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# WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● The Rev. Wayne R. Williams, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wisconsin, presented his resignation to the church on Sunday, July 8, and announced that it would be effective on September 1, 1945. His plans for the future are not known at the time of going to press.

● The Baptist Church of Fenwood, Saskatchewan is being served by Mr. Carl Dohms, who lives on the farm nearby with his parents. Mr. Dohms is a graduate of the Bible Institute of Winnipeg, Manitoba and is serving very acceptably as the interim pastor since the departure of the Rev. H. J. Waltereit for Lehr, North Dakota.

● On Sunday, July 1, the Rev. H. Hirsch, pastor of the Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio baptized four boys, ranging from 10 to 17 years of age, on confession of their faith in Christ. These converts were the result of Rev. F. W. Bartel's evangelistic ministry in the church during the Passion Week preceding Easter Sunday. It was a day of great spiritual rejoicing for the people of the Erin Avenue Church!

● The Rev. J. J. Abel of Gackle, North Dakota, recently resigned as pastor of the Gackle and Alfred Baptist Churches, and announced the acceptance of the call from the Immanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas. Mr. Abel will begin his ministry in Marion on August 15, succeeding the late Rev. C. C. Gossen who passed to his eternal reward on June 1, 1945.

● The Rev. Karl Gieser recently resigned as superintendent of the Old People's Home of Bismarck, North Dakota. The heavy demands of that ministry and the need for rest by himself and Mrs. Gieser were reasons given for his decision. The resignation is to take effect in September, 1945. Mr. Gieser has not announced any plans for himself for the immediate future.

● The First Baptist Church of George, Iowa held a successful one week Vacation Bible School with an attendance of 83 children recently. A demonstration program was given at the close of the school before an appreciative audience. The very gratifying offering received evidenced the hearty approval of those present. The sessions were held throughout the days of the week. The Rev. J. J. Renz is pastor of the church.

● The Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, has given a call to the Rev. Victor H. Prendinger to be its

pastor, to which a favorable reply has been given. Mr. Prendinger has served as pastor of the Pilgrim Church of Jersey City, N. J., for 21 years and his resignation was a distinct shock to the church. He will begin his pastorate in the Gladwin Church on Sept 15, 1945 and will succeed the Rev. Thomas Stoeri, who is now retired from the active ministry.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois has extended a call to Mr. William Jeschke of Nokomis, Sask., a graduate of the class of July, 1945 of the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Jeschke has replied favorably and with his wife, the former Miss Elsie Rose Dons, will begin his pastorate in Chicago in September. He will succeed Dr. John Knechtel, who resigned the charge as pastor in order to devote all his time to his medical practise.

● Mr. Joe Sonnenberg of Minitonas, Manitoba is serving the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of Saskatchewan with its mission stations at Golden Prairie and Anental since Good Friday of this year. He is a student of the Edmonton Christian Training Institute. Four Vacation Bible Schools are being conducted by Mr. Sonnenberg and his assistants this summer. A new church, costing about \$5000, is being built in the town of Golden Prairie. His plans are to serve the churches until the opening of school this Fall.

● The 29th anniversary of the Women's Missionary Union of the Bethel Heights Baptist Church near Gatesville, Texas was observed on Sunday evening, May 27, with a program of musical numbers and readings, and messages by the Rev. W. H. Buehning and the church deacons. The contents of the mission boxes amounted to \$104.39. Mrs. W. H. Buehning, the president, had been ill for several months, but she was able to take charge of the anniversary program.

● A Vacation Bible School was held at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas from May 21 through June 1. The school was directed by the pastor, Rev. F. G. Ferris. There were one hundred enrolled, including the twelve teachers. On the final Friday night a program was presented, consisting mainly of demonstrations of the work and worship of the various departments. There was also an exhibit of the handwork made by the pupils during Bible school, including work books and other projects such as the large paper mache relief map of Palestine.

● A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted at the First Church of Goodrich, North Dakota, under the

supervision of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler from June 11 to 15. The following teachers ably assisted in the work: Mrs. Emma Unruh, Mrs. J. Boisin, Misses Iris and Diana Schmidt. A demonstration program was given by the children on Sunday evening, June 17, to a large attentive audience. Many Bible passages and choruses were memorized and missionary stories were related, followed by a daily offering which amounted to \$15.03 for the five days and was designated for foreign missions.

● On Wednesday evening, July 18, the Rev. Ervin J. Faul, pastor of the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., Canada and Miss Bernice Sailor of Nokomis were married in the Nokomis Baptist Church with Prof. A. Husmann of Rochester, N. Y., officiating. The Rev. Henry Smuland of Southey, Sask., served as best man. The former Miss Sailor is church pianist, young people's secretary and soloist at the Nokomis church. Miss Martha Faul, a sister of the Rev. J. Faul, who has kept house for him during the past year, served as one of the attendants at the wedding ceremony. After a honeymoon trip of two weeks in the United States, Mr. and Mrs. Faul will return to the Baptist parsonage of Nokomis.

● The Baptist Church of Lashburn, Saskatchewan has been served by Mr. Fred Ohlmann as pastor since June 1st. He is a graduate of the Edmonton Christian Training Institute and hopes to enroll as a student in our Rochester Seminary in September of this year. On July 29 the Rev. E. P. Wahl baptized 4 persons at an impressive service at Lashburn as the result of evangelistic services held from July 8 to 14. On July 24 Miss Lena Paul, a member of "the Melodians" quartet of the Edmonton Institute, and Mr. Ohlmann were married at Davin, Sask., with Rev. E. P. Wahl officiating. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ohlmann are at the Lashburn Church at present, awaiting their trip to Rochester, N. Y., for the Fall school term.

● The rededication services for the Gross Park Immanuel Church of Chicago, Ill., were held on Sunday, July 1, with Rev. J. Knechtel and Mr. Herman Siumund of the Grace Church of Chicago speaking in the morning and Rev. H. G. Dymmel, home mission secretary, bringing the message in the evening service. The choir and men's chorus of the First Church of Chicago also rendered a sacred concert in the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pankratz, directors. The Immanuel Church suffered a disastrous fire on Jan. 25, 1945, and the cost of rebuilding the church amounted to about \$7000. The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, pastor, was in charge of the rededication services.

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### Coming!

#### A CORNER OF GOD'S UNIVERSE

Hidden away in the hills of the rich Palouse Country of eastern Washington with their rolling wheat fields is the little Wilcox Baptist Church of Colfax, Wash. The story of this interesting rural church of ours will be related by Mrs. Paul Krueger, and a sermon by the pastor, Rev. R. M. Klingbell, will be featured. There will also be several pictures to illustrate this account.

#### AMONG THE CANADIAN INDIANS

Miss Ruth Bohlman of Leduc, Alberta has been spending several months as a travelling graduate nurse of the Indian Department of Canada, serving the Treaty Indians north of Edmonton. She describes the opportunities which are hers to witness for Christ and to do missionary work in this very informative article.

#### ADVENTURES IN SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Miss Ann Swain as the Scripture Memorization worker for the Southwestern Conference will show "The Herald" readers in this forthcoming article what fun the children are having in memorizing Scripture passages and what joys have been hers in this wonderful work. This is an important mission field to which all eyes must be opened!

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## EDITORIAL

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### "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled!"

DEATH is the herald of grief. It can open the floodgates of sorrow until we are engulfed by the billowy waters around us. It can cut its wounds sharply and deeply into a human heart. It shows no respect of person, for its tread is heard at the king's gate as well as on the steps of a humble shack.

How blessed are those who can hear the words of Jesus Christ in the midst of their human grief: "Let not your heart be troubled!" For he who spoke these words could say and demonstrate of himself that he is "the Resurrection and the Life" and he that believeth on him shall never die! Those mansions prepared by the living Christ, which are eternal in the heavens, can be clearly seen by faith when these words come with comforting mercy: "Let not your heart be troubled!"

The past few weeks have brought the tidings of death from several distant and even unexpected places. The accidental death of Chaplain Gustav T. Lutz while on duty with the United States Army in Germany is symbolic of many young men who have to lay down their lives during the tragic course of the second World War. The homegoing of the Rev. C. C. Gossen of Marion, Kansas, while still in the prime of life, courageously facing the opportunities of tomorrow, has brought sorrow to the hearts of his many friends. And now our dear friend and young people's counsellor, Walter Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been called Home! As president of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union from 1931 to 1934 and as leader in his church and denominational circles, he was climbing to heights of Christian service when he was stricken seriously ill some time ago.

It is not easy to see these ties of human friendship torn rudely asunder by death. Tears of sadness flow unchecked from eyes that can never again look upon the human form of their friends.

But a light shines through the tears and gloom as Jesus' words reassure us of life eternal and as his spirit touches our grief stricken souls: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid!" For Christ is our Light, our Peace, our Comfort without fail forevermore!





Pinnacle Peak in Glacier National Park as Photographed by Norman J. Boehm of Detroit, Michigan, Several Years Ago

# The Christ on the Mount

Sermon by Rev. FREDERICK Y. LOWER of Kankakee, Illinois

IN MATTHEW'S GOSPEL the seventeenth chapter, verses one through eight, we are told of one of the most glorious incidents in the earthly life of our Lord. It is a miniature of the future Kingdom and the glory of Christ.

Jesus speaks in the verses just preceding the text of his coming in the glory of his Father, and then he makes that remarkable statement: "There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom." Within six days Peter, James and John were to catch a glimpse of the glory of the Son of man coming in his kingdom there on the Mount.

## THE GLORIOUS SETTING

Jesus took these three disciples, often referred to as "The Inner Circle" of his companions, to a "high mountain" there to be transfigured before them. The mountain is thought to be Mt. Hermon, the most beautiful in all Palestine.

Marvin Vincent in his "Word Studies" gives a lovely word picture of Christ on Mt. Hermon. "Hermon is truly the center of all the promised land, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, the Mount of fruitfulness of which the springs of Jordan descended to the valleys of Israel. Along its mighty forest avenues, until the grass grew fair with the mountain lilies and his feet dashed in the dew of Hermon, he must have gone to pray."

