

There's Lots of Excitement When the Family Goes Picknicking

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HAPPFHING

- The dates for the Northwestern Conference have been changed to Wednesday, August 8, to Sunday, August 12. They were formerly announced for August 1 to 5. The conference will be held at the Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock. Iowa, of which the Rev. Howard Johnson is pastor, as originally scheduled.
- On Sunday, April 15, the Rev. John Heer, pastor of the Ebenezer Church near Schattuck, Oklahoma, baptized 15 persons and on Sunday, April 29, another 4 persons. Among these who were baptized was a mother with four of her children. Mr. Heer wrote that "these were great inspirational days for the church.'
- The Rev. Otto Pankratz recently presented his resignation to the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo, Kans. and announced that he intended to continue his studies in California in the Fall of 1945. The resignation of Mr. Pankratz will become effective by the middle of July. He served the church as its pastor for about two
- The Rev. Willy Luebeck recently presented his resignation to the Baptist Church of Ashley, North Dakota. after a memorable ministry there and announced that he had accepted the call of the Fourth Street Church of Alpena, Michigan. In Alpena he will begin his ministry on June 17, succeeding the Rev. W. W. Knauf, now pastor of the Bethany Church of Kansas. Mr. Luebeck will continue the editing of the Sunday School page in "Der Sendbote" as heretofore.
- On Sunday, May 6, Mr. Robert D. Wiegner closed his ministry at the Lebanon Baptist Church near Watertown, Wisconsin. Following his graduation from Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., he began his ministry at the Baptist Church of Wisconsin. The Lebanon Omro. Church is being served at present by Mr. John Dudeck, a second year student at the Northern Baptist Seminary, who began his ministry there on May 13.
- On Mother's Day evening, May 13, the Girls' Mission Circle of the Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana honored the mothers of the church with a special program. It consisted of several songs by the group and of two dialogues, "The Spirit of Mother-hood" and "Giving Mother a Rest." The Rev. David Littke, pastor, brought a Mother's Day message. Each mother was presented with a beautiful carnation. The Circle now has 21 members.

HELPERS TOGETHER BY PRAYER

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

JUNE 17 to 23

Pray for Our Service Men and Women, that they might constantly be assured of God's guidance and protecting care.

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Pray for the Leaders of Governments, that God may give them understanding and compassion in the midst of their difficult tasks.

INFORMATION

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If you wish to become a 'Prayer Helper" and not to mutilate the leaflet, send your name and address on a separate sheet of paper and mark it, "A Helper Together by Prayer.'

- On Sunday, May 13, Chaplain Edwin Kraemer of Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana was the guest speaker at the morning Mother's Day program and evening service of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas. Chaplain Kraemer's mother is a member of the Kyle Church. The evening service was in the nature of a V-E Thanksgiving and prayer service. The Rev. David Zimmerman is pastor of the church.
- A sacred festival was held in the high school auditorium of Okeene, Okla., on Sunday afternoon, May 6, in which members of the Zion and Immanuel Baptist churches had a prominent part. Mrs. O. G. Graalman played the prelude and the Rev. Henry Pfeifer of the Zion Church spoke on "Ideals and Objectives" and the choir of the Immanuel Church near Loyal, Okla., with Rev. William Sturhahn as director sang the anthem, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice."
- On Sunday evening, April 29, the Rev. J. J. Reimer, missionary of the San Luis Valley Spanish Mission at Saguache, Colorado, had the privilege of delivering the baccalaureate sermon in the Saguache High School. On Sunday, May 13, Mr. Reimer brought the baccalaureate sermon in the near-

by Moffat High School. From May 1 to 5 the Rev. H. G. Dymmel was on the mission field visiting with the missionaries, becoming acquainted with the work and speaking at several services.

- On Monday evening, May 7, the Baptist Church of Chancellor, So. Dak., held, as did thousands of other congregations, a V-E prayer service. A special feature of the meeting was the taking of an offering for world relief. The interim pastor, Dean O. A. Pendleton of Sioux Falls College, announced that the offering was to go to the relief of war sufferers in Europe, and especially those in Germany. Thus, this church put into effect its Christian beliefs of sending material aid to those whom only a few years before had been called "Enemies."
- An All Nations Pentecost Vesper Service was held in the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., on Sunday afternoon, May 20, under the auspices of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago. Representatives of 34 nations read verses of Scripture in their own language, and the Rev. M. W. Clair, Jr., pastor of the St. Mark Methodist (Negro) Church, preached the sermon. The Rev. John Schmidt of the Baptist Church had a prominent part in this unique service. The mixed choir and male chorus of the First German Baptist Church with Mrs. Minnie Pankratz as organist and choir master sang several selections.
- The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, North Dakota held its reception for the new pastor, the Rev. H. Waltereit, and family on Sunday evening, May 20, with Mr. Jacob Kessler in charge. A program of 27 numbers was rendered, including many musical selections, messages of welcome by the church's representatives, an address by the Rev. J. J. Abel of Gackle, North Dakota, a former pastor of the church, and a response by the Rev. and Mrs. H. Waltereit. Mr. Waltereit is succeeding the Rev. Martin DeBoer, now of Buffalo Center, Iowa, in the pastorate of the Lehr Church and its several mission stations.
- During the past several months the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., has enjoyed the messages by several outstanding guest speakers. These have included Dr. W. B. Riley, president of the Northwestern Theological Seminary and Bible Training School in Minneapolis, Minn.; Rev. Reuben Olson, executive secretary of the Northern California Baptist Convention; and Dr. Sandford Fleming, president of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School of Berkeley, Calif. The church welcomes any of the Service Personnel who are now stationed on the West Coast to attend its services and Baptist Youth Fellowship meetings at 6:30 P. M. on Sunday evenings, as reported by Mrs. Edwin C. Wolff, reporter.

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This memorable article will give the HERALD readers a comprehensive picture of the Cameroons mission field as described by one of our most recent missionaries, the Rev. Earl H. Ahrens of Tacoma, Wash. It will be profusely illustrational to the comprehensive missionaries of the comprehensive missionary missi trated with new missionary pictures.

WALKING WITH GOD

This sermon by Rev. Fred Mashner, pastor of the Baptist Churches of Pound and Gillet, Wisconsin will be a devotional treat to all earnest BAPTIST HERALD readers. It will ring the bells of hearty agreement in the hearts of many.

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The illustrated story of the Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan, which boasts of one of the finest parsonages and church buildings, picturesque church grounds and an aggressive church program will be the fourth in a series to appear in "The Baptist Herald" about our denomination's rural churches. A sermon by its pastor, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, will also be featured.

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EDITORIAL

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Quit You Like Men!

THE STRENGTH of men is the need of the hour in the Christian Church. In these days of crisis for the world at large, the staunch testimony of men, spoken clearly and unequivocally for Jesus Christ, can capture the hearts of people when all other methods may fail. Their aggressive leadership will bring the Christian Church into the forefront of the world's activities in the days that are ahead.

The words of the apostle Paul have a real modern, upto-date challenge. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong!" (I Corinthians 16:13). If the men of our churches could be rallied together for a united front of action, what forces for righteousness and virile leadership would be at our command! Here are the marching orders in a nutshell: "Be on the watch. Stand firm in your faith. Act like men. Show yourselves strong."

Men's organizations have seldom been outstanding in the work of the church. It may be difficult to find the underlying causes of this weakness. But every attempt should be made honestly and earnestly to galvanize the efforts of men in an organized program for Jesus Christ. There are unlimited possibilities in harnessing this power that resides in the men of our churches. There ought to be a strong Men's Brotherhood, Men's Bible Class or even a Men's Missionary Society (see page 5 of this issue) in every church. Quit you like men of the Lord Jesus Christ!

This is of utmost importance in preparing for the return of our Service Men. If they can find an honest-to-goodness men's group in the church, to which they have come home. with convictions of faith, a progressive program and definite action, they will find it easy to attach themselves to this organization and to give themselves to its work. Real Christian men can accomplish wonders in welcoming the returning Service Men back to our churches.

The expansion program on the world's mission fields and the tremendous task of rehabilitation and relief in the postwar world will call for the business acumen and insight of Christian men who will dare to think God's thoughts after Him and to do great things by faith for Him. Their financial support and traits of leadership will loom large in the Church's program of tomorrow to help heal the wounds of the world and to solve its intricate problems.

