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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● During February and March, 1945, four weeks of evangelistic services were conducted at the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Saskatchewan by the Rev. Ervin J. Faul, pastor. A fine response was shown. Of this group of converts, ten persons were baptized on Sunday, June 10, and nine were received into the Nokomis Church and one into the Lockwood Church. In the near future new pews will be installed in the church. Recently the church purchased new English hymnals which have added much to the Sunday evening services.

● On Sunday, June 10, the B. Y. P. U. of Wishek, No. Dak., presented the play, "Revive Us Again," written by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Cleveland, Ohio on the important theme of spiritual revitalization. The cast of characters included Clarence Quatier, Evangeline Meidinger, Roger and Joan Herr, Idelle Hiller, Jeanne Mehlhoff, Frances Kogler, Leo Goehring, Delores Quatier, and Arlean Kramer. The sum of \$1,102.02 was realized as an offering towards the building fund of the church. The Rev. Arthur Weisser is the pastor.

● The Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta has called the Rev. J. P. Schultz of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan as its pastor to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Schultz began his ministry in Olds on Sunday, August 5. He is a member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church and had been teaching school in Saskatoon until his recent retirement. He is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill. A daughter, Ruby, will be with Mr. and Mrs. Schultz in the parsonage. He has succeeded the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, now of Linton, North Dakota.

● The Rev. B. Jacksteit, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., was the guest speaker at the Baptist Church of Minot, Minn., on Sunday, July 15, and at the Pleasant Prairie Church near Wetaskiwin, Alberta on Thursday evening, July 19. He also spoke that same afternoon at the camp sponsored by the church located at Pigeon Lake nearby. On Sunday, July 22, he brought the message at both services of the Bridgeland Church of Calgary, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Jacksteit were also present at the Alberta young people's assembly held at Sylvan Lake from July 23 to 29 where Mr. Jacksteit conducted a course of study and brought the evening messages.

● The Rev. Melvin Pekrul has resigned as pastor of the West Sioux Falls Community Baptist Church of

West Sioux Falls, So. Dak., to become effective on the last Sunday in August. He will continue his studies at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School of Berkeley, Calif., soon thereafter and hopes to receive his B. D. degree in one more year of study. On recent Sundays Mr. Pekrul supplied the pulpits of the Baptist City Temple of Sioux Falls, So. Dak., and of the Baptist Church of Brookings, So. Dak., of which Rev. Ernest Klein is pastor. While serving the West Sioux Falls Church during the past two years, he also completed his work for a B. A. degree at Augustana College, graduating from there in January, 1945. He is a graduate of our seminary in Rochester, N. Y. in the class of 1943.

WILCOX BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLFAX, WASHINGTON

This is the fifth in a series of articles appearing in "The Baptist Herald" about our important but not well known rural churches. The pictures on the front cover and on page 4 of this number were taken in August 1944 by the editor.

The Rev. R. M. Klingbell, whose sermon appears in this issue, is in his 24th year as pastor of the church. Mrs. Paul Krueger, the author of the winsome article about the church, is also president of the Pacific Northwest Young People's and Sunday School Worker's Union.

● The sessions of the Atlantic Conference will convene with the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., on Sept. 8 and 9, 1945. The original plan to hold the conference at the Evangel Church of Newark, N. J., had to be cancelled since the O.P.A. would not grant the church the necessary points for the serving of meals. The program committee is making every preparation for inspiring sessions. Missionary George A. Dunger of the Camerons will be one of the featured speakers.

● The Adult Union of the Central Baptist Training Union of Texas has elected the following officers to serve for the coming six months: president, Charley Marstaller, Jr.; vice-president, E. H. F. Arnold; secretary, Mrs. G. A. Niederer; group captains: Mrs. Joe Garrett, R. G. Kittlitz, and Chris Hansen. Mrs. G. A. Niederer, reporter, stated, that they "are looking forward to even greater blessings in the coming six months as we work together 'For Jesus Sake'."

● On Sunday evening, July 15, the Rev. W. Helwig, pastor of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, baptized a young married woman who recently made her confession of faith in Christ. A Vacation Bible School was held in the church from June 4 to 15 with 42 children enrolled. In the Junior group 8 children memorized 257 Scripture verses and of these one girl learned 112 verses in the two weeks' period. Four children testified of their acceptance of Christ during

the school. The Dallas church was host to the annual Southern Conference from July 25 to 29.

● On Sunday afternoon, July 22, several hundred people gathered at Brush Lake near Turtle Lake and McClusky, No. Dak., for a beautiful out-door baptismal service. The weather was ideal for such a meeting so that the people could sit on the grass and listen to the singing and the addresses. The Rev. A. Rosner of Turtle Lake led the services, bringing also a brief German message. The Rev. A. J. Fisher of McClusky brought the message in the English language on the topic: "Some Reasons Why We Practice Baptism." Afterwards Mr. Rosner entered the baptismal waters and baptized ten people. Four of these were from the Tabor Church. The Rev. A. J. Fischer baptized five young people from the McClusky B. Y. P. U. It was a blessed service, and all were glad for these evidences of God's guidance and will in his churches.

● On Sunday, July 10, the Rev. E. Riemer, pastor of the Bethel Church near Carbon, Alberta baptized 3 persons in the nearby Knee Hill Creek and received these and 3 others by letter into the fellowship of the church. The Rev. E. M. Wegner of the Freudental Church brought the baptismal message. On Sunday afternoon, June 17, Mr. Riemer baptized 4 persons and received these and 3 others into the fellowship of the Baptist Church of Craigmyle, Alta., which he serves once a month. He also preaches once a month in the hall at Hannah, Alta., 18 miles away. On Sunday, July 22, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Herald", was the guest speaker in the Bethel and Freudental Baptist Churches near Carbon, Alta., preceding the Alberta young people's assembly at the Sylvan Lake Camp Grounds.

● From June 26 to July 8 the Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary, visited many of the churches of the Southern Conference besides participating in the program of the Southern Conference young people's assembly at Latham Springs Encampment. He spoke in Dallas, Greenville, Kyle, Cottonwood, Waco, Gatesville and Crawford Churches, and everywhere found responsive audiences greeting him warmly. On Sunday, August 12, Mr. Gunst began a series of engagements for two weeks in Oregon and Washington by preaching in the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon in the morning, speaking to an combined service of the Salem and Salt Creek Churches in the afternoon at the Bethel Church of Salem, and bringing the message at the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon in the evening. The rest of his itinerary will be reported in the next issue of "The Herald."

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DO WE PRAY?

The Rev. Herman H. Riffel, pastor of the Holmes St. Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., shows the potentialities and powers that prayer offers to us in this fine, Scriptural and uplifting sermon to be published in the next issue. It will also help to introduce the dynamic pastor of the Lansing Church to "The Herald" readers.

CHRISTIANS MUST BE SOUL WINNERS

Miss Ruth Zielke of Edmonton, Alberta won a recent public speaking contest sponsored by the Edmonton Baptist Union with her inspiring address on this subject. In her winsome testimony she will challenge all Christians to consider the task and privileges of winning others for Christ.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PAGE

The next "Children's Page" will be of special interest to all ages for Miss Esther Schultz, the editor, will relate an interesting interview which she has had with six year old Daphne Dunger recently and also a fascinating sketch prepared by Missionary George A. Dunger for Daphne's first reading book. Don't miss this unusual page! Watch for it!

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The Glory of the Rainbow

"JUST look at that rainbow in the sky!" There's no more exhilarating shout than that to come from a man's lips. The storm has swept across the heavens, tearing at buildings and people with its treacherous winds, deluging the land with torrents of rain and bringing darkness and gloom as its companions. It's a picture of despair that has entirely eclipsed the brightness of the day.

But the eye catches the gleam of a ray of sunlight that shines through the clouds. Then, suddenly, the wonder of God is repeated all over again. With enchanting beauty the rainbow arches across the skies. Its flaming colors reach from the throne of the heavens above and touch the rim of the earth. God is speaking to us anew of hope and mercy. It is his eternal covenant with man, a reminder of his Presence with us in the warm days of summertime.

We need this reassurance of God's mercies to us. The past few years have witnessed the frightful cataclysm in which all mankind appears to have been dragged into a pit of darkness. God seems to have receded into the background, far away from us. In such dark hours it is well for us to heed the words of the Psalmist: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork." His covenant of grace towards man is revealed in the skies, and our hearts take courage to learn that he is near.

These summer days ought to teach us many spiritual lessons. God wants to lead us "beside the still waters" to restore our souls. We need to hunger and thirst after righteousness until these words become the yearning of our spirits: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." The majesty of the mountain peaks should humble us before God in the contemplation that "before the mountains were brought forth, . . . even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God!" So also the glory of the rainbow ought to touch our hearts with hope that God's promises will unfold before us like the sunlight breaking through the clouds about us.

That rainbow arch can be seen in every continent of the world. Its glory encircles every race of man. It binds heaven and earth in its tremendous sweep. Silently but awesomely it declares God's mercies anew to all the world and his love that binds us together with him through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Blessed is he whose eyes are open to see this glory of God in the heavens above!



The Wilcox Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington Is Situated in the Midst of Rolling Hills and Wonderful Grain Fields As Shown on the Left.