Here Christ appeared before his three disciples with face shining as the sun and his raiment white as light. Luke's account says it became dazzling. Our Lord is set forth here in the beneficence of light, the purity of snow, the majesty of lightning. It was a different brilliance from that of Moses' face or Stephen's when he saw the Lord. They had the glory

of the Lord shining on them; Christ had the divine light shining from within.

For a few moments he is seen in the greatness of the King of glory instead of the humility of the Son of man. The One who had hidden his majesty beneath the form of a servant comes forth in all his glory. His whole person stands out in clear relief against the dark background, like lightning flashing on the bosom of the night.

The word used here for "transfigured" is used in two other places in the Scripture, which makes this picture even more beautiful, the scene more precious to those who know and believe on him. In Romans 12:2 it is used and translated "transformed." "And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." His grace transforms us now, and later in the Resurrection we shall be transfigured according to the same image.

Again in II Corinthians 3:18, "But we all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed (transformed) into the same image from glory to glory."

Moses and Elijah appeared also talking with him. One of the Gospels says he spoke concerning his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. It seems he talked with them about his death and Resurrection, about the cross, that which the disciples did not understand and which they were unwilling to have take place. All that which the heavenly visitors said to him or he to them is not recorded, but may it not have been that as he looked at them he saw again the necessity for his cross?

Earth without understanding was crying for deliverance and heaven was waiting for the accomplishment of God's purpose. So because he willed one will with the Father, Christ left the glory of the mount and with resolute step trod the way to Calvary.

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And from the darkness that overwhelmed him has broken a light that falls in radiance of hope and certainty upon the otherwise ruined race.

It was to show the disciples his future glory that Christ took them with him to the mountain. The emphasis seems to be on the words, "before them." He was transfigured before them. All the radiance of the mountain-top experience was for their sakes and ours for the record.

If the disciples were to keep their faith through the dark hours just ahead of them they had to see the light of the Eternal One. In order to strengthen them for the ordeal through which they had to pass, they had not only to see the majesty of the divine personality, but had to have a glimpse of the glory beyond the cross.

In the splendors of the Mount two facts of the Messiahship and Saviorhood of the Christ were confirmed. They saw the Messiah in the glory of his person and all the splendors of his own perfect character. It was a confirmation of the necessity of the cross.

Peter, in some degree, seems to understand the meaning of the transfiguration when he suggested the building of three tabernacles. He must have been thinking of the feast of tabernacles which was in memory of Israel's sojourn in the desert when God dwelt among them in the pillar cloud.

Peter spoke confusedly, but his confused words are recorded because in his very confusion he was led to utter more than he really knew. It is as though he said, "The Kingdom has come!" He wanted to celebrate. His mistake is seen in putting the two visitors on the same level as the Master. He suggested building three tabernacles, one for each.

## IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Then the word of God is heard. "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him." Moses and Elijah were only servants; Jesus was God's Son in whom he found delight. Christ was about to pass from the culminating glory of this spot to take his way into the shadows of death and again God said, "I am well pleased."

The disciples were afraid. They knew what the cloud meant. It was the cloud that had been withdrawn from Israel for centuries; the cloud that spoke of Jehovah's presence had appeared again. And as always when men are in the presence of God they fall on their faces, and God calls their attention away from Moses and Elijah and places it upon Christ. As God asks them to hear his Son, so when this scene shall be repeated in the coming of his return, he must be heard and "every knee shall bow before him."

"And when they had lifted up their eyes they saw Jesus Only." The grandeur and joy of the scene had passed. Moses and Elijah had gone, the voice was silent; Jesus only remained. Our mountain-top experience will change and we may be brought down to the valley, but may we always see Jesus only, "the same yesterday, today and forever."

# Home, At Last!

The Story of a Missionary's Trip from Mambila to Manhattan by  
REV. GEORGE A. DUNGER, of the Cameroons, Africa

STAGE ONE! The sorrowing "Mambilas" have been left behind. Knowing their missionaries going to America, they returned to their squatting villages, disappointed. The White Man was gone. No longer would he sit together with them in the Palaver House and tell stories from the "God Book", the Bible.

Yes, it would be like one old villager had said: "When he goes away again we will be in the cold darkness of night." However, the missionaries, though saddened by departing from their native friends looked southward where beyond the undulating highlands lay the mountain ranges of the Cameroons and farther south, the forest with its plantations and its roads, leading to coastal ports and the gateways to the homeland.

Days of strenuous trekking followed, interspersed by meetings with native church teachers and evangelists, deacons and churches. A busy day is spent at Ndu. The truck and the loads are prepared. A day's ride over mountains through valleys and plains. Bamenda. And so the days pass: Dschang, Bafang, Nkongsomba, Kumba and, finally, Great Soppo.

Stage two! Busy days, packed with missionary meetings, supervision of stations and mission activities have passed. The Dodge truck, carrying the missionaries and their luggage, comes to a halt at Tiko's culvert. A funny looking, dwarfed, narrow-gauge railroad awaits its missionary passengers with hot and noisy impatience. Lastly, when arriving at Tiko's wharf, the missionaries step down the gang-plank and board a gently rocking launch. Direction: Mangrove Creeks, the open Bay. Destination: Duala — and, then the final parting from the new missionaries.

Stage Three! Days of anxious waiting have passed. It is Sunday. The message arrives that an airplane will arrive at noon and that there may be an opportunity of passage. Cars race along to the air-port — and there the great silver bird appears in the sky. It circles the airdrome several times and, bouncing along, comes to rest. Passengers disembark. The pilot checks the load and freight and says that the missionaries may embark. How wonderful!

There is no need for waiting days and weeks for a boat that will make the trip from Duala to Lagos in four days. We will make it in three hours! The silver bird — a beautiful Lockheed — trembles, as if ever so lightly trying its wings. The engines roar. The silver bird sprints along the airstrip and then with graceful ease lifts its body into the air.

Duala below. There is the Bay! Here are the Mangrove Creeks. Now Tiko. To the right Great Soppo, partly

obscured by clouds. Farther to the right Fako, Mt. Cameroon's mighty volcanic cone. Below Victoria — ah, there is Barclays Bank, the United Africa Trading house, the Basel Mission Church — now Bota Bay, even our mission's small house with the newly thatched roof shining in the sun.

Endless breakers line up in continuous combers and the gleaming whiteness of surf beats against the rocky, palm-fringed beach of the Cameroons. Puffs of clouds beneath. Whiteness all around us. And then above, blue sky.

Later, as if the great silver bird had tired of soaring too high, we descend. To the left the emerald sea, to the right the vastness of Nigeria's tropical forests, its vastness broken only by meandering creeks and the delta of the great Niger River whose muddy waters from the north force themselves into the sea for many miles. Finally a queer patchwork quilt of streets and houses appears; a harbor teeming with craft and clustered here and there with anchored vessels of war.

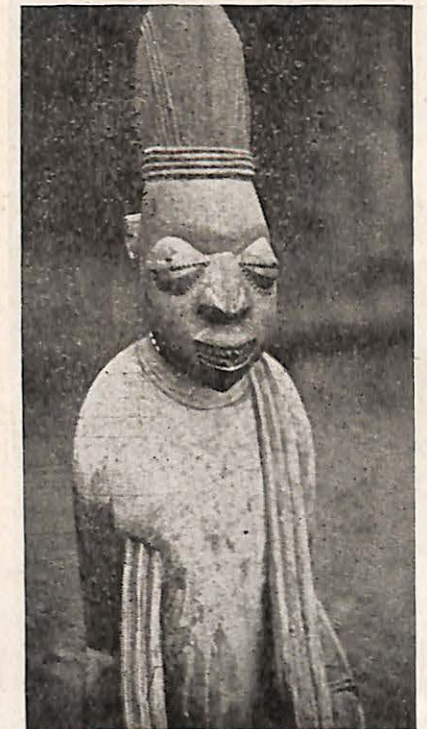
Lagos. The following day we board the same plane. Our destination is Accra of the Gold Coast, famous for its cocoa and the Golden Stool of Ashanti.

Stage Four! All attempts to secure immediate plane passage have failed. Shall we be delayed at Accra like hundreds of people who have been waiting for passage — either by plane or boat — for months? Another question arises: Can we stay? Accra's two hotels are dirty, ill-suited and expensive places. While we have protected ourselves against tropical diseases for seven years, shall we remain here and thus subject ourselves to infection?

However, as in previous difficulties, GOD again points the way. An American Victory boat lies in the harbor. We get busy, trying to make arrangements for passage. The boat will leave in a few day's time! After many prayers, hours of anxiety and making contacts, we finally secure passage.

On one of the following days we board the surf boat that will convey us to the freighter, anchored in Accra Roads. The heavy swell carries us up and down, towards the big ship rolling and pitching in the heavy sea. Now we are alongside and ready to be hoisted up. We are hoisted up! The Mammy-Chair in which we sit and against whose sides we brace ourselves, hits the ship's side. A sudden pull, and we clear the railing by a few inches . . . and, due to the ship's rolling, swing back, hit the hatch.

We are thrown about. Our helmets fly off. Our bags scatter on the floor, open up and spill their contents.



An Ede Fetish of Nigeria, Africa

Below us yawns the deep, empty hold, and, beyond it, the sea. We swing back — numerous strong hands try to hold and steady the chair. This gigantic, swinging pendulum is far too heavy as to be stopped by human hands. Again we swing out over the hold and the sea. Then we are caught again by these strong hands . . . one officer is crushed between the mammy-chair and the hold's hatch. Now we are safe.

Daphne and Louise are lifted out of the chair . . . Louise suffers from a badly bruised back; Daphne escaped unscathed. My knees opening up, oozing blood and swelling to an abnormal size. The ship's crew and officers say that we escaped certain death. Surely, God's hands kept that Mammy-Chair from disintegration and miraculously preserved us. We praise his name!