O men of Christ's Church, arise and heed this call: "Watch ye; stand fast in the faith; quit you like men; be strong!



—Photo by Kilroy Harris

A Canadian Mounted Policeman and a Rugged Indian Meet at an Inspiring

Height in the Canadian Rockies

Are You a Man?

By Rev. JOHN E. GRYGO, Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y.

DURING one of New York City's genial Spring days I found myself riding in a "Hudson Tunnel Express", which was racing at full speed toward the New Jersey side of the Hudson river. I was sitting in a pensive mood when all of a sudden I was pleasantly interrupted by the gay and lusty chatter of a boy who was sitting with his mother opposite me.

As I watched him, he abruptly stopped his animated conversation and looking straight at me in his disconcerting innocence, pointed at me with his forefinger and proffered this question: "Are you a man?" I could not help but chuckle to myself before I was able to answer him.

We Should Be Watchful!

However, throughout the day, and since then, this all-pervading question would not leave me, and I am sure these innocent words inscribed themselves deeply upon the tablets of my memory. In order to ascertain their full meaning I began to search my heart, as well as the Scriptures and found the following text which opened to me a new vista upon life's responsibilities.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." I Cor. 16:13.

The Apostle Paul uses here four imperatives. Let us examine them separately so that our hearts and minds might be permeated with these precious truths.

Our blessed Lord reminds us "to watch and pray that we enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matt. 26: Throughout the ages the voice of the tempter has not been silenced. He is able to play music for all ears. The great deceiver knows how to lay the trap for young and old, for saint and sinner. It pays therefore to be cautious and on the alert. Many serious-minded Christians deplore the heedlessness and carelessness that is prevalent in many professing Christians. It is well to pray for others, but we must also pray for ourselves. Some people seem to glory in the knowledge that others pray for them. If they only knew how discouraging it is to pray for someone who has no moral qualms whatsoever.

It pays to be on the watch. As watchmen of our spiritual destinies we should also keep a sharp eye upon the gathering clouds on the horizon. Every thoughtful believer can see the handwriting on the wall. The signs of our time point definitely to the fact that the day of our Lord is at hand. Blessed is he, who entertains this glorious hope!

"Behold I come as a thief: blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." (Rev. 16:15). "Every man therefore that hath this hope purifieth himself as he is pure." (I John 3:3). Heavenly-minded people will find it easy to remain pure in heart. They are not of the earth, and they do not have an assumed piety

either, but stand out in this irreverent age as a constant inspiration to their fellow Christians. Their beauty of holiness and odor of sanctity signify that they are one with God.

Stand Fast in the Faith!

It is impossible to please God without faith. In order to please him we must become children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. How wonderful it would be if we could say that all people have that faith, but all men do not have faith. The children of darkness are still contending against the light. The reprobate is still denying the truth, and the sinner is still scoffing, reviling and cursing God. Impiety and apathy are still at home among the sons of Belial. The worldlings are still parading arrogantly before our eyes saying contemptuously to us: "Where is thy God?"

We are living in an age of doubt and skepticism. The vast majority of people are not only indisposed and reluctant to believe, but continually question the credibility of the Word of God. Others are vacillating between two extremes. Their opinions are forever changing. Hence, their position is rather vulnerable, because their house has not been built on rock but on the shifting sands of time. They are a sorrowful lot and need to know that a true believer ought to stand fast. He ought to keep the field in spite of all the vicissitudes of life and the restlessness of our time. It pays to carry on, to endure, to be firm!

We Should Be Men!

In the eyes of God, long trousers will not necessarily make men of us. He is far more interested in the sterling qualities that go to make real manhood. And Paul here is neither concerned with the natural nor carnal man but primarily with the spiritual man, who has attained spiritual maturity.

Such a man is the pride of the Christian community. He is able to look danger in the face. He is intrepid, unabashed, and confident. Men of courage always command deep respect and high regard. Fainthearted and spiritless creatures are prone to cast gloom and despair into the ranks of believers, thereby weakening the position of the Church of Christ.

No wonder, then, that laxity, indifference, backsliding, perversion and hardening have taken hold of many feeble Christans. Not a few have made shipwreck, while some have erred because they were not rooted and built up in Christ. John's words still hold true: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (I John 5:4).

Our days call for men who are able to go through fire and water, who are able to defy danger, and who are able to show fight when it comes to show spiritual manhood.

We Should Be Strong!

To be strong does not denote to be physically powerful only. Many a man was able to perform incredible feats of strength, even though morally (Continued on Page 10)

A Men's Missionary Society

A Real Challenge to the Men of Our Churches
by Rev. M. A. DARROCH, Th. D., Pastor of the Evangel Baptist
Church, Newark, New Jersey

HAVING been requested by several to write an article on a rather unusual organization which we have at the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey I shall endeavor to do so.

In February 1944, it was my privi-

In February 1944, it was my privilege to speak to a group of men of the Evangel Church called together to present to them a challenge for the place of men in the church's program. At the close of the message, a challenge was given to the men to organize a Men's Missionary Society. This challenge was enthusiastically accepted, and now, after the first year, having met once each month during the year, the Evangel Men's Missionary Society is an established organization of our Church, and monthly, from sixty to one hundred men meet to hear a missionary challenge.

It has long been my conviction that one of the reasons we do not have more young men and women volunteering for the missionary field is that we have left the task of missions with our women.

The Place of Men

At no time in the history of the Christian Church has it faced such a challenge as it does today and as it will in the post-war period. At no time in the history of the universe has there been more outside interests to direct our attention from the great task which is at hand, and, when there is a great task to do, always there is a demand for MEN to do it.

Remember when Israel was facing the great task of leaving Egypt and returning to Canaan. The call was for MEN — Abraham to head a great nation, Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt, Joshua to lead them into the promised land, Elijah to call the people back to God, Gideon and his three hundred men, and Nehemiah when he wanted the wall of Jerusalem built. When God began the Christian Church on earth, they were twelve men whom he chose as his disciples, and Paul was the man called as the first foreign missionary of the church.

It is true in the business world as well as in the Christian world. In time of war the country calls for MEN (true, there has always been a place for women and a work for them to do, but the great cry and need is for MEN).

Recently women have been called on to do much of the work done by men for the war effort but recent consensus of opinion, according to a well-known trade journal regarding post-war conditions is, and we quote: "Women never have, and are not now, nor never can, take the place of manpower in industry". During the last three decades, women have been



Dr. M. A. Darroch, Pastor of the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey

coming into increased prominence in the Lord's work. In some churches, we wonder what might have happened had women not taken the lead in the work!

It Takes Men to Reach Men

Christianity has always been, and is today more than ever, a real challenge to men and a call of real manhood.

Literally, hundreds of men in our communities who are not interested in church, might be won for Christ if men would only set aside time and go and visit them. It is estimated that there are more than three million more women than men in churches today. Why? Because the women have been working at it in their women's organizations in the church.

When the church lays emphasis upon women's work, women predominate; when emphasis is laid upon children's work, children predominate; when emphasis will be laid upon men's work, men will be in prominence to that extent. Laymen are reached through other laymen. As a pastor, I am anxious that as a church we have an organization to reach men.

Some Challenges to Men

Our boys in service will be returning before long. They know the sacrifice of manhood. They will be facing a new world. Many of them have been in the midst of battle and

have gone all out for Christ. We need to be concerned about what they will find when they return to their church — not women and children predominating but men in proper proportion. They have been used to leadership of men; I believe they will be looking to men for spiritual leadership. What will they find in our church?

There are men — Christians — who are weak, who are falling into the ways of the world in these days, losing interest in their home and in the church. I believe some of the antialcohol associations have shamed the church in their interest in such men, realizing for their own good, for the good of the community, for the good of their homes, and for the good of mankind, that they should be helped.

Organizations have been set up that seek to keep men too busy to have time for alcohol and other things. On the other hand, the church lets the women have all the extra nights, calling the wives out and leaving men with time on their hands and nothing to do. Let us ask ourselves, what real sacrifice have we made to help our weaker brother?

Fellowship Among Men

A real men's missionary interest is needed. It is true in nearly every country that there are many times as many women as men volunteering for missionary service. This is in spite of the fact that there is much on the field that women cannot do. Why is this true? Because men have left the missionary challenge up to the women's societies. O yes, we have been glad to give something to their support and feel that we have done sufficient. Young men will follow men's leadership. If men are interested, young men will go.