The Hideous Power of Sin

A Brief Sermon by Rev. R. M. KLINGBEIL in His 24th Year as Pastor of the Wilcox Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington

DENIED by many, the overwhelming fact remains that sin is a terrible power in the world. It manifests itself in the constant leaning towards the forbidden and in words and deeds of evil. Education, culture and morality are beneficial but are often made to serve as a flimsy cover to hide or excuse men's inborn sinful nature.

The destructiveness of sin can be clearly seen in the latter part of Samson's life related in the 16th chapter of Judges and especially in the 21st verse: "But the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass and he did grind in the prison house." Here we learn that sin blinds, binds and grinds its victim.

SIN'S BLINDING POWER

The wake of sin is strewn with the works of its slaves. What it did to Samson, it still does today to men. Sin blinds its followers. The Philistines put out his eyes. Whosoever loves sin is a sinner, be he inside or outside the church.

A proverb says: "Sin has five fingers. Two it puts into the ears of men whispering: 'Be deaf to the loving pleadings of friends and to divine warnings from above.' One finger it puts upon the mouth saying: 'Be still, do not oppose me but follow in mute obedience.' Two fingers it puts on the eyes of its adherents mumbling: 'Do not look at the solemnity of God's commandments, nor at the ugliness of your deeds; do not behold the end of your way; follow me

without question!'" Thus was Samson blinded by sin and many with him now.

O, let Jesus open your eyes, praying:

"Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and make me free.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!"

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Ev'ry thing false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

SIN'S ENSNARING POWER

Sin also binds its servants. "They bound Samson with fetters of brass." He was a giant, but unresisted sin was still stronger and gradually it conquered him. Many there are that put on a bold front asserting to be free while in reality they drag with them through life the clanking chains of sin.

Be prayerfully watching, my young friend, that Satan does not get you ensnared in his terrible net. He binds with little sins first. Figuratively speaking, he uses soft, silken threads to begin with as a spider doer around its prey. Then follows strong twine; then rope; and finally chains of iron and brass. Bad habits, drunkenness, immorality, thievery, lies, murder, all start small and insignificantly, but end up in heavy fetters.

But the Savior is able to break the strongest bonds of evil and set men gloriously free as he did with Mary Magdalene who was possessed of seven demons, and also with Paul the apostle who had been bound by a false concept of religion.

SLAVES TO SATAN

Sin grinds the best out of men. Samson had to grind in the prison house. How sad that such a fate had to befall the anointed of the Lord! Yes, sin will surely grind out all that is left of God's image. It robs a person of his health, happiness, kindness and godliness.

In turn, it makes its slaves grind in the Devil's mill to enrich bootleggers, divekeepers, gambling halls, dens of licentiousness and to fill hell with its victims. Multitudes tread the mill of uncountable secret evils until it has worn out its slaves and finally throws them on the human junk pile of outcasts from society and heaven.

Hideous and terrible, indeed, is sin but Jesus Christ is stronger and mightier, and can fully save from its dark clutches!

A Small Corner of God's Universe

The Story of the Wilcox Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington

Related by Mrs. PAUL KRUEGER

"THERE it is! We almost missed it." We had driven nearly five miles out into the country from the town of Colfax, Washington in search of the Wilcox Baptist Church. Yes, there it was, nestled against a background of rippling grain, nearly screened from view by a row of huge, shady trees, and looking very much like the traditional church on a greeting card.

As we drove into the churchyard and got out of the car, we heard, pouring forth from the tiny building, the blending of voices in the strains of a familiar hymn. Inside, we joined the rest of the congregation who had come to enjoy the Children's Day program.

When the program was over, the second round of festivity began. Each family had brought a bulging basket of lunch which was spread on long tables under the protecting shade of the church grove. After we had eaten our fill, we stayed long into the afternoon, visiting with friends from the surrounding community and members of the church families, who were "home on vacation."

This might well be a visitor's impression of our little church, for many such happy hours are a part of its heritage. True, it is small, but every inch of it is ours. Each flower and tree has a special value. The very tree shown on the cover of this issue of "The Baptist Herald", a huge fir, is a living memorial to my husband's late father, E. E. Krueger. Having been our Sunday School superintendent for many years, his Christian ideals still live among us.

Each part of the building and its furnishings are reminiscent of members and friends. The first communion cups were a gift of the First German Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa.

You ask, "Who built the church?" Go back with me, for a moment, to the year 1905. About ten German speaking Baptist families settled in this community, having come from the states of Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Illinois. With twenty-five charter members, they organized the "First German Baptist Church near Colfax", now known as the Wilcox Baptist Church.

The names of Mohr, Krueger, Heilsber, Dierks, Langenbach, Kramlich, Reichle, Altergott, Benschel, and Prochnow have become familiar to many of you. We thank God that three of these charter members, (the first three names given), are still with us, honored and beloved by us all.

We were officially recognized as a church on May 10, 1905 with the Rev. F. J. Reichle as the first pastor. Among those on the council of recognition were the late Rev. Jacob Kraft of Portland, Oregon and the Rev. F. Reichle, Sr., also of Portland.

Two acres of farmland were given by Mr. F. G. Dierks as a site for the church. The original building is still used, having been enlarged and re-decorated in recent years. Early baptisms were performed in the creek on one of the member's farm. Conventions were held by employing the aid of the "old cook house" and serving meals under a tent.

During these forty years, we have been served by four ministers. Mr. Reichle in two terms, labored among us for nine years. Our present pastor, Rev. R. M. Klingbeil, whose time has also been divided into two terms, is now serving his twenty-fourth year at this church. He has given unselfishly of his time and ability. Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Klingbeil and their family have become an integral part of the church and community.

The peak of our membership came in 1930 when, from the original twenty-five, our group totaled well over one hundred people. Several factors have contributed to the decline in recent years. Chief among these is the fact that our young people have, of necessity, sought educational and vocational advancements in the larger cities. Of the present seventy members almost one-third constitute an "absentee membership."

Now, you are asking, "What can such a small country church do for the Lord?" Your field of service is so limited."

Perhaps so, for we have no war industries nearby. Neither have we any army bases, naval stations, nor slum areas with all the opportunities they offer for spreading the gospel.

We are helping in our own way. During the year 1944, the Lord blessed us materially, and we were able to contribute more than \$5,000.00 toward the work of his Kingdom.

The Baptist Men's Brotherhood, which is composed of men of neighboring Baptist churches, is a live-wire organization which has made many commendable contributions toward the spiritual and cultural welfare of this community.

Our young people have been actively interested in denominational work, eight of our members having served as officers of the Pacific Northwest Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

Periodically, services are held at the local home of the aged. No bit of service or call for aid goes unheeded.

Members of our church, who are no longer with us, but who are exerting a Christian influence in their fields of service include: eight teachers and instructors, two school principals, two pastors' wives, a former County Clerk and assistant, a Public Accountant, a Public Health clerk, representatives in the Nurses Corps, Waves, Army, Navy and Marines.

Perhaps, contrary to general opinion, a small church such as this trains responsibility and leadership. Each officer or teacher cannot be casually absent from church. Unless you make adequate arrangements, your place will be vacant. Each member is needed.

War conditions have created problems everywhere. We have solved one of ours, the mileage problem, by discontinuing the evening meetings. Instead, bi-monthly, each family brings its dinner to church. Great enjoyment is derived from the Christian fellowship, which is at its best across a dinner table. Each Sunday is a family reunion, for, queer as it may seem, every family is related. The afternoons are in charge of the B. Y. P. U., which provides some highly inspirational and interesting meetings and programs.

What is my heritage from my church? My mind becomes blurred with memories of my own twenty-six years. Scenes race past: eager faces of my childhood Sunday School class; the night I found my Lord, as I knelt at the front bench and prayed; some especially treasured memories surrounding Christmas festivities; my own marriage vows, solemnized in the flickering candlelight; faces of Heaven departed loved ones, whose absences are still keenly felt; inspiration received each Sunday, listening to the Word of God being proclaimed; precious moments of communion with Him.

Even though we are an infinitesimal part of God's plan, he never overlooks us, but showers us constantly with his love and care. In grateful humility, we strive to fulfill our mission on earth: "Work for the Night is Coming," "Brighten our Corner," and radiate "Heavenly Sunshine" from our SMALL CORNER OF GOD'S UNIVERSE.

TO A COUNTRY CHURCH

By R. P. Marshall.

No great cathedral this,
No towering spire
Uplifts itself against the blue.
But just the modest little steeple
there,
Where birds nest cosily;
And all day long
Is heard the drowsy hum of honeybees
That somehow found a way into the walls.

O little country church,
To you we give
Our homage; many a towering spire
Is but the dim and fitful echo of your prayer
And thousands worship in cathedrals vast
Who sought and found their Lord
within your walls.

A Revival of Scripture Memorization

By MISS ANN SWAIN of Salina, Kansas, the Scripture Memorization Worker of the Southwestern Conference

"THE LORD has done great things for us; whereof we are glad." (Psalm 126:3.) Manifold are these "great things" which our Lord has done for our beloved denomination. Among them is our ever increasing missionary vision both at home and abroad.

Someone has wisely said, "The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home." In our church circles the light of God's Word is, indeed, shining brightly these days. One reason for our revitalized interest in the Bible is our National Memorization Project. In this work it is of vital importance that the parents of our boys and girls take an active interest in encouraging and instructing their children. Consequently, grown-ups as well as youngsters learn more of the things God has spoken.