The day arrives when we sail. Then the days come and go when we bid farewell to Africa's coast, to the last vestiges of the African continent, the Cape Verde Islands. And then the day arrived when we beheld American land for the first time after seven years — Daphne's first acquaintance with her homeland! All the questions she asked! About cranes, gasometers, street cars, elevated lines, window displays, railroad stations, farm houses, bridges, subways and, most of all, people and what they are doing, where they are living, where they are going.

The Fifth and Last Stage! Having passed the Immigration and Customs authorities we went hunting taxis as calling by phone proved entirely futile. Hours passed. At last a taxi took us to the railroad station from where we took the train to New York, our "home town". The familiar sub-

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# The Philippine Trail of Blood and Tears

By Missionary PAUL D. FRIEDERICHSEN Who With His Family Was Liberated from Santo Tomas Camp in Manila on February 3, 1945

a young pastor to the mountains of Panay as their own home missionary. Revival fires were burning and revival joy was overflowing. It was an abundant life we were enjoying. Our workers' prayer meeting each morning seldom was less than two hours in length and often consumed most of the morning, for the time seemed to slip by unnoticed.

After six months the next dry season began and we were placed in charge of about twenty-five pastors in the surrounding district. We had a glorious two-weeks' conference with them and then went to each church to visit them in their own field. The tent was up again and extensive evangelistic meetings were planned for all the churches. The dry season is the best time to carry on an evangelistic campaign. The Japanese knew this and began their campaign of another sort, which for the time forced ours to wait. But we are looking forward to the time when the evangelistic campaigns may begin again.

## MISSIONARY REFUGEES

We endeavored to carry on evangelistic meetings after Pearl Harbor, but the people were so disturbed with the bombings and the nightly blackouts that we could do but little. Since all civilians were ordered out of the city of Iloilo, we too evacuated to an inland town. When the Provincial Government followed us to this town, we decided to go far back into the mountains where six months before we had made two missionary trips. We therefore knew some of the chiefs and had sent a young native missionary to them.

We got in contact with this young man, and he secured a mountain house for us. The two days' trip was really rugged, especially for Mrs. Friederichsen and the children. Our course led us up and down mountains, one of which took us thirty minutes to make the almost perpendicular descent. We had to hold on to vines and roots most

of the way. The last lap of the trip was a two hour walk up the river which we constantly had to wade, sometimes up to the arm pits, over slippery stones and towering boulders.

At last we turned from the river, and there on a small plateau was our new home for the next three months. The mountaineers were gathered inside and our carriers were all packed inside as well, so that there was barely room left for us. Soon, however, the visitors, after administering their welcome, left and the carriers dispersed.

At dusk our candle was lit, and we were surprised that all our visitors had not gone. We could not place an outspread hand upon the woven bamboo walls of the hut without touching a cockroach. Our ingenuity was taxed to the extreme to eliminate these original tenants but they refused to go, so we had to live with them for three months. We bought this house for ten dollars. For a cow we paid nine dollars, and although it had never been milked before, by sharing half with the calf, we were able to get two quarts of milk a day.

## FINALLY WE SURRENDER!

Our tent evangelist came to work with us and with the young mountain missionary we visited the scattered people of the hills. On Sundays under our house we held meetings with from 30 to as high as 80 people in attendance. Thus we were able to give the Word of Life to these same heathen, spirit-worshipping people for whom we had been led to pray so fervently.

When the Japanese Army invaded Panay Island on April 16, 1942 we felt that it was best not to remain where we were. We moved from one house to another. Through listening to a short-wave broadcast from Manila by Santo Tomas Internees, which the Japanese featured one night in May, we decided to submit ourselves for internment.

The United States Army after the surrender of Bataan and Corregidor also surrendered on Panay. We decided that if our army could not hold out in those mountains, neither could a civilian with a wife and two small children. Also we felt that we should be subject to the authorities that were in control or else be classed as outlaws and constantly be subject to be shot at sight. Our country for the time had relinquished its sovereignty

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over the Island and we felt that we should be obedient to the "powers that be."

Hence, on June 29, 1942 we surrendered ourselves to the Japanese for internment. The following day we were taken by truck to Iloilo, there to be interned along with nearly a hundred others of the Allied Nations. Here we were for one solid year within walls made of burnt and rusty tin roofing in a space 200 by 300 feet. Our food was mainly beans and rice, sugar and salt. We concocted a coffee from burnt rice which was a sad imitation of the real thing.

## SANTO TOMAS CAMP

Then on my wife's birthday in June 1943 at morning roll-call we were told that within two hours we were to be taken to Manila. What a mad scramble the next two hours witnessed! Women were seen weeping as they gathered their things frantically together. We had asked our former laundress to bring us a little meat and a few rice cakes. When my wife with the women in the truck were just ready to leave, Rosita the laundress appeared with a small basket containing the birthday dinner. She saw we were leaving camp and was just handing the basket to Kay when the truck pulled away. The little Filipina girl burst into tears and that is the last time we saw her.

It took the six hundred ton ship, which had been salvaged from Manila harbor by the Japs, a week to reach Manila by a circuitous route for fear of American submarines. When we reached Santo Tomas Internment Camp, we found conditions at that time much better than those of our Iloilo camp. However the malnutrition of the Iloilo camp began to demand its toll, especially in the health of the children.

Three months after we arrived in Santo Tomas, the periodic fevers which our seven year old Bobby had were attributed by careful tests to tuberculosis. We then did all in our power to secure milk for his diet. A case of carnation milk, which usually runs less than four dollars, cost us \$175.00. Later, we were able to secure about twenty pounds of powdered milk, each pound of which would make a gallon of ordinary milk when water is added. This cost us over \$50.00 a pound. The danger to Bobby when the measles epidemic and the "flu" went around the camp was great, but he was one of the few children we did not contract either. For this we can only again thank God with all our hearts.

## GOD'S COMFORT FOR US

We decided to purchase one of the six hundred shanties which eventually cost us \$200. The day we moved into the shack Bobby went to the hospital with a high fever and it was then found that he had the dread T. B. How wonderfully God timed everything for us, since the little 11 by 12 foot shanty proved to be ten times its original worth to us, now that our little one needed a place of comparative quiet and rest, which he could never have had in one of the crowded camp buildings.

Truly, the Scriptures have a solution for every problem and there is not a single circumstance in life that is not met therein. We found our situation perfectly described by Isaiah 51:14. "The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail." The two most talked-of topics in camp were, "When do we get out?" and "What do we eat?"

One of the Japanese Commandants said, "We can afford to be generous while we are victorious." However, when they ceased to be victorious and began their retreat from the South Pacific, we began to feel the

three and a half long weeks, our morale crash dived to its lowest depth. October 15th, our Bobby's birthday, came and we heard him say in prayers, "Lord send me an air-raid for my birthday."

Just as we were going to camp church services that Sunday morning we heard the air-raid siren, and we were all ordered into the buildings. Sure enough, they were upstairs again and for three days they performed for us while they were neutralizing the air-fields in preparation for the landing on the Island of Leyte. What a mingling of joy and fear these air-shows brought! Joy of



The 11 by 12 Foot Shanty of the Friederichsens in Santo Tomas Camp During Their Internment by the Japanese

reaction in our treatment by them. After two and a half years, on September 21, 1944 we saw the first American planes over Manila.

What a stupendous day that was! About 9:30 in the morning, we heard planes overhead, and we saw about sixty of them in perfect formations. Many internees said, "Oh! if they were only American planes." Then they began to peel off from their groups and dive straight down at their objectives in Manila Bay and the air-fields surrounding Manila. We practically worshipped those planes as they kept coming over in waves, but this new devotion seemed to bother the Japanese exceedingly. They forbade us to look out of the windows at the planes, as if our looking would in any way help them. If anyone was found looking at them out of the windows, he was taken to the gate of the Camp and there made to stand all day long exposed to all the anti-aircraft fragments.

## UNITED STATES AIR RAIDS

At this first raid the morale of the camp rose to its peak, but as we failed to see another American plane for

**A SENTENCE SERMON —**  
"There is no compulsion in missions except our own faith and the example of Christ."

seeing our own boys again, and fear of the ack-ack shells and fragments which fell all around us!

As these raids became more frequent and the mammoth B-24s came over almost every day, our rations were deliberately cut and the number in the camp who were starving to death rapidly increased. The internees, including doctors and nurses and heavy detail workers, all begun to grow weak so that they could barely drag themselves around. Then the Japanese to ease their inferiority complex decided after almost three years that we were not showing enough respect to them. They demanded that we bow from the waist to every Japanese we passed in the camp. We evidently did not respond to this favorably and they undertook to give us "a refresher course" of three days lessons in bowing according to accepted Japanese custom.

In one bombastic harangue given us by the officer in charge we were told that this bowing was to show our gratitude to the Imperial Japanese Army for feeding us. Naturally, our interpretation of the word "feeding" and theirs differed considerably. We were given by the Japanese at that time not only an unbalanced ration of mostly starchy rice with practically no protein, but also a wholly inadequate diet of about one quarter the amount necessary. When we ate our meals, we only felt a bit less hungry. The hunger pangs kept many awake nights.

Missionary Paul D. Friederichsen Beside the Shanty in Santo Tomas Camp, Manila, Philippine Islands

THE HAPPIEST DAYS of our lives were spent in Iloilo on the Island of Panay, 300 miles south of Manila in the Philippine Islands during a six months' tent campaign of evangelistic services. This was, no doubt, the busiest time of our lives and the most strenuous, but the most joyful. The joy of the Lord was our strength. The pure unalloyed pleasure of winning precious immortal souls was our daily meat and drink.

Oh! to be able to experience with our Lord, who forgot his weariness, to win a soul saying, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish his work." Or to know the joy of Paul who wrote to his spiritual children of Thessalonica, "For what is our hope or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy."

## WONDERFUL REVIVAL FIRES

After three months of nightly meetings in our bright white tent, we saw precious fruit emerge unto everlasting life. A converts class of between 40 and 50 met after each joyful gospel meeting, sometimes until eleven o'clock, since we were teaching them to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded us. Truly, we knew that he was with us all way!

