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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● From July 3 to 14 a Vacation Bible School was conducted at the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada with classes held daily from 9 to 12 o'clock. A regular attendance of 50 pupils brightened the hearts of the five teachers serving on the staff. This was the second successive year for the Vacation Bible School. The Rev. Carl Weisser, pastor, took a prominent part in the work of the school.

● At the annual business meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of Neustadt, Ontario, Canada the following new officers were elected: president, George Derbecker; vice-president, Rodney Helwig; secretary, Dolores Helwig; assistant secretary, Marie Hahn; treasurer, Howard Helwig; assistant treasurer, Homer Helwig; pianists, Marion Derbecker and Lynn Helwig, Jr.; librarians, Vera Howard and Erma Hahn.

● Mr. Raymond Dickau of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, a graduate of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, spent the past summer months serving as pastor of the Baptist Churches of Esk and Janzen, Saskatchewan. His ministry was accompanied by many blessings for the churches and for himself.

● The Mission Circle of the Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., reports an enrollment of 18 members. During the past year 12 sick calls were made. The women are sending Christian literature to all of the church's young people in the Service. They also participate in many of the church's activities. The Rev. Ben Zimmermann is the new pastor of the church.

The Rev. and Mrs. John P. Epp of the Baptist Church of Chancellor, So. Dak., conducted a Vacation Bible School at Tea, So. Dak., from July 24 to 28 with 30 children in attendance. A number of these boys and girls made their confession of Christ as Savior. The Rev. Ray Allen of Worthing, So. Dak., also assisted. This was the second consecutive year for a Vacation Bible School in this community.

● The Rev. H. W. Wedel of Victor, Iowa presented his resignation to the Baptist Church of Victor on Sunday, July 30, because of ill health. Mr. Wedel reports: "I have found a group of loyal Christians here at Victor who have helped to make my last years in the ministry very happy ones." The Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Wedel did not state where they will reside in their retirement following the close of their active ministry in the Victory church.

● On Sundays, August 20 and 27, the Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois

had the privilege of hearing Chaplains Virgil P. Hulse and Janzen from Scott Field during the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Charles F. Zummach, from the pulpit. On August 8 the annual "Homecoming Day" was held at Hudson Home in Centralia, Ill., where Mr. Zummach is also the acting superintendent. The family night and business meeting of the Trenton church on July 26 had almost 100 per cent attendance.



Sailor Walter O. Diedrich, Son of Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Mittelstedt of Los Angeles, Calif., in front of the Second Church of Union City, N. J.

Sailor Diedrich took his boat training at Newport, R. I.; then went to the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Memphis, Tenn.; became an instructor at Solomons, Md.; later moved to the U. S. Submarine Base at New London, Conn.; and is now at the Mine Depot in Yorktown, Virginia.

● The interim pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., is Mr. John F. Crouthamel, Jr., who has also directed the church's music during the past six months on a practical work assignment from Eastern Theological Seminary. A Vacation Bible School was held in July with closing exercises on Sunday, July 30, at which almost 150 people were present. Mr. Crouthamel wrote: "I am certain that it is a place of abundant opportunity if we are careful to let God lead each step of the path ahead."

● The 50th anniversary of the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa was held on August 20 and 21 with the pastor, the Rev. L. F. Church, in charge of the festivities. Anniversary messages were brought by the Reverends Jacob Jordan, O. W. Brenner of George, Iowa, Peter Geissler of Avon, South Dakota, John W. Walkup of St. Paul, Minn., Carl Sentman and Kenneth Mead of Iowa. Visiting pastors also related interesting incidents

from their former ministry in the church. Five well attended services were held during these two days in the church.

● Mrs. F. Mindrup, the widow of one of our well known pastors, who died some time ago, is living with her son and his wife at 4400 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn. Her son has been in the Armed Forces for the past two years. Mrs. Mindrup writes that she is a regular reader of "The Baptist Herald" and enjoys it very much. She sends greetings to her many friends everywhere. She also wrote: "I have read and heard that in some places young people group themselves together for prayer, and that they have yielded their lives to Jesus and want to live the separated life. O, how my heart rejoices to know this!"

● After September 4th the address of the Rev. F. W. Bartel will be 822 Wisconsin Ave., St. Joseph, Mich. In July and August Mr. Bartel participated in the Northern Conference at Edmonton, Alberta and conducted evangelistic meetings at Carbon, Trochu and Camrose, Alberta. On Sept. 3 Miss Mildred Bartel, the younger daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Bartel, will be graduated from the Trinity School of Nursing at Jamestown, N. Dak. She has been an honor student through the past three years and recently was offered a \$1600 fellowship for two years at St. Louis University School of Nursing.

● Miss Mildred Voth and Mr. Gilbert Schneider, both members of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon, were married at a service in the Salt Creek Church on Friday evening, August 18, with Dr. John Leypoldt of Oregon officiating. Mr. Schneider is a graduate of the Rochester Baptist Seminary in the class of 1944 and hopes to continue his studies this fall at the University of Rochester. The former Miss Mildred Voth is a graduate nurse who has had considerable experience in her profession. Both of them have announced that they felt God's call as missionaries to the Cameroons and are awaiting his further guidance.

● An unusual radio broadcast can be heard on Saturday evenings at 10.30 P. M. (Central War Time) over Station K X E L (1540 kilocycles) in Waterloo, Iowa. It is called, "This Is Life", an informal Christian program, presenting gems of truth from the Bible and from the writing pen of Paul Hutchens, nationally known novelist, author of "The Sugar Creek Gang" books, and frequent contributor to "The Baptist Herald." The program is of a quiet, restful type with lovely music and new inspirational material. The Waterloo station can be heard quite clearly in much of Southern Canada and in both the east and west of the United States.

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Coming!

SPIRITUAL WASHING

The Rev. John Wobig, pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., has contributed a heart-searching sermon on an unusual text which will minister with great blessing to all "Baptist Herald" readers in the next issue.

THE JOB, THE TOOLS AND THE MAN

For the Rally Day season of the Sunday School and the opening of the Fall program of the Church, the Rev. C. C. Gossen of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas has prepared a timely message which will impart much inspiration to those who carry out its practical suggestions.

WE SPEAK FOR THE SEMINARY

About nine ministers and an equal number of laymen will write briefly on what the Rochester Baptist Seminary has meant to them and what its significance ought to be for our churches. These testimonies in behalf of the Seminary Endowment Fund are to be edited by promotional director of the campaign, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner.

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Think on These Things!

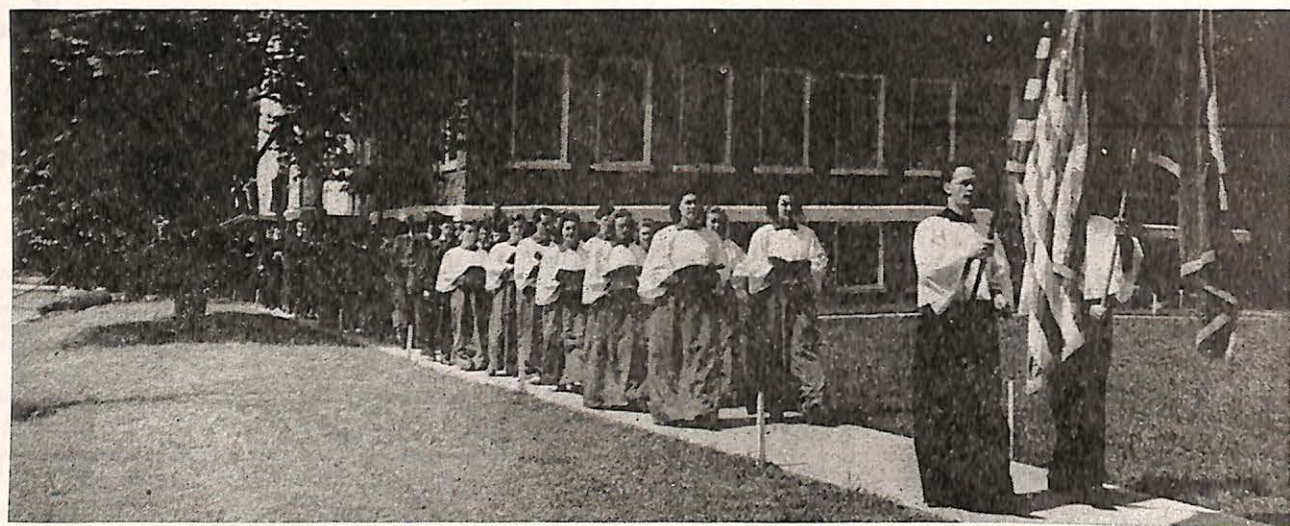
ONE of the major tasks of education is to arouse an eagerness for learning and to impart a technique for living whereby the individual can make his life count for most in his days upon this earth. For this important purpose, the fires of ambition need to be set aglow. Horizons of mental outlook must be broadened. Training must be the order of the day. The wheels of the mind must be set in motion until intelligent reading and study have filled that life with the treasures of wisdom.

Christianity and education ought never to be in conflict with each other. The Christian Church founded the first colleges and universities. The Protestant Church has always emphasized the God-given privilege of reading and interpreting the Bible for ourselves which presupposes the ability to read and to understand what we have read. Christian missions have established schools wherever they have been, from which streams of native leaders have gone forth to bless these lands. All of this in keeping with the words of the apostle Paul: "Whatsoever things are lovely and true and of good report . . . think on these things!"

It is not a very bright picture when we review our churches in general and see the way in which education is often discounted and discouraged by elders in the lives of our young people. Farms and factories often take precedence over the school with all of its possibilities for a full orb'd life of usefulness. There is a tremendous responsibility involved in this, when for the sake of money and getting rich quickly, we lose sight of equipping and training ourselves for the greatest possible effectiveness in the service of the King!

As is pointed out in several timely and provocative articles in this issue of "The Baptist Herald", the fault lies not in the process of education but in the type and spirit of schools which have developed through the years. There are still wonderful Christian schools to which our young people can go. We must also bring our influence to bear to make other schools Christian in teaching and spirit.

But this basic fact remains. Protestant Christianity has given birth to the present day emphasis on education. The open Bible and a literate, intelligent people run parallel to each other. God has placed the responsibility upon all of us to prepare and equip ourselves for the greatest useful ministry in behalf of his Kingdom. To be satisfied with less than that is to sin in the sight of God. In the reading of this issue of "The Herald", think on these things!



Commencement Procession by Students on the Campus of Bob Jones College, a Well Known Christian School at Cleveland, Tennessee.

The World's Greatest Need of Today

A Chapel Message Delivered by Dr. ALFRED A. CIERPKE
at Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn.