Look over the congregation during the presentation of a program by our Scripture memorizers! See the smiling faces of proud parents! It seems that they are not only happy because their children can fluently quote the Bible, but one would venture to conclude that by teaching them, also, have learned those verses.

THE CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

The reaction of our boys and girls to Scripture memorization may be illustrated by the following story told by a leader during the presentation of a Scripture memorization program. "While our prayer meeting was being conducted here in our church last Wednesday evening," she related, "our Southwestern Conference missionary was teaching Exodus 20:1-17 to our boys and girls in the parsonage. When closing time came at 9:30 P. M., one of the boys said, 'Aw, can't we stay just fifteen minutes longer? They're not through over there anyway.' After a brief pause the leader continued, 'That was the greatest compliment our missionary ever received.' (The missionary thought it was, too.)

Many stories could be told of how boys and girls have spontaneously responded by asking any number of questions concerning their Scripture memory verses. Quite frequently the answer will naturally involve the presentation of the plan of salvation. As a logical and appropriate conclusion, the teacher in return asks, "Will you receive the Lord Jesus as your Savior?"

One such joyful experience took place last June while a group of boys and girls were memorizing I John 4:10. As the teacher wrote the verse on the blackboard and was about to begin an explanation thereof, she was most happily interrupted by the eager inquiry of one of the boys, "But what does 'pro-pit-i-ation' mean?" With much joy the teacher told the old, old story. The following day the boy placed his trust in the Savior.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY CAMPS

The Oklahoma Scripture Memory Camp was held from July 23 to 26 at Roman Hose Park, not far from Okeene, Okla. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn was to serve as dean of the camp.

The Kansas Scripture Memory Camp convened at Camp Carlile at Stafford, Kansas from August 12 to 15 with the Rev. L. H. Smith as dean. Miss Ann Swain, Southwestern Conference worker, was active in the programs of both camps.

FINDING CHRIST THROUGH SCRIPTURE

"I wish you would speak with Jane and Mary concerning their salvation," the dean of one of our Scripture Memory Camps said to me one afternoon. While presenting the need of and acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord, verses familiar to the girls were used. The teacher observed that the truth of God's Word was both quickly comprehended and readily appropriated. By continuing their memorization of the Scriptures, these girls are obeying the exhortation found in I Peter 2:2. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

The same Apostle also tells us that we are to "grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." About the middle of July two girls and their teacher sat at a large, dining room table memorizing

the entire fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. It was the fifth verse of that portion of God's Word which impelled the question, "What is the meaning of 'by his stripes we are healed'?" A description of cruel scourging and of joints torn asunder in crucifixion brought tears to our eyes and caused the teacher as well as the girls to realize and appreciate more fully what our Savior had suffered for us.

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Not only among our own boys and girls has Scripture memorization proved an abundant blessing. Many un-churched boys and girls have been enrolled in our Scripture Memorization Course. They are contacted at regular, monthly intervals by various workers who teach the Bible verses and listen to their recitation. In this manner many of our churches are using Scripture memorization as a channel for real missionary activity.

The enrollment of these "outside" boys and girls is accomplished by house-to-house visitation and through the public schools. Early one Thursday morning the pastor and the conference missionary visited a school located about two miles from our church. After explicitly explaining our Scripture memorization program to the teacher, she gave us permission to present it to the boys and girls.

When we had finished, she turned to her pupils and said, "You boys and

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National Scripture Memory Course

An Announcement by REV. J. C. GUNST,
Young People's Secretary

A SURPRISINGLY large number of Sunday Schools have enrolled in the National Scripture Memory Course. Reports to that effect are being received right along. Some Sunday Schools are doing a very commendable work with the children in Scripture memorization.

When the records of the year's work come to the Forest Park office around October 1st, we shall learn that a great many of our boys and girls have completed the assigned course for the year. We urge every Sunday School, which has not yet enrolled those boys and girls from the ages of 6 to 14 years in their school, to enroll them now. You may enroll in the course at any time and any number of pupils who are interested.

The director should make proper use of the Record Sheet as you go along in the memory work keeping an accurate record of each pupil. If more Record Sheets are needed, write to the Forest Park office for them. Every director should follow each pupil

through with the proper course, interpreting the passages as you go, until the course is completed in a year from the date the pupil was enrolled. There is no uniform date set for all schools to enroll or for them to send in their Record Sheets. Every school is to send in the Records a year from the date the pupils were enrolled.

Union prizes will be awarded upon receipt of the completed records from each school. We wish to stress the fact, and the importance of it, that these Bible verses are not to be memorized in just a short time. Rather, the course should be divided into groups and spread out over the year in order to give a meaningful interpretation to the verses as they are memorized, and in order that these Bible verses might become a part of the pupil's life.

Your young people's secretary will be glad to answer any questions pertaining to information needed with respect to the Scripture Memory Course.



Miss Bohlman Is Seen in Action as Nurse (Center) at Riviere Qui Barri and Is Shown With the Stoney Indians (Right) Who Live in Mud Huts Like the One at the Left.

A Missionary Among the Canadian Indians

By MISS RUTH BOHLMAN of Leduc, Alberta, a Traveling Graduate Nurse of the Indian Department Serving the Treaty Indians North of Edmonton

LAST summer in 1944 I consecrated my life to the service of Christ and hoped to go to Africa. I prayed much and planned much, but God saw other things for me to do, at least for the present. I did not pass a medical examination and was greatly disappointed. I seemed very much in the dark for quite some time, but God opened doors for me. Someone once said, "God closes doors and opens windows."

I am a graduate nurse, and at present am employed by the Canadian Dominion Government as a traveling nurse for the Indian department. My work is all public health, and only with the Treaty Indians.

I travel over 10 reserves, five of which are located west of Edmonton and each about 50 miles apart. Five are 200 miles east and north of Edmonton. So you can see that I cover quite a lot of territory. The government has supplied me with a car, which simplifies things considerably, but most of the reserve roads are not fit for car travel. So the nurse has to turn to other modes of travel, the horse and buggy.

I spend some time at each reserve and visit all the homes. My experiences here have been many and varied. To understand the workings of the natives' minds takes a great deal of patience and grace from above. My actual "mission work", by which I mean personal evangelism, is not very extensive for I am working against very strong forces of evil.

For the most part these natives are not exceptionally clean, but one must be patient and teach them. They are so like little children and I do love them in spite of the vermin to be found on them.

The duties of "the Muskiki-squaw", the medicine lady, which I am called, are many. One is the nurse, doctor, supervisor, advisor, friend, cousin, administrator, health inspector, cook and general handy-man. I have be-

gun a campaign of immunization and am so happy to be able to be of service in this way.

The reserves are each different, each with its own problems, and each with its unique beautiful scenery. God is wonderful! The largest of the ten reserves covers 63,000 acres. Some of the Indians there have large farms and are quite progressive. Some of them have fairly good homes. Then again we have the other type, the hunters and trappers, who live in their tepees. For the most part they are only happy when they can be outdoors. So I make my rounds from fine homes to wigwams, over prairie and bush-land, extracting teeth and helping the needy.

The Indian children with their dark skin and dark eyes are a constant source of joy. They love to be sung to and for the most part love to see the nurse come, even though she so

often carries the needle and syringe with toxoid of one kind or another ready to give them another "shot".

It is often very discouraging work. If it were not for the promise which God has made to his children, that he is constantly with us, I would often be very disheartened. I have known real loneliness, when you are miles from nowhere, miles from Christian friends and families. I believe that sometimes the task is as great as Africa.

Oh, how often in the long and lonely hours I have wished for companionship, and, oh, how happy I am for the precious hours with my great Companion. There are no other young people on these reserves. I board with the Government employer, agent or farming instructor, and how difficult it is to keep the light of Christ shining in such surroundings.

I shall have a very busy summer, since there is much to do. I have about 2500 Indians to look after, and, oh, the malnutrition, tuberculosis and that dreaded eye disease that is so prevalent, trachoma and glaucoma, among them. All have to be looked after and the cry, "Muskiki", Medicine, is loud and long. I shall soon have to supervise and check up on the gardening, and encourage the use of raw vegetables.

So it goes! The nurse with her navy blue sedan moves on from tepee to tepee, and only with the help of Christ can I carry on! "And the Lord, he it is that goeth before thee, he will be with thee, he will not fail thee neither forsake thee; fear not neither be dismayed." Deut. 31:8.

Soon the beat of the tom-toms shall fill the air everywhere about us and the treaty celebration begins, when from north and south they gather in traditional Indian costume to talk of days long past when all the land was theirs. The nurse and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police attend the gatherings, the nurse to look after the children who drink too much "pop" and the red coats to keep order.



Ruth Bohlman in Her Winter Uniform. The Gloves and "Mucloques" Are Indian Designed.



Canadian Pastors of Alberta (Left) Are Mr. Joe Sonnenberg, Rev. E. P. Wahl, Rev. Karl Korella, and Rev. R. Milbrandt With the Members of the Christian Training Institute "Melodians" in the Center Picture and the Saskatchewan Pastors at Right as Follows: (Left to Right) Rev. E. J. Bonikowsky, Rev. A. Litwin, Rev. G. Beutler, and Rev. H. Smuland.

