



The Lovely Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., recently extended a call to its interim pastor, the Rev. Arthur McAsh, to become the full-time minister of the church. Mr. McAsh considered the call prayerfully and then responded favorably. Since Jan. 1st he has served in this capacity, succeeding the Rev. George A. Lang, now the president of the Rochester Baptist Seminary. We wish the pastor and the people of this influential church God's bountiful blessings in the years to come!

● Two Wednesday evening meetings were held in December by the Baptist Church of Springside, Saskatchewan for the purpose of initiating a building project. The church is now meeting in a rented building in Springside and greatly needs its own church edifice. Nearly \$1000 were collected for this purpose at these services. The work for the building fund will continue, according to the pastor, Rev. E. M. Wegner, with the slogan to be emphasized: "One Hundred Dollars per Family a Year."

● Dr. Everett Seedorf, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Seedorf of Kankakee, Ill., who has been residing with his family at La Crosse, Wisconsin for several years and has been on the staff of St. Francis hospital there, will begin his work as radiologist on the staff of the Scott and White Clinic of Temple, Texas about February 1st. Dr. Seedorf is providing for the maintenance of one of our Cameroons dispensaries in Africa.

● Mr. Henry Smuland, a graduate of our Rochester Baptist Seminary in the class of January, 1945, has accepted the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Southey, Saskatchewan, which is being served at present on Sunday afternoons by the Rev. R. Milbrandt, of Regina, Sask. Mr. Smuland will continue to study at the Seminary until next Spring when he will begin his ministry on this field at Southey.

● Yeoman N. C. Robert Graalman of the U. S. Navy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Graalman of Okeene, Oklahoma, who has been stationed in Hawaii since November 1943 was recently transferred to the United States for special training and is now engaged in special studies at Colgate University, Hamilton, New York. Mr. O. G. Graalman, his father, is a member of the General Council and Publication Board of the denomination.

● Miss Mary Schmidtke of Camrose, Alberta, a 1944 graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., was recently called to the First Baptist Church of Canton, Ohio as director of Christian Education.

This is also the church home of Professor and Mrs. Jacob Heinrichs, former missionaries in India. Professor Heinrichs was also formerly a member of the faculty of Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Illinois.

● The Gross Park Immanuel Church of Chicago, Ill., held its Christmas program on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 24, with the Sunday School and its superintendent, Mr. Fred Zuelsdorf, in charge. The program featured the drama, "Stranger in Bethlehem", which was presented by the young people's class and was directed by Miss Marian Kleindienst. On Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Watchnight Service, the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, pastor spoke on "An Account to God."

NATIONAL SCRIPTURE MEMORY COURSE

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

Many of our church leaders have introduced the new National Scripture Memory Course into their Sunday Schools.

Has your Sunday School enrolled in the Scripture Memory Course? If not, enroll now. Order your additional supply of leaflets on the Scripture Memory Course now by writing to Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

Watch for the list of Sunday Schools that have enrolled, to be published at a later date. Much credit is due to the Southwestern Conference Union and its enthusiastic leaders who have a large list of pupils enrolled in Scripture Memory work.

Let us hear about the progress made in your church!

● The Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., has called the Rev. A. Foll of Hutchinson, Minnesota as its pastor, to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Foll will begin his pastorate in Odessa early in the Spring where he will succeed the Rev. J. G. Rott, now of Sumner, Iowa. This church has two stations, called the North and South Odessa Baptist Churches. May God's guidance be manifested unmistakably in these many changes in pastorates these days!

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 10, the members of the Baptist Church of Wishek, No. Dak., held a reception for its new pastor, the Rev. Arthur Weisser, and his family. Dr. Mehlhaff was in charge of the program, which consisted of brief messages of welcome by church representatives, the reading of a letter of best wishes by the former pastor, Rev. J. C. Gunst, and

an address by the guest speaker, Rev. Paul Hunsicker of Fredonia, No. Dak. Mr. Weisser was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask.

● The tenth concert of the Christian Fellowship Club Male Chorus of the First Church of Chicago, Ill., was given on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17, before a large and appreciative audience. The chorus, under the direction of Mr. Walter Pankratz sang numbers by Mozart, Handel, Schubert, Franz Abt and others. Several compositions arranged by Mr. Pankratz were also featured on the program. Special numbers were rendered by Mr. Willard Andelin, basso, and Mr. James Locke, violinist. The Rev. John Schmidt is pastor of the church.

● The reception for the Rev. H. J. Wilcke and family was held by the Baptist Church of Linton, No. Dak., and its stations on Sunday evening, Dec. 3 at the Linton school. The Rev. Karl Gieser of Bismarck, No. Dak., served as the guest speaker and was in charge of the program. Messages of welcome were brought by representatives of the church and its societies, with Mr. Kist, deacon, speaking for the entire congregation. Mr. Wilcke brought his first sermon to the Linton Church on Sunday morning, Dec. 3. He was formerly pastor at Olds, Alberta, Canada.

● Recent guest speakers at the chapel services of the Rochester Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., have been Miss Margaret Lang, missionary of the Sudan Interior Mission who is working among the lepers of Nigeria; Prof. William A. Mueller of the faculty of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of the East Penfield Baptist Church; Rev. Oscar Bonney of Cleveland, Ohio; Prof. Wm. C. Lang, acting president of Yankton College of South Dakota; Rev. George Hensel of Bridgeport, Conn.; and Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald." This news was reported by Mr. B. C. Schreiber.

● The choir of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., rendered the cantata, "The Christmas Adoration" by Carrie B. Adams, at the Watchnight Service of the church on Dec. 31st. Mrs. Walter Broeker, pianist, is also the director of the choir. The Christmas program of the Sunday School was given on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, with the superintendent, Mr. Alvin Parker, in charge. The interim pastor, the Rev. Arthur Ulrich, completed his first year with the church on Dec. 9, 1944. On Sunday, Dec. 17, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner was guest speaker, also taking part in the dedication program of the decorated church which had been completed with an outlay of \$1700.

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Coming!

TRUE WORSHIP
 Professor Otto E. Krueger of the Rochester Baptist Seminary has often contributed stimulating and inspiring articles to "The Baptist Herald". His message on "True Worship, Acceptable Unto God" in the next issue will be the first of a series of three to be published during the Lenten season preceding Easter Sunday.

A MISSIONARY'S BUSY DAY
 Several pages will be devoted to illustrated articles by our Cameroons' missionaries, including the most recent news from the Ahrens and Michelsons, an article by Missionary George A. Dunger, and the story of "A Missionary's Day" by Miss Laura E. Reddig. Pictures of and the latest word about Miss Reddig and Miss Margaret Kittlitz before their sailing for Africa will also be given.

LIFE'S MOST DANGEROUS HABIT
 This sermon by the Rev. Walter C. Damrau of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., was originally given as a radio message over a Tacoma outlet. Its interesting discourse and striking conclusions will make the reading of this sermon a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

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EDITORIAL

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The Church by the Side of the Road

THE MOST prominent feature of the American countryside is the church by the side of the road. In crowded cities the church building is usually overshadowed by skyscrapers and tenement houses. That, too, is symbolic of the minor role which the church assumes among the formative influences in the lives of urban dwellers.

But the rural church is different. It occupies a large place in the affections of its worshipers. It towers high among the factors that mold life and character. It may be small in membership, and it may be badly in need of a coat of paint. It stands alone and forlorn upon the bleak prairie or on the top of a rolling hill. To the casual stranger, who is passing by, it seems to be a very insignificant place.

Let no one underestimate the value of these rural churches. They have made monumental contributions in spiritual power and life to the cause of Jesus Christ. They have often been "the feeders" of large city churches which bask in the limelight of publicity and fame. They continue to be the spiritual foundations of this land of ours.

"Thro' the mist of years I can seem to see
 The church of my childhood days;
 And its memories sweet, so with joy replete,
 Shall live in my heart always."

We have many rural churches in our denominational circle. Most of them are strange names to many of our people. Their ministry is altogether hidden from view. A friend from such a church referred to their "small and forgotten corner in the universe."

It is the purpose of "The Baptist Herald" to introduce our readers to some of the typical, flourishing rural churches of our denomination. This issue makes a good start with the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon, the oldest church of ours on the Pacific Coast with an increasingly aggressive program. By means of articles and pictures you will meet the pastor and people of this church and become acquainted with the greatness of the job that is being done there. In every second or third succeeding issue, another church will be presented, with every one of our nine conferences to be represented throughout the year.

The country church looms large in the purposes of God. In the small groups that gather faithfully and regularly in such halls and places, God finds himself at home. These are his friends who have learned to his bidding. His blessings are showered upon their gathering as they go forth to serve him. That is the spiritual greatness of the little church by the side of the road!

The Most Wonderful Thing in the World

A Sermon by the Rev. FRANK FRIESEN,
Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon

ful love of God. To me that is the most wonderful thing in the world!

The Objects of God's Love

The objects of this love of God include men of all races; yellow, black, red, brown and white. This love is no respecter of persons.

It is for men of all classes. The thought then comes to us, that if this love is so wonderful, like what then are the objects of this love? In our text we read, "For God so loved the world". Could it mean that this holy, righteous and sinless God could love a world such as ours, which through the ages has turned its back upon him, disobeyed, dishonored, hated and finally nailed him to the cross?

Yes, my dear friend, he so loved this sinful world that he gave his only begotten Son, to go to the cross and to suffer the most shameful death for us, not because of any merit of our own, but simply because he loved us so. That God should love the good, we can understand, but that God should love the vile, the outcast, the worthless, the vicious, the criminal, that is the thing that is hard of comprehension, but that is what the Bible tells us. That is what the Bible emphasizes.