At the close of this three months period, seventy-five new members had joined the Doane Hall Baptist Church. Sixty of these were newly baptized at this time. We have reason to believe that most of these were genuine converts because they attended regularly our Saturday mid-night prayer meeting, and they all led in prayer.

The Postmaster was led to Christ and began tithing his good salary. Our church now was able fully to support its own pastor and to send

## MISSIONARY FRIEDERICHSEN

Missionary Paul D. Friederichsen is a son of the Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Friederichsen of Maywood, Illinois. He has already spoken in a number of our churches and has made a profound impression on his listeners. He and his wife and their two sons are residing at Wheaton, Ill. at present.





—Acme Photo  
American Tanks, Mobile Guns and Infantry Pound Forward on This Smooth Highway Across the Great Central Luzon Plains Towards Manila Where They Freed the American Internees at Santo Tomas Camp

Our family fared better than many others in that I happened to have a camp detail as a pot-washer in the hospital kitchen. By thoroughly scraping and rescraping the large pots before I scoured them, I was able to accumulate enough scraps of food to take home to my family as well as to share with some of our other missionaries. We had sort of a standing agreement with another missionary family to share with them our pot scrapings and they would share with us the radish tops and fish heads or whatever edible things they could salvage from the garbage drums outside the Japanese Commandant's kitchen. How we longed many times to have a chance to raid some of our garbage cans here at home!

#### WE WERE REALLY HUNGRY

The Japs feasted on bowls heaped with rice, fruit, pork, beef, vegetables and many other things while we perished with hunger. We cast our pride to the wind, however, and were willing to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table in order to sustain our lives and those of our children. Many of the non-Christian internees fought with a will to live through it just to see vengeance dealt out to the Japanese. However, we fought to live to be able to again engage in the Lord's service.

Finally, through some graft I was relieved even from my pot-washing detail and thus we grew exceedingly weak and hungry. We kept the children in bed almost all day long and permitted them to take from one to two hours to eat their thin rice gruel so that they might not feel the gnawing hunger so long and to permit them to digest every grain of rice. My family urged me to do something more definite about getting more food, but as my zeal in this direction was not to their satisfaction they took the matter into their own hands.

One day our two boys came home to the little shanty with a large tomcat and urged me to kill it for our

dinner. I took it with a hammer and a bolo (large knife) into our air-raid shelter so that the neighbors could not see or hear what I was doing. There I found that a cat really has nine lives, for it took me at least nine heavy blows on this beast's head finally to kill it. After skinning, cutting up and boiling it for three hours we shared it with our fellow-missionaries who all acclaimed it delicious. Six months before this, we would have all been horrified at the thought of eating a cat, but not now, for we were really hungry!

#### OUR THRILLING LIBERATION

February 3, 1945 means more to us personally than does the fourth of July. It was the day of our personal liberation from the domination and starvation of the Imperial Sons of Heaven. Words seem helpless in properly expressing our admiration and gratitude to those wonderful men of the U. S. Army who for three sleepless days and nights drove a spearhead straight from Lingayen to the heart of Manila to save us and to surround us from the thousands of Japs who had three unmolested years to entrench themselves. These rugged veterans of the Southwest Pacific had not seen a white civilian, man, woman, or child for two years. Their joy was great in seeing us, and ours was even greater in seeing them. They came rolling into the camp in every conceivable form of vehicle from bouncing Jeeps to thunderous 30 ton tanks, all of which we had never seen before.

Needless to say, we did not go to bed that night for joy! We filled up on a few emergency rice crackers that we had tenaciously saved for the darkest night that might be ahead, but we were glad to eat them on the brightest night we have ever known. After about three days, truck after truck rolled into the camp loaded with good army chow, including bread, butter and cans of milk. The next morning each of us had a whole can

of milk and plenty of sugar with our rice mush. I think that I never ate anything better in my life.

That morning in the Daily Light I read this text, Deut. 8:10-11, "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God." Truly, we did bless the Lord our God for "the Good Land" of the United States of America which he has given us, and we continue to do so and pray with new meaning, "God Bless America!"

The following days brought some reactions. The battle of Manila was still raging and Santo Tomas was not left without its wounds and scars. A number of Jap artillery shells found their mark in the camp and a few internees were killed and wounded. After a week the first mail arrived through the Red Cross.

This was as cold water to our thirsty souls but for my wife it brought a bitterness. She had been agonizing through many of the long anxious days and nights with one gleam of light ahead, and that was the hope of sitting down beside her own mother and just telling her everything. This mail brought the fading of that light, for she learned that her mother had gone to be with the Lord on November first, just three months before.

After a month and a half in the camp we were repatriated and upon arriving in San Francisco she learned that her father on January 8, 1945 had also gone Home to glory. God has been gracious, however, in permitting her two brothers both to be home from overseas for our arrival back home in Wheaton, Illinois.

#### GOD'S MARVELOUS MERCY

Since our liberation we have learned that eleven missionaries in the Philippines, including their families, were hiding out in the same mountains of Panay Island where we had been the first six months of the war. They, including Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Meyer, remained in hiding a year and a half after we surrendered, but then were all beheaded by the Japanese in a bloody massacre. When the question of why James was killed with the sword and Peter was miraculously liberated can be answered, then the question as to why these faithful servants of the Lord were permitted to be killed with the sword and we graciously saved can be answered. What we do know now is that it is up to us to fulfill the purpose of the Lord for which he has so miraculously saved us.

Not only have we been saved from so great a death but every American, we believe, is being saved by the death of those who are dying for us on the battlefield. Should we not all renew our dedication to the Lord and to his service? Should we not, because of God's great mercy to us, respond to the appeal of the great Apostle Paul, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

Miss ESTHER SCHULTZ, 420 Beloit Ave., Forest Park, Illinois

#### A LETTER TO THE CHILDREN

Dear Boys and Girls!

May I come and chat with you this lovely morning? I have been teaching in a Vacation Church School. It has been so much fun to go on one of those imaginary journeys where Jesus went. How interesting it was to pretend we were at the Sea of Galilee where Jesus saw the fishermen who became the disciples! How wonderful it was to think of the time when Jesus calmed the sea!

We were learning the Scripture verses for the National Scripture Memory Contest. Have any of you also been learning them?

I am very much interested in how you are spending your vacation. Have you gone away and seen anything which would be worth telling the rest of us about?

Love, Miss Schultz.

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#### WHOM DO I HAVE BUT THEE?

By ALICE SCHERMER of Benton Harbor, Michigan

Whom do I have but thee, dear Lord,  
To guide me as I journey life's way?  
In the shadow of thy wing wilt thou  
hide me,  
And call me back to thee when I stray.

Whom do I have but thee, dear Lord,  
Thou art the strength of my heart;  
Thou art my portion from day to day,  
And thy love shall never depart.

Whom do I have but thee, dear Lord,  
To come to with my every care?  
Thou wilt hear my cry or distress,  
And my every burden wilt share.

Whom do I have but thee, dear Lord?  
Oh, none, dear Father above,  
Can fill my heart with peace and joy,  
None could have such undying love.

Whom do I have but thee, dear Lord?  
I want none other above  
To welcome me into that beautiful  
land,  
And to show me my eternal abode.

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#### VISITING MOTHER'S HOME

Betty was having a wonderful time visiting with Grandmother and Grandfather on their big farm. They had cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese. What fun she had helping with the chores!

Sometimes she had a thrilling time riding on the tractor with Grandfather. Then she watched the men cut the ripe grain which was gently waving in the breeze. The large trucks were taking the grain to the elevators where it was to be stored. Later it was going to be shipped out

and made into flour; then it would be made into bread. Betty was very sure that the bread she would buy for Mother next Winter would be made from the wheat raised on Grandfather's farm.

Best of all, Betty liked to go to Sunday School and church in the little white church where Mother went when a little girl just like Betty.

temple of the living God; even as God has said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people'. This makes us aware of the need of studying carefully how to care for our bodies and not to misuse them. How we care for our bodies determines to a large extent how we will be able to be of service to God!



—Samuel D. Myslis Photo

A Thrilling Fishing Expedition With Two "Huckleberry Finn" Adventurers

#### GOD'S HOLY TEMPLE

The boys and girls of Miss Esther's class were having a grand time swimming. It was fun to see the flashes of bright red, blue, and green, as they took turns diving off the diving board. Some of them were just having fun lying in the sun trying to get a sun tan.

Jean came up on the beach dripping wet but happy that she was mastering a new stroke. "You know", she said. "There is nothing as interesting as sports. There are so many of them that every person should choose one and try to develop a certain amount of skill in it."

Sarah, a charming girl, said, "It seems to me every boy and girl would take up the sports that the young people of the church are interested in so they could enjoy them together."

Alice said, "There is another reason for entering sports. There isn't a finer way of developing the body and muscle."

"Everything that you girls have mentioned is correct but I would add another point which to me is even more important, namely, caring for the body," said Miss Esther. "In 2 Corinthians 6:16 it says: 'We are a

#### LIBRARY BOOKS

I know the nicest lady who writes stories and books. I would not be one bit surprised if she wasn't writing one now while she is on her vacation in California.

Not long ago I bought one of her books called, "THE CHILDREN OF NORTH AMERICA" by Louise Stinefort. She said she would autograph it for me. Should any of you be interested in reading this book I would be most happy to send it to you.

Remember that we also have those two grand books, "TELL ME ABOUT JESUS" and "TELL ME ABOUT GOD" by Mary Alice Jones, which we shall be glad to send to you for a while.

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#### COMING!

Watch the BAPTIST HERALD for pictures of DAPHNE DUNGER the little missionary just returned from AFRICA. I hope to see her very shortly. How would you like to have me find out all the things I can about this little girl who was born in far away Africa? I will put it in the next "Children's Page."



## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### DAKOTA CONFERENCE

#### The Northern North Dakota Convention Sessions at Fessenden, North Dakota

The several days of the Northern North Dakota Convention at Fessenden, No. Dakota from June 7 to 10 brought joy and blessing to the attendants. There was no general theme given, but the addresses, sermons and devotions were centered in and about the Holy Spirit. There was much manna from heaven for digestion, both by the mind and the soul. Pentecost was gloriously laid bare.

