

This Is the Time for Joy and Thanksgiving!

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WHAT'S

HAPPENING

● The Baptist Church of Hilda, Alberta, Canada has called the Rev. Edgar Martins as its new pastor to succeed the Rev. Karl Korella, now of Camrose, Alberta. Mr. Martins has been a member of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., and is a graduate of the Briercrest Bible School in Canada. He is already on the Hilda field.

● The new pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of West New York, New Jersey is the Rev. James A. Miller, who has succeeded the Rev. H. J. Freeman. The Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, New Jersey has called the Rev. Thomas Rowell. The reports from the Atlantic Conference area have been very favorably concerning his ministry in Passaic.

● The pastor of the Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario, Canada is the Rev. William D. Ross. The church is still participating with interest in the sessions of the Ontario Association and Eastern Conference, and the name of its pastor will appear in the 1946 denominational Directory.

● Recently the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas called the Rev. J. H. Kruegel as its pastor. He is already on the field, and a report of the church's reception for him and his family appears among the "Reports from the Field" of this issue of "The Herald."

● The North Donna Baptist Church of Donna, Texas is being served in these days by the Rev. R. C. Mulder who has been on the field for some time and has attended several of the conferences in the Texas area. He has succeeded the Rev. L. Hoeffner, now of Elberta, Alabama.

● The Ladies' Aid Society of the Freudental Baptist Church near Carbon, Alberta, recently held a Thanksgiving tea and bazaar in the spacious home of the minister and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Wegner. The encouraging sum of \$198.50 was realized that afternoon, for which the women were exceedingly grateful.

● The Rev. F. I. Reichle of Fresno, Calif., a former pastor of our churches, is still active in the service of Christ. He teaches a class of men from 60 to 84 years of age in the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of Fresno while his wife teaches a class of Chinese girls. Both of them have their membership in the Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., of which Rev. A. S. Felberg is the pastor.

● The "Youth for Christ" meetings in Anaheim, Calif., were resumed on

Friday evening, Oct. 19, at the Bethel Baptist Church with Charles E. Templeton, director of Toronto's "Youth for Christ" and pastor of the Avenue Road Church of Toronto, Canada, as guest speaker. The Rev. P. G. Neumann, pastor of the Bethel Church, is the director of Anaheim's "Youth for Christ" meetings.

● Rev. George A. Dunger, Cameroons missionary now at home on furlough, is spending the months from Oct. 1945 to May 1946 studying at the Kennedy School of Missions at Hartford, Conn. On Sunday morning, Oct. 7, he spoke in the Liberty Street Baptist Church

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of Meriden, Conn., of which Rev. Alex Elsesser is pastor. The address of Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dunger is 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Conn.

● The Oklahoma Institute will convene with the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., from Nov. 22 to 25. "Meals and lodging will be without charge served in the spirit of Christian love," as reported by Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn, interim pastor. A fine program has been planned for these sessions for the spiritual enrichment of all delegates and visitors.

● Two new pastors have begun their ministry in South Dakota churches. Mr. Kenneth Nelson is the pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, So. Dak. He is a graduate of Northwestern Bible School of Minneapolis, Minn. The other is the Rev. Peter J. Wiens of Chancellor, So. Dak., who has succeeded the Rev. John Epp, and has begun his pastorate with encouraging results at Chancellor.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., held a memorial service for Sgt. Richard E. Conrad, Jr., on Sunday evening, Oct. 21, with the Rev. L. H. Holzer bringing the message. Sgt. Conrad was killed in Germany on April 30, 1945 while in performance of his duties. A male quartet sang several selections and a Legion Post participated in the program. Two of the church's young people among the 90 in the Service have paid the supreme sacrifice.

● The Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich., is now broadcasting its "Echoes of Heaven" program on Sunday evenings over Station CKLW from 7:30 to 8:00 P. M. with Dr. A. J. Harms speaking and church groups

bringing messages in song. The church audience assists with congregational singing. This broadcast precedes the usual Sunday evening service of the Burns Ave. Church that begins at 8 P. M.

● The Rev. and Mrs. E. Arthur McAsh of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., have announced the arrival of a son who was born to them on Sept. 22 and who has been named John Arthur. Dr. and Mrs. A. Cierpke of Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn., have announced that a girl was born to them on Oct. 24 who has been named Evangeline Hannah. Dr. and Mrs. Cierpke are members of the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

● In a service held at the Andrews St. Church of Rochester, N. Y., on Sunday evening, Oct. 21, and conducted by students of our seminary, the ministry of the late George C. Stebbins was commemorated, who recently passed to his eternal reward in his 100th year. All the hymns sung by the congregation and various students were compositions of George C. Stebbins. Mr. Alvin Foster brought a message on "A Hundred Years of Song." Some of Mr. Stebbin's hymns which were sung were "Jesus is Calling", "Saved by Grace", "Take Time to Be Holy", "Have Thine Way" and "Out of My Bondage."

● On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 21, the people of the Baptist Church of Osoyoos, British Columbia, Canada held their Harvest and Thanksgiving program. The church was decorated in the usual way with lots of flowers and all kinds of vegetables. The Rev. A. Kujath of Kelovna, B. C., was also there and praised the small group for the spirit which they had shown at this program. There were only 10 children and very few adults in the congregation but it was a success just the same and the sum of \$118.88 was received as a Thanksgiving offering, as reported by Mrs. Frieda Gaal of the church.

● On Sunday morning, Oct. 7, the Rev. Frank Veninga of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., read the names of the church's 35 Service Men and indicated on a large map of the world where the men are located. This was a feature of the communion service. Mr. Veninga spoke on "Burning Hearts" at the worship service. On Sunday, Oct. 14, the Woman's Missionary Society of the church celebrated its 80th anniversary with Mr. F. Tylee of the Radio School of the Bible and former missionary among the South American Indians as the guest speaker. Miss Ila Rose Warner was installed as president of the young people's society along with the other officers at an impressive candlelight service on Sunday evening, Sept. 23.

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Coming!

THROUGH SHINING ARCHWAY

On the occasion of the second year since the death of Missionaries Frederick and Ruth Meyer in the Philippines on Dec. 19, 1943, "The Baptist Herald" will publish a brief account of their lives and ministry prepared by Dr. Jesse Wilson and reports of memorial services recently held for Dr. and Mrs. Meyer in Rochester, N. Y., and Racine, Wisconsin.

BETHANY ON THE CAMROSE ROAD

The story of the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, and a sermon on the theme, "Stronger Than Darkness," by its pastor, Rev. Karl Korella, along with several fine pictures of the church and its membership will be featured in the next issue. This will be the sixth article in a series about some of the rural churches of our denomination.

DETROIT'S GREAT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

From Oct. 25 to 28 an unusual missionary conference was held in Detroit, Mich., with all five of our churches participating. The story of God's blessings upon our enterprise and of ever expanding fields was graphically portrayed by many speakers in these sessions. A full report of this conference will appear in the next issue.

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Lift Up Your Hearts!

THERE is always a spiritual lift in every expression of our thanksgiving. Like the birds that lift their heads heavenward as they satisfy their thirst at the drinking fountain, so the heart of man must acknowledge the source of all blessings in the divine Giver of every good and perfect gift of life. To be thankful means to lift up our hearts in praise to Him, the Eternal God!

Gratitude lifts us out of ourselves. It is one of the most unselfish attitudes of life, for it places others on the throne of attention. We are led to see our indebtedness to others for all the good things in which we can share so liberally. Our souls are warmed by thoughts of friendship and fellowship that draw the ties of love closer about us. Thanksgiving is a mountain-top experience that opens our eyes to the host of people who have made invaluable contributions to our lives.

The spirit of thanksgiving is the acme of spiritual insight. It ought to be the height of every spiritual experience. Jesus was greatly concerned that only one of the ten lepers who had been healed returned to thank the Healer. The nine missed the greatest power of God's gift to them by failing to express their thanksgiving. The one who showed his gratitude to Jesus lifted up his heart to God for an abundance of spiritual blessings. Life for him became eventful, not so much because he was now healed but because he was now a partner with God in the marvelous things of his Kingdom.

This is thanksgiving at his best. It is the spirit of thanksgiving on the Christian level. It is a call to lift up our hearts to acknowledge that "the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." It is a summons to open our eyes to others whose influences have moulded our lives. It is a spiritual experience that gives a clearer insight into God's truths and purposes and that prepares us for a closer walk with God.

How richly we in America have been blessed! Our reasons for gratitude are beyond count like the sands along the seashore. God has been good to us and placed a bright song in our souls. So lift up your hearts in thanksgiving and let the rafters ring out with your songs of praise!

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: give thanks to him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his loving kindness endureth forever, and his faithfulness unto all generations." (Psalm 100:4-5.)



—Ewing Galloway Photo

"The eyes of all wait upon thee; and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works," Psalm 146:15-17.