The Character of God's Love

It is a pardoning love. In Isaiah 55:7, we read that this God who is love (I John 4:8) and who so loved, (John 3:16), will abundantly pardon. We have a very beautiful picture of that on Calvary when Christ was

crucified and when one of the malefactors said, "Lord, remember me". Christ did not stop to accuse him of his past but in his great love, even though in great agony, he abundantly forgave him and assured him that he would be in Paradise with him. No matter what your past may be, remember that he loves you and will abundantly pardon you.

We have another beautiful picture of his pardoning love after Peter had so shamefully denied him in that memorable night. Yet after the resurrection we find that Peter was one of the first to be remembered by the Lord. My dear child of God, if you sinned against your Lord, why not ask your Lord to pardon you knowing that his wonderful love will abundantly pardon.

A Chastening Love

As a loving Father, it is sometimes necessary that he must chasten his child. As with his chosen people Israel, he had many ways of bringing them back unto himself. When the Lord sent fiery serpents among his people, many died, but the Lord also provided a way out for them by simply looking to the brass serpent.

So Christ must sometimes let us go into the valley of the shadow of death to bring us back unto himself. Simply because we have to go through hard trials does not mean that the Lord does not love us but, as Hebrews 12:6 says, it is then that he really loves us.

A Sympathizing Love

The love of God is not only a pardoning and chastening love, but it is a love that sympathizes. We read in Isaiah 63:9, that in all their afflictions he was afflicted. Whenever the child of God is afflicted or suffers, he suffers also. We have an illustration of his sympathizing love in the story of Lazarus and his sisters. When Lazarus died and the Lord saw the sorrow of Mary and Martha, his heart of love was so moved by sympathy that he wept.

Yes, he weeps with the weeping, suffers with the suffering, and rejoices with the rejoicing. Let us never forget that we have a father that sympathizes with us. We read in Psalm 103, "For he knoweth our frame, he remembereth that we are dust." He understands our every problem, our every temptation and sympathizes with us.

An Unfailing Love

It is an unfailing love. In Jeremiah 31:3 we read the words of our loving heavenly Father to his people Israel, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love." Man's love sometimes fails, but God's love never fails. It is more dependable than the rock of Gibraltar, for it is the rock of ages. It does not depend on earthly circumstances but is

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"Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree."

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

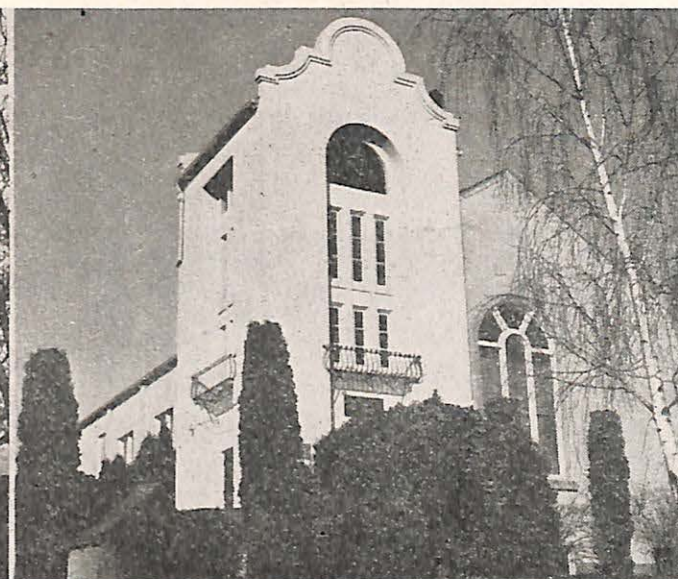
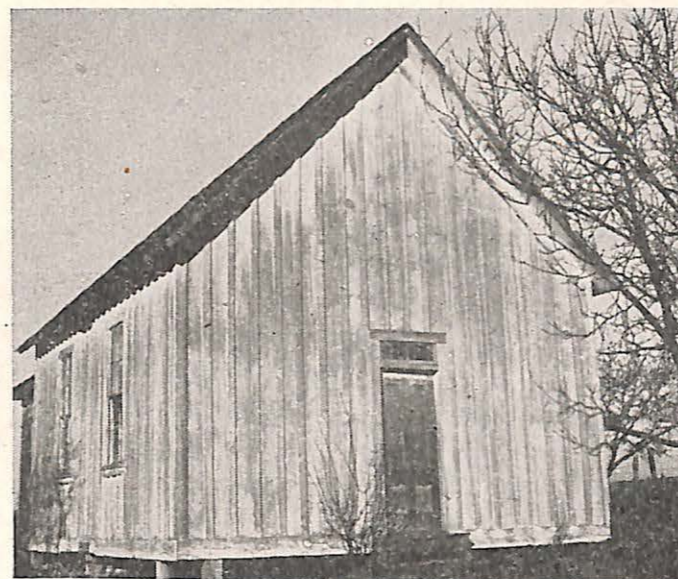
THIS WORLD is filled with many wonderful things. In going through the virgin forests of our beloved state, Oregon, we behold the majestic Douglas fir trees that only God can make, requiring over one hundred years to grow to maturity, measuring as much as sixteen feet in diameter and soaring toward the heavens from one hundred to one hundred and fifty feet, containing many thousand feet of lumber. Standing besides these giants of the forest and beholding their marvelous growth, we must exclaim how wonderful they are.

Or we can go to the seashore and watch the mighty waves of the ocean, as they come tumbling to the shore, breaking themselves as they plunge against the rocks. They never seem to tire, but continue through the years. Again we cry out in amazement how wonderful the creation of our heavenly Father is. In gazing into the blue heavens, we can view the countless numbers of stars as they sparkle and shine, never getting into another's way. And our heavenly Father knows them all by name. How wonderful!

So we can go on and on, enumerating the wonderful things of God. Great as they may be there is one thing that soars as a mountain peak above them all and that is the wonder-



Rev. Frank B. Friesen, Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon



The Original Bethany Baptist Church (Left) of Oregon, Built Soon After the Church's Founding in 1879, and the New Church Edifice (Right) Constructed in 1928 at a Cost of \$30,000

Our Oldest Church on the Pacific Coast

AN INTRODUCTORY WORD

By MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER,
Editor.

THE BETHANY Church of Oregon is the oldest church in our Pacific Conference. It was organized in June 1879 by Swiss colonists who had come to that part of Oregon three years previously.

The original church building, a modest wooden structure that looks more like a small house rather than a church, is still standing on the Bethany Church's property. It is to be painted and decorated and the old church furniture is to be replaced in order to make it a historical museum or shrine for all people to see. The next Pacific Conference, June, 1945, is scheduled to convene with this Bethany Church.

Since 1928 the church has been worshipping God in the imposing sanctuary that is shown above and on the front cover of this issue. It has been called by many "the most attractive rural church of Oregon." It was built at a cost of \$30,000 and was dedicated free of debt. It has a specially built organ, costing \$5,000, which, for sweetness of tone, has also been regarded as one of the finest organs in the state.

The church has a membership of 185 people. Its choir of 30 voices is the pride of the church's congregation. Mr. Samuel Rich is the superintendent of the thriving Sunday School. Since November 1943, the Rev. Frank B. Friesen has been the aggressive and winsome pastor of the church. The name of the Rev. William Graf is held in loving esteem by the church, for he served as pastor for more than 20 years and was the exemplary church leader when the church was built.

Beautifully situated in the green carpeted, low rolling hills of Oregon

about twenty miles from the city of Portland, the Bethany Church raises its snow-white tower heavenward to proclaim to the countryside that this is God's House, where the people worship him in the beauty of holiness.

Recent Events at the Bethany Baptist Church

By Mr. SAMUEL J. RICH, Reporter

Considering the possibilities of organizing the church into groups for Bible Study and advancement of spiritual interest and knowledge, combining all these in one evening with choir practice to follow, was the purpose of a special committee of the Sunday School of the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon.

Recognizing the conflicting programs of the various schools, the miles most of the people must come with limited gasoline, a program combining as much as possible into one night was outlined. Groups and study course were selected as follows with the first sessions held on Wednesday, November 1: "Teacher and Church Officer Training Course" with Rev. Frank Friesen as leader; Senior young people studying "The Life of Christ" with Charles Walker as leader; the Junior young people, "Building the Tabernacle" with the Rev. Lester Spencer as leader. A miniature is being constructed. The adult group, studying the "Book of Acts", is led by Sam Rich. Interest and enthusiasm at the end of the year continue high.

Just previous to the class period all groups convene for song, prayer and recitation of Scripture. At the conclusion of the 45 minute class period, the choir gathers for rehearsal.