IN SCOTLAND they tell the story of a resolution passed by a town council. First, they decided to build a new jail. Secondly they resolved to use the materials of the old jail to build the new one. So far it is plain enough. But, third they voted to keep the old jail going until the new one was ready to be used. This may be only a bit of trite humor, but it describes exactly the plight in which we are and the problem before us in building a new world.

If the question were asked, "What is our greatest need today?" three answers would probably be given a thousand times over. First, we need a better world; second, we need a Christian education; and third, we need a God-given revival.

A Better World

We all honor the great Reformer, Martin Luther, one of the greatest men of religious history. But we do not quite understand him when he said: "Let's go afishing a little while, and let God attend the world." With these words he avoided "the anxiety complex."

George Eliot said: "Every great emotion creates its own world and has its own conscience." That is quite literally true, but it lacks the spirit of responsibility toward one's neighbor. Gandhi would employ no force; Hitler used only force. They are the opposite ends of a vast tragedy. It is the falsehood of extremes in building a new world. "With firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right," prayed Lincoln. He did not live with a closed mind, but was watching the world in the gleam of God.

"Give me America, and have the rest of the world!" said a friend of mine to me in California. And I must confess that I felt the same way. But I know now that we both are wrong.

We cannot live in isolation from the rest of the world. We have a responsibility toward our fellowmen.

A Lost World

The need which I believe to be the greatest of today is a twofold one. First, we need a new vision of a lost world. Immediately some people will cry out: "Pessimism!" Oh no, it is simply the sensible procedure of facing a biblical fact. There are issues in life which must be faced squarely, and this is one of them.

"But," someone will say, "is not the world getting better? Look at the wonderful achievements of man!" Indeed, man has achieved some wonderful things in the realm of science and invention, but note how these operate today for man's own destruction! No one knows this so well as the young people of the world, the young men of America, who are giving their lives for a better world to come.

If you do not believe it, then follow the judgment of the Bible, which says that we live in a lost world. This world is doomed to destruction because of sin, the power behind all the destruction. Can it be that we fail to understand that four-letter word: LOST? The Lord Jesus himself said: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" No greater tragedy than this could befall a man.

This leads me to the second phase of our greatest need of today. It is

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the need of a new vision of God. The Bible tells us that we can only see God in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ alone gives the vision of a new world. But we cannot have a new world without having new people. But about this point we shall have more to say later, when we speak about a God-given revival.

A Christian Education

This is our second great need of today. Speaking about the word, "education", we remember that it comes from the Latin word, "educ", or "educatum", and has the meaning, "to lead forth," "to inform", and "to enlighten the understanding."

Speaking of enlightenment reminds me about what happened in a theological seminary. One of our professors told us that one of his former students got so nervous when taking an examination that at first he did not know what to do with him. One day the student got a number of questions, but he could not remember a single answer. Instead he wrote under a tombstone the words: "Here lies my memory. It's buried. I'm waiting for the resurrection."

Our professor knew this fellow. Later he took this student into his office and had a profound talk with him for over an hour. When the student went, the professor said to him: "Bill, congratulations! You have passed. You just answered all the questions." Bill was unaware of it but he had passed!

Speaking about "Christian Education", we remember what Dr. Wm. F. Kraushaar, president of Texas Lutheran College has said in a recent issue of "Christian Education." "Our present secularistic, relativistic and materialistic education has left youth, now called to defend our ideals, barren and empty. Educators everywhere are searching for a synthesis in higher

education, a new comprehensive 'Weltanschauung', a new world view. Secularism made this search necessary, but has no solution to offer."

The Christian College

Dr. Kraushaar's conclusion is that "we must come back to the *Christian College*." Said he: "We believe that religious faith will furnish the inspiration for even greater educational achievements in the future. In the face of the present national and international situation, this is our only hope."

We agree wholeheartedly and think of the following distinguishing marks of a Christian College, as Dr. L. L. Carpenter sees it in his recent book, "A Survey of Religious Education", namely 1, a Christian aim or objective; 2, a Christian viewpoint of philosophy; 3, a Christian spirit, atmosphere and life; 4, a Christian program; and 5, a Christian product.

Education alone can only remove ignorance. But this is not the best preparation for the struggles of life to go to school or to college in order to remove ignorance.

Education must go hand in hand with regeneration. Only in a Christian College can you grow spiritually — to a real manhood in Christ Jesus. Paul said: "I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord . . . that I may know him" (Phil. 3:8).

And our Lord says: "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). Christology, the knowledge about Christ, is the heart of our Christian education. May we all help to make a better world by Christian education!

A God-Given Revival

The greatest need of our time is a God-given revival. Only a God-given revival will bring about a better world. And only a God-given revival will bless our time with a Christian education.

In my student days at the Hamburg Theological Seminary in Germany, I was greatly influenced by the biography of Dr. John R. Mott, the great missionary among the youth of the world. What a passion for souls this man of God has! And since coming here to America, I have read the book, "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation," which was written by Dr. Mott before I was born. Think of it, before you were born, before I was born, God had faithful servants who were eager to go out and evangelize this sinful world in one generation! Before we were born, God had obedient servants who heard God's call: "Who will be my servant? Whom shall I send?" Dr. Mott was one of the disciples who answered: "Lord, here am I, send me!"

The greatest commission ever given to the disciples still stands: "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations." It is a commandment of the Lord for you and for me to be obeyed by both of us. "Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth," said

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Professor Alfred A. Cierpke at His Office Desk at Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn.

UNITED CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE MEETS AT LAKESIDE, OHIO

By MR. CARL KIELISCH
of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., and Baptist Delegate from Wisconsin to the Conference

Christian young people from all parts of the world gathered at Lakeside on Lake Erie, Lakeside, Ohio on June 27th for seven inspiring days. These young people were all delegates to the convention of the United Christian Youth Movement.

The U. C. Y. M. is a concerted effort of the Protestant youth agencies of North America to unite young people in a common program emphasis. Its theme is "Christian Youth Building a New World."

Forty-two Protestant denominations, thirty-one state councils of churches, and twelve interdenominational agencies comprise the United Christian Youth Movement. The total young people served by the combined efforts of these agencies number ten million.

This latest conference brought together representatives from all these cooperating agencies to make plans for their united emphases. Thus, the participants became enriched by an exchange of ideas centered around a unity of purpose. Their work has resulted in a number of projects such as the calling of all youth groups to observe World Order Sunday, which is the first Sunday after Armistice Day.

Through the U. C. Y. M. the agencies prepare material which appeals to all. A similar enterprise is planned for Youth Week. Another important move was the continuation of a committee whose duty was the preparation of material for the many youth groups across the country which unite in Easter sunrise services.

The influence of this conference has also led to the establishment of a United Christian Youth Front, whose purpose is to secure better government in our nation.

The greatest impression of this conference was made by the realization that, in the midst of a raging world,

Christian youth can remain calm and prepare to hasten the coming of God's Kingdom on Earth.

NORTHERN BAPTIST YOUTH CONFERENCE MEETS AT LAWSONIA, WIS.

By MISS EUNICE WAGNER
of Milwaukee, Wis., a Member of the Immanuel Baptist Church

The Northern Baptist Youth Conference for students, area and local leaders of the Baptist Youth Fellowship was held at Lawsonia, Wisconsin from June 20 to 27. The conference was largely attended, and the training program of worship, study, fellowship, and recreation brought the young people closer together and helped them to understand the kind of world in which they live and realize the part which they have to play as leaders.

Prof. W. W. Adams of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., gave a Biblical exposition each morning. Dr. Herbert Gezork of Andover Newton Theological School spoke on the four subjects, "The Church and the Quest for a Lasting Peace, for Racial Brotherhood, Economic Justice, and for a New Sex Morality." Vesper services were conducted by Gene Barlett each evening. Charles Boddie lead the singing throughout the conference and a fine choir was organized.

Each day two periods were devoted to group discussion on "Our Christian Work" or "How to Organize for Worship and for Christian Action." Many pastors and directors of Christian education spoke to the entire group among whom were Luther Wesley Smith, Elam J. Anderson, Earl Adams, B. F. Mays, Charles Wells, and Richard Hoiland.

Inauguration Day took place on June 22, and the inaugural address was given by Dr. Welden M. Wilson, pastor of the North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

Representatives were present from all parts of the U. S. and a fine training in Christian leadership and a wonderful fellowship were maintained throughout the entire week.

The Other Side of Christ's Commission

By the Rev. W. J. LUEBECK of Ashley, North Dakota

word: "Thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people", and verse 8: "If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from the way I will require his blood at thine hand." We will reach them, not only by preaching and teaching, but also by the way of love. There is "the way of love" to which even the most wicked one is open. Love changes minds.

Then there is the world of the *unconcerned and ignorant*, men who are taught by their fellow-men not to pay too much attention to any kind of religion. These are the men of whom God said, as of the people of Nineveh, "wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand." Nineveh was not regarded as a far-away island but as a chief city in the world's heart at that time. Nevertheless, the Lord said to Jonah, "Arise, go to Nineveh and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee." So our duty is to preach the gospel to these ignorant ones at all cost.

Then there is the world of the *learned*, of whom we seldom think. They are considered as those who have the power and wealth, those we have to obey. But Paul received the special message in Romans 1:14, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise."

On the contrary, we generally believe that the gospel is for the unwise, and we take it for granted that the wise know the gospel, only that they do not wish to change their minds. But that is not true. In spiritual things they are kept in darkness as well as all the others. But on the other hand, what benefit could we gain in reaching them? We would have those on our side who are the key men in this world. The whole philosophy would be a great deal more christianized. Doors would be opened. A Christian governor would lead his state with different tendencies. Instead of being oppressed we would have a greater freedom of influence.

The Particular Task

Christ's commission is "to go" and "to preach". In general, many think that this is quite easy. They start out and preach what they believe is right to say. It seems that the apostles have given us this pattern. They went from village to village and preached the message, which they had in their minds and hearts. But we overlook the fact that they were with Jesus for three years and that, before being sent by Jesus, he dismissed them with a blessing giving to them a special guidance in the Holy Ghost and the power to heal the sick.

So we cannot copy their example without further contemplation. As the disciples were in the school of Jesus, we also have to study the Scripture and make the experience of the Holy Ghost in order to be skillful and successful. The particular emphasis is not to preach the gospel but to preach so that results are seen.

The particular task with which Jesus commissioned his disciples was, first, to *arouse their willingness*. It is the willingness to hear, to understand, and to accept the gospel. When Jesus said, "Go ye and preach", he meant to *penetrate* into foreign soil, whether it be into a different district or into the soul of a neighbor.

However, that requires skillfulness. We have no right to destroy other people's illusions. If we notice that these illusions of theirs are bad and harmful for them, we always have to beg for permission to enter their world of views, which means that we have to gain their trust and their heart first. We would gain much more if we would use more decency and respect.