Thanksgivings Unto God

A Sermon by Rev. WILLIAM H. JESCHKE of the Grace Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

A GLOOMY, ungrateful Christianity is a contradiction in terms. Our relationship to God, the substance of our living faith, is one entirely made possible by his grace — his merciful favor shone down upon a mankind thoroughly unworthy of it all. It is summed up in its entirety as a gift; it comes to us faithfully in the form of gifts. And inseparably connected with "gift" and "gifts" is the response of bountiful thanksgiving. The Christian is to be "abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God." (2 Cor. 9:12)

What is the end of thanksgiving? The great apostle tells us that "all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many rebound to the glory of God." It is to glorify God! "Where are the nine?" said the Lord Jesus, upon the healing of the ten lepers. "There were none found to GIVE GLORY UNTO GOD, save this stranger." The ultimate motive of everyone's discipleship is to give glory unto God. (Matt. 5:16; 1 Peter 2:9) Are you glorifying him with thanksgiving? "I will magnify him," said the sweet singer of Israel, "with thanksgiving."

FOR COMMON MERCIES

How we need to recognize in ever keener measure that "it is the Lord" who giveth as ALL good things! The corrupt and depraved nature of fallen man too is clearly indicated in that

"every good gift and every perfect gift" is alone from God. With sinful man any semblance after an accepted good, or the originating of any lasting good is an impossibility. What noble good may seem to appear is only borrowed and imitated. It is actually from God that the blessings that make life possible do come. He sustains life. He gives "sufficiency in all things," and it is he who wills the abounding in happiness for his own unless they cause it to be overshadowed by their own wilfulness.

Oh, Wayfarer! Christian! Cause the veil of sin and selfishness to be shed, and recognize the splendor of the gifts that are yours daily, and see the hand that graciously showers them upon you. If you will hold your peace, the stones must cry out their witness. If you cannot shout, "Glory in the highest!" the mountains and all voices of nature will strain in silent, yet eloquent anthems of praise.

Will you not then listen to the severe indictment of the great prophet Isaiah? Ingratitude on the part of God's people causes them to sink lower than the oxen, for the ox knows his owner, and feels his own kind of thankfulness. (1:3) And isn't it altogether too frequent that many approach his table of remembrance, (more often it seems that they should be remembered, be looked upon and blessed), and then dare in insolence to forget him at theirs?

"Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And forget not all his benefits!
How great is the sum of them!"

FOR SPECIAL MERCIES

Here we have reference to his special grace, to the answers that come from him in response to prayers of faith. God forbid that thanksgiving here should become a conscientious effort! It must be a spontaneous emotion, an overwhelming rush of praise as in a mighty stream. There is cause this year for a more profound thanksgiving, that this hellish war has finally come to an end. Who knows but that the days were not shortened, and as many saved as there were, "for the elect's sake?"

But are there prayers that received no answer? Thank God that "No" too is an answer. He knows what is best for his own. His matchless grace is sufficient for thee! Christian, "in everything give thanks." Why? For "to them that love God all things work together for good."

Give thanks for "the Unspeakable Gift." "Unspeakable" — for words would fail us here. Why he should love us so, even when our rebellion crucified the Son of glory, is "darkness to my intellect," but, oh, what "sunshine to my heart." We cannot but break forth in endless praise. We have seen God's reconciled countenance in the face of the incarnate Son. We have peace with God. "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

"LIBERALITY OF CONTRIBUTION"

The great apostle concludes his call to thanksgiving by showing its practical and natural issue: not alone the Corinthian Christians abounding "through many thanksgivings unto God," but "seeing that through the proving of you by this ministration, (others) glorify God for the obedience of your confession unto the gospel of Christ, and for the LIBERALITY OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION unto them and unto all." (R.V.)

A perfect thanksgiving causes others too to give thanks, for our gratitude is to be embodied in offerings of thankfulness. If we are truly thankful for all that we have received, we must again heed the words of him who gave so freely: "freely ye have received, freely give." If thankfulness does not embody itself in consequent sacrifices, it is already changing into selfishness and ingratitude. If our giving ceases, or is faint, is it small wonder that his hand toward us seems to have become "shortened" also? Liberal giving, unfeigned charity, the giving of ourselves completely unto him, is the surest token of genuine gratefulness, and is in its very nature a sacrifice of praise to God — the answer of our love to his!

So the one who asks, "What shall I render to the Lord for all his gifts?", there comes the bidding from his Word: "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ concerning you." Let your praises during the day be as the Psalmist calls to praise in the 148th Psalm. As your swelling heart gives forth such "Hosannas", you will forget the petty

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Christians Must Be Soul Winners

By Miss RUTH ZIELKE of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

CHRIST'S final words to his disciples laid the obligation of being a soul winner upon every Christian. "Ye shall be my witnesses" is the risen Lord's message to all his followers. No one is excused!

God's Word tells us that condemnation rests upon all who have not accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. We read that "he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth upon him."

God's Word offers alternatives, and when we begin to realize that everyone without Christ is eternally lost, we cannot sit down complacently and do nothing towards acquainting others with the Lord Jesus.

Charles Darwin, the scientist, lost all of his respect for Christians and their behavior because he thought that if they really believed that every person who wasn't born again would go to hell they would spend every waking moment in trying to save their fellow-men.

The decision to consecrate our lives to Christ is often very hard to make. We are so busy living that we haven't time for the things of eternal value. Think for a moment of the sacrifices Christ made for us; our lives then seem trivial in comparison.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The supreme effort in all our efforts to win others should be "the glory of God." If we are possessed with an undying love for him, who first loved us, we will have inspiration to seek the lost for whom he gave his life. All of our efforts should be like those of Paul, which were, as we read in the letter to the Ephesians, "unto the praise of his glory." "Love never faileth." Love knows no impossibilities. He who works for wages and he who works for love live in two different realms.

Twenty-three men were entombed in a coal mine. Great crowds gathered to help clear away the earth in order to rescue the miners. An old gray-headed man came running up and seizing a shovel began to work with the strength of ten men. A young man, seeing this, went up to him and said: "Sir, you have worked hard enough; let me dig, while you rest." As an answer the old man shouted: "Get out of my way, I have two boys down there."

Love will triumph, and he whose heart throbs with love for Christ will find a divine joy in rescuing from sin those who are the purchase of his blood that his Name might be glorified.

Study Christ's life of self-sacrifice. See again his suffering for sinful men. Linger in Gethsemane, and behold the agony of Calvary. Then your



Miss Ruth Zielke of Edmonton, Alberta, Holding the Trophy Which She Won in the Public Speaking Contest of the Edmonton Baptist Union

heart will be stirred with love for him who died for us. Get a new vision of your crucified but now risen Savior until the beauty of his matchless life charms your heart and you are ready to say, "Come and possess me whole."

CHRIST'S COMMAND

We find the second reason in Mark 16:15. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Christ commanded that we be soul winners. We find that if we really love him, we will obey his commandments.

You would be willing to do almost anything to help an earthly friend. Have we not many more reasons to do everything for Jesus?

Sir Henry Shackleton had a great experience when he was planning what proved to be his last expedition to the Arctic Seas. He was speaking to a friend about his forthcoming adventure. The friend said, "I am surprised at the publicity you are giving to your new venture. It is rather unlike you."

Shackleton replied: "I have a purpose in doing so. I want my colleague, Mr. Wild, to hear about my plans. He has buried himself in the heart of Africa, leaving no address. I am hoping that the news might find its way into the very center of Africa and, if Wild knows that I am going, he will come and join me."

EVANGELISM

Several important articles and sermons on "Evangelism" have been received which will be published in "The Baptist Herald" as space will permit. This important theme will be given prominent space in forthcoming issues of our publication. Editor.

They both turned and there, standing in the doorway, was Mr. Wild. It was a dramatic moment as Wild and Shackleton shook hands in the handshake of loyalty.

"I heard that you were going," said Wild. "And the moment I knew I dropped my gun, picked up a bit of baggage and here I am. What are your orders?"

You have heard Christ's orders. Would you be willing to stop in the middle of what you are doing and serve him? The unsaved multitudes know that every Christian should be an ambassador for Christ, and when we fail to do our duty we are condemned in their eyes as well as before God.

EITHER FOR OR AGAINST HIM

Finally, we should be soul winners because Jesus says: "He who is not with me is against me, and he who gathereth not with me scattereth."

There is no other way; you can't sit on the fence. You are either doing one or the other. Let people know which side you are on, for when we aren't gathering, we are a stumbling block.

A young man, walking to his home one evening, saw a beggar sitting on the street corner. In his hand he held a lantern. The man, knowing that the beggar was blind, walked up to him and said: "Why do you hold the lantern which you cannot see?" "No," replied the old man, "I can't see, but if I did not hold it, there would be many who would stumble over me in the darkness."

Christ gave you a lantern. Are you holding it so that people may see the light and not stumble? Christ says: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Our true love of Christ will give us an overpowering compulsion which Paul surely felt when he wrote, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel."

A young man was converted on his deathbed. The pastor was summoned and when he heard the circumstances of his conversion he said: "Then you are not afraid to die?" "No," replied the dying man, "I am not afraid, but not ready." When he was asked why he was not ready, he answered: "I have done nothing for my Master. I have won no souls for him. Would that I could have six months more to live so that I might bring some souls to Jesus and thus not go into his presence empty handed. I would then be satisfied to die. I am not afraid, but not ready."