The guest speakers were Prof. Geo. A. Lang of Rochester, N. Y., and the Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill., who, in their own unique ways, climaxed the height of blessings bestowed in those days through their messages. The offerings received through the entire convention days amounted to \$827.51.

The newly elected officers are: Rev. Alfred Weisser, president; Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, vice-president; Rev. Wolfgang Gerthe, secretary; and Mr. Thomas Derman, treasurer.

E. W. Klatt, Reporter.

#### Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Bruno Schreiber at the New Leipzig Baptist Church

On Sunday, June 3, the New Leipzig Baptist Church of North Dakota had the joy of welcoming its new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Bruno Schreiber, and their two girls, Eleanor and Lorraine. The church had invited the Rev. Alex Sootzmann of McLaughlin, So. Dak., as guest speaker. Brother Schreiber preached his first sermon in the forenoon at the Ebenezer Station northwest of New Leipzig. During the Sunday School hour both Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Sootzmann spoke to the school.

In the afternoon members of all three stations gathered at the Ebenezer Church for the reception. This service was in charge of Mr. Gottfried Kallis, the senior deacon. The officers of the different branches of the church and Sunday School spoke words of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber with the following taking part: Mr. Karl Auch, Mrs. Ben Auch, Mr. Carl Okken, Mr. Clemmens Auch, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Storm, Mr. August Maystadt, and Mrs. Theophil Fries. The Rev. Alex Sootzmann then spoke to the church and welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber after which they responded graciously, expressing the hope that the work of the Lord might go forward!

Carl Okken, Reporter.

#### Sessions of the Women's Missionary Union of the Northern North Dakota Convention

The Women's Missionary Union of the Northern North Dakota Convention

### CALL TO PROSPECTIVE SEMINARY STUDENTS

By Dr. GEORGE A. LANG,  
President

We are exceedingly anxious to get in touch with young men of high school age who have experienced the call of God to enter the gospel ministry. We would likewise be happy to hear from men who may be in the Armed Forces or in farm work who have heard this call. We receive letters from these almost weekly. We are glad for them. We wish to be of service to all.

Our Fall and Winter semesters of the North American Baptist Seminary begin on Wednesday, September 19th of this year. Those who have heard the call of God and can come are urged to enroll and begin then. For any information about our Seminary write to the President, 246 Alexander Street, Rochester 7, New York. We are pleased to serve you, our denomination and our Lord.

enjoyed a most pleasant year, filled with many blessings. Forty-five delegates from 13 societies attended the convention, which met at Fessenden, No. Dak., from June 7 to 10.

On Friday morning, June 8, we met for our annual business meeting led by Mrs. R. Grenz. Mrs. W. Gerthe led the devotions and Mrs. John Kepl led in prayer. Almost all societies had sent their reports, showing their alertness and continued interest in the vineyard of our Lord. Almost all societies have adopted the National Union Project Chart, and have reached the set goal with its 10 points. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Mrs. R. Grenz, president; and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, secretary-treasurer.

In the afternoon our Union rendered an inspiring program before a large attendance. Mrs. E. Klatt led us in singing and Mrs. R. Gerlitz was in charge of the devotions. The special music consisted of a Ladies' Quartet of Carrington, solo by Mrs. W. Gerthe, Ladies' Quartet of Martin and a double duet by the McClusky society. Mrs. John Schmidt of Anamoose gave a reading. Mr. K. Gieser, superintendent of the Old People's Home of Bismarck, gave a report of the Home. Professor George Lang challenged us with a message on the theme, "Have Faith in God," based on Mark 11:22.

An offering was received for \$105.34, which was designated for the following denominational projects: the North American Baptist Seminary Endowment Fund, Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies, Old People's Home Building Fund and General Missions.

Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, Secretary.

### Young People's Sessions During the Dakota Conference Held at Madison, So. Dakota

Due to the absence of the president and vice-president, the Rev. Henry Lang presided at the Saturday afternoon business meeting of the Dakota Conference Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

The election of officers for this coming year resulted as follows: Herbert Schmautz, president; Ella Ehman, secretary; Martha Sprunge, treasurer; Joyce Pust, 1st vice-president; Ethel Pierce, 2nd vice-president; and Rev. E. Kary, leadership training director for a three year term.

The financial report of the Bender Memorial Trek was very good, and we went over the top by a big margin. The total was \$3500. One hundred dollars were also given toward the Seminary Endowment Fund.

With the inspirational address given by the Rev. H. G. Dymmel at the Sunday afternoon rally ringing in our hearts and with the fine fellowship of young and old, we could all feel Christ's presence.

Reporter.

### Fredonia and Berlin Baptist Churches Are Hosts to the Central Dakota Association

The 26th annual session of the Central Dakota Association was held with the churches of Fredonia and Berlin at Kulm, No. Dak. Contrary to its constitution but in the right spirit, the sessions began on Sunday morning, June 17, with a mission service that was very well attended and imparted the right spirit for the whole convention.

A Sunday School period addressed by the Reverends J. J. Abel and H. J. Waltereit preceded the mission sermon by our home mission secretary, Rev. H. G. Dymmel. To help make up our \$3000.00 convention mission budget, a \$1200.00 offering was taken.

A program of music and song, rendered by the various young people's societies filled the afternoon. At the evening services there were two speakers on the program and music was rendered by the local choir and also a mass choir led by Rev. Paul Hunsicker. The morning and afternoon sessions of both Monday and Tuesday gave us time to transact our usual business matters and listen to addresses and reports concerning all our denominational branches. These were closed with a half hour of quiet meditation and prayer led by the Reverends H. G. Dymmel and E. J. Baumgartner.

All the brethren serving on the program brought very fine sermons, addresses and discourses which all blended very nicely with the splendid service rendered by the entertaining church as shown especially by the ladies as well as the citizens of Kulm in opening their fair city, Town Hall, High School auditorium and homes for the use of the convention.

David Littke, Reporter.

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE

#### Missionary Program of the Ebenezer Baptist Youth Society of Detroit, Michigan

On Sunday evening, May 27, the Youth Society of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., gave its annual missionary program. Several appropriate musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, were rendered. A powerful missionary message was given by Mr. Elmer Strauss, one of our young people who is a student at Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., and is preparing for missionary service.

At the present time, Messrs. Elmer Strauss and Dick Weeks, also a student at Northern, are spending the summer in various parts of South Dakota and Nebraska, conducting Daily Vacation Bible Schools and other services. From the reports we have received, the Lord is richly blessing their work, and our prayers go with them that the Lord will continue to use these talented young people for his glory.

The offering at this Young People's missionary program exceeded the \$150 goal. Of this \$50 were sent to the African Medical Unit, \$50 to the Youth Fellowship Crusade, and \$50 to the Children's Bible Hour Broadcast.

Mrs. D. J. Ortlund, Reporter.

#### Encouraging Report of the General Board of the St. Joseph Children's Home

The General Board of the Baptist Children's Home of St. Joseph, Mich. met for its annual meeting at the Home on June 5 to reflect upon the events of the past year and to consider and to plan the course of this institution and its children for the ensuing year. This was the first such meeting at the Home since the Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz took over the superintendency, who seem to have adapted themselves quite well to the work.

The Board convened for the morning session at 9:00 o'clock, which was opened with a devotional period led by Rev. E. Gutsche, asking God's blessing and his guidance in the deliberations and decisions of the Board. In addition to the members of the local committee, which meets monthly to conduct the affairs of the Home, the following out of town members were present: Mr. C. J. Netting, Mr. Herman Siemund, Mr. Walter F. Grosser, and Mrs. A. F. Johns.

The meeting extended over the major part of the day, the Board being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Runtz for an enjoyable dinner and relaxation period, taking them for a stroll through the beautiful grounds of the Home, which is always a pleasure and especially enjoyable in the Spring of the year. Mr. Siemund, who is our official photographer, took several pictures of the grounds and the children.

Things of general interest, which could be mentioned, are the improvements during the past year, the complete remodeling of the kitchen and pantry, the purchase of a new refrigerator, the installation of a stoker to



—Herman Siemund Photo

Fred Yauch of Plevna, Montana, Who Spent Nine Years in the Children's Home of St. Joseph, Mich., Is Shown in Cap and Gown After His Recent Graduation from High School

the boiler, and considerable redecoration of bedrooms and other parts of the building. Other improvements have already been begun, particularly a cement walk at the main entrance to the grounds. These improvements have been made possible by reason of the money allocated to the Home from the Centenary Offering.

During the past year six widows with an aggregate of 12 children received financial aid through the Home. Four of these with eight children will continue to obtain aid. Plans are now under way for the observance of the 75th anniversary of the Children's Home which will be held next year, by which time it is anticipated that a small descriptive pamphlet will be made available.

At present there are 23 children in the Home, 12 boys and 11 girls. Of these seven have been received during the past year, which indicates a steady increase, although the Home is not being used to its capacity. It is the Board's desire that whenever the need arises our churches avail themselves of this opportunity of placing unfortunate children in THEIR Home.

One of the older boys, Fred Yauch, who was 18 years of age on May 15th and who graduated from High School this Spring is the latest member to leave the Home. He has been in the Home nine years, coming to us from the church at Plevna, Montana. His picture accompanies this report. Fred enlisted with the United States Merchant Marine and left for his boot training on June 22nd.

The Lord has been very good to the Home family during the past year and has spared the children from serious illness or accident. We are, indeed, grateful to God for his blessings and to our churches for their continued interest in the Children's Home.

Siegfried Beimfohr,

Secretary of the Local Committee.

#### Sixtieth Anniversary of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio

The Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio had the privilege of celebrating its 60th anniversary on June 8 and 10. On Friday evening, June 8, we held a banquet to which we had invited several special guests. After a delicious meal, which had been prepared and served by the women and girls of the church, we met upstairs in the main auditorium where an interesting program was given.

The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, who had been the student pastor of our church in 1920, gave the main address of the evening. Several of our members spoke of their experiences when our church was only beginning. We began with 54 members. Ten members have been active in our church for 50 years or more. At present our membership is 193.