Training Is Essential

To make them willing we have to learn how to win them, namely, to *understand* all groups of men. Paul preached to Jews in a different way than he did to the Gentiles! in the city of Athens differently than in Corinth. Every group has its peculiar education and viewpoints.

Then we also have to *know* the difficulties of those groups. The apostles, speaking to the Jews, tried to explain to them the time of grace in Jesus, and while speaking to the Gentiles, they spoke about God's love and that there is but one living God. To the Romans they wrote about righteousness through faith, while to the Corinthians he wrote on spiritual gifts. These things we have to know and to master!

Secondly, the arousing of willingness in the hearts of the listeners requires *training*. The apostles were trained and prepared for the work they had to do. Jesus taught them and gave them the knowledge they needed through the Holy Spirit, because there were no Christian schools, no teachers and no books at that time. The spiritual gifts were their only protection. But Jesus told them, "learn of me", (Matt. 11:29.) We have to learn of them to understand their teachings, to understand the needs of our time, and to understand all groups of men.

If Jesus really emphasized, "Preach the gospel to every creature", then our *educated world* is neglected. We try

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Gideon National Convention at Denver

Report by Mr. HARRY GEIS of Okeene, Oklahoma, a Member of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene

THE 45th Annual International Gideon Convention met in Denver, Colorado from July 19 to 24 with delegates present from nearly every state of the Union and Canada.

That ancient Biblical chieftain Gideon who bears the name of the organization and his three hundred armed warriors were no busier as they went into action against the taunting Baal and his cohorts centuries ago on the plains of Judea than were the hundreds of Gideon delegates to this convention in making Christ known to a lost and sinful world.

The Gideons are the oldest International Christian business men's association in the world, and since they come from all evangelical churches they are able to do a piece of work that no single church is able to do.

The first Bibles were placed in hotels in 1908, and since that time over two and a quarter million copies of the Bible have been placed in hotels, schools, hospitals and other permanent institutions throughout our great nation and foreign countries.

Shortly after the present world conflict started, the Gideons received the "go" signal from our national army and navy Chaplains to assist in arming our forces with the gospel. So immediately this great task was undertaken and up to this time over seven and a quarter million New Testaments with Psalms have been placed in the hands of our armed forces by the Gideons through the cooperation of Christian men and women of all denominations, who not only gave liberally to this program, but supported it through their prayers. One dollar provides four Testaments or one large complete Bible in this way.

The theme of the Gideon Convention was "Jesus Christ the Only Hope of the World." (Joshua 24:15). The objective was "Holding Forth the Word of Life." (Phil. 2:16). The theme and objective were closely adhered to throughout the convention and, since the Gideon's objective is evangelism, they not only put forth the Word of God which is a means to that end, but they lost no time in witnessing for Christ wherever they were.

These men were doing personal work and distributing tracts and the Word on the train and buses on the way to Denver and continued in this way on the streets, buses, hotels and cafes. Street services were held each noon and night in front of "The Denver Post" building and on the old Courthouse square. More than 75 persons alone were saved at the Gideon booth on the courthouse square through testimonies, prayers, songs and personal work of the Gideons.

The meetings opened on Wednesday evening in the Municipal Auditorium. A rousing evangelistic message was brought by Mr. R.G. LeTourneau, "the Number One Christian layman of

America" and past International president of the Gideons. On Thursday night Mr. A. C. Feigert, one of America's best layman speakers, brought a challenging message that stirred the hearts of the listeners. The Friday night program presented a group of outstanding Christian business men from six different states, each giving a thrilling testimony of God's wonderful saving and keeping power.

Sunday morning assignments were filled in more than two hundred churches of Denver and suburbs. Many souls were saved through the ministry

more, flanked on each side with huge red sand stone cliffs and with the stage at the front of another block of stone. These great rocks form natural sounding boards and offered splendid acoustics as well as a marvelous setting. Mr. Will H. Hardin of Atlanta, Ga., International Trustee of the Gideons, was in charge of the final session.

During the past year the Gideons enjoyed the greatest distribution of God's Word and witnessing for our Lord in the history of the association as well as a rich time of fellowship,



Large Billboard Sign Along the Highway Near Okeene, Okla., Prepared and Constructed at the Expense of Mr. Harry Geis of Okeene, a Leading Member of the Gideons of Oklahoma and a Member of Okeene's Zion Baptist Church.

of the Gideons. Also services were held in the City Jail and Federal House of Correction. Fifteen persons were saved in one and sixteen in the other.

Sunday afternoon climaxed the auditorium meetings with the dynamic Dr. Walter A. Maier of the Lutheran Radio Hour, who magnified our Lord and courageously and unhesitatingly recommended this Savior as the only solution to the problems of life.

On Monday, the last day of the convention, Colorado Gideons provided 150 cars to accommodate 750 people, escorted by city police and state patrol, on a trip to the Red Rooks Amphitheatre in the Denver Mountain Park there to enjoy our final fellowship and participate in a barbecued elk dinner which was enjoyed by all.

Sunset inspirations and convention echoes were held in this great amphitheatre that seats twelve thousand or

GIDEON'S GREAT CONVENTION

The Gideon Convention recently held in Denver, Colorado, was one of the most momentous sessions in Gideon history. We are indebted to Mr. Geis of Okeene, Okla., for this illuminating review of the sessions.

On the convention program was Dr. Richard S. Beal, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona, who gave his famous series, "Rivers in the Desert," on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the convention week. Editor.

blessing, challenge and dedication of life to be his and his alone.

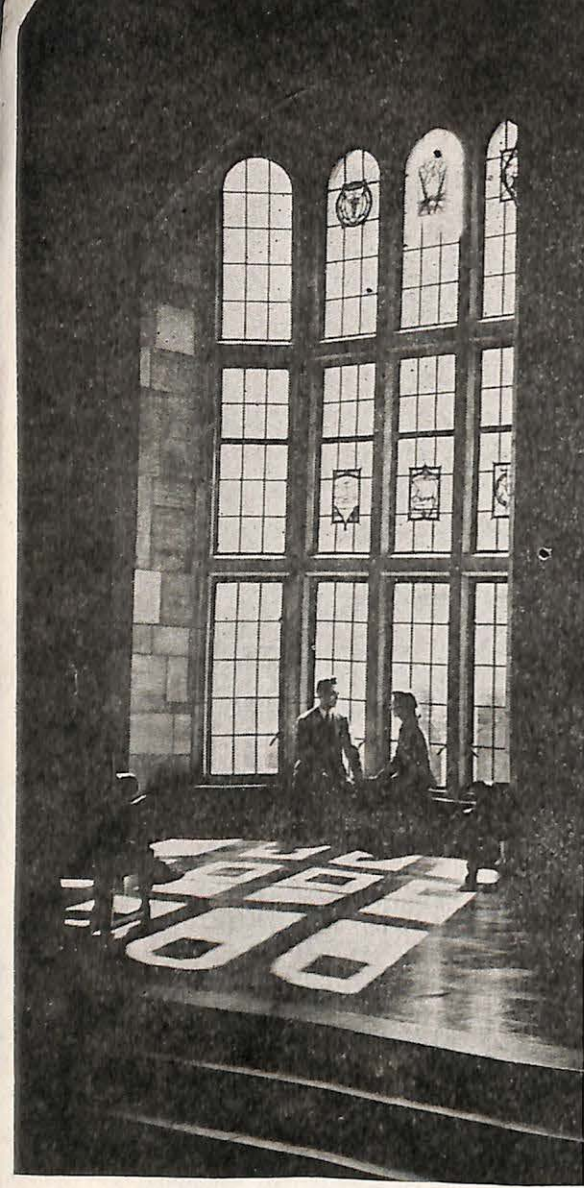
The approval of a new home for the Gideon headquarters in Chicago was approved by the convention and a good portion of the money toward the building fund was raised during the convention.

An enlarged program was presented by the cabinet members and approved by the convention in placing the New Testament and Psalms in the hand of 37 million young people of our country aside from the armed forces as a means of curbing juvenile delinquency which is a growing menace, retarding the progress of Christianity in our nation, as well as all others.

Also as a good neighbor policy to the countries of South America the work is being begun to place a Gideon Testament in two languages, Spanish and English, for use by boys and girls of this continent.

The convention, indeed, was a success and God placed his approval upon it as was evidenced by the many blessings, souls saved, men's lives rededicated, and the city of Denver conscious of a living God that is in reach of every person.

Gideons left Denver challenged that we feed upon the whole Word of God which says, "Man doth not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord, doth man live." (Deut. 8:3.)



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MUCH is already accomplished for the Kingdom of God. Nearly every continent is reached. Even this war helps to enlarge the affairs of Christ. Our Chaplains preach the gospel wherever they find a soul; also natives in far-away islands hear the gospel through them.

We usually think of the world which everyone encompasses with his mind, a world which we can see on a map with the places where the gospel is preached and Christianity is progressing. However, is this our entire and only task? It seems to me that we could do a great deal more work abroad if we would understand the work which ought to be done in our vicinity. Therefore, there is another side of Christ's commission, and this side let us consider.

The Particular World

There is not only a world consisting of continents, of nations and tongues. We try to win missionaries, and we send them out in order to reach the ends of this world. We have done a good piece of work so far, but that is not all the world!

There is, for instance, a particular world of *unbelievers and wicked men* who try to shut their eyes before the truth of Christianity. Now, we cannot be unconcerned and let them go their way. It is our duty to warn them. In Ezekiel 33:12 we find this

The Sound of the Trumpet

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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 government 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 how she was to go about it. She was successful, largely because she was able to captivate the employer's son, Victor Vandingham. Mrs. Vandingham tried to influence Mrs. Kingsley to get her daughter, Lisle, to win back Victor's affections. But Lisle was firm in her resolve to have nothing more to do with Victor. She announced this to her mother in no uncertain terms.

CHAPTER TWENTY

"Well, mother, the next time you see Mrs. Vandingham, please tell her that I am not going to coax Victor over here. I'm entirely satisfied to have him stay away. I don't want to see him any more. And we did quarrel. I guess you would call it that. He wanted me to marry him right away and I wouldn't. I won't ever marry him. And I don't want to go with him any more either. I'm sorry for his mother that she has such a son, but I don't want him. I don't love him, and I never could. He says love is all hoey, but I know better, and I don't want any such marriage ever. You wouldn't want that for me, would you, mother?"

"Why, of course not, dear. Love is the foundation of all true marriages. Without it married life would be intolerable. But I thought you used to be very fond of Victor."

"Why, yes, fond of him as a playmate. But when I began to grow up I saw how very weak and full of faults and selfishness he is. And I never really loved him, even as a child, only in the sense that one is kind and pleasant to playmates. But he can't be even a playmate to me any more. I don't enjoy his kind of play. He's drunk half the time, mother. That's no foundation for even true friendship."