Another encouraging project of the Bethany Church is the West Portland Sunday School opened on October 5th in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon

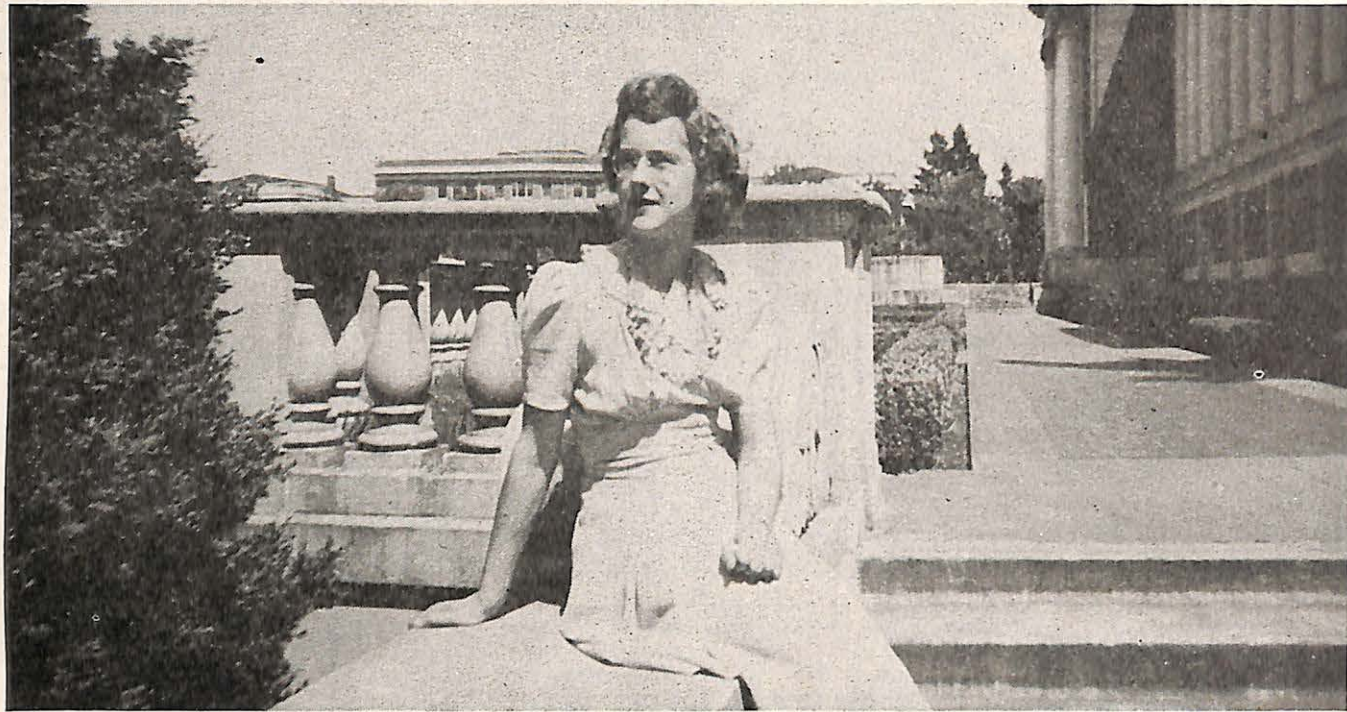
Chausse of S. W. 64th and Barbur Blvd., Portland, Ore. The Chaussees have really opened their hearts and their home to the people of the community, and had won a number of young people to Christ even before the opening of the Sunday School. The church has engaged a student pastor, Mr. James Crowthers from Western Theological Seminary of Portland, to supervise the work, who with his wife have won their way to the hearts of the people of that community.

The work is challenging in view of the fine interest shown. The first Sunday attendance was 25; second, 33; third, 41; fourth, 40, a testimony to the spirit of Christ working through these leaders. Already they are looking to the time when a church edifice will be needed to accommodate them. We pray God's rich blessings on this adventure, "For Jesus Sake."

Contemplated for the very near future is a chartered school bus to bring in youngsters and others from vicinities near the church where new populations have moved in who are not presently attending Sunday School or church, either for lack of interest, means of transportation, or Sunday defense work. We hope that we can greatly increase attendance and bring to Christ especially young people — in whom lies the hope of tomorrow's church.

Bethany Sunday School has elected to support a native African worker in our Cameroon field. On Sunday evening, November 26, Miss Laura Reddig visited Bethany church with her pictures showing the work accomplished in Africa, but challenging us more earnestly by a presentation of fact and picture of the vast amount of missionary zeal and enterprise still needed in that field.

The Rev. Frank Friesen is pastor of the Bethany Church, and Mr. Samuel J. Rich, superintendent of the Sunday School.



Miss Marjorie Graf, the Author of the Article, "What Jesus Means to Me," on the Campus of Oregon State College at Corvallis, Oregon

What Jesus Means To Me

A Testimony by MISS MARJORIE GRAF, a Member of the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon and a Student at Oregon State College

Jesus is all the world to me
My life, my joy, my all.

WITHOUT him as my personal Savior, life would not be worth living. When the dark hours of gloom and despair seem to envelop me and I feel as though I cannot go on, he takes me in his everlasting arms and gives me peace and joy in my heart. No matter where I go, what I may think, or what I may do, Jesus is there. He is my all.

Now that I'm away from home and its Christian influence and at college, I have a splendid opportunity to prove that a Christian can live a Christian life at school. Yes, it's true that I haven't always been in as close a fellowship with the Lord as I could have been. I'm only a sinner saved by grace. However, I have profited by my former mistakes and am striving to live a life more pleasing to him. I can be a living witness for him by walking a way becoming an earnest Christian.

A Christian Home

My home is on a large farm situated in the fertile Tualatin valley just over the hills west of Portland. It was on this farm that I opened my eyes to the world for the first time — 19 years ago. I am one of four children. As I grew up, I was told the stories about Jesus and his love for the little children.

As I grow older, I become more thankful to God for loving Christian parents and for the Christian influence

I've had at home. God's Word says to "train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." I am thankful that I had that Christian training I needed as a child in my home.

As a very young child I started to Sunday School and church. I can well remember how well I loved to sing "Jesus Loves Me" and to hear the stories about Jesus. I can distinctly remember that afternoon in my home as I was reading a Sunday School paper of mine, that I came to the realization that I was a sinner unsaved and without Christ. I wanted to be his and to have him in my heart to stay. I went to my mother and she talked and prayed with me.

Later in the evening I spoke to my father, and he, too, spoke with me and prayed. It was that very day when I was only a child of nine years that I took his word and accepted in pure and simple faith the wonderful gift of salvation. I publicly confessed him when I went through the watery grave of baptism. I was taken into the fellowship of the Bethany Baptist Church of which I am a member at the present time. There as a babe in Christ I received the spiritual food I needed for growth.

The Lord wants willing workers and I knew he had some work for me to do. Not only in Sunday School have I been able to help when I was asked, but also in my young people's organization. I held various offices, one of which was our young people's president. Since I love to sing gospel hymns, I was

given an opportunity to sing in the church choir and serve as song leader. I've never regretted doing this work because I've always had a certain joy and satisfaction in it.

School Days

My elementary schooling was obtained in the Bethany school, a little white one-room building just down and up the hill from my home. Many people have the false idea that Christ is someone who can only be present while they are in church, for instance. This is not so. I took Jesus with me in my school life, too. Upon completing grammar school, I enrolled as a freshman in the Beaverton high school. When I became discouraged or downhearted about my school work, I would go to him and he would seemingly lift the burden from my very shoulders.

Here, too, I had the privilege of serving him. Often I would be asked to lead the girls club or the student body in prayer. I was graduated from high school in May, 1943. I planned to attend college the following fall and arrived in early October on the beautiful Oregon State College campus in Corvallis, situated in the heart of the Willamette Valley, just 85 miles south of Portland.

Oregon State dates back to the year 1855 when a community academy was established. It is a land grant college designated as the state agricultural college. The enrollment reached a peak in 1941 when 5,117 students attended during regular sessions. The college has fittingly been called the

"West Point of the West", because of its excellent military training courses. Beginning March, 1943, the Army Specialized Training Program was started. Over 1300 army men marched to classes every day. Oregon State has evolved from a mere building and 35 acres of land in 1887 to over 40 buildings and thousands of acres of land.

Traditionally, green-ribbon rookesses and green-lid rooks are seen on the campus. A democratic atmosphere pervades throughout the entire campus. As this friendly college is entering its fourth quarter of a century, this same spirit of kindness and social equality is shown to everyone who enters its portals.

Oregon State College

At the present time I am a sophomore enrolled in the school of science with pre-medics as my major. Often when I have felt discouraged, if I wouldn't have had an unfailing friend to whom to turn, I would have felt that I couldn't go on. By simply trusting in my Savior and leaning just a little harder on those everlasting arms of his, I found everything all right.

Aside from the regular academic work, there are many outside activities in which students may participate. If a student is interested in music, there is a good opportunity for him to be a member of the college chorus, or if a student chooses journalism, there are several publications put out by the students. Since the beginning of the war, several war activities have begun from purchasing war stamps to the folding of surgical dressings.

Students here have living accommodations similar to other colleges. There are sororities, fraternities, dormitories, and cooperative houses. I am living in one of the co-resident women's houses. I am one of 25 girls in Hazel Rae, "my home" away from home. Many happy hours have been spent there for me with my sisters, as I like to call them, and my house-mother.

The girls at the house are from several different faiths. I have had an excellent opportunity to be a living witness for Christ among the girls. Although on several occasions I've been cornered and put on the spot, I've told the girls plainly in what I believed and for what Baptists stood. Even though they would shrug their shoulders and seem not to understand or want to understand, they respected my stand as a Christian. I know that the best way to influence the girls for the Christian way of life is to live it. If I should fall by the wayside and even give in just a wee bit to the many temptations that surround me, I might be a stumbling block to someone who may be judging the Christian life by my walk.

Witnessing for Christ

Although these instances of testing for me have in some cases given the girls the idea that they were confusing me in my convictions, it worked in just the opposite direction. For the first time in my life since I've been to school, there have been people who have disagreed with what I know are God's teachings. These tests, to which I've been put, have only made me stronger and have grounded my faith just a little deeper.

Corvallis has many churches because of the many students of different denominations. The students, to a large extent are very church-minded. Quite a large body of students attend church services every Sunday. I have found Christian fellowship with the English Baptist Church here. The minister is Dr. E. B. Hart. The church is, truly, on fire for God. I have found many friends among the active young people's group.

The young people carry on many of the activities of the church. For instance, a gospel team has been organized for the purpose of going out and giving the people, who ordinarily do not hear the Word, a chance to hear the gospel told them. It was my

privilege to be a member of the gospel team and to witness for Christ.

On the campus, inter-varsity Christian fellowship is held five days a week at five o'clock. This group is undenominational. We gather together to read our Bibles and pray. I have always been strengthened by attending this meeting.