Men need Christian fellowship among men. In churches and on mission fields there are many women to one man, and in clubs and lodges there are many men to every one woman. Man has a social side which must not be overlooked. There is a need for fellowship among men.

There is a great need for leadership in Boy's work. Boys look to men for leadership. What are we doing in the

way of leading them?

I believe the challenge is three-fold: first, to reach men for Christ. In order to do this, we need the knowledge of the Word and must have Bible Study. Second, to provide needed Christian fellowship among men; and third, to serve and to promote Home and Foreign Missions.

Summing up this message, my challenge to you is to organize and go to work for the Lord. Do we as men want to meet such a challenge? Are we willing to pay the price to reach men for Christ?

Going Forward With Edmonton's Building Project

Testimonies by the Edmonton Institute Melodians Boosting the \$45,000 Building Project

Our Growing Christian Training Institute Family

By Inez Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta

T HAS been my privilege to be a member of the Christian Training Institute family for a number of years. The many blessings that have been mine are countless. It has been a joy to me to have new students enroll every year and in that way to get better acquainted with the young people up here in the Northwest. It is very interesting to watch the young people grow and develop in their spiritual life while attending the Bible School.

I thank God for the opportunity of having a little share in this great work that the Lord has so graciously entrusted to us as a denomination.

Our C. T. I. family has been growing steadily from year to year regardless of the present world conditions. and we certainly are happy and thankful for this. Every year, as the applications come in, we wonder and question ourselves whether there will be room enough for all. This year we really were overcrowded, which made it very hard for students to study when there are three or four in one dormitory room that was originally planned for only two students. We must build if we are to accommodate more students. We do hope and pray that it will be possible for us to have a new addition very soon.

Our aim is to go forward with Christ by also enabling young people to receive Bible School training and thus better to equip themselves for his service.

Our Prayer Burden for a Larger School

By Lena Paul

Glory and praise be to Him who is worthy of all exaltation. Rich with blessing have been the past four years of Bible School for me.

No one can imagine the blessedness of a Bible School Course without actually taking it themselves. We have learned how wonderfully God gave to us and preserved for us his precious Word throughout the ages. We considered the attacks that modernism, skepticism and science make upon it and we always found the Bible victorious in every test.

Thanks be to God for the Spiritfilled and consecrated teachers whom he gave us in our Christian Training Institute and who lead students on to higher planes. How I praise God for classes that have made his presence real and that have qualified us for the great task before us.

Realizing that the prayer closet is the best school for Christian workers, the teachers and students have spent

Sunday June 24 Has Been Set Aside as Edmonton Institute Sunday

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much time in prayer. Heaven drew very near at times when books and classes were forgotten and we turned to the Lord in prayer. In spite of the wonderful times at

In spite of the wonderful times at the Institute a heavy burden is on our hearts, but we hold fast to the promise we find in Matthew 21:22. We have prayed much for God's guidance in building a larger school, which is necessary to accommodate all who are led by God to attend.

Think and pray much about this project that his precious will might be done.

The World Needs Christian Youth Leaders

By Ruth Unger of Olds, Alberta

I praise God for having given me the wonderful opportunity of attending the Christian Training Institute.

It was through the study of God's precious Word, the blessed prayer hours, the practical work, and the Christian fellowship with other young people, that I was led closer to my Lord. I have learned to love and put my trust in him, the great Redeemer of the world. I realized the great need for full surrender to him in order to fulfill the great mission of saving souls.

Today the world is looking to youth for help. Never have opportunities been so great for spiritual service.

In these dark days it is very necessary that young people witness and shine for Christ, and give their best service for his cause. This service requires efficient young people, and that needs preparation.

The Christian Training Institute is doing a fine work in aiding the students to make this preparation, and then helping them to find their place in Christian service.

The need for enlarging our school is very great. This past year students have been crowded, not only in the dormitory rooms, but also in class rooms and dining room.

After the present war we expect many more students, who are at present serving our country, to attend the school. If these and others are to be given the best training possible, we must have a larger building.

God has worked wonders in the past, and we trust him for guidance even in this matter. We covet the prayers of God's people everywhere. Workers are needed, and they must be trained for his service.

God has never failed us. We can say with the Psalmist in Psalm 126:3 that "the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Anticipated Blessings of a New School Building

By Martha Paul

Rich with blessing have been the days of Bible School for me at Edmonton's Christian Training Institute. God has certainly given us a wonderful opportunity to study the inexhaustible treasures of his precious Word.

What a rare privilege it has been to train for Christian service under the instruction of Spirit-filled teachers. They have enthused us concerning the riches we have in Christ Jesus, and have begotten a longing within us that He shall reign "Far above all."

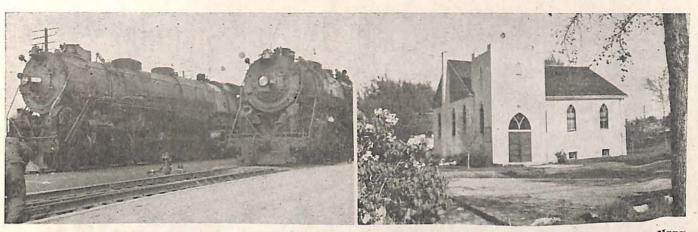
It has always been my desire to become better acquainted with my Bible, to grow spiritually and serve Jesus Christ. The Christian Training Institute has helped me in an extraordinary way, and I thank God for the precious moments he has enabled me to spend there.

The practical work in which I was privileged to invest some of my time has strengthened me in him and given me a zeal to do more in his service.

Young people from far and near have enjoyed themselves together with me in training for the great work of our Master. Truly, the need for workers is great and quite as evident is the need for more space at the Institute.

Our school which was built for approximately 50 students has in this past winter accommodated more than 70. Studying in crowded dormitories is difficult, and often we longed for a room into which we could enter and spend much time with God alone, undisturbed. We thank God for the hope of a new building which will certainly be a great blessing and benefit to our denomination.

"My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19.)



Trains and Buses Have Taken the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Home Mission Secretary, on Trips, Totaling 10,000 Miles, to Many of Our Churches Including the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado (Right) of Which the Rev. Adolf Reeh is Pastor

God's Battle Line of Today

A Report of Travel Impressions by Rev. H. G. DYMMEL, Home Mission Secretary

YOU HAVE been waiting for a word from your home mission secretary. Now he is willing to apprize you. He became established in his office and has gone out to the battle line for a talk with officers and men, for the "feel" of action and for a survey of strategy and tactics, not only of the allied powers of light, but also the knavish powers of darkness.

Your home mission secretary was eager to note what purposes motivate the children of God in our beloved denomination; what keeps them going, hoping, striving, singing, conquering; what animates them, thrills them, challenges them; how far they have succeeded in deepening their faith, in strengthening their loyalty to the Savior and to their denomination, holding fast the anchor of hope, looking forward to the triumph of the risen and glorified Son of God.

Anaheim and Forest Park

However, prior to my touching upon the highlights of my thrilling quest, I pause to remember the gracious church which afforded me that tempering of faith and spirit, without which no servant of the Lord can hope to obey him implicitly. I refer to the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif. Because of the faithful and self-denying labor of my consecrated predecessors there, my family and I reaped untold blessings of kindness and opportunity, and when we said Good-bye, the church's love offering from official and private treasuries was well over eight hundred dollars.

Our undying gratitude was aptly expressed when, months later, our daughter, Joan, drew a palm tree on a coated window pane and beside the palm tree, a valentine heart and within this heart, these words: "I love you, Anaheim." We rejoice that our earnest prayers and fond wishes for Anaheim come true under my successor.

And how did we find "the Office" in Forest Park, Illinois? To be sure, the material facilities are unpretentious, but the spirit there is one of friendliness, thoughtfulness, and of equality. Here labor faithfully Dr. William Kuhn, our general missionary secretary; bright and benign; the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, the promotional secretary; jovial and generous; the Rev. J. C. Gunst, the new young people's secretary, fleet and forwardlooking; Mr. Roland Ross, the comptroller, clear-eyed and quick-minded. Here also assist at top efficiency Miss G. Remmler, versatile, stenographer in two languages; Miss G. Schulte, ubiquitous and ever ready; Mrs. G. Koch, smiling bookkeeper and the secretaries' obliging ticket agent of all railroads; - an altogether goodly fellowship.