"He is? Oh, my dear! I didn't know that! Why, of course you couldn't go around with one who did that. But I want you to be sure that there isn't anything you could do to help him, that might bring him back to reason. For his mother's sake, dear, if not for his own. Do forgive him."

"Why, yes, of course I'll forgive him. I just don't want anything more to do with him. I can't help rather despising him, either, a fellow who is downright afraid to go and enlist. I'm sure that is what is at the bottom of this ridiculous need for him to take over his father's business. Do you know, I met Mr. Vandingham yesterday, and he looks as well as he ever did, and he said he was feeling fine. I think Victor and his mother cooked up all this keeping him at home, just because she was afraid to have him go to war too, for fear he would get wounded."

"Oh, my dear! Do you think anyone could do that in these terrible days when our country needs to keep the world free and safe and happy? Of course I feel sorry for Mrs. Vandingham, but I don't think she ought to do that, even if she did feel afraid. But, dearest, if you are going to feel so hard and bitter I'm afraid you will do yourself out of having any friends at all. I wouldn't like to have you grow up and feel alone, because just your father and mother aren't enough for you. You'll want friends."

"I have friends, mother. Wonderful friends. Though I'm sure just my father and mother are better for me than getting tied up to a young man I would have to despise."

"Oh, my dear, I don't want you tied up, of course, not yet. Not to Victor unless he changes of course. But I don't want you to be supercilious. Answer me honestly, Lisle. Do you know anyone that you admire as much as you used to admire Victor?"

Lisle's cheeks grew rosy and she looked steadily at her mother and answered quietly with a lilt in her voice:

"Yes, mother dear. I do! But that's very slight praise, for I never really admired Victor, except that I always knew he was good-looking. But mother, Victor will never change unless he should some day yield himself to the Lord Jesus Christ, and then he wouldn't be Victor any more. He'd be God's man."

"Why, my dear! What a startling thing to say! I'm sure Victor always went to Sunday School as a child. I'm sure he has a good moral character, doesn't he?"

"I'm not so sure of that even, mother. And going to Sunday School doesn't always ensure getting to know the Lord Jesus. I went, but I never knew Christ as I do now, and it's wonderful! Of course if Victor could get to know Christ it surely would make a difference in him. But mother, I'm afraid he's so full of self he never would be willing to yield and take Christ instead."

The mother looked embarrassed. "Well, dear, I never heard you talk this way before. Of course religion does make a difference in some people's lives, but I can't understand why you don't want to work on Victor and

try to get him to understand this way of living you profess to have found."

"Oh, I do. I don't feel really well enough grounded yet to go out and teach people, but you know yourself, mother, that Victor never would accept teaching from anybody. Living is all that would count with him. Certainly I want my life to be such that he can see Christ in me. But I'm afraid that would not include making Victor a constant companion any more. Mother, I wish you'd come with me again down to that Bible class. I'm sure you would get to love it."

"Well, perhaps," said her mother doubtfully. "But child, why don't you ask Victor to go down there sometime?"

"Mother!" said Lisle breathlessly. "You know perfectly well he never would go, and if he did he would just sit and make fun of it all the time."

"He would go with you, Lisle, if you asked him in the right way."

"No, mother, I don't think he would. And besides, I can't make love to Victor to get him to a Bible class. You don't want me to do that, mother? And that is the only way I could get him to do anything. You know I can't do that!"

"No, of course not, dear," sighed her mother. "Well, I'm sorry I've troubled you, and I hope sometime you'll find someone who cares for you who is as good and true and perfect as your father has always been."

"Yes," said Lisle cheerfully, "that is what I want too. And if I don't get that kind of man I don't want any. I couldn't really trust any other kind."

"Of course not, dear. I only thought there might be a way to help Victor for his poor mother's sake."

"We can pray," said Lisle softly. "Yes, dear, of course," said the mother again embarrassedly. She was not used to talking freely about religious matters. It almost choked her to hear Lisle speak frankly about upbringing, but she was thoroughly glad her daughter had such sound principles.

"And then, you know," said her mother, "I don't want you to go sorrowing all your days because you can't find a man just like your father."

There was a quiet wistfulness in the smile she gave her daughter, and Lisle bent and kissed her mother sweetly, her heart singing to herself, "But I've found one, mother dear, and some day I'll tell you about it." But she did not speak yet, only gave her mother a second precious kiss. And then said thoughtfully a moment later:

"I'll be praying for Victor, of course, mother. We'll be praying. I should have thought of that before."

Then she went to her room to pray. First for Victor, that he might some day come to know the Lord and know how much he needed him. And then of another man who was right and true like her father. She might not even see him any more, but she thanked God for him, and let a song ring in her heart about it, giving a radiance of joy to her face that her mother could not quite understand, and yet rejoiced over.

There was great consternation at the plant five minutes after Erda had stealthily departed with her booty. The sturdy manager had been proud indeed that the wonderful gadget had been completed at last, had passed its tests, and was ready to be reproduced. He felt as if his heaviest burden had rolled away and all things now were to be smooth and easy. And then he walked up to the place where he had left it five minutes before, with the foreman of the other half of the machine, and lo, it was gone! He couldn't believe his senses.

"What's the matter, Montie, where is it? What's happened?"

"It isn't here," said the big foreman, his swarthy face white with apprehension. "It couldn't have gone far in that time! What—where—Who has been here? Sam!" he called across the room. "Has anybody been in here? B. F.? Or Smalley? Or any of the crowd that had a right?"

"No, I didn't see anybody," called Sam.

"Have you been here all the time?" "Sure I have. I wouldn't go away till my stint was done. What's eating you? What's the matter? You didn't think I'd hid your precious old contraction, did you?" and Sam grinned deridingly.

"Why, no, of course not, but where has it gone?"

"Where did you put it?" asked Peters, coming over to join the crowd. "You're dreaming, Jim. You've been up too many nights, and got it on the brain. You're going nuts. Take it easy, man, and stop and think. Just where did you leave it when you went to your morning lunch?"

"I didn't go to lunch. That's it! I brought my lunch here in my lunch box, and then didn't take time to eat it. I just went across the corridor to bring Belden, here. He wanted to see what it looked like before he got ready to set it up."

"Well, where did you leave it? Now think! Did you hide it somewhere? It isn't very large, you know."

"No I didn't hide it anywhere," said the foreman. "I left it sitting right on top of the metal cabinet there, just where I put it when it was finished. And it isn't there! Say, if you fellows are trying to make a practical joke out of this, it isn't funny! Hear that? It means too much to me and the plant and the government. If any of you fellows have hid that, bring it out quick or I'll report you all to Mr. Vandingham, and hold you responsible, every one of you. And you all know the oath of secrecy you're under."

The men looked soberly at one another, weird suspicions creeping unaware into their eyes, but they all shook their heads. No, they hadn't touched it. And one of the older men spoke for them.

"Give you my word, Montie, these fellows were all at their machines working like men. Not one of them stepped over there. I know that for I was waiting for a hot bearing to cool off, and looking around the room. Nobody went over by your location."

"And no outsider came into the room?" asked the foreman.

"Not a one," said they all, and looked at one another with troubled glances.

"Who would come?" asked the old man, Hardy by name.

"That young scapegrace of a Victor didn't come? You're sure? He's liable to do anything, you know, but I'd be responsible."

"You bet you would," said Sam under his breath. Victor was not popular among the men. They knew his comings and goings all too well.

"Not he!" said Butch derisively. "He's off at a night club getting drunk as a lord with that little smarty secretary of his. If you ask me, I think she's a snake in the grass, and if I was running this plant I'd get rid of her first off."

"Try and do it!" said Sam.

"Shut up all of you! This is a serious thing. We've got to give the alarm at once," shouted the foreman. "We'll have to call our guards and see if there have been any questionable characters about. Call the inspector, Butch. Tell him what's happened. But first, lock the doors and search this room. Don't miss a corner. Look everywhere."

"Is anything else gone, Jim?" asked the old man.

A look of fear passed over the face of the foreman. He dashed to the cabinet and pulled open the drawers.

"Yes," he gasped, "the blue prints are gone!" He said it in a terrible tone. "They were here ten minutes ago. I was just looking at them." He gave another desperate look about the room and then dashed to the telephone. This was something the master must know. It was awful to have to waken old Vandingham, but he had the right to know at once, and he was the only one who had a level head anyway.

From then on the plant became frantic.

The streets were deserted, stillness and darkness everywhere, broken only by search lights, turning steadily back and forth over the neighborhood, but there in the quiet night the plant went on the alert, searching for that small important gadget that meant so much to the war and the country, and the trusted plant. And so very much to the enemy! What would happen if this went on and the government had to find out about it? What would happen to the foreman who had been so proud of the trust put upon him? What would happen to the dependable old plant with its enviable reputation that had weathered already two wars and been trusted through them both? Some of the great machines that had been working night and day to produce as fast as the government needed their work. What would happen were many of them stopped now, while the men who ran them went searching everywhere, leaving no cranny unscanned? But from the first discovery that the blue prints were gone, those in charge lost hope. The enemy had done this, that was certain! Who else would want blue prints? This was no practical joke. It had assumed the proportions of a disaster.

More soldiers arrived, were marched into the plant before day had scarcely dawned, so that the general public was

not yet aware of the calamity. Policemen and plain clothes men, and detectives were called upon, and a system of tense guard planned, locking the barn after the horse was stolen. The personnel of the plant was put through a severe grilling to discover if anyone knew anything that might help in the investigation, but the heart of the head of the house of Vandingham was heavy.

Moreover, Victor was missing. Also his secretary. They thought they had gone away together. Victor had often been missing in the early morning, and had turned up later with a heavy hangover from drinking all night. But the secretary had always been on hand. Now, upon enquiry, it developed that she had gone to New York to see a friend who was dying. She had been careful to leave this word with the people at her apartment. Everything seemed to be all right in her direction, although the Vandingham family were sorely worried lest Victor had gone with her. But a telegram addressed to him from Erda presently arrived, stating that her friend was dying and she would probably have to remain away until after the funeral. The detective tried to trace that telegram to its source, somewhere in the outskirts of New York, but it was hard to trace. Erda had been most careful in all her small details. That was one of her strong points, never to call anything unimportant. But nothing was heard from Victor until late in the afternoon, when he turned up heavy-eyed and said he was sick.

They were so relieved that he had come home at all that his father refrained for a time from the severe tongue-lashing he ought to have had.