The Golden Prairies of Canada

Some Observations on a Recent Canadian Trip by Rev. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

NATHANIEL has had many followers since his day in doubting the possibilities of a given situation. They have looked at Canada from afar and said with Nathaniel's spirit: "Can anything remarkable come out of the Canadian prairies?" Such a question is being put to shame these days by the unusual spiritual strides which our Canadian churches are making. It's therefore a joy to extend the invitation to every BAPTIST HERALD reader to join the promotional secretary on a trip to our Northern Conference churches with the words, "Come and see!"

GOLDEN PRAIRIE, SASK.

A little town with several scores of houses is sprawled out on the rolling prairies of western Saskatchewan. It bears the striking name of Golden Prairie. People have made fun of that name, for hard times and drought brought these prairie people almost to the brink of disaster.

But there's a new song in the air today in Golden Prairie. Its four grain elevators are filled with golden grain from nearby fields. The farmers walk briskly in the joys of today's prosperity. They speak with pride of "the golden prairies" of Canada which roll away from the onlooker like waves upon the ocean as far as the eye can see.

Our Baptist brethren have given a Christian tone to this new song of joy that fills the air. They do not forget their responsibility to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. They are alert to the spirit of the times, that they must be about their heavenly Father's business. They are arising to the missionary tasks of this day. As a result, remarkable things are happening everywhere to transform these prairies into golden fields spiritually for the Lord.

NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS

New church buildings and parsonages are being constructed in many places in Canada. They are rising like mushrooms after a Spring rain. In the town of Golden Prairie, Sask., a new church is under construction which will cost considerably more than \$5,000. A new parsonage will be built on the adjoining lot. This will give the pastor a large parish with churches at Golden Prairie, Rosenfeld and Annetal on a circuit of about fifty miles. But there are golden prairies between the churches with scores of promising young people and great possibilities. This has been shown by Mr. Joe Sonnenberg, an Edmonton Institute Bible School student, whose summer ministry has been greatly blessed of God.

The city of Medicine Hat, Alberta has had a Baptist church of ours for many years, but it was nothing to boast about. But you ought to see their new church now! A picture of it appears on the next page. With missionary zeal and great faith the people of our Grace Church with their former pastor, Rev. A. Kraemer, went forth to do great things for God. The church is being completed as quickly as

possible. Its seating capacity of about 500 shows the faith of these people in the possibilities of this mission field. The new pastor, Rev. R. Milbrandt, has undertaken the work with high goals before him.

The story of the enlarged church building at Minitonas, Manitoba was related in the January 15, 1945 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. Plans for new church buildings are under way for Springside, Sask., and Chilliwack, British Columbia, a church of the Pacific Conference but in the Canadian area. New parsonages are being completed in Ebenezer, Sask.; Calgary, Alberta; and Wiesental, Alberta. The new building project of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta with a goal of \$45,000 is receiving the prayerful attention of the entire denomination and especially of our Canadian churches.

A CANADIAN CONFERENCE

Crowds of our Baptist people respond to every conference invitation. The sessions of the Associations, Tri-Unions and Northern Conference are usually inspiring affairs. These people love to come to church, and they are seldom critical if the services become unusually long.

Such was our experience recently at the Central Alberta and Saskatchewan Association held with the little Annetal Mission Station of the Rosenfeld Church. The small group of about seven or eight families dared to invite the conference, but their faith was gloriously blessed of God.

A large tent, seating several hundred people, was put up alongside the church for the sessions of the Association. The small church building was used as a dining hall. Hardly a house can be seen from this site of the church out across the miles of the prairie. But the cars and the people

CANADA UNLIMITED

The first of several reports and articles by the young people working with the Rev. F. W. Benke in the Peace River Valley appear on page 15 of this issue. Others will follow.

Prof. A. Husmann has promised an article about his recent experiences and observations in Canada. The two Edmonton Institute quartets will report about their profitable summer trips.

Our Canadian work will be well represented in forthcoming issues of "The Herald." It ought to be interesting reading material.

poured onto the church grounds until on Sunday a total of more than 700 people were served at the tables and an inspiring array of 175 cars surrounded the tent and the church, flowing out over the grounds of the nearby cemetery. The people were jammed into every available inch of space in the tent, and scores of others listened to the program over the loud speaker. From every corner of the compass over the prairies they had come for this festive occasion.

REMARKABLE HAPPENINGS

The people are also giving with a joyous will as unto the Lord and his work. Our Cameroons field, our suffering brethren of Europe and the Edmonton School make a strong appeal to their hearts. The Alberta Association at Trochu with an offering of \$1200 is a an evidence of the wonderful spirit of giving as now shown by these Canadian brethren.

One cannot visit these churches and fellowship with these people in Canada and not become vividly aware of the remarkable things that are happening. A new day has dawned with increasing missionary possibilities for the tomorrow. The coming of the Rev. Frank Armbruster to Edenwold, Saskatchewan and of the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn to Morris, Manitoba from the United States have been an indication to some observers that the trend "Back to Canada" may be under way. The young people at their Tri Unions and assemblies have caught the spirit of forging ahead. The Bible School at Edmonton has already reached new heights of accomplishment.

It is exceedingly interesting to observe that three of our four Canadian Tri Unions are contemplating the purchase or the lease of camp property for the summer of 1946 on which they can hold their own assemblies and gatherings. The Manitoba and Saskatchewan Tri Unions have definite plans in sight for the securing of such places for their own use.

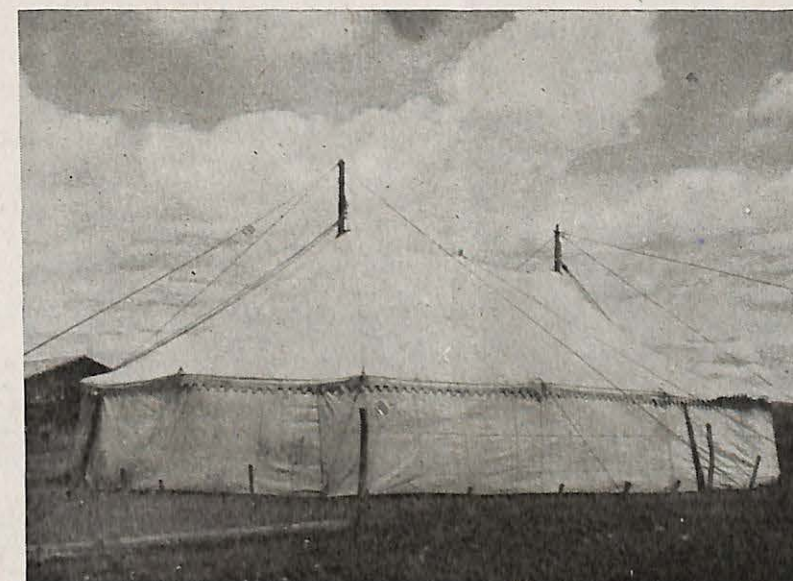
The Alberta Tri Union held its most successful assembly in its brief four year history with more than 215 young people registered at the camp from July 23 to 29 at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. It was announced during the week that a camp site of about five acres had been purchased across the same Sylvan Lake which can easily be transformed into an ideal camp site for their own purposes in 1946.

These young people are enthusiastic for their assemblies, as is shown by the increasingly larger attendance from year to year and by their whole hearted support to this cause. The Alberta group even proposes to conduct several weeks of camps for all ages of young people, if at all possible.

Other Canadian visitors may interpret their observations with different results, but all will have to agree that the vast Canadian prairies with the many churches of our Northern Conference can no longer be pushed aside as unimportant or lacking in possibilities. Here one can now look upon the golden prairies of Canada, with bright spiritual promise for the days ahead, white already to harvest!



The Beautiful New Edifice of the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta With Mr. J. Reich in the Foreground



The Canvas Tent in Which the Central Alberta and Saskatchewan Association Convened With the Annetal Mission Church



The Baptist Church of Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan, Now Nearing Completion, With Rocks Used in Its Construction in the Foreground



Mrs. Edwin Michelson and Paul in His Basket Surrounded by Native Admirers After His First Visit to Church at Soppo

A "White Man's Pekin" at Soppo

The Story of PAUL EDWIN MICHELSON'S First Experiences at the Soppo Mission Station

PAUL Edwin Michelson was born in the American Presbyterian Hospital in the French Cameroons on Monday morning, March 19, 1945. In spite of weighing only five pounds eleven ounces at birth, he is a strong, healthy



Missionaries Edwin and Verna Michelson With Their Two Month Old Baby, Paul, in a Soppo Garden

baby growing like an African weed. It was happily reported: "Mother and son fine."

When Paul was two weeks old his parents took him to his first home in the mission station at Soppo. The native Christians welcomed him in typical African exuberance and with stares of curiosity. Many had never seen a white baby before, so they gathered around the baby basket to see the "white man's pekin." They gave Paul the native name, "Soppo", which means "peace". May he be an instrument in the hand of God to bring the peace of our Savior to many in this land!