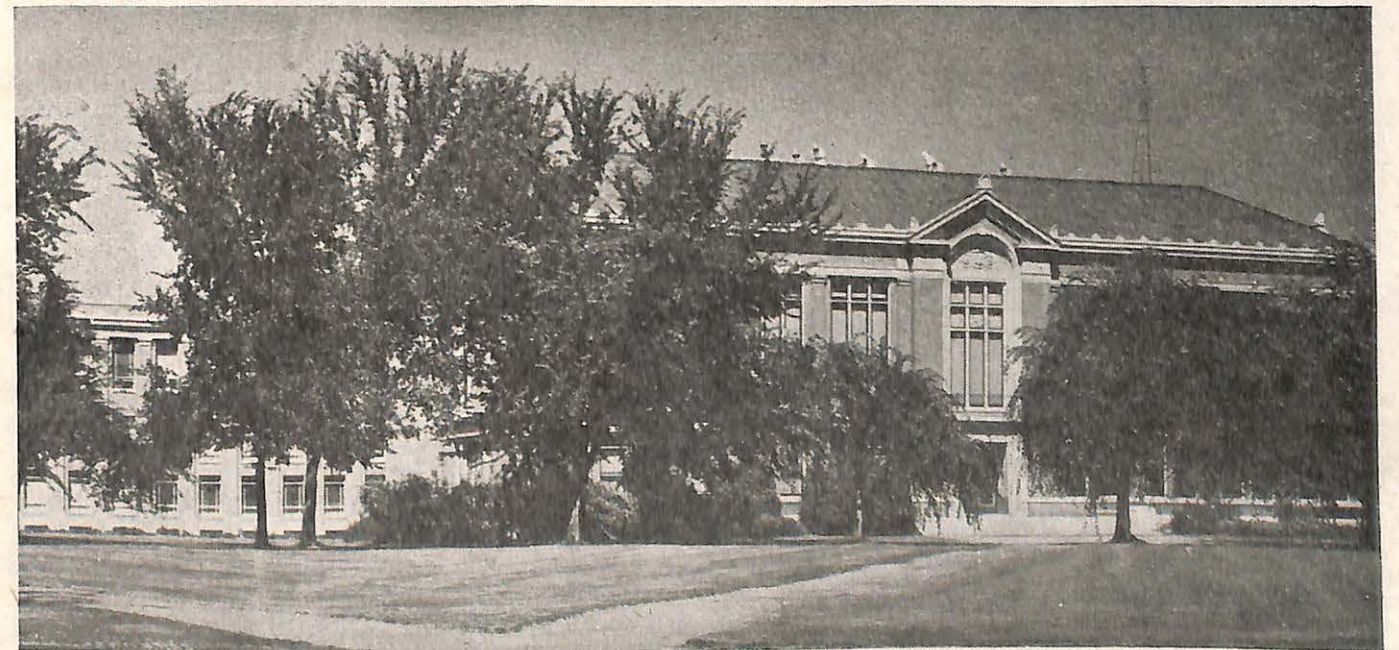
Dedicated for Service

The future from now on is whatever the Lord wills that I should do. At our Oregon Baptist League assembly held at Camp Arrah Wanna near Mt. Hood in the summer of 1944, I yielded my life to his service. This was not easy for me to do, and the more I struggled with the convictions of the Holy Spirit the more miserable I felt. I found it wasn't a good policy to go against God's will. Through words of encouragement from my minister, Rev. Frank Friesen, and other faculty members and prayer, I finally sat back and said all right to the Lord.

He can have his way in my life. I'll do his bidding from now on. Believe me, it wasn't an easy decision to make. Yes, I wanted to serve my Master and yet at the same time I was afraid. The fiery darts of doubt from Satan were flung at me from all sides. Now I am letting the Lord have his way in my life.

The night when I fully yielded and felt that victory in my heart and peace in my soul, I read the thirty-seventh Psalm which brought special comfort to me. I could feel that the Lord was speaking directly to me. He says to "commit thy way unto him, trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass." I read that phrase over again — trust in him! Why couldn't I simply trust in him? Again he said to rest in him and wait patiently for him. I'm afraid my big trouble was that I wanted God to show me immediately what he wanted me to do. I wanted God to do something spectacular for me. Instead, I should have said, "Thy will be done."

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The Attractive New and Well-equipped Library on the Campus of Oregon State College at Corvallis, Oregon

Standing Room Only!

The Story of the Christian Training Institute
of Edmonton, Alberta
By MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER
Promotional Secretary



Two Attractive Institute Students from the Peace River District North of Edmonton Along the Famous Alaska Highway

OUR CHRISTIAN Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta is enjoying a banner year! In spite of the war with its restrictions upon young people going to Bible Schools, the S R O sign had to be placed in the institution. It is literally true that there is "Standing Room Only" for the remainder of the five months' term which began on November 6, 1944 and will end on March 26, 1945.

Crowded Quarters

The school building was erected in 1940 with a dormitory capacity for 46 students. This year there are 75 young people living in the building, all of whom are regularly enrolled in the Bible School course, besides about eight others who attend the evening classes of the school and come from the city of Edmonton. In 20 rooms in which two students can room together comfortably, there are three young people who crowd into the available space. Three rooms even have four young people living like sardines in a can. Nine young ladies have changed the Press and Book Room into a dormitory for themselves. But the students accept these conditions cheerfully and thank God for the privilege they have of coming to the Bible School for these winter months.

They have come from the four western provinces of Canada, including Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. A fine group of nine young people came all the way from Morris, Manitoba, a distance of 1200 miles. (A picture of that group appears on the next page.) It includes Miss Ida Hoffman, who serves on the faculty; Misses Lilly Paschke and Elsie Stewin, who help Mrs. Wahl in the busy kitchen; and Mr. Rudolph Rapske, who is eager to go to our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., to prepare for the Christian ministry. Almost every church in the Northern

Conference has felt the beneficent influence of this school in the lives of these students returning from the Edmonton Institute. No wonder that parents and pastors are urging their young people to go to this school until S R O has become the order of the day.

The Renz Sisters

The story of the four Renz Sisters from the little forlorn church of Glidden, Saskatchewan is a fascinating chapter from the romantic account of the school. (Their picture also accompanies this article). Their parents are poor German-Russian immigrants who came to Canada to eke out an existence. Except for a little girl at home, these four students — Edna, Ella, Bertha and Ida — represent the entire family. But they and their parents were so eager that they should go to school that nothing could stop them.

The girls worked last summer on the threshing crews near Lashburn, Saskatchewan. They pitched bundles and hauled the grain to the threshing machines. Some members of the Edmonton Central Church also helped them with their traveling expenses. Their father is working in the town of Glidden all week, driving a school bus, and leaving the mother all alone at home with the little baby girl to do the chores, milk five cows and take care of all the cattle. That is a memorable record of parental sacrifice in behalf of the children.

The four girls are together in one room at the school. They have one table among them, on the four sides of which they can study. They play together on the violin, Spanish guitars and organ. They love the school, and their first student year has already been one of the most glorious years of their lives.

The story of Eric Jeschke of Nokomis, Saskatchewan is even more significant. After receiving his dis-

charge from the Canadian Army because of health, he came to the school in response to the urging of his family. One of his brothers is Mr. William Jeschke of the Rochester Baptist Seminary. He was not saved at the time, but soon after coming to the school he had a profound experience in which Christ became his personal Savior. He always had a strong desire to go to South America on a Wanderlust spree, and now the urge is more prevalent than ever to go as a missionary to that continent. The burden upon his heart at present is a friend in the Army who has lost his hold on God and for whose revitalization Eric is praying and working.

Other Students

Miss Vera Mantey is the only student at the Institute from Springside, Saskatchewan, 600 miles away. Vera is in her third year, and is now very active, besides her class work, in teaching a Sunday School class in our Edmonton Church, serving at the Jasper and Hope Missions, and helping out in radio programs. She wants to follow God's call as he leads her in the days to come. She is at the school because of the prompting of her mother, who wanted her daughter to have the benefit of the Bible School training that she could not have as a girl in Poland.

Lena and Martha Paul of the Edenwold Church of Saskatchewan are the only ones of the school from last summer's institute quartet that toured our churches in the United States and Canada. They look back upon their adventures and travels of 13,000 miles with a great deal of joy. They are in their last year at the school and are eagerly looking forward to God's open door after graduation.

The School's Spirit

One is deeply impressed by the spiritual earnestness of this large student body. Several young men spoke about their plans to go to Rochester, N. Y., as students to prepare themselves for the ministry. A large portion of the student body came forward at a recent missionary conference held in Edmonton dedicating themselves for full time Christian service. Their vital testimonies and are an evidence of the chapel services spirit that characterizes the school.

The Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the school, and Rev. F. W. Benke, president of the School Board, shoulder the largest share of the responsibilities of the teaching staff. Since early in January the Rev. Hugo Lueck of Spokane, Washington, formerly professor at the Baptist Seminary in Lodz, Poland, has made large contributions to the teaching ministry of the school. For a number of weeks before the close of the term, the Rev. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Illinois, home mission secretary and formerly teacher at our Rochester Seminary, will conduct a number of important courses. Other members of the teaching staff are Rev. A. Huber of Leduc, Rev. Richard Schilke of Edmonton's Central Church, Rev. George Dawe, the Misses Ida Hoffman, Vera Hausfeld, Agnes Rinas, and Mr. Robert Neske who also directs the choir, orchestra and various school quartets. Mrs. E. P. Wahl has the important responsibility of serving as matron of the school, and she is also in charge of the kitchen and dining room, assisted by several cooks.

New Building Program

With this amazing upsurge of interest in the Edmonton Bible School and with the prospect of a larger wave of new students after the war, plans have had to be made for larger accommodations. The S R O sign has to be removed in some way or other. The governing board has initiated a building program which calls for an outlay of at least \$45,000 for the construction of another building to be as large as the present school edifice. This will double the capacity of the school and provide generously for all the institute's needs.