Victor verified the fact that Erda had been called away by a telegram to the bedside of a dying friend. But he hadn't seen the telegram. He had no clue to her whereabouts, and Victor began to learn that the business he was supposed to have "taken over" was really something quite serious. He was questioned by the police, and an official from Washington arrived and took him in hand, looking him keenly through and through, asking him as to his whereabouts last night when the robbery took place. It further developed that he had been with a young girl named Cherry, a waitress at a big department store restaurant during most of the evening, and thus Cherry was brought into the picture and questioned, and wept, and declared her innocence, and finally was able to bring witnesses to prove that she had not been about the plant, not ever. Although she knew when she was dismissed that the police intended to keep an eye on her, and she wouldn't be very safe anywhere until this affair was over. She was just a silly pretty girl who quietly carried on a good many escapades with rich patrons of the restaurant, unknown to her quiet respectable little mother at home who was working hard to keep her daughter respectable.

Victor, sullen and unhappy, thought back to the days when he and Lisle Kingsley used to be companions, and wished he could turn the calendar back to that time and have things go

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

The Vacation School of West New York, N. J., Was Organized Along Military Lines

The Vacation Bible School of West New York, New Jersey was held in July with the pastor, the Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, serving as director.

Here are some interesting facts about our Bible school. The total enrollment was sixty-eight. There are



Vacation Bible School Group of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, West New York, N. J.

fifty-four persons in the picture, including the director, teachers and helpers. The Vacation School this year was organized around the military idea, that is, each person was recruited as a "buck private", and made to serve in one of the five "companies" (instead of Beginner, Primary departments.) The use of the military aspect greatly helped in the problem of discipline. The young people who are in high school served as "captains", and one as the "quartermaster". The director was the "Commanding officer", while Christ was kept before the school as their Commander-in-Chief.

The closing program was held on Friday evening, July 21, and was called "A Day at Troop School." Those who had eight days of "basic training" (attendance) at least out of the twelve days during which the school was in session received a certificate and a promotion to "first class private". Awards for attendance, recruiting others, handwork and memory work were given to those who had earned them. After the program refreshments were served to all as the handwork on display was being viewed by the parents and friends.

Herbert J. Freeman, Pastor.

Ministers' Institute at Bradley Beach Was the Finest and Most Profitable for 30 Years

The Baptist Young People's Fellowship of New York and vicinity was again host to the ministers of the Atlantic Conference at their beautifully situated and spacious summer cottage at Bradley Beach. It is a part of the

tradition of our conference, because for more than 30 years the ministers have held this institute and have been the guests of the young people. Fifteen pastors gave heed to the hearty invitation, and a number of them were accompanied by their wives and families. We were also privileged to have Dr. A. Cierpke in our midst, who made a stopover en route to New York City to attend the Summer School of Union Theological Seminary.

The Committee on Arrangements, the Reverends Frank Orthner, Wm. Kahlert, H. J. Freeman and V. Prendinger, chairman, had prepared a most stimulating program. The timeliness of it is easily apprehended, since the general theme was "Revitalization". The morning devotions were led by the brethren Schade, Kannwischer, Orthner and Kaaz. Special issues, touching the essentials of our church life were presented by the brethren Peters, Appel, and Palfenier, dealing with the Sunday School, the Young People's Work and the Church, respectively.

Since all great movements in Christendom have their roots not only in the infinite resources of the Lord Jesus but also in men and women consecrated to the Lord Jesus, the life and work of some outstanding men of God were reviewed. The Rev. H. J. Freeman presented the life and work of Jonathan Edwards, the Rev. Phil. Potzner that of George Whitefield, the Rev. H. Kuhl presented Billy Sunday and the Rev. Wm. Kahlert spoke about Ernst Moderson. We had the joy to listen in the evening sessions to the Rev. F. R. Purdy of Asbury Park and to the brethren Fisher and Schmidt.

It has been said that this institute was one of the finest and most profitable ever held. The undisturbed fellowship was only surpassed by the cloudless sky overhead. The somewhat strenuous morning sessions found their antithesis in the frolic of surf and beach. The ladies too revealed their resourcefulness for recreational entertainment assisted by Mr. Kahlert. All in all, it was a time of many blessings and fine fellowship!

R. G. Schade, Reporter

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Reception for Rev. Virgil Savage and Family at the Salishan Mission of Tacoma

On Wednesday evening, July 12, the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington was happy to welcome the Rev. Virgil Savage, his wife and twin sons. Mr. Savage is the new pastor of our Salishan Mission, and the reception was held in the mission building, which was filled with friends and members.

The service was in charge of our deacon, Mr. Henry Schmunk. Greetings to the new family were extended by the Rev. E. Bibelheimer, represent-

ing the Mission workers, by Mr. Fred Stabbert for the Calvary Baptist Church, by Mr. Young representing the Salishan district, and by the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, as a co-worker. Special music was given by the Calvary Church choir, and an instrumental number by the Zielke sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Savage responded, telling of their love for the Savior and their plan of service in the mission. Their hearts and souls are in the work and we ask that God will richly bless their work there.

Elizabeth Ahrens, Church Clerk.



Vacation Bible School Teachers of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., With Dr. John Leypoldt, Pastor

Vacation Bible School Held by the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon

Two joyous weeks were spent from June 5 to 16 in working and playing together with the children during the Vacation Bible School, held by the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon.

The school was under the leadership of Miss Martha Roth assisted by six teachers and two helpers. Our pastor, Dr. John Leypoldt, was willing to give of his time in teaching the intermediates. We had an enrollment of 66 with an average attendance of 47. A number of children from the community who were not attending church were contacted and several are bringing their parents and are coming regularly.

We long to see these fine boys and girls being won to Christ while in their youth. So our aim was to present the way of salvation to them that they may be ready to accept him when the Holy Spirit begins to work in their lives.

Each day during the devotional period a Feltograph object lesson or missionary story was given. At the close of each week films on salvation were shown. Friday evening closed our school with a splendid program given by the children.

Above is a picture of our Vacation Bible School teachers. They are from left to right: Mrs. E. C. Urbigkeit, Mrs. Edwin Rocks, Mrs. Henry Bertuleit, Dr. John Leypoldt, Mrs. Edwin Klingman, Mrs. Ernest Hager, and Miss Martha Roth.

Martha Roth, Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Junior Girls' Sunday School Class of St. Paul's Riverview Baptist Church

The girls of the Junior Sunday School Class of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota have a class enrollment of 12 members with an average attendance of nine.

The older members of our class have given their hearts to Jesus and have become members of the church. We hope and pray that the rest will soon follow their example.

Each Sunday we study our regular International Sunday School lesson. For special memory work we have learned certain chapters and verses from the Bible as follows: Psalm 23 and 1, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and 1st Corinthians 13.

Once every quarter we have a question box. Each scholar brings some questions which are answered, and our teacher, Miss Ruth Kurzweg, leads us in the discussion.

Our aim is to bring other girls to attend our Sunday School class regularly.

Bernietta Wobig, Reporter.

Two Inspiring Religious Paintings Are Dedicated by Milwaukee's Bethany Bapt. Church

Two religious pictures painted by Mr. Albert Tiemann, Milwaukee artist, (see "Baptist Herald", May 1, 1944) were dedicated at the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Sunday evening, July 30th.

One of the pictures depicts the baptism of Christ and the other shows Jesus giving his gracious invitation: "Come, unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28.)

The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., editor of the "Baptist Herald" and a familiar friend to all, spoke on the theme, "Pictures That Preach." The warmth, glory and beauty of these two lovely paintings were depicted. Not only are there humble truths but also noble blessings in these fine pictures which reflect the artist's spiritual self. Mr. and Mrs. William Kehrein of the Bethany Church made these gifts possible.

Our pastor, the Rev. Frank Veninga, had charge of the service which was well attended by members and friends of the church. The Rev. T. W. Bender of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee offered the dedication prayer.

Cecilia Borenitsch, Reporter.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Great Crowds Gather for the Inspirational Ontario Convention in Lyndock, Ontario

The Lyndock Baptist Church of Ontario, Canada is to be commended for the hospitable acceptance of visitors and delegates to their midst for



Sunday School Class of Junior Girls of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., With Miss Ruth Kurzweg, Teacher, in Back Row (Center)

the Ontario Convention from June 29 to July 2. It seemed that not only had they arranged for the physical comforts but with the "Weather Man", for nearly all commented on the ideal weather for such an occasion.

Prof. A. A. Schade arrived on Friday and began immediately to serve the convention audience with profound messages. These were a challenge, especially to the thinking youth of today, for greater and fuller Christian living. As he outlined the "Place" and "Task" of each young person today, each had a clear picture of their individual importance.

Since the pastor-elect, the Rev. A. Stelter, had not arrived in Arnprior, the Rev. H. Sellhorn ably pictured the lasting endurance of the Church. The local pastors also gave their spiritual support to such a fitting general theme, "With Christ Always," (Matt. 28:20.)

The young people's program of business and spiritual welfare showed strength in Christian unity, as they glorified Christ in song and testimony, which was centered around the play, "The Soldier of the Cross."

The offering of \$29.23 did not mark the closing of the convention nor the giving spirit of the gathered friends but was brought forth with greater effort in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Lyndock Church.

May God give all the necessary grace and working spirit to live more abundantly in Him!

Carl R. Weisser, Secretary.

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The Twenty-First Annual Young People's Convention of the Eastern Conference

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Eastern Conference held its twenty-first annual conference at the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pennsylvania on June 30, July 1, and 2. The theme was "Hold Fast Your Freedom". (Gal. 5:1.)

The inspirational service opened on Friday evening. Everyone was welcomed, and the address was given by Professor Assaf Husmann of the Rochester Seminary, in which he said: "To make this a Christian world we must have a harvest of souls."

On Saturday morning we were led by the Rev. Herbert Hiller of Buffalo, New York for our devotional period. "We Need to Pray" was his theme.

There were lectures and discussions on "Religious Education in the Young People's Society" by Rev. Edmund Keller of Erie; "The Consecrated Teacher" by Professor Husmann; "Devotional Program in the Young People's Society" by Mr. Hiller; "Missions in Young People's Society and Sunday School Work" by Rev. Arthur Kannwischer of Arnold, Penn.

This was followed by a business meeting with the results as follows: president, Walter Schmidt; treasurer, Grace Bretschneider; Council Member to the National Y. P. and S. S. W. U., Elizabeth Kapteina. The Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo will publish the conference paper for next year.

At the Saturday evening banquet the guest speaker was the Rev. Arthur M. Crawford of the Asbury Methodist Church. On Sunday morning at the morning worship service the message by Professor Husmann was on "Exemplifying Youth". The closing service at 3 o'clock included installation of officers led by Mr. Hiller, the communion service by Mr. Keller, and the message by Mr. Kannwischer.