On Sunday, June 10, we had a busy and blessed day. Starting with our Sunday School in the morning through the evening service, it was a day of thanksgiving to our heavenly Father who has brought our church through days of sadness and who has also given us much for which to be thankful. Our goal of \$1,000 for our building fund was greatly surpassed.

We were, indeed, fortunate in having Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., as our guest speaker for the day. He is a man of God with rare talents, using them to the glory of God.

During the evening service we had a brief program in memory of our men and women in Service. A solo given by a father, who has two sons in the service, was beautifully sung. We have one gold star among the many blue ones in honor of Erwin Kuck, who lost his life in Germany on April 21, 1945.

We pray that our church in the future, as she has done in the past, may stand loyally for the cause of Christ.

Mrs. Fred Rieck, Clerk.



**Reception by the Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., for Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Luebeck**

Our new pastor, the Rev. W. J. Luebeck, began his ministry with us in the Fourth Ave. Church of Alpena, Mich., during the week of June 17. On June 16 and 17 Mr. Luebeck, four of his children and 21 other members of our church attended the Young People's Rally at the Beaver Baptist Church. These two days were a real blessing and inspiration to all who were there.

On Monday evening, June 18, the majority of our people had the happy privilege of meeting our new pastor's family, Rev. and Mrs. Willy J. Luebeck, Mrs. Luebeck's mother and their seven children, Magdalene, Mary Ann, Ruth, Herbert, Dorothy, Gerald and Raymond, for the first time at a special service that was held in the church auditorium, with Mr. E. Godt in charge. Two musical numbers were rendered by the Men's Quartet.



Young People at the Minnesota Assembly Held at Snail Lake from June 21 to 24, 1945

Addresses of welcome were given by Mr. Godt and Arnold Kirschner in behalf of the church, Mrs. John Timm for the Ladies' Missionary Society, Mr. Edward Ratzloff for the Men's Brotherhood, and Mr. Leonard Schwenke for the Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. Luebeck and family graciously responded to the addresses of welcome. Immediately following the service, we gathered in the church dining room for a fellowship luncheon.

The Rev. W. J. Luebeck brought his first message to a large congregation on Sunday, June 24. The choir under Mr. Luebeck's direction sang "The Awakening Chorus." In his first message to us he spoke on the subject, "The Significance of Christian Love." A large attendance of 103 attended Sunday School.

Alma Paad, Reporter.

**NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Minnesota Young People's Assembly at Snail Lake Considers Theme, "For Jesus' Sake"**

The Minnesota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union met for its 23rd annual Summer Assembly from June 21 to 24 at the St. Paul Union Gospel Mission Camp at Snail Lake. The national theme, "For Jesus' Sake," was carried out throughout the sessions with the text taken from Col. 3:17.

The Rev. J. C. Gunst, national young

people's secretary, was the guest speaker and he spoke on the following subjects: "Surrendering My Life"; "Using My Talents"; "Contending for the Faith"; "Consecrating My Money"; "Teaching for Jesus' Sake"; and "Carrying Out the Great Commission." Other classes were: "Denying Self," Rev. Ben Zimmerman; "Singing for Jesus' Sake," Rev. John Walkup; "Knowing My Denomination," Rev. John Wobig; and "Praying for Jesus' Sake," Rev. Lewis Berndt. Also Rev. Earl Matteson of Minneapolis gave a talk on the life of Fanny Crosby and sang several of her hymns.

Mr. Fred Adam of Minneapolis, recreation chairman, planned a fine weekend of sports including swimming, horseback riding, baseball, and a hayride. The offering at the closing meeting on Sunday afternoon was designated for the Edmonton Christian Training Institute. Average attendance at classes was fifty.

The annual election of officers was held and the following were elected: president, Karl Krueger; vice-president, Carolyn Stassen; secretary, Edith Glewwe; and treasurer, Leonard Engler.

Carolyn J. Stassen, Reporter.

**Iowa Youth Union Holds Convention at Elgin and Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary**

About 130 Iowa young people met with the young people of the Elgin Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa for the fiftieth B. Y. P. U. Convention from June 12 to 14. Miss Marian Frey, president, presided over all of the meetings of the Convention.

With the theme, "For Jesus' Sake," a missionary program predominated, with messages by Miss Bertha Lang, missionary on furlough from China; by Miss Margaret Lang, missionary on furlough from Nigeria, Africa; and Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, missionary appointees to the Cameroons field. The Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, was also one of our speakers. All of the messages challenged us to a better life "For Jesus' Sake," and served to bring us closer to "him who loved us and gave his Son for us."

The goal of \$1500 set by the Convention last year to build three houses for the first three new missionaries on the field was reached. In addition to this amount, \$250 was designated for the

Seminary Endowment Fund, \$250 for the Youth Fellowship Crusade of the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies, \$100 for the Building Fund of the Edmonton Bible Institute, as well as \$50 each for Miss Margaret Lang, Miss Bertha Lang, and Rev. and Mrs. Asaph Tobert.

A project of \$1800 was adopted by the group for the coming year to be used for additional equipment for the Cameroons field. The Rev. Herman Lohr of Parkersburg was elected project promoter for the coming year.

New officers elected by the delegates are: Ellen Lehr, Aplington, president; Doris DeVries, Baileyville, vice-president; Louise Finger, Steamboat Rock, secretary-treasurer.

We are grateful to God for the many things which he has done for our convention during the last fifty years and pray that he will continue to bless our efforts for him. We are looking forward to our convention in Burlington next year, when we will start on our second fifty years.

Ellen Lehr, Reporter.

**SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Successful Community Vacation Bible School Is Held in Beatrice, Nebraska**

The West Beatrice Community Vacation Bible School of Beatrice, Neb., for 1945 became a matter of history with the "Happy Time Picnic" on Friday afternoon, June 15. The three week session, the faithfulness of the faculty, the regularity in attendance on the part of the pupils along with the marked evidence of God's gracious favor are all more or less a recurrence of the schools for the seven past years.

But there were departures from the program of other years, some planned and others unplanned. This year, on account of other duties pressing those who would teach, we had our sessions in the afternoons instead of mornings. This worked well, and seemed to make the attendance of pupils even more regular and also helped the teachers. Another thing, not planned, was that although the school was undertaken as a community project it became very nearly a Baptist program for we had rain almost every day! It even rained on picnic day, the first time after seven years. But by using the nearby Methodist Church basement as well as the Baptist Church instead of going to the park, we had ample room for the games and the dampness in no way dampened the appetites.

There were 102 enrolled of whom 85 were pupils and 17 faculty members and helpers. The average attendance was 76. The children's mission offerings amounted to \$17.52 and there were 14 professions of faith. Four denominations were represented on the faculty and the pupils came from ten different church groups as well as those who had no preference. May the Lord bless the good seed sown. The pastor of the West Side Baptist Church, Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, served as superintendent of the school.

A. G. Rietdorf, Reporter.

**NORTHERN CONFERENCE**

**Offering of \$1000 Received at the Alberta Association Held at Trochu, Alta.**

We thank God for the privilege of gathering together again as the Alberta Convention, which was held with the German Baptist Church of Trochu from June 21 to 24.

On Thursday evening the pastor of the church, Rev. C. Rempel, opened the service and extended a hearty welcome to all visitors. The theme of the convention was "To Know Him." Our beloved pastors brought the messages to us in such a way that we did get to know and love our Savior more deeply.

We were privileged to have our beloved Prof. A. Husmann of Rochester, N. Y., with us as a guest speaker. We were all greatly moved and blessed by his preaching of God's Word. On Saturday evening an open air meeting was held on the school grounds of the town. A large group attended this meeting as Professor A. Husmann spoke on "Christ-like Youth."

We are grateful for the wonderful mission offering that was received. The offering reached the sum of \$1000.00 in cash and \$167.00 in pledges.

We want to express a hearty thanks to the people of Trochu for all the kindness that was shown to us. These past few days of spiritual blessing together with Christian fellowship shall long be remembered by everyone who attended.

Louis Ertman, Reporter.

**Sessions of the Saskatchewan Association and Tri Union at the Nokomis Baptist Church**

The Saskatchewan Association and Tri Union convened with the Baptist Church at Nokomis, Sask., from June 20 to 24. During these days the Lord met with his people in a wonderful way. From the beginning a keen sense of the Holy Spirit's presence was realized by all. The closing day of the conference was a glorious climax, in which the very atmosphere was charged with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The theme of the conference was, "An All Out Christianity," inferred from the text of Romans 12:1-2. Various phases of this theme were dealt with in the messages delivered during these days. In the evening services on Thursday and Friday, evangelistic messages were brought by Rev. G. Beutler and Rev. R. Milbrandt, respectively.

During this conference it was our special privilege to have Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., with us. Many of our brethren in Saskatchewan had the opportunity of hearing Mr. Leuschner for the first time. A very special contribution to the conference was the daily "Quiet Half Hour," led by Mr. Leuschner at the close of each morning session.

During the morning and afternoon business sessions the delegates and representatives were called upon to give reports of the work in their church and field. Election of the officers for the association took place on Thursday



Some of the Delegates and Visitors in Attendance at the Saskatchewan Association and Tri Union Sessions Held at the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Saskatchewan

in which Rev. E. Faul was elected president; Rev. G. Beutler, treasurer; and Mr. Lueck secretary. To serve on the Mission Committee Rev. E. Faul, Rev. G. Beutler and Rev. H. Smuland were elected. In the business sessions of the Tri Union the following officers were chosen: president, Rev. G. Beutler; vice-president, Rev. H. Smuland; secretary, Miss Florence Pekrul; treasurer, Mr. A. Richter; pianist, Miss Ruth Peters. A project for buying a site for the Tri Union Assembly at Fort Qu'Appelle was thoroughly discussed and enthusiastically endorsed.

