



“Ring, Happy Bells, Across the Snow!”

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 3, the Baptist Church of Herreid, South Dakota held a reception for the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske and family. Since Mr. Fenske had been formerly pastor of the church, it was a happy return for him as he preached his first sermon in this new pastorate on Sunday morning. The Rev. A. Krombein of Eureka, So. Dak., was in charge of the reception program and brought a message based on Acts 10:33. Representatives of the church welcomed the pastor and his family. Since they had brought their church letters with them, the pastor and his wife and three children were welcomed into the church's fellowship by Deacon Quenzer. Mr. Fenske was formerly pastor of the **Fredental Baptist Church** near Carbon, Alberta, Canada.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Carl Weisser of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada have announced the birth of a baby boy on Nov. 23rd, who has been named Gary Lewis. This is the first-born in the family! The Rev. and Mrs. Thorwald W. Bender have also announced that a boy was born to them on November 23. This boy, the fourth child in their family, is named Charles Jared.

● The Rev. Ralph Rott, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., is now chaplain in the U. S. Army stationed for the present at Camp Roberts, Calif. His address is Chaplain Ralph Rott, 0926745, 85th Inf. Trg. Bn., Camp Roberts, Calif. Any parents with sons or friends stationed at Camp Roberts are urged to send their addresses to him for a friendly visit with their loved ones.

● The anniversary program of the Women's Missionary Society of the Lyndock Baptist Church of Ontario, Canada was held on Nov. 5th with musical numbers and a message by the pastor, the Rev. John Kuehn. The society has 15 members. The new officers are Mrs. Alfred Jahn, president; Mrs. Eddie Yahn, treasurer; and Mrs. Herman Yahn, secretary. The offering at the anniversary program amounted to \$31.60.

● On Friday evening, Dec. 1, a Thanksgiving dinner was held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., with the pastor, the Rev. Edward Rodda, bringing the message. The American and Christian flags were presented to the church by the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. The Thanksgiving offering of \$139.77 was designated for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies of the denomination.

● Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Hellwig of Waterbury, Connecticut celebrated

their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Nov. 14th. Services were held at the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Connecticut at which time the pastor, the Rev. George Hensel, honored the couple in behalf of the church members. A reception followed which was attended by some sixty members and friends from Bridgeport and sister church of New Haven, Conn.

● The Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio unanimously voted some months ago to build a new church in another location. Purchase of a site in a growing part of the city is being completed at present. A special Thanksgiving offering of \$3200 was received for this purpose, bringing the new church fund to the \$10,000 mark. The goal is about \$40,000, according to the pastor, the Rev. R. P. Jeschke. On Sunday, Dec. 10, the guest preacher at the services was Dr. William Kuhn, general missionary secretary.

● The tragic news has been received that the edifice of the Hurnville Baptist Church near Henrietta, Texas was almost totally destroyed by fire on Sunday, Dec. 3rd. This church edifice was regarded as one of the finest rural churches of northern Texas. That day was also the first Sunday for the new pastor, the Rev. Daniel Klein, who had come from the Germantown Church of North Dakota. Our deepest expression of sympathy goes out to the Hurnville Church and pastor over this unfortunate loss of their church building.

● On Sunday, Nov. 19, the Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, Ill., held its Harvest Festival. The platform of the church was decorated with pumpkins, corn stalks and about 400 cans of vegetables, besides some home canned things, all of which were taken to the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., by the pastor, the Rev. L. E. Winfrey, a few days later. The Rev. August F. Runtz, superintendent of the Children's Home, and several of the children were present at the occasion and Mr. Runtz spoke in the interest of the Home.

● The Ebenezer West Church of Sackatchewan, Canada recently surprised its minister, Rev. E. M. Wegner, and his wife at their home in Springside with a pantry shower consisting of various kinds of meats, fruits, vegetables and other groceries. After the recipients had expressed their gratefulness for the pleasant surprise the rest of the evening was spent in fine Christian fellowship. The musical entertainer was Miss Beatrice Ross of Winnipeg, sister of Mrs. Wegner.

● At the Thanksgiving Day service held in the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., on Thursday evening, Nov. 23, the offering amounted to \$9246.56 which was divided for the church's

building fund, the missionary enterprise of the denomination and the Endowment Fund. The Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., was the guest speaker. Mr. Frank A. Koppin, senior deacon of the church who had served as deacon since the church was organized 46 years ago, went home to glory on Nov. 17.

● Several changes of address for our U. S. Army chaplains have recently been received. Chaplains Otto Nallinger and Donald G. Davis are probably on their way overseas. Chaplain Nallinger's address is 0-542762, 133rd Evacuation Hospital (S M), APO 17665, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. He is on leave of absence as pastor of the Salt Creek Church near Dallas, Oregon. Chaplain Davis' address is 0-556135, 120th Evacuation Hospital (SM), APO 17665, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. He is on leave of absence as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, California.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas helped Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmeltekopf to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Friday evening, Dec. 1. One hundred and fifty guests attended the fine program which featured musical numbers, readings, message by the pastor, Rev. David Zimmerman, and presentation of gifts, and also enjoyed the supper served afterwards. Mr. Schmeltekopf is the Sunday School superintendent and a church deacon, and his wife is the teacher for the Beginners' Class in the Sunday School. For the past 25 years they have lived in the Kyle community.

● Mr. Bruno Schreiber, a member of the 1945 graduating class of our Rochester Baptist Seminary, has accepted the call of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of New Leipzig, North Dakota. Although graduating in January 1945, Mr. Schreiber will continue his studies at the seminary for another semester and will begin his ministry in New Leipzig about the middle of May. He will succeed the Rev. David Little, now of Plevna, Montana. A farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. Little and family was held by the town church of New Leipzig on Oct. 23 with a brief program and with useful gifts presented to them.

● On Sunday, Dec. 3, the Rev. Richard Schilke, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, baptized 5 persons and received them into the fellowship of the church. Since New Year's Day a year ago (1944), Mr. Schilke has received 41 persons into the church. During the Christmas season, the young people presented the play, "The Lost Christmas", written by Miss Agnes Buckles and directed by Mrs. O. Chastner of the church with a cast of 7 persons. The Sunday School rendered a cantata pageant, "Two

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Coming!

OREGON'S FINEST RURAL CHURCH
A series of illustrated articles about our little known churches will begin in the next issue with the Bethany Church of Oregon, which has been called one of the loveliest rural churches in that state. One of the church's talented young women, Marjorie Graf, will give her testimony in a memorable article on "What Christ Means to Me."

