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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● On Easter Sunday, April 1, the Rev. J. M. Weinbender, pastor of the Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas presented his resignation to the church and announced that he would continue his studies at the University of Rochester at Rochester, N. Y., after April 29, his last Sunday with the Bison Church.

● The Rev. O. W. Brenner, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of George, Iowa, extended his resignation to the church recently and announced that he would bring his ministry to a close in the George Church on April 30. He also announced that he has accepted the call of the Ebenezer Church near Westington Springs, So. Dak., and will begin his pastorate there on May 1.

● The Rev. Paul Hintze of Branch, Louisiana, the pastor of the Mowata Baptist Church, has presented his resignation to the church and will bring his ministry in that church to a close about July 1. His plans for the future are not known to us at the time that this issue of "The Baptist Herald" went to press but he is hopeful that he can serve our churches and God for some time to come.

● The men of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas sponsored a Father and Son banquet which was held March 16th in the banquet room of a Waco cafe. Mr. Raymond E. Engelbrecht acted as toastmaster. The speakers of the evening were Rev. Ralph Phelps, pastor of the Lacy-Lakeview Baptist Church, Rev. Bill Farrar of Baylor University and Rev. Roy Seibel, pastor of the church. A duet, composed of Fred and Will Hoeffner, furnished the music.

● Evangelistic meetings were held for two weeks from February 25 to March 9 in the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, Canada with the Rev. G. G. Rauser of Franklin, California bringing the messages. There were 7 people, including 3 adults and 4 children, who made their confession of faith in Christ as Savior. The meetings were well attended and a fine spirit prevailed, as reported by the Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor.

● On Easter Sunday, April 1, the Rev. A. R. Bernadt, pastor of the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa baptized 12 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. March was used by church members in personal visitation work with marked results. The church held a farewell reception for its missionary and church worker, Miss Mary Lohrs, on a recent Sunday evening and presented her with a



Commander Harold E. Stassen of the U. S. Navy Poses for Theresa Glewwe After a Service at the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., of Which He is a Member

Comdr. Stassen Has Been Appointed by President F. D. Roosevelt as a Delegate to the Allied Nations Conference to Be Held at San Francisco, Calif., Beginning April 25th, Where He Will Take an Important Part in the Conference's Proceedings

leather briefcase and a pen and pencil set in appreciation of her fine services for the past several years.

● On a recent trip to and from Florida, the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Niebuhr of Ocean Grove, N. J., visited several of our churches enroute. Mr. Niebuhr preached in the East Side Church of Wilmington, Del., and the West Side Church of Baltimore, Md., where Mrs. Niebuhr also spoke to the Women's Missionary Society about the persecutions suffered by her grandparents and great grandparents who were baptized by J. G. Oncken. In the evening service in the Baltimore Church, Mr. Niebuhr related his experiences in South Africa, where he served as pastor for a number of years.

● The Rev. C. B. Nordland, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., baptized 8 persons on Palm Sunday and on March 18. On Sunday evening, March 18, the B. Y. P. U. celebrated its 54th anniversary with a special program at which Dr. Adrian Heaton of Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary was the guest speaker. Dr. Heaton also conducted a Teacher Training Class for 10 successive weeks on the subject, "You Can Teach," for about 30 young people of the church.

**NOW MORE THAN EVER:**  
"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

From Palm Sunday to Good Friday special services were held in the church with Dr. William Culbertson and Dr. Max I. Reich of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago as speakers.

● On Thursday evening, March 15, the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Ill., held its 81st anniversary program with a dinner attended by 125 persons and a business session in charge of Mr. Albert Salzman, Jr., moderator. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., showed denominational pictures of home and foreign mission fields. The dinner committee was composed of Mesdames John Fox, Howard Campbell, W. E. Stewig and Harvey Gernenz. On Sunday, March 18, at a combined service of the Sunday School and church, the Bible Day program was given with Miss Evelyn Woodrich and Mr. Gilbert Luhrs, superintendent, in charge. The Rev. Fred Lower brought a timely message.

● The young people's group of the Conners Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan has recently been well rewarded for its concerted efforts in participating in a city wide bi-monthly "Voice of Christian Youth Program" which gives banners for the largest group attendance as well as the highest percentage attendance. The fact that 95 churches compete for these banners offers keen competition. Nevertheless, the Conners Ave. group has become the proud recipient of both banners. The Highest Percentage Banner was won at the January 26th program and the Largest Attendance Banner at the February 24th program. The latter was won in spite of the overflow crowd which had turned out to hear Attorney Bennett and the fact that the runner-up church had 1,500 members.

● On Saturday evening, Feb. 23, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," addressed a young people's banquet gathering of the Temple and Bethel Churches of Buffalo, N.Y., in the Temple Church social hall. On Sunday, Feb. 24, he spoke at the services of both churches. On Wednesday evening, Feb. 28, he showed denominational pictures at a large midweek service of the Temple Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. On Sunday, March 11, he was the guest speaker at the Baptist Church at Trenton, Illinois and on Sunday, March 18 at Aplington, Iowa. He brought a brief message and showed missionary pictures at the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., on Wednesday, March 21, opening a series of church programs in a School of Missions. On Easter Sunday morning, he brought the message at the sunrise service of the First Church of Chicago, Ill. On Sunday, April 8, he served as guest speaker in the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and on Sunday, April 15, in the Holmes Street Church of Lansing, Michigan.

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### Coming!

#### MOTHER'S DAY ISSUE

A Mother's Day sermon by the Rev. E. M. Wegner, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and several unusual pictures will set the next number of "The Baptist Herald" apart as of unusual interest and blessing.

#### A TRIBUTE TO A PRAYING MOTHER

The Rev. R. G. Kaiser of Hettinger, No. Dak., takes his pen in hand and writes for four of his brothers and himself in a deeply moving and inspiring tribute to a wonderful Christian mother. Many readers will echo his words of tribute in thinking reverently of their own mothers.

#### DON'T FENCE ME IN!

The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer of Bismarck, No. Dak., has taken the title of a popular song and has made it preach "a mighty good sermon" which every reader will not forget so easily. You can look forward to a spiritual treat in anticipating this message in "The Baptist Herald."

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# EDITORIAL

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## Decisive Days Ahead!

THE next few days from April 17 to 21 will largely determine the course of denominational action for years to come. The General Missionary Committee and General Council will convene in Forest Park, Illinois at that time with several smaller committee sessions also scheduled for those days.

Our missionary field and work in the Cameroons have grown to such proportions that ample provision must be made for its financial support. The greater foreign missionary emphasis of these days calls for budget changes and denominational adjustments which will take care of all of our missionary needs in Africa. Several missionary applicants for the Cameroons will be presented to the committee.

The probable speedy end of the war in Europe will awaken these committee and council members to the important fact that we have many Christian brethren in these lands across the seas to whose aid we shall be compelled to go as good Samaritans. The goal for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies is to be raised to \$250,000 and provision for the distribution of the relief funds will be made.