The General Missionary Committee and General Council of the denomination have approved of the plan. Permission for the new building program is to be secured immediately from Ottawa. The bids for the contract are to be let out as soon as possible. Work on the new building, which will be constructed alongside the other, is to start this Spring. By next Fall the enlarged school ought to be ready for full time use.

God's Bountiful Blessings

The glimmering vision of years ago of a large, influential Bible School of our own in the Canadian area has become the steady, shining light of reality. As one of our most successful home mission projects, the entire denomination has become deeply interested in these encouraging developments. In Edmonton the school and its president, Rev. E. P. Wahl, are assuming a commanding leadership in spiritual matters and in the religious program for the city. Throughout all of our Canadian churches the young people, who have shared in the institute's blessings, are enlivening the spiritual life of these churches and strengthening the bonds of loyalty to our denominational enterprise.

Thank God for the "Standing Room Only" sign at the Institute! For He has blessed this work of his exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think. And greater things are still bound to come!



Four Renz Sisters from Glidden, Sask., at the Edmonton Christian Training Institute
(Left to Right: Edna, Ella, Bertha and Ida Renz)



Nine Young People from Morris, Manitoba, 1200 Miles from Edmonton, Who Were at the Christian Training Institute in December 1944



The Large First Year Class of Students at the Christian Training Institute Who Have Come to Edmonton from Canada's Four Western Provinces

Women's Day of Prayer

Program Prepared by Mrs. ANNA DONS of Ellinwood, Kansas
for the Women's Day of Prayer to Be Observed on Wednesday,
February 21, 1945

ANOTHER year has rolled by, and we look to see whether and where God has answered prayer. Not every petition that we have sent up has been answered in the affirmative. The war is still upon us. Many young men and women will never return. Europe lies in darkness, and the war prosperity has not made us more God conscious. We look with dismay upon the existing order and lift our eyes to him who is at the helm. He will overrule the affairs until his kingdom has been established. But in the meantime we will continue to lift up holy hands in prayer.

The women of our Union are united in a day of prayer and the thought that should especially lead us in our meditation in prayer is "Jesus, the Light of the World in Troublous Times."

Let us pray,

1. "I Am the Light of the World" (John 8:12).
This is as true today as it was the day in which it was spoken. But a mere assent to this pronouncement is not sufficient. A minority of people will object to the fact that Jesus is the light of the world; the majority are only mildly interested. Jesus himself is not taken seriously. Only as he is taken seriously shall we come to the realization that he is the "Light of the World" in every sense of the word.

There has been enough formal religion in the world but it cannot be said of it that it is the Light. The person of Jesus as well as his teaching are opposed to formalism and cold orthodoxy that leave out compassion and love.

Jesus is the "Light of the World" to the nations that are at war. He not only illumines the way toward peace but he is the "Prince of peace." To know who Jesus is we must come to know him in his relationship to our own problems and the problems about us. Did he understand the needs and circumstances of his own day? Was he a realist or an idealist? Can he be taken seriously today or must we class him with other religious leaders who lived and died and all that is left of them is their teaching? Is he the Light to the exclusion of all other "lights" and is it safe to follow him?

Jesus was not understood by the people of his own day nor by the religious leaders. They looked upon him as a fanatic, an impractical dreamer; they refused to let him become the light of their life. "They besought him that he would depart out of their coasts." (Matt. 8:34.) Men and nations still refuse to permit the "Light of the World" to guide them in their affairs.

We have confused progress in the fields of science, education and business with real progress. Real progress includes happiness and contentment which only a right relationship with God can bring. When Jesus is accepted as the

Prayer Day Greetings!

Loyal Women! On this Prayer Day may we rejoice that Jesus is our Light and salvation in spite of the darkness of the night and heartache of war. Let us walk in the Light as he is in the light, always ready to spread and support the Light wherever we are.

Mildred B. Dymmel
President of the
National Women's Missionary
Union

"Light of the World," the darkness of fears and worry will disappear.

Let us pray,

a) that we who know Jesus may take our task more seriously to be "reflectors" for him in this world to let his wondrous beauty radiate from our lives.
b) that Jesus might be recognized and reclaimed in the world as the "Light" who is able to lead us out of confusion into the clear.
John 1:4-9; John 3:19, 20; John 9:5; John 12:46.

2. "Ye Are the Light of the World" (Matt. 5:14).

Here we see our definite relationship to him who is the true light of the world in these troublous times. The emphasis is on "ye," on you and me. We are to live the "Christ-life" and carry out his principles in all our relationships. How else can the world come to know him, whom to know is eternal life? We can never persuade a person into following Christ through argument, and no matter how correct our views may be, how faithful we may have been in supporting our church and its mission program, the thing which counts most and is most pleasing unto him is to have the mind of Christ and that sympathetic understanding which will cause us to convey the spark of life to someone else. Rigid orthodoxy has been known to leave people cruel and heartless. Bible literalists and legalists have often been known to be anything but Christian in spirit.

How conscientious we ought to be when we think of our high calling! It should take all self-righteousness out of us and should make us less anxious to insist on our rights when sad consequences for others may be involved. For the sake of Christ and the Church, our own wishes and ambitions must be subdued and surrendered, so that the true light may flow from our lives.

Christ's life blessed the community in which he lived. He bore others' burdens, and he asks us to do likewise, thus fulfilling his law. How different it is when a man is known for his rigid and severe

nature—he is feared but not loved. No one will miss him when he is gone or will praise God for having known him. Our cross of self-denial includes the sharing of others' burdens. We can do this most effectively in our prayers for others. Let us cultivate the prayer of intercession.

Pray

a) for the Gospel-work being done among the Armed Forces.
b) for the men who carry on this work.
c) for the souls of the many who stand on the brink of a Christless eternity.

John 12:39; Eph. 5:8; 1. John 1:7.

3. Let Your Light So Shine (Matt. 5:16).

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father who is in heaven. (Matt. 5:16.) Here the emphasis is on "so". First, that men may see, and then that men may praise. Seeing the redeeming power in the life of believers, power to break the chains of self-interest and turn us to think of others, power to take out of our lives all rudeness and put kindness and compassion in their place, power to break self-will and enthroned the will of Christ-men, will realize its origin in God, will long to tap such matchless power, and will give praise to his holy name.

We had a brother in our church in Ellinwood, Kansas, who went to be with the Lord not quite a year ago. He lived a truly humble Christian life. He was dearly loved by all who knew him, for he carried in his person an unmistakable and clear reflection of the Light of the world. He is missed not only by his loved ones, and by the church, but also by the entire community.

There is in Scripture a wonderful example of one whose works gave glory to the Father in heaven. After John the Baptist had pointed to "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world," we notice a most pertinent response—"and the two disciples heard him speak and they followed Jesus." After hearing him speak, they were drawn to Jesus. There can be no greater tribute to any man than just such a result from his labors. Jesus gave him unparalleled recognition. "Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women there have not risen a greater than John the Baptist." Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify (not ourselves, but) your Father who is in heaven.

Pray

for the church that as the only light-bearing body it might function more efficiently.
Eph. 5:11; 1. John 1:5; 1. John 2:2-8; Phil. 2:15.

4. The Desire of All Nations.

When the light shines in its full glory,
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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

MY SAFE RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES FROM FRENCH NIGERIA

By Miss Margaret Lang of the Sudan Interior Mission at Egbe, Nigeria

(Miss Lang is a sister of President George A. Lang of our Rochester Baptist Seminary and a daughter of Mrs. Albert W. Lang of Forest Park, Ill.)

"Exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think". Indeed, the Lord has done just this for me after a service of more than four years with the Sudan Interior Mission at Egbe, Nigeria. I am very happy to be at home again. The manner in which the Lord opened up the way for me is a real miracle in these days.

I had not planned on coming home just then, but when word came, I got ready and went to the coast to wait for transportation. I didn't know which way I was going, whether by sea or by air. But the natives were praying that I would get a quick passage home and I also heard that loved ones at home were doing the same.

So after waiting three weeks at the coast at Lagos, Nigeria, I secured passage on a plane to Nigeria. Here, too, I had to wait but again the Lord marvelously opened the way and I secured passage on a clipper plane which took me right to La Guardia field in New York City. We left Liberia on Sunday evening, November 12, and arrived in New York on Wednesday morning, November 15, having made stops in Brazil, Trinidad, Puerto Rico and Bermuda.

On arriving in New York City the Lord had some more surprises for me and has blessed me all along the way. After a brief rest and then after a few months somewhere trying to brush up on nursing, I hope to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. In the Fall of this year, if the Lord wills, I would like to return to Africa to the work which I love so much.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Annual Business Meeting of the Chicago Old People's Home Society

The annual business meeting of the Western Baptist Old People's Home Society was held on Nov. 30th in the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago. The Rev. John Schmidt, president of the society, presided. Several songs were sung by the congregation. The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger read the Scripture lesson and the Rev. H. G. Dymmel led in prayer.

Reports were given by Mr. W. J. Krogman, treasurer, and the Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, our superintendent. Election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: John Schmidt, president;

Robert Krogman, vice-president; W. J. Krogman, treasurer; A. G. Schlesinger, secretary; and Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, superintendent. There were 102 present at this meeting.

A very fine program under the direction of the superintendent by the old people of the Home then followed. We are proud of our Old People's Home and thank God for its efficient personnel, the superintendent and his helpers. The Home is managed in a splendid way and many improvements are now also being made. May God continue to bless our Old People's Home family!

Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, Reporter.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

The Colfax Baptist Church Enjoys a Novel Program and Gives \$1200 Offering

On November 19 the B. Y. P. U. of the Wilcox Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington, presented its annual program, with Mrs. Carl Stewart in charge. The program was carried out in the following manner. Mrs. Paul Krueger read an original issue of "The Wilcox Baptist Herald." As she turned each page, it was presented and "brought to life" on the platform. The cover was an effective Thanksgiving tableau, complete with lettering. We continued with "What's Happening," Editorial Page, etc., all material being original and presented in a most clever and interesting manner.