The conference was well attended by the Eastern Conference churches, and we want to thank the Central Baptist Church of Erie for its hospitality. The 1945 conference will be held in the Temple Church in Buffalo, New York.

June Benke, Secretary.

Combined Vacation School of the First and Calvary Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario

On Friday, July 14, a large crowd gathered in the Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario to review the mental and hand work done in the previous two weeks, by the children of the two churches in Killaloe.

Without a doubt, the work of the Vacation Bible School has its place in every church, and when pursued year after year it grows by the grace of God in earthly numbers. There was a total enrollment of 52 and an average of over 45. This made an average of more than 12 over last year.

The daily offerings given by the children were \$9.35, which was designated to the work of missions. The school was divided in four groups in which the following teachers worked faithfully: Beginners, Mrs. Paul Webber; Primary, Mrs. Alex Schleen; Juniors, Miss Edna Verch; and Intermediates, Rev. Carl Weisser. A vote of thanks and appreciation is due the teachers for their noble work and Mrs. Weisser in assisting in the work of the first two departments. We are also grateful to Mr. J.H. Zummach for supplying transportation facilities for the children of the First Church. May God continue to bless his children as they strive to serve.

Carl Weisser, Reporter.



The Community Vacation Bible School Conducted by the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kansas and Held in the Lyona School House

The Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of the Lyndock Baptist Church of Ontario, Can.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." This praise and thanksgiving were felt by the Lyndock Baptist Church of Ontario, Canada on the day of its Golden Jubilee, July 2nd, held in conjunction with the Ontario Convention. Prof. A. A. Schade of Rochester, New York was the special speaker. All organizations of this church took part in the afternoon program helping to make this celebration a success.

In looking back over the past half century in the history of this church we find many things that give us reason to express our thankfulness to our heavenly Father who has led us so well. Earnest prayers, conscientious labor and generous giving are closely interlaced in the development of this church. Not only on this day of Jubilee did we praise and thank God for

the years past, but humbly we bowed before him and dedicated ourselves anew and prayed for his leadership and blessings in the future.

The early pioneers from Germany settled here in the beautiful hills of Ontario. Soon they felt the need of churches in which to worship. The people of the districts of Hagerty, Rockingham, Lyndock and Sebastopol were at first served by one pastor. As the membership grew and the work became to extensive for one man, the field was divided in Oct. 1894 through the efforts of the Rev. John Baasner. Lyndock and Sebastopol united in extending a call to the Rev. J. Baasner to become their permanent pastor, which he favorably accepted. There were 56 charter members when the Lyndock Baptist Church was organized in the year 1894.

The churches, Lyndock and Sebastopol, built a parsonage which became debt free in the year 1898. Under the efforts of the Rev. Ed. Kneisler the present church was built which was inaugurated in June, 1908. Professor A. Ramaker brought the inauguration sermon. The old church building was sold for the sum of \$15.00. The basement of the church was built in 1935 while the Rev. D. Littke was pastor. Approximately \$25,000 were laid upon the altar during all these years so that God's Kingdom could be built.

The following ministers served this church faithfully: Rev's John Baasner,

1894 to 1998; H. Thiel, 1898 to 1902; Student F. A. Bloedow, 1902 to 1903; Ed. Kneisler, 1904 to 1915; J. L. Schmidt, 1916 to 1920; F. Falkenberg, 1921 to 1923; A. E. Jaster, 1926 to 1930; D. Littke, 1932 to 1937; John Heer, 1937 to 1942; J. Kuehn, since 1943. At present the total membership is 120.

J. Kuehn, Pastor

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Recent Events of Importance for the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kansas

We of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, wish to report on what we are doing to carry on our Lord's work of proclaiming the gospel message.

We had a very successful Vacation Bible School held from May 15 to 27.

It was a community affair held in one of our rural school houses. It was organized and supervised by our pastor, the Rev. J. J. Reimer, in cooperation with the Rural Bible Crusade of Kansas, who furnished us with the necessary material and two very capable teachers. Mrs. Reimer also served as a very capable teacher of the Beginner's class. There were 56 children enrolled with a record attendance of 52 and 31 had a perfect attendance record. Twenty-two of these children accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

In the very near future we are planning on a baptismal service for a number coming to our church and for some of those who were converted at this Bible school.

Our pastor who has resigned to accept our first missionary project among the Mexican people in the San Luis Valley in Colorado, has been absent quite often traveling in the interest of this new project. We are sorry to lose our pastor and family, but the Lord has called, and so we humbly submit, for the Lord knows best. Our prayer is that the Lord will richly bless this new work among the Mexican people and that he will supply us with a new shepherd to carry on the work.

Alvin Zeckser, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Ordination of Rev. Ben Zimmermann at Wishek, No. Dak., Pastor-elect at Randolph, Minn.

On Thursday afternoon, June 22, delegates from five churches assembled in the Baptist Church of Wishek, No. Dak., for the purpose of setting aside Mr. Ben Zimmermann for the gospel ministry. This meeting was introduced by the entertaining church represented by their pastor, the Rev. J. C. Gurst. The resolution of the church was read, and the council was organized, resulting in the Rev. J. J. Abel being elected as moderator and the Rev. P. T. Hunsicker as clerk.

Mr. Ben Zimmermann was introduced by the Rev. J. C. Gurst, whereupon the moderator invited him to relate his experience of conversion, call to the Christian ministry and doctrinal views and beliefs. After deliberating to the satisfaction of all, the council withdrew. The recommendation was made to the church to proceed with the ordination which took place that same evening.

The program was in the hands of the Rev. J. C. Gurst. After the opening hymn the minutes of the council were read, and a solo was sung by the Rev. A. Ittermann. Professor A. Bretschneider, who had come all the way from the far North of Canada, brought the ordination message which concerned itself very fittingly with "The Church of Christ." The Rev. J. J. Abel spoke the ordination prayer with laying on of hands.

The welcome into the ranks of the ministers was given by the Rev. Ed. Kary; the charge to the candidate by the Rev. P. T. Hunsicker; and the charge to the church by the Rev. M. DeBoer. The Rev. Ben Zimmermann dismissed the service with the benediction.

P. T. Hunsicker, Clerk.

Mountain Top Experiences at the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly at Hebron

The assembly of the Central Dakota Young People's Union met at Hebron, No. Dak., in the third week of June with over one hundred young people registered.

This assembly was considered a "mountain top experience" in Christian living for many of the young people. The highest peak was reached in an after-service of prayer called, "Not Your Own." Salvation, consecration, and complete surrender were the miracles wrought by the Holy Spirit. Five young men expressed their desire and intentions to enter full-time Christian service, and are now waiting for doors to be opened that they may be trained.

Almost every minute of our time was taken up with accredited courses, special meetings, singspirations, evening services, after-meetings, and recreational hours.

Missionary service was brought into the foreground by Miss Laura Reddig, known to us as "our own missionary from the Cameroons." The Michelsons, newly appointed missionaries to that field, also gave their testimonies. Professor A. Bretschneider was our guest speaker. His instruction and guidance, truly, were a blessing to all.

Our motto, "Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus", (Phil. 2:5), was in tune with the assembly's atmosphere, and we could sense Christ's presence. And because he was with us, the outcome could be nothing but harmonious. We left for home with our theme song becoming our prayer, "Make Me a Blessing."

Ethel Pierce, Reporter.

Five Ministers Assist at Dedication of Fay Rose Hunsicker of Fredonia, North Dakota

Since the human child is the most precious and holy earthly possession, it is only right that it should be dedicated to God for his divine purpose. So thought the Rev. and Mrs. P. T. Hunsicker of Fredonia, North Dakota, as they dedicated their little daughter, Fay Rose, at an impressive service in the Baptist Church of Fredonia on July 2.

The Rev. Martin De Boer of Lehr, North Dakota was placed in charge of the service and the Rev. Edwin Michelson, a newly appointed missionary to the Cameroons, read the Scripture passage and led in prayer.

"The Child, the Gift of God", was the theme of the inspirational address given by the Rev. J. C. Gurst of Wishek in the English language. The Rev. J. Reimer then spoke in the German language, basing his address on Romans 12:1-2.

After the fitting addresses, the parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. T. Hunsicker, presented Fay Rose to the Rev. J. J. Abel of Gackle who spoke the dedication prayer in both the English and the German language and then gave the parents a challenge based on Eph. 6:4.

Three musical numbers were interspersed throughout the service. They were "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and

"Have Thine own Way, Lord" by Rev. and Mrs. J. Reimer and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Miss Magdalene Luebeck and Miss Emily Schauer, both of whom are of Ashley, North Dakota.

The audience was greatly impressed by the sincerity in which this dedication service was conducted, but the hearts of all were more deeply stirred when Mr. Hunsicker announced that not only was Fay Rose dedicated to God at this time, but also that Mr. and Mrs. Hunsicker had dedicated their lives to full-time service for Christ in the mission fields. God's ways are certainly wondrous and many-fold.

Let's all say with the Hunsickers, "Have Thine own Way, Lord."

Magdalene Luebeck, Reporter.

Fourth Annual Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church, Emery, So. Dak.

The Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., sponsored its fourth annual Vacation Bible School recently. Fifty-six children were regular attendants at the school this year. The Rev. Arthur Ittermann acted as superintendent and was assisted by the following teachers: Mrs. John Fluth, Myrtle Lubbers, Velma Klock, Mrs. Don Fluth, Mrs. Herman Fluth, Doris Weber, Mrs. Art Edwards, and Norma Johnson.

On one morning during the school period the group was visited by the Ladies' Quartet and the Rev. E. P. Wahl from Edmonton, Canada. The Quartet favored us with several choruses and personal testimonies and Mr. Wahl spoke about his boyhood days which had been spent in Emery.

Every year the interest has increased and the children themselves look forward to this school period with great anticipation. An offering was taken at the closing demonstration program which was designated by the children to be used for missionary work among the Mexicans.

Mrs. Art Edwards, Reporter.

Review of Important Events in the Parkston and Tripp Baptist Churches

In June the Baptist Churches of Parkston and Tripp, South Dakota held a Vacation Bible School which was well attended. We were fortunate in having consecrated and capable teachers, Miss Viola Mehlhaff, a Bible School student and prospective missionary, and Miss Laverna Mehlhaff, an experienced school teacher. For several years they have given their time and talent in assisting the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Braun, in making our Vacation School successful.

The Sunday Schools in Parkston and Tripp are doing a fine work under the leadership of the brethren J. J. Mehlhaff and Harold Lippert. Through their untiring efforts and planning the children receive instruction in God's Word and through programs and picnics they are given Christian entertainment.

Our Ladies' Aids in both places are active and helping in every way in church and missions. In February they observed the day of prayer in Parkston with Tripp as guests. In May they had a special program at their annual birthday celebration. This was held in Tripp with the Parkston society as guests. Through mission boxes, special projects, monthly programs and sick visitation they are a real blessing to the church and community.