THE MOST WONDERFUL THING IN THE WORLD

The pastor of the Bethany Church, the Rev. B. J. Friesen, will bring the sermon for the next issue of "The Herald." Against the picturesque background of Oregon's forested scenery, Mr. Friesen unfolds the wonders of God's Word in this inspiring sermon of his.

STANDING ROOM ONLY!

The amazing story of the growth of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, will be related by the editor, as he tells the story of what he saw with his own eyes and with the eyes of his camera while recently in Edmonton. This institution continues to be one of the most remarkable home mission projects of the denomination.

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Our God Is Marching On

IN THE MIDST of the uncertainties which greet us at the threshold of 1945, we proclaim this certainty with jubilant assurance that Christ and his truth must be victorious in the days that lie ahead. That faith makes the New Year a triumphant adventure, regardless of the turmoil about us in the world and in spite of disasters that might overwhelm us. This fact remains—our God is marching on!

The Christian is the one who can walk steadfastly into the brightness of victory. Nations can defeat the enemy, but that victory which has been gained is sometimes an empty shell which leaves the victor in the same sorry plight with the vanquished. What problems of a postwar world await us, even in 1945!

But the Christian's thinking, as crystallized in his faith, transcends this world. With his Master, Jesus Christ, his Kingdom is not of this world. He sees God's will being forged in the fires of the world and recognizes divine judgment in the tragic affairs of men. He envisions the calm of God's truth that abides after the storms of men's hatreds and sins have blown themselves out in a wild fury.

Every Christian ought to come face to face with this New Year's thought. Our churches and even our denomination are in the midst of uncertain transitional changes. Our minds become disturbed and distressed at the prospect of what lies ahead in the dim and dark unknown. But God is greater than all the barriers and hindrances in our way. If we are aligned with him, we must ascend the hill of victory in our denominational enterprise, in the work of our churches, and on the distant mission fields of the world. As one missionary expressed this truth aptly, after he had experience it for himself: "The adverse has turned out to be the advance!"

Victory is not so much dependent upon our ability to do great things in 1945, as rather upon our faithfulness in service to Christ with his rewarding victory. He brings his power and will to bear upon the situations of life, and thousands are put to flight and the impossible becomes amazing reality before our eyes. We go forth into 1945 with a great and victorious God!

Such a New Year's vision will enable our eyes to see the glory of the coming Lord until the words, "Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!" are upon our lips as we hear again the familiar words of Julia Ward Howe's song:

"He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sitting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him, be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on!"



Rev. and Mrs. Arthur R. Weisser and Their Daughter, Formerly of Edenwold, Saskatchewan, and Since Dec. 10, 1944, of Wishek, North Dakota

Baffled, But Not Beaten!

A New Year's Sermon by the REV. ARTHUR R. WEISSER, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Wishek, North Dakota

imp repeated, "I tell you, *you are discouraged.*"

The man dropped his head and murmured, "Well, I suppose I am."

The imp, darting back to Satan, said proudly, "I've got him, he is discouraged."

Another man passed. Again old Satan said, "Get that man for me."

The proud little demon of discouragement repeated his tactics. The first time he said, "You are discouraged," the man replied emphatically, "No!" The second time he replied, "I tell you I am *not* discouraged!" The third time he said, "You lie! I am **NOT** discouraged!" And he walked down the street, his head erect, going toward the light.

The imp of discouragement returned to his master, crestfallen. "I couldn't get him," he replied. "Three times I told him he was discouraged. The third time he called me a liar, and that discouraged me!"

Not Beaten!

"If the New Year's outlook is dark, try the uplook." It was that uplook that enlightened the Psalmist. "There is something better than understanding God, and that is trusting him." When the Psalmist was ready to look up, he found his hope. After he trusted and hoped in God there was no need to wait, but to go forth and live.

In the second epistle of Peter there is an arresting statement concerning God's promises. The writer says that they are exceedingly great, and very precious. They are that. They meet life's every need. The promise of God's presence now and always is ours. We have the promise of preservation and protection. We have the promise of bringing our lives to completion and perfection.

St. Paul, the apostle, substantiates this with his experience and calls out, "I can do all things through him, who strengthens me!" The prophet Hosea, while reproving Ephraim and Judah, called attention to the fact that God would bring recompense according to the doings of Jacob. Yes, "even the Lord God of hosts; the Lord is his memorial." Then he adds his "therefore." "Therefore turn thou to thy God; keep mercy and judgment and wait on thy God continually."

The Lord God being our "memorial" of all our doings, and accordingly "bringing recompense", therefore, this

live in a frank age. Men of the past were also frank. In the 39th Psalm we have the frank utterances of a baffled man. He, too, was unable to solve his problems. In his turmoil of mind he was inclined to welcome death as the answer. He could not understand why he, chosen of God, and trying to serve him, was afflicted, persecuted and oppressed. Nor could he see, on the other hand, why his enemies, who made no pretense at serving God, were prospering and seemingly happy.

He decided to wait on God. As he waited he realized that his only hope was in God. He did more. He prayed. He prayed God to remove his difficulties through hope and courage. "And now Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee." Yes, truly, when hope displaces discouragement, what wait we for? Is discouragement not the greatest baffling agent that we have?

Satan with his hunting dogs, little imps of human weaknesses, slipped out one day onto the shadowy streets of life. A man came down the street. Satan, with a scowl, said to his little imp, "Go get that man for me!"

Quickly the imp crossed the street, silently and lightly hopped to the man's shoulder. In his ear he whispered, "You are discouraged."

"No," said the man, "I am not discouraged."

"You are discouraged!"

This time the man replied, "I do not think I am discouraged."

Louder and more decidedly the little

A THOUGHT TO LIVE BY:

"When a man gets rich, God gets a partner or the man loses his soul."

"And now Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in Thee!"—Psalm 39:7.

THE door of the years swings again upon its hinges. It will close the record of our past and open to the mystery of things to come.

On this threshold we now stand. Greetings of "Happy New Year" have rung joyously to and fro. To many, indeed, it has brought a favorable response, while to the ears of multitudes it has come as "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal." That message by the angelic chorus which sang over the hills of Bethlehem, "On earth peace, good will toward men" has not manifested itself in the hearts of all mankind.

Baffled!

Many Christians are baffled by the present and bewildered about the future. Perhaps they have been sincere, their intentions good, but things do not break right for them. Troubles and hardships of many descriptions stare at them mercilessly. Many have afflicted and wayward children. Many are the marital failures and the broken homes. Many are the tears which mothers, wives and sweethearts shed for the loved ones who will never return. Many are the prayers while waiting long nights for what the next hour might bring forth.

One young mother, with a new babe in her arms while the father is in the services "somewhere", put it this way: "I work myself numb mentally and physically so that I fall asleep and do not have time nor energy to think. For thinking makes no sense and it brings me no reasonable answer." A certain man, having himself done much to hinder God's wonderful creation, said to me one day, "I don't see why God made such a blunder when he created this world, thereby letting man get into such a mess."