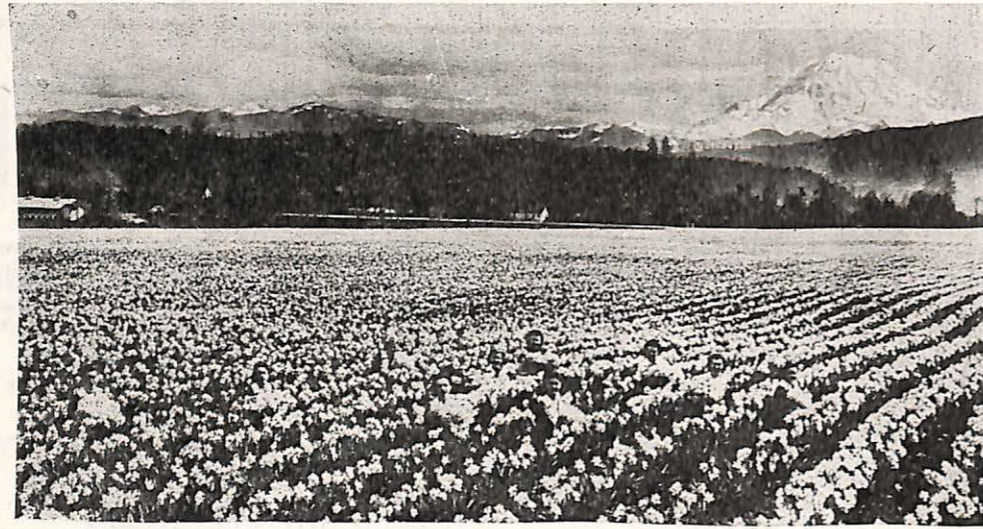
We have found a new joy as churches in our home mission fields. The promising reports from the Spanish-American mission in Colorado and from the Southwestern Conference worker besides the glowing account of the ministry of our Edmonton Bible School will undoubtedly influence the committee brethren to consider other fields and to strengthen our hands in this work. The appointment of new evangelists is also an important item in the agenda of the general missionary committee.

The place of the 1946 General Conference will also be determined by the General Council. The plans for a new denominational headquarters building will be considered. Aggressive plans of action, now being prepared by the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union, will be given some attention by the Council.

Undoubtedly, the members of both groups will be aware of changes and adjustments which are necessitated by the times and by the enlarging horizons of our missionary and denominational outlook. In such decisive hours we need leaders of great faith and vision and people at home who know the power of intercessory prayer.

On Saturday, April 21, the committee will meet which is to arrange for all the summer visitation trips by our general workers. This will be especially difficult this year because of the government's ban on some of our conventions, but the intricate task will be carried out as satisfactorily as possible.

Keep your heart of prayer fixed upon these sessions! Open your ears eagerly to the reports of their proceedings! These decisive days merit your undivided attention.



Blossoming Daffodil Fields in Washington With Mt. Rainier in the Background

## The Springtime of the Soul

A Sermon by REV. HERBERT HILLER, Pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

"Then he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). "The old things are passed away; behold, they are become new" (2. Corinthians 5:17).

OLD MAN WINTER has passed away. Springtime is here to make all things bright and new. Like a fairy queen, Spring has come through the gates of the waking world in her bridal robes of fragrant colors, her arms laden with snowdrops and violets and roses and tulips, flowers of every color and hue. Accompanied by the singing of the birds she passes up and down this gloomy, sick and tearful world, cheering people everywhere and calling into life and loveliness everything which old Winter had chilled and blighted.

The barren, winter-worn trees have put on their pretty, green garments, their majestic beauty enhanced by millions of fragrant blossoms. The grasses grow, the flowers bloom, every clod of earth is stirring with life and every buried seed in field and garden is bursting its little coffin and reaching out for the light.

### The Wonders of Springtime

Most of us feel a new thrill and throb of heart as we witness the enactment of the great drama of nature's Resurrection, the wonder of a world renewed, the transformation of the barren earth into a bower of beauty. "Behold, I make all things new" is a text on which Nature writes a new sermon every year, lest we forget the God-wrought wonder of life and growth, the mystery of the transmutation of the chemical elements in sun and soil into the blush of the rose, the elfin face of the violet and the flaming beauty of the poppy.

All this springtime glory is set forth by the lavish hand of the beneficent Creator. To him whisper the grasses

of the valley and rustle the oaks of the mountains. To him murmur the babbling brooks and the rivers that run deep and still. Millions of creatures hum and sing in the hallelujah of gladness: "The Hand that made us is divine."

Since time began, the wonders of springtime have touched the heart of man, and haunted him at every step that, if God so reclothes the grass, the trees, the flowers, shall be not by a mightier ministry renew our spirits? Humanity right now is a listless, worrying, weary, sinful and ungodly lot. They feel nothing within them that answers to the fresh, radiant, abundant life around them. Everyone is bent on destruction, and only a few are in the grip of God's creative spirit.

### Frost-Fetters of Life

Even those of us who claim to be born again are not in full possession and enjoyment of that divine life which we in Christ can have. Our spiritual life is lower, slower, colder, than it should be. There is so little love and interest for the things that really matter. We pray, but our prayers are forced and formal. They are not the simple, happy outpouring of a full heart. We speak of Christ, but there is no glow of affection in our words. We have our part in Christian service, but radiance and enthusiasm are sadly missing.

To be sure, there are many influences about us today that chill us, cool us down, paralyze and deaden the best in us and tend to bind the soul with grave-clothes like the frost-fetters that held the earth in the hard days of winter. But we should not do ourselves and others this wrong, of walking through life on the shady, unproductive side of the road. In the consciousness of our own helplessness

and weakness, but also in boldness of faith, let us take our winter habits, our chilling unkindness, our barren forgetfulness and cold indifference to the Lord of Springtime and pray with his servant of old: "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?" Then we shall receive his refreshing dew and become something beautiful, blossoming, something invigorating, inspiring, that even in circumstances like a wilderness the heart may blossom like a rose.

### Christ's Transforming Power

The Word of God and human experience clearly set forth the truth about the transforming power of the living, triumphant Christ. "He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new". And when he speaks, it happens according to his all-powerful Word. "The old things are passed away; behold they are become new." When the old things, old grudges, petty bickerings, stored resentments and critical prejudices are cleared away like the dead leaves of last autumn, then through heaven's showers of saving grace Christ will make life thrillingly new.

He did it for Paul on the Damascus Road. What a wealth of meaning and abounding joy wells up in the words addressed to the Corinthians, "Old things are passed away; behold—just see! they are become new."

We ask, what do you mean? Is not the same sun shining on you? Are not the same stars glittering in the evening sky; the same mountains lifting their majestic heads, and the same trees their leafy arms to heaven? Are not the same seas sobbing along all shores? Yes, but he saw it all bathed in a light divine, it was his Father's world. This world may be old, but

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# True Worship, Profitable Unto Man

The Third of a Series of Four Articles on "True Worship" by  
PROF. O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, New York

WHEN those profound visions which came to Saint John on Patmos were nearing their climax, a sense of their awesomeness overwhelmed him, and he fell at the feet of the guiding angel to worship. The angel refused to accept this adoration on the ground that he rated merely as a fellow-servant, a brother of the prophets, a keeper of the sayings of the book. He commanded: "Worship God!"

Worship is a duty for those who cannot see a high privilege in it. True worship must be directed to the highest possible object, the Creator of the heavens and the earth. The makers of idols are like unto them. If the object of our worship is on a high and holy plane, we will be drawn up to that plane.

An unworthy object will drag us down to its own level. When gods are immoral, the men who worship them cannot become saints. "Be ye holy, for I am holy." The beauty of the sanctuary may help in worship, but without a doubt some of the most spiritual worship is carried on in very plain surroundings. "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

### Pagan Gods

So many idols are crying out for man's devotion today. The god Mars is demanding an all-out worship, and how the human race is responding! Billions of dollars and millions of lives are laid upon his altar. Hundreds of thousands of homes are broken up; the floodgates of hatred are released; cities are devastated. Following in his train is the goddess of love and lust, Aphrodite, whose worship is breaking down the decency of millions of youth and rending asunder the marriage ties of hundreds of thousands who would otherwise be happy homebuilders.

