gives us real comfort.

How all consecrated Christians look forward to the time when our Lord Jesus shall return to establish a just and lasting peace; the emphasis is on "lasting". We might not experience this joy in our day but it fills our hearts with hope. Some day these awful struggles will cease entirely, and then man can fully enjoy his home, country and, above all, his God.

Matt. 16:27; 1. Cor. 4:5;

Titus 2:13; Hosea 2:18.

## Twenty Years Ago

(February 1 to 15, 1924)

❖ A great revival broke out in the Baptist Church of Herreid, So. Dak., in January and February, 1924, according to the pastor, the Rev. H. G. Bens. A total of 166 converts accepted the Lord as Savior in the meetings held in the Herreid Church and Pollock station. The Rev's. Chas. Bischof, E. Huber and J. L. Schmidt assisted Mr. Bens in the meetings.

❖ The orchestra of the West New York Baptist Church of West New York, N. J., recently enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner at Hotel Astor of New York City. Mr. John Hoeck, president of the board of trustees, was the host. The orchestra, which is one of the largest church orchestras in that vicinity, consists of 17 members. The Rev. John Lehnert was pastor of the church at that time.

❖ On February 12 the young people's society of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held a welcome meeting and reception for the young people who have recently left Germany and have found their way to this church. A few games such as "Ich sitze" and "Im Gruenen" were played. An address of welcome, with plenty of wit and humor injected into it, was given by the Rev. F. P. Kruse, pastor.

❖ A banquet was held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 5, at the Second Church of Detroit, Mich., in honor of the women of the Loyalty Club who had won a contest of three months over the men of the Brotherhood Club. The toastmaster, Mr. B. L. Wagner, who was also Sunday School superintendent, called on the presidents of both clubs for brief messages. An address was given by the pastor, the Rev. A. Bredy.

❖ A successful study course was held from February 11 to 15 by the Baptist Church of Waco, Texas. The Rev. Mr. Hege, pastor, translated the entire textbook, "The B. Y. P. U. Manual", into the German language and presented the material so well that most of the nine students who took the examination made 100 in their grades. Later Mr. and Mrs. Hege entertained the union in honor of those who were to receive the diploma.

❖ The 28th anniversary of the young people's society of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Oregon was held on Feb. 15th with many visitors from nearby churches in attendance. The Rev. G. Schunke, pastor of the church, brought the address on the words of the apostle Paul: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." The society consists of 41 members. During the past year, 10 Bible studies on the first epistle of Peter were given.



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