Paul's introduction to the Soppo Bender Memorial Church came the following Sunday. The communion service was inspirational and impressive, but the moment the native pastor said, "Amen", a crowd began to gather around the new parents and baby. The older women were especially hearty in congratulating the new mother with handshaking and remarks such as, "fine pekin", "God be thanked" and "very nice." The remarks were accompanied by laughs of joy which could be misinterpreted by a sensitive new missionary as ridicule. They had an enjoyable argument to try to decide whether "the pekin" looks like father or mother.

Thus Paul Edwin Michelson was initiated into mission life. He ought not be pitied but rather envied for the



Daphne Dunger Holding Paul Michelson Before the Rebuilt Bender Fountain at Soppo in May 1945

many advantages and opportunities that are his in Africa for a broad education and a deep understanding of mission work. His little body can fight off diseases better than a grown person. The prayers of his parents and friends will keep him safe from harm. May he learn at an early age to put his hand to the plow and look to the harvest of souls. May God be pleased to use him in the great work of saving souls.

"LORD, SEND ME!"

By Mr. Arthur J. Stairs
of Forest Park, Illinois

(Composed on April 20, 1945, after attending the Missionary Conference of the North American Baptists held at the Forest Park Baptist Church on the evening of April 18, 1945.)

Lord, I am ready, speak the word
That I thy will may see;
Though oft before my heart was stirred,
I now, Lord, say: Send me!

Lord, I am willing now to bear
Life's hardships all for thee
And be content with meager fare,
If thou, dear Lord, send me!

Dear Lord, of thee I'm not ashamed
Wherever I may be;
May many souls, Lord, be reclaimed,
Because I said: Send me!

Oh precious Lord, I do not know
Whate'er my lot shall be;
At thy command I gladly go,
If thou wilt, Lord, send me!

I'm ready, willing, unashamed
To take thy cross for thee
Where Christ has never been proclaimed;
So please, dear Lord, send me!

Scripture Memorization

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girls have to do a certain amount of memorization. For each Scripture verse you memorize and say to me, I will give you credit in your English course."

Addressing the pastor she asked, "May I also enroll my own daughter and twenty boys and girls in my department in the nearby mission?" As we joyfully gave consent, she continued, "My husband is superintendent of a large centralized school near here. If you care to speak there, he will gladly allow you to do so."

Later as we spoke of our Lord's gracious blessing upon us that morning, we recalled that our people had very definitely prayed for our Scripture memorization work at prayer meeting the preceding night.

THIS IS THE LORD'S DOING!

Have these paragraphs conveyed the impression that Scripture memorization activities are so much "smooth sailing?" Because the potentialities of this work are many and great, it is a joy-filled service; nevertheless, it requires vigorous "rowing against the tide." Therefore, we look to our Lord that this . . . his work . . . may be done in his way, in his strength, and under his guidance.

Service Men's Letters

Greetings and News from Everywhere

are puzzled or they don't understand something, they ask me about it. I try and explain it to them the best way I know how. We are all pretty much enthused over this Bible study and some of the other fellows are beginning to take notice and join in with us.

What a wonderful Savior we have in God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ! Each child of his should be continually joyful in his blessings and should be filled with a desire to live for him who gave his all for us. How much we need prayer that we shall remain faithful and shall be unashamed to stand up for Jesus that others might come to know him.

OUR DUTY TO WORK AND PRAY IN THE SERVICE

By Alfred J. Mock of Indianapolis, Ind., Now Serving in the U. S. Army in the South Pacific

The chapels in New Guinea and on the South Pacific Islands are built by the natives from the missions and are made of poles and leaves. They are very beautiful and the services are well attended.

The chaplain is a very sincere and consistent fellow, but I have not been able to hear him as often as I would like because we have been so busy repairing equipment for the boys up at the front who need it badly.

I feel it is my duty as a soldier of God as well as for my country to get that equipment out for those boys who are fighting the enemy that does not stop fighting until we get back from church. So I go about my work with a prayer in my heart. Many of the boys here have found Christ and I believe they are very sincere about it.

Tell all the people at our church that I will be glad and thankful to get back to share their worship with them and thank them for remembering me in their prayers.



The U. S. Army Chapel on an Island Somewhere in the Netherlands East Indies Visited by Sgt. Anias Sukut

GOD MOVES IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM

By Sgt. Anias Sukut,
Somewhere in the Netherlands East Indies
(A Member of the Baptist Church of Lehr, North Dakota)

I wish to let you know, first of all, about the joy of meeting my brother Jack here on this island somewhere in the Netherlands East Indies within ten hours of debarkation. It was a surprise on him when I walked into his tent. He didn't know of our coming this way to stay for a short rest before our next operation. All of this left him speechless for a minute. Then we both rejoiced over the privilege of being able to meet again after 34 months.

I am enclosing a picture of the beautiful chapel which they have here. It is the nicest I have seen overseas or ever expect to see. Words will not describe its beauty, especially with a fully attended chapel congregation with many men remaining standing on the outside.

The chapel seats well over five hundred. With all these voices ringing and singing the harmony of sweet hymns, I am sure nothing further need be said. The choir usually renders two numbers and a quartet or duet gives one number, which all enjoy immensely.

My brother and I have each been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations.

BIBLE STUDY ON BOARD A U. S. WARSHIP

By Seaman Theophil Trautner,
a Son of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Trautner
of Sawyer, North Dakota.
(Seaman Trautner is Somewhere at Sea in the South Pacific).

Recently we crossed the International Date Line, so we lost a day. I went to bed on Friday night and woke up on Sunday. That's one Saturday which I never did see. It seems funny to skip a day like that.

Today being Sunday, I went to church. We have had several very fine services so far. Some of us fellows get together every night and have a little Bible study. We read a chapter and then discuss it. We're in the 13th chapter of Matthew now.

Every night before bedtime we get out our little Testaments and take turns reading out loud. Whenever the fellows



Seaman Theophil Trautner, a Son of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Trautner of Sawyer, North Dakota

GOD'S ALL-SUFFICIENT BLESSINGS IN INDIA

By Pvt. Charles R. Atwater,
a Member of the Rock Hill Baptist Church
of Jamaica Plain, Mass.

"My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Praise God! His promises are true, and recently I have come to know somewhat of the all-sufficiency of his blessing.

When I first left home for the army, I thought I was leaving behind Christian friends whose place could never be taken by others and Christian fellowship which could never be duplicated. But since that time, I have realized that God certainly is always faithful to his children. Many times God chooses to have us walk along adverse paths in order that we might realize our weakness and his power.

At each base God has led so that I have been able to meet and to fellowship with other Christians. Since coming to India that blessing has been multiplied many times. We have met many consecrated servants of God among the missionaries, the civilians and the American and British armies. We have experienced richer times of fellowship and blessing than I have ever known, and the opportunities have been increased for Christian witness and testimony to God's salvation and power. Each night, when possible, we may attend some sort of an evangelical gospel service. Also, we have a standing invitation at several Christian homes.



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Mock of the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Mock is Technician Third Grade in the U. S. Army Serving in the South Pacific

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

New Officers of the Baptist Young People's Society of Bison, South Dakota

The young people of the Gnadenfeld Baptist Church of Bison, So. Dak., even though a small group, have been trying to keep the name of the Lord growing by the little which we can do.

On June 3rd we elected new officers. They are as follows: president, Mrs. Wm. G. Jaster; vice-president, Rev. Wm. G. Jaster; secretary, Betty Fried; treasurer, Verna Heupel; collector, Elmer Heupel; and usher, Lester Broekel.

We are learning to know the Bible much better through the Golden A. B. C. and Bible Quizzes. We hope to keep on learning more about the Bible also.

Betty Fried, Reporter.

Ordination of Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, Cameroons Missionary, at Emery, South Dakota

Delegates of the South Dakota Convention of the North American Baptist Churches were called to meet to participate in the examination and ordination of Mr. S. Donald Ganstrom into the gospel ministry. This meeting was held in the Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., on June 29.

Rev. Arthur Ittermann, pastor of the church, opened the meeting with song and responsive reading. Mr. Geo. J. Terveen, clerk of the church, read the resolution of the council.

The council was organized with Rev. Peter Geissler as chairman and Rev. O. W. Brenner as clerk. Nine churches with 24 delegates answered the roll call. The Rev. and Mrs. August Lang of Britt, Iowa, Prof. R. Omark of the Bethel Seminary of St. Paul, Minn., and Dr. Wm. Kuhn, missionary secretary, also were welcomed as delegates.

Brother Ganstrom was ably introduced to the representatives and friends by Rev. Arthur Ittermann. The candidate then stated very clearly his Christian experience, call to the ministry and doctrinal statements. With great satisfaction and joy the council recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination service that evening.

A very impressive and inspiring service was held with Dr. Wm. Kuhn bringing the ordination sermon on the text: "Thou therefore, my son, be strong." The ordination prayer was spoken by Rev. O. W. Brenner, and the hand of fellowship into the ranks of ministers was given by Rev. G. W. Rutsch. The charge to the candidate was brought by Prof. Omark, and the charge to the church by Rev. Aug. Lang. The certificate was presented by the president, Rev. Peter Geissler, and benediction was pronounced by Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom. This service will long be remembered by all present.

R. A. Klein, Clerk.



Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, Missionary-appointees for the Cameroons of Africa

Memorable Missionary Conference and Mountain-Peak Experiences in Emery, So. Dak.