Ten Thousand Miles!

As I became aware of my nook in this hallowed place, I accepted invitations to various churches in and around Chicago in order to witness to the glories of the Gospel, and then, on February 10, I left on my first extensive trip of two months to our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta and the churches in and around that city in Canada. Within a period of six months, then, I have served in forty-four churches and schools of our denomination with one hundred sixty sermons, lectures, and addresses, up to seven times in one day. It is an enriching and stimulating love!

What did I find in all my travels of about ten thousand miles? Some of

NOW MORE THAN EVER -

"The world will not be Christian without our effort." "We will not be Christian unless we make the effort." my questions have not been answered as yet; others have been answered only in part. Some answers I shall report in subsequent articles. But this much is certain. Our denomination holds fast to the reality of things unseen. It is looking unto Jesus for salvation to the uttermost. It expects his coming in power and in glory. It is confident that he who rose from the grave is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Who is our enemy? The enemy evades showing his hand; he assumes the tactics of fifth columnist. He comes to us in the name of humanity and tolerance in order to destroy soul liberty, liberty of conscience, for which our forefathers suffered and sacrificed. He arrogates unto himself political power in order to relegate Protestantism to a secondary place and weaken it in our Protestant countries: the United States and Canada.

The Victory of Love

What is our remedy? A knowledge of the Word of God in its bearing upon the faith and the life of Christians amid a crooked and perverse generation. Baptists must know in Whom they have believed and What they believe. They must always be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh as a reason of the hope is in us with meekness and fear. (1 Peter 3:15).

I am writing this report on V-E Day, which means victory in Europe, but our concern is V-L Day, the Victory of Love, for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. (2 Cor. 10:4,5.)

To arms, ye valiant warriors of the

Lord



The Glory of the Evening Sunset Over an Island in the South Pacific With the Tents of the Seabees in the

The (haplain's (orner

By Chaplain ROY ANDERSON of the United States Navy, a Member of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois

N MOST of the ships' papers there is usually a corner given to the Chaplain so that he might write his little piece each week. He may present a religious article or just air his view on any subject which he feels is pertinent at the time.

Since coming back from a tour of duty overseas, there have been opportunities to compare the church services as conducted on a military reservation with those conducted in our churches. Naturally the aim is the same, to bring men to a knowledge of God through his Son Jesus Christ. However, there are a number of things which have been brought to my mind regarding the work of our churches which might be of value to some. Hence, the reason for this article.

In this day in which spiritual things are relegated to the background, it is real encouragement to all of us to know that the church of Jesus Christ stands for the spiritual truths revealed to us in the Bible. More and more people are finding the church to be a refuge during these days of unrest, and one of the marvelous things about the church is the way in which it has adapted itself to the present situation.

The church at home is reaching out in many ways in order to make known its message of salvation. The church center program has taken on a wider significance as the idea has grown that more and more Service Men are being reached. Although the missionary program has been curtailed, the consecration of many who have volunteered for foreign missionary work indicates that there will be a great revival in the interest of missions. The fact that chaplains as well as many of the Service Men themselves, as

messengers of God, have gone into were as poorly equipped for modern battle areas to take the message of hope means that few men can say that they have never had the opportunity of hearing about Christ. The church has adapted itself well; it has gained and will continue to gain in prestige as men see and realize what is being

The church must always keep in mind that its primary purpose is to minister to the spiritual needs of man. That was Christ's constant emphasis to the disciples, and the New Testament never ceases to portray this fact.

The hearts of men are hungry for spiritual food and unless the church provides this, who or what will?

Jesus taught us a lesson regarding the spiritual needs of men when on the occasion of the feeding of the five thousand, the record says: "And Jesus when he came out saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.'

On the other hand, the disciples saw only the physical needs and said: "Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread for they have nothing to eat." The disciples saw a hungry mob of people. Jesus saw beyond the physical to the spiritual hunger which was far greater. Thus, he fed them spiritual food. The church today must see this deeper need of mankind and provide food to meet that need.

Our people are not equipped spiritually to meet the forces of this day. It is true among the men whom I have come in contact that few of them have the strength to withstand the sin which they face. If our fighting men

warfare as they are for spiritual warfare, it would be difficult to say where we as a nation would be.

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Men, most of them, do not know the "A. B. C's" of spiritual truth, a situation which is made worse because of the spiritual indifference which accompanies their ignorance. Is the church at fault? Is the home to blame? It is time, at any rate, that something positive were done about this situation and the first step is for the church leadership to see this problem.

A Sunday morning worship in a military camp seldom lasts more than fifty minutes which includes a sermon about twenty minutes long. This may be streamlined and seem short for the regular church service in our churches, and yet I've attended services which lasted one hour and fifteen minutes or more and I know it shouldn't have taken more than an hour. Looking at it from the Service Man's point of view, the long announcements about individual groups (which were of little interest to the congregation as a whole) and an iteration and reiteration of announcements already presented in full in the bulletin certainly were superficial. This, coupled with a "too long" sermon, does not make the church attractive to a visitor.

We call our Wednesday evening services a "Prayer Meeting", but how much prayer is really offered? The proportion of prayer to the rest of the service is very small. In fact, it would seem that prayer was the incidental part of the program, and was indulged in only if time remained after the hymns, sermon, announcements and business were completed.

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Service Men Carry Their Torch Everywhere

Testimonies of Our Service Men Stationed in All Parts of the World

Chaplain Ralph Rott Sends Greetings from Somewhere in the Philippines

Greetings from the Philippines! Things are going as well as can be expected, but the deplorable situation is the shortage of chaplains in the Pacific area. I am enjoying my work because of its great challenge and the opportunity to serve our men.

One of my greatest joys over here has been talking to several hundred



Lt. (J. G.) and Mrs. Theo. W. Niebuhr of Irvington, New Jersey (See accompanying Article)

missionaries (many of them Baptists) who were rescued from the Japanese Internment Camps. I have also had some enjoyable conversations with Dr. Cruspero who is secretary of the Baptist work in the Philippines.

My address is Chaplain Ralph Rott, 0-926745, 283 Repl. Co. 5 Repl. Depot, APO 711, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Lt. Theodore W. Niebuhr Holds Services of Worship Aboard His Ship

By REV. J. F. NIEBUHR of Ocean Grove, New Jersey

After five months of duty overseas Lt. (J.G.) Theo. W. Niebuhr of Irvington, N. J., a son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Niebuhr of Ocean Grove, N. J., was home recently on a short furlough.

He was able to institute services of worship on Sundays aboard his ship. There were only two men who attended the first service, but that number has grown until 20 of the 27 men on his ship attend the services regularly. He is able to give spiritual help to the men as a naval officer and to witness for his Lord to some who have never heard the gospel.

Lt. Niebuhr is now on the high seas again for unknown destinations. We ask the prayers of our Christian friends for his protection and safe return. The accompanying snapshot shows Lt. and Mrs. Niebuhr and their two sons.

Experiences of Sgt. Leypoldt Half-way Around the World

By S/Sgt. John G. Leypoldt, Somewhere in the South Pacific

(A Member of the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon, and the Son of Dr. and Mrs. John Leypoldt)

What a pleasant surprise we had on Easter morn when we came into view of hostile shores! And, yet, the depth of the meaning of a risen Christ brought to me anew the power and safekeeping that is ours in the possession of a staunch faith in him. Nothing could be of greater satisfaction to me, and it is only through the influence of loved ones and friends that this has been made possible.

Perhaps you might be interested in the journeys of on of the large number that have carried the torch in the new life which has beset us. The fortunes of war have sent me to the wastelands of the North, to the Island of Paradise of the Pacific, to the coral reefs of the Marshalls, then to the Philippine Commonwealth and now to the outer fringe of the Japanese homeland. Indeed, the field is great as we observe the miseries, both material and spiritual, of some of these people of these remote places. Experiences of all of us have been tempering at times, but I am sure they have been beneficial in the knitting together of a well rounded life.

Sgt. Hartmann Visits Most of Our Kansas Churches

By Sgt. Marvin C. Hartmann of Ft. Riley, Kansas

(A Member of the Bethel Church, Ana-heim, Calif.)