Ask yourself if you are ready. If the answer is in the negative, don't hesitate any longer. Start today to gather for the Lord. For Christ says: "Be ye therefore ready also, for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

What I Saw at Buchenwald

A Graphic, Gripping Account by Chaplain (Captain) DONALD G. DAVIS, U.S.A., Pastor-on-leave of the First Baptist Church, Wasco, California

MY MOTHER was born in Germany. I spent a summer in the University of Berlin in the middle '20s. When atrocity stories from German concentration camps began to be made public before and during the early years of the war, I felt that they must be a part of the propaganda against Germany which might be expected in such times.

This Spring I had the opportunity to see for myself.

Shortly after midnight on the 15th of April the 120th Evacuation Hospital, Semimobile, was ordered to move from Frankfurt-am-Main to the Buchenwald Concentration Camp near Weimar, where American forces had just liberated some 21,000 political prisoners.

FIRST SIGHT OF THE CAMP

As chaplain of this hospital unit, I accompanied the truck convoy which made its way through the streets of Weimar late that afternoon to Buchenwald. Those streets were still littered with the bodies of enemy dead, the woods were full of snipers, and every night individual enemy planes strafed whatever American targets they could locate.

Space will not permit a description of the Buchenwald grounds. The prisoners, from every conquered country in Europe, as well as Jews and German anti-Nazis, lived in small stone and wooden barracks, sleeping upon bare wooden shelves, four tiers high and extending the full length of buildings having only a door at one end and a small window at the other. Less than two feet between tiers and the crowding of six men into the space which three normal men would occupy made it necessary for the occupants to sleep on their sides if all were to lie down at the same time.

All the inmates had been systematically underfed, their food consisting only of grass soup and occasionally of old black bread. The death rate was over 150 per day, and over 5,000 were in need of immediate medical attention. The rest would need months of nourishment and patient care if there were to be any chance of their return to physical and mental normalcy.

A PICTURE OF FILTH AND MISERY

In several of these barracks prisoners were so weak that they were unable to move from their sleeping shelves. Strong men had shrunken to around 50 pounds in weight, with no fat or muscle tissue left. Some were covered with dirty rags, others with cast-off blankets, still others were naked. When a man died, his neighbors appropriated his remnants of clothing or blankets. All of these men suffered



Chaplain Donald G. Davis Standing Beside His Chaplain's Bulletin Board at Cham, Oberpfalz, Bavaria, Germany

from a non-specific dysentery caused by undernourishment.

Words cannot describe the filth in which these men continued to live, unable to move in order to care for their own bodily functions. It became our task to remove these men from such conditions, clean them up, and transfer them to the hospital which we had set up in the beautiful and modern barracks in which 3,000 SS. (Schutzstaffel) guards had lived.

I would have liked to believe that conditions as these were the result of the pressure of the last days of the war and the consequent inability of the SS. troops to take care of the prisoners. But these conditions had been characteristic of the camp for over ten years. I attended a memorial service for the 50,000 who by actual headquarters records had died or been killed in Buchenwald.

I saw the row of ovens in the "krematorium," in which lay the charred and blackened remains of bones, skeletons, and skulls of human beings, young and old. Outside in the yard lay hundreds of dead bodies — skin covered skeletons — stacked up like cordwood on the ground and in

wagons and trucks. The ashes were used for fertilizer on neighboring fields.

The wife of one commandant of the camp, a Frau Koch, made a hobby of collecting tattoos she fancied from the bodies of prisoners. She would look over a new batch of prisoners, indicating the tattoos she wanted, and the next day the sections of flesh were removed, presumably under anaesthesia, and tanned, later to be made into lamp shades, sails for model ships, and other ornamental articles. I saw these myself, as well as a tanned piece of skin showing all the contours of a man's chest and abdomen covered with tattoos.

THE RESULTS OF SIN

For several days after our arrival, all the adult citizens of Weimar were marched to Buchenwald in groups of one hundred. They were taken through the barracks I have described above, through the crematorium and its yard full of stacked bodies, and were allowed to talk with inmates for an hour. An American lieutenant then addressed each group in German: "You have heard for a dozen years that Adolf Hitler would give the world its highest form of culture and civilization in the Third Reich. We have brought you here to see how he tried to accomplish his aim. Had we told you of these things, you would have accused us of lying. If we had shown you pictures of Buchenwald, you would have said that they were faked for propaganda purposes. Now you have seen and heard for yourselves the high point of National Socialism's Third Reich." Fainting women and men who could not retain their food were to be seen in each group.

I write only of the things I saw for myself. I could write of things told us by prisoners — of water tortures and other forms of inquisitorial torture and death meted out to prisoners — of the 400 children remaining from an original group of 2,000, who upon their own testimony were at the disposal of the SS. guards. Much testimony is being given concerning these things in the trials of war criminals in Germany at this time; the daily papers carry the reports.

What produced these crimes against humanity? "Unmenschlich" (inhuman) was the word most used by the prisoners to describe their treatment. There is only one explanation: sin in the hearts of the Nazi leaders and Nazi followers ripened into this inhuman fruitage. The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy: "In the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, unthankful, unholy, without natural

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THE EDITOR'S WORD
Chaplain Davis spoke about his experiences at Buchenwald at an California young people's convention at Anaheim last July. Numerous requests reached the editor to see the chaplain's message in print. In response to our request, Chaplain Davis sent the manuscript which is published herewith.
Editor.

Woman's Union Officers Plan for the Future

Report of the Recent Session of the National Woman's Missionary Union Officers by Miss EVA YUNG, Secretary

ON October 15th the officers and committee chairmen of the Woman's Missionary Union of North American Baptists met in Forest Park, Ill., to discuss the work of the past year and to make plans for the future. Those in attendance were Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, president; Miss Eva Yung of New York City, Mrs. C. F. Lehr of Aplington, Iowa; Mrs. A. Reeh of La Salle, Colo.; Miss Alethea Kose of Chicago; and Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel of Kenosha, Wis. We also had the pleasure of having with us several women from the Forest Park Church.

Reports covering the past year's work gave evidence that officers and chairmen had worked zealously and conscientiously in behalf of our Woman's Union. The BROADCAST will give fuller details, but here are some of the highlights of our meeting.

We wish, first of all, to take this opportunity of thanking all our women for their cooperation in the Chart project. In its more or less experimental year it has, nevertheless, accomplished a number of significant things, foremost of which is the sense of unity which it has created among our women. More than ever, each society feels it is one of a larger group, all striving to attain common goals. A new Chart is being planned for the next triennium and will be presented in a unique way at the next General Conference in August 1946.

The news and information bulletin, known as BROADCAST, sent to the presidents of our societies has met with wide favor and we hope in the near future to publish it more frequently. German articles will continue to appear in DER SENDBOTE and also as a separate enclosure with the BROADCAST for those societies still using the German language.

The fiscal year for our Woman's Missionary Union is to run from April 1 to March 31. This conforms to the denominational year of our General Conference and of cooperating organizations. This will mean, also, that the annual \$3.00 dues will be payable within that period.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of slightly over \$500 after scholarship dues of \$225 and expenses of printing, postage, etc., have been deducted.

A motion was made that we as a Woman's Missionary Union give to each of our Cameroon missionaries a gift subscription to a magazine of their choice. We feel sure that our women will be of "one accord" in seconding this motion and we know our missionaries will more than appreciate this gesture on our part. Isolated as they are from the cultural and spiritual advantages which are ours, and which we accept so nonchalantly, the magazines will be a great source of help and inspiration to them.



Miss Alethea Kose, (Left), Faculty Member, and Miss Berniece Westerman, Scholarship Girl at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Illinois

We cannot close this brief report without mentioning the "Marthas" who provided so bountifully for our physical needs. A most delicious chicken dinner was prepared for us by Mrs. Roland Ross and her sister in the church kitchen. Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Rev. J. C. Gunst and Mr. Ross from the Forest Park office, also Rev. Wm. Schoeffel, were invited to join us for dinner and for part of our business session.

We also were happy to have with us for the dinner Miss Berneise Westerman, a member of our church in Chancellor, South Dakota. She is our scholarship girl at the Baptist Missionary Training School and she gave us a brief testimony of her call to missionary service. In the evening, Miss Alethea Kose, one of the instructors, conducted us through the newly acquired quarters of the Training School.

Thanksgiving Unto God

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things that had loomed in such desperate proportion before. Sing songs at the midnight hour trial; dawn will come and the chains of despair will have fallen away. Thank God, and you will take courage.

There is a final word for the heavenly citizen. Do you anticipate eternity of unbroken and endless praise and thanksgiving to God? There will be such rejoicing unto God and unto the Lamb. But for that great and eternal anthem of praise, you must become attuned here. Else you will be out of place "in the heavens." It will be to those who have learned here to sing and make melody through the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things, who will offer there the perfect praise and thanksgivings unto God.



Women in Attendance at the Executive Meeting of the National Woman's Missionary Union at Forest Park, Illinois, With Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, President, at Right

They Who Follow Christ Serve Others

Reports About Our Service Men and Women from All Parts of the Globe

"The Herald" Brought Joy to a Service Man in a French Hospital

By Sgt. Melvin G. Kageler
a Member of the Calvary Baptist Church
of Tacoma, Wash.

After reading several letters from Service Men in recent "Baptist Her-alds," I believe it is time I was writing one.

I am with a General Hospital here in Marseille, France. I arrived here just before Christmas 1944. Marseille, the second largest city in France, has many places of interest to visit. One is the Cathedral, Notre Dame de La Garde. You can see the Cathedral as you enter the harbor of Marseille.