The new officers of our group are as follows: president, Carl Stewart; vice-president, Orval Krueger; secretary, Darlene Heilsberg; and treasurer, Merton Kroll. We pray that the Lord will bless our efforts as we labor here in this "small corner of his universe."

On Thanksgiving Sunday a special offering of more than \$1200 was raised as an expression of our thanks for God's love and care. This money was divided among the Seminary Endowment Fund, the denomination's Youth Fellowship Crusade and the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.

Mrs. Paul Krueger, Reporter.

Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim Welcomes the Rev. P. G. Neumann and Family

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26th, the members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., met at the church to greet and welcome their new pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann, and his family. We consider ourselves very fortunate, indeed, that Mr. Neumann looked kindly upon our call and decided to become our pastor, and we were very proud and happy to present him to our friends and townspeople.

The Rev. Thomas L. Burden of the White Temple Methodist Church led in prayer, the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, former pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church and

chairman of the program for the afternoon, gave a welcome address and introduced the new pastor's family.

Mr. D. A. Wedel spoke in behalf of the deacons of the church; Mr. Harry Fox for the trustees; Mr. Walter Schroeder as superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. D. A. Wedel for the Ladies' Aid; Mr. Paul Leuschner for the choir; Miss Esther Leuschner for the Guild, and Miss Myra Fries spoke in behalf of the B. Y. P. U.

The Ministerial Union of Anaheim was represented, and greetings were extended by Rev. C. H. Archibald, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church. Other greetings were extended by Mr. Berg of the Calvary Baptist Church, and the Rev. E. Mittelstedt of the 15th Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles. The choir sang two numbers, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" and "The Vesper Hymn," and the Ladies Guild sang "My Prayer."

Mr. and Mrs. Neumann responded to the kind greetings with short talks, and refreshments were served in the church parlors with all friends and members invited. We pray that Mr. Neumann's ministry with us may be pleasing and fruitful in God's sight, that the high purpose of winning many souls for his Kingdom may be accomplished, and that both pastor and congregation may be a blessing to each other.

Louise V. Schroeder, Reporter.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Ferris Are Welcomed to Lorraine, Kansas

Recently the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, gave a reception for its new pastor, the Rev. Fred Ferris. Mr. Ferris came to Lorraine from Somonauk, Ill., where he had served as pastor during the last seven years. It was truly a happy occasion for the church and community with the Rev. Walter Schmidt presiding. Between the various musical numbers the heads of the different departments and organizations extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ferris and Bobby their heartiest welcome and pledged their support in the work of the Lord.

Mr. Ferris then responded with an easy flow of magnetic words and sentiments that endeared and attached him to the whole assembly. After the benediction everyone went to the dining hall of the church where delicious refreshments were served by the ladies. Here an opportunity was given for everyone to meet the new pastor and his wife. We now look forward to some happy experiences in Christian fellowship and in the work of the Lord.

We believe the Lord has led the church in extending the call to Mr. Ferris and that God is now ready to measure our progress in his kingdom by the consecrated effort we put into the work.

Harry W. Mollhagen, Reporter.



Ministers in Attendance at the Dedication of the Enlarged Church at Minitonas, Manitoba

(Right to Left: Rev. Walter Stein of Minitonas, Rev. H. Waltereit of Fenwood, Rev. G. Beutler of Ebenezer, Rev. E. M. Wegner of Springside, and Rev. L. Miska of the Czech Baptist Church of Minitonas)

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The Enlarged Church Edifice at Minitonas, Manitoba is Dedicated With Inspiring Festivities

Scores of our churches have made extensive plans for new buildings or enlargements. But for the present, because of the war, they can do nothing to put their plans into effect. The honor of being the first church to build belongs to the Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba, 300 miles north of Winnipeg in a new, flourishing immigrant settlement.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, this enlarged church was dedicated with festive services that taxed the 800 seating capacity of the new church. The Rev. Walter Stein, pastor, led his large congregation in paeons of thanksgiving to God for the amazing accomplishments of their building program. Neighboring pastors from Saskatchewan, the Reverends E. M. Stein of Springside, H. Waltereit of Fenwood, and G. Beutler of Ebenezer,

were present to bring their greetings and to speak at the services. The Rev. L. Miska from the Czech Baptist Church and the Rev. B. Smith from the Swan River Baptist Church also participated in the program. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago, Ill., editor of "The Baptist Herald", as guest speaker, took part in the dedication services and showed missionary pictures to another capacity audience on Monday evening, Dec. 4.

The Minitonas choir of 30 voices, strengthened by the Swan River choir of 12 persons, was directed by Mr. Braiar and sang frequently and with inspired feeling to the glory of God. Mr. Joe Beselt, church deacon, Mr. R. Eisner, chairman of the building committee, and Mr. John Dautrich, treasurer of the building fund, reported about the success of the building program.

The Minitonas Church was organized in 1929 with immigrants largely from Russia and Poland. A small church was built at that time. The people were poor and were busily engaged in paying off their debts. But God blessed their crops and their work, and prosperity seemed to come their way.

Several years ago they built a new



The New Church of the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba, With the Large Addition (Unpainted) to the Left of the Original Church Building

parsonage at a cost of almost \$6000 which was dedicated while the Rev. R. Schilke was still pastor. That is almost all paid for. The church became much too small for the increasingly large crowds. A Junior Church was being held downstairs in a damp basement because there was no room for them in the church sanctuary.

Last Spring efforts were made to secure lumber for the new church from Winnipeg, Swan River, Dauphin and other places, but always in vain. As if by a miracle, the pastor, Mr. Stein, was led to inquire at a lumber yard at Winnipegosis, 140 miles away, where all the necessary lumber was found available.

The large church addition, 32 by 24 feet, is built alongside the old small church. A church tower, 45 feet high, is placed at the point of junction of the old and new churches. The best possible wood and shingles were secured for the job. A total of 120 church families contributed their time and labor with more than 500 labor days accounted for in this manner. Five thousand feet of lumber from the nearby bush country was cut last winter by the men of the church and logged and brought to town on large sleighs. The cost of the lumber, etc., was \$4500 with an additional \$800 to be paid for the furnace and the new pews still to be bought.

On Dedication Sunday offerings of \$530 were brought by the people, enabling them to dedicate the new church free of debt. Almost a hundred cars encircled the church on this day as a symbol of the amazing prosperity that has come to the people. They have caught a new vision of great things that can be done with their energetic pastor, Brother Stein.

The church's membership at Minitonas is about 520. An attendance of 700 persons at the services is not unusual. The amazing part of such a congregation is found in the 250 to 300 children. It is a church with swarming crowds of children. The summers in Minitonas are very short. The country has been cleared of the underbrush and trees and wheat is being planted. Deer are very plentiful. Spear fishing is the main winter sport with hundreds of pickerel, pike, jack and some trout caught with spears and a farmer's pitchfork through the ice.

But the large field belongs almost exclusively to this Baptist Church and its pastor who see the possibilities for God and his Kingdom. With this new church largely adequate for its enlarged needs, they are facing the future confident that God will continue to bless the work and the faith of early pioneers.

Martin L. Leuschner, Reporter.

World Missionary Conference Is Held in Edmonton Under Leadership of Rev. E. P. Wahl

From Thursday, November 23, to Sunday, November 26, an unusual missionary conference was held in the city of Edmonton, Alberta. Its uniqueness consisted in the fact that representatives from so-called faith mission societies and from denominational bodies cooperated together and presented a plea for the gospel of Christ to be taken to all the world without even mentioning the society or group they represented. As a

result, the large First Presbyterian Church of Edmonton was crowded with 1400 and more people for the services and innumerable spiritual blessings were showered upon the community.

Our North American Baptist Churches were prominently represented in this conference, in which almost all of the Protestant churches of Edmonton participated. The plan was envisioned by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, and he became the general chairman of the conference. The combined choirs of the Institute and of the Central Baptist Church sang on Sunday afternoon, November 26, and thrilled the large audience.

On Friday evening, November 24, one of the principal speakers was the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, who depicted our mission fields in the Balkan Lands of Europe, especially among the Gypsies. This Gypsy mission work was given prominent display in the city's newspapers. At the colorful pageant on Saturday evening this mission field of ours was again in the limelight for a few minutes, and a group of young people from the Central Baptist Church appeared in native costume. (Their picture accompanies this report).

The needs and spiritual victories of the following mission fields of the world were graphically portrayed by returned missionaries or representatives: China, India, Korea, Japan, French Nigeria, the Belgian Congo and Angola of Africa, Manchuria, Alaska, South America and especially Brazil, Russia, Spain, the Balkans of Europe and the Indians of North America. A marvelous missionary exhibit and book room had been prepared. Missionary moving pictures were shown every evening at an early hour. Radio programs in the city emphasized the missionary challenge. The city was literally taken by storm by this inspiring conference.

Designated missionary contributions and pledges were received at all the services. The Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, of which the Rev. R. Schilke is pastor, had the largest number of pledges with 44 participating. It was also second highest with missionary contributions totaling \$486.85 besides \$50.00 for the Christian Training Institute. This money will go towards the enterprise of our North American General Conference.

At the Saturday evening pageant with its world-wide missionary appeal, the call was extended for volunteers to serve in the Lord's vineyard. It was a deeply moving scene to see almost a hundred young people step forward for consecration, of whom about 30 were from the Christian Training Institute. Our school was wondrously stirred by the events that transpired at the conference.

This was an adventure in Christian and denominational cooperation which made a tremendous spiritual impact upon the city of Edmonton. Countless blessings came to us with the growing prestige of the Institute and its president and with the presentation of our work among the Gypsies to this great gathering of Christian people. Of greater significance will be the lives of our students at the Institute who caught the vision during the conference of "fields that are white already to harvest."