I wish to express my gratitude to those responsible for my receiving "The Baptist Herald." For many years I have found great joy in reading it, but never has this been more true than it has in the past 21/2 years during which I have been in the Army. The articles, the editorials, the reports have all meant much to me, far more than I can express in

The greater part of this past year has seen me stationed here at Fort Riley in Kansas. Here I have had the glorious opportunity of personally visiting quite a number of the churches about which I had, in years gone by, read about so often in "The Baptist Herald." I have had many interesting, enjoyable, and inspiring experiences in my visits to our various churches here, experiences that I shall always treasure highly.

A list of our own Kansas churches that I've had the pleasure of visiting thus far includes the following: Lorraine, Marion, Ebenezer, Strassburg, Mt. Zion, Dillon, and Durham. At each church I have been most royally welcomed. I came usually knowing just about nobody; I left knowing just about everybody. Warm, friendly hospitality and fine, Christian fellow-

ship are characteristics common to most churches of all denominations everywhere but particularly can this be said of our Kansas churches of the North American Baptist fellowship.

I am thankful that the Lord has ever been near me in these past years. He has demonstrated his great love on many occasions. I am also thankful for the many who have remembered me so faithfully in their prayers. I have an obligation that I can fulfill in only one way—by living in a way wholly acceptable in His sight!



Sgt. Marvin C. Hartmann of Ft. Riley, Kansas, a Member of the Bethel Bap-tist Church of Anaheim, Calif.

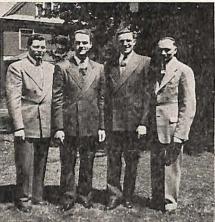
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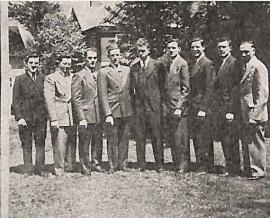
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Regardless of what we say about the spiritual attractiveness of the church, the one thing which is needful above all else is the personal consecration of each member. It was E. Stanley Jones who said, "There is no Christ apart from human personality." Talk all we want to about a great Savior and yet if that Savior is not manifested in the lives of those who profess him, that talk means little or nothing.

One of the men who attends the Bible class told me of some of his experiences aboard ship. Although his associates ridiculed him regarding his faith, but when he was to leave the ship he received one of the highest compliments he said he had ever received from one of the men who never hesitated to believe him. This fellow came to him, put his arm around him and said, "I've ridiculed you many times, but I wish I had what you've got. Would you please pray for me?"

When this kind of living is common rather than unusual, men and women will learn to respect the Church and the Christ whom it presents.







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New Students of the 1944-1945 Season of the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., Showing Four Canadian Students (Left) and Three North Dakota Young Men (Right)

Thirteen New Seminary Students

By Dr. GEORGE A. LANG, President of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York

HIS school year at the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., has been a blessed one. We received new students both in September 1944 and January 1945. In all 13 new men came to our Seminary. They were classified as 3 special students and 10 regular, full time students, but one of them had to drop out before the first semester was over because of sickness.

The accompanying center picture shows our nine regular students. We wish to give their names with a few interesting facts about them.

Norman Miller, at the extreme left, is from our church in Venturia, No. Alvin Straub comes from Saskatchewan. Raymond Dickau hails from Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Isador Faszer comes from Hilda, Saskatchewan. Alwin Wetter, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. G. Wetter, is from the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich. Dale Chaddock is a member of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich. Ervin Gerlitz comes from Goodrich, No. Dak. Victor Stading is also a North Dakotan, coming from our church at Hebron. Rudolph Rapske is from our church at Morris, Manitoba.

All four students from Canada were students of our Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. Three of them, Isadore Faszer, Rudolph Rapske and Alvin Straub, have brought their wives with them. Two of the couples are staying in our married students apartments. The third expects to move in when room is made available in the Fall.

Besides those on the picture are our special students. Walter Klempel of our church in Lambert, Montana was with us throughout the year. The Rev. LaVerne Erickson, pastor of the Swedish Covenant Church of Rochester, and the Rev. Kenneth White, worker among the Jews of the city,

took several courses with us throughout one or both semesters. Howard Dike of the Cazenovia Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y. had to delay his studies because of sickness. He expects to come back in the Fall if his health permits.

This is a very promising class with splendid ministerial talent. We are grateful to the Lord for them. Besides their studies almost all of them, like the rest of our students, are active in some phase of church work in or about the city of Rochester.

Nothing would please us more than to have as large or even larger an entering class this September. We pray that the Lord will continue to call such recruits for his high calling and that our churches will continue to send to us these men for training in our Seminary, which is specifically dedicated to the task of instructing and training men especially for the pastorate of our North American Baptist General Conference Churches.

Call to Prospective Seminary Students

By Dr. George A. Lang, President

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

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

ARE YOU A MAN?

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and spiritually he was only a weakling. He might have overpowered his opponent in the sport arena, but in the arena of life he was easily overcome by the enticing influences of sin and sadly had to concede defeat. Others may be only ginger-bread men. Their cheap, flimsy sanctimony will not stand up in the hour of need. They fail dismally. Oh, yes, they may be singing psalms for pretense, but they know that all is false and hollow.

"I have written unto you young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, you have overpowered the wicked one." (I John 2:14). How we need to know that our heavenly Father wants us to be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might! We must be morally and spiritually strong. Our time demands

strong men with firm convictions rooted in the Word of God.

"God give us men!-determined, brave and strong-

Who stand for Right and dare to smite

Whole-hearted men-unselfish, fearless, bold-

Whose love of truth outweighs the greed of gold, Devoted men, who think and pray and

How best to serve and help their fellow man.

While selfishness misrules, and greed and lust

Entice and drag their victims in the

Send up a prayer, again and yet again. With faith unfailing still-God give us

Rev. C. H. Mead, D. D.

REPORTS FROM THE

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. John Crouthamel by Philadelphia's Fleishmann Church

On Wednesday evening, May 2, a reception was tendered the Rev. John Crouthamel and his bride by the members and friends of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. At this time the officials of the church and various other department leaders expressed their congratulations and best wishes to the young couple in behalf of the church. A gift of money was presented to them. Refreshments were served in the Social Hall and a fine time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all.

This event was the climax of recent happenings starting on New Year's Eve, when five persons were baptized by Mr. Crouthamel. On Easter Sunday nine more converts entered into the fellowship of the Fleischmann Memorial Church through baptism.

On April 21 Mr. Crouthamel was united in marriage with Miss Margery Shinehouse in the presence of several hundred persons. The Rev. H. Palfenier, pastor of the Pilgrim Church and the Rev. S. Thomas officiated at the beautiful and impressive marriage ceremony. Upon returning from their honeymoon the young couple moved into the parsonage next to the church, which had just been renovated and redecorated.

Since October when Mr. Crouthamel was called to be our pastor, he has inspired our church with a new vision and zeal. His consecrated, energetic efforts have spontaneously awakened the church's membership. Many neighborhood people are now attending the services as well as sending their children to the Sunday School. We pray that our work will continue and that the efforts may bring results for the furthering of the Kingdom of God in our community.

George J. Pfisterer, Church Clerk.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Inspiring Missionary Conference at the Bethel Church of Buffalo, New York

The Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York, held its third Missionary Conference from May 6 to 13. On Sunday, May 6, Mrs. Wm. Davis who is associated with the Gospel Furthering Fellowship located at Nairobi, Kenya Colony, Africa brought a truly inspiring message of the work among the natives there. In the evening Dr. William Kuhn, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Missionary Society, reported on the work of our own missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa.



Rev. and Mrs. John Crouthamel of Philadelphia, Pa., Shortly After Their Marriage on April 21st

On Tuesday, May 8, Rev. Ted Wimer reported on the French Equatorial Africa Mission with an illustrated message of his recent work there. On May 9th we held a round table discussion on missions in the post-war world. At the evening service the Rev's. J. G. Dale and R. Dawson brought very interesting reports and pictures on the work among the Indians of Mexico.

On May 10th Rev. H. Commons brought an inspiring message about missions and missionaries in the Islands of the Sea in the present war. On May 11th Rev. W. Ross, recently returned from Brazil, brought a thrilling illustrated story of his work in South America.

