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WHAT'S

HAPPENING

● Dr. Earl S. Kalland, formerly pastor of our Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., and more recently of Sayre, Penn., has been appointed a member of the faculty of the Los Angeles Baptist Seminary, Los Angeles, Calif. We wish Dr. Kalland much success and joy in his new undertaking!

● The Rev. J. C. Gunst has resigned as secretary of the Dakota Conference missionary committee which became effective on Sept. 1st. The Rev. G. W. Pust of Fessenden, No. Dak. has been appointed to finish the unexpired term. All reports and communications pertaining to the missionary work of the conference are to be sent to Mr. Pust hereafter.

● Beginning with Sept 3rd, the Rev. E. A. McAsh began an interim pastorate of six months in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. The church is prayerfully considering the calling of a successor to the Rev. George A. Lang, now president of the Rochester Baptist Seminary.

● On Sunday, July 16, the Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., baptized 7 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The pastor spoke at the service on "The Christian Life" and extended the hand of fellowship to these young people at the communion service that followed.

● On Sunday, August 13, the Rev. H. J. Waltereit, pastor of the Baptist Church of Fenwood, Sask., baptized 10 converts on confession of their faith in Christ. These ten were the fruits of evangelistic meetings held last Fall and of the Vacation Bible School held in July of this year. Besides these ten converts, three others were given the hand of fellowship.

● The Baptist Church of Bessie, Okla., has called Mr. George W. Neubert as its pastor, and he is already on the field. Mr. Neubert came to us from the Mennonite Brethren churches and is a brother of Mrs. Menno Harms, whose husband is pastor of our church at Gotebo, Okla. Mr. Neubert's ordination will take place in connection with the Oklahoma Association to convene at Bessie from Oct. 26 to 30.

● On Sunday afternoon, July 30, the Rev. William G. Trow, pastor of the Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minnesota, baptized 4 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. At the evening observance of the Lord's Supper, they were given the hand of fellowship into the church. On Sunday, August 20, the church honored its Service Men with the military theme carried out in the entire service.

● The Rev. F. Alf of the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana, reports that Ewald W. Bartel in the U. S. Army was converted at the Alaskan front and was baptized by immersion by a U. S. chaplain. He has now asked to become a member of the nearby Baptist Church of Pablo, Mont., of which his parents are also members. This news about conversions at the fronts is bringing joy to many hearts of parents and pastors!

New Illustrated Missionary Lectures Available

Four new lectures about our Cameroons Mission Field prepared by Miss Laura E. Reddig are now available. The projectors and written lectures will accompany the pictures. About 80 still pictures are in each lecture, requiring 35 minutes to present.

Write to Dr. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois with your requests giving several choices as to dates. The names of the still film lectures are as follows:

1. CAMEROONS CALLING
2. TREKKING THROUGH THE CAMEROONS
3. PROCLAIMING CHRIST IN THE CAMEROONS
4. OUR CAMEROONS BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOLS

● The Rev. Herbert L. Koch resigned some time ago as pastor of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., bringing his ministry there to a close on August 27th. Since Sept. 1st Mr. Koch has been serving as a member of the faculty of the high school at Manville, Wyoming. This decision to go to Wyoming was largely prompted by reasons of health for Mr. Koch. We shall be delighted to hear from Mr. and Mrs. Koch occasionally for the benefit of "Baptist Herald" readers.

● The Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana held a Vacation Bible Camp recently at the County Fair Grounds with an enrollment of 45 children, 8 of whom accepted Christ as Savior during the sessions. The teachers were Rev. and Mrs. Otto Fiesel, Rev. David Little of New Leipzig, and Miss Esther Klempel. A camp fire service consisting of choruses and testimonies followed the evening services at which Mr. Little was the guest speaker.

● The Rev. John Giesbrecht, pastor of the Baptist Church of Washburn, No. Dak., baptized a mother and her daughter besides another woman in a creek near Washburn on Sunday, July 30. These three people were given the hand of fellowship at the communion service that followed. The report of

the Vacation Bible Schools held in Washburn and Underwood, No. Dak., appears elsewhere in this issue of "The Herald."

● The Rev. G. P. Schroeder, pastor of the Baptist Church at Linton, No. Dak. and its several mission stations, recently resigned and announced that he had accepted the call extended to him by the Northwestern Bible School of Minneapolis, Minn., to take charge of a new Russian department in the school. Mr. Schroeder was a former school master in White Russia and has also served as the Russian Baptist missionary in North Dakota. We wish him much joy and success in this new and promising undertaking of his!

● On August 6th the Rev. E. B. Keller resigned from the pastorate of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., after having served as interim since May 16, 1943. Mr. Keller has begun his studies for the Fall term at Sioux Falls College at Sioux Falls, South Dakota where he will also serve a church. His resignation took effect on Sunday, Sept. 17. Chaplain George Zinz, Jr., continues as pastor of the Erie Church since he is in the chaplaincy on an extended leave of absence.

● The Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., and young people of the Alpena Baptist Association sponsored an assembly at the Baptist Camp grounds at Lake Louise, Boyne Falls, Mich., late last summer. Mr. Knauf served as dean of the assembly. There were 23 decisions for Christ, and a large number consecrated themselves for Kingdom service. On a Sunday in October the church will observe its 60th anniversary with a program at which the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald", will be the guest speaker.

● Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Lang of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., were pleasantly surprised when they came to church on Sunday evening, Sept. 10, and found the entire evening service devoted to the celebration of their silver wedding anniversary. Mrs. Lang was presented with a lovely corsage from the Ladies' Aid and a silver basket, covered with 25 silver dollars and filled with gorgeous crimson roses, was presented to them in behalf of the Sunday School and church. After an appropriate message by the pastor, the Rev. Lewis B. Berndt, a delightful program and lunch were enjoyed by all.

● On Friday evening, Sept. 15, the Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at a special service in the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Ill., sponsored by the I W S (Immanuel, We Serve) group. This organization is composed of about 70

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Coming!

SPECIAL SEMINARY ISSUE

The next number of "The Baptist Herald" will bring a complete account of the inaugural of President-elect George A. Lang, the opening of the seminary and the annual session of the Board of Trustees. Numerous pictures will illustrate every story.

CHRISTIAN COMPASSION

This message by the Rev. George A. Lang will help to introduce the new President of the Rochester Baptist Seminary to our "Baptist Herald" readers and to stimulate interest in the observance of Seminary Sunday on Oct. 29th.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY COURSES

Illustrated reports will review the fine Scripture Memory Camp recently held in Kansas and Oklahoma and several brief articles will present the new program of the Graded Scripture Memory Course for all of our churches and Sunday Schools to be sponsored by the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

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EDITORIAL

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The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee!

WHAT a picture for an artist to paint! Eager eyes in countless pairs are lifted heavenward with hungry expectation. "The eyes of all wait upon thee, O God" (Psalm 145:15). Watch the scene closely, for suddenly the windows of heaven open and a divine glory envelops the picture. "Thou, O God, givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing."

Harvest time is the most inspiring season of the year. Its bounties fill the granaries with grain and the hearts with gratitude. And as Hosea Ballou has said, "gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul; and the heart of man knoweth none more fragrant." In the midst of such blessings one cannot forget God, nor the fact that "the Lord is righteous in all his ways and holy in all his works."

But thanksgiving involves definite responsibilities. Goldsmith has written that "every acknowledgment of gratitude is a circumstance of humiliation." We are humbled before God, who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and are thereby made conscious of others about us not so fortunate as we. The most thankful people are most generous in sharing their blessings with others.

That is the true spirit of the Harvest and Mission Festival to be observed by our churches and Sunday Schools in October, most of them using Sunday, October 15, for this day. The old-fashioned custom of bringing the fruits of the field to the church as decorations and then distributing them among the poor typifies this truth. This year the offerings of this Harvest Festival will be designated for "The Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies" to be used in days to come to alleviate the suffering of our Christian brethren across the face of the globe and to minister to their needs in the name of Christ.

"Think, oh, grateful, think!

How good the God of harvest is to you;

Who pours abundance o'er your flowing fields."

These eyes of the world that wait upon the Lord ought to haunt us. They seem to beg so pitifully and to cry with anguish. But, wait, the many eyes appear to melt into the piercing, burning eyes of God as he speaks to you and to me: "I have no hands but your hands to do my work today!" May that be our great joy to go out as God's hands to minister to those whose eyes, in the time of need, wait upon the Lord!

Victorious Living for Every Christian

A Sermon by the REV. STANLEY F. GEIS,
Pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

VICTORY! How many times have you heard and seen that word the past week? Constantly it is on the lips of radio commentators, and whichever way you may cast your eyes you see it emblazoned on some object. There is no question about it. We want military victory! We must have it, if we are to survive as a free people!

The Real Victory!

But we must not be content with a military victory. If we place all our hopes for the future on that alone, we will win the war and lose the peace. The conflict with self and sin will not end when nations lay down their arms. The battle between the forces of righteousness and the forces of evil is eternal. After the war, the fact of sin will remain. The evils of the world cannot be eradicated by military might.

The only real hope of this world is faith in God. If we are to make any real progress at all, men must turn in faith to the living God. They must open their hearts to him and be used of him. Only when men do this, will they become kind, unselfish, benevolent, and have a genuine love for one another.

"This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith." Now we venture to say that the word, "faith", in far too many instances has become nothing more than a theological platitude. We hear men speak of their faith. They are not ashamed of it and they boast of it, but they have no victory. Their faith does not seem to work out in life.

Why is their faith so often ineffective when applied to the problems of life? Simply because they do not understand what vital faith really is. They seem to be unable to carry over into actual living this theological abstract.

The purpose of this meditation is to inspire us to have real faith in the real God. Once we have that, we will have real convictions and our faith will work out in real life. In exercising, vital victorious faith, two things will help us.

Spiritual Discipline

In the first place, we must strip ourselves of all encumbrances. A hard lesson for many to learn is that of renunciation. He who drags the world into his Christianity is defeated before he begins. We have never heard of an athlete who loads himself down with all sorts of non-essentials before he enters the contest. On the contrary, he strips himself of almost everything. He is out to win. He knows the struggle will be fierce. In order to have a chance to win, he must be absolutely free of all unnecessary encumbrances.