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Churches of the Southern Conference Gather for Farewell Service for Margaret Kittlitz

On Wednesday night, November 29th, churches of the Southern Conference gathered at the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas for a farewell service for Miss Margaret Kittlitz, a missionary, ready to go to the Cameroons of Africa. Her home is in Waco and the Central Baptist Church is her home church.

The meeting began with a song service, welcome by the Rev. Roy Seibel, the home pastor. Letters of congratulations were read which were sent from different churches. The Rev. C. H. Seecamp of the Cottonwood Baptist Church brought the evening message, the theme being "Missions," based on Matt. 10:16-39.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Annual Fall Rally of the South Dakota Baptist Young People's Union at Tripp

All who attended the annual fall rally of the South Dakota Baptist Young People's Union in the city auditorium at Tripp, South Dakota on Friday, November 24, were richly blessed by the fine Christian fellowship we enjoyed there.

Our rally with the theme, "Do Your Best—Where You Are—For Jesus' Sake," (Matt. 25:40) opened Friday afternoon with a fellowship meeting. A hearty welcome was spoken by Raymond Lippert, president of the Tripp society, to which Joan Johnson of Avon responded. For roll call each society gave a report of its work. Each society also rendered a musical or an oral number with the



Young People of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., Dressed in the Costumes of Balkan Gypsies for a Missionary Conference in the City (Left to Right: Elmer Klapstein, Alma Klingspon, Anne Goltz, Evelyn Belter and Wallace Wahl)

Musical numbers were given and also a poem by Miss Tillie Mae Spross dedicated to Margaret. The challenge was given by the Rev. W. Helwig of Dallas. After a few words from Margaret, our council member, Mr. Raymond Engelbrecht, presented gifts of love and remembrance to Margaret in the name of the Southern Conference. After the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by the women of the Central Baptist Church.

We know that God will be with Margaret Kittlitz and will bless her and keep her while she is doing her part to spread the gospel and to carry on his Kingdom. Edna Fredrich, Reporter.

exception of Parkston. They had prepared two special numbers but on Tuesday, November 19, the president of their society, Maxine Mehlhaff, had died as a result of a car collision. This tragedy brought heartache and sorrow to the society, church and community.

At 5:30 P. M. the ladies of the Tripp society served a very delicious free supper to about 150 guests. In a letter to the pastor, Rev. H. G. Braun, the Rev. J. C. Gunst expressed his appreciation by saying, "The Tripp folks did a grand job of entertaining the rally and making the people feel at home, thanks to the hosts." We continued our evening meeting in the auditorium with the Rev. G. W. Rutsch, pastor of the Plum Creek church, leading in song service.

This year we were again privileged, as last year, to have as our guest speaker the Rev. J. C. Gunst, now the general secretary of the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union. Mr. Gunst brought a very inspiring message on our theme, "Doing Your Best, Where You Are, For Jesus Sake." The question comes to us, "Have I done my best for Jesus?" May God help us to do our best always!

Esther Rieb, Reporter.

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The Choir of the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana, With the Director, Mr. Vernon Alf, in Back Row, Center

A Busy Program at the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana

Since we are near the end of another year, a report from our Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana, may be in place. All departments of our church have kept themselves busy throughout the year. Our services on Sundays have been well attended. The Wednesday evening prayer and testimony meetings could have been better attended than they were. Of late, the attendance at these services has improved some. Our pastor, the Rev. Frederick Alf, preaches interesting and inspiring sermons.

Two Sundays each month he drives 65 miles to Pablo to serve the little church there but he is always back in Missoula for the evening service. In order to attract the young people he preaches two sermons every Sunday evening, except on the second Sunday in the month, when the young people have charge of the evening meeting. The young people's meeting is conducted entirely in the English language and one of the two sermons the pastor preaches on Sunday evenings is also in English.

The Ladies' Aid keeps itself busy in the usual way. They realized over \$200 at their sale recently. The Sunday School with Mr. Theo. Hauck is making good progress. The young people are enthusiastic about their weekly Bible study with Mr. Herbert Schmautz as their teacher. The choir under the able leadership of Mr. Vernon Alf is a great blessing to us. A picture of the choir accompanies this report. The church as a whole has sent in the largest offering for missions and benevolence in its history, amounting to about \$400.

C. A. Gruhn, Reporter.

Recent Encouraging Events in the Baptist Church of Cathay, North Dakota

From November 13 to 24 the Baptist Church of Cathay, North Dakota, held a series of evangelistic meetings with the Rev. L. B. Berndt of Minneapolis, Minn., as guest speaker. Two young people were won for Christ during this

period and the entire church experienced a spiritual lift.

It was again our privilege to have Miss Laura Reddig in our midst during the week she visited with her family. The church prepared a surprise farewell service for her with the Germantown Baptist Church as guests. Other visitors included the Alfred Weisser family of Carrington, and the Arthur Weisser family of Wishek. Miss Reddig was presented with a gift, and refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

Our pastor, the Rev. R. A. Grenz, recently noted his first anniversary of service in our church. We are, indeed, happy to have such a fine minister and family, and gratefully acknowledge all they have done for us. May the Lord continue to bless their ministry in our church to the end that we may all grow in Christian stature, and that our number may increase.

Albert E. Reddig, Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Evangelistic Services and Special Missionary Service at Steamboat Rock

The First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, recently held evangelistic services with the Rev. L. M. Clark of Joliet, Illinois, as the guest speaker. There were 14 persons who made confession of faith in Christ and these were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. Howard Johnson, on Sunday evening, November 26. At the communion service on the following Sunday morning these new converts were given the right hand of fellowship as they entered the membership of the church.

On Sunday evening, November 19, Miss Bertha Lang, returned missionary from China under the China Inland Mission, spoke to a crowded church, telling of her work and experience in China. Miss Lang has served in China for the last twenty-two years. Her father, Rev. A. G. Lang, is a former pastor of the Steamboat Rock Church.

Marie Eilers, Church Reporter.

The Chapel Baptist Church of Britt, Iowa Is Recently Organized and Recognized

The newly organized Chapel Baptist Church of Britt, Iowa, of which the Rev. Carl Swyter is the supply pastor, called a council on recognition to meet at Britt on Friday afternoon, November 10. This council was composed of several Baptist Churches of the Iowa Association of North American Baptist Churches, with eight pastors and seven lay delegates present. The discussion of the council centered around the articles of faith adopted by the Chapel, the need for a Baptist testimony in Britt, and the possibilities of growth in the future. After a rather lengthy discussion the council voted unanimously to recognize the above named Church as a regular independent Baptist Church. The Rev. C. F. Lehr of Aplington was moderator of the council and the Rev. Howard Johnson of Steamboat Rock acted as clerk.

In the evening a recognition service was held, in charge of the supply pastor, the Rev. Carl Swyter. The Rev. A. G. Lang read Ephesians 3 and led in prayer. A pastors' quartet brought a special number in song. The Rev. H. Lohr of Parkersburg brought the message of the evening, speaking on "The New Testament Church." The Rev. Paul Zoschke then extended a hearty welcome to the newly recognized church and gave the hand of fellowship to Brother Harle, representative of the group, also in behalf of the Iowa Association. The Rev. Carl Sentman gave the charge to the church. The Rev. H. Lohr dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Howard Johnson, Reporter.

Miss Margaret Kittlitz Commissioned As the Missionary of the Aplington Baptist Church

Sunday, December 17, was a gala day for the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, for it was on this day that Miss Margaret Kittlitz, one of our denomination's newly appointed missionaries to the Cameroons, was commissioned to go forth in the name of Christ as the missionary of the Aplington Church. Soon after the General Conference session at Milwaukee, the Aplington Church with joyous unanimity voted to undertake the entire support of one of the newly appointed missionaries presented at Milwaukee.

Since Miss Kittlitz had just recently visited the Aplington church and had, by her winsome personality, her evident sincerity and her missionary zeal, won the hearts of our people, it was not difficult for them to feel that, if at all possible, she should be the one whose support the church would take over. Proper arrangements were made with our Missionary Society and Miss Kittlitz' support was taken over at once.

To commission her definitely and officially as "the Herald of the Cross of Christ" of the Aplington Church, we decided to have a special service and after much planning we were able to have this service on Sunday, December 17. Miss Laura E. Reddig was able to come and bring the message, making an appeal to old and young to put our

all upon the altar and to follow the Lord wherever he may lead. After Miss Reddig's address, the Rev. C. Fred Lehr, pastor of the church, charged Miss Kittlitz to go forth to live Christ; to teach and to preach his Word, the gospel of Christ; and to bring healing to body and soul in the name of Christ.

For the church we pledged that we would stand back of her with our prayers, our gifts and our fullest confidence in and love for her. In token of this, the deacons, as representing the church, the superintendent of the Sunday School, and the presidents of different societies stood on the platform with Miss Kittlitz, Miss Reddig and the pastor as our senior deacon, Mr. Charles Willeke, and Miss Reddig led in the prayers of consecration. Following this, Miss Eunice Ontjes, president of our B. Y. P. U., presented a "Blood Pressure Apparatus" as the gift of our young people; and Louis Chenette, president of our Junior B. Y., presented a "New Testament in Basic English" as the gift of the Juniors to Miss Kittlitz. And so we send Miss Kittlitz, who is now a member of the Aplington Church, forth to do God's bidding by his grace and in the power of his Spirit.

C. Fred Lehr, Reporter.

Royal Send-off for Laura Reddig by the Dayton's Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minn.

Deserving of the very best is this daintest daughter of Dakota's prairies, our missionary nurse, Miss Laura Reddig. This was the sentiment of the Dayton's Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minn., as they planned a farewell visit for her on December 10th. As a member of our church we wanted to give her a thrill that would last until she returned to us again from Africa. Deserving a real ovation for her strenuous recruiting efforts, seemingly unmindful that this was her furlough, the pastor, the Rev. John Walkup, and people prayed and worked together, hoping to make history in the life of the church on this day also.