The Tri Union set a goal of \$700 as its financial project for the year. Of this amount 35% is to be designated for Miss Myrtle Hein, our missionary-elect to the Cameroons. The 65% is to be used for Home Missions. The association also volunteered to contribute to the purchasing of the assembly grounds at Fort Qu'Appelle. The young people's offering of Saturday evening towards this project amounted to \$69.51. We believe this project is of God and therefore call upon all Christian friends to pray with us for its success.

H. Smuland, Reporter.



The Cooks, Waitresses and Waiters for the Sunday Meals at the Saskatchewan Association and Tri Union, All of Whom Are From the Baptist Church at Nokomis, Sask., Where the Convention Was Held





Some of the Many People in Attendance at the Manitoba Association Held at the Baptist Church of Whitemouth, Manitoba

**Youth Rally Is Held by the Calgary and Freudental Baptist Churches**

The B. Y. P. U. of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, and the Freudental B. Y. P. U. of Carbon had a blessed day of Christian fellowship when they held a Youth Rally on May 20 in the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary.

In spite of the rainy weather, showers of blessings were rained upon all present. The Freudental young people provided the musical numbers in the afternoon by the rendition of several splendid choir selections. The Rev. E. M. Wegner, their new pastor, brought a challenging message on "Dare to be a Daniel."

The evening service was opened to the strains of gospel hymns played by the orchestra of the Bridgeland young people, who also provided the special musical numbers for the service. One special feature was a beautiful chalk drawing, "By Still Waters," done by Lester Bertsch. The Rev. C. Garden, principal of the Mt. Royal College, Calgary, gave the evening address.

The evening offering was designated for the Tri-Union Fund, and will be used mainly for the support of the Peace River Mission Field.

Selma Yost, Reporter.

**Highlights of the Manitoba Convention and Tri-Union in Session at Whitemouth**

June 15 to 17 marked the days of our Manitoba Convention and Tri Union at the Baptist Church of Whitemouth. With great anticipation we awaited these days, and now that present history has become pleasant history, we rejoice to say that we were not disappointed in our hopes. World conditions and the coming Northern Conference to be held at Winnipeg worked together to limit both time and attendance. But still we feel that the few hours were packed to capacity with life and blessing, and were marked by even greater success than formerly under more favorable conditions.

On Friday evening our convention was opened with the Rev. F. Schmidt presiding as chairman. The Rev. H. Schatz brought the message of the evening which concerned testing-problems in man's life. The choir of our church at Whitemouth rendered two inspiring selections.

The Rev. P. Daum brought us the message on Saturday morning. This was followed by a business meeting. Reports on the activities of our various Manitoba churches were given. In general, they were very promising; nevertheless, they called to our attention the great

and open fields for service. This was brought to a climax with a talk on "Evangelism" given by the Rev. P. Daum.

As the convention vanished into shadows of the past, the Tri Union came into prominence. Its first, the afternoon service, was opened with Eldon Janzen in charge of a brief devotional period. The Rev. O. Patzia, our president, humorously and most ably managed the next hour which was packed with matters of business such as the election of officers. At this time startling plans for our future assemblies were the highlight of the hour. It was decided that we join the English Baptists of this province in taking all essential steps toward ownership of a summer camp suited to such a purpose.

The evening service, introduced by Harold Weiss who was in charge of the song service, featured our program which was composed of varied numbers rendered by representatives of our various Sunday Schools, young people's groups and choirs. Especially notable was a dialogue, "Unter dem Kreuz," presented by five Whitemouth young people. Among our numerous privileges one of higher rank was to have the Rev. M. L. Leuschner with us. He addressed the audience on this occasion.

It, indeed, proved to be a blessing to have with us throughout the sessions a mixed quartet from our Christian Training Institute. Their willing service, which deeply touched the hearts of the audience, was highly appreciated on every occasion.

Social features of our Tri Union were our "expedition" following the afternoon service to see the Seven Sisters Power Plant. It was an amazing sight which many of us beheld for the first time. Although for many the day's program ended with the evening service, such was not the case for those counting themselves young people. We would like to strike a hearty note of thanks to Erwin Grapke who arranged a splendid wiener roast for us! Beside the bonfire down at the Whitemouth Falls we were especially thrilled with the God-made majesty. Who could but praise God!—so choruses came into their own.

Even though Sunday morning came too early for many, a fine number were gathered for our Sunday School period. Three laymen from various of our churches addressed the audience. In our worship period which followed, Mr. Leuschner brought the message. The Rev. F. W. Bartel, the evangelist, who had by this time arrived, led in closing prayer.

During the afternoon service as well as the morning the choir of Whitemouth rendered several numbers. A very fitting and most effective message, "A Mighty Faith in the Almighty God" was brought by Mr. Leuschner. This marked the conclusion of our assembly, and at the same time was an encouraging introduction to the evangelistic work of the coming days at Whitemouth. May the Lord see fit to bestow similar blessings of high quality upon all other assemblies to be held in his Name, and inspire us with the hope for a noble future!

Myrtle Janzen, Reporter.

**Bible Conference and Evangelistic Meetings at Valley View in Alberta's Peace River Valley**

A Bible Conference and evangelistic meetings were held in the Immanuel Baptist Church at Valley View, Alta. from June 12 to 17. The meetings were conducted under the chairmanship of Rev. F. W. Benke, Bible teacher and missionary. The following took special part: Rev. R. Schilke of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, brought us a study on II Peter one hour each day and was the main evangelistic speaker every evening at the church except Saturday when the meeting was held in the Valley View Hall. Rev. J. A. Roskam of the McLaurin Baptist Church of Grande Prairie brought us a study on "The Tabernacle," and also brought the evangelistic message on Thursday evening.

On Saturday afternoon there was a special service for the children. On Sunday afternoon the following took part in telling of the blessings they had had in Bible School: William Mueller, Herta Kruger, Gladys Sheirer, Martha Peters, Gladys Schmuland, Christina Hufnagel, Alma Hess, El-frieda Hein, Harold Peters, and Ardon Frederick.

The meetings were well attended and everyone was drawn closer to their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ardon Frederick, Reporter.

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Annual Sacred Concert at the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York**

On Sunday evening, June 10, the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., held its annual sacred concert for which a splendid and varied program had been prepared.

Our choir rendered exceptionally well two fine and very fitting anthems, due to the faithful and untiring efforts of our choir director, Mr. Arthur Mueller. The organ solo and accompaniments of our talented organist, Mrs. F. Aldrich, as well as her vocal solo were masterpieces, as were the piano solo by Mr. T. Hall and vocal solos by Mr. Herbert Brunner.

A male quartet and several numbers played on a musical saw gave variation to the program and a very helpful and inspiring reading, given by one of our young women, was fittingly interspersed.

Our guest violinist, Mr. O. Witte, a member of the Delaware Ave. Baptist Church, and also a member of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, held us spellbound with the sweet strains of his violin as he rendered one selection after another, but especially when he played well loved and familiar hymns.

Especially noteworthy is the fact that, with the exception of one or two numbers, this concert was given by our own members. We realized anew how much fine talent we have in our church.

Louise L. Trudel, Reporter.

**OBITUARY**

**MR. PAUL F. KRUEGER of Hutchinson, Minn.**

Mr. Paul Frederick Krueger of Hutchinson, Minn., was born on January 11, 1887 in Cedar Mills Township, Minn., and died on June 22, 1945 as the result of an accident, having reached the age of 58 years, 5 months, and 11 days.

Our deceased brother was converted under the ministry of the Rev. August Marquardt in Hutchinson, Minn., and baptized by him in the summer of 1920, becoming a member of the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, of which he remained a faithful member until his untimely death. He served the church as its treasurer for a number of years.

On Feb. 20, 1912 he was united in marriage to Amanda Kohls. To this union there were born 6 children, 4 sons and 2 daughters, one daughter preceding him in death in 1924. Brother Krueger was a loving father and husband, faithfully providing for the welfare of his loved ones not only in a material way, but also spiritually. This was manifested in the interest he took in the cause of the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior.

He leaves to mourn his sudden departure his now sorrowing widow; his aged father, Herman Krueger; one brother; one sister; 5 children; 4 grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. Since the church is at present pastorless, the undersigned conducted the large funeral service and spoke words of comfort based on Ps. 46:1.

Northside Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minn.

JOHN WOBIG, Officiating.

**HOME AT LAST**

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way and bus ride completed our homeward "Trek".

How small things seemed! And how crowded the landscape with houses! How strange the lingering dusk! How cool the nights, how comfortable the beds, how efficient the kitchen with the gas stove, the running water! And all those new government authorities to see in order to obtain ration stamps!

Thus, we traveled. Thus, we arrived. Thus, we became acquainted with our America. Now we have visited a number of churches, re-establishing contacts with friends and loved ones. How grand to fellowship with those who have in spiritual ways shared with us in the great Cameroons mission work! We pray and hope soon to be enabled to extend this circle of fellowship throughout our American Baptist Churches.

**PACIFIC CONFERENCE**

**Sessions of the 51st Pacific Conference at the Bethany Church of Oregon**

The 51st Pacific Conference met with the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon from June 13 to 17. The conference proper was preceded by a one-day Pastors' Pre-conference Seminar during which several of the pastors presented papers on vital subjects related to the church and present-day problems. The papers and messages given during the conference sessions,

**MR. HERMAN ZIMMERMAN of Chicago, Illinois**

Mr. Herman Zimmerman of Chicago, Ill., was born in Germany on July 11, 1864, and passed away on February 25, 1945 at the age of 80 years. When he was still a small boy, his parents died. At the age of 24 years, he came to America with his two sisters and two brothers. Two years later his brother, Otto, and his sister, Martha passed away.

On June 29, 1893 he was united in marriage to Olga Behnke. The Lord blessed them with three children and the privilege of spending almost 52 happy years together. They celebrated their golden anniversary in 1943.

Brother Zimmerman was a member of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois for 52 years. During that time, he served in varying capacities, including Sunday School superintendent, church clerk and trustee.

He is survived by his wife, Olga; three children, Arthur, Ruth (Mrs. Brozman), and Harold; one brother, William; 3 grandchildren, Hazel Ferguson, Ruth Leyerle, and Carol Zimmerman; and one great-grandchild, Donna Lee Ferguson. His sister, Mrs. Antonia Wolff, preceded him in death, May, 1944.