Bacchus, the god of wine and whiskey, forms the third person in this demonic trinity. During the last year while we were conserving every possible thing that would help in a 100% war-effort, we have spent more than six billion dollars on booze, which is twice as much as we spent on public education, and more than nine times as much as we spent on all church contributions. Are we not a pagan people? Do we not worship pagan gods? How can we presume to be the light of the world, the salt of the earth? What salvation can our nation bring to the world?

But even in times of peace, mammon is the great god. The worshiper of gold becomes like his god, hard, "yellow" and cold. Men of power cry out for the worship and adoration of their fellow-beings. Emperors, dictators, tyrants and rulers, great and small, demand total obedience. Martyrs still have occasion to say, "We

must obey God rather than man." Peter rejected the worship of that noble centurion who fell down at his feet. He took him by the hand saying, "Stand up; I am also a man." Nor did he worship any man; he preferred rather to be crucified.

To worship anything less than the eternal God is always disastrous. Unless a man worships him, he is bound to worship a lesser being. The old Chinese sage warned the young revolutionist who had discarded the gods to beware lest he drag in some other god to take their place, and, surely enough, he found himself soon worshipping the image of his great leader, Sun Yat Sen.

### Worship Is Elevating

False worship is degrading; true worship is elevating. We want to point out the values of true worship. In her little book, "Why Worship," Muriel Lester puts us under a debt of gratitude by using the word "release" in speaking of the outcome of worship. She says it brings release from the domination of self, from the domination of others, from the anxieties of life, and from the fear of death, as well as from boredom and prejudice. We can easily extend the list. Any pastor, who wishes to help his people better to understand the meaning of worship, will do well to place at their disposal the contents of this helpful booklet.

Many people, who abhor idol worship, unconsciously worship themselves. They live in the prison of self, resolve around the axis of self, and indulge in the glory of their achievements or, failing that, in the pastime of self-pity, all because they have not an all-engaging object outside themselves greater than themselves. Humanism with its deification of man, which usually means self, is the curse of our age. Many of our snappy gospel hymns are not God-centered.

The I-I-I-me-me-me-my-my-my hymns do not lend themselves to objective worship. Of course, we must appropriate salvation as individuals. Hymns of praise for that personal salvation are perfectly in order. But when you sing, "O that will be glory for me," you do not seem to care for the glory of anyone else, not even for the glory of God.

Was it not said of John Knox that he feared God and therefore feared no man? That holds for every true worshiper of God. Daniel turned his face three times daily toward the city of the living God and therefore feared not to face the lion's den. The true worshiper faces death with the release from fear.

Our many worries and anxieties are not consistent with true worship.

Look at the man who bowed his knees before the God and Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, confident in the riches of his glory. Behold, how fearlessly he faced anything and everything which life brought, assured that to them who love God all things work together for good.

### The Worshiper's Transformation

Meland in "Modern Man's Worship" says that many physicians of reputable standing are much concerned that "the routine rapidity of modern living" may in due time bring about the extinction of the human race through the overstimulation of the thyroid and adrenal glands and of the brain and the connecting nerves. True worship brings release from the routine rapidity of modern living.

Psychiatrists are advising their patients to go to church for the healing of their minds. They are discovering what a prophet knew milleniums ago: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." The God-centered man will not lose his balance. There is life for a look. "Look unto me and be ye saved, all ye lands." A worshipful look on creatures brings disaster. We remember Adam and Eve, and Lot and his wife. A lost paradise, a devastated city, a pillar of salt are the monuments of warning.

The object of worship transforms the worshiper. "We all with open face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory unto glory." Hawthorne's story of "The Great Stone Face" should be familiar to all. By looking daily at the noble lines of that massive face in the mountain cliff, the lad, Ernest, grew up into manhood and reflected those strong features in his own face. As we gather in the house of God Sunday after Sunday and are brought face to face with the radiant holiness of our Lord, we must experience a release from every mean, sordid, contemptible form of selfishness growing out of creature worship, and undergo a real transformation into the image of the Lord, who is the Spirit.

### Strength for the Task

True worship releases our strength for the continuation of our journey and the resumption of our task. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

After he had heard the still small voice, Elijah worshiped in the cave and went forth to complete his task; Moses worshiped in the wilderness and

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## Bibles -- Not Bombs for Tomorrow's World

By Mr. WALTER W. GROSSER  
of Oak Park, Illinois, Vice-President  
of the American Bible Society

NEVER before in its history of 129 years of Christian service has the American Bible Society been faced with as great an emergency as today. During the next four years the Society must secure \$3,000,000 in addition to its regular budget. This war emergency figure was estimated six months ago and each day brings new evidence that even more money will be needed.

Never before has the Society set out to secure this amount of money beyond its regular budget which must also be increased by a total of \$702,000 in this period. But the Society dares not undertake less in the face of the terrific need and the vast powers which the Bible can bring to bear on human life. This need is divided into three parts.

### Scriptures for the Armed Forces

Thus far the American Bible Society has sent nearly 5,000,000 Scriptures for men in service. All these have been furnished without charge. The policy of the Society is to give Scriptures only when they are requested by chaplains. These requests are increasing rather than decreasing. The chaplain never gives a Testament or a Bible, unless he is certain that the man actually wants it. There is no duplication in the Society's giving of Scriptures.

There are some people who have raised the question as to whether or not sufficient Testaments and Bibles have been supplied for the Armed Forces. The chaplains in the field should know the need. As long as they insist that they must have additional Scriptures the Christian people of America cannot do otherwise than meet the need. The chaplains tell us that many Testaments are lost in battle and that many are destroyed in fox-holes, in wading streams, and in lying in the mud. This means that Testaments and Bibles, like other military equipment, must be periodically replaced.

For example, the following V-mail communication was recently received by the port chaplain in New York:

"SUBJECT: CHAPLAINS' SUPPLIES.

1. The chaplains' supply situation in France is exceedingly acute. There are no Scriptures, Military Missals or Prayer Books and it is requested that you make every effort to secure the following as soon as possible:  
Scriptures, Protestant... 350,000

2. It is requested that the Protestant Scriptures be obtained, as far as possible, from the American Bible Society.

4. Will you please have as much of the above order as possible collected at your port and notify us by TWX of the approximate tonnage, and priority for shipment will be obtained from G-4, Etousa."

(s) L. Curtis Tiernan  
L. CURTIS TIERNAN,  
THEATRE CHAPLAIN

In addition to the supplying of Bibles, pulpit Bibles, ship's Bibles, Testaments and portions, the Society has given more than 50,000 Testaments in waterproof jackets for the lifeboats and life rafts of the Merchant Marine. This is the only time in its history that the Society has ever placed Testaments with the hope that they would not be used. Many have been used, however, and word has come from the men thanking the Society for having had the foresight to have a Testament in the emergency equipment of the life raft.

The demand for Scriptures for those who have lost their sight in the service of their country is increasing daily. It costs nearly \$100.00 and requires twenty volumes to publish a Bible in Braille. The Society sells these to

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Mr. Grosser is giving himself unstintingly to many activities in Christian leadership. He is president of the Men's Baraca Class in the Forest Park Baptist Church of which he is a member. He has served for several years as president of the Board of Trustees of Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary and is chairman of the Board of Directors of our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich. He is proud of his position as a vice-president of the American Bible Society.



—American Bible Society

the blind for 25c a volume, and very often gives them away.