From the athlete the Christian can learn much. What a tragedy it is to



Rev. Stanley F. Geis
of Chicago, Illinois

behold multitudes of men and women who speak of their faith and yet they are burdened with a crushing load of excess baggage. They have not stripped themselves of the "sins that so easily beset us." (Heb. 12:1). Like Lot's wife, they cannot break loose from fleshly lusts and pleasures. Theirs is a losing race. They cannot win. No victorious living for them! Their souls will go down in ignoble defeat.

We are out to win this terrible war. Can we do it without sacrifice? Never! Think of the sacrifices we are making! We are giving our sons, our daughters, our money, our food, our time. Hardly a single phase of our lives remains untouched by the demands of our military machine. These sacrifices must be made if we are to win.

O, that we would be so determined, so sacrificial, so extravagant in exercising our faith in the living God who alone can give us victory over sin and over ourselves!

The Armor of God

In the second place, let us observe that not only do we exercise faith by renunciation, which is negative, but by appropriation which is the positive aspect of our faith. We must put on something. We must be clothed upon. The scriptural injunction is: "Have faith in God!" "Put on the whole armor of God." These are unequivocal exhortations which must not be ignored.

Men do many things to achieve victory over the adverse circumstances of life. Some of these things are good, and some bad. Many souls turn to nature, great music, great art and poetry. Others turn for security to friends, possessions, wife or husband, but security found in these is temporary at best. They are not the final harbor for the soul, for many strong characters are uprooted in the fierce

gales of life. There is only one sure anchorage which the tempest cannot pull up by the roots, one harbor from which no storm can drive us, and that is our faith in God. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith."

Without faith we cannot have a proper estimate of ourselves and our greatest need, which is God himself. All great faith is of the outgoing quality. Whenever the soul has God as its object of devotion and loyalty it ceases to be self-centered and is well on the road that leads to victorious living.

Difficult Task

In exercising our faith we must undertake great things for God. Someone has said, "For the integrated person, the spice of life is battle." "Give me this mountain," said Caleb long ago. He did not ask Joshua to hand over the land "lock, stock and barrel" as a gift. He wanted a chance to make the hill country his own by conquest. He was not asking for something easy. The mountain was three thousand feet high, the terrain was rough and rugged, the city of Hebron was well fortified. But Caleb had faith in God, in his people and in himself.

Jesus never promised his followers an easy time. "Take up your cross", he requested. To keep faith young and vigorous, to make it effective in our lives, we must have the forward look and undertake great things for God.

In this life-long struggle for mastery over self, sin and circumstances, we must exercise our faith by being vigilant. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." To be healthy we must eat and sleep right and observe the rules of health. To be regarded as cultured and educated persons we must watch our speech, for our speech betrays us as it did Peter on the night of the denial. (Mark 14:70) We must choose carefully our companions. "Evil companions corrupt good morals." (I Cor. 15:33)

Likewise, reading and music may be a hindrance or an aid to Christian growth. To be free from bad habits we must not permit them to invade our sacred personalities and establish a beach-head from which they can later consolidate their forces in battle array against us and destroy us.

"My soul be on thy guard;
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard,
To draw thee from the skies."

Let us learn that by faith we may be righteous, by faith we may inherit heaven and earth, by faith we may impress our generation and those to follow. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith." Let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

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My American-Japanese Friends

An Account of Adventures in Christian Friendship
by MISS THELEA SCHROEDER of Lorraine, Kansas,
a Student at Ottawa University

ABOUT four weeks before the Fall semester began at Ottawa University at Ottawa, Kansas last year, I received a telephone call from the university. I was told that two American-Japanese, brother and sister, were coming to our campus. Their question was this. Would I consider having the girl as my roommate? I was told to take a few days to consider this question.

It was, indeed, a challenge to me because I had never met a Japanese person and I knew very little about them. Also at that time Japanese people were not very popular with Americans. Then too, I had already made plans to room with one of my best friends in the house where I had spent my preceding years in college.

Racial Discriminations

Then I wondered just what the attitude would be in the city of Ottawa toward these two people. A year and a half previously when the university had asked for some American-Japanese students, the people of the city had become quite aroused. The local newspaper printed many letters discussing the matter of the arrival of the students. Some accused the university of being un-American. This subject was the talk of the city for many weeks. It was finally decided that it would not be wise for these American-Japanese students to come because of some of the reactions which seemed to go so far as to endanger their safety.

My thinking over the unfairness of these attitudes, together with my desire to help promote better racial feelings proved to be the deciding factors in the question of our being roommates.

Inspiring Friends

When Frances and Sammie Hasegawa came to Ottawa University in September 1943 and became acquainted with us, they soon proved to be worthy of the faith we had in them. I found my roommate to be a charming, refined girl whose interests and ideals were very much like mine. Both she and Sammie had been in college in California, and they were now doing second semester sophomore work. They soon found places in many of our college activities and they worked with us in the true Ottawa spirit.

Many of the town people still held questioning attitudes toward them, however. Some knew nothing about their race, except what we commonly hear about their extreme cruelty and their trickiness. Others did not care to know anything else. They wanted to believe that all are like this.

We found that this feeling is not limited to non-Christians, for when one of these students was to speak in a church out-of-town, the young lady who was supposed to lead the devotion refused to do so because there was a Japanese person on the program.

"No Japs Allowed" was on signs put up by several business establishments in the city. Some refused to give their advertisements to our college paper. However it seemed that those who were the most intolerant toward them were the ones who exhibited the same attitude when other situations arose.

Christ Won Their Hearts

As the weeks went by, Frances and Sammie appeared many times before civic and church groups. In interview form, they answered many questions relating to their parents, their brothers who had been in relocation camps preceding their induction into the United States Army, and their problems and experiences during their evacuation from California.

Many business men and other people thus became acquainted with them and began to gain the same respect for them that we college students had. These two were now being known by their personalities and by their abilities rather than just by their race.

By being in the Christian atmosphere of Ottawa University and the church, both Frances and Sammie saw the need of Christ in their lives. They accepted Christ as their Savior, were baptized and were received as members of the First Baptist Church.

Frances and Sammie, by their fine representation of the American-Japanese, made way for four other students of their race during the second semester. These came from a relocation center in Idaho. They entered the Freshman class.

The four fellows were called on for military service during the second semester. One of these fellows, who is planning to enter the ministry, be-



Sammie Hasegawa (Right) and His
Roommate, Stan Carlson, Student
Council President at Ottawa University



Students of Ottawa University, a Baptist
College of Kansas, with the American-
Japanese Frances Hasegawa at Top Left
of Picture

fore leaving us thanked us for our interest in them and for the help we had given them.

Another young man, when writing, later expressed the thought that because of Christianity, his experiences at Ottawa, and the fellowship there, he felt indebted to those who have nobly shown the real Christian-American spirit.

Someone recently asked me: "Is your roommate a real friend or is she a friend because she is Japanese and needed a friend." In answering this I looked back over the experiences of the past year. Frances has enriched my life by her fine spirit and by her determination to keep going, as many of her people are doing now, in spite of discouragements and handicaps. We have become close friends by sharing various and numerous experiences. I do cherish her friendship. We are looking forward to being roommates again this school year.

Brotherhood in Christ

It seems that these American-Japanese in Ottawa University have helped all of those, who have become acquainted with them, to see what real brotherhood could be when centered around Christ.

Should we not, as Christians, seek every opportunity for bringing into our Christian fellowship these people of other races — those with their peculiar religious belief, and those who have never even dreamed of such joyous and complete living and of such fellowship as we enjoy? That is a real challenge for all of us in this critical hour of the world's history!

My Ministry as Young People's Secretary

A Statement of Purpose and Resolution by the REV. J. C. GUNST
the Newly-appointed General Secretary of the National Young
People's and Sunday School Workers' Union

EVEN though your newly appointed general secretary for our National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union came into the office by appointment, I still definitely feel that God has led me into this work.

First of all, a word of gratitude to the members of the General Council, the council members of our Union and all the sectional officers, as well as the executive committee who have given me their unanimous support for this office. Pastors and leaders from many of our churches, as well as general workers have also given evidence of their approval of the appointment through letters and words. Truly, such a fine spirit humbles a person very much, but at the same time it brings with it a great challenge to serve the large spiritual host throughout our denomination with all my strength and to the best of my ability.

When one envisions the huge task in this large field of service one feels utterly dependent upon God for strength, wisdom, divine guidance, and insight to meet the needs of our Union. Conscious of the manifold and strenuous duties that await me I humbly yet confidently pledge myself unreservedly to serve our Lord and our Union in every way possible.

In the past our youth and leaders have manifested a wonderful spirit of cooperation with the general secretary, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, and the rest of the officers of the Union. Because of that we have obtained unto a high standard of spiritual fellowship, a glorious witness, and a notable and fine unity. Our efforts as Christian workers have been signally blessed. I am confident that that spirit of cooperation and good will among all of us shall continue to grow and develop into even greater blessings for our denomination and the Lord's cause.

In conference with the president of our Union, Mr. Harold J. Petke, and Rev. M. L. Leuschner, our former secretary, a program of work has been planned. For your information and help we wish to call your attention to materials for use in our local Unions.

1. THE SCRIPTURE MEMORY COURSE

We suggest that this project of Scripture memory work be adopted in all our churches and unions. It has already been tried and worked out successfully in some of our conferences. A leaflet with detailed information on the project is in preparation and should be available in the near future.

2. THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CRUSADE

"Our Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies" is to be stressed in all our churches. Here we can prove our Christian love and devotion to a destitute and suffering world. Read about



Rev. J. C. Gunst of Wishek, No. Dak., the Newly Appointed General Secretary of the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union

this project in The Baptist Herald and News Letters. Attractive pamphlets are available from the office. For more information write to Mr. Henry Schmunk, Box 678, Tacoma, Wash. or your general secretary. Mail your contributions to the office, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., designating them to "The Youth Fellowship Crusade."

3. LEADERSHIP TRAINING

A new list of books on courses that

will be available is to be sent to each church. Announcements on this project will be made from time to time in THE BAPTIST HERALD. Folders on Christian Leadership Training Curriculum are available at any time. Every superintendent, young people's president as well as pastor should be acquainted with this folder.

4. New emphasis is to be given to our Sunday School work.

Plans and details on material are, as yet, to be worked out.

5. Let us again remind you of the many fine books available through the Braese Loan Library. These can be used effectively for young people's and Sunday School work. Write to your secretary for information. We hope to prepare a list of these books for you as soon as possible.