This is putting it bluntly and frankly, asking the baffling "why". We

1945, turn to thy God; keep mercy and judgment and wait on thy God continually. Arthur Osborn says in his book, "One Way Streets": "We cannot afford to tinker life away. We cannot afford to let slovenly, dirty, careless habits trample all over our lives. We must not let them trample all the joy and satisfaction of achievement out of our lives. We must not let them trample down high aspirations and good resolutions and good resolves, as men crush under foot blades of grass."

When we make a full surrender to God, when Jesus becomes our Savior and Master, he will break up the hard crust of indifference and will enrich our lives with good thoughts, wholesome ideas and high ideals. Through him our New Year's resolutions can be undergirded with a determination that will not waver, and a will that cannot be broken! Through Christ our Savior, God's promises become our strength and we are *not* beaten!

But Victorious!

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"—I Cor. 15:57.

Again the apostle wrote to the Romans, "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us..." "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." There is sound assurance to the Christian in those words.

No matter what the past has been, there is redeeming power in the cross of Christ. In him we have a wonderful Savior. No matter what the future has in store for us, Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the earth." Through him we are victorious!

Susan Coolidge asks:

"How does the soul grow? Not all in a minute;

Now it may lose ground, and now it may win it;

Now it resolves, and again the will faileth;

Now it rejoiceth, and now it bewaileth;

Now its hopes fructify, then they are blighted;

Now it walks sullenly, now gropes benighted;

Fed by discouragement, taught by disaster;

So it goes forward, now slower, now faster,

Till all the pain is past, and failure made whole,

It is full grown, and the Lord rules the soul!"

"Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee."

"Now the New Year comes and the old takes flight;

Dear God of our years, be close tonight."



An Enthralling View of Mount Hood Near Portland, Oregon, in All of the Winter's Glory As Photographed by Mr. Eric Pohl of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland

Thou Art God! By DR. HERMAN VON BERGE of Dayton, Ohio

Dr. von Berge has been prominently identified with our denomination for many years, having served as moderator of the General Conference and as a member of many denominational boards. He is a member of the Fourth St. Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio. He is still actively associated with the Lorenz Publishing Company of Dayton, where he has served for many years as literary editor.

Lord, thou hast through all the ages
Led by thine almighty hand
Those who, in this world of evil,
Bravely dared for thee to stand.
Be thou still our help in trouble
'Mid the chaos of our day;
Make us strong to meet our trials,
As for aid divine we pray.

Give us faith that moves the mountains
Fill our hearts with courage true;
And wherever thou dost need us,
Help us, Lord, our part to do.
Oh, that we may never fail thee
Who hast ever been our stay,
But in holy consecration
Seek thy bidding to obey.

Thou art God, thine is the power,
Lord of lords, in thee we own;
Truth and right at last will triumph,
For our God is on his throne.
Whatso'er may lie before us,
Naught can shake our trust in thee;
Thou art God, thine be the glory
Now and through eternity.



A Beautiful Family Picture of the Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Mihm and Family While They Were in Brooklyn, New York
(Left to Right: Lydia, Mrs. Mihm, Elsie (now Mrs. Wilmer T. Starkey), Raymond, Rev. A. P. Mihm and Benjamin)

His Monuments Still Stand!

The Story of One of God's Builders by M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of "The Baptist Herald"

A MAN'S greatness is measured by the abiding influences that live on after him. By this standard, the Rev. A. P. Mihm, for many years pastor, builder of churches, young people's secretary and editor of "The Baptist Herald", was a great man in our midst. Even though ten years have passed since the news of his death was flashed across the country, he belongs to that noble company of those who rest from their labors, but "their works do follow them." Of Brother Mihm it may aptly be said: "His monuments still stand."

God's Guidance

His father was a builder of houses, a contractor. He was eager that his oldest son, August, secure a good, all-around education and so sent him in 1896 to our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y. There as a lad of 17 years, the youngest student in Rochester at the time, he took academic subjects which would help him in the contracting business of his father.

But God has a mysterious way of "changing the best laid plans of men." A Day of Prayer or Dedication was held at the school, and August Mihm felt God's irresistible call to enter the ministry. When his father heard of this, he was exceedingly angry because of disappointment in his son. To be sure, the father had wanted to become a priest when he was still in the Roman Catholic fold and for several years had served as an altar boy. Now as a Baptist, he was faithful to his Lord and church and read his Bible

regularly. But he still wanted his son to be a great builder of houses as he was trying to be.

But the son recognized God's unmistakable guidance in his life. He could not close his ears to God's voice. He remembered the time when he had helped his father build one of his houses during the vacation months. He had fallen from a high beam and had been taken to the hospital. There in the hospital room, one of the patients had died and his body had



August P. Mihm as a Student at Our Rochester Baptist Seminary About the Year 1898

been taken away. How this question kept rolling over and over in his mind and had gotten him to think: "Would I be ready, if that had been I?" He was growing spiritually, and God was preparing him as a builder in his spiritual Kingdom.

Happy Adventures

His student days at the seminary were filled with much brightness. For six years he sang in the church choir. He always loved music, and his heart was full of the glory of songs. He spent his summers in student pastorates, the one at La Crosse, Wisconsin having been especially interesting. He liked to sell books, for he read them first and spoke with conviction in trying to sell them.

In January, 1894, August Mihm joined a group of the students who went to Buffalo, N. Y., 70 miles away, to the First Church (now Spruce Street Church) for their Christmas vacation. His eyes couldn't keep away from the choir loft, for there he had spied the prettiest girl in the choir and his heart kept repeating within him: "This girl is for me!"

He made the acquaintance of this attractive young woman, Miss Bertha Paschka, and courted her until she said, "Yes!" to his proposal. In September, 1894 they were married with the Rev. F. Hoffmann officiating and with Jacob Speicher, later a missionary to China, serving as best man.

Wilmington, Delaware

School days were now behind him. He had completed the work at our seminary in 1891, spent a year at the University of Rochester, and two years at the Rochester Theological Seminary. He had a call from our church in Wilmington, Delaware and with ardent hopes he accepted it. God was preparing his servant for great building tasks in the days ahead!

The first year in Wilmington was a succession of disappointments, however. The old adobe church building "looked as though it had had small pox", as Brother Mihm once remarked. A depression had hit the country and "nobody had a job or money." The church group was in the doldrums of discouragement.