The chaplains here in the hospital are doing some fine work. In addition to bringing good will, comfort and encouragement to our patients, they hold weekly prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings and two services on Sundays. At present one of the chaplains is holding services at one of the staging areas near here. We also have a very fine choir that sings each Sunday in our services.

Chaplain Paul Gebauer Visits With Pastor Martin Niemoeller in Frankfurt, Germany, on Sept. 5

A Letter from Chaplain Paul Gebauer
of the United States Army

An hour ago I sat with Pastor Martin Niemoeller here at Frankfurt, Germany. I sat with him for only an informal visit. It was not an interview. The poor man is tired of interviews and interviewers. Recent press releases have made him cautious. He learns the power of the U. S. press and the faultiness of newsmen the hard way.

We sat near a large window to have the benefit of the twilight. This sun-tanned, lean, whitening man is dynamic. The Nazis could not kill his type. These years of transition won't do it either. He will lead this disintegrated Protestantism out of chaos and error into better years, into years of hard and decisive struggle. He is on fire; more so since he had so many unwanted years of solitude. I believe that he will eventually set fire to this formal Lutheranism of Luther's land.

Very recently Pastor Niemoeller went through a revolutionary change of mind and conviction in regard to the Lutheran view of State and Church. It is a great thing for a churchman of his caliber to stand up against traditional views. But he will stand up, having found his new convictions in the Word of God. He has come to the New Testament evaluation of the liberty and the value of the individual. His logical mind will carry on to the New Testament Church, the separation of church and state. Here is hope!



Chaplain Leslie P. Albus Preaching in the High Pulpit of the Evangelical Church in Bad Ischl, Austria

Lots of Work for a U. S. Army Chaplain in Germany

By Chaplain Leslie P. Albus,
Formerly of Arnprior, Ontario

It is about time for me to drop "The Baptist Herald" readers a line again to let you know how things are going over here. Since V-E Day we have been doing a lot of different kinds of work.

First, we were sent to help with medical aid to the people in one of the concentration camps. There were sights there that would really tear your heart out. We can now understand the terrible affliction that was placed on these people. There is a great deal of reconstruction to be done along religious lines here.

Now we are working with displaced persons and prisoners of war. Usually this is just a supervisory job, so I manage to find clergymen here who are willing to do the work and I merely oversee the work which they do.

Recently, I have met quite a few Protestant people. I am using a Protestant church for my meetings, and even have the added attraction of having pipe-organ music every Sunday. I hear that there have been a number of Baptist men sent over here to help to reorganize the churches. I am afraid we will not be able to do much about our Danubian missions yet, since that territory does not fall under our jurisdiction. I was in one town, Linz, in Austria, where there was supposed to be a Baptist Church. But I failed to find it, but I was not there very long. The people here do not call the church "Protestant" but rather "Evangelical" as over against the Catholic Church.

The thing that the people of our churches at home can and ought to do now is to pray that the peace will be a permanent one and that the Church will come to her own, because I feel that is the only influence that can guarantee a lasting peace.

A Chaplain's Experiences With Young People and Deaconesses in Southern Germany

By Chaplain Otto Nallinger,
Pastor-on-leave of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Oregon
398 Inf. Regiment, APO 447 c/o P. M.
New York, N. Y.

I am now with the 100th Infantry Division and my new address appears above. The Regiment with which I serve is located in Schorndorf, a little ways from Stuttgart. The Baptists held their first Youth Rally in Ober-Urbach recently.

The sisters (deaconesses) from Berlin and other places are seeking to make Schorndorf a central place for themselves. I met with some of them and learned that they had lost everything which they ever owned.

Last night I went to Stuttgart to hear Martin Niemoeller speak at the first conference of the Lutheran Evangelical Churches. At these meetings I met several representatives from the American Lutheran Church. It seems that permission is given for these men to come over here and help in the rebuilding of the Lutheran Church.

Sister Eva went with me. The little Baptist group has suffered much in Germany, at least here in Southern Germany, and must struggle to keep its identity. I am afraid that if we do not extend a helping hand that the church will have difficulty to find itself again. The sisters from Berlin's Bethel Dahlem Deaconess Home are scattered to the four winds. Many of them have found their way to Schorndorf and they are seeking to reorganize here and to call the sisters who cannot return to Berlin together. I am as helpful as I can be in the matter, getting them legally recognized and securing necessary essentials for them. Of course, my help is limited because I am still in the Army.

At present I am knee-deep in youth work. I am the director of all youth activities in our regimental area. I have been appointed as such by our Regimental Commander. Our area extends from Cannstatt to Oberurbach and from Esslingen to Plochingen. There are well over 100 towns in this area which must be organized. The trouble is that I must here show an interest in all youth in the church as well as outside of the church, and if it were not for our efforts the church might be forgotten entirely. The church here, meaning in particular the little Baptist Church, can surely send the Macedonian call to us: "Come over and help us."

Lieutenants Armin N., and Carl R. Bender of the Missionary Family Achieve High Records in U. S. Navy

Lt. Armin N. Bender of the United States Navy suffered leg and spine injuries on June 20 when a Japanese suicide plane crashed into the aircraft carrier on which he was serving, as his wife, Susan Bender, Rochester, N. Y., has reported.

Lt. Bender was in his quarters below deck when the kamikaze plane hit and burst instantly into flames. The whole stateroom, except for about two square feet where he was standing, immediately caught fire. With his clothes in flames, he crawled out a porthole and up a line to the deck, as he wrote his wife. He has recovered and returned to duty.

Armin is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Bender, former missionaries to the Cameroons. He was organizer of the University of Rochester's news bureau and has been director of the university's office of public information since 1943, when he entered the U. S. Navy.

He was sent overseas a year ago, and has become air combat intelligence and awards officer of the flagship of the Third Fleet Air Wing. He holds the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, awarded him recently with a citation which read: "His concise, exact and thorough briefing of pilots and aircrew and his illuminating reports, based on thorough-going interrogations, were a factor in successfully achieving the Fleet Air Wing's mission of searching out and destroying enemy shipping."

Lt. Carl R. Bender, another son of the Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Bender, serving with the Pacific Photo Intelligence of the U. S. Navy, is now assigned to stateside duty at Washington, D. C. and Jacksonville, Florida. Before entering the service he was an architect.

The Silver Star Is Awarded to Chaplain Frank E. Schweissing, Former Rochester Seminary Student

Captain Frank E. Schweissing, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schweissing of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., was recently awarded the Silver Star decoration as a U. S. Army Chaplain. He was a student for four years at our Rochester Seminary, before completing his studies at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. His wife and their two sons are in Greybull, Wyoming, where he served as pastor of the Baptist Church before entering the chaplaincy.

The citation of the Silver Star award to Chaplain Schweissing reads as follows:

"Captain Frank E. Schweissing, 0519808, Corps of Chaplains, United States Army, is awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on the 26th of March, 1945, in Germany. When a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire fell among the troops advancing to attack and caused numerous casualties, Captain Schweissing fearlessly entered the hazardous area and assisted in administering first aid and evacuating the wounded to an aid station. A sniper opened fire on Captain Schweissing as



Lt. Alice Schmidt of the U. S. Army Nurse Corps, a Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Schmidt, of Chicago, Ill.

he was going to the assistance of a wounded man, but he ignored the fire which struck all around him and courageously helped the man to the aid station.

Spiritual Contrasts As Seen in the Philippines

By Lt. Alice Schmidt of Chicago, Ill.,
of the U. S. Army Nurse Corps

There are wonderful Christian services held in and around Manila in the Philippine Islands and the "Youth for Christ" meetings are particularly inspiring. The missionaries Bomm have opened their home for Bible studies and there is also the G. I. Gospel Hour held in a former Mortician Establishment because it is the only large auditorium available. Among themselves they use the slogan, "We sing the worldly dead, alive." I had to give up attending a branch of this G. I. service in Tacloban, because of the bandit danger on the roads at night.

I strolled to Alang-alang yesterday, the nearest village one mile down the road, for some camera shots, and chanced upon a funeral service in the crumbling musty Catholic church. It was just a brief service, for the family was obviously poor. The musicians which always follow the procession were waiting outside so I just tagged along. The islanders have no music of their own—at least not on this retarded island—so they use whatever they have learned and picked up from the Yanks. Can you imagine my surprise when they began playing "the Beer Barrel Polka" for this parade?

Always, just before the coffin is lowered, the gallon bottle of tuba is passed around. No visible signs of grief are seen, for it is considered bad form to show emotion publicly. These people bury at three feet, since they strike water if they excavate deeper.

Yesterday's diggers even found time for a bit of mirth. They looked at me and then jabbered away in Visayan. Upon pressing Nina, my house girl, she translated them as saying they were glad they weren't digging for me as it would involve infinitely more work. They are a small people and my size has never ceased to amuse them.

Within the "Gates of Death" there were many exposed skulls and pelvis bones. Upon inquiry I was told that the burial space is limited (though why I don't know—there is plenty of land). The graves are opened after a period of time, the bones are gathered and when the heap assumes considerable size, all are buried in one common grave. Following a funeral there is always a three day feast. Obviously missing at the cemetery was the priest, but I was told this costs an extra 100 pesos.