Radiant as usual, Miss Reddig stepped off the train at the St. Paul Union depot on Sunday morning to spend one more day with her fellow members, pastor and friends. It was a great day. A few words of greeting were spoken to the Sunday School which reached a record attendance that morning. In the worship service, despite a tiresome journey on the train, she extended greetings to the church from the many other churches and individuals she had contacted during her recent travels, and added a few words about her work, hopes and plans for Africa. Desiring "just to sit back and rest for a change" it was decided that the pastor should do the preaching. His subject was "The Greatness of the Great Commission."

The auditorium was again filled in the evening. Stirring scenes of the Cameroons field were featured and the need of the work was pressed home upon prepared hearts. Following the pictures, a call was given for young people to present themselves to God for service. Two girls of high school age responded, Misses Arline Richter and Carol Riensweber. It may seem to some that this

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OBITUARY

MRS. DENA HILDEBRAND of Stafford, Kansas

Mrs. Dena Hildebrand, nee Burhenn, was born Dec. 7, 1885, in Barton County, Kansas, and was called home to her eternal rest on Nov. 18, 1944, at the home of her oldest son, Edward, in Stafford. On the 13th of March 1907 she was married to Louis Hildebrand and in 1911 moved to Stafford County to establish the present home place. Our sister accepted the Lord as her Savior at the age of 16, was baptized by Rev. E. Umbach and united with the Baptist Church at Ellinwood, Kansas.

After the family moved to Stafford she transferred her membership to the Calvary Baptist Church. She was a sincere Christian. Her faith was to her a living reality in life and death. In her quiet, consistent way she served the Lord, loved his word and work. In her home she was a true Christian mother.

She is survived by 5 brothers: Paul, Will, Johnny, Louis, and Chas. Burhenn; two sisters: Mrs. John Hildebrand, and Miss Marie Burhenn; her children: Edward, Clarence and Lester of Stafford; Walter in the U. S. Navy; Mrs. Ray Miller, Stafford, and Mrs. Ivan Algrim, Sylvia, Kansas, and four grandchildren.

Text at the funeral service was John 14:1, 2.

Stafford, Kansas.

F. E. KLEIN, Pastor.

MRS. MINNIE HILDEBRAND of Stafford, Kansas

Mrs. Minnie Hildebrand, nee Witt, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Witt, was born in Rush County, Kansas, on Feb. 27, 1885, and quietly passed away at the farm home on Nov. 27, 1944, at the age of 59 years and 9 months. Our sister accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of 16 years and was baptized by Rev. O. Heide and united with the Baptist Church at Bison, Kansas.

After her marriage on Nov. 20, 1902, to William Hildebrand, they moved to Ellinwood and transferred her membership to the Baptist Church there. In 1908 they moved to Stafford and joined the Calvary Baptist Church. To the time of her death Mrs. Hildebrand remained a consecrated and devoted member of the church. In her home our sister always showed herself a loving mother and a sincere Christian.

She is survived by her husband, William Hildebrand; and 7 children: Mrs. Mary Bill of Zenith, Kans., Herman of Stafford, Kans., Frank of Lyons, August in the U. S. Army, Milton in the U. S. Army; Mrs. Mildred Ringering, Alton, Ill., and Mrs. Ruby Hornbaker of Stafford, Kans., and 12 grandchildren; four sisters: Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. Henry Hildebrand, Mrs. George Fairbanks, Mrs. Herman Fischer.

Text at the funeral service was John

17:24.

Stafford, Kansas.

F. E. KLEIN, Pastor.

FRANK A. KOPPIN of Detroit, Michigan

Mr. Frank A. Koppin was born at Goygden, Germany on August 5, 1866. At the age of ten years he accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior, and was baptized by his grandfather, the Rev. Mr. Stangnowsky. In 1881 he came with his parents to Detroit, Mich., becoming a member of the Bethel Baptist Church. He was united in marriage with Miss Ida Kraemer in 1888, with whom he journeyed through life for over 56 years. When the Ebenezer Baptist Church was organized in 1898, he was one of the charter member and remained a most active, influential and faithful member until his death on Friday, Nov. 17, 1944, at the age of 78 years.

He is survived by his wife, five sons, three daughters, ten grandchildren, three brothers, two sisters, and a host of more distant relatives and friends who mourn his departure.

His was a long and blessed life in the church. Throughout the years of the church's existence he served as deacon. For years he was the moderator of the church board. Besides being a teacher in the Sunday School, he was always in his place at the church services, and rejoiced to witness to his Lord in the prayer meetings. He had a host of friends in the business world. He was a good friend of the ministers, and a great supporter of our North American Baptist denomination. He has served the Lord faithfully and has now been called higher. Our loss is his gain.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

ARTHUR McASH, Pastor.

MRS. ANNA DONNER of Wishek, North Dakota

Mrs. Anna Donner, nee Pudwill, was born Sept. 15, 1890 at Danzig, No. Dak., a daughter of Paul Pudwill and wife Katherine, nee Pritzkau. When she was 18 years of age, she was married to Theodore T. Donner on December 17, 1909. For four years they resided at Danzig, after which they moved onto a farm where she remained until her last day of life.

She was a member of our church at Wishek, No. Dak., and was baptized on June 19, 1921 by Rev. A. Heringer.

Although she did not feel well for several years, she performed her household duties as much as possible. On Wednesday morning, Nov. 29, when her husband returned from having done the chores he found that she had passed away. Death was a result of heart trouble.

She leaves, besides her bereaved husband, 4 daughters, 5 brothers, 4 sisters and 4 grandchildren. An infant son preceded his mother in death.

Funeral services took place on Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Wishek Baptist Church, with the Rev. W. Luebeck of Ashley officiating, assisted by the Rev. K. Gieser of Bismarck. Interment was made in the Wishek cemetery.

Baptist Church of Wishek, No. Dak.

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The Most Wonderful Thing

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anchored in the Word of God, which is forever settled in heaven. Let us never doubt the wonderful love of God, for it never fails. Expressed in the words of that wonderful man of God, George Matheson,

*"O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee,
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths
Its flow may richer, fuller be."*

Our Treatment of God's Love

Since this love of God is so wonderful, and is for all the world, both good and bad, and proven by God in the giving of his only begotten Son, what then is our attitude toward this love? Can we reject so great a love? The result of accepting it is eternal life (John 3:16), peace, joy, and fellowship with his children and his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, here on earth, and an eternal home in glory in the presence of and fellowship with Love himself. Yes, the most wonderful thing in the world is that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

What Jesus Means to Me

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I wasn't doing what he said — wait patiently for him.

That night I prayed and said "Yes" to him by yielding my life to whatever task he may have for me, however great or small. There couldn't have been a happier girl who left that young people's assembly than I. I simply wasn't the same girl any more. I still have that peace and calm in my soul. Of course, I am discouraged sometimes. The Lord never promised a smooth path all the way. However, when these doubts begin to arise, I stop them before they have a chance to take hold of me. I just take it to the Lord in prayer and leave my burden there.

God's Open Door

I have simply resigned myself to the fact that in the Lord's own good time he will open the door for me and show me where he wants me. It was hard for me to sit back and be patient. The Lord doesn't work the way a man may plan something. It may be a few months or it may be a matter of years before he opens the door for me.

In the meantime, my goal is to work for him in whatever way I can. Already I've had the opportunity to serve him. In our young people's meeting here at college, I've been given an active part. God has said in his Word that if we are faithful over a few things, he will make us ruler over many things. Jesus is my unfailing friend, true to the end. As I continue my studies here, my prayer is, "Thy will be done."

This is what Jesus means to me!

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Send-off for Laura Reddig

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is too young for this act of consecration but it is evident that those who begin earliest in life have better opportunity to plan and prepare for Christian service. This fruit of Laura's visit would have been enough but God was pleased to give us more. When the offering was received, in which all were called upon for real sacrifice, our hearts were overwhelmed with the total of \$785. This was, indeed, a history-making day!

A time of fellowship was then enjoyed in the church's dining room where refreshments were served. A beautiful bouquet of American Beauty roses was presented to Laura with the thought that their fragrance and beauty would fade, but we trust the fragrance of our fellowship together that day and the beauty of the lives consecrated to the service of our Lord will always be a fragrant memory in her life, and especially in her second term in Africa.

"If any man serve me, him will my Father honor," are the words of our Savior. Laura Reddig has truly served him, and honors are being given her wherever she goes. Dayton's Bluff has been happy to be used of God to bestow laurels upon Laura and to compare the fragrance of Miss Reddig's life with roses and find them the same. Roses, however, will fade, but God has promised that Laura's laurels are "incorruptible and undefiled, and fade not away." 1. Peter 1:4.

John W. Walkup, Pastor.

Women's Day of Prayer

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"the desire of all nations shall come" (Hag. 2:7). There is a desire among nations for universal peace and that is only to be found in "Christ, the light of the world." Perhaps there have always been some in all nations who have been desiring the Lord Jesus. He possesses all they need. They want all he has, for less would not meet their case. He came once and laid a solid foundation for hope. He came to be the light for all times. He will come again and satisfy the desire of all who love his appearing.

He will then be manifestly the desire of all nations, for "all kings shall fall down before him, all nations shall serve him." "All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing to thy name." He will come and fill the earth with his knowledge, and perform the ancient prediction: "The whole earth shall be filled with my glory."

May our desire center in Jesus now. May his truth be our treasure; his love our delight; his salvation our theme; his glory our aim; and his presence our heaven.

*"Be thou a light that shines far out to sea,
A light that through the night shines steadily,
That warns the pilot of some hidden rock,
That gleams aloft amid the tempest's shock,
And never wavers till the danger's past,
Until the ship is anchored home at last in ecstasy."*

Requests for prayer.