But Brother Mihm began to build with his Lord. He rallied the group around a forward-looking program. New spiritual life surged through the church. A building program was suggested and adopted. He travelled widely in the interest of the new church, receiving financial help from sister churches wherever he went. And the new church was built, a good-sized brick structure, which lighted the fires of joy and pride in the hearts of the people. That building still stands, a monument to the pastor of untiring zeal and devotion.

Brooklyn, New York

In 1899 Brother Mihm accepted the call of the Second Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., and took his family to "the big city." Here, too, they were greeted by discouraging factors. The lovely garden of roses and other flowers had to be left behind in Wilmington. The church in Brooklyn was in the center

of a foreign population area. A new site had to be elected.

Almost immediately a suitable corner was bought on which an old house stood. It was even rumored that George Washington during the Revolutionary War had gone through a trap door into the cellar of this house to hide from the enemy. God's builder was ready to go to work!

Ambitious plans were made. A chapel was to be built at first, with rooms for a parsonage on the second floor. Later, the church auditorium was to be constructed. The people had a mind to work and the sums grew. Sister churches came to their aid. The Ladies' Aid even sold an attractive photograph of their pastor at the bazaar to help make more money for the new church. It was hard work for everyone, especially for the pastor, but the church was soon finished and then it was dedicated to the service of God!

Brother Mihm had gloried in the exciting life of that metropolitan center. He used to go on long street car rides with a book tucked away under his arm. He would ride for hours, reading and enjoying the changing panorama from the street car window. He was a frequent visitor at second-hand book stalls where he made many unusual discoveries in "book finds." He loved to take his family to Bradley Beach, N. J., to the Baptist Cottage or to the famous tabernacle at Ocean Grove, N. J., for inspiring services.

Kitchener, Ontario

The Mihms had quite a family by this time. There were the three children, Elsie, Lydia and Leonora, born to them while they had been in Wilmington. Two little boys, Benjamin and Raymond were now in the home. The father had his hands so full travelling to get money for the new churches, that his wife almost felt like a lonely widow and the children like orphans. They needed their dad, and they wanted a real place with dirt and lots of space in which to play.

All of this prompted him to consider the call of the Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ontario in 1909 to be the guidance of God. Brooklyn newspapers reported that "he was going to Canada for a rest." Anyway, it was a delightful adventure for them in the small town of Berlin, (as it was called at the time), enjoying the hospitality of the people, trying to get accustomed to the cold winters and preaching to the attentive audience in the large church.

Pittsburgh, Penn.

But four years of this kind of life was rather dull. Brother Mihm was accustomed to an advancing program of doing things and planning for greater things. He longed for a larger area of activity. Thus, in 1913, he took his family to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he became pastor of the Temple Baptist Church.

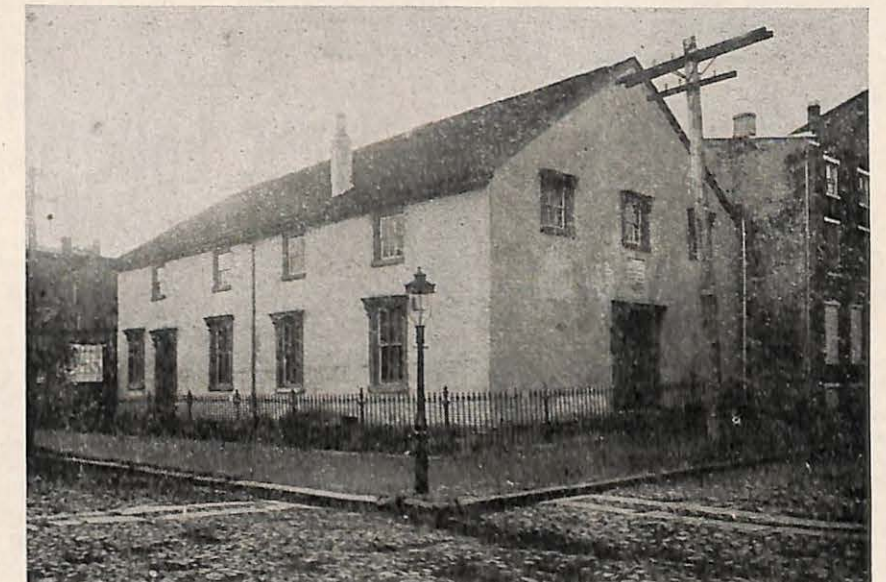
Here the church had a fairly attractive sanctuary. Even Mrs. Mihm was led to exclaim to her husband: "My, I'm so glad we won't have to build a church here." But she had reckoned without God and her husband, these indefatigable builders and co-laborers!

In 1916 the old church was sold to a Greek Orthodox Church. The wheels,

that have to be set in motion for a new church building, began to rotate. Plans had to be made, money had to be raised, the pastor had to travel, work had to be done, discouragements had to be overcome, until the new church was dedicated on Feb. 25, 1919. It still stands today, an attractive, imposing church sanctuary on Brownsville Road.

Young People's Secretary

These church monuments in Wilmington, Delaware, in Brooklyn, New York, and in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania were only the introduction to a greater building program in his life, however. On August 31, 1921 he began his ministry as the general secretary of the newly organized National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. He laid the foundations in those days for an aggressive organization that grew impressively throughout succeeding years. For thirteen years he helped to mould the lives and to shape the spiritual destiny of



The Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware, Which Was the Original Church at the Beginning of the Rev. A. P. Mihm's Ministry There in 1894.

young people, who since then have become the leaders of our churches and of our denominational enterprise. In a very real sense, these monuments still stand!

On January 1, 1922, the new young people's monthly, "The Baptist Herald", was launched with Brother Mihm as editor. He pioneered in those early days in establishing the course which this publication of ours has maintained throughout the years. He wielded an influence with his pen, as his keen mind and warm heart spoke to the people of our churches. He edited the program material for the Children's Day, Bible Day and Harvest and Mission Festivals. He helped to edit our new hymnals. He prepared study courses for Leadership Training classes. He moulded the spiritual thinking and helped to establish habits in the lives of many young people of that day which time will never erase.

A Glowing Tribute

While in Pittsburgh, Pa., he served for a while as the executive secretary of the Pittsburgh Baptist Association.

When he stepped aside from this additional work of his, this unusual tribute in acrostic form, A. P. Mihm, was spoken of him. It characterized him so beautifully, that the entire tribute is quoted in full for the first time for all of Brother Mihm's friends to read:

"A man among men, alert, appreciative, approachable at all times, Prepared for work and ready to do the additional little things that are to be helpful, a Minister in the fullest interpretation of the work, Independent in thought and action and yet not in the least offensive; Holding the Truth in the highest regard, and Measuring up to the fullest standard as a servant of his Lord and Master, Jesus the Christ."