On Sunday, May 13, Rev. J. McCullough told of his work in Bolivia, South America. In the evening Rev. J. McCaba told of his interesting work in Africa where he recently translated the New Testament in the Djerma tongue for his work with the Moslems there.

God has truly blessed us in these meetings. Jane Rembes, an active member of the Bethel Sunday School and Church, gave her testimony of the Lord's call to her to China. Several other young people dedicated their lives for the Lord's service in mission work. Our sincere prayer is that as a result of these meetings we at Bethel may catch the vision of our part in missions in the post-war world.

Mrs. B. R. Krehl, Reporter.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Ordination of Rev. Lester Spencer at the Bethany Church Near Portland, Oregon

The Bethany Baptist Church of rural Portland, Oregon called a council on May 4th to consider the expediency of ordaining Mr. Lester Spencer, a mem-

ber of that church. The council was organized with Dr. J. Olthoff as moderator and Rev. F. W. Mueller as clerk.

The candidate was introduced to the council by his pastor, Rev. Frank Friesen. We then proceeded to hear the candidate's experience of his conversion, his call to the ministry and his doctrinal views of Bible truths. The countrical views of Bible truths. cil was delighted upon hearing Brother Spencer and in one accord recommended to the church to proceed with the ordination that same evening.

The clerk of the council brought the ordination sermon on the topic, "The Supernatural Work of the Christian Ministry." Dr. John Leypoldt offered the ordination prayer, as the ministers present placed their hands on Brother Spencer. Rev. Otto Roth welcomed the candidate into the ministerial ranks, while Rev. Leland Friesen spoke fitting words of charge to him. The Bethany Choir sang two songs of praise to the delight of all. The Rev. Lester Spencer dismissed the meeting by pronouncing the benediction.

He will work with the American Sunday School Union as a missionary. Mr. Spencer received his Bible training at the Los Angeles Bible Institute.

Fred W. Mueller, Clerk.

Forty-seven New Members Welcomed Into the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C.

The days of February 19 to March 4, 1945 were glorious days in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Special revival meetings were held with Rev. F. W. Mueller of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon as evangelist. It was truly a time of spiritual revival, and the power of God was made manifest in the hearts of those who repented and took a definite stand for the Lord. Twenty persons opened their hearts for the first time to the Lord, eight rededicated their lives to Christ and thirteen members of other churches decided to join this church.

On the 18th of March the baptismal service was held. Brother Mueller was with us again and delivered the baptismal message. With those baptized our pastor, Rev. L. F. Gassner, had the privilege of giving the hand of fellowship to 28 new members. On May 6 we welcomed 19 additional members into our fellowship.

As our church and Sunday School increases we are able to undertake much necessary work. The church building has been repaired with an expense of over \$3,600. Greater amounts have been given for mission purposes. Our young people in competition with the Baptist churches of the Lower Mainland have repeatedly carried away the prizes offered. The Junior society is the most active group and brings much joy to the church. Our choirs not only contribute to the services in our church, but are repeatedly invited to sing in other churches at special occasions.

> Fred Kanwischer. Asst. Church Clerk.

only a brief but bright pause in the

triumphal march of this church of

Jesus Christ to great victories in the

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Anniversary and Mission Pro-

gram Presented by the Young

People at Buffalo Center, Iowa

Young People's Society of the Baptist

Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa held

an inspiring anniversary and mission-

ary program. A stirring hymn by the

group and warm words of welcome by

the president, Merle Miller, opened the

On Wednesday evening, April 25, the

days to come.
M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Happy and Inspiring Events at the Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota

Not only have we held our ground in the past months, but we have gained some new objectives in the small army in Christ's Kingdom at the Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak. On Easter Sunday our minister, the Rev. J. G. Benke, had the joy and pleasure of baptizing three young people as a result of evangelistic meetings held in the fall, in which Rev. John Reimer assisted. Two other young people were received into membership that day.

On April 17 the Christian Training Institute Girl's Quartet of the Edmonton School visited us to bring us a message in song and words, and stirring up the interest of our people in the work at Edmonton. Generally speaking, our people have had little information and understanding of what is being accomplished at Edmonton. The girls quartet left a deep impression with a packed house, and an offering of \$112.27 was taken and sent to headquarters.

On Sunday evening, April 29, the members of our B. Y. P. U. gave a play entitled, "The Soldier of the Cross." Mrs. Benke had put in a lot of work in directing the play, and it was enjoyed very much by the large audience. An offering was taken to be used for the Bender Memorial Trek.

On Mother's Day we had the privilege of having Rev. Karl Gieser, the superintendent of the Baptist Old People's Home at Bismarck, as our guest speaker for our morning service. In the evening Mr. Gieser gave the German message at a joint Mother's Day service arranged by the Ministerial Association of Hebron, and held at the St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

On Thursday evening, May 10, the Women's Mission Society held a Mother and Daughter banquet in the basement of our church at Hebron. A very appropriate and interesting program had been worked out by Mrs. Benke. Mrs. J. C. Schweitzer of Bismarck gave the main address of the evening, supplemented by a few remarks by Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, who is leaving Bismarck to enter the general evangelistic work of the denomination.

I. E. Giedt, Correspondent.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

A Wonderful Revival Is Experienced at the Beaver Baptist Church of Michigan

The Beaver Baptist Church of Midland, Michigan recently experienced a wonderful revival when the Rev. Melvin Pekrul of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with the assistance of our pastor, the Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, conducted two weeks of evangelistic services from April 16 to 22. The church members were awakened to a greater realization of their duties and responsibilities as



Rev. Melvin Pekrul (Left) and Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, Pastor of the Beaver Baptist Church Near Midland, Michigan

Christians. It was also a special joy to have eight persons make their decision for Christ.

During the two weeks a special Bible reading campaign was in effect to see if we could read the grand total of the equivalent of half of the Bible. The report on the closing day revealed to us that we had read a total of 38,326 verses, or 1,336 chapters, which means that we more than doubled our goal. During this period the ministers truly gave of their best to the Master, making calls in about 45 homes, which in some cases is a traveling distance of twenty miles or more.

On the closing evening of the services about 70 followers consecrated anew their services for Christ for the coming year. Since Mr. Pekrul and Mr. Zimmerman were classmates at the Rochester Baptist Seminary, it was a special joy and privilege for them to work together.

Luanna Majeske, Reporter.

Alberta-Saskatchewan Central Association

The Annental Church extends a hearty welcome to all delegates and visitors to the Alberta-Sas-katchewan Central Association and Tri Union to be held at this church from June 28 to July 1. Please notify the undersigned about your

Robert Jaster, Church Clerk Richmond, Sask., Canada



Rev. J. G. Benke of Hebron, North Dakota and Three Young People Whom he Recently Baptized

The 32nd Commencement of Chicago's Northern Seminary With Impressive Exercises

The graduation exercises of Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary on Thursday evening, May 17, had unusual significance for our North American Baptist Churches. The festivities were held in the First Congregational Church of Chicago which was the site of our General Conference in 1928. President Charles W. Koller was the genial presiding officer, extending greetings to the enthusiastic audience and conferring the degrees on the large class of 57 graduates. Dr. Koller in his 8th successive commencement as president of Northern Baptist Seminary has been eminently successful in this ministry and has constantly testified to the moulding influences in our North American Baptist Churches upon his life.

The Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, pastor of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was one of six students to receive the degree of doctor of theology. He merited this high scholastic honor after completing the necessary graduate studies and writing a thesis on the erudite theme, The Theological Implications in the Theory of the Finite Self in the Philosophy of Josiah Royce." Dr. Bender also made the presentation speech for the seminar class in honoring Dean Peder Stianson.

Mrs. Helga Bender Henry, a sister of Dr. Bender and the wife of Prof. Carl F. H. Henry, received the Master of Religious Education degree at these exercises. The Bachelor of Divinity degree was also conferred on the Rev. Robert Wiegner, who until recently was the pastor of our Lebanon Baptist Church near Watertown, Wisconsin. The Rev. W. C. Smalley of Edmonton, Alberta, who is well known to our Canadian Churches as the Baptist Secretary for Western Canada, received the honorary degree of doctor of divinity. Mr. Walter W. Grosser, a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church, received the Senior Class Memorial in behalf of the Board of Trustees and made the shortest and, as someone said, "the best" address.