We must not fail those who are now in the Armed Forces. These men and women are asking for copies of the Word of God. They will not have these copies unless we of America give them.

### Scriptures for Prisoners of War

Thus far the Society has supplied Scriptures for prisoners of war in thirty-five languages. A man in a prison camp is especially receptive to the Word of God which is able to give his spirit freedom. Those who have come under the influence of pagan teaching need the immediate help and guidance of the Bible. Up until November 1, 1944 the Society had supplied nearly 700,000 volumes for these men in prison camps.

Wherever men are imprisoned by barbed wire, disintegration of the human spirit sets in. One group leader said that there ought to be an international rule against internment longer than three years, for "three years is the limit of what one can stand spiritually." Another prisoner explained that "the confinement steals one's strength by degrees; one sees the same faces day after day; one is tortured now and then by anxiety about one's family and next of kin, without being able to do anything whatever for them; and, in the end, small things grow very big in this little world of ours. Everything loses proportion."

A French prisoner of war writes: "I am urgently in need of a Holy Bible such as issued by the American Bible Society and kindly ask you to send me one. I read part of the Bible daily. At present I must borrow one from one of my friends. To have one of my own would be a great treasure."

This letter recently received by the Bible Society gives further demonstration of the tremendous need:

Chaplain Ernest D. I. Kistler  
(Protestant Chaplain)  
Hdq. P E No. 2021  
APO 573 N.Y., N.Y.

"I am serving one of the largest prison enclosures in the ETO and could use thousands of Testaments

printed in the German language. I could go in the compound this minute and inside an hour distribute 500 and they would go to where they are very seriously needed. Please send me AT ONCE all that you can spare me.

"Send anything you have in the German language. I can use anything. The need is just desperate. I am training quite a corps of German pastors to go into work camps. They could use many. The minds of these people have never been so ripe and so receptive for the Word of God as now and under the condition they find themselves. They are trying to find themselves and the Word of God seems to be their only hope. Whatever you do will be deeply appreciated."

We are all concerned about our own men who are in prison camps. The American Bible Society can get the Scriptures to these men. Our task is to supply the necessary funds. We also know that what happens in many of the countries against which we now fight will be determined by the opinions of the men who return from prison camps. Whole areas of Christian conviction can be built up if we get copies of the Word to these men NOW.

### The Bible in Liberated Areas

There has been very little Bible printing in Europe for four years. In Germany Scriptures are being type-written and, when possible, mimeographed. Right now the Bible Society is printing Scriptures in Sweden in nine languages to be ready to meet Europe's needs. The first estimate of the Society was that 836,000 volumes would be needed for Europe. Just last week Dr. A. L. Warnshius returned from Geneva with the statement that 1,000,000 Bibles would be needed immediately in Germany.

Since the beginning of the war the production of Scriptures in most areas of operation has very sharply fallen off. This is due to many causes, such as reduction of personnel in paper-making and printing plants, destruction of plants by bombing, in some cases, no doubt, the seizure of plates, and general war-time restrictions and rationing.

For example, for more than two years the Norwegian Bible Society has been cut off from all paper, yet the annual average production was formerly 24,000 Bibles and 61,000 Testaments. In Germany the normal pre-war production was over 395,000 Bibles, and over 350,000 Testaments. According to last reports, passages of Scripture were being stencilled on sheets of paper because Bibles and Testaments were practically unavailable. Conditions of a similar nature exist in France, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and other occupied countries.

The object of the American Bible Society is to prepare editions which can be immediately supplied as soon as the freed country is open to receive them. These editions will be given to the local Bible Societies and churches, and whatever returns may come from the sale they will use to start up their own publication programs.

Meanwhile, the Bibles and Testaments so supplied will be at work helping the churches to rebuild the moral and spiritual life of multitudes of individuals and of the Christian community. In addition to the initial supplies of Scriptures, further editions may be required, or funds to aid the local Christian forces to get the work of publication and distribution started again.

This supplying of the Scriptures is one of the most concrete methods of aiding the churches and multitudes of people in the liberated lands to find refreshment and strength for their very difficult post-war rebuilding of life.

The American Bible Society has met emergency needs during and after every war since 1816. Never before, however, has it faced such a gigantic task as that of continuing to supply

our people in service, the prisoners of war and the liberated areas.

In addition to this great program the Society has just promoted Nationwide Bible Reading, in which every person in America was called upon to read a chapter in the Bible every day between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Fourteen million book-marks listing the passages were given out. There was remarkable radio, magazine and newspaper cooperation.

We must build a better world. Such a world can only be founded on the principles revealed to us by Jesus Christ. Men cannot know him unless they have the Bible. For one hundred twenty-nine years the American Bible Society has been translating, publishing and distributing the Word. It now needs the prayerful and liberal assistance of every American Christian.



A Chaplain Conducts a Bible Study in the Crowded Quarters of a United States Submarine With the Crew Listening Worshipfully

### SPRINGTIME OF THE SOUL

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to him it was new, for he had become new.

Said a Chinese to a missionary when looking out upon the sea: "How beautiful, I never saw anything beautiful; I never even looked until I found Jesus Christ. He has made the difference." Beauty within makes beauty without, and the song of the soul makes a songful world.

The world of men became new. "The world has so many million population, mainly Gentile dogs," would have been the declaration of Paul before his conversion. Now he sees in every man a brother for whom Christ died. Now he has taken the whole world to his heart; the world has become his parish.

All spiritual exercises, prayer, the reading of God's Word, the church of Christ became new and indispensable to the soul for health and radiance.

Even sorrow, hardships, persecution, imprisonment, wore a different face now that Paul met these things with the conviction that "all things

work together for good to them that love God." Even death no longer appeared as the grim foe which wrecks all beauty and blasts all hope. It was rather for Paul a falling asleep in Jesus when helplessly tired and a waking up in glory and strength.

Every finger of the verdant trees pointing to the cloudless blue hints at heaven. All countless varieties of buds and blossoms are pronouncements of eternal flowers which never shall fade, of leaves which never shall fall. When the path of life is thorny and rough the singing of the birds cheers us, and the lark which strikes higher and higher in the sky tells us that there is a land that is fairer than day, a heavenly garden in which Spring reigns eternally.

There are those among God's saints who so walk in the newness of life with Christ that their radiant countenance gives testimony of the springtime in their soul and shows evidence of the greater glory which shall be revealed. It is the loveliest thing on earth—the everlasting youthfulness of the soul renewed in Christ. It is most like Heaven.



Christian Spanish-Americans at One of the Early Services of the Baptist Mission at Saguache, Colorado, With Several Neighboring Pastors (Right) in Front of the Mission Chapel

# Our San Luis Valley Spanish Mission

By REV. J. J. REIMER, Missionary to the Spanish-Americans at Saguache, Colorado

IN AUGUST, 1944 we came to Saguache in the rich agricultural San Luis Valley in the heart of the Southern Colorado Rocky Mountains. We came as home missionaries to the Spanish-speaking people of this valley, appointed by the General Missionary Committee in Milwaukee, Wis., in May of last year. Having secured the use of the local Baptist Church building, we moved into the annex and launched out upon a new venture for "our beloved denomination."

Thirty-two years ago the doors of this church were closed. The other active churches followed suit and religion was on a decline in Saguache. A Holiness minister was the only resident pastor when we arrived, with the Catholic and Adventist Churches struggling along with outside help.

## God's Open Door

Today the doors of the Baptist Church are open once more. Both white and Spanish people enter to worship the true and living God.