Mrs. Mihm resides in the house at River Forest, Illinois, which Brother Mihm bought some years before his passing. She is still enjoying good health and is very active in the Forest Park Baptist Church. Lydia is employed at W. H. Miner, Inc., a railway equipment concern of Chicago. Elsie is now Mrs. Starkey, living in Arlington, Mass., where she and her family are members of the First Baptist Church. Benjamin is a showcard and sign writer in the Fair Store, a large department store, of Oak Park, Ill. Raymond is the assistant credit manager of the Fair Stores of Chicago.

After a brief serious illness, Brother Mihm was called to his heavenly home on the morning of October 24, 1934. A decade has disappeared over the horizon since that sad news first reached our hearts, but we rejoice that the monuments to this great builder of churches and young people's lives still stand. Such is the challenge of every true servant of God, whose abiding influence here on earth grows with the years even as his soul goes marching on with his Savior and God.



—Acme Photo
Squatting on the Sand in a Beachhead Area in Italy, a Choir of American Soldiers Provide Hymn Music for a Recent Baptismal Ceremony by Immersion

“They Rest From Their Labors”

In Memory of Our Service Men

Pvt. August M. Carsten of Portland's Laurelhurst Church Is Killed in Action

By MRS. ANNA WARDIN, Church Clerk

Mr. and Mrs. August Carsten of Portland, Oregon, received word from the United States War Department on November 15th that their son, Pvt. August M. Carsten, had been killed in action somewhere in France.

Pvt. August M. Carsten joined the U. S. Army on July 24, 1943. He landed in England on May 25, 1944 and in France on September 16, 1944. He served in the 3rd Army, 80th Division in the radio and gun machinist battalion.

He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on April 24, 1915. He was a member of the Baptist Church of Waterloo, Nebraska, prior to his coming to Portland. On March 8, 1939, he joined the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, where he was very active in the young people's work and in all of their activities. He served on the church league basket ball team. In the church he was a very faithful usher. He also was a member of the Young Men's Chorus. Surviving are his parents and sister, Mary.

Lt. Colonel R. I. Dittrich of Bridgeport, Conn., Is Killed in Plane Accident

By REV. GEORGE HENSEL, Pastor of the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn.

Full military honors were accorded when funeral services were conducted in Wichita, Kansas, on Friday, November 24, for Lt. Colonel Robert I. Dittrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dittrich of Bridgeport, Conn., who was killed November 16 when an Army transport plane he was piloting crashed in the

Sandia mountains near Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The funeral was one of the largest in Wichita's history. The auditorium of the First Baptist Church, where the Rev. Lewis M. Hale officiated, was filled to capacity and it was necessary to open side rooms to seat an assemblage of thousands, which included more than 200 U. S. Army officers and their wives and officials of Wichita war plants who had been associated with Colonel Dittrich in his capacity as Army Air Forces representative at the Beach Aircraft corporation plant.

Two large floral crosses stood at either

side of the casket, the chancelry overflowed with baskets and easels, and cascades of flowers hung from all of the auditorium windows. Three city blocks were reserved as a parking area and the funeral procession, which proceeded to Old Mission cemetery, measured 20 city blocks in length. Bearers were six lieutenant colonels, and a firing squad gave a final salute at the cemetery.

Col. Dittrich had resided in Wichita since 1941. He leaves his wife and a daughter of 14 months, Gretchen, and his parents and a host of friends. His church membership was still in the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., of which the Rev. George Hensel is pastor. He was well liked by all who knew him and his loss

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A Tribute to a Hero

By MRS. BERTHA WOLFF

Written in Honor of Arthur J. Huber of Lodi, Calif., Who Died in Action in Italy on June 26, 1944.

Arthur Huber in 7 years of Army life had served in the Aleutians, the battle of Kiska, Attu, later in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

A memorial service for Arthur Huber was held by the Rev. A. Felberg in the Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., on Sunday, August 13.

Amid the glowing lights at night
Not so, because of cities bright,
But lights aglow that startle men
From bombs and shells, not one,
but ten.

He wonders then how long 'twill be,
His way back home he soon will see.
He hopes and prays, the noise will
cease;
Thoughts ringing in his ears are
“Peace.”

He longs for home and mother dear,
Sweet and lovely, year after year.
Oh, soon to see her smiling face,
And hear whilst she is saying grace.

But all is dark 'ere very long,
And angels' voices sing a song
Of welcome, rest, and peaceful home
For tired souls, that far must roam.



† 1915 — 1944 †
Pvt. August M. Carsten of Portland, Oregon, a Member of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church, Who Was Killed in Action in France on Sept. 16, 1944

A Commendable Spirit

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Elgin—First 511.32
Elgin—Sumner 66.00
Sheffield—Grace 380.00
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Minnesota

Minneapolis—Faith 241.83
Randolph 157.00
St. Paul—Dayton's Bluff 5.00

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Mowata 100.00

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Donna—North Donna 135.08
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Southwestern Conference Y. P. U. 100.00
Women's Missionary Union 100.00

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Franklin—Zion 50.00
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Paul 50.00

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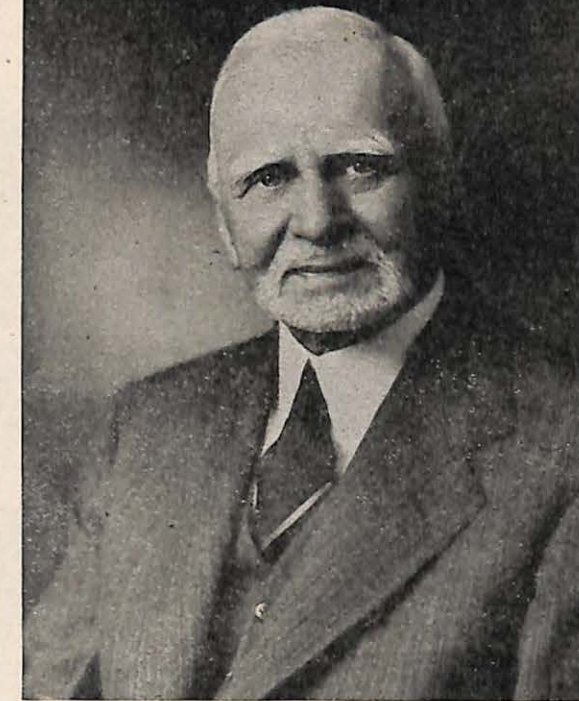
Total receipts as of
November 30, 1944 \$48,119.31

Thirty-three Years as Business Manager

On January 1, 1945 Mr. H. P. Donner will begin his 34th year as the business manager of our Publication Society. His many friends in all of our churches will offer their prayer of gratitude to God for his influential ministry of these years and their petitions to God that He might continue to grant health and joy to the business manager in the days ahead.