I look forward to a return and a reunion with loved ones and friends with much yearning, but I also fear to gaze upon our service flag with its gold stars and a room at home that shall be vacant. I pushed sorrow in the background with all the activity, nursing and mothering that is the humble honor of the Army Nurse Corps.

DENOMINATIONAL THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

From Sunday, November 18, to Sunday, November 25

or

From Sunday, November 25, to Sunday, December 2

The indescribable suffering of tens of thousands of our Baptist brethren in Europe far exceed both our knowledge and our imagination. All that we do know urges every one of us to help to the utmost.

All contributions not otherwise designated and received during the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week will be credited to the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.

Our Young People can designate their love offering to the Youth Fellowship Crusade.

DON'T FORGET. While relieving the distress of our Baptist brethren in Europe, we must at the same time provide for our denominational family's needs at home. We need \$20,000.00 every month to support our own beloved denominational family.



The New Home of the Baptist Missionary Training School at 510 Wellington Street, Chicago, Illinois

Chicago's Missionary Training School

By Miss ALETHEA S. KOSE, a Member of the Training School's Faculty

A RECENT letter from Laura Reddig said, "We had our first B. M. T. S. Alumnae meeting in Africa. We sang B. M. T. S. songs,—sang all we knew,—looked at the School Annual and had a wonderful time. To be sure, only Margaret Kittlitz and I were present, but soon we will be more!" Thus hopefully writes Laura, looking forward to the day when Ruby Salzman, Esther Schultz and Ida Forsch will join the Baptist Missionary Training School Alumnae Chapter of the Cameroons.

B. M. T. S. stands for Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Illinois, the oldest school in the world for the specialized training of women

missionaries. It was organized in 1881, in response to a great need for well-trained women in Christian service.

The school is a child of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. For many years, in fact, up to 1915, this society appointed and paid the salaries of the women missionaries serving our German Baptist churches. These missionaries were trained for this work at B. M. T. S., in many cases receiving scholarships to make this education possible for them. A long list of these missionaries, many of whom were well known, could be given here if space would permit.

In appreciation of all that the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society has done for our work,

our National Woman's Union now offers a scholarship each year to any worthy consecrated young woman, making it possible for her to come to the Baptist Training School to prepare for Christian service.

For nearly forty years, 2969 Vernon Avenue was the (very familiar) address of the school. In June 1945 the Training School moved into its very beautiful new building at 510 Wellington St., on the north side of Chicago close to Lincoln Park. This building is truly an answer to prayer and God was very gracious in his guidance to a building so well suited for its purposes.

The Baptist Missionary Training School is a four year college, specializing in Bible, Christian Education and the Social Sciences. Upon completion of the required college curriculum with its emphasis upon Bible and Christian Education, a Bachelor of Arts degree is awarded. Besides the classroom work, each student does required Field Work which means Sunday School teaching, Week Day Religious Education and Christian Center work, all under careful guidance and supervision.

During the past year six girls in our denomination were enrolled at the Training School, three of whom volunteered for work in the Cameroons and are under appointment. These are the three whom Laura Reddig and Margaret Kittlitz are hopefully expecting will soon join the B. M. T. S. Alumnae Chapter of the Cameroons.

This year there are four of our girls at the school. They are Esther Schultz of the Beaver Church in Michigan, who is also the student body president; Twila Bartz of Anamoose, North Dakota, who is the vice-president of the student body; Esther Burger of the White Ave. Church of Cleveland, Ohio; and Berneice Westernman of Chancellor, So. Dak., the recipient of the scholarship established by the National Woman's Missionary Union of our churches.

of the booklet are now available.

You will note that the revision of the memory verses was made in the second, third and fourth courses, and again in the last three courses, of the original booklet. The first three courses for the younger age groups have been reduced in number while the last courses have been slightly increased.

We suggest that the director and pupil discontinue to use the old or original booklets and use the revised edition immediately. Those children who have already memorized the verses of the original course might be given credit by reducing the suggested passages in the revised edition of the course, thus memorizing the same amount of Bible verses as those who will begin with the Revised Edition of the Course.

Again we wish to encourage those Sunday Schools which have not yet enrolled any of their children in the Scripture Memory Course to do so now. Write for your revised edition of the Memory Course booklet, your Record Sheets, and any further information you may wish. Address your mail to Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

THE REVISED NATIONAL SCRIPTURE MEMORY COURSE

By Rev. J. C. Gunst, Young People's Secretary

We are happy to announce a revised and improved new leaflet for our National Scripture Memory Course. The National Memory Course is now in its second year which is finding a permanent and useful place in our churches. A large number of boys and girls have completed their first year's memorization work and awards for their achievements have been sent.

Because of first hand experience in dealing with Scripture memorization our Memory Course directors, who have rendered such a commendable service, have made some constructive suggestions pertaining to the graded memory work. The Executive Committee of the Union felt that these Memory Course directors were justified in asking that the Course be partly revised. This has been done and the new Scripture Memory Course booklets have already been mailed to those directors whose names we have on record. Additional copies

Name Contest for Young People's Quarterly

Our newly proposed Young People's Quarterly will be ready for distribution in August 1946. This Quarterly needs a NAME.

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union will give a prize to the person submitting the name to be chosen for the new Quarterly. The name should be very brief, possibly only one word.

As a first prize the Union will give a "Teacher's Bible," with complete helps, which is valued at \$5.25. The second prize will be a copy of "Cruden's Complete Concordance" valued at \$2.50 for the second best name submitted. The decision of the judges will be final and the result of the name chosen will be published in THE BAPTIST HERALD.

Send your suggestions for the name of the Young People's Quarterly to the secretary of the Union, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. Your suggested name must be in not later than February 1, 1946.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Baptism of Seven Converts at the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta

We are happy and rejoice in the ever expanding work of the Lord at the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta. The Lord had his way with us so that we can again say that our prayers have been answered and we can rejoice with our pastor, the Rev. Karl Korella.

Sunday, Sept. 2nd, was a day which we will not soon forget, and what a beautiful day the Lord gave us at the Battle River! A heart touching sermon was given by Mr. Korella, and a number of testimonies were brought. Then Mr. Korella had the privilege to baptize 7 young converts before a very large crowd of people who attended.

On Sunday, October 7, the hand of fellowship was given to these 7 converts and to 4 others who were received by letters. May the Lord use these young people to honor and bring glory to our Master!

Robert Neske, Reporter.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Evangelistic Services and Seminary Endowment Fund Offering at the Bapt. Church, Elgin, Tex.

We are glad to report that the Baptist Church of Elgin, Texas, is still working for our Lord. We meet every Sunday morning for Sunday School. On the second Sunday of each month the Rev. J. J. Lippert of the Greenville Church brings us an inspiring message. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lippert are indeed loyal and faithful workers in the service of our Lord.

The month of October has been a milestone in the progress of our church, we renovated the interior of our church building by putting in sheetrocks and painting it.

During the week of Oct. 14 to 19 we had revival meetings conducted by Rev. C. H. Seecamp, pastor of the Cottonwood Church with the aid of Rev. J. J. Lippert. Brother Seecamp brought us such inspirational messages in both the German and English languages. The meetings were well attended. On Thursday evening, the special musical numbers rendered by Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Lippert, Milton, Rev. C. H. Seecamp, and Mrs. Alfred Imhoff, were greatly enjoyed. After a week of such captivating messages, we felt that we had been led closer to the throne of God.

On Sunday evening, October 14, an offering was taken for the Seminary Endowment Fund which amounted to \$35.00.

Mrs. Erica Leseman, Reporter.



Rev. Karl Korella of the Bethany Church of Camrose, Alberta With Seven Baptismal Candidates

Annual Rally Day Program of the Southern Conference Young People at Waco, Texas

On Sunday, September 30, the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Southern Conference met at the Central Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, for its annual Rally Day. Five churches were represented.

Mr. Edwin Gummelt, our president was in charge of the meeting. The regular Sunday School session was not held because of heavy rains and a Texas "norther" which made it impossible to meet at Mother Neff State Park, as previously planned. The Rev. R. C. Mulder of the Donna Church brought the morning message on the text, "In his temple doth everyone speak of his glory." (Psalm 29).

The afternoon service consisted of various numbers given by the churches present and letters from the Bulgaria Mission Field and Missionary Margaret Kittlitz, former member of the Waco Church, now serving in the mission fields of Africa, were read to the group. The sum of \$150.00 was the total amount given at our rally day for the project, "Gypsy Missions in Bulgaria." The Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Crawford Church delivered a challenging message, "Keeping in Love with Life," for the afternoon service based on 1 Peter 3:8-18.

Alice Ruth Hill, Secretary.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

The Iowa Association at Parkersburg Considers "The Church of Jesus Christ"

The days of October 8 to 10 were days of spiritual refreshing and rejoicing for the members of the Iowa Association, which convened with our church at Parkersburg, of which the Rev. H. Lohr is pastor. From the first message on Monday evening through the closing message on Wednesday evening we felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst. The reports of the churches were favorable.