Our week days have been filled with home visitations, distribution of literature and making this neglected place livable. Hundreds of books, Testaments, Bibles, Sunday School papers and tracts, both in the Spanish and English languages, are in the hands of men, women and children from Saguache on down this valley clear into Old Mexico.

The United States Government brings Mexican Nationals into the valley to meet the labor shortage. With the aid of our Publication House we distributed Testaments and books in these labor camps to men from every part of Mexico. Today they are back in their homes reading God's message for the first time to their families and neighbors.

In our survey during the first three months we came to the conclusion that Saguache with several surrounding communities constituted a very

needy and a prospective home mission field. The need is among the Spanish as well as the white people. We felt that we should meet the need of both. Also, it is definitely to our advantage to carry on the English work along with the Spanish people, at least for the present.

## The Needs of the Field

Our primary interest, however, is in our Spanish-Americans. Spiritual darkness and lack of understanding mark every phase of their lives. Tom Garcia, who in his drunken condition gave us a sleepless night, is typical of the average man. No matter how much they earn, the saloon gets the bulk of their money and the family suffers.

It is sickening to see little ones outside on a cold fall day with wet feet, running noses and in underclothes. Children come to school with skin

diseases and often spread contagious diseases through their careless, unsanitary way of life. The theater and the dance are the high spots in their lives. How forcefully have come to us the words of Paul, "Awake to righteousness and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame."

For one who has grown up in a Christian community it is hard to believe that there are communities in our own Christian land with men, women and children who have never entered a church in their lives. That, however, is true of many.

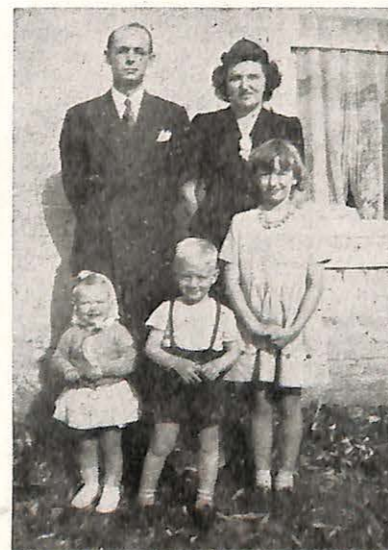
A young mother with a little chubby boy in her arm walked into our Sunday School rather timidly. She appeared nervous and alarmed, although trying hard to be friendly and pleasant. Later she confessed that this was the first time she had ever walked into a church service.

She said, "I stood for five minutes outside debating whether or not I should go in. It is silly to be afraid of going into a church," she continued, "but it is something we are not used to and it seems a strange thing for us young folks in this country to go to church."

In our first Sunday School gatherings there wasn't a Bible in the audience. Now when we sing, "The B-i-b-l-e", boys and girls who had hardly ever heard the word, "Bible," a few months ago, proudly lift up the "Word of Life." It is a thrilling sight to see so many Bibles go up. Some of these Bibles I have ordered for them. Others were dug up out of trunks where they had been laid to rest after Grandmother had died.

## Saguache, Center and Moffat

With a population of about 1300 people, half of whom are Spanish, the town of Saguache is located in the northwest corner of the San Luis Valley. The name was given to it by the Ute tribe of Indians which roamed



Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer With Their Children, (Left to Right), Gloria Beth, Milton Howard and Velora Jean

here not long ago. One lady who attends our services is a near relative of the last Ute Chief Ouray in this country.

Just a little west of Saguache, the Utes defeated the invading Apaches around a small steep hill called "Castle Rock." Almost a century ago the last of the Utes were moved out of the San Luis Valley into the Utah reservations.

Most of the Spanish-speaking people came into this valley from New Mexico. Some of them are of pure Spanish blood, others are a mixture of Spanish and Indian and even French and German.

Saguache is surrounded by grass lands and chico bush country. Not long ago the land was owned by the Spanish families and was divided into small ranches. But today a few white men, having outsmarted the complacent Mexicans, are in possession of the largest part of the land. The Spanish families, most of whom own their mud houses in Saguache, work as "peons" for the white boss. This situation has left a feeling of deep resentment in the hearts of the Spanish people, most of whom are natives of this country.

In the potato harvest many of our Saguache families go to the town of Center to pick potatoes. Center is right in the midst of the choicest farming country. It has a large Spanish population, and is flooded with Spanish workers in harvest seasons. We have made some valuable personal contacts in Center, which we hope will lead to the establishment of a work there too. Saguache and Center, separated by a distance of 25 miles, would make an ideal Spanish mission field for us.

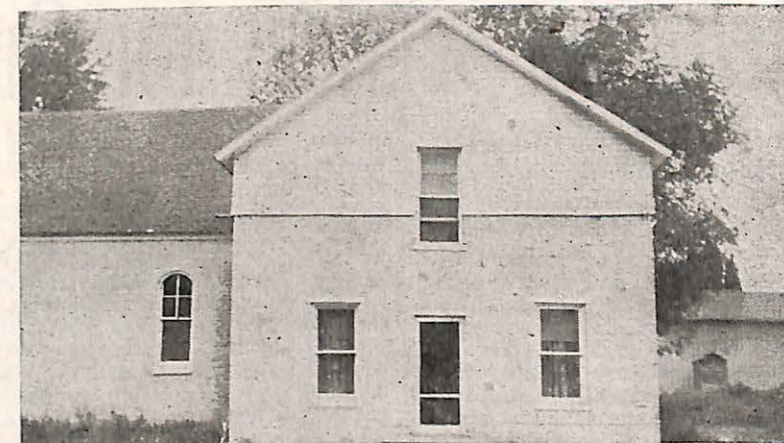
We have seen many evidences that God is working among this neglected section of the American population. United prayer, a divine vision and child-like faith will surely open up to our denomination a new flood gate of blessing on a home mission field, which we have hitherto left unexplored. May God give us a bifocal vision by which we can not only see the heathen in far off lands, but also those at our very threshold.

We have been conducting services every Sunday night in the Village of Moffat, some 20 miles southeast of Saguache. These meetings, held in the Moffat Community Church, are attended by white people, there being only one Spanish family in the neighborhood. We have been given the joy of leading one man, a former Sunday School superintendent, into renewed fellowship with our Lord. Our hearts also rejoiced when in our recent revival meetings in which Rev. F. E. Klein of Stafford, Kansas, Miss Ann Swain, our Southwestern Conference Missionary, Mrs. Reimer and I participated, five Junior girls accepted the Lord as their Savior.

## A Brief Autobiography

How did this new home mission enterprise of ours come about? It is a long story, but here is a brief sketch.

As a boy of thirteen I left Russia with my parents and came to a settlement of Russian Mennonites in Old Mexico in 1925. I worked in a corner



Annex of the Saguache Baptist Church in Which Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer and Family Live

grocery store, and later on a Mexican Hacienda, (Ranch), called Guatimape in the State of Durango. Living thus in intimate contact with the Mexican people, I learned not only their language but also their way of thinking and manner of life. Once my life hung in the balance when a drunk boy aimed a loaded and cocked pistol at me and threatened to shoot me.

From many discussions with the men over religious questions I gained an insight into the darkness and superstition which Catholicism has cast over the Mexican race. But I also sensed that deep hunger for the Truth that makes men free. I found a man reading the Gospel of John and telling others of the wonderful, beautiful stories that were recorded in this book. Catholicism in Mexico is mixed with all kinds of heathenish Indian practices and doctrines.

In 1928 we came to the United States. Here I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ. One day God revealed to me that he would have me to be a missionary to the Mexican race.

In Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mrs. Reimer and I prepared ourselves for this calling by attending Northwestern Bible School and by working in a Spanish mission. After school we served in a Mexican Mission in Lawton, Oklahoma. Then God led us in a marvelous way into the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Oklahoma and into our grand North American Bap-

tist fold. What streams of joyous experiences and blessed fellowship this new connection has brought to us!

While serving our Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, I felt the renewed urge to go into the harvest fields among our Spanish-Americans. Our Southwestern Conference churches, having experienced a revitalization in their mission spirit, received the proposition with a glowing enthusiasm, and through its conference mission committee recommended the venture to our General Missionary Committee in Milwaukee.

It was a joyous experience to stand in line with our newly appointed missionaries to the Cameroons on that Sunday afternoon and before such a throng of consecrated representatives of our denomination. When Paul Gebauer led us to the throne of grace in a consecration prayer, we could feel that tie that binds our hearts in Christian love and service. It is that tie that lifts us over our weak moments and strengthens our faith in God.

We are very grateful to our General Missionary Society and to our Southwestern Conference for granting us the services of Rev. F. E. Klein of Stafford, Kansas for several weeks of evangelistic meetings and Miss Ann Swain for the period of two months. Their coming to us has been a great blessing and has proved to be a potential means of giving our work a forward push.



Mrs. Reimer Is Enjoying a Drink of Sparkling Water from the Artesian Well Which is Almost 100 Per Cent Pure

# Memorial Services for Our Service Men

## The Hebron Baptist Church Honors the Memory of Albert Schneider

By REV. J. G. BENKE, Pastor

Albert Schneider of Hebron, No. Dak., son of Mr. and Mrs. August Schneider, was born on March 30, 1921 south of Hebron. He was called into the service of his country on Oct. 8, 1942 and was sent overseas one year later. Before he entered the service he took some training at the welding school at Fargo, No. Dak.,



The Pulpit of the Baptist Church at Hebron, No. Dak., During the Memorial Service for Albert Schneider

which helped him to receive the position of technician 5th grade. In his last letter home he mentioned that he was getting along fine but on Dec. 5th the parents received notice from the war department that he was killed in action in Germany on Nov. 19, 1944. A memorial service was held on Dec. 10 for which many friends and acquaintances gathered at the First Baptist Church in Hebron.

## Memorial Service for Pvt. Merlyn Bubb by Chicago's First German Baptist Church

By REV. JOHN SCHMIDT, Pastor

Pvt. Merlyn Bubb of Chicago, Illinois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bubb and brother of Jean Bubb, was born in Chicago, Ill., on July 21, 1926. He attended the Lincoln and Columbus Schools and Wells High School. His mother took him to Sunday School of our Grace Baptist Church and later to the Sunday School of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago. Five years ago he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ by personal faith and was baptized into the fellowship of the church with his mother by the Rev. John Schmidt.

Last summer he was drafted for service and after five months of training was sent overseas. A month later he was seriously wounded in action and he died in France on February 5, 1945 at the age of 18 years and 6

months. The last time we saw him was on the last Sunday of 1944 sitting next to his mother in church in uniform.

An impressive memorial service was held at the First Church of Chicago on Sunday night, March 18, at which the church choir and the C. F. C. Male Chorus participated. The Rev. F. W. Bartel, who was conducting revival services here, spoke words of comfort and consolation to the bereaved.

## Pvt. Daniel Utz of Lodi, Calif., Loses His Life As a Paratrooper at Luzon

By THELMA FORSCH, Acting Church Reporter

Pvt. Daniel Utz of Lodi, Calif., was born on Sept. 6, 1923 in Paul, Idaho. He moved with his family to Lodi in 1937 where he attended high school. Dan was converted in 1938 and in the



Pvt. Daniel Utz of Lodi, Calif., Who Lost His Life in a Recent Engagement in the Philippine Islands

spring of 1939 was baptized by the Rev. A. S. F. Felberg and became a member of the First Baptist Church. Dan was a faithful worker in the church, a member of the Youth Fellowship, choir and orchestra and always willing to do his share and more for the furtherance of God's work.

On Sunday, March 4, a memorial service was held for him. A flag procession by two of our brethren, Gus Burgstahler and Sam Loffelbein, was followed by the singing of "America." Before the pastor brought the message, he read a memorial poem and gave the obituary. Then came the singing of Dan's favorite song, "My God and I." Mr. Felberg then spoke on "Things That Abide," which was followed by the male quartet singing "That Beautiful Land," followed by taps by LeRoy Bernicke.

The following is a portion of a poem written by Mrs. Bertha Wolff, entitled, "My God and I," in memory of Daniel Utz.

"My God and I," 'twas a beautiful favorite of Dan,  
How oft he would play, while with it he sang;  
Each word was a comfort and blessing to hear,  
God clasping his hand, there could be no fear.

Dan was inducted into service on April 11, 1944 and was sent to Camp Roberts for basic training, then to Ft. Benning, Georgia for paratroop training. After he had spent a furlough at home, on November 17, 1944 he was shipped overseas, first to New Guinea, then to the Philippine Islands. He was killed on February 1, 1945 in Luzon. His letters indicate that it might have been one of his first missions as a paratrooper.

## In Memory of Pfc. Edward J. McCarthy, Jr., of Meriden, Connecticut

By REV. ALEX H. ELSESSER, Pastor

On Sunday, February 25th, in connection with the morning services of the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., we observed a memorial service upon hearing of the death of Pfc. Edward J. McCarthy, Jr., who was killed in action in Belgium on January 28th while in the service of our country. Floral tributes that beautified our altar gave their silent testimony to the many friends that will miss him.



Pvt. Leonard Quiring of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Killed in Action on Feb. 15, 1945

He leaves behind a wife and two daughters, his parents, a sister, and a brother, Lt. Arthur McCarthy, serving in the Pacific area.

The Gold Star placed on our service flag in commemoration of our departed brother is our first. We sincerely pray that God in his Infinite wisdom and goodness shall speed that day of peace when all shall dwell together in a harmonious relationship acknowledging Christ as Lord and Savior.

## In Memory of Pvt. Leonard Quiring of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

By MRS. JOHN ADAM, Church Clerk

On Feb. 26, 1945 the tragic news was received by Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Quiring of Minneapolis, Minn., that their son, Pvt. Leonard Quiring, had died of wounds received while performing his duties in Luxembourg on Feb. 15, 1945.

Pvt. Quiring was inducted into the Army on Aug. 14, 1944, and received his basic training in the infantry at Fort McClellan, Ala. With just a few days of furlough and less than 17 weeks of training, he was sent overseas, there to meet an untimely death and to give his life for his country at the age of 19 years and 9 months.

On Sunday morning, March 4, a memorial service was held in his honor in the Faith Baptist Church with the Rev. L. B. Berndt officiating. The church was more than filled to capacity with friends and relatives who came to pay tribute to one so well known and loved in our midst. A picture of Leonard was on a table, vases of white lilies, carnations and roses on each side.

The oldest brother of the deceased, Pvt. Alvin Quiring, pinned the gold star to our service flag, and, as the blue star turned to gold, our hearts were touched and heads were bowed in silent prayer for all our boys represented by the sixteen blue stars on the flag. Appropriate songs brought comforting messages as sung by a mixed quartet consisting of Mr. Werner Reck, Mr. Alfred Brachlow, Miss Violet Shultz and Miss Elizabeth Range, a choir song, and two solos sung by Miss Shultz and Mrs. L. B. Berndt. The Rev. L. B. Berndt's message on the theme, "That I May Know Him, and the Power of His Resurrection," was a comfort to all.