It will be of great interest to our churches to learn that the Publication Board, meeting for its annual session on December 15, appointed the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, pastor of the North Avenue Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as the associate business manager. Mr. Baumgartner has accepted the appointment and hopes to begin his new ministry in the near future. He will succeed Mr. Donner as business manager upon the latter's retirement.

A Recent Picture of Mr. H. P. Donner Who Completed Thirty-three Memorable Years as Business Manager of Our Publication Society on Dec. 31, 1944. In These Years Brother Donner Has Made Large Contributions to the Spiritual Life of Our Churches and People



Reviewing Life at Seventy-five

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN on the Occasion of His 75th Birthday on Dec. 9, 1944

Reviewing my life from my 75th birthday, I am constrained to say: "Goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life." In my life's story there are definite places when it can be said as of the patriarch Jacob: "And he blessed him there." Although many of those times of special blessing are not even known to me, time would fail me to enumerate these many blessings.

Some such blessings can never be forgotten, like that night of crisis that Jacob spent at the ford of Jabbok. That I was born into a humble Christian home, attended a Christian Sunday School and spent my youth in a real Christian church under the ministry of such men like Professor Gubelmann, Lewis Kaiser, Henry Schulz and L. C. Knuth—all these experiences have given stability and direction to my entire life.

The five years that I could spend at our Rochester Seminary were an indispensable factor in my development as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. The influence of the faculty upon my heart and mind, the spiritually wholesome atmosphere of the seminary itself, and the intimate fellowship with the student body have all worked together to make these five years rich with blessing.

In this brief review, I can never forget the honor and privilege that God bestowed upon me in calling me to be pastor of the Second Church of Philadelphia, now the Pilgrim Church. Those 17 years were for my later ministry years of preparation. During those years I passed through that indispensable maturing process, enter-

ing more deeply into a clearer comprehension of God's truth as revealed in the Scriptures. In recounting the factors that have made me a minister, my pastorate in Philadelphia has first place. I can never forget the enduring and ever-increasing love showered upon me by the Second Church in Philadelphia.

It was in 1913 when the General Conference meeting in Madison, So. Dak., elected me as Field Secretary and then in 1916 when the General Conference, meeting in Detroit, elected me as General Missionary Secretary. It has always been and is even now my firm conviction that the only reason that I have been put into these general offices is because the Lord has ordained me for them. All that I am and all that I have been privileged to do, I ascribe not to myself but to the grace of God which has been freely given to me, and that not in vain. During these many years of my public ministry, the Lord has privileged us to move forward steadily and to accomplish much.

It has been the joy of my life to have been permitted to share in these accomplishments. It has always been a source of encouragement that we as God's people have striven unitedly to accomplish those tasks assigned to us. Best of all, we know that the Lord has put his seal of approval upon our denominational group, and we can go forward knowing that God is with us.

It is with sincere appreciation that I acknowledge the many congratulations and best wishes sent me on my 75th birthday.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

A Revival Breaks Out in the Immanuel Church Near Loyal, Oklahoma

For years we of the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., have been praying for a genuine revival in the church, yet the hearts seemed cold and the doors seemed closed. But the Lord revealed his power among his children in a marvelous way. The Rev. F. E. Klein of Stafford, Kansas was with us for two weeks of meetings. The attendance was good every evening, the messages were plain and powerful, but it seemed that the Holy Spirit could not break through the resistance of human will. We kept on praying and believing.

On the last Sunday the ice broke. One young woman gave her heart to Christ, accepting him as Savior. Three young men of the church, who had strayed away from the Lord, came back with tears and repentance to the Father's House. Others felt a definite revival of their spiritual life. A great joy of testimony and witnessing has come over the church.

This is only the beginning of a great revival that we need and covet from the Lord. To Him be the praise!

William Sturhahn, Pastor.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

A Great Revival Is Experienced at the Baptist Church of Ashley, North Dakota

We are very happy to report the awakening that took place in our Baptist Church of Ashley, No. Dak., as a result of our revival meetings held from Oct. 23 to Nov. 1. The meetings were conducted by Rev. Wm. Hoover of Detroit, Michigan. His sincere and poignant messages attracted huge crowds so that many were unable to enter church during the last few nights of the campaign.

Twenty-four persons were won for Christ. What made this especially an event of great rejoicing is the fact that most of these converts were grown young people and some already in their thirties. The Lord certainly answered the prayers of the Christian friends of these unsaved in a wonderful fashion. Many others rededicated themselves for more conscientious Christian service.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, our pastor, Rev. W. Luebeck, baptized 20 candidates who were also given the hand of fellowship besides six others who were received into our church. We thank the Lord for having made possible this gain into our church.

We agree with the parting words of Mr. Hoover when he stated that

BOUND FOR THE CAMEROONS!

A cablegram was recently received by Dr. Wm. Kuhn at our missionary headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., with the information that the five missionaries en route to the Cameroons of Africa had left Lisbon, Portugal, on Sunday, Dec. 10. They are sailing on a Portuguese liner for Angola where they will make connections with Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, and from there will go northward to the Cameroons. The missionaries are Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and Miss Lillian Jacobsen. (See Nov. 15, 1944, issue of "Herald.") Let us pray for their safe arrival at the Cameroons!

our church certainly has a golden opportunity for Christian service in this community as well as contributing to Christian work throughout the world. At our mission festival in October with Rev. Martin DeBoer as guest speaker a missionary offering of \$2000 was received.

Herbert Schauer, Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin Burns Its Mortgage Papers

With great enthusiasm the members and friends gathered at the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin on Sunday morning, December 3, to hear Dr. William Kuhn and to witness the burning of the church mortgage.

At our annual church meeting in January 1944 our church decided to free itself of an old debt. With some doubts as to being able to do this during the year, it was decided that whatever we would be short at the end of the year, we would pay out of the regular treasury. Machinery was soon set in motion to contact every member and the response to these contacts was very encouraging. With a large thermometer in the church we could see every Sunday how we were progressing. How wonderful God blessed us in this project was proven by the fact that at the beginning of October our treasurer had received more than enough to pay this debt.

On Sunday morning, December 3, it was our joy to have Dr. Kuhn with us as guest speaker. He spoke words of praise and encouragement to the

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church, but likewise reminded us that although we have paid this debt, we owe a greater debt, a debt of loyal and faithful service, to our Lord. Following his message it was our joy to burn our church mortgage. While the flames were consuming this document, the congregation rose and with feeling sang: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

To climax this day it was the pastor's joy at the evening service to baptize two young people upon the confession of their faith. At the communion service following, the hand of fellowship was extended to these new converts. We thank and praise God that he has blessed us so abundantly!