Because of his fine Christian character, his position as one of East Side's well-known businessmen, and the useful and noble life that he lived, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. But having reached the age when one's summons may be expected, Mr. Zimmerman was resigned to the Lord's will, and was ready and anxious to go to be with the Lord whom he loved and whom he served.

East Side Church, Chicago, Ill.

LOUIS R. JOHNSON, Pastor.

with the exception of the sermons, were all based on topics suggested in the Book of Ephesians. All messages and sermons were of an unusually high order throughout, and contributed greatly to the spiritual upbuilding of everyone present. The climax was reached on Sunday when a number asked to be remembered in prayer for consecration and rededication. Seven new pastors were welcomed into the conference fellowship.

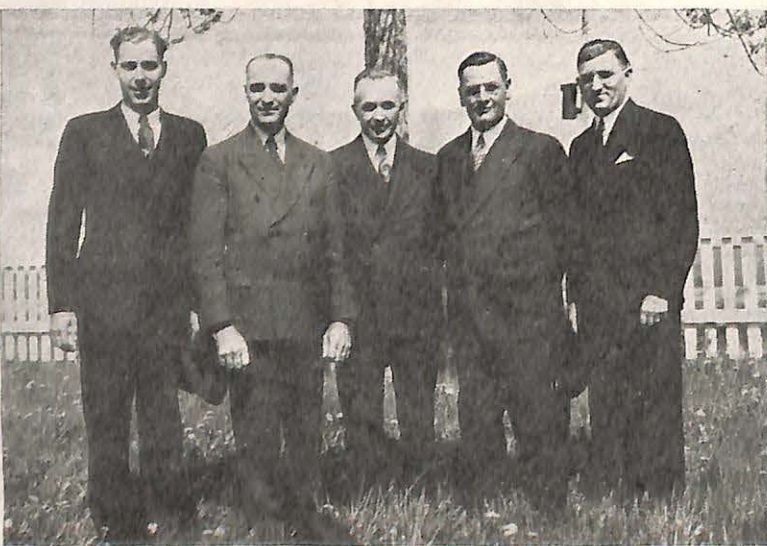
The officers for the coming year are: F. W. Mueller, moderator; W. C. Damrau, vice-moderator; H. Zepik, recording secretary; and C. E. Schoenleber, statistical secretary. The brethren L. F. Gassner and W. C. Damrau were elected to the Conference Mission Committee, while Rev. A. Felberg was chosen Mission Secretary, and Rev. W. C. Damrau representative on the General Mission Committee with Rev. J. F. Olthoff as alternate.

The reports of the churches showed progress both in additions and sacrificial giving. Missionary giving to our denominational causes reached a new high with over \$79,000, which was \$20,000 more than last year.

Two new churches were recognized by the conference, one being the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho, and the other the Baptist Church of Chilliwack, B. C. Both were recently organized and show considerable promise. Only one denominational worker was present at the sessions, Prof. A. Bretschneider. His messages and reports were gratefully received and deeply appreciated.

The members of the Bethany Church, their gracious pastor, Rev. Frank Friesen, and family, all deserve our heartiest thanks for their wonderful hospitality. To God be the glory for all the inspiration and information received.

W. C. Damrau, Reporter.



Ministers at the Manitoba Association and Tri Union Sessions at Whitemouth, Manitoba

(Left to Right: Reverends Fred Schmidt, Whitemouth; F. W. Bartel, General Evangelist; Phil. Daum, Colonization Director; H. Schatz, Morris; and Otto Patzia, Winnipeg.)



**Edmonton Institute Melodians and Women's Missionary Program at Los Angeles, California**

Sunday, May 20, was a day which the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California had been waiting for with eagerness. We were privileged to have the Christian Training Institute Melodians of Edmonton, Alta., as our guests during the morning worship. Their inspiring songs and testimonies were a challenge to all who heard them. A special offering was given for the Institute building project amounting to \$150.

After church, we enjoyed a pot-luck dinner which was sponsored by the B. Y. P. U. This gave us a better opportunity to become acquainted with our guests, and to enjoy a time of Christian fellowship. "The Melodians" graciously rendered a few extra numbers for us before they left.

On Sunday afternoon, June 3, the Ladies' Missionary Society held its 55th anniversary program. The program consisted of music, a play, and reports on the accomplishments during the past year. The society is to be praised for the time and effort they have put into the White Cross work for missionary fields at home and abroad, and also for their home and foreign mission contributions.

We were happy to have the Rev. P. G. Neumann, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, as our guest speaker. He spoke on the words "God's Irresistibles." His sincere message touched the heart of everyone present. The missionary offering amounted to \$100, and was designated for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.

The officers to preside in the coming year are: Mrs. E. Mittelstedt, president; Mrs. R. Wetzler, vice-president; Mrs. R. Baer, secretary; and Mrs. I. Jesh, treasurer.

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

**ATLANTIC CONFERENCE**

**Memorial Services for Chaplain Gustav T. Lutz in the Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J.**

Chaplain Gustav T. Lutz, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., died in Germany on April 16th due to skull fractures incurred in a fall from a bridge.

The memorial services were opened on Sunday afternoon, May 21, with the prelude played by Miss Jean Kilbourn, church pianist, followed by the national anthem. The scripture, Psalm 46, was read by Rev. G. H. Klamm, who also led in prayer.

Mr. Klamm, who was in charge of the impressive memorial services, gave a resume of the chaplain's activities both before and during his stay at the local church. Rev. Andrew S. Layman, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, then spoke of his association with Mr. Lutz.

Rev. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom, Wisconsin, brother of Chaplain Lutz, was the speaker for these memorial services and brought the message, using as his theme, Psalm 31:15—"My times are in thine hand." Climaxing the service, Star Post No. 127 of the American Legion conducted a brief memorial. Commander Wm. H. Jaqui spoke a few words of sympathy to the widow and then read "In Flanders Field." Perry Smith read "The Answer." A moment of silent prayer followed and "Taps" were blown by Oliver Soden, Jr.

Many beautiful flowers banked the altar. In the center a large basket of red, white and blue flowers were placed, before which was a picture of the deceased, the American Flag being on one side and the Legion Flag on the other. Above the altar was a lighted cross, below which hung the Service Flag.

Bertha Brown, Reporter.

**Ministers Institute of the Atlantic Conference Is Held at Bradley Beach, N. J.**

The ministers of the Atlantic Conference were the guests of the young people at their cottage at Bradley Beach, N. J., from June 25 to 30 for their annual institute. Quite a number of the pastors brought their wives and children, thus lending the gathering the atmosphere of real family life and toning down the formal dignity which often hovers about a ministerial group. Nature gave us a very warm welcome, which made the ocean quite inviting. The charming hostess, Mrs. A. Neuschaefer, betrayed no sign of uneasiness at the large group that had arrived and managed to feed this large family very satisfactorily.

The services were under the able direction of Rev. R. Schade, pastor of the Second Church of New York City. The opening sermon on Monday evening was delivered by Rev. Geo. Hensel of Bridgeport, Conn. Devotions on the several mornings were led by the Reverends Philip Potzner, Wm. Kahlert, Julius Kaaz, Christian Peters. Rev. R. Schade led an animated discussion on Tuesday on "Prayer in the Psalms."

A very inspiring and ably delivered sermon was preached on Tuesday evening by the Rev. J. F. Crouthamel, pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia. After an hour's intermission we had the privilege of seeing two films, one presenting the Bible School and its activities at Edmonton, Alberta and the other of the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y. Music was furnished by our ministers' chorus under the direction of Rev. A. Kannwischer.

Two well prepared papers were read on Wednesday by Rev. R. Schade on "Suffering in the Psalms," and by Rev. F. Orthner on "Church Ordinances in the New Testament Times." The speaker at the evening session was Dr. B. M. Johnson, a missionary from South India, who spoke on the political conditions in that country and their effects upon the religious life.

Other papers on the following days were as follows: "Redemption in the Psalms" by Rev. V. Prendinger of Jersey City, N. J., "Church Government in the New Testament Times" by Rev. H. Palfenier of Philadelphia, and "Immortality of the Psalms" by Rev. J. Grygo.

It was also our privilege to have the recently returned missionary from the Cameroons with us, Rev. George A. Dunger, who gave us a very fine insight into his work and a vision of the possibilities awaiting the new missionary staff. In the evening we had various visitors attending the devotions and testimonial service at which time also two reels of films were shown on our mission work in Kakaland. On Friday morning at the breakfast tables a birthday surprise was tendered Rev. J. Kaaz at the occasion of his 72nd birthday.

The following program committee was appointed for next year's institute: Rev. P. Potzner, chairman; and the Reverends H. Palfenier, C. Peters and J. F. Crouthamel.

George Hensel, Reporter.

**JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS — — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Conference	Total Contributions	
	JUNE 1945	JUNE 1944
Atlantic . . . . .	\$ 1,133.75	\$ 1,227.83
Eastern . . . . .	609.95	280.45
Central . . . . .	4,641.46	7,060.30
Northwestern . . . . .	3,635.26	3,246.04
Southwestern . . . . .	4,208.88	3,886.27
Southern . . . . .	648.88	2,080.53
Pacific . . . . .	3,088.53	5,975.53
Northern . . . . .	2,887.46	1,035.37
Dakota . . . . .	3,051.88	1,768.23
No Conference . . . . .		594.34
<b>Totals . . . . .</b>	<b>\$23,906.65</b>	<b>\$27,154.89</b>
<b>Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies</b>		
June 1945 . . . . .	\$ 3,994.81	
Total to June 30, 1945 . . . . .	\$129,314.13	
<b>Seminary Endowment Fund</b>		
June 1945 . . . . .	\$ 1,858.36	
Total to June 30, 1945 . . . . .	\$ 80,625.30	
<b>Christian Training Institute Building Fund</b>		
June 1945 . . . . .	\$ 3,636.28	
Total to June 30, 1945 . . . . .	\$ 11,941.24	