The first mission conference of the Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., with Donald and Verna Ganstrom, missionary appointees for the Cameroons of Africa held from June 28 to July 1 redounded to God's glory as unusual memorable days of joy and blessing for the Emery church. The church was happy to welcome friends and visiting speakers as Dr. Wm. Kuhn, our general missionary secretary, Professor R. Omark of Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.; the former pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. Lang and daughter, Miss Bertha Lang, the latter being a missionary to China.

The large mission conference was auspiciously opened on Thursday night by a forceful challenging mission message from Prof. R. Omark who called upon God's people to yield themselves unremittingly to the task of fulfilling Christ's vast mission program. The next day, Friday afternoon, the ordination council, called together by the Emery Baptist Church, examined the clear testimony of conversion, the definite call to the ministry, and the sound doctrinal statements of S. Don Ganstrom, Emery's first missionary, and heartily approved his ordination. (See Accompanying Report.)

NEW MISSIONARIES

Four young people are scheduled to sail for the Cameroons of Africa as soon as all arrangements can be made. They are the Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, Miss Myrtle Hein of Leduc, Alberta and Miss Hilda Tober of Edmonton, Alberta. An illustrated article about these missionary-appointees will appear in "The Baptist Herald" on or about September 15, 1945.

Saturday night was specifically set aside for a Youth and Sunday School Rally. Dr. Kuhn by his personal call to the ministry and Missionary Bertha Lang by telling of blessed mission results in China caused by yielding her life to God challenged Christian workers to surrender their lives wholly to full-time service if such were called to do so by God. Memorable was the symposium and forum that followed led by the missionaries, the Ganstroms and Miss Bertha Lang. Their convictingly piercing message was: "We dare not fail to take advantage of present-day opportunities to do mission work."

Again on Sunday morning the Sunday School enjoyed to hear the gripping mission challenge presented in the account of the Magic Music Box by Mrs. Ganstrom and interesting mission events in China by Miss Bertha Lang. Then the Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom pictured Christians as actors needing to watch their display and performance before the observing world. During the morning worship period that followed Dr. Kuhn in his message emphasized the imperative need not alone of supporting missionaries and Christian workers financially but especially in prayer before the Throne of God. Later on, at the Communion Table, the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, with others recently baptized received the hand of fellowship for church membership into the Emery Church, whereupon Norris D. Ganstrom, son of the missionaries, was dedicated for Christian service.

On Sunday afternoon Dr. Kuhn stirred his audience with his touching message of life sacrifices and struggles of former missionaries on the needy mission field, the Cameroons of Africa. As never before we sensed the need of sending the gospel there and were happy that we might have a share in bringing the light to those sitting in gross darkness of superstition and sin. To this end, the Emery Sunday School has taken it upon itself to adopt and support the Ganstroms and furthermore to furnish both the equipment and passage for them to the Cameroons in Africa.

These conference days of mission momentum and blessing came to a successful conclusion on Sunday evening when Mr. Ganstrom in his closing message urged Christians to be "shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace," to enable them efficiently to bring the good news to lost men at home or abroad. At the close of the service a joyous love festival was celebrated in the church parlors. Church organization leaders and visiting friends spoke fitting words of encouragement and benediction to the missionary couple planning soon to leave for their appointed field of labor. Valuable gifts were presented to them. The mission offering given for them by the Sunday School and church on this Sunday was reported as amounting to \$1366.98.

Rev. Arthur Ittermann, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School and Missionary Programs at Parkston and Tripp, So. Dak.

For one week, forenoon and afternoon, a Vacation Bible School was held at the Baptist Church of Tripp, So. Dak. This meant a trip of 13 miles every morning and evening for the pastor, the Rev. H. G. Braun, and family and for the children from Parkston who attended the school. How we enjoyed these rides and how eager we all were to get there at 9 A. M. and to get started!

The daily schedule began with the children marching in and singing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." After the salutes to the American and Christian flags and the Bible salute and school motto, we had the worship service conducted by the pastor, Mr. Braun. Then came instruction in chorus singing, memory work, missionary and character stories. Mrs. J. J. Mehlhaff and Mrs. H. G. Braun taught in the Primary department with Norma Braun teaching the Beginners and Viola Mehlhaff the Junior classes.

On Sunday evening we had our closing program. The parents, pastor and Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Harold Lippert, expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the teachers for giving their time and effort in this way. A love gift offering by the children was sent to the Home for Crippled Children in Fargo, No. Dak.

Recently the Parkston and Tripp Missionary Societies held their annual birthday celebration in connection with the anniversary program of the Parkston Society. After a delicious supper, a short birthday program and a memorial service in remembrance of those who had gone Home to be with the Lord were held. The anniversary program consisted of songs, musical numbers and a dialogue, "The Mission Offering." The Rev. John Giesbrecht, our guest speaker, brought an inspiring message.

The Tripp Society held its anniversary program on June 3 with songs, various musical numbers and two dialogues and a reading, besides a talk by the pastor, the Rev. H. G. Braun. The offering amounted to \$52.00.

Both societies have "a secret project" by which the members try to raise extra money, which has proved very successful. The secret of how the money was raised and the amount are revealed at our special Thanksgiving meeting in November. As a result of our mission boxes, the sum of \$80 was sent for foreign missions. Both societies have adopted the project chart and are gold star societies in the National Women's Missionary Union.

The work of remodeling our Baptist Church in Tripp is progressing nicely, although it was somewhat delayed by the rainy weather which we had this Spring. We hope soon to have an edifice adequate for all demands of the various branches of the church.

Mrs. H. G. Braun, Reporter.

Editor's Postscript—An endeavor will be made by the Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary, to tabulate and publish the number and enrollment of our many Vacation Bible Schools held this summer.



The Vacation Bible School Group of Watertown, Wisconsin

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Vacation Bible School and Baptismal Service at the Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.

The Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., was held in the church from June 11 to 22 from 1:30 until 4:00 P. M. each afternoon. There were four classes: The Beginners' department under the direction of Mrs. Walter Stalker with Mrs. L. J. Lange and Mrs. R. Woyke as assistants; the Primary department under the direction of Mrs. Glenn Sutton, with Phyllis Krueger and Mrs. Bart Matthias as assistants; the Junior department with Mrs. Roger Norman as director; and the Intermediate department in charge of Rev. Allan Marshall, pastor of the Advent Christian Church.

Mrs. Milton Bender assisted both in the Junior and Intermediate departments. The superintendent of the school was the pastor, the Rev. Rudolph Woyke. The average attendance for the two weeks was 41. On Sunday evening, June 24, a fine demonstration program was held with a crowded church of parents and friends. Each class and their work were represented and demonstrated. The offering amounted to \$39.05.

At an impressive service on Sunday morning, June 24, eight candidates were baptized by the Rev. R. Woyke. Their names follow: Yvonne Ware, Alice Rabenhorst, Jeanne Stalker, Genevieve Krebs, Jean Schroeder, Wayne Ebert, Glenn and Donna Mae Rabenhorst.

Mrs. Roger Norman, Reporter.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Recent Activities of the Young People of the Calvary Church, Killaloe, Ontario

The young people of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada, under the leadership of the president, Mrs. T. Barr, have been very active in the past months.

The mothers were entertained at a special Mother's Day program, presided over by Mervin Wilkie. Refreshments were served later.

During recent months the pastor, Rev. C. R. Weisser, conducted a Teachers' Training Course on "You and Your Church." These meetings were well attended with eighteen securing their diplomas.

From the proceeds of a social entertainment a number of books were secured for the library. Recently a play, "Pontius Pilate," was presented under the directorship of Rev. C. Weisser, and the proceeds will be used to purchase the National and Christian flags for the church.

Mrs. Lawrence Getz, Reporter.

Sessions of the Ontario Convention Held at the First Church of Killaloe

Our Ontario Convention was held from June 28 to July 1 with the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ont., Canada. This being the first church built in this district, it had to be somewhat centrally located for the farmers, and so stands about four miles out of town in a valley surrounded by beautiful hills which bear many varieties of small and large trees. In journeying into this country for the first time one is awed by the beautiful scenery, the valleys, lakes, hills and trees, and one is reminded of the Psalmist who writes: "The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein." (Ps. 111:2.)

The theme of this convention was, "Post War Demands of the Church." The opening message was brought by Prof. O. E. Krueger on the text of 2 Cor. 3:18. On Friday evening the Ladies' Aid held their program, in which the Professor Krueger was also the guest speaker.

Two papers were rendered for and discussed by the convention, one by the Rev. John Kuehn on the subject, "Demands of the Church From God," and the other by the Rev. A. Stelter on "Demands of God from the Church." The devotional meetings were led by Rev. John Kuehn and Rev. C. R. Weisser.

Saturday afternoon was spent with the young people in charge at the beautiful beach of Round Lake, where games were played and swimming was enjoyed. A tasty lunch of wieners and lemonade was served to strengthen the weary bodies.

On Sunday the Lord provided a beautiful day of sunshine. People came from all directions, so that the church was filled to capacity for all three services. The speakers made an appeal that we all should show our gratitude to the Lord for his great blessing to us in this country, and support our denominational missionary budget in all branches. The listeners' hearts were opened and they gladly gave to the work of the Lord. The offering totaled \$254.40, a sum which had never before been reached in this convention.