Thomas D. Lutz, Pastor.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Recent Activities and Programs of the Rock Hill Church of Massachusetts

The Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., rejoices in the way the Lord has opened the doors to answered prayer that "His Word" might be sent forth to all who would hear.

Sunday, October 1, found the Sunday School assembled for its Rally Day, with an attendance of more than twice the number of previous records. Mrs. Herbert Hess, a former missionary of the China Inland Mission, gave a most inspiring talk of her work as a missionary in China. Mrs. Charles Rider is the new Sunday School superintendent who graciously accepted to fill the unexpired term of her son, Mr. Charles Cook, now serving as pastor of a Baptist Church in Maine.

New song books were dedicated on Sunday, October 8, and plans are now to make several individual classrooms in the basement, and a goal of 100 in attendance by Christmas.

At the evening service, October 1, we were pleased to have Mrs. Lillian Jacobsen of Tacoma, Wash., one of our newly appointed missionaries to the Cameroons, speak to us on her former work in China and about her new field in Africa. Hers was a most inspiring message.

On Sunday, October 15, we were privileged to have Rev. Geo. E. Fisk speak to us on his work as a missionary to the headhunters of Borneo. He is home on furlough since the Japanese moved in. Among his possessions lost to the Japanese was an airplane that he himself piloted and used in his work. He was known as the first "Flying Missionary". His inspiring message brought a love offering of \$53.50 to be used towards the purchase of another plane which he will use when he returns to the field at the close of the war.

The Rev. Robert Hess is the pastor. He began his third year with us on November 16.

Fred Sawyer, Clerk.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Election of Officers by the Young People's Society of Leduc's First Church

We as young people of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta can truly say that God has been our help and shield in our B. Y. P. U., for we have had blessed times in fellowship with him. Our membership roll consists of 54 members, including the seven new members gained during the year.

On Nov. 8 we had our annual election of officers for the coming year. Our new officers are as follows: president, Mrs. J. Kornalewski; vice-president, Helen Grunwald; asst. secretary, Elsie Maskoskie; treasurer, Rudolph Ohlman; pianist, Ruth Grabia; asst. pianist, Doris Holland; librarians, Victor Priebe and Noreen Roth; ushers, John Sieb, Walter Brown and Bernard Fillenberg.

A new year is dawning for us. May God keep on being our only goal in life, drawing us ever closer to him in his work.

Dorothy Fillenberg, Secretary

The Young People of Spring-side and West Ebenezer Present "The Christian's Warfare"

We as young people of the West Ebenezer and Springside Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan, Canada again had the pleasure of presenting a unified program on November 5 in the West Ebenezer Church, the theme being, "The Christian's Warfare".

A very large audience was present and about 70 young people took part in this program. For this occasion the church was beautifully decorated in red, white and blue.

The program was introduced and directed by our pastor, the Rev. E. M. Wegner. During the singing of "Show Your Colors" by the congregation, the young people marched onto the platform.

Henry Hoffman, the president of the West Ebenezer Society, read Psalm 2, and Jake Berg, president of Springside society, led in prayer. The first part of the program, "The Call to Arms," was opened by three songs sung by the entire choir. The dialogue that followed was entitled, "The Recruiting Office". During this time young men and women came to enlist for the service of our King. Then a pantomime, "Rally for Service," was rendered by ten girls.

The second part was called, "Faith is the Victory". A reading entitled, "Faith", a solo by Gordon Goltz, a song by the choir, "The Church is Marching On," and the launching of the victory loan offering followed, which amounted to \$123.05.

During the third part, "A Vision of the Future Kingdom", the play, "The Prince of Peace" was given. Three angels, the Misses Francis, Phyllis and Evelyn Horn then sang, "Wonderful Peace" in pantomime.

Lorraine Gunert, Reporter



—Photo by Herman Siemund
Officers and Guests of the Sunday School Teachers' Union of Chicago, Ill., at Its Annual Banquet Program With Chaplain Robert G. Johnson, Speaker, in Foreground

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Annual Banquet and Program of the Chicago Baptist Sunday School Teachers' Union

On November 11th the Baptist Sunday School Teachers' Union of Chicago and vicinity met at the Lincoln-Belmont Y. M. C. A. for their annual banquet program. This was an Armistice Day dinner honoring the young men and young women in the service. The beautifully decorated tables in red, white, and blue with the very attractive programs and song sheets to match reminded the participants of the observances of the day. The presence of a number of young men home on furlough made the atmosphere quite real and patriotic.

The program was under the able leadership of Mr. Herman Siemund, president of the Union. It was opened by the "Pledge of Allegiance", the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and the invocation led by Rev. John Schmidt, pastor of the First Church. Mr. Fred A. Grosser, the Union's vice-president, led the group in spirited singing of old favorite gospel hymns and choruses. Special music was rendered by the Salvation Army Instrumental Octet. Elinor and Ingeborg Jorgeson rendered several accordion selections.

The Rev. J. C. Gunst, newly elected general secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was introduced to the group after which he brought a brief message. The speaker of the evening message was Lt. Robert G. Johnson, Navy Chaplain of U. S. Naval Air Station, Glenview, Ill. His message, "Our Boys Serving Uncle Sam," was well received.

There were about 150 Sunday School teachers, leaders, and their friends who enjoyed this fine fellowship and very fine dinner. Our gratitude goes to the committee for arranging such to the members of the Dorcas Society of the First Church who did a fine job as wait-

resses, to the young ladies of the Grace Church who did the decorating of the banquet room, and also to the young ladies from the Forest Park Church for preparing the very attractive program and song sheets. Mr. Siemund was always ready with his camera and took a number of pictures.

J. C. Gunst, Reporter.

A Missionary Conference Is Held at the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing

From October 29 to November 5 we of the Holmes Street Baptist Church in Lansing, Michigan were privileged to enjoy a missionary conference, which included the following speakers.

Rev. C. S. Foster representing the South African mission field opened our conference on Sunday morning. In the evening Rev. Paul Beckwith from the Inter-Varsity Fellowship told us of Christian activities being carried on by college students. Monday evening followed with Rev. Walter E. Schultz from Nigeria, Africa who related his experiences in that era and showed pictures illustrating the need for workers. Rev. John Stevenson, having served in the jungles of Brazil, revealed the conditions existing among the savage tribes. After spending 43 years in the Kenya Colony, Africa, Rev. Willis R. Hotchkiss had much to tell us of the many souls saved through the wonderful power of the Lord. We next heard of India's millions in darkness through Rev. Ralph Henning. Rev. Russell Glazier followed with a report on conditions among the suffering Chinese. On Saturday evening a special Young People's Rally was held, our speakers being Mrs. Arthur Tylee of Bolivia, South America and Captain John Baergen, Chaplain of Fort Benning, Georgia.