Pvt. Quiring was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on May 10, 1925. At the age of 13, he was converted, baptized, and became a member of the Faith Church. He received his education in the Minneapolis schools, graduating from high school in June 1943 with high honors, and achieving special recognition for outstanding accomplishments in the field of athletics. At the time of his induction, he was president of the young people's society secretary of the Eureka Men's Club and a loyal member of the choir and Sunday School. His friendly smile and friendly disposition, as well as sterling Christian character, were exceptionally prominent for one of his youth.

As no flowers were requested, friends and relatives and various organizations of the church in loving remembrance have contributed towards a memorial fund. This will be used in the purchasing of a suitable memorial for the church which he loved.

Besides his parents, Pvt. Leonard Quiring is survived by three brothers, Pvt. Alvin Quiring, of the Medical Corps, U. S. Army; Wilmer, a student at the Rochester Seminary; and Edward; and one sister, Leona.

# My Introduction to Canada

By REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union



Rev. J. C. Gunst, General Secretary of the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union

YOUR young people's secretary no longer has only ideas what the work of the young people's societies and Sunday Schools in our Canadian churches is like since he has now had first hand contact and experience with these organizations in several of the churches. I was privileged to be instructor in three Bible Schools in three different churches and to visit many other churches in the Northern Conference. The Bible School classes were well attended and the students showed a very keen and gratifying interest in the class work.

My first engagement was with the Ebenezer East and Yorkton churches from Jan. 28 to Feb. 9. Every evening we had special services which resulted in three decisions for Christ. In each one of these churches there is a live and active Sunday School and young people's society. The Rev. G. Beutler, the pastor, is giving sacrificial and honorable leadership to these two fields.

My second engagement in Bible School work from Feb. 11 to 22 was with the two churches, Springside and

Ebenezer West, where the Rev. E. M. Wegner is doing a commendable work. The school was unique in interest and spirit. The response on the part of the students was most in-

From Springside I went to Minitonas, Man., where the Rev. Walter Stein is the pastor of a large church. Due to the large membership of the church and the cooperation of the Baptist Czechoslovakian Church we had a large student body for the Bible School from Feb. 25 to March 4. It might be mentioned here that in all of the schools the pastor of each church had a teaching part in the school. The evening meetings were really inspirational and the people turned out in large numbers. Mr. Stein is doing a great work in this large field.

From Minitonas I began my homeward trip, but visited the church at St. Rose for a fine inspirational meeting, then on to Winnipeg where the church was engaged in special meetings and where we were privileged to spend one evening enjoying the fine fellowship of the church people. The next stop was Morris, Man., where we found a very cordial and responsive church full of people for the evening service. The Rev. H. Schatz is doing a fine work in this fine field.

The last stop for the extended trip was at Grand Forks, No. Dak., the first church which I served as pastor and therefore "home" to me. The thrills and joys shared with these friends cannot be described as they were experienced during that fine reunion. The Rev. E. W. Klatt has done a marvelous work with this unique group of people who, though small in number, have done a great work in recent years.

All of these churches visited are rapidly developing into strong Christian centers with large groups of young people who are all out for Christ.

In every field a great need for proper materials for our young people and Sunday School work was expressed. To me it is a great "wonder" to see that our leaders are able to do so much with so little material on hand. With the fine youth in our churches our denomination should not be satisfied until we have the very best study material for our churches.

Everywhere we find disintegrating and destructive forces at work in our churches. This is to be expected in a world of evil and sinfulness. Our people, however, in general are loyal and faithful to their mission to which God has called them. All of our pastors contacted have a burning desire that together as leaders we should give the very best for our people in our churches. Without exception these men of God are hard workers and faithful stewards. God is using these men mightily in his great work.

### Front Cover Picture

The front cover picture shows the apple tree on the Baptist parsonage lot in Corona, South Dakota, in full bloom during the Spring of 1944. Some previous minister planted the tree; his successors, including the Rev. R. A. Klein, the incumbent pastor, are enjoying its beauty and fruit.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

#### Sessions of the Southern Association of the Southern Conference at Mowata, La.

Those of us who had the privilege of attending the Southern Association of the Southern Conference at Mowata, La., from Feb. 22 to 25 were richly blessed. We were made to feel welcome on the first evening by the pastor, Rev. Paul Hintze. During the entire association we were fed with spiritual food, with sermons, talks and songs by pastors, laymen and the church choir.

The Rev. David Zimmerman of Kyle served as moderator. Pastors attending were Rev. W. Helwig of Dallas, Rev. L. Hoeffner of Elberta, Ala., and Rev. D. Zimmerman of Kyle, Texas. The Rev. W. Helwig, our mission secretary delivered the mission sermon on Sunday morning after which a mission offering was received which amounted to \$374.00.

The Mowata Church did a splendid job of entertaining the association. May the Lord bless them in their efforts. The Lord willing, the next meeting will be held with the church at Elberta, Ala.

Adolph Hill, Reporter.

### NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Baptismal Service and Farewell Reception at the Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn.

The Rev. Alfred Foll, pastor of the North Side Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., baptized six persons on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, February 11. At the communion service on February 25 the six persons were given the hand of fellowship and received into the church. This also was Mr. Foll's farewell sermon, since he had accepted the call of another pastorate at Odessa, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Foll were guests of honor at a surprise farewell party held on Friday 16 in the church basement when members and friends gathered to wish them well. The Rev. August Lutz of St. Bonifacius was present and addressed the gathering. Representatives of the various church societies spoke, and Mr. and Mrs. Foll responded graciously. Gifts were presented to them from the Young People's Society, a beautiful floor lamp from the church and a handsome table cloth from the Philathea Class. At a previous meeting the Ladies' Aid had showered Mrs. Foll with handkerchiefs.

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

Otto Fratzke, Clerk.

#### A Son Is Born to Missionaries Michelson in Africa

The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, missionaries in the Cameroons of Africa, have cabled the good news to Mrs. Michelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Rust of Martin, No. Dak., that a son was born to them at Soppo, Africa, on March 21st. The boy has been named Paul Edwin. The Michelsons are stationed at Soppo for their missionary service. Editor.

### DAKOTA CONFERENCE

#### Successful Evangelistic Services at the Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota

Evangelistic services were held for two weeks recently in the First Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota, with the Rev. Albert Ittermann of Tyndall, So. Dak., as evangelist.

Mr. Ittermann brought the messages with the power of the Holy Spirit and love for lost souls. He also related his interesting experiences as pastor in South Africa and his extended tour to Egypt and throughout Europe. A number of persons responded to the invitation to accept Christ as Savior and many rededicated their lives more fully to the Lord.

Our church is grateful that the Tyndall Baptist Church permitted their beloved pastor to come to us for two weeks. May the Lord bless them and reward them for it!

Our pastor, the Rev. Arthur Ittermann, held revival meetings for two weeks in Washington, Michigan in the latter part of February.

Geo. J. Terveen, Clerk

#### New Officers and Recent Meetings of the Young People's Society of Corona, So. Dak.

The Baptist Young People's Society of Corona, So. Dak., has elected the following officers for the new year: pres-

#### 60th Anniversary of the Faith Church of Minneapolis, Minn.

We wish to extend a cordial invitation to all former pastors and members of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., to unite with us on May 3, 4 and 6 and to commemorate the 60th anniversary of our church.

Direct all correspondence to

Mrs. John Adam,  
4260 Queen Ave., North,  
Minneapolis 12, Minn.

ident, Martha Sprung; vice-president, Bennard Wiese; secretary, Dorothy DeBoer; and treasurer, Maynard Hoekman.