We shall always be open for suggestions on these projects and for the general growth and development of our Union. This is YOUR work and we are ready to serve you. The duties of this office will be many and the experiences varied, but I feel that the Lord will give me much joy and happiness in the work. Your requests for speaking engagements and for serving your groups and unions are to be addressed to your general secretary, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. Every effort will be made to serve you in the best possible way.

I am looking forward to the personal contacts and acquaintances I shall be able to make with the young people and Sunday School workers throughout the denomination. I shall also enjoy your Christian fellowship, good wishes and prayers. Prayerfully and diligently under the guidance of the Holy Spirit I hope to render beneficial service in our churches "For Jesus' Sake".

The Appointment of Secretary Gunst

A Statement by Mr. HAROLD J. PETKE of Portland, Oregon,
President of the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union

With the proposed appointment of Rev. Martin L. Leuschner as full-time BAPTIST HERALD editor with promotional responsibilities, the Council of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union (consisting at that time of nine conference representatives and the officers of the Union) faced the important task of nominating candidates for the office which Rev. M. Leuschner had so ably filled for ten successful years. Knowing of the proposed change some months in advance, the matter was long a subject of earnest prayer for God's guidance. Always a consistent effort was made to view the situation through the "eyes of the heart."

When shortly after the General Conference the secretary-elect, Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, declined the office a very grave and keenly felt responsibility fell upon the six members of the Union's executive committee under the clause of the constitution which makes it the duty of this committee to fill such a vacancy by appointment, subject to approval by the Council of the Union. During six weeks of earnest prayer and careful consideration of every suggestion, there was an endless stream of correspondence until, finally, almost simultaneously, all six members of the executive committee felt sure that the Rev. J. C. Gunst, one of the

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The Unfinished Symphony of Life

The Message of REV. LINCOLN B. WIRT of Pullman, Wash.,
Used at the Funeral Service of Lt. Gerald E. Mohr of Colfax, Wash.

LIFE, as we know it, is an unfinished symphony. And it is more important that it be a symphony, than that it go on and on, ever unfinished. Our common cry for completion has no satisfactory answer in terms of years, alone.

Some people, with many more than their share of three-score years and ten, are wandering aimlessly through life, unfinished — and yet with faulty harmony; while some with terse, short



2nd Lt. Gerald E. Mohr, who Died Suddenly of a Heart Attack on July 4, at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga.

span of hours and years have seized and shaped the myriad harmonies of existence into one full, splendidly-blended passage.

That we are gathered today in memorial to such a life should not be considered strange. About us on every hand are long lives and short ones, some full of faith, and others full of years. The sweet strain of each melody, and the glory of you and me as composers, have nothing whatever to do with the number of pages of our scores, or the length of the days of our years.

Gerry Mohr has erected and given to us an Unfinished Symphony of Life. But it is my deep conviction that the music he played is more glorious because it was a symphony, than because it now seems to us unfinished. If we listen to life's overtones of faith, instead of passing judgment by such ordinary standards as daily rounds and duties, we would hear—and hearing, understand—that Gerry's symphony may have been unfinished in the number of its movements, but not in any other way. Not in eloquent melody, not in stirring harmony of

2nd LT. GERALD E. MOHR

Lt. Mohr was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mohr of Colfax, Wash. His sister is Mrs. Paul Krueger, president of the Pacific Northwest Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union. Before entering the U. S. Army, he was very active in the Wilcox Baptist Church, of which the Rev. R. M. Klingbeil is the pastor.

Lt. Mohr was deeply interested in music. He started a men's chorus at Fort Benning, Ga. He conducted a bugle school and organized a band at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He had charge of a special Thanksgiving music program at Warm Springs, Ga., last year. His life was a radiant, singing testimony for Christ!

We are happy to publish this beautiful tribute to Lt. Mohr as a word of spiritual encouragement to those who are bereaved by the war's casualties in these days. Editor.

purpose, not in its sincerity of spirit.

And, after all, who shall say *when* life's symphony shall be completed, save for the Master Composer and Creator of us all? He it is who takes the strains of this world and weaves them into harmonies unbelievable and divine. Into them he blends sorrow, tragedy, and life's melodies in minor key. To these he adds rapture that is not fleeting, joy almost divine, and hope that is eternal.

So the New Testament is very right and musically sound in teaching us that eternal life, is not a matter of postponing anything until after death. Death has no part in the picture at

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Pvt. Fred J. Weinbender Is Killed in Action in the New Guinea Area

Pvt. Fred J. Weinbender, son of the Rev. John Weinbender of Aberdeen,



Pvt. Fred J. Weinbender, Killed in Action on July 13 in the New Guinea Area



Howard O. Willeke of Aplington, Iowa, a Seabee, Who Was Recently Killed in Action

South Dakota, was killed in action on July 13 in the New Guinea area of the South Pacific. Pvt. Weinbender, who was in the paratroop division, enlisted in March 1943 and took his training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He had been overseas since Nov. 1943.

Pvt. Weinbender had lived with his parents in Southey, Sask.; Scottsbluff, Neb.; and Eureka, So. Dak., so that he was widely known among our people. He is survived by his parents and two brothers, the Rev. John Weinbender of Bison, Kansas, and Harold, who is at home.

Seabee Howard O. Willeke of Aplington, Iowa Is Killed in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willeke of the Baptist Church at Aplington, Iowa, recently received word from the war department that their son, Howard O. Willeke, carpenter's mate 1-c, had died July 23rd of wounds received in action in the Pacific area. The specific place where the action took place in which he was wounded was not given in the telegram.

Howard Willeke enlisted in the Navy "Seabees" in November 1942 but was not called to duty until the latter part of March in 1943. He was first sent to Camp Kilmer, Va., and then to Port Hueneme, Calif., before leaving for overseas duty last November. He had been at Guadalcanal for a time but was later based in the Marshalls.

Born in Aplington, Oct. 11, 1912 Howard was the youngest of a family of four children. He attended high school at Aplington and graduated with the class of 1931. Before entering the service he was associated with his father and brothers, in Willeke & Sons Construction Co.

Surviving besides his parents are: two brothers, Leonard of Aplington and Pvt. Irvin C. Willeke, with the American army in France, and one sister, Mildred Willeke, employed as a nurse at the ordnance plant at Ankeny, Ia.

The Sound of the Trumpet

A New Novel

by

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SYNOPSIS

The Vandingham plant was at work on a secret government job in the making of an important gadget for war purposes. Several spies were determined to get the plans for this gadget into their possession. They tried to interest John Sargent in the proposition, but in vain. Then Erda was put on the job and given instructions as to how she was to go about it. She was successful, largely because she was able to deceive the employer's son, Victor Vandingham. The theft of the gadget was soon discovered and everybody was suspected, including Victor. Government detectives moved into the plant and grilled him for several hours without success. When Erda phoned Victor and said she was returning to the office the next day, he implored her to come back quickly.

CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

Because the government was in charge there had been no publicity so far concerning the robbery at the plant, and the Vandinghams were not as yet in the public eye. Even Mrs. Vandingham did not know to a great extent all that had happened. Her husband had learned long ago that anything told at his home could no longer remain a secret. And Victor, though he was not as closemouthed as his father, at least not for the same reason, realized that if he wished to keep his mother on his side he must not let her know what was going on. Their only great difference of opinion was about Erda. She did object to Erda, and Victor no longer desired to hear the subject of his chosen secretary discussed. If his mother knew what was being said about her by his father and the detectives and others at the plant she would be quick to remind him that she had "told him so." So he did not tell her of the trouble at the plant, and she went serenely on, trying to plan great things for Victor's future, in which no war possibilities figured, and hoping some day to be able to bring Victor and Lisle Kingsley together again. That was her great desire. She liked Lisle and thought her the most fitting person to be her son's wife. And in that thought her plans fitted nicely with those of her

son. Of course as she knew nothing yet of what had passed between Victor and Lisle so far, she was not utterly hopeless. Lisle would come around pretty soon, and smile as sweetly as ever at her old playmate, when she saw what a great man Victor had become. And then, somehow, they could get rid of that little viper of an Erda, whom she blamed for every indiscretion and mistake her son had made.

And so the excitement went on quietly with not even the public press getting hold of a hint of it.

It was just at that stage of affairs that Erda in a becoming and very smart black costume arrived at her job one morning, becomingly tearful and pensive at the death of her dearest friend, and ready to enter upon her duties with a vim.

She had not been very intimate with the other women in the office or else they would have approached her about the recent happenings while she had been absent. They just bowed distantly and eyed her with scared looks, just what was going to happen to Erda, and they were somewhat reassured that she had returned so apparently normal and in good form. There had been whispering, that she might have been connected with the disappearance of the precious gadget. But now she was back, apparently unafraid, it seemed hardly likely that she was the thief.

She assayed to march into Victor's office and take her former place, but she found the door locked, and her key did not seem to unlock it. Upon questioning she was told that there had been changes made during her absence, and that Victor's former room was closed for the time. She would have to take one of the empty desks in the main room until Mr. Vandingham senior arrived.

Erda had not reckoned on anything as drastic as this happening, and began to wonder if it wouldn't have been better to disappear from the picture entirely, rather than to return and hope to bluff it off. But she was here now. It was too late. And of course it was better to allay any suspicion that might arise now or later, so she settled down cheerily, took off her wraps, put them in the cloak room, took out a paper she had bought on the way from the station, and prepared to wait.

Soon however, an office boy came to bring a message for her. Mr. Vandingham senior would like her to come to his office at once.

In some trepidation Erda went. She had been through many alarming experiences in her daring young life, and she wasn't sure what she feared just now, certainly not detection. For whatever happened she had done the thing she had come there to do. It might cost her the loss of her job, but there were other jobs, and of course she was not working mainly for the Vandinghams. But where was Victor, and what attitude would he have toward her? If she could only speak to Victor first she was confident that she could put up a good story. She could make him understand how sad she had been at losing her friend, and what frightful time she had been through.

She could excuse herself for her so-long absence. But the older Vandingham was an unknown quantity, one that she did not particularly admire. He was grave and stern. He had not warmed to her beauty nor her coquetry. Could she in any way get into his good graces? Then she tapped at the door of his office, and in response to his crisp "Come" she entered.

He was not alone. The detective from Washington was there too, had in fact been waiting for her, since some of his men had, by the process of elimination, found out her abiding place in New York. They had trailed her down on the train and kept the office in constant touch with the situation. Erda had not dreamed that such careful detection could be found anywhere on this side of the ocean, therefore she felt no alarm as she entered coolly, smiled a good morning in a grave sweet way to Mr. Vandingham, and said cheerfully: "You've been making some changes in the office, Mr. Vandingham?"