The general theme of the association was "The Church of Jesus Christ." It was treated as follows: "The Church—Its Purpose," Rev. A. Bernadt; "The Church—Its Power," Rev. H. Renkema; and "The Church—Its Responsibility," Rev. J. Broeder. At the evening services the following ministers brought the messages: Rev. M. DeBoer, Rev. L. M. Clark and Rev. J. J. Renz. The devotionals were conducted by the following: Rev. G. Ehrhorn, Messrs. L. A. Johnson, A. Dreyer and Clarence Koenigsberg. Wednesday afternoon was the woman's session. They had six addresses based on six mountains mentioned in the Bible.

The following officers were elected: moderator, Rev. J. J. Renz of George, Iowa; Rev. H. Johnson of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. The Lord willing, we shall meet at Sheffield, Iowa next year. As special guest speakers we had with us Rev. L. M. Clark of Joliet, Illinois and Dr. Wm. Pettingil of Wilmington, Delaware.

John Broeder, Reporter.

Ordination of Rev. Fred Knalson of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, at Martin, No. Dak.

Twenty-two delegates from eight churches met at the Baptist Church of Martin, No. Dak., for the examination for ordination of Fred Knalson, a graduate of our North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., on Sunday afternoon, October 7. The council was organized with the choice of the Rev. C. M. Knapp as moderator, and the Rev. R. A. Grenz as clerk.

The local pastor, Rev. J. Kepl, introduced the candidate to the council. Mr. Knalson then gave his testimony of his conversion, call to the ministry and his statements of his doctrinal views. The council withdrew and declared itself well satisfied with the testimony and statements and made the recommendation for the ordination that evening.

The moderator was in charge of the ordination service. Two messages were brought, one in English by the Rev. G. W. Pust and another in German by the Rev. C. M. Knapp. The Rev. J. Kepl offered the ordination prayer. The Rev. W. G. Gerthe welcomed the candidate into the ministerial ranks. The Rev. A. Fischer gave the charge to the minister, and the Rev. R. A. Grenz gave the charge to the church and presented the ordination certificate.

In a very impressive manner the honorary deacon, Brother Weinholz presented a Bible to the candidate on behalf of the church and Miss Alma Fiesel presented Mrs. Knalson with a New Testament on behalf of the Young People's Society. Special music was furnished by the church.

The Rev. Fred Knalson closed the meeting with the benediction. May the Lord bless the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Knalson on their new field at the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

R. A. Grenz, Reporter.



Members and Friends of the Baptist Church of Concord, Wisconsin After a Recent Sunday Morning Service

An Interesting Sunday of Services for the Concord Baptist Church of Wisconsin

On Sunday, August 26, the members and a few friends of the Concord Baptist Church of Wisconsin held a very enjoyable Sunday.

After the Sunday School and morning worship, we had a basket lunch at the church. Then we all gathered in the church and sang hymns of praise unto our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and gave verses of Scripture in testimony to him.

Mrs. Walter Wenzel sang a solo in the Russian language and Mrs. John Boltz, a former member, read a poem with a bit of humor about each of the members.

Mrs. David Goetsch, Reporter.

Young People's Annual "Fall Kickoff" in the Faith Church of Minneapolis, Minn.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusted in thee." With this verse in mind, quoted by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner at our annual "Fall Kick-off," we of the Faith Baptist Young People's Society in Minneapolis, Minn., have embarked on this year's program. Our "Kickoff", which took place in

September, started with a "potluck supper," and the wonderful message brought by Mr. Leuschner proved a true inspiration.

Operating under the five group Commission Plan, each group, assigned to certain fields, is in charge of one Sunday each month. Our meetings have been well attended, but to raise the attendance still more we are planning an attendance contest. At Christmas the group drawing the largest attendance for two consecutive months will be honored at a party. Towards the latter part of October, we held a wiener roast, all proceeds of which went to the mission fund.

We pray now, as Mr. Leuschner said, that Christ may be our goal, and that we will not be sidetracked but will keep our eyes on him and will find that "perfect peace."

Ruth Range, Reporter.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Reception of the Mt. Zion Church of Kansas for Its New Pastor

The members of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas had the great joy of welcoming their new

minister, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Kruegel, at a lovely banquet supper in their behalf on Sunday evening, October 14.

The Rev. J. H. Kruegel came to Mt. Zion from Minneapolis, Minn. He is a graduate of the Northwestern Bible School and of the Northwestern Theological Seminary in Minneapolis. He also attended Iowa State Teachers College and was pastor of the Baptist Church at Lorimer, Iowa for several years.

Mr. Charles Zoschke, Sr., acted as toastmaster, asking Mr. Alvin Brenner to lead the devotions. He read Acts 10:30-33 and led in prayer. Welcoming addresses were given by the various organizations of the church through the following representatives: Sunday School by Alvin Zeckser, Young People's Society by Mrs. Noton Martinitz, Dorcas Woman's Missionary Society by Lillian Oesterhaus, and the church by Mrs. John Hooge. The Rev. Ben Fadenrecht of Elmo, Kansas also extended a hearty welcome for the Kansas Association and the Southwestern Conference. Musical numbers were presented by Rev. and Mrs. Ben Fadenrecht and Mrs. Alvin Zeckser.

Several poems were read by Mrs. John Hooge in connection with her welcoming message, of which one stanza is herewith quoted:

The Pastor

"He held the lamp each livelong day
So low that none could miss the way,
And yet so high to bring in sight
The picture fair of Christ, the Light,
That gazing up, the lamp between,
The hand that held it was not seen!"

Both church and pastor feel God's guiding hand in the present relationship and our hearts are filled with joy and praise to our heavenly Father for having sent us a new shepherd.

Mrs. Noton Martinitz, Reporter.

Inspirational Sessions and Offering of \$666 at the Nebraska Association at Shell Creek

From October 4 to 7 the Nebraska Association assembled with the Shell Creek Church considering the theme, "Do the Work of an Evangelist." The programs each day were filled with spiritual food, both instructive and inspiring. The opening sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf. Devotionals were led by Arthur Voigt, a visitor from Avon, So. Dak., LaVerna Lange of Shell Creek, and Rev. G. Bornschlegel of Omaha. Addresses, centered around the convention theme, were given by Rev. A. Hardy, director of evangelism in Nebraska; Rev. Theo. Frey of Creston; Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Beatrice; Miss Ann Swain, missionary of the Southwestern Conference; and Rev. John Borchers of Shell Creek.

We were very happy, indeed, to have the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., with us throughout most of the days of the convention with his inspiring messages and helpful information concerning the work of our denomination. He also had with him pictures of our Seminary at Rochester, of various churches, and other places of interest to our denomination. These were of great interest and enjoyment to all present.

Saturday's program, which was especially in the interest of the Y. P.

and S. S. Workers' Union consisted of addresses and discussions pertaining to "Evangelism in the Sunday School" and "Young People as Soul Winners" by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf and Mr. Leuschner, and "Pointers as to How Bible Reading Can be Encouraged" by Miss Swain. The mission sermon on Sunday morning was delivered by Mr. Leuschner who also addressed the young people in the afternoon in connection with a varied program of musical numbers and readings by the societies. Miss Ann Swain gave a very interesting report concerning the Southwestern Conference Mission Project of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, namely, of the work among the Spanish people of the San Luis Valley of Colorado under the able leadership of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer. She also conducted a ten-minute Junior service each evening which was enjoyed not alone by the Juniors but by the grown-ups as well. The closing sermon was delivered by Mr. Leuschner which was followed by a communion service bringing the convention to a close.

The offering amounted to \$666.76, of which \$265 were designated for the Seminary Endowment Fund, and \$401.76 for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.

The following officers were elected: moderator, Rev. Theo. Frey; secretary, Rev. J. Borchers; treasurer, Wm. Brunken; and Scripture memorization sponsor, Rev. A. G. Rietdorf.

Rich were the blessings received throughout these days and we are grateful to all who contributed and, above all, to our heavenly Father from whom all blessings flow.

Edna Lange, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

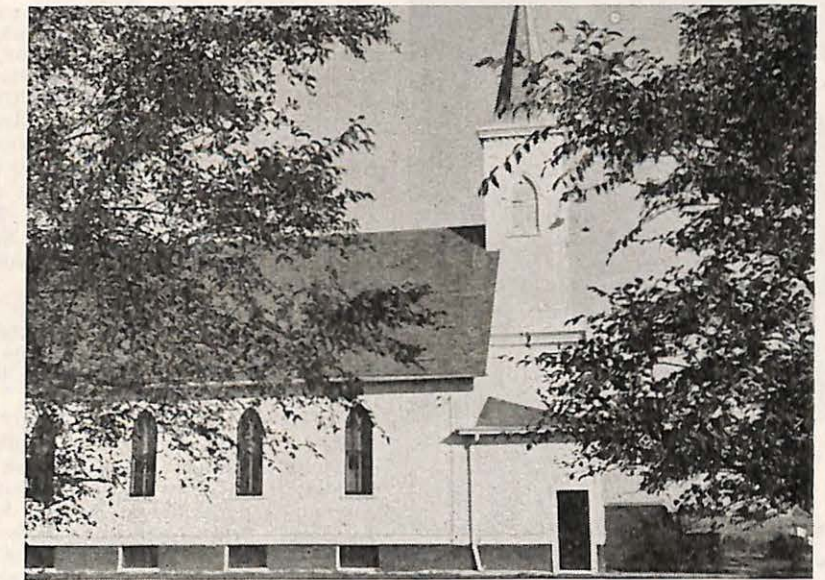
Plans for the New Dakota Conference Old People's Home to Cost About \$100,000

On October 16 the annual meeting of the Baptist Old People's Home of Bismarck, No. Dak., was held in the Baptist Church of Bismarck. The reports showed that progress had been made during the past year, and now plans are underway for greater things.