The young people's societies are at work for their Master. They are a joy to the pastor's heart. As long as a church has such a loyal group of young people who are willing to use their talents in the furtherance of God's Kingdom, we need not fear for the future of the church. In Parkston with Maxine Mehlhaff as president the B. Y. P. U. has its programs twice a month. These programs are a real help in training the young people for future leadership in the church. The Tripp society of which Mr. Raymond Lippert is president is now having a course of the book, "Youth Explores the Bible", with Mrs. Braun as teacher. The Tripp B. Y. P. U. will entertain the South Dakota Fall Rally.

As a church we remember our boys in the Armed Forces in our prayers and through letters. The various societies have remembered them with gifts. We have two boys in Normandy with the Invasion forces, one in Italy, several in the camps in this country. One of the pastor's sons is in Carlisle, Pa., in Officers' Training School for Medical Field Service, and the other one with the Tank Division in Camp Campbell, Ky., where Rev. Paul Gebauer is Chaplain. He writes that Chaplain Gebauer is beloved by all the soldiers and is doing a grand work with the boys.

H. G. Braun, Pastor.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Beaver Church of Michigan Holds Revival Meetings and Baptismal Service

During the latter part of Spring we of the Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan held two weeks of revival meetings with the Rev. F. W. Bartel, one of our denominational evangelists, as our guest. As a result of the meetings three young people and three children received Christ into their lives as their personal Savior.

The messages and the excellent Bible study which Mr. Bartel brought to us each evening were a great blessing in helping the unsaved to experience Christ and to revitalize the Christians. We as a church are happy to have had Brother Bartel in our midst, and we are glad that our denomination has such fine men doing this important work.

Our baptismal service was held on Sunday, July 2nd. The witnessing of the baptismal service and the continued spirit of revival has moved others to accept Christ as their Savior. We are planning for another baptismal service in the near future.

G. K. Zimmerman, Pastor.

Lt. Robert W. Achterberg of Benton Harbor, Mich., Is Killed in Airplane Crash

Lt. Robert W. Achterberg of Benton Harbor, Mich., died in an airplane crash near Pine Bush, N. Y., twenty miles west of Stewart Field, Newburgh, N. Y., on July 11, 1944, at the age of 21 years and 26 days. He was graduated from the St. Joseph High School in the Spring of 1941, enlisted in the U. S. Air Corps on July 6, 1941, entered Cadet training in April 1943, and was graduated on April 11, 1944, receiving his "wings" in the U. S. Air Forces and his commission as 2nd Lieutenant.

Since April 26, 1944, he had been flying instructor of our future higher officers at West Point, Stewart Field, Newburgh, N. Y., where in the fulfillment of his duty, he found his untimely death. Only recently he became engaged to Miss Leona Grieser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Grieser of our Benton Harbor church.

During the activity of the Rev. L. Gassner the departed was converted to a living faith in his Lord and Master, baptized by the same in 1932 and added to the fellowship of the Benton Harbor Baptist Church, whose faithful member he remained to the end.

With the sudden death of Lt. R. W. Achterberg, his family and friends sustained a great loss. "Bob" was a very beloved youth and an earnest Christian. He had decided to enter the ministry after his discharge from the U. S. Air Forces. As a frequent contributor to the "Baptist Herald" he was well known to its readers.

The local paper carried the following account of the funeral proceedings: "Well attended funeral services were held on Saturday, July 15, 1944, for Lt. R. W. Achterberg, young pilot who crashed to his death near Newburgh, N. Y., last week. The Rev. E. Gutsche officiated at the services in the Clay St. Baptist Church of Benton Harbor for the young flyer and instructor. He was assisted by a student from Wheaton College, Ill., Edwin Miller, who is a friend of the Achterberg family. Mrs. E. Gutsche and Miss Violet Schulz sang, "No Night There," and "Be Still, My Soul." At the burial in the family lot in Riverview cemetery in St. Joseph, the American Legion firing squad gave a military salute, and the bugler sounded the traditional taps. The Mothers of World War II and the Navy Mothers attended in a body. Three planes of the Twin City Wing of the Civil Air Patrol flew over the cemetery in final formation, salute to the flyer, and dropped a parachute-borne wreath over the grave."

After "taps" was sounded, the escort from West Point, Lt. E. Willingham, presented the mother of "Bob", Mrs. G. Achterberg, with the United States flag. The departed leaves to mourn his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Achterberg; his fiancée, Leona Grieser; the brothers, Arthur, Edwin and Herbert Achterberg, the latter serving as Staff Sgt. in the overseas U. S. Air Forces; the sisters, Edna Achterberg, and Esther Haas; eight nephews, one niece, many other relatives and friends.

E. Gutsche, Pastor.



Lt. ROBERT ACHTERBERG of Benton Harbor, Michigan, Who Was Recently Killed in a Plane Accident

Vacation Bible School and B. Y. P. U. Anniversary in the Beaver Church of Michigan

From June 26 to July 7 a Vacation Bible School was in progress at the Beaver Church near Auburn, Mich. On Sunday, July 9, the children presented a program, opening in the same manner as the school was opened each day.

The Beginners gave picture stories. Large pictures were displayed showing Bible characters and the children explained the pictures. The Juniors recited Bible passages which they had memorized during the two weeks. They also showed a reel on Psalm 100 with pictures explanatory to the verses of the Psalm. The Intermediates presented "Luke Chapter Two" as well as a question and answer game of the "Life of Christ".

The enrollment for the two weeks was 30 and of this number 13 had a perfect attendance record. All children received certificates and those with a perfect attendance record received an extra little reward.

The instructors were all very efficient teachers, most of them being public school teachers. Mrs. Zimmerman and Emma Mieske handled the Beginners; Florence Schultz and Mata Buckstein, the Juniors; and Esther Schultz, the Intermediates. This was our first Daily Vacation Bible School in Beaver and was brought about through the efforts of our minister, the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, and the cooperation of the parents in sending their children.

On Sunday, July 16, the B. Y. P. U. celebrated its 13th anniversary. Among the many things which we accomplished was the rally last summer which was perhaps the highlight of the year. The purpose of this rally was to create new interest among the young people that they might go home to their respective societies with a desire to serve Christ better. We are certain the rally did this, and in response to many requests another rally will be held on August 13th with Prof. O. E. Krueger as guest speaker.

Under the instruction of the Rev. Gideon Zimmerman a study course was presented on "Baptist Faith". Nearly everyone completed the course and received certificates of achievement.

We were happy to receive ten new members into our society. As they strive with us to carry out the purpose of the society to develop Christian spirit, to win souls, and to help build the Kingdom of God, we know they shall be greatly blessed, for what affords richer blessings than being in the service of the King!

Members of our society contributed toys for a package to Daphne Dunger in Africa whose birthday was in June. There is a certain amount of joy and satisfaction in knowing that we could help brighten someone's life.

Ruth Majeske, Reporter.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Days of Blessing at the Northern Conference Held in Edmonton, Alberta

As we look back to the days of the Northern Conference we can "praise God from whom all blessings flow". In spite of the many wartime restrictions and the adverse weather, over 150 delegates besides many friends gathered at the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta from July 5 to 9. Particularly applicable for our day was the theme selected by the program committee, "But we have the mind of Christ" (I Cor. 2:16).

We enjoyed having two denominational representatives with us. Editor S. Blum brought the opening devotional message each morning as well as the closing message in the German language on Sunday afternoon. Evangelist F. W. Bartel extended a stirring challenge to all Christians to become soul winners on Thursday evening and brought the missionary message in the English language on Sunday morning. The Sunday services were held in two places simultaneously in order to accommodate all the visitors. A hall was rented across the street from the church where English services were held while the German services were conducted in the church. The missionary offering on Sunday morning tallied nearly \$1600.

At the young people's service on Saturday evening the young people of Central Baptist ably presented the play, "Revive Us Again" written by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and directed by Miss Agnes Buckles. At this same service the Rev. A. Weisser led in prayer for the Service Men and the Rev. E. Klatt of Grand Forks, N. D., brought a challenging message to all young people.

For the first time we can say that our conference missionary contributions exceeded our own mission needs. We pray that this missionary zeal may continue to grow. The Lord willing, we shall meet with the McDermott Ave. Baptist Church in Winnipeg next year, and until that time we pray that we may be found faithful.

Rev. R. Schreiber, Reporter

Bible Conference Is Held at Valley View, Alberta in the Peace River District

We certainly found reasons to rejoice as we attended the Bible Conference at Valley View, Alberta, Canada, from June 14 to 18. The Lord blessed us during those days for which we are grateful.

With the Rev. F. W. Benke acting as chairman, the conference was carried on very successfully. The people at Valley View as well as the workers of Peace River District were very glad to have the Rev. A. Huber of Leduc with us.

The hidden treasures in the letter to the Philippians were searched and made more plain to us under the capable instruction of Mr. Huber during the days, and in the evening services he brought very heart stirring messages.

We also praised God in the singing of special numbers as well as in the selections by the Valley View choir. On Sunday we had the privilege of having a mass choir render several numbers under the direction of Mr. Huber. Another feature was the combined orchestra of the mission workers and the Valley View young people.

The people of Valley View are to be congratulated on the enthusiasm they show for the work of the Lord. We as mission workers are grateful for the loving kindness shown to us, and we wish them God's richest blessing as they continue to worship God.

Elma Neher, Reporter.

Showers of Blessing for the Alberta Convention Held With the Freudental Baptist Church

God's blessing was abundantly evident at the Alberta Convention held with the Freudental Baptist Church from June 22 to 25. Many of the visitors had to plow their way through muddy roads in order to get there. Of course, the Albertans would not enjoy Christian gathering without rain. That was really the first sign of God's presence which made our hearts happy.

The entertaining church certainly had everything arranged for the comfort and joy of all who attended. The church pews and piano were placed into the convention tent where all meetings were held, and the church was used as a dining room. The general theme of the convention was: "The Position of our Churches Observed in the Light of the Letters Written to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor."

The Rev. R. Schilke of Edmonton gave the opening address based on an expression found at the conclusion of each of the letters, namely "What the Spirit Saith to the Churches". During the two following days six of the visiting pastors brought messages of inspirational and prophetic value on each of the seven letters.

On Friday afternoon the Women's Mission Union was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. A. Huber, vice-president, read a report of the splendid work of the women's groups. Following a missionary play, Miss Ida Forsch, student of the Baptist Mis-

sonary Training Institute School of Chicago, gave the main address.