The head of the plant bowed gravely.

"Yes, Miss Brannon. And now, will you sit down. This is Lieutenant Ames of the war department in Washington, and he wishes to ask you a few questions."

Then began a grilling of two hours which was worse than anything Erda had dreamed could possibly come to her, in this country, certainly. Not after all her experience and training.

"Where were you on the afternoon of Thursday, five days ago, Miss Brannon? What train did you take to New York? Where did you buy your ticket? Had you reservations on that train? At what hour did you receive the telegram which you say was the cause of your journey?"

Every step of the way, moment by moment, through the hours of each day and night since she had started on this fateful escapade.

She was quick-brained and for the most part she answered coolly enough, through the routine of the first questions. She was even able to keep a quiet mien, and control any tendency to trembling when the lieutenant sprang sudden surprises on her, and the more conscious of the elderly Vandingham who kept his solemn eyes upon her every instant.

"Are you accustomed to using firearms?" The question was irrelevant in the extreme.

"Firearms?" said Erda sweetly with a girlish shiver. "Oh, dear no! I'm just terribly afraid of a gun. It almost throws me into hysterics to see one shot off!"

"H'm!" said the lieutenant. "I would not have judged that you would have that sort of reaction."

"No," said the older man. "No, I certainly would not."

Erda gave him a quick glance and was not quite sure whether he had more in his voice than appeared on the surface or not.

There were some more questions asked, commonplace enough in themselves, and then the lieutenant asked: "Were you well acquainted with the workman who was shot that

"Shot?" said Erda, lifting a face suddenly white with startled astonishment. "Was there a man shot? One of the workmen, you say? I wouldn't know. I have been in New York, you know. What was his name?"

On and on the questions went, sometimes seeming to get near to the thread of a story, and then veering off to the commonplace of times and places and dates. What were her habits of entertainment? Where did she spend her evenings? What clubs and night life was she fond of attending? Then back again to the line of the story. Not a word about the lost gadget! Hadn't it been missed yet? Surely it wouldn't have been so long before they found it was gone. Sometimes she almost hoped that this question had nothing to do with the loss of the gadget and blue prints. Then would come another question.

"Has Mr. Victor Vandingham ever taken you into the buildings of the plant?"

"Oh no," she answered promptly. "You know the office force are not supposed to know anything about what goes on inside those sacred precincts. They are the government's secrets of course. We never even talk about them. My work has been mainly matters of finance, records of workers, orders for material, that sort of thing."

"Then you have never been inside building number A in the plant? You would not know where the different machines were placed?"

"Oh no, of course not," said Erda sweetly, although she grew restless under the sharp eyes that were watching her.

"And you knew the man who was shot quite well, did you not?" went on the relentless voice.

Erda paled visibly.

"I? Why no, I didn't know any of the workmen, of course, although they were always polite and pleasant to me, and I usually smiled and nodded good morning to them if we happened to pass. But no, I do not know who was shot. What was his name?"

"It is immaterial. I thought I understood you to say that you knew him. How often have you been at the plant in the night? Has Mr. Vandingham, junior been in the habit of bringing you to the office at night?"

"Oh no," said Erda, coolly again. "Just twice when there were important letters to go out by the midnight mail, something about ordering steel that would be needed the next morning early."

Oh, Erda was clever. She skirted around those questions as one who knew her way about anywhere. And then, just when she thought he had reached the end of his long list of questions, and was turning over another page of paper, he lifted his eyes and asked, "How long have you been in the habit of carrying concealed weapons?"

Erda almost started then, but she managed a pretty well-feigned stare and answered:

"Concealed weapons? Me carry concealed weapons? I thought I just told you how frightened I am of them."

Then suddenly she turned to Mr. Vandingham with a weary appeal in her eyes:

"What is the meaning of all this questioning, Mr. Vandingham, please? And why have they selected me to grill this way? I am really very tired. I've traveled all night, and have been through a most trying experience seeing my dearest friend die and attending her funeral. I do wish you would excuse me from further questioning. I can't understand what it is all about. I didn't know a man was dead, and I didn't know the man. What should all this have to do with me?"

The detective looked her straight in the eye.

"Miss Brannon in case you don't know the situation, some important documents have been stolen from this plant, and Washington is interested to question all the employees. That will be all this time. You will please stay within call." And he bowed her out.

Erda went back to the desk where she had been parked earlier that morning and tried to think what she should do next. If it was at all possible she would like to get in touch with Weaver. Perhaps he wanted her to vanish. But of course there was no opportunity at present to go to the telephone without attracting attention, and she had sense enough to know that her strongest action would be to sit quietly and wait, as if nothing disturbed her. At least she would have plenty of opportunity to observe what went on about her and that would be something to report. If only Victor would come she might be able to find out something. But Victor did not appear, and the morning went on quietly. The old trusted girls who usually worked in that outer room were going on about their business, typing and filing and addressing envelopes. The office of the young Vice President was not open. No one seemed be going that way. She wondered if Victor might be in there. If only his father and that detective would go away she would get up and try the door. Perhaps when most of the girls went out to lunch she could venture to do it. But the day wore on very slowly, and then at last she was sent for once more to go to Mr. Vandingham's office, and again under the same keen observation she went through much the same grilling as before, only this time the questions were a little more abruptly phrased, a trifle more astonishing, to catch her off her guard.

But through it all nothing was said about the gadget which she had supposed was the most important item of the whole setting. Could it be that somehow she had not got the right article? She had been so sure. She had heard so much about the thing from Victor, and workmen who occasionally came into Victor's office. Or hadn't they discovered the loss of the thing? Didn't it mean much to them? Perhaps there was a flaw in it, or perhaps it had just been left there as a decoy. Over and over again she reviewed the circumstances of the night while she was stealing through the dim building behind the machines. What the men had called to one another. Hadn't she got the

right thing? Wouldn't Weaver be satisfied? Oh, if she could only get into contact with him right away. Perhaps she ought to say she was sick and wanted to go to her room. Would they let her go? Why hadn't they said something about it? Documents they said. That would be the blue prints of course. But here they were just harping on the dead man. Just a dead workman. What was that to make such a fuss about? In the land where she was trained she had been taught that when you died you died and it was in a way the end and aim of life, to have done the best to further a cause and die doing it. But here they were acting as if this workman was important. If she had shot him they would never find it out. She hadn't thought her aim had taken effect, just scratched him, or made him faint perhaps. She hadn't bothered to look behind to see what happened to the man. She had been too afraid he might cry out and maybe someone would come and recognize her. And now she was glad he was gone. He, at least, could not rise up and testify against her. She had shot people before, in another land, and even been commended for it, so she was not particularly worried. But they had no evidence to prove that she had fired that shot.

So the questioning went on, and the day wore to its close. She was weary and faint, but they brought a tray with coffee and sandwiches, and twice more she was called in to be questioned again. There were other girls called, questioned also, but not as many times as herself, and they were not kept in the office so long.

And all this time where was Victor?

She had counted on Victor to help her through this return. Perhaps she should have stayed in New York. Only police were wise, and quick to search out lost people, and returning had seemed to her the best way to disarm suspicion. If only Victor were here he would take her part of course and defend her from all this silly questioning. She would wind Victor around her smooth little finger, she was sure. That was one reason why she half thought she could marry him, because she could always do with him what she wished. But she needed him now. Why didn't he come?

And now they were asking her more about her relation with her employer. Didn't he talk the business of the plant over with her often? Hadn't he told her of the secret things that were being made for war purposes? Hadn't he described articles that were being made? Hadn't he taken her into the work rooms at odd hours when the shifts were changing and no one would observe them? Wasn't she interested in machinery? Hadn't she once asked him to take her to see it?

Oh, the endless questions! Would they never cease? If only Victor would come and put an end to it all! Was he under espionage and questioning too? Oh, surely not. Perhaps he had been drinking badly and was having a hangover. He was doing too much of that. She must get him out of that if she really took him over.

(To Be Continued)

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Chaplain Donald Davis Visits the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass.

Chaplain Donald Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., who is on leave of absence, was the guest speaker at both services of the Rock Hill Baptist Church in Boston, Mass., on Sunday, August 6. He was in attendance at the School for Chaplains at Harvard University of Cambridge at the time.

On his arrival at the school he immediately looked up the Boston Church and, with but one exception, he attended all the Sunday services while at the school. The church was, indeed, thankful for his visits and looks forward to visits from other members of our sister churches.

This writer has learned that at the close of the present Chaplains' Class, the school will be moved to one of the nearby Army Camps, but he hopes that it will not prevent any chaplains from looking up our Boston Church.

Fred Sawyer, Clerk.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Konter of Brooklyn, New York

The Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., had the happy privilege this summer of celebrating the golden wedding anniversary of two of its faithful members, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Konter. It was also the occasion of Mr. Konter's 78th birthday.

A social hour was enjoyed after the prayer service with refreshments, special music and congratulatory remarks by a member of each organization of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Konter responded and expressed their love and loyalty by presenting a beautiful English pulpit Bible and marker. This was accepted in behalf of the church by the pastor, the Rev. W. J. Appel, and will be a constant reminder of Mr. and Mrs. Konter's gratitude to God for his loving care throughout the years.

The wedding cake which had been provided was cut by the bridal couple, who also received a substantial gift from their many friends by the church.

Reporter.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Forty-five Children Attend Vacation Bible School Held at Edenwold, Saskatchewan

The Baptist Church of Edenwold, Saskatchewan, held its Vacation Bible School from July 17 to 28 in the Town School. As many as 45 children from the ages of 5 to 16 years were enrolled and the daily attendance was good.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Konter of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

We were pleased to have the Misses Edna Rosom and Gertrude Renner to assist our pastor, Rev. A. R. Weisser in conducting the school. Mrs. K. Holterbaum served as pianist.

The closing program was held on Sunday evening, July 30, in the Community Hall before a large audience. The children gave a good account of the things they had learned during the two weeks and the results of the daily handwork period were on display. The older students gave a short summary of the subjects, "The Kingship of Self Control" and "Christian Stewardship."

Gertrude Renner, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School at the Friedensfeld Baptist Church, a Mission of Hilda, Alberta

At the Friedensfeld Baptist Church, a mission of our church at Hilda, Alberta, we have had the privilege of holding another Vacation Bible School for one week. Our enrollment was 14 children from the ages of 7 to 15 years.