Several months ago the Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gieser resigned as superintendent and matron, and this vacancy has been filled by the Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Knapp, formerly of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, No. Dak. For some time there has been a need for a larger building but thus far the funds have not come in too generously. Mr. Gieser has now been appointed to visit the churches of the Dakota Conference and collect funds for the new Home. All funds are to be sent to him, 611-10th Street, Bismarck, No. Dak. Do not send any money to Mr. Knapp unless they are designated for a special purpose other than the building fund.

The Bismarck Old People's Home has been a great help to many people and we should all support this new project willingly.

J. G. Benke, Reporter.



The Shell Creek Baptist Church Near Columbus, Nebraska, Which Recently Entertained the Nebraska Association

Farewell Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary at Napoleon, No. Dak.

September 30th marked the close of a happy and fruitful ministry for the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary at the Napoleon Baptist Church of Napoleon, No. Dak.

For a church and its pastor to exchange farewells is not one of the most joyous occasions. The Rev. John Fawcett in his poem, a favorite hymn that we so often sing at parting, has very ably expressed sentiments that give us the reason. He speaks of a tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, as we share our mutual burdens and woes, our hopes and fears, comforts and joys.

All branches of the church were represented by a speaker. After listening to the many fine tributes paid to the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary, one sensed the high esteem in which they held their pastor and his wife. They expressed their regrets at losing them after hav-

ing endeared themselves to their church and community through unstinted service and spiritual guidance. Mr. Kary was the first pastor to serve the Napoleon Church since they became a "child of age," a daughter of the Wishek Church. The church looks back with gratitude to God for guidance through anxious days when they first ventured out on their own. They find themselves now with a fine church, a comfortable parsonage and grounds, in which they take pride in keeping it neat and inviting.

For this occasion the neighboring church of Wishek and its pastor were invited. They responded enthusiastically. The Rev. A. Weisser presided at the meeting. We all join with the Napoleon Church to wish the Kary's God's blessing in their new field of labor at Bismarck, No. Dak. A token of love was expressed to the Kary's with an envelope containing a gift of money. Mr. and Mrs. Kary fittingly responded.

Arthur R. Weisser, Reporter.



Officers and Adult Counselors of the Young People's Society of the Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

(Front Row, Left to Right: Ruth Range, Secretary; Eleanor Taubensee, Vice-president; Evelyn Wiens, President; Marilyn Wilkins, Pianist; and Nancy Ann Taubensee, Head Usher.)

(Back Row, Left to Right: Peter Adam, Counselor; Werner Reck, Treasurer; and Rev. L. B. Berndt, Counselor.)



Church Leaders in Attendance at the Recent Nebraska Association

(Front Row, Left to Right: Rev. and Mrs. John Borchers, Rev. G. Bornschlegel, Miss Ann Swain)

(Back Row, Left to Right: Rev. and Mrs. Theo. Frey, Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Rietdorf)

from Oct. 7 to 10. Four new pastors were welcomed into the state, namely, Rev. Peter J. Wiens of Chancellor, Rev. Fred Trautner of Unityville, Rev. K. E. Nelson of the Spring Valley Church near Canistota, and Rev. O. W. Brenner of the Ebenezer Church near Wessington Springs. New officers elected were: Rev. G. W. Rutsch of the Plum Creek Church, moderator; Rev. R. A. Klein, vice-moderator; Rev. K. E. Nelson, secretary; and Mr. L. F. Jacobs of Chancellor, treasurer.

The Rev. G. W. Rutsch was the "Pre-Messenger" bringing three messages on Sunday, "The Blessings of the Holy Spirit," "The Blessings of the Righteous," and "Looking unto Jesus." The theme of "Peace" was not only well chosen but was the general subject of conversation and praise to God. On Monday evening a fine welcome was extended by a delicious supper, hearty greetings and inspirational service. Rev. O. W. Brenner brought the message, and the Lord's presence was felt.

On Tuesday morning we were exhorted to pursue peace with all men, for without it there is no progress, enjoyment or God's presence. Rev. H. G. Braun of Parkston spoke on peace as salt that permeates and preserves. Other speakers were the Rev's. P. J. Wiens, G. W. Rutsch, and Fred Trautner.

On Tuesday night a very good song and praise service was held with Rev. August Hintz of the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, So. Dak., as the evening speaker exhorting a firm stand on Bible truths and godly living. On Wednesday morning Rev. Elmer A. Buening of Holloway, Minnesota led the devotions and Rev. H. G. Braun spoke on "The Promotion of Peace." Rev. K. E. Nelson of Canistota followed with a message on "The God of Peace." Rev. O. W. Brenner then spoke on the assurance and reality of heaven, and Rev. Peter Geissler of Avon clinched these messages with a real soul-searching message on prayer.

The next convention will be the 100th session and assembly of our state, and plans are under way to meet again in the same building where our first convention was held, namely, the Spring Valley Baptist Church now moved to the Monroe and Canistota area.

Kenneth E. Nelson, Reporter.

Sessions of the South Dakota Woman's Missionary Union at the Corona Church

The annual business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of South Dakota was held on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 9, in connection with the South Dakota Convention held with the First Baptist Church of Corona, South Dakota. The meeting was opened by the president of the Union, Mrs. G. W. Rutsch of the Plum Creek church. Twelve societies responded with 24 delegates. A report was received from every society of the Union.

The president introduced and welcomed Mrs. Fred Trautner, a minister's wife of Unityville, into our Union. The officers, Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, president, and Mrs. R. A. Klein, secretary and treasurer, were asked to serve for another year. Mrs. Geo. Terveen of Emery, So. Dak., led in the closing prayer.

On Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 10, we held the program consisting of read-

ings, duets and a dialogue, "Fruit Judging Christian," given by the entertaining society.

The Rev. Henry Schroeder of Madison, So. Dak., was the guest speaker using as his theme, "Greatest and Best Giver," Mark 12:41-44. He brought to our attention the stress most of us place on big things. But Jesus noticed little things. The poor widow teaches us that no one is too poor to give something. God sees and evaluates our giving. The poor widow possessed more love and sacrifice in her giving than others. How do we give unto the Lord?

Mrs. H. G. Braun of Parkston, So. Dak., played the offertory while the ushers received the gifts which were \$125.00 designated for the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies. This was the largest offering ever received by the Woman's Union of this convention.

Mrs. R. A. Klein, Secretary.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Graf of Detroit, Mich., Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

As the organ gave forth the familiar strains of Lohengrin's "Wedding March," the Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Graf came down the aisle of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. When they reached the place of the altar, Elmer Wengel of the Bethel Church sang "Because."

Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., and Rev. Owen Miller of Detroit's Bethel Church congratulated them and presented Brother Graf with a golden fountain pen set and Mrs. Graf with a bold wrist watch from their children, Ruth, Victor and Palmer, and also a gold wedding band to Mrs. Graf from their grandchildren. Following the presentation of the gifts Mrs. Rocho (Ruth Graf) sang a solo.

This September 26th was a double Jubilee in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Graf for they had not only been married fifty years but had been in the ministry for fifty years. The Rev. R. F. Fehlberg, who had worked together with the Grafs in Detroit brought an appropriate message.

Our German choir sang the inspiring ninety-first Psalm. Mr. E. Elmer Staub of the Ebenezer Baptist Church wished them an even brighter future with Christ. The Rev. Wm. Hoover in behalf of the Connors Ave. Church of Detroit thanked them for the incentive they have given to others. The mixed choir also sang a fitting selection. Mr. Fred Wagner congratulated them for the Centerline Mission and Mr. Richard Ernst in behalf of Burns Ave. Church. The Radio male quartet gave praise to God in the song, "Blessed be the Name of the Lord."

Rev. R. Wilkinson, our beloved associate pastor, who was in charge of the program, presented the Grafs with a beautiful lamp from the missionary society and a lovely chair from the church. Dr. Kuhn gave the closing address, telling how God had blessed them through the years.

Jean Nienhuis, Reporter.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Our Denominational Enterprise and Mexican Missions Are Considered by Los Angeles Church

The Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California is especially grateful for God's continued love and guidance during the past year.

We were fortunate in having our missionary, Miss Florence Eisele, in our midst for a short time. She was home on furlough for a month while recuperating from an illness. We enjoyed her many interesting talks regarding her work among the orphans in Mexico. She has now returned to resume her work in Mexico, and we pray that God will keep her strong as she continues in this splendid mission.

From September 27 to 30 we were privileged to have the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, our promotional secretary, as our guest. These visits to our church are always greatly appreciated and we look forward to them with eagerness.

The meetings on Thursday and Friday evenings started with dinner served under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U. Everyone enjoyed this time of Christian fellowship. A "Singspiration" followed in which all participated with enthusiasm. Mr. Leuschner then gave us lectures based on the book, "Into All The World." Interesting denomi-



The Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California With Its New Coat of Paint Which It Recently Acquired

national and missionary pictures were shown to climax the evenings.