Our meetings in this year have consisted of a Bible Ball Game, song study, missionary program and a contest program. Our attendance isn't so large but the programs rendered have proven to be a blessing to many. The meetings most enjoyed are the half hour of prayer before the regular evening services on two Sundays monthly.

One of our members, Lawrence DeBoer, has heard the call for full time service for the Lord and is now making plans to prepare for the ministry.

Anna DeBoer, Reporter.

#### The Baptist Church at Sidney, Mont., Celebrates Its 2nd Anniversary and Reviews Its Work

The Lord has been using each one of his children mightily here in Sidney, Montana for the past few months. For two weeks before Christmas the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Teske assisted us in pre-Christmas evangelistic meetings. Two young mothers gave their hearts to the Lord in these services.

Our attendance has stayed in the high fifties in Sunday School and about 70 in the morning worship services. We now have 54 active church members. Our young people have a fine Christian meeting each Sunday evening with a different leader each time. The Ladies Missionary Society now numbers 21. They have recently equipped a modern church kitchen with built in cupboards and dishes.

The child evangelism classes are increasing in size and spirit. Mrs. Otto Fiesel started these meetings with all the children from town about a year and a half ago. As many as 50 children meet each Thursday evening after school. They are taught choruses, told flannelgraph stories, given time to testify and are taught to pray. We have had about 18 meetings during the past four weeks with Vern McKnight assisting Mrs. Fiesel. Twenty-seven children gave their hearts to the Lord.

The children meet each Saturday for a radio broadcast which is very popular in the valley. The children of the Baptist Sunday School also bring a number from their children's choir each Sunday morning. Margaret Schell assists Mrs. Fiesel with the children's choir and the child evangelism classes.

We celebrated our second anniversary on a recent Sunday in February. The Rev. F. W. Bartel brought the anniversary message in the morning. We had the church decorated with a beautiful bouquet of cut flowers.

We give all praise to the Lord for the blessings we have received in our Sidney Church and pray that God will continue blessing us. The Rev. Otto Fiesel has been very faithful in his work here, and has guided his flock in a fine godly way. On Sunday, March 4, we dedicated our new communion set at the Lord's Supper.

Mrs. Otto Fiesel, Reporter.

April 15, 1945

#### The Bismarck B. Y. P. U. Presents a Variety-Talent Program for Piano Fund

Our B. Y. P. U. in Bismarck, No. Dak., is still active and doing our best to glorify our Lord and Master with the able help of Rev. and Mrs. John Schweitzer. It is a privilege to have a large group of young women in our B. Y. P. U. who have joined our society while being employed in Bismarck.

We have entire charge of the service about every other Sunday evening. We have various programs such as discussions on topics, musical programs and other variety features.

On February 25th we had a variety-talent program. We all took part using our talents to the best of our ability, for Christ's praise and honor, by singing songs, piano solos, and giving instrumental numbers or readings. The main objective of the program was to raise money for our piano fund, since our society bought a piano for the church basement. Our offering in cash and pledges totaled \$97.27 which did not completely cover the cost of our piano but we are confident that we will get it paid for in a short time.

We have had several socials in the new year and a glorious time was had by every one in playing games and a wonderful Christian fellowship was experienced. We have also had a "Christian Home Building" course taught by the Rev. Edward Kary of Napoleon, No. Dak.

Violet Staiger, Secretary.

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

#### Farewell Reception for Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Knechtel by Chicago's Grace Church

On March 4th the Ladies' Aid of the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., under the able leadership of Mrs. Herman Siemund, prepared a surprise dinner in honor of Dr. and Mrs. John E. Knechtel, to which all members of the church and their families were invited. Mrs. Knechtel received a lovely corsage and Dr. Knechtel was presented with a beautiful illuminated family Bible.

The program consisted of short speeches given by various members of the church commending Dr. Knechtel on his faithful, willing and ever helpful services during the eleven years as pastor of the church. The Rev. and Mrs. A. Schlesinger and the Rev. and Mrs. J. Schmidt, guests at the dinner, also offered their felicitations. In between the messages the choir, under the direction of Miss Glee Maeck, sang two numbers, one a choral interpretation of the hymn, "Glorious things of Thee Are Spoken" and the other "Were You There?" a well known Negro spiritual. Other music was supplied by a solo number and two quartets.

The affair was well attended and much enjoyed by all present. It will be long remembered just as the faithful, kind and spiritual ministry of Dr. Knechtel in whose honor it was held.

Elizabeth Steinke, Secretary.

#### Farewell Reception for Mr. and Mrs. G. Mabs by the Benton Harbor Church

On Feb. 27 the "Helping Hand Class" of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., arranged a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. Gust. Mabs and their daughter, Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Mabs, who are faithful members of our church, have bought a farm near Los Angeles, Calif., where they will live.

For the purpose a program was arranged, in which a number of ladies participated. The Rev. E. Gutsche brought the farewell message. A number of songs were sung by the large assembly. The men, husbands of the ladies of the class, were entertained in the large and beautiful basement of the modern house.

The Mabs family enjoyed great popularity and affection in our church, and we all will feel a definite loss with their departure. Two of their sons will remain with us. Mr. Arthur Mabs is the vice-superintendent of the Sunday School.

Linda Wesner, Reporter.

are becoming fewer, he has succeeded in making the church self-supporting. All our debts are paid off as well.

Mrs. Stoeri devoted her time quietly and with lovingkindness in Sunday School and in the Ladies' Missionary Society as president. We are deeply sorry that Mrs. Stoeri is now gravely ill. After being two weeks at the University Hospital at Ann Arbor, Mich., it was deemed wise to take her to her daughter at St. Joseph, Mich., that she might receive the best care humanly possible.

The church gave our beloved pastor one month's leave in March so that he might be with Mrs. Stoeri. We keep on praying that our great God might take care of her as he sees best and, if possible, to restore her health. We wish that God on high might give our pastor faith and strength to carry on. Surely, a host of friends and children of God who have been blessed in former years by their faithful ministry will now unite with us in prayer in behalf of Mrs. Thomas Stoeri.

J. H. Landenberger, Reporter.



Honored Guests at the Farewell Reception for Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Knechtel by the Grace Church of Chicago, Illinois  
(Left to Right: Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Schlesinger, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Knechtel, Mrs. Helen Knechtel, and Rev. and Mrs. John Schmidt)

#### The Effective Ministry of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Stoeri at Gladwin, Mich.

The Rev. Thomas Stoeri has now been the pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Mich. for more than three years. This short period of time has been full of blessing for us. In every way it has been a time of grace for our church.

With great faithfulness and rare devotion he has preached and taught the Word of God and has made the hearts of God's children warm and responsive. His manifold experiences of life and his deep understanding for everything that is beautiful and sublime have been our gain.

Like a father full of love and also of discipline he has tried to gain the hearts of our children so that he might influence them for the highest Christian ideals of life. In a time when the older generation of the church is passing away rapidly and the families with earning capacities

### NORTHERN CONFERENCE

#### Evangelistic Services at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

The Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta held special meetings from Feb. 11 to 23 with the Rev. G. G. Rauser of Franklin, Calif., as our evangelist. Great blessings were received through his spirit filled messages.

The services were well attended and richly blessed by God. Several persons confessed Christ as their personal Savior and others re-dedicated their lives to their Lord and Master. Some others, who at one time professed conversion, were reinstated.

We are thankful to Brother Rauser and the Zion Baptist Church of Franklin, Calif., for the service rendered to us in the Lord's name.

D. Kirsch, Church Clerk.





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