The daily schedule began with the entire school assembling and marching into the church to the music of "Onward Christian Soldiers." It was a group of happy boys and girls who gathered to receive instruction in choruses, Bible stories, memory work, the Life of Christ, Creation, Teachings of Christ, handwork under the guidance of the following teachers: Rev. K. Korella, Miss Esther Sieman, and Miss Carrie Reich.

The program at the close was a beautiful testimony in itself, for surpassing the expectations of the parents, and was under the leadership of Rev. K. Korella, pastor of the Hilda Baptist Church.

Carrie Reich, Reporter.

Inspirational Sunday for the Ebenezer West, Springside and Homestead Baptist Churches

Sunday, August 20, was a day of Christian fellowship for the three churches Ebenezer West, Springside,

and Homestead, Saskatchewan, for we had a joint gathering in the interest of our Saskatchewan Tri-Union and convention. This Sunday was called "Begeisterungssonntag," (Inspiration Sunday) which it truly was.

Our guest speaker at the morning service was Mr. Fred Hoffman, who has been at our Rochester Seminary for the past four years and had just arrived home to spend a few weeks with relatives, friends and his church. The morning offering of \$71 was donated to the cyclone-stricken town of Kamsack, some 40 miles north-east of here.

The program in the afternoon consisted of various numbers rendered by members of all three churches. After the Ebenezer West orchestra had entertained the large audience with several musical numbers, the program was opened. To make this "Begeisterungssonntag" program a little different from the usual, the pastor had a family "Roll Call" of the 115 families to which the majority answered with a newly-learned Bible verse. The program continued in the rendering of poems, quartets, solos, musical numbers and choir selections. Our guest speaker, Mr. Fred Hoffman, gave us an interesting address on "The Shepherd Psalm." The mission offering amounted to \$91.

E. M. Wegner, Reporter.

The Alberta - Saskatchewan Central Association and Triunion at the Gadenfeld Church

The Alberta-Saskatchewan Central Association and Tri-Union convened at the Gadenfeld Baptist Church from June 29 to July 2.

The theme was "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich." (Rev. 3:18). The well planned program was carried out and brought a great blessing. The attendance and close attention of the people were a proof of the spiritual hunger and interest in God's Word.

We had sorely missed this joint session of the association and tri-union for several years on account of the war and felt grateful towards the members of the Gadenfeld Church and their minister for having invited us. The hospitality will long linger in our hearts.

The visiting ministers, Rev. S. Blum, editor, and Rev. F. W. Benke from Edmonton were very much appreciated. The program given by the different young people's societies on Saturday proved a blessing. While the fields were in great need of rain, we praised God for the many blessings and the offering for the association was \$100.62 and for the Tri-Union \$80.17.

Our newly elected officers are: Association—A. Kraemer, moderator; Ed. Strauss, secretary; Phil. Serr, treasurer; Tri-union—K. Korella, president; Ed. Strauss, secretary; and Robert Jaster, treasurer. The work in our Central Association and Tri-union is difficult. We ask such that are stronger in numbers and more favorably situated to help us by intercession.

Theodore Hoffman, Reporter.

Choir of the Baptist Church at Whitemouth, Manitoba Enjoys Its Varied Ministry

"Jesus Shall Reign" is only one number among many songs that our choir of the Baptist Church of Whitemouth, Manitoba, has been privileged to sing. We bring thanks to God for the wonderful way he has been near to us. The messages brought to us every Sunday by our minister, the Rev. Fred Schmidt, are very inspiring. Mr. Schmidt has likewise been serving us as the director for our choir.

Many of our young men are in the service of our country. We truly miss them. We keep in contact with them by writing, and we know that daily prayers are sent to the throne of God for their safe return. There are times when in contact with different people we realize that many take the war for granted. May it be said of us as Christians that we humble ourselves daily before the throne of God and ask for peace.

Mrs. H. Knopf, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings, Baptism and Vacation Bible School at the Bapt. Church, Morris, Manitoba

For two weeks in the early summer evangelistic meetings were held in the Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada. The Rev. R. Milbrandt, pastor of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., served as evangelist. We thank the people of the Regina church for letting us have their pastor and for the inspiring and heartstirring messages which he brought. We also thank our heavenly Father for the souls that were saved during those blessed days.

On Sunday, July 23, our pastor, the Rev. H. Schatz, had the privilege of baptizing 13 young people on confession of their faith. The hand of fellowship was extended to them during the communion service that followed.

The annual Vacation Bible School was held for eight days with an average attendance of over 30 children. A fine program, consisting of items learned during the two weeks of classes, marked the closing of the school.

The offering which was raised on this occasion amounted to \$30 and went toward the Junior Church Mission Project. The objective of this undertaking is \$100 and is to be used for aiding a Kakaland dispensary in Africa. The teachers were the Rev. H. Schatz, the Misses Myrtle Janzen, Thabea and Gertrude Schatz, and Ida Hoffman.

Ida Hoffman, Reporter.

The Wiesenthal Church of Alberta Holds Its Second Vacation Bible School

Monday morning, August 7, opened the second Vacation Bible School of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Alberta, Canada, under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. R. Schreiber, assisted by Louis Ertman, Irma Pohl, Verda Scheefler and Verda Borchert. This school was held for one week with classes morning and afternoon.

The enrollment began with 30 children on Monday and by the third day had increased to 35 and remained thus to



The Baptist Church Choir of Whitemouth, Manitoba, With Rev. Fred Schmidt, Director, at Extreme Right

the end. This was not as large an attendance as last year, but we thank the Lord for those who were able to come. The lesson course taught was entitled, "The Garden," prepared by Helen Maxfield. We also studied the life of Missionary C. T. Studd. These lessons proved to be of great interest to the children.

On Friday afternoon a short program was held for the parents and friends so that they, too, could partake of the joys that were ours during that week. On this occasion the children gave a brief outline of their studies, recited a number of Bible verses, and showed their handwork which was a large poster of the garden of a Christian's heart.

It was also our privilege to have as guest the Rev. P. G. Neumann of Detroit, Mich., who at this time was serving as district evangelist. He brought a very interesting story to the children, and at the close gave an invitation for those who would like to accept the Lord. Several young children came forward giving their hearts to Jesus.

Verda Borchert, Reporter.

Revival Campaign at Leduc and District With Rev. P. G. Neuman as Evangelist

The Baptist Churches of Leduc, Alberta, and district with their pastors, the Reverends R. Schreiber, R. Schilke, A. Huber and J. B. Kornalewski, have much cause for great rejoicing. God has again revealed his mighty saving power in a two weeks' campaign from August 2 to 14, the Reverend P. G. Neumann of Detroit, Mich., being the visiting evangelist. He is the energetic pastor of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church at Detroit.

The large conference tent was set up in a central location, and night after night there were capacity crowds of eager hearers of the Word of the Lord, so wonderfully proclaimed by Brother Neumann. The weather which is such a great factor here seemed definitely set against us, and once succeeded in blowing the tent down. Nevertheless, it was promptly re-erected and the meetings continued.

The great revival began as great numbers of Christians consecrated their lives to God anew. Their prayers went up to God and soon there was rejoicing in heaven over sinners who came to open their hearts to the Savior. How precious were the tears of true repentance, and a reaching out in faith to God for the forgiveness of sin. Young people who were saved brought others, and our hearts thrilled with thanksgiving to God

as those who kneeled in repentance arose, their face radiant with the peace of God to sing "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul." It pleased God to save over fifty persons, not taking in account the many backslidden Christians who returned to the Lord.

The singing each evening was accompanied by a large orchestra, comprised of the many talented young people of the churches. A radio ministry was also carried out over Station CFRN at Edmonton. Each morning during the two weeks Brother Neumann brought Spirit-filled messages on "the Prodigal." These messages were printed in booklet form and offered to the radio audience. More than 250 booklets were asked for and we know that they will be a constant source of blessing to those that received them.

We are so thankful to the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit for releasing its splendid pastor to us.

Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Farewell Program at Martin, No. Dak., for the Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson

On Sunday evening, August 27, the Baptist Church of Martin, North Dakota, was happy to have the Harvey and Anamoose churches attend a happy occasion even though a sad farewell in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, missionary appointees for the Cameroons.

Mr. and Mrs. Michelson have heard God's call and are willingly answering it. Their equipment is ready, and they are now anxiously waiting for their boat to leave for Africa.

Our program included short talks by the leaders of the different branches of the church, selections by the quartet, a recitation and solo selection. A season of prayer was held in which Mr. David Weinholz, deacon emeritus, asked God's blessing to rest on our two young people. A love offering was given in the name of the church and other Christian friends, after which Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Michelson expressed their heartiest thanks.

The Reverends A. E. Bibelheimer, Henry Lang and Daniel Klein, the visiting pastors, also spoke a few words. May God guide and protect our two young people, who are dedicating their lives to him! May they serve him to the best of their ability!

Luverne Michelson, Reporter.

No Summer Vacation in the Program of the Baptist Church at Hebron, No. Dak.

The young people of the Baptist Church at Hebron, North Dakota, have been very active throughout the summer months. We looked forward to the Young People's Assembly held at Hebron in June, making plans for the entertainment, board and lodging of our guests. The days of the assembly will long be remembered by our young people, who took an active part in the classes, deliberations, and evening meetings. We are thankful for the inspiring messages of Miss Laura Reddig, Prof. A. Bretschneider and Rev. and Mrs. E. Michelson, our new missionary candidates.



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Held at Washburn, North Dakota

The Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Benke have been faithful workers on the field, and as a result of their labors, Mr. Benke had the privilege and joy of baptizing another group of seven of our young people on August 6 and receiving them into membership in our church.

One of our young men, Mr. Victor Stading, has felt the call to the ministry, and has left to take up his studies at our seminary in Rochester, N. Y. Our church is grateful to God for the opportunity to send one of our outstanding young men to our seminary, and the prayer for God's blessing of the church goes with him.

On Aug. 27th Mr. and Mrs. Benke, together with a group of our young people, motored to Lehr, to take part in the Young People's Rally there. During the evening, in the absence of the pastor, Mr. Milton Veitz and Victor Stading were in charge of the evening service in our church.