However, the commencement address was a brilliant and scintillating message on "An Invisible and Immortal Potency" which is a big word for "Influence" as interpreted by Dr. Robert G. Lee, Southern Baptist preacher of Memphis, Tenn. Colorful adjectives and lofty truths were paraded before our minds by the speaker until the evening became a pageant of heavenly glory to those who listened with rapt attention.

After 32 years Northern Baptist Seminary continues to grow. It renders a large and important ministry in behalf of our churches, even though it is not officially our denomination's seminary. As North American Baptist Churches we are proud of unfolding developments in this school as we see the contributions we have been privileged to make to its ministry and as we earnestly pray for God's abundant blessings upon its future service.

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.

Colorful Anniversary Festivities Are Held by the Conners Avenue Church of Detroit

June 15, 1945

The tenth anniversary of the Conners Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., from Thursday, May 3, to Sunday, May 6, brought some amazing things in the church's history to light. During these ten years the church has never swerved from its exclusive German program. Every regular church service and every Sunday School class and organization are all conducted in the German language. Even with this program, the church can boast of a large and loyal group of children and young people, who. were much in evidence during the festive days.

The church was organized on May 5, 1935 with 53 charter members. It can record a total gain of 255 members during the past ten years. It is especially amazing that the church has lost only 63 members during these years by death, removal or erasure, a surprisingly low figure. This leaves the church with the fine present membership of 245. It has definitely established itself with God's blessing in the work of his Kingdom.

The first and only pastor of the church has been the Rev. William Hoover, who began his ministry at Conners Avenue on November 19, 1935. It was an amazing fact to hear that the pastor had been released by the church for more than 25 evangelistic campaigns and that he had been absent from his church pulpit in the larger evangelistic ministry for over a year in these ten years.

Equally amazing were the large, enthusiastic crowds at all of the anniversary services. The guest speakers on Thursday and Friday evenings Were Prof. A. Husmann of Rochester, N. Y. and Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., respectively. On Saturday evening about 275 members and friends attended a wonderful banquet for which all the meat had been contributed by Mr. Joseph Tim. An illustrated program followed with brief testimonies by most of the church's remaining 32 charter members. The Sunday services in the morning and evening were addressed by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald." The organizations of the church were represented by their leaders and with special musical numbers at these various occasions.

On Sunday afternoon, May 5, the church was crowded beyond capacity for the Fellowship Service with sister churches. The address was given by Dr. Reuben Nelson, secretary of the Detroit Baptist Union. Congratula-tions were extended by Rev. E. Arthur McAsh for the Ebenezer Church, Mr. C. J. Netting for the Bethel Church, Dr. A. J. Harms for the Burns Avenue Church, and Rev. Frank Armbruster for the Linden Church.

Six wonderful choirs and musical groups helped to beautify the service. A Women's Stringed Orchestra of 15 instruments, a women's choir of 30 voices, the male chorus of 25 voices and the large church choir sang several selections. The Children's Choir of about 60 voices included the graduates of the former choir and its



present constituency. Hoover choir", composed of the four bright daughters of Rev. and Mrs. William Hoover, sang a song of greeting at the outset. The male chorus of the Burns Avenue Church also sang. It was an afternoon in which the bells of heaven rang with praise and thanksgiving to God. Mr. Otto

number. The general secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Worker's Union, Rev. J. C. Gunst, brought the missionary message to a



The Conners Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., as Seen Through the Trees in the Park Across the Street

The church is blessed with able spiritual leaders. Mr. Robert von Nolting, church clerk, had prepared comprehensive report about the church's history for this anniversary. A total of \$83,888 has been given by the church for all purposes during these 10 years. The Rev. A. K. Bandzmer was feted by the church in recognition of his services when the church was organized and on frequent occasion since then. Mr. Leo Milchner as the Sunday School superintendent is leading that work with earnest, consecrated spirit.

The Conners Avenue Church has reached unique heights in the short space of ten years. Its members and pastor can confidently say that the Lord has been with them. They believe ardently in a glorious future for the church. The tenth anniversary with all of its inspiring festivities was

ence. The missionary offering for the evening amounted to \$148.00, a fine showing for genuine missionary interest among those young people.

After the program everyone present was invited for a time of inspiration and fellowship around the tables in the lower church room where apple pie a la mode and coffee were served.

At Buffalo Center we find a large and sincere group of people where young and old work together in harmony for the cause of Christ. Rev.
Martin DeBoer is the fine pastor of this group. Certainly, with such a fine spirit prevailing among members and pastor's family and with such eagerness to serve the Lord there is not only joy, but the Lord will bless such a church group in the carrying out of his great Kingdom work.

J. C. Gunst, Reporter.

Twenty-four Ministers at the Northwestern Conference Retreat at Parkersburg, Iowa

The Tri-State Ministers' Retreat of the Northwest Conference was held in the First Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa, from May 14 to 16. The conference opened on Monday evening with moderator Rev. W. L. Schoeffel of Kenosha, Wisconsin, in charge. The Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D., brought the address and prayer. At the conclusion of the Monday evening service Richard Mulder showed moving pictures of the St. Joseph Orphanage.

message on this service as Paul records it in the first Corinthian letter.

Rev. John Wobig brought the message in the evening hour closing our days of fellowship with an evangelistic message bringing out "One Thing Needful"-salvation, The Parkersburg choir gave a special number in song each evening and on Wednesday evening the ministers sang, "Make Me A Blessing." Twenty-four ministers from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin were present for the three day conference. They were royally entertained in the homes of church members and friends.

L. F. Church, Reporter.



the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, Which Recently Presented a Sacred Concert in Several Alberta Churches

On Tuesday morning Dr. Kuhn spoke on the subect, "If I Were Paul and Writing to Timothy of our Day," using as his scripture 2 Tim. 2:1-10, emphasizing the need for men strong in the grace of God, the need for spiritual strength to endure in this day when the blight of indifference pervades our churches. Next, a seminar, "Cultivating Spiritual Life" was led by Rev. Helmuth Dymmel. Speaking on this subject before the Round Table discussion were Rev. B. Zimmerman, Rev. M. Vanderbeck and Rev. L. F. Church. Rev. John Walkup led the devotional hour closing the morning session.

In the afternoon Rev. R. Woyke led in the seminar, "Building the Brotherhood." Speaking on this subject were Rev. Howard Johnson and Rev. John Walkup. Book reviews were given during this period by Rev's. T. Lutz, F. Veninga and P. Zoschke. At the evening missionary service, open to the public, both Dr. Kuhn and Mr. Dymmel spoke.

On Wednesday morning Dr. Kuhn continued his address on the subject, "If I Were Paul," emphasizing the difficulties ministers have in preparing sermons to meet men's needs. A Seminar, "Seeking the Kingdom," was led by Mr. Dymmel. The Rev. Fred Lehr spoke on evangelism, which he made clear is bringing people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in mass meetings or by personal work

The business session which followed was in charge of President Schoeffel-Next year the conference will be held at LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The Rev. A. Bernadt of Burlington gave a fine address on "The Church and the Soldier," stating the fact that we must provide a place in the church where the soldier can take an active part. Rev. H. Lohr was in charge of the communion service and gave an uplifting and inspiring

Bridgeland Bapt. Church Choir of Calgary Presents Concert in Several Neighboring Churches

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The mixed choir of twenty-eight voices of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, together with a Ladies' Chorus of twenty voices recently rendered a sacred concert entitled, "Unto God Will We Sing," at the Bridgeland church. On the Sunday fol-lowing we travelled 200 miles to present this same concert at three of the neighboring churches. Seven of our faithful men loaned their automobiles for this service so that this tour could be comfortably made.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE at Madison, S. D., from June 20 to 24

The West Center St. Baptist Church of Madison, S. D., extends a hearty invitation to all of the Churches of the Dakota Conference to hold its regular sessions here in Madison from June 20 to 24. We have two hotels, two tourist camps and a number of rooming houses in Madison. The prevailing rates will be charged in these different places. The ladies of the church are planning to serve the meals (except breakfast) in the church's dining room. We are all looking forward to a blessed time together at our Conference.

Henry R. Schroeder, Pastor.