The visitors certainly have a word of gratitude to express to the congregations of the First Baptist and the Calvary Baptist churches of Killaloe and to their pastor, Rev. C. R. Weisser.

A. Stelter, Reporter.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Michigan Five Church Young People's Rally at the Beaver Baptist Church

The two day rally of five of our Michigan churches, namely, Alpena, Gladwin, Lansing, Linden Church of Detroit, and Beaver, met for the first time this year as an organization. It was held in the Beaver Church on June 16 and 17. Miss Marguerite Pletz, president of the organization, was in charge of the meetings.

Lansing opened the services with devotions, followed by a study course, "A Winning Witness," presented to us in four class periods with the Reverends J. C. Gunst, G. K. Zimmerman and H. Riffel as our instructors. We received a great blessing from this course, and feel more than ever that we who have had a personal experience with Christ and have learned to love and trust him, are to go out and tell others what Christ has done for us.

The evening service was opened by Alpena, after which our vice-president, Mr. Rein Braun of Beaver, read us a portion of Scripture. The Rev. J. C. Gunst brought us a challenging message on "Young People's Loyalty to the Church."

Our Sunday services had a record attendance of about 300. The morning service was again under the leadership of our president. A few outstanding numbers of the program were our choir numbers furnished by the Lansing choir. Scripture was read by the treasurer, Miss Roena McPherson of Detroit, followed by the always welcome violin selections by Donald Witt, also of Detroit. The message was again brought to us by our guest speaker, Rev. J. C. Gunst.

The closing service on Sunday evening held many blessings in store for us as we heard messages in song and witnessed the installation of new officers by Mr. Gunst. The message and consecration service as presented by Mr. Gunst were very impressive, with a good number of young people consecrating their lives anew to their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Our officers for the coming year are: president, Miss Marguerite Pletz, Lansing; vice-president, Ruth Majeske, Beaver; secretary, Roena McPherson, Detroit; treasurer, Leonard Schwenke, Alpena; dean, Rev. H. Riffel, Lansing. Our prayer is that God will lead and guide them so that they will help to lead us to higher grounds.

Those of us who attended these services feel that our cup has been filled and running over. We as a rally were well impressed and greatly inspired by the messages given us by our guest speaker, Rev. J. C. Gunst. As he has blessed and enriched our lives, may we in return in our humble way have been a blessing to him and our many guests who worshipped with us.

Our offerings amounted to \$208.91, which will go toward the Medical Unit. As a project for the coming year we have pledged to help support the Gypsy Mission work in Europe.

Luanna Majeske, Reporter.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Recent Activities at the Rock Hill Baptist Church Near Boston, Massachusetts

The 57th Annual May Roll-Call of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., was observed on Wednesday, May 23, at 8 P. M., preceded by a catered supper at which 85 members and friends partook of a well prepared meal.

The program got under way with the singing of favorite choruses, led by Mr. Charles Cook, a former member and now pastor of a Baptist Church in Maine. Several vocal numbers were given by Mr. Robert Dann, a converted opera singer and now a student at Gordon College. Mrs. Karl Zeise, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and a talented pianist, gave a number of piano selections. Dr. T. L. Lewis, president of Gordon College, was the speaker of the evening, bringing a forceful message on "The Visionary Church."

The membership roll was then called by the clerk at which time the members responded with a love offering over and above their weekly contributions. This amounted to \$508.00, a portion of which will be used for missions.

On Saturday, June 2, a delegation travelled to Norwood, Mass., to attend the second in the campaign of Youth for Christ meetings, of which the Rock Hill Church is one of three Baptist Churches sponsoring these meetings.

On July 7 another meeting was held at Rock Hill when Dr. T. L. Lewis, president of Gordon College, was the speaker. At the morning service, June 3, five young persons were extended the right hand of fellowship, four having united by baptism and one by letter.

Fred. Sawyer, Clerk.

Mr. Walter Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., Is Called Home After Extended Illness

In the homegoing of Mr. Walter Marklein in the closing hour of June 30, 1945, our Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., has sustained a serious loss. During the 33 years since he accepted Christ and was baptized by Rev. George Klipfel, Walter has served as Young People's President, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Choir Member, Deacon and President of the Church Council and for many years made a valuable contribution to the life of the young men of the church as teacher of The Crusader Bible Class.

His abilities were recognized in the wider circle of denominational interests. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of our Seminary in Rochester, the Baptist Life Association, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Young People's Cottage at Bradley Beach, N. J., and a member of the Long Island Association Board of Trustees. He was at one time president of our National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, and of the Baptist Youth Fellowship of New York and Vicinity, and in various capacities served the Baptist Youth of Brooklyn, N. Y. For some years, he was a mem-

ber of the Mission Committee of the Atlantic Conference and a representative on the General Mission Committee.

On August 1, 1944, Walter suffered a collapse followed by 11 months of illness. Our deepest sympathy is expressed to his wife, Anna, and three sons, Walter Jr., James, and William, one small daughter Carol Ann, and his only brother, Edwin, and family.

The large attendance and the wealth of floral tributes at the Memorial Service on Monday evening, July 3rd, in the church attested to the love and esteem of a host of friends. The Rev. W. J. Appel officiated with Rev. A. Kannwischer and Rev. R. Schade assisting. Burial was in the family lot at Evergreen Cemetery.

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NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Baptismal Service and Farewell Reception for Rev. H. Lueck at Onoway, Alberta

On Sunday, June 17, we, as members of the Baptist Church of Onoway, Alberta, held a baptismal service at the Alberta Beach with the Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alta., taking part and baptizing eight converts. In the afternoon they were given the hand of fellowship into the church at the communion services. These converts were the result of inspiring evangelistic meetings held from April 9 to 19 in which the Rev. R. Schilke of Edmonton brought the messages.

This day was also the last Sunday for our pastor, Rev. H. Lueck, to be with us in Onoway. A farewell program was held, consisting of musical numbers, a poem by Ella Priebe, and brief talks by Mr. Ewald Breikreuz, Sunday School superintendent; and Messrs Ohlman and W. Lehman, deacons. A small gift was given to Mr. H. Lueck as a remembrance from our church for his services as pastor during the past six months. As guest visitors for the day we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. R. Perlich from Salem, Oregon.

Selma Breikreuz, Reporter.

Organization of the Alberta Women's Missionary Union at the Alberta Association

As the custom had been in the past few years, the Ladies' Aid Societies of Alberta were privileged to take part in the program at the Alberta Association which was held at Trochu from June 21 to 23.

However, this year we decided to become organized and to elect our various officers. On June 23 we gathered for a short business meeting and the following officers were elected: Mrs. E. Riemer of Carbon, president; Mrs. E. Wegner of Carbon, vice-president; Mrs. R. Kern of Calgary, secretary; and Mrs. C. Rempel of Trochu, treasurer.

On Friday, June 22, the women were privileged to render a program which consisted of songs, recitations, readings and a dialogue. Professor Hugo Lueck was the guest speaker for the occasion and a blessed time was experienced by all present.

Mrs. C. Rempel, Reporter.

Open Mission Doors in the Culp District of Alberta's Peace River Valley

I am certainly thankful to God for the privilege that has been mine this summer to witness for my Lord in the vast Peace River Country of Alberta. It is a land that is so full of promise and untold possibilities, but also with such a great drought in spiritual things.

The trip by car from Edmonton to Watino and Culp was very enjoyable. We were able to marvel at all the beauty of nature as we traveled along the highway with tall, green trees towering into the sky on either side. The Lesser Slave Lake is very beautiful, and we could see how God manifests himself in nature.

Mission work in the Culp District started only a few years ago, but, on account of lack of workers, it could not be continued throughout the entire year. But Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heizelmann are faithfully carrying on the Sunday School work and assisting in the gospel meetings. Their devout testimony and faithful Christian service means much for the Culp District.

We held several blessed meetings in their home and in the school house. A goodly number of people, mostly children and young people, attended with marked eagerness as they listened to the gospel story brought in word and song. The children sing the choruses joyfully and also recite Bible verses together.

We commend this mission work to all friends and would covet your prayers, as we endeavor to bring the Good News to the spiritually hungry boys and girls, men and women of this district.

Gladys Schmuland, Reporter.

Witnessing for Christ and Doing Missionary Work at Watino in Northern Alberta

I arrived in Watino, Alberta at 7:00 A. M. after a fourteen hour ride on the train from Edmonton. My trip was not a very pleasant one. The train was crowded, dark, smoky and noisy. Happy was I when I came close to my destination!

Watino is a little town, 330 miles northwest of Edmonton, located in a valley with steep, beautiful hills surrounding it and with the Big Smoky River winding its way around the town. The other two mission workers are Gladys Scheirer from Lemberg, Sask., and Gladys Schmuland from Fenwood, Sask.

Our Sunday School is being carried on every Sunday morning at 11:00 A. M. with the mission workers participating as Sunday School superintendent and teachers. A gospel service is held in the evening. The average attendance is between 25 and 30. Twice a week we conduct a Children's Meeting which gives us blessed hours with them.