I. E. Giedt, Correspondent.

Well Attended Vacation Bible Schools in Washburn and Underwood Baptist Churches

The Baptist Church of Washburn, North Dakota, rejoices greatly in the fact that it was privileged to have a Bible School for its children from July 10 to 14. Since it was rather late in the season we feared that many farm children would be missing, but we were deeply gratified when we were privileged to enroll 45 children, most of them from our own congregation.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. J. Giesbrecht, was in charge of the school. Mrs. J. Giesbrecht was in charge of the Beginners department, being assisted by Miss Hilda Reiser. Mrs. Harold Jesser was in charge of the Primary department, being assisted by Miss Phyllis

Schuler, who also served as secretary of the school. Mr. Giesbrecht also taught the Junior department.

It was the purpose of this school not only to give the children a knowledge of God's Word and his will, but to lead them into a vital experience with God. The work consisted of Bible Study, stories, memory work, Bible drills, missionary activities, character study and handwork.

Sunday evening, July 23, was an occasion that the members and friends of the Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota, will long remember and cherish. Our only regret for the occasion was that our little white church, which had recently been repainted, was only large enough to seat one half of the people present. The program had a twofold

purpose, namely, the commencement exercises of our Vacation Bible School, and the dedication of our newly purchased flags and service plaque.

The dedication of the newly purchased American and Christian flags, a service flag with blue stars and a service plaque with the pictures and addresses of our Service Men was the most solemn part of our program, but it fitted in very well. The flags and plaque were purchased by the Ladies' Missionary Society and presented to the church by the vice-president, Mrs. F. Koenig.

The teachers of our Bible School were Mrs. J. Giesbrecht in charge of the Beginners' department, Mrs. Christ Erman in charge of the Primary department, and Rev. J. Giesbrecht in charge of the Juniors. Miss Hilda Reiser assisted Mrs. Giesbrecht with the Beginners. In appreciation of this work, the church presented the pastor and his wife with a special gift of money. We enrolled 35 children, 28 having perfect attendance.

John Giesbrecht, Pastor.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

The Diamond Jubilee of the Sebastopol Baptist Church of Ontario, Canada

On August 13 the Sebastopol Baptist Church of Ontario, Canada, celebrated its 75th anniversary. Since this is the oldest church of our denomination in the province of Ontario, all the neighboring churches, Arnprior, Calvary and First Baptist Churches and Lyndock, were invited to celebrate with the mother church.

The Rev. Theo. W. Dons, our denominational evangelist; Rev. A. Stelter,

Arnprior; Rev. C. Weisser, Killaloe; and Chaplain A. E. Jaster, a former pastor of the church, served as guest speakers. The choir of Arnprior as well as the local choir, quartets, soloists and duets all contributed to making the day a success. It was a time which will be often relived by those present.

As the complete record of the pioneer work of the early German settlers was not on hand, the names of the pastors who served this church can only be given. They are Reverends A. Helmrich, Vieler, Readman, Stumpf, Falkner, J. J. Waltermann, L. Glassen, Friedrich Witthun, Fritz Heineman, J. Baasner, H. Thiel, F. A. Bloedow, Ed. Kneisler, J. L. Schmidt, F. Falkenberg, A. E. Jaster, David Littke, and John Heer. The Rev. John Kuehn serves the church at present. The membership is 37.

August 20th proved to be a great climax to a successful week of revival meetings at the Sebastopol Church with Mr. Dons as evangelist. A baptismal service was held in God's beautiful out-of-doors in conjunction with the Lyndock Baptist Church, where meetings had been held the week previously. God had gloriously blessed the meetings in both churches. The inspiring and enlightening messages of Mr. Dons were a lasting blessing. The visiting evangelist preached the baptismal sermon based on Romans 6. Twenty persons were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. J. Kuehn.

J. Kuehn, Reporter.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Fourteen Young People Baptized at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kansas

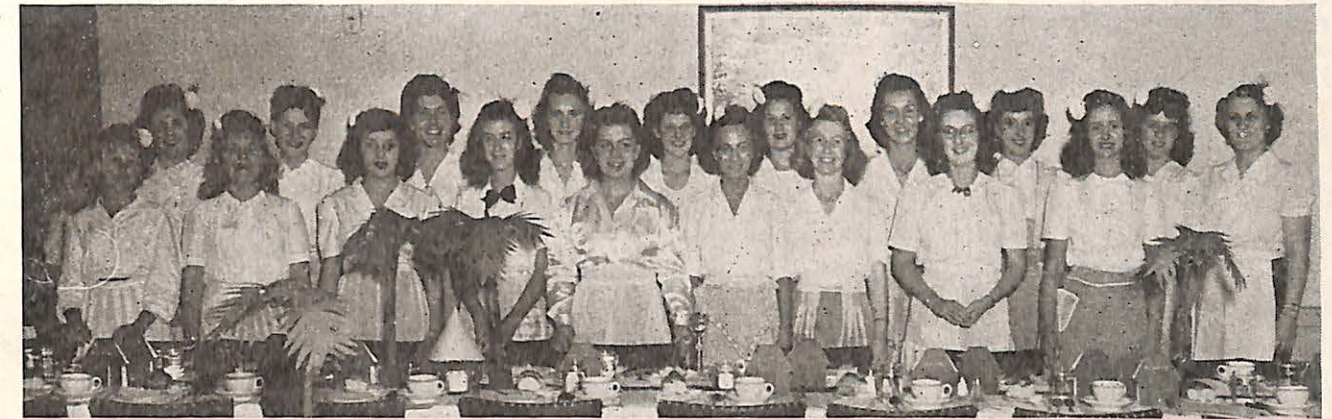
The Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, has some good news to report. On Sunday afternoon, July 23, our pastor, the Rev. J. J. Reimer, had the joy of baptizing 14 young people in a beautiful out-of-door service at the creek. We had a fine attendance even from our neighboring churches of those who stood upon a cement bridge overlooking the beautiful scene of baptism. The hand of fellowship was given to ten of these converts and three adults who were received by letter and testimony. Some of these young people found their Savior during the Vacation Bible School held a few weeks before. This brings into the church's fellowship three new families.

It was with deep regret that we bade our pastor, the Rev. J. J. Reimer, and his family farewell. Yet we also rejoice in that we feel that we have a part in this new San Luis Valley mission project were Mr. Reimer is now ministering to the Spanish-speaking people.

Farewell services were held on Sunday, August 13, with a fellowship dinner at noon in the church basement. In the evening our neighboring Methodist church attended for the final farewell service. The leaders of the various departments of the church expressed their regrets of their leaving us.

We pray that the Lord will soon supply us with another under-shepherd to lead us on to even greater victories.

Alvin Zeckser, Reporter.



Young Women of the Forest Park Baptist Church Who Served as Waitresses at the Central Conference Banquet, As Photographed by Mr. Herman Stenmund of Chicago

The Southwestern Conference at Marion, Kansas Responds to the Motto: "Revive Us Again"

Another milestone in the history of the Southwestern Conference has been passed, and the soul-stirring impressions gained are still lingering in our hearts and minds and are undergirding our spiritual life here in this world. These were most profitable days for delegates, guests and pastors uniting in worship and fellowship, and permitting the Lord to renew our zeal for a greater and more fruitful service in the days to come.

The conference convened this year from Aug. 2 to 6 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas. Upon arrival we all found a very warm welcome awaiting us not only by mother nature, but also by the open doors of the church, homes and hearts.

According to the conference text of 2 Chron. 7:14 and theme, "Revive Us Again," all sermons, addresses and reports were permeated in this convocation with a noble desire for a deeper consecration and dedication in the work of the Lord. Every phase of our Christian life was touched upon by the numerous speakers throughout these days, and a definite response to these various challenges were visible in concrete form of prayers, testimonies, resolutions and greater financial contributions.

The doctrinal sermon by the Rev. Ben Fadenrecht was not only a personal testimony of the speaker's belief in the redemptive power of the Holy Spirit, but also an inspiration and challenge to a deeper and more consecrated Christian life. The various messages and the denominational informative contributions during these conference days by the principal speaker, Prof. A. Husmann, were provocative, enlightening and were very well received. New missionary projects such as have been started by the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer among the Mexicans in the San Luis Valley of southeastern Colorado, and of Miss Ann Swain as the missionary worker among our conference constituency were gratefully accepted and endorsed.

The new officers of the conference are Rev. A. E. Reeh, moderator; Rev. L. H. Smith, recording secretary; Rev. Menno Harms, statistician; Rev. R. Vassel, orphanage representative; Rev. H. Pfeifer, mission secretary; Rev. Fred Klein, alternate.

A. E. Reeh, Reporter.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

"The Word of God Speaks" at the Central Conference in Forest Park, Illinois

God's blessing was abundantly evident at the Central Conference held with the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., from August 24 to 27. The entertaining church certainly had everything arranged for the comfort and joy of all who attended.

The general theme of the conference was: "The Word of God Speaks." We enjoyed having several of our denominational representatives, the Rev. George A. Lang, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Editor S. Blum, Dr. Charles W. Koller and others with us. The Rev. C. B. Nordland, pastor, welcomed the delegates and visitors to his church in his unique and friendly manner at the opening service. The Moderator of the conference, Mr. Fred Grosser, with his Christian grace and winsomeness proved himself master in leadership in all the business sessions of the conference. All the messages, starting with the keynote address on the opening night, centered around the conference theme, "The Word of God." The Forest Park church choir, the mass choir and several soloists were under the fine and able leadership of Mr. W. J. Krogman.

The Rev. G. A. Lang, president-elect of our Rochester Baptist Seminary, in his keynote address on the opening night, set the pace for the conference with his forceful message on, "The Word of God Speaks." That created an atmosphere in which God could really speak to our hearts during those days.

The church letters, read by the conference secretaries, brought much encouragement to our hearts. We praise God for the manifestation of his presence in our midst. The Rev. H. Hirsch brought a helpful message on, "The Word of God Speaks to the Church," and on Friday morning, "The Word of God Speaks to America," by the Rev. C. F. Zummach. The Rev. S. Blum spoke very fittingly on the subject, "The Word of God Speaks of a World to Come."

President C. W. Koller conducted a very helpful Pastor's Clinic on Friday afternoon and also brought a powerful message at the evening service. The

mission report from our General Secretary, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, challenged us to go forward to greater things with Christ. Sunday, the closing day of the conference, brought us to the mountain top with Christ. The Rev's. H. Hirsch and L. H. Broeker preached in the morning service. In the afternoon we had the young people's rally with the Rev. P. G. Neumann as principal speaker. At the closing service in the evening we had a Memorial Service, conducted by the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger. Miss Lydia Mihm gave a vocal solo. The Mass Choir, under the direction of Prof. G. Berndt, rendered three fine selections and Mr. Neumann brought a very heart searching message to the large audience.