At 10:30 A. M. we sang at Olds, after which we travelled on to Trochu to repeat this concert for the third time. From there we continued on to the Freudental Church where we sang in the evening. We felt that the crowded churches, the delicious lunches which were served, as also the liberal offerings were an expression of thanks for

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the blessings we were able to bring. The offerings of these concerts amounted to \$226.00. The choirs are designating this entire sum as their contribution to the new parsonage being built in Calgary. The choir as also the ladies' chorus, were directed by the pastor, Rev. R. Kern, with Mr. Lester Bertsch at the piano. God has richly blessed our efforts.

R. Kern, Pastor.

Special Church Sunday Is Fittingly Observed by Leduc's First Baptist Church

On Sunday, April 29, the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Canada gathered for a "Special Church Sunday." After our usual Sunday School under the able leadership of Mr. Ernest. Kern, we held our morning service at which we heard a very heart searching message from our beloved pastor, Rev. J. B. Kornalewski.

At 2:30 P. M. we again assembled in the auditorium of the church for the main feature of the day. Every member had received a special invitation for this day and was requested to answer the roll call with a verse of Scripture or a letter if unable to attend.

During the course of the afternoon, messages were given on "What the Church has Meant to Me in the Past" y Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski, "What the Church Means to Me at Present" by Mr. Charley Fleck, and "My Church in the Future" by Mr. Arden Fredrick. A very fitting duet, "The Beautiful City of Gold," was sung in memory of our departed members. At this service our much appreciated male choir under the direction of Mr. Fred Sonnenberg and also the ladies' chorus led by Mrs. Kornalewski sang songs of praise to Emil Price, Reporter.

.. OBITUARY ..

MR. PAUL SCHIEMAN of Martin, North Dakota

Mr. Paul Schieman was born on Aug. 1, 1902 at Martin, No. Dak. On account of a severe allment he was taken to the State Hospital at Jamestown, No. Dak., in 1932 where he was an inmate until his death

In Nov. 1944 he became seriously ill with dropsy but became somewhat better for a while. With the middle of March 1945, he became worse and all efforts of the doctors were of no avail. On April 16 his mother, his two brothers, Mr. Wm. Bartz and I went to see him. At this last occasion we could pray with him and point him to the Lord who alone could help if it would be his will. He confessed his personal belief in the Lord Jesus Christ who also died for him.

He died on April 26, 1945 at the age of 42 years, 8 months, and 24 days. He is bereaved by his aged mother, Mrs. Minnie Shieman; his two brothers, Richard and Emil Shieman; two sisters Mrs. M. Fiesel, and Mrs. W. Bartz; also two brothers-in-law, and one sister-in-law, fourteen nephews and nieces, a host of relatives and friends who mourn his departure

The funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon, April 29, in the Martin Baptist Church. Rev. J. Kepl brought the message according to Matt. 5:4. The singers of the church rendered two numbers. His body was laid to rest in the Martin Baptist Cemetery.

Martin, North Dakota.

JOHN KEPL, Pastor.

MRS. EMMA VOIGT of Avon, South Dakota

Mrs. Emma Voigt, our sister in Christ, was born to Mr. and Mrs. August and Kathryne (nee Vetter) Juicht on June 9, 1891 near Emery, South Dakota. During the year 1907, in revival meetings conducted by the late Rev. H. Schwendener, at Plum Creek, South Dakota, she came to know Christ as her personal Savior, and upon profession of her faith was baptized into the fellowship of the above church on July 28th of the same year by the late Rev. Jacob Pfeiffer.

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the late Rev. Jacob Pfeiffer.

Upon her marriage to Albert Voigt, her now bereaved husband, on May 3, 1916 she transferred her membership to the First Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak, and was received on Oct. 16, 1916. Despite her many tasks and duties and responsibilities as a wife and mother, she was an active member of the Women's Missionary Society, and always actively interested in the Sunday School as teacher and in various other capacities. Mrs. Voigt was one of those quiet, unassuming Christian women whose presence we seldom appreciate until it is denied us.

After a painful and lingering illness

After a painful and lingering illness extending over a considerable period of time, she was called to be with her Savior whom she fervently loved and meekly served while on earth, where all things now are plain to her. Quietly and peacefully she slipped away on Tuesday morning. May 15, 1945 at the age of 53 years, 11 months and 6 days. Her parents and one sister, Rosa, preceded her to the home above.

Her demise is mourned by her husband; four children, Ethel, Mrs. James Cato of Minneapolis, Minn.; Milton, Althea and Stanley of Avon; one son-inlaw, one daughter-in-law; three grand-children; four sisters; five brothers; a host of other relatives and friends and her church.

May God's tender love and divine grace comfort and keep them all, that those who know Christ as their personal Redeemer may yield themselves wholely to him, and those who are as yet unsaved come to know the joy of salvation by faith in the only begotten Son of God.

"We shall meet, but we shall miss her, There will be one vacant chair; We shall linger and caress her When we breathe our evening prayer."

Rev. G. W. Rutsch of our church at Plum Creek, So. Dak., also took part in the service at the church.

First Baptist Church, Avon, So. Dak. P. GEISSLER, Pastor.

The Riverview Church of St. Paul, Mourns the Death of Two Service Men

Staff Sgt. Herman Litz has been listed as dead by the U. S. War Department after being reported missing in Burma since Nov., 1943. He was born Feb. 17, 1915 in South St. Paul, Minn.

Cpl. R. Earl Bengston was killed in the crash of a four engine bomber on a training flight near March Field, California on May 4, 1945. He was born on Sept. 3, 1925. Both were members of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn.

"On fame's eternal camping ground Their silent tents are spread; And Memory guards with solemn round

The bivouac of the dead." Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.

John Wobig, Pastor.

They Rest From Their Labors"



Pvt, Erwin Kuck of Cleveland, Ohio + 1925 - 1945 +

Memorial Service for Erwin Kuck by the Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland

Report By Rev. Henry Hirsch, Pastor

Erwin Kuck was born in Germany on December 18, 1925 and came to the United States in early childhood. He was converted and by baptism added to the Erin Ave. Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio in 1938. In March 1944 Erwin was called into military service, and after nine months training in the Infantry he was sent to Germany where he found his early death on the battlefront on April 21.

On Sunday afternoon, May 20, an impressive and unforgetable service. in loving memory of Erwin, was held in our church. "At Home With the Lord" was the topic of the message given by the pastor, the Rev. Henry Hirsch. When taps were sounded. and when one of our men, badly wounded on Iwo Jima and at home on leave, folded the American flag and presented it to the parents the audience was deeply moved and almost overwhelmed by their emotions.

Erwin is survived by his parents, two brothers, both in service in Europe, and one sister. The Lord bless and comfort them and all sorrowing.

Anaheim's Bethel Church Holds a Memorial Service for Ensign Robert O. Stankey

Report By Rev. P. G. Neumann, Pastor

Ensign Robert Owen Stankey of Anaheim, Calif., was born on June 7. 1920. His early Christian training at home and in the church brought him face to face with the challenge of Christ. He was converted and then baptized by the Rev. O. R. Schroeder into the membership of the Bethel Baptist Church, whose loyal and faithful member he remained unto the day of his departure.

After graduation from Anaheim High School he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was sworn into active duty on February 14, 1939 and shipped to San Diego, Calif. Later he was transferred to Pearl Harbor. Shortly before the attack on the Pearl Harbor, he was shifted to the Atlantic Coast for further training.

On August 31, 1943 he was married to Mildred Irving of Bakersfield, Cal. Fraught with the perplexities and agonies of so many war marriages, their's nevertheless was a happy The Lord blessed their love with a little girl. Having been transferred to the units of the Pacific Fleet, he performed his duty as a gallant officer, fully conforming to the traditions of the U. S. Navy. During one of the heroic attacks in a recent engagement he was killed and later



Ensign Robert Owen Stankey of Anaheim, California + 1920 - 1945 +

buried with full military honors at sea. His family and the church feel the loss very keenly, for he was a fine principled young man, with a life actuated and accentuated by Christian love. In an impressive memorial service on Sunday, April 29, at Bethel Church, the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, Navy Chaplain C. T. Heermans and the pastor brought words of comfort to the bereaved.

May the Lord continue to strengthen his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stankey, his wife Mildred and the little baby girl, his sister Elaine and his three brothers, Ensign Edward Stankey of Washington, D. C., J. C. Stankey A. M. M. 1-c somewhere in the Pacific, and Walter Stankey in the Merchant Marine. May the day soon arrive of which it can be said: "And War Shall Be No More!"

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