The meetings of Friday and Saturday evenings were evangelistic. The Revs. R. Schreiber of Wetaskewin and R. Kern of Calgary preached. The services of Sunday brought to a sacred climax our gathering. Following the Sunday School session, a mission service was conducted. The Rev. F. W. Benke, missionary of the Peace River district brought an inspiring mission sermon. God gave joy to lay upon the altar on offering of over \$1,000.

At the afternoon closing service we prayerfully remembered our men and women of the Armed Forces. The Rev. A. W. Teske of Camrose gave the closing address. We recognize the fact that all selections rendered by the various choirs, quartets, trios, and duets added greatly to the success and blessing of this gathering. Also the efficient plans and untiring services of the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske together with their church are to be highly praised. Above all we want to give God the praise and glory for his rich blessings. Truly the "Spirit spoke to our churches" in numerous ways.

Rev. R. Kern, Reporter.

Recent Sessions of the Saskatchewan Convention and Tri-Union at the Fenwood Church

The Saskatchewan Convention and Tri-Union convened at the Fenwood Church from June 21 to 25. Our theme was "Growth in the Christian Life," based on Ephesians 3:14-21. The opening service on Wednesday night was led by the local pastor, the Rev. H. Walte-reit. The Rev. G. Beutler of Ebenezer East brought an inspiring message based on Eph. 3:14, "God our Father."

On Thursday morning we gathered again to transact the necessary business. Our beloved friend, the Rev. S. Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote," spoke to us on "The Christian's Walk," based on Psalm 1:1, 2. Later he spoke to us again on the subject, "Power through the Spirit" (Eph. 3:16). At the afternoon session Mr. R. Dickau, a graduate of our Edmonton Bible School, brought a message on Eph. 3:17, "Growth Through the Indwelling Christ."

The elected officers of the Convention for the current year are: moderator, Rev. A. Weisser; secretary, Rev. H. Walte-reit; treasurer, Rev. G. Beutler. Our Mission Committee consists of Rev. R. Milbrandt, Rev. G. Beutler, and Rev. A. Weisser. In the evening we had an evangelistic service, led by the undersigned with the Rev. R. Milbrandt bringing the message.

On Friday morning the Tri-Union program commenced. Mr. John Lang of Regina led the devotional period and Mr. Blum spoke to us again. The Rev. S. Thomas, who is serving on our Endeavor mission field, spoke on "Growth in Grace" at the afternoon service, after which we were privileged to hear an in-

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spiring message delivered by the Rev. Phil. Daum, missionary secretary of our Northern Conference. The Rev. E. M. Wegner brought the message at the evening service.

The results of the Tri-Union elections were as follows: president, Rev. G. Beutler; vice-president, Rev. H. Walte-reit; secretaries, Mrs. Beutler and Mrs. Wegner; treasurers, Mrs. Milbrandt and Mrs. Walte-reit; pianists, Mrs. Wegner and Miss Zimmer. The three directors for Sunday School Work, Young People's Work, and Music Department are Rev. R. Milbrandt, Rev. A. Weisser and Rev. E. M. Wegner respectively. Perhaps we should also state here that the Tri-Union has launched a mission project of \$500 which is to be raised by the various societies throughout the current year.

On Saturday morning Mr. Blum delivered an inspiring message, "Expanding our Young People's Work," which was followed by an interesting discussion. In the evening we had a joint young peoples program. The Rev. A. Weisser delivered a challenging message on the topic of "First Things First," and the Fenwood B. Y. P. U. presented a play entitled, "The Soldier of the Cross."

Sunday was the crowning day of the Tri-Union as well as of the convention. The roomy Fenwood Church was filled to its capacity. Miss Ruby Schindler of Yorkton, Mr. John Butz of Southey and Mr. Hoffer of Endeavour spoke to the Sunday School audience. The mission service which followed was led by the local pastor and the Rev. S. Blum brought the message, "We Would See Jesus." The large mass choir under the direction of E. M. Wegner sang two anthems, and the mission offering at this service was \$472.00. At the closing service in the afternoon the Rev. R. Milbrandt spoke on "The Four Dimensions of God's Love." May the Lord bless our Fenwood friends and reward them for their splendid hospitality shown us, for it was good to be there, indeed.

E. M. Wegner, Reporter

OBITUARY

2nd Lt. GERALD E. MOHR of Colfax, Washington

Gerald E. Mohr, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mohr of Colfax, Wash., was born on May 26, 1922. He had finished Washington State College in 1943 and thereupon entered military service as a second lieutenant of the U. S. Army. Gifted in music he became a leader in the instrumental and vocal art, directing bands, choirs, etc. Untiringly he served his fellow men with his God-given talents.

Gerald became a true Christian in 1932 and was joined to our Wilcox Baptist Church near Colfax. On December 24, 1943 he married Miss Ruth Erickson, daughter of Professor and Mrs. Erickson. His death came suddenly, caused by heart failure. He died in the service of his country in time of war at the age of 22 years, one month and 8 days at Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

His body was laid to rest in our Colfax Cemetery with military honors and a large attendance of friends. He is survived by his wife, his parents, one sister, Mrs. Paul Krueger and many relatives. We are grieved, but we have hope and comfort from above.

Wilcox Baptist Church Colfax, Wash-

R. M. KLINGBEIL, Pastor

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peaceably, happily on in the pattern his parents had set for his life. After all, these wild nights he was practicing nowadays always left a bad taste in his mouth, and nobody was quite as pretty and well-bred as Lisle. Why had he ever quarreled with her? He could have been more discreet about that. He could have kept his criticisms to himself, until he had her in his power. He could have let her go to any old college she wanted, and trusted to making her over to his plan after they were married. So he sat in his luxurious office and meditated. Cursed his luck. Decided that it was all Lisle Kingsley's fault. If she had just taken his advice and not acted so bull-headed. If she had changed her college and learned a few things she wouldn't have declined to marry him. She wouldn't have acted like a stiff little icicle at the party, and spoiled all his prospects. They would have been married by this time and everything going fine. All her fault!

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the Lord Jesus to his disciples. What does this mean? It means to give all men an adequate opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and to become his real disciples.

The Madras Conference of the International Missionary Council of 1938 put the duty of evangelism squarely up to the Christian Church of today. "The Church," says its report, "must either make its impact upon the secular world of today and win it for Christ, or the secular world will increasingly encroach upon the spiritual life of the church blunting its witness and dimming its vision." Can this ever happen? Never!

One hundred years ago, a young man in the country of my birth stood before the mayor of the city of Hamburg in order to announce the organization of the first Baptist Church of Germany with seven souls. The mayor looked angrily at the young man and said to him: "Mr. Oncken, as long as I am able to move this little finger, I will be against you!"

Johann Gerhard Oncken immediately prayed for a moment. He then gave the following answer: "Mr. Mayor, as long as I have on my side the strong arm of God, you can do nothing against me." Oncken, in the power of Christ, was victorious. He alone led 10,000 souls to Christ, and he alone sold two million Bibles. The greatest revival of the last century in my homeland started with this man of God. Oncken had experienced it. Spurgeon experienced it. Wesley, Whitefield and Moody learned and verified this truth.

Would it not be wonderful, if out of our schools everywhere would go out this spirit of Pentecost, the spirit of a God-given revival all over America, all over the world! You and I need it. America needs it. The sin-sick world needs it.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. J. C. Gunst of Wishek, North Dakota, Has Been Appointed the New Secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union by Its Council and Executive Committee. This Action Has Been Ratified by the General Council of the Denomination.

He Will Begin His Ministry as Young People's Secretary on October 1st. A More Detailed Statement About His Appointment Will Appear in the Next Issue of "The Herald."

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to win the poor, the helpless, and the unlearned, but we do not make enough efforts to preach the gospel to the learned world. But to get into their sphere one must be a qualified teacher. Jesus pronounced clearly according to Mathew's words, "Teach all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to observe." Jesus stressed teaching and the teacher's qualification.

Now, how do we get to that higher ground? By having good Christian schools and especially *Christian colleges*. There students receive the necessary training which no home and no Sunday School can give. Some try to pass this responsibility onto the shoulders of the government — (is it only to make it easy for us Christians?) — saying that the state colleges or universities are better equipped to give their students the best training possible because they are supported by the government. But let us not forget that when some of our children go to colleges, they are eighteen to twenty-two years of age. This is the time in which they build their characters. In these years they must get a good *Christian background*, which they would not always receive in the state universities. When a man is firm in his opinions and convictions other secular schools will not harm him spiritually. But in universities or colleges, it is certain that some will lose their faith or get crippled Christian ideas.

Therefore, Christian colleges are the demand of our time, Christian colleges which belong to the program that Jesus included in his words, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Thirdly, *success* in spiritual matters will be more strongly guaranteed. Every Christian has to do his utmost and in the right way. We need more Christian teachers and professors to stem the influence of the Christless teachers and leaders. Then we shall surely have better students with strong Christian tendencies and a better world.

Do You Know That...?

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

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The population center of the Northern Baptist Convention is just east of Buffalo, N. Y., and the financial center is east of New York City!

A lot of pity is wasted on animals. There are many contented cows, but who has ever heard of a contented farmer?

Since 1814 the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society has commissioned and sent out 2376 missionaries who have rendered over 35,000 years of service!

A man called his wife "Echo" because she always had the last word.

In 1942 American women spent \$350,000,000 for beauty treatments and in 1943 this expenditure jumped 25%.

What a world! To be valedictorian, and then go to work for the fellow who dropped out in the eighth grade!

An average of 1,500 to 20,000 members are added to the Baptist Churches in foreign fields each year.

Scientists claim there are 45 trillion dollars worth of gold in the ocean; but who wants to roll in wealth when there is a storm blowing?

80% of the sufferings of the families of common laborers in Chicago were practically eliminated by Prohibition, according to Evangeline Booth.

Ideas are such funny things, for they never work unless you do.

Exclude religion from education and you have no foundation upon which to build moral character.

A student makes his bed and has to lie in it; a professor makes his bunk and has to lie out of it.

The Lord's Day is a firm foundation on which to build a six-story week.

A drug store we know has added one more line to make their service complete for now they're advertising, "Board and Rooms."

To preserve the peace we will need guns of smaller and men of larger calibre.

It won't hurt us to discover that "roughing it" means more than riding with the sedan windows open.

World War I cost the equivalent of \$20,000 for every hour since Jesus of Nazareth was born. And World War II will cost many times that amount!

When a man takes off his hat in an elevator, it means he has good manners and hair.

A man stood up in the middle of a lecture and shot himself. We think we have heard that lecture.

They call it the sea of matrimony because the husbands have such a hard time keeping their heads above water.

The speaker at our last Church School Workers Conference in Burlington, Iowa, said, "We ought to have religion like the Baptists, brag about it like the Methodists, give it formal setting like the Episcopalians, and pay for it like the Presbyterians." The speaker was a Presbyterian.