A. G. Schlesinger, Reporter.

Annual Session of the Women's Missionary Union at the Central Conference

The Women's Missionary Union of the Central Conference observed its annual program with the Forest Park Baptist Church on Friday afternoon, Aug. 25.

The song service was conducted by Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel, and devotionals by Miss Hattie Moehlman. Words of welcome were brought by Mrs. Theo. W. Dons. The memorial service was led by Mrs. Wilcox. Roll call followed with 17 Unions present. Prayer was offered by Miss Brinkman. Words of welcome were given to the new ministers' wives by the president, Mrs. J. Schmidt.

The secretary's report was read. We have gained 71 new members. Twenty-two members are reported to have passed away during the last year and at present we have a membership of 934. The total income of these 23 Unions amounted to \$4843.35.

The Alpena Baptist Women's Union was awarded the banner this year, having 85 points with a membership of 38. The Conners Ave. Baptist Women's Union of Detroit was second with 60.4 points.

The officers remain the same as last year: Mrs. J. Schmidt, president; Mrs. F. A. Grosser, vice-president; Mrs. E. Gutsche, secretary; and Mrs. W. W. Knauf, treasurer. Mrs. Gordon Smith delivered an inspiring message about her work in French Indo-China. The offering was designated for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies and the Seminary Endowment Fund.

Mrs. E. Gutsche, Secretary.

Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. George Lang at Detroit, Michigan

A large congregation assembled on Tuesday, evening Aug. 29, at the farewell service given by the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., for the Rev. George A. Lang and family.

Appropriate gifts of remembrance were presented to both Mr. and Mrs. Lang by the various church organizations, whose representatives spoke words of appreciation for the faithful services they rendered and wished them God's blessing in their new venture at the Rochester Baptist Seminary.

The following pastors of our four conference churches in Detroit were present: Rev. Frank Armbruster of the Linden Church, Rev. Owen Miller of Bethel, Rev. Wm. Hoover of Connors Ave. and Rev. P. G. Neuman of Burns Ave. They spoke words of appreciation, farewell and encouragement. They also indicated that a definite work and future existed for our Seminary and pledged their prayers and cooperation to the new president.

The president of the Detroit Baptist Union, Mr. George Schott, was present and gave proper tribute to Mr. Lang for his faithful interest in the missionary projects of the city and the services performed as a vice-president in charge of evangelism, and also as chairman of the inter-racial committee.

Mr. Frank Koppin, our Senior deacon, spoke in behalf of the church and presented a substantial check. Although the many things said of his faithful ministry are not enumerated here, we are glad to state that during his six year pastorate very definite progress has been made through his leadership.

Shortly after his arrival at Ebenezer he suggested that we start a mission Sunday School. This was soon there after being established in one of the newer residential sections of the city. Lots were purchased in this new locality for our future church site. Mr. Lang set a \$25,000 building fund goal to be subscribed at our annual Thanksgiving Day festival in 1941. We praise God that at the present time sufficient funds have accumulated to assure the immediate construction of a church edifice whenever the critical materials required are available. All detail architectural plans are complete for the new building project.

We praise God for past attainments. Our prayers will continue in behalf of our former pastor and his good wife, also for their two splendid Christian boys, George and Harold.

E. F. Strauss, Reporter.

Great Young People's Rally for Several Michigan Churches at the Beaver Church

Sunday, August 13, was a very blessed day for some 250 young people and friends who gathered at the Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan for Rally Day. Guests came from Alpena, Lansing, Gladwin, and Detroit, Mich., as well as Rochester, N. Y. We were very fortunate and most happy to have Professor O. E. Krueger of the Seminary with us and he brought two very inspiring messages. The evening message entitled,

"FOR JESUS' SAKE"

Motto of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union for 1944-1946

Bible Text:

"Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" Colossians 3:17

Theme Song:

"Something for Jesus"
("Mein Jesu, gabst du denn"—
German)

Copies of the theme song either in English or German are available free in any quantities by writing to Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, and making definite requests.

"The Things That Belong to God," was a special challenge to young people to give not only material things to God, but to give themselves entirely and unreservedly to him to be used in his service.

It was a privilege to have Mr. Earl Abel, a student of the Rochester Seminary, also present. He directed a mass choir of about 60 people from the five churches represented and the result was a great volume of beautiful harmony which fairly echoed throughout the countryside.

The morning service consisted of many interesting things. The Lansing choir under the direction of Reinhold Kwast presented two very appropriate numbers. Donald Witt of Detroit played a violin solo, and Mrs. Carl Witt sang "Jesus, Rose of Sharon" accompanied at the piano by her son, Carl. A special prayer for Service Men was offered by Rev. H. H. Riffel of Lansing. The morning offering was designated as a special missionary offering. Each church received credit for the amount given by its members and the entire offering, which amounted to \$249.15, has been designated for the Medical Unit which is a project of the Central Conference.

The afternoon was spent in recreation planned by the Alpena young people and a business session which resulted in the formation of a permanent five church union including Alpena, Gladwin, Lansing, Beaver, and the Linden Church of Detroit. The following officers were

Annual Bazaar at the Chicago Home for the Aged on October 19

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Missionary Societies of our Baptist Churches of Chicago, Ill., and vicinity for the benefit of the Western Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago will be held on Thursday, October 19, at the Home, 1851 No. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

The hearty cooperation of all interested friends in the form of financial or material gifts is solicited. They may be delivered personally or sent by mail. Luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock noon for a nominal price.

Mrs. Julia W. Deutschman,
Secretary

elected: president, Marguerite Pietz; vice-president, Reinhold Braun; secretary, Jane Enroth; treasurer, Roena McPherson; dean, Rev. Gideon Zimmerman. This union is in full cooperation with the Central Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. It is our objective in organizing this union to be of greater aid in promoting the purposes and objectives of the Central Conference and National Young People's and S. S. Workers' Unions.

The evening service brought to a close a beautiful day of great joy and special blessings. Miss June Pekrul of Lansing sang the ever memorable "Lord's Prayer." The chorus and testimonial service led by Mrs. Teichert of Detroit presented a wonderful opportunity to express the joys of the Christian life. The book, "The Robe," was presented to the Lansing young people for the greatest number of people present.

Ruth Majeske, Reporter.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Vacation Bible School of the Cottonwood Church of Texas Attracts 165 Children

From August 9 to 16 the Cottonwood Baptist Sunday School near Lorena, Texas, held its Vacation Bible School. We had an enrollment of 165 children with an average attendance of 126. The Beginners were taught by Mrs. Louis Wedemeyer assisted by Mrs. Arnold Laughlin; the Primary department by Mrs. W. B. Marsteller assisted by Mrs. Charles Hansen; the Juniors by Mrs. Herbert Ekert assisted by Mrs. Melvin Krause; and the Intermediates by Mrs. Howel Lynn assisted by Mr. Ernest Gummelt. Miss Lorraine Gummelt served as pianist and Mrs. H. Wittner, assistant principal, was at all times ready to help.

Class periods were followed by a thirty minute work period which consisted of woodcraft for the boys and handwork for the girls. The boys, assisted by Messrs. W. B. Marsteller, L. W. Wedemeyer and E. Henkel, built two beautiful hardwood tables and envelope holders. The attractive "bunnie aprons" and shoe bags were made by our Junior and Intermediate girls under the able supervision of Mrs. E. Gummelt. The Brotherhood of our church donated \$30.91 for the refreshments.

Each morning at the close of our art class Mrs. Ted Nehring, our faithful principal, led us in our class exercises which consisted of choruses and scripture verses given by the school.

This was followed by an evangelistic service under the loyal supervision of our evangelist, Rev. W. O. Wright of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Dallas. There were 11 conversions to which God richly blessed our untiring efforts. As a token of our love and appreciation we gave Mr. Wright a love gift. We are also thankful to our pastor, the Rev. C. H. Seecamp, who served so willingly in every way possible.

On Sunday, August 20, our assembly program was given. Each class gave a demonstration of the work they had done and the diplomas were presented.

Doris Ann Gummelt, Secretary.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Record-Breaking Assembly of the Oregon Baptist League at Camp Arrah Wanna

During the week, Aug. 20 to 27, the 14th assembly of the Oregon Baptist League took place at Camp Arrah Wanna, approximately 42 miles east of Portland.

Buses transported the eager groups to the camp, which is so beautifully situated among the towering firs of God's creation. The spacious lodge served as our main stay, where we enjoyed our meals and also had the majority of our sessions and services. Some of the classes were held in the cabins and at the chapel.

This year those of Junior and Junior High ages were also encouraged to attend the assembly. A Bible memory course was outlined for them. In this way they could earn part of the charge. Their response was very good, which gave us a record-breaking daily attendance of 130 this year. We also had the privilege of having some young people join us from Tacoma, Wash.

Edwin Rocks, president, Dr. J. F. Olthoff, dean, and Eileen Riemer, music director, deserve much credit for the success of the assembly. The morning devotions, led by the young people of the different churches, were good beginnings for each new day. Two forty-five minute class periods followed.

Mrs. Margaret Kuper was the teacher of the Junior group. They studied "Missionary Heroes" and had as a project "God's Clock of the Ages." Mrs. Jennie Hoelzer was in charge of the Junior High group. Their studies were "The Parables" and "Missionary Journeys." During open forum the above-mentioned groups did handwork.

The Senior High group had as their subjects, "Privileges of Christian Youth," taught by Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, and "Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow," taught by Rev. Walter C. Damrau, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church at Tacoma, Wash. "The Deeper Spiritual Life" taught by Mr. Damrau and "The Teacher in Partnership with God," by Mr. Leuschner, were the topics of the young people's group. During open forum various questions of general interest were discussed.

Rev. Leland Friesen was the recreational director. Mr. Gilbert Schneider, a recent graduate of our seminary, assisted him. We eagerly took part in the planned activities such as football, horse-shoe, volleyball, hiking, swimming, etc. The evening programs included "a get-acquainted party," stunt night, wiener roast, pictures of our denomination and Oregon history, and a drama presented by Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Buker, missionaries from Burma.