Special gospel services were held from Wednesday to Sunday. Mr. William Mueller, the student pastor of the Valley View Church, was with us for those services.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN KORNETZKE of Chicago, Illinois

Mr. John Kornetzke of Chicago, Ill., was born on Feb. 2, 1875 in Marinette, Wisconsin and passed on to his eternal reward May 22, 1945. He was reared in a Christian home. On Sept. 5, 1907 he was married to Miss Ella Adam, who had patiently cared for him during the four years of his illness. His family gives him the testimony that "he was a good man." Mr. Kornetzke leaves to mourn his departure his wife, one son, two grandchildren, one brother, five sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

REV. A. G. SCHLESINGER, Pastor.

MR. WILLIAM JACOB HECHT of Chicago, Illinois

Mr. William J. Hecht of Chicago, Illinois was born on April 24, 1869 in Elmhorn, Germany, and passed on to his heavenly reward on June 14, 1945 at Southport, Indiana. He came to this country and Chicago, Ill., with his parents when he was but 13 years of age. In 1885 he was converted to God, baptized and joined the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago. He became a charter member of our church and was senior deacon at the time of his departure. In 1892 he was married to Helen Martens, who preceded him in death 10 months ago. He has left a vacancy in our circle. His passing is mourned by 3 daughters, one son, 4 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, 2 brothers, 2 sisters and many relatives and friends.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

REV. A. G. SCHLESINGER, Pastor.

Most of our work is among children and so the meetings were styled according to their interests. A five piece orchestra would open up the service every evening. Uplifting messages in song were rendered by the mission workers in solos, duets, trios and group singing. Bible verses took a prominent part every evening, in which the children participated with glee and enthusiasm. A gospel message and heart stirring testimonies were brought every evening.

People of various ages and nationalities were present. During the day time we as mission workers visited in different homes and brought them the gospel in word and songs. After school hours the children were instructed in instrumental music.

Watino presents an open mission field, but it calls for self-denial and Christian devotion. We must be ever mindful of the great commission of our Master who has said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

We are trying to bring the gospel to people everywhere, even by singing, praying, and reciting Scripture for the people on the early morning passenger train as it stops in Watino for fifteen minutes. At times we conduct street meetings and carry our banner with us which reads, "Jesus Saves and Satisfies." We also distribute Bibles and tracts whenever we have an opportunity. We hope and pray that God may use our efforts in the salvation of many souls as we are laboring for him during these four summer months.

Miss Herta Kruger, Reporter.

Many Evidences of Progress at the Northern Conference Sessions Held at Winnipeg

The 42nd annual Northern Conference session, centered in the general theme, "In the Fellowship of Jesus," was held from July 4 to 8 with the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The opening service was in charge of the Rev. O. Patzia, pastor of the entertaining church, assisted by the mixed choir under the direction of Mr. J. Schirmacher. The Rev. R. Kern of Calgary brought the opening sermon, based on the theme, "In the Authority of Christ."

All morning and afternoon sessions were opened with brief devotionals. The

moderator, the Rev. A. Kraemer of St. Rose, Man., ably led all matters of business. The reading of the statistical church letters gave evidence that our work is definitely progressing. One newly organized church, the Baptist Church of Onoway, Alberta, was accepted into the ranks of the conference.

It was a special privilege to have three of our general workers present. Dr. Wm. Kuhn, general mission secretary, gave an inspiring missionary sermon on Sunday forenoon. Prof. A. Husmann of Rochester, N. Y., addressed the meeting on Friday evening and on Sunday afternoon. Following the message of Friday evening two young men accepted Christ as their Savior. The Rev. F. Bartel, general evangelist, preached on Thursday evening. The choir of the Morris Baptist Church under the direction of the Rev. H. Schatz assisted.

On Friday afternoon an interesting program was rendered by the Women's Missionary Union with Mrs. E. M. Wegner in charge. Dr. Wm. Kuhn was the speaker.

The Saturday evening meeting was in charge of the young people. We were happy to have two appointed missionaries of our conference present, Miss Myrtle Hein and Miss Hilda Tobert. Miss Hein addressed the meeting, followed by a play entitled, "The House on the Sand," presented by the young people's society of the Winnipeg church.

The newly elected conference officers are as follows: Rev. O. Patzia, moderator; secretaries, Rev. A. Huber and Rev. E. M. Wegner; mission secretary, Rev. R. Schilke; mission committee members, Rev. H. Schatz and Rev. W. Stein.

We were sorry to say farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. P. Daum, who served the Northern Conference for the past 26 years. We acknowledge their faithfulness to our work and wish them God's blessing in their new work at Chilliwack, British Columbia, which is in the Pacific Conference.

We wish also to acknowledge the splendid work of the entertaining church and their pastor and his wife. We are sure that everyone present felt that it was a good conference.

R. Kern, Reporter.

HELPERS TOGETHER BY PRAYER

A Denominational Project for the Winning of Many Helpers in the United Ministry of Prayer.

Prayer is our acknowledgment of dependence upon God. United prayer can open the portals of God's power to us. For our sufficiency is in God.

For the 13 summer weeks of 1945 during the most critical period of the world's history when possibly some of our assemblies and conferences will not be able to meet, we are endeavoring to pray more earnestly and unitedly than ever before.

It is hoped that every church will make these prayers its special prayer burdens for the week. Pastors in planning their services and parents in conducting the family altar can emphasize these petitions. The denominational general workers will remind our churches frequently during the summer of this project.

It will strengthen the faith of others if unitedly we can announce our earnest prayer purposes as a denomination. Let the Spirit of God lead you to fill in the form as "A Helper Together By Prayer" and return it to headquarters.

"If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." — Matt. 18:19-20.

August 12 to 18

Pray for Our Publication Society, that its printed pages might always impart the gospel message and reflect the spirit of Christ as they go to all parts of the globe.

"Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which you have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle."

—2 Thess. 2:15.

"O God, speak through the printed pages of our Publication Society until many shall know the power of the gospel to redeem from sin and to strengthen their faith."

August 19 to 25

Pray for Our Missionary Ministry of Love and Mercy, that through our gifts God might bless our aged pastors and their wives, the guests of our Homes for the Aged and our orphaned children.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." — James 1:27.

"O God, help us to be more like Jesus our Savior when He was on earth and went about doing good."

August 26 to September 1

Pray for Spiritual Visions and Dreams, that our eyes might be opened to God's purposes for us and we might expect great things of God by faith.

"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." — Joel 2:28.

"O God, open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me; Place in my hand the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free."

THE HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL PROGRAMS For the Fall 1945

Will Be Sent to All Our Churches
to the Sunday School Superintendents or Pastors in the Next
Few Days.

The program can be held at any time in the Fall of this year for the Harvest Festivals or Thanksgiving Services of the church.

The offerings will be designated for the Foreign Mission Enterprise of our denomination and are to be sent to Dr. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

A four page English leaflet contains the song, "We Thank Thee, O Father," with music by Mr. Edward Stabbert of Tacoma, Washington, a responsive reading, and information about our missionary enterprise. There are also bilingual program leaflets with several songs included. The recitation and dialogue material appear in both languages. The front cover has been attractively streamlined.

A revised mailing list has been prepared for the Children's Day and Harvest Mission Festival programs for all of our churches. If you do not receive the material or if you want the type of material changed in any way, please write to Mr. H. P. Donner, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland, 14, Ohio or to Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, with detailed instructions.

THIS FALL EVERY CHURCH
SHOULD EXPRESS ITS JOYS
OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD
AT A SPECIAL
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Do You Know That...?

Column Edited by the
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Since the beginning of Baptist mission work in 1814, approximately 2400 missionaries have been sent to foreign fields and have given more than a total of 36,800 years of service.

A psychologist claims that the slow-thinkers live longest. But we are sure this doesn't apply when one is crossing the street.

Only two American towns shed their German names during this war—they were Germania and Swastika. All four Tokyos in the United States have survived. People in Tokyo, Texas say they have begun to change the other Tokyo.

An Arkansas woman has cremated her third husband. They must be having a real coal-shortage out there!

The freighter "Alfred E. Smith" docked recently in England. This boat contains a flagstone from in front of Mr. Smith's New York home. Hundreds of GIs came on board to touch, kiss and see their "native soil."

The average man now lives 31 years longer than he did back in 1800, but he needs to in order to get his taxes paid.

From Japanese internment camps in the Philippines lately 26 Presbyterian, 19 Baptist, and 18 Methodist missionaries were recently released.

A Scottish scientist recently claimed there was no Adam and Eve, which leaves ground for suspicion that the human race was founded by Cain.

The body of St. Therese has been brought recently to Paris and transported from church to church so that the "faithful" can do her honor.

A magazine writer claims that what we need is a new religion, but we hope nobody will do anything rash until we try the old one.

The new chief of Chaplains is Colonel Luther Miller, a Protestant.

Railroading has made wonderful progress in the last generation, because the old time locomotive couldn't have knocked a jitney more than 10 feet.

Lt. General John Lee, supply chief for Eisenhower, is a zealous Christian who took his staff of 40 to church with him every week and always carried a Bible on his person.

The matrimonial bark is wrecked quite often by too much matrimonial barking!

A New York Rabbi claims that the world is 7,400 years old, but it makes one wonder how it could have gotten into such a fix in such a short time.

The trouble with most church rows is that while they are being carried on, the devil always maintains a benevolent neutrality.

Of course, Americans trust in God! One can readily see that by the way they drive.