Our conference was climaxed on November 5 with Col. F. J. Miles from Russia and India bringing our morning message. In the evening Miss Louise Lynip from the Philippines disclosed the story of her escape from the islands, and, in addition, related her experiences in connection with the evangelization of the natives.

Herman H. Riffel, Pastor.

the organizations and the church. The Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt spoke on behalf of the Fifteenth Street Church of Los Angeles.

Musical numbers included selections by the choir directed by Mr. Herman Zachay, by the men's quartet and violin numbers by Mr. Herbert Stabbert. The Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Dymmel and children, George and Joan, after they had spoken, also, presented a beautiful picture of Christ to the church as their gift.

D. A. Wedel and Paul Leuschner, Reporters.

Recent Golden Jubilee Festivities of the Baptist Church of Startup, Washington

The Baptist Church of Startup, Wash., celebrated its Golden Jubilee on October 22 and 23. Due to the fact that Dr. Kuhn was unable to be with us, Dr. Caldwell, general secretary of the Washington Baptist Convention, was the guest speaker on Sunday morning. In the evening, letters from the former pastors were read. The Rev. W. C. Damrau of the Calvary Baptist Church in Tacoma, Wash., brought the evening message.

On Monday afternoon the Rev. R. M. Klingbeil of Colfax, Wash., conducted an all-German service for the benefit of the older people. At 6:30 P. M. the Missionary Guild served a free Fellowship Supper to members and friends of the church. In the service that followed, two of the three living charter members were given a chance to express their thoughts. Recognition was also given to those who were members before 1900. Histories of the community and of the church were also read. The Rev. R. M. Klingbeil brought the closing message.

The church was organized on November 7, 1894, with six members. In February, 1902, the Sunday School was organized, and in 1916 the Ladies' Missionary Society was officially organized, although they had been meeting unofficially for some time.

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In 1939 the Willing Workers were organized to raise money for the building project. In 1943 they changed their name to the Missionary Guild.

In 1904 the original church edifice was built, and in 1939 a Sunday School annex was added. In 1908 the parsonage was purchased and remodeled. It is still in use today.

The church has been served by eight pastors, the ninth having begun in 1941. Mr. Gottlieb Schirrmann served as lay pastor for nine years without remuneration. The pastors of our church have been as follows: Rev. A. Guenther, 1903-1906; Rev. Wm. Graf, 1906-1913; Rev. J. A. Heinrichs, 1916-1917, his pastorate being the shortest; Rev. R. M. Klingbeil, 1917-1925, his pastorate being the longest; Rev. Wm. Schid., 1925-1929; Rev. N. A. Christensen, 1929-1935; Rev. C. E. Schoenleber, 1935-1942; and the present pastor, Rev. R. H. Zepik, 1935—.

Leo Keck, Reporter.

Lt. Colonel R. I. Dittrich

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is a keen one to his wife, parents and many friends.

(Editor's Note: The picture of a group of U. S. Army aviators which appeared on the July page of the 1943 denominational calendar included Lt. Colonel Dittrich who was a captain at that time. He was a welcome visitor and enthusiastic participant in former years at the young people's assemblies of Texas, Kansas and the Atlantic Conference. He was certainly one of our very talented young men who showed much promise for denominational leadership in the years to come. His untimely death has brought sadness to many of our hearts!)

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Total Contributions

Conference	November 1944	November 1943
Atlantic	\$ 2,607.22	\$ 2,651.35
Eastern	5,380.58	1,161.23
Central	8,031.44	2,472.58
Northwestern	6,713.63	1,445.62
Southwestern	2,713.64	2,568.14
Southern	1,385.25	1,416.21
Pacific	9,925.29	6,610.79
Northern	5,481.14	3,461.77
Dakota	13,228.42	7,286.37
Totals	\$55,466.61	\$29,074.06

Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies

November, 1944	\$12,796.89
November, 1943	6,817.72
Total to November 30, 1944	\$89,217.55

Seminary Endowment Fund

November, 1944	\$26,794.01
Total to November 30, 1944	\$48,119.31

What's Happening

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Christmases", directed by Madeline Buckles with a large children's choir assisting.

● The Rev. H. G. Dymmel, the home mission secretary, preached on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, in the Baptist Churches of Aplington and Steamboat Rock, Iowa. On Sunday, Nov. 25, he was the guest preacher at the churches of Sheffield and Parkersburg, Ia. On Sunday, Dec. 3, he brought promotional messages at the Baptist Churches of Pound and Gillett, Wisconsin. He brought messages on Sunday morning, Dec. 10, in the First Church of Chicago, Ill., on Sunday morning and evening, Dec. 17, in the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, and on Sunday morning, Dec. 31, in the Immanuel Church of Chicago.

● On Nov. 5 the Rev. John Schmidt, pastor of the First Church of Chicago, Ill., had the joy of baptizing 4 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. On that same Sunday the church welcomed four of its Service Men home on furlough: Air Cadet Elmer Benson, Pvt. Herbert Orth, Radio Tech. Carl Orth and Pvt. Max Meister. The first three named were former young people's presidents. Recently the young people of the church were hosts to the Chicago Inter-racial Youth Fellowship with Mrs. Natalia Kohler, B. Y. P. U. president, welcoming the large group. Ten nations were represented and Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, an American Japanese, spoke on "The Cohesive Power of Christ."

● On November 22 the golden wedding bells rang for Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Krueger of Springside, Saskatchewan. It was a perfect surprise! The relatives, in close cooperation with the minister, Rev. E. M. Wegner, and the church, camouflaged the occasion with a brief church business meeting, after the close of which everybody migrated to the Town Hall which gleamed with golden decorations. After a short service of song, prayer, and a congratulatory message by the pastor, the relatives presented the joyous couple with a living room suite, while the church presented a golden-framed mirror to them. Other gifts and many congratulations followed. Brother Krueger is a deacon in the church.

● On Seminary Sunday, Oct. 21, and again on Dec. 17, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary, spoke at the First Church of Chicago, Ill. On Sunday, Nov. 12, he was a guest speaker at the Wisconsin Young People's Rally at Racine, Wis. On Nov. 19 he spent the day in Milwaukee, Wis., preaching in the North Avenue and Bethany Baptist Churches. On November 24 he was guest speaker at the South Dakota Young People's Rally at Tripp, So. Dak. On the following Sunday, Nov. 26 he spoke at the Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak. and the Plum Creek Church near Emery, So. Dak. On Monday, Nov. 29, he was with 17 students of our Dakota churches who are attending Sioux Falls College.