Each evening before retiring short meditations were led by Rev. Frank Friesen, Dr. John Leyboldt, Evangelist Roy Brown, and on Saturday evening Rev. W. C. Damrau was in charge of the consecration service. Many were the blessings received during the week. Our hearts especially rejoice with the three that accepted Christ as their Savior and also with the fourteen who yielded their



Some of the Many Young People and Teachers in Attendance at the Record-breaking Assembly of the Oregon Youth League at Camp Arrah Wanna Near Mt. Hood

lives to full-time service for the Lord.

"For Jesus Sake" was our assembly theme. In connection with this we also want to remember the Bible verse that Mr. Leuschner used at the opening service, Colossians 3:17: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Viola Schrenk, Secretary.

with her Savior whom she loved and served.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, 3 daughters, one son, 4 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, one sister and relatives and a host of friends. Mrs. Hecht loved her Lord and the fellowship of God's people. The Rev's. P. A. Friedrichsen, J. A. Pankratz and P. Lindstrom also took part in the funeral services.

Immanuel Baptist Church,
Chicago, Ill.

A. G. SCHLESINGER, Pastor.

:: OBITUARY ::

MR. FRED NIEPHAUS of Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Mr. Fred Niephaus was born on September 4, 1867 in the town of Kossuth, Wis., and resided on a farm there until nine years ago when he moved to the city of Manitowoc. At the age of 14, he definitely accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his own personal Savior. Thereupon, he was baptized by the Rev. John Miller and was received into the fellowship of the Kossuth Baptist Church on May 8, 1881. He was married to Louisa Rohrbach on December 18, 1890, who preceded him in death last November.

At a very early age Mr. Niephaus became active as a faithful servant of Christ. At the age of 11 he began to play the organ and became the first organist of the Kossuth Church. He served in this capacity for 40 years. Besides playing in the Kossuth Church, he also played for the services of the Baptist Church which was then located in the city and occasionally went to Algoma where Mr. Miller also preached. In addition to his faithful service as organist, he directed the choir, served as deacon for 23 years, often supplied the pulpit when the church was pastorless and was always about the heavenly Father's business.

Surviving him are two children, Mrs. August Ahlsweide, and Edwin Niephaus, both of Manitowoc; and one brother, Henry, whose home is in St. Joseph, Michigan; and three grandchildren.

First Baptist Church,
Manitowoc, Wis.

Rev. LAWRENCE E. WEGNER,
Pastor.

MRS. HELENA HECHT of Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Helena Hecht, nee Martens, was born in Anklam, Germany, on Aug. 21, 1870. As a young girl she came with her parents to America. At the age of 14 she was converted to God and received into the fellowship of the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., and later she became a charter member of the Immanuel Church, to which she remained faithful until her death.

In 1892 she was united in marriage to William Hecht. Five children were born to them, of whom one died in childhood. On Aug. 13, 1944, Mrs. Hecht died of a heart attack. She is now at home

The Unfinished Symphony

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all. Eternal life is a melody and a very present possession here and now. A life that is transient cannot help but be transient and unharmonious forever. Eternal Life is eternal now, and tomorrow, and evermore. It is divine music in the present tense.

"This is Life Eternal," says the New Testament. "To know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." It was to master this theme, this divinest of all symphonies, that we were created every one.

For this reason alone are our lives and our symphonies unfinished. But they shall be completed by greater skill than our own, promises the Christian faith; each in his own way, according as the Master calls, and according to the harmony of our own answers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Netting of the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., Report About Their Grandson

On June 26th we received word that our grandson, Conrad John Netting, III, was missing over France. He was a pilot of a P51B, a Mustang plane, being the only occupant of this type of plane, escorting fighting bombers and doing the navigating and fighting at the same time. These planes have a speed of over 425 miles per hour.

We have heard no more about our grandson since then and hope he is a prisoner of war and still living. On July 16th we received a wire from San Antonio, Texas, where his wife is living, that Conrad John Netting, IV, was born that same morning. Our grandson was so sure that the baby was going to be a boy that back in April, 1944 he had named his plane Conjon IV and painted the name in large letters on the plane.

Secretary J. C. Gunst

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Council's original nominees, must be God's man for the position. Then, upon representation of the proposed appointment of Mr. Gunst as the new General Secretary, the thirty-two members of the Union's Council (now consisting of the nine conference representatives and all state or sectional Union presidents) promptly gave their unanimous approval. At the same time the appointment was ratified by the General Council of the denomination.

A most joyous feeling of relief was experienced by the members of the executive committee when Brother Gunst, convinced that this new work must be God's plan for his life, officially accepted the appointment. A recent personal conference with the incoming and retiring secretaries has given the writer added assurance that a wise choice has been made and that great days of further progress await our Union and its entire constituency under the consecrated leadership of Rev. J. C. Gunst.

THE APPOINTMENT OF REV. J. C. GUNST AS YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY

By MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER

The Rev. J. C. Gunst has been prominent in young people's activities. For 9 years he has served as dean of our Northern and Central Dakota assemblies. On various occasions he has been a popular instructor at these gatherings. For almost four years he has been the chairman of the Christian Leadership Training project of the Dakota Conference. He is widely known among the young people for his gracious personality, his youthful winsomeness and his spiritual leadership.

Mr. Gunst is well acquainted with our denominational enterprise. He was converted at Medina, South Dak., baptized by the Rev. J. J. Lippert, and received in the Baptist Church there. For seven years he studied at our Rochester Baptist Seminary, being graduated in the class 1937. In 1935 and 1936 he spent summer pastorates in Eureka, South Dakota. From 1937 to 1942 he served as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota, where the church made remarkable forward strides during his pastorate. He also attended the University of North Dakota at that time. Since 1942 he has been the beloved pastor of the Baptist Church of Wishek, North Dakota.

Mr. Gunst will begin his ministry as young people's secretary on October 1st. Out of the fullness of his experiences, he will launch out on a program of challenging leadership in the interests of our young people and Sunday Schools. He will endeavor to visit as many groups as possible and to promote the work of God's Kingdom with cheerful and energetic spirit.

He is married to the former Miss Irene Pepple of St. Paul, Minnesota, and they have two children, Sara Lou and Victor James.

What's Happening

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young married people. On Sept. 21 the All-City Young People's banquet was held in the Immanuel Church with the Misses Artas and Arlene Woodrich in charge of local arrangements. The Sunday School Rally and Harvest Festival program was held on Sept. 24 with Mr. Gilbert Luhrs, general superintendent, in charge. The Rev. Fred Lower is the pastor.

● The Rev. and Mrs. R. Schilke of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada have announced the arrival of a boy, Clifford Harold in their home, who was born to them on August 31st. On August 26th a son was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga of Milwaukee, Wis., who has been named James Frank. This is their second son. Mr. Veninga is pastor of Milwaukee's Bethany Baptist Church. It has also been announced by the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Walterreit of Fenwood, Saskatchewan that a baby girl was born to them on August 30th, weighing nine pounds. She has been named Ruth Helen.

● At a quarterly business meeting of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., held on September 13, it was unanimously decided that the treasurer of the church draw a check for \$1,500 for the Rochester Seminary Endowment Fund, and the hope was expressed by many members attending this quarterly business meeting that individual donations to the Endowment Fund may amount to an equal sum so that a total of \$3,000 may be contributed by the church and its members. Dr. Trudel is a deacon of the Church and Mr. F. W. Godtfriing an honorary deacon.

● On August 22, and 29, respectively, the "Helping Hand Class" of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., arranged two silver wedding surprise parties for two celebrating couples, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Baer and Mr. and Mrs. John Rennaux. Congratulatory speeches were made by the president of the class, Mrs. G. Appelget; the teacher of the class, Mrs. J. Stubenrauch; the pastor, the Rev. E. Gutsche, and by individual friends of the couple. Various gifts were presented, including the traditional silver dollars, which are still obtainable in Michigan for such occasions.

● A Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks from Aug. 21 to Sept. 1 at the Portland Ave. Baptist Chapel (formerly Salishan Chapel) of Tacoma, Washington, with an enrollment of 42 children. The Rev. Virgil R. Savage, director, was assisted by Mrs. Harry Carver and Miss Ruth Hartung as teachers. Closing exercises were held on Friday evening, Sept. 1. On the following Sunday a total of 73 were registered in the Sunday School classes. A Week Day Bible Club has been organized to meet once a week on Thursday afternoons for a study of the gospel according to John. The Rev. W. C. Damrau is pastor of the Calvary Church.

Do You Know That...?

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

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Prof. O. E. Krueger, former pastor of our Oak St. Church in Burlington, Iowa, distributed more than 100 letters written to him 26 years ago during the First World War. These letters were returned to these World War I veterans when the Professor visited recently in Burlington. Talk about surprises!

There are two kinds of fishermen, those who fish for sport and those who catch something.

More than 100 students are enrolled for the newly-created Theology School to be opened in Moscow, Russia, during September. Seems like the Russians no longer feel that religion is an opiate!

A swelled head, like an inflated balloon, is of no use on earth.

The editor of this column received three letters from a soldier in France—each letter written in a different month—and each letter written in an orchard. It may be that France is all orchards!

A golfer is a person who can drive anywhere and in any traffic at a high rate of speed, but blows up on a two-foot putt if somebody coughs.

There were 2,800 church fires resulting in a loss of \$5,100,000 worth of property in the United States in the year 1942.

It was said of one man that he was so stingy that when the boys gave three cheers, he gave only two.

Dr. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, sent an appeal to the Dumbarton Oaks Conference to give attention to religious liberty immediately.

When a boy marries, two opinions prevail in the house he is leaving: his mother thinks he is throwing himself away, and his sisters think the girl is.

Negro Baptists are worshipping in a deserted Buddhist Temple in the City of Los Angeles, California.

Personally we aren't superstitious, but when we are crossing a railroad track we think it is a bad sign to see a train coming.

John Charles Thomas is a minister's son who began his singing in revival meetings and even now prays before every broadcast.

She was a woman of few words, but often!

Northern Baptists need 600 new ministers each year to replenish the ranks, yet all the seminaries combined are graduating but 400 each year.

In Denver, Colorado, a young matriarch shelled peas in a jammed street-car; dropped the pods quietly on the floor.

The Ford Motor Plant conducts religious services for both day and night shifts each week.

Cigarette consumption is up 58.7 per cent thus far in 1944!

A Negro recently threw a one-pound weight at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia and as the note rang out he cried, "Liberty—where is it?"