On Sunday afternoon, September 30, the B. Y. P. U. held its annual program. We were surely happy and encouraged to have so many members and friends in our midst. The program consisted of music, reports, and a missionary play entitled, "A Greater Vision," presented under the direction of Miss Bert Mehling. Once more, we were privileged to hear Mr. Leuschner

as he spoke to us on the words, "Off To A Good Start." His inspiring message was a blessing to all present.

The offering of \$93.61 was designated for our own home missionary project, the Church Building Fund. The young people have given \$175 for this purpose during the past year. We pray that the time isn't too far in the future when we will have accomplished this purpose.

Mrs. Esther Johnson, Reporter.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR FIEDLER of the Plum Creek Baptist Church of South Dakota

Mr. Arthur Fiedler aged 50, was born in the vicinity of Emery, So. Dak., grew up on a farm near the Plum Creek Baptist Church, was converted at the age of 19 years, baptized by the Rev. W. H. Buening and added to the local church in 1914. He was united in marriage to Bertha Mettler in 1919 and they were blessed with 3 children. During the past five years he lived in Sioux Falls. On Oct. 20, 1945 he died from the complications of a ruptured appendix. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, 3 children, 4 brothers, 5 sisters and other relatives, and friends. The Rev. D. Westman from the Sioux Falls Baptist Church and the undersigned spoke words of comfort and assurance. May God bless all the bereaved!

Plum Creek Church, Emery, So. Dak.

G. W. Rutsch, Pastor.

MR. PAUL KOPPIN of Detroit, Michigan

The funeral of Mr. Paul Koppin of Detroit, Mich., was held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit on Saturday, October 6th. The pastor, Rev. Arthur McAsh, conducted the service, and Dr. George A. Lang, long associated with Brother Koppin, and for six years his pastor, delivered the funeral message.

Mr. Koppin passed away early on the morning of Oct. 3, 1945 at the age of eighty-five years. He had been born in Goyden, East Prussia, on the sixth of August 1860. While still a child he was led to the Savior by his pious parents. On Oct. 25, 1884 he married Emma Amalie Kanapatzky, with whom he enjoyed life for twenty-five years, and until she preceded him to be with the Lord.

Mr. Koppin came to America in 1886. At the organization of Ebenezer Church in Detroit in 1898 he was elected Sunday School superintendent, in which capacity he served for 25 years. He served as deacon from 1910 until his death. This

church has lost a great pillar of spiritual strength. Besides the fifty-one members of his immediate family consisting of nine children, six children-in-law, twenty-five grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren, there remain two brothers, two sisters, other relatives and many friends.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord... they shall rest from their labors and their works follow them."

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Arthur McAsh, Pastor.

MRS. ELIZABETH REMMICH of Wolf Point, Montana

Mrs. Elizabeth Remmich, nee Strobel, was born at Cassel, No. Dak., on April 6, 1889 and passed away on September 28, 1945 after a serious operation at the hospital at Glasgow, Mont., at the age of 56 years, 5 months and 23 days.

On January 16, 1913 she was united in holy matrimony to Gustav Vossler of Venturia, No. Dak., who was called to his reward on November 16 of the same year. This marriage was blessed with one child. On Dec. 16, 1915 she was united in marriage to William J. Remmich of Venturia, No. Dak. This union was blessed with 5 children, one son preceding the mother in death.

Mrs. Remmich became converted in her early youth and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church at Cassel, No. Dak., by Rev. Bishop. She was a faithful member of the Baptist Church and Ladies Aid at Vida, Mont., and a loving and devoted wife and mother.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her beloved husband, William J. Remmich; three sons, Arthur of Vida, Mont., Aaron of Lindsay, Mont., and George still at the parental home; 2 daughters, Mrs. Goldia Bialourki of Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. Violet Schumacher of Wolf Point, Mont.; 3 brothers, Fred, Gustav, and Arthur Strobel, all of Venturia, No. Dak.; 4 sisters, Mrs. Caroline Dohn, Vida, Mont., Mrs. Mary Hagel, Venturia, No. Dak., Mrs. Pauline Vossler, Ellendale, No. Dak., and Mrs. Martha Remmich, Circle, Mont.; six grandchildren and a host of good friends and acquaintances.

The services were held from the Baptist Church of Vida. The Rev. D. Simpson of McCabe, Mont., and the pastor brought messages of comfort to the bereaved in the presence of a large audience. May the mourning find comfort in the promises of our Lord, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you."

First Baptist Church, Vida, Montana.

HENRY LANG, Reporter.

MRS. LENA ZIEGLER SIEVERS of Waco, Texas

Mrs. Lena Sievers, nee Ziegler, was born in Hofgeismar, Kassel, Germany, on March 2, 1852, and died on October 7, 1945 at the age of 93 years, 7 months and 4 days.

At the age of 14 years she was converted under the ministry of Charles Haddon Spurgeon in London, England. On November 6, 1873 she was united in marriage to Mr. Frederick Sievers in Germany. To this union 9 children were born. The couple was privileged to spend almost 61 happy years together, having celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1923. Her husband preceded her in death on August 23, 1934.

Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Sievers came to Waco, Texas in 1897 where he served the German Baptist Church in the city for 3 years. During this time Mrs. Sievers organized the first Woman's Missionary Union and served as president for 2 years. They continued to serve churches in Texas until Mr. Sievers' retirement from active service. Mrs. Sievers made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Dora Schaible, for the past 12 years. Though unable actively to participate in the services of the church for the past few years, nevertheless, she was interested in the welfare of the church.

She is survived by five daughters: Mrs. Sophie Gaertner, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Anna Bohmert, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Dora Schaible, Waco, Texas; Mrs. Lydia Waldvogel, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Clara Moritz, Peoria, Ill.; 19 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

Roy Seibel, Pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Graf of Detroit, Michigan, on Their Golden Wedding Anniversary Day

Northern North Dakota Sunday School Convention Is Held at Grand Forks, No. Dak.

The Northern North Dakota Sunday School Convention was held this year with our church in Grand Forks, No. Dak. The people and pastor of the entertaining church graciously provided for the delegates and friends. We felt at home in their midst and enjoyed their hospitality and Christian fellowship. Even though the attendance was smaller than usual, nevertheless, the spirit was grand and wholesome.

The theme of the convention was: "The Sunday School Child in the Kingdom of God." This theme was very well carried out in the several assignments. Rev. John Kepl spoke on the "Origin and Purpose of the Sunday School"; Rev. A. J. Fischer's topic was: "The Age in Which a Child Should Surrender His Life to Christ"; Rev. W. G. Gerthe's subject was: "The Relationship of Sunday School and the Church"; and Rev. G. W. Pust spoke on "Successful Methods in Sunday School Teachings." Rev. D. Klein had an extemporaneous topic for development on "How to Make Our Sunday Schools Grow."

On the first evening the Rev. A. Weisser brought a helpful message on Matt. 18:1-14, speaking about the child as being the chief thing in the world. On Wednesday evening Rev. A. J. Fischer had as his topic, "Visions and Tasks," based on Acts 10:19. The Grand Forks Sunday School superintendent, Mr. John Stroh, led the first devotional. Rev. John Kepl and Rev. W. G. Gerthe also led meditations during the sessions of the convention.

The old officers were retained for the ensuing year. The report shows that we have an enrollment of 1296 scholars with an average attendance of 967, with 37 conversions, and 45 baptisms during the past year.

A. J. Fischer, Reporter.

Sessions of the South Dakota State Convention at the Corona Baptist Church

Thirty-nine delegates and pastors from twelve churches of South Dakota brought glowing reports of financial income and missionary giving at the South Dakota Convention held at the Baptist Church at Corona, So. Dak.,

The Rochester Seminary Opening

Report by Professor ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER

of the North American Baptist Seminary Faculty of Rochester, N. Y.

IT IS no vain boast when Rochesterians speak of their city as "the city beautiful." For many years it has borne the name, "The Flower City," a fitting name because of its lovely parks, majestic trees and abundant flowers.

Usually, the first delightful task of the new students to our North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., is to become acquainted with this fair city, which is to be their home

Fuchs; and Leland Schantz from our church in Gotebo, Oklahoma.

Their ages range from sixteen to thirty. A majority of them are high school graduates and one has college standing. All of them have come with high hopes and expectations which we believe God will help them to realize.

At the formal opening on Friday evening, September 21, Professor Otto E. Krueger gave a most inspiring address on "Seeing the Star in Disaster." President George A. Lang, Rev. Dan-



New Students at the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

(Front Row, Left to Right: Leland Schantz, Fred Fuchs, Milton Veitz, Edward Link and Lorenz DeBoer)

(Back Row, Herbert Schauer, Elmer Wagner, Reuben Stading and August Bertsch)

for the next five or more years. Since the weather was favorable, faculty and freshmen made a tour of over sixty miles visiting the many lovely spots and points of vantage for viewing this forest city.

Not all of the twenty young men who wanted to enter the seminary were able to arrive on time. About ten of them were detained by their governments in order to bring in the harvest. Several others were prevented from coming by untoward circumstances. A total of ten now comprises the freshmen class; several others, however, are still being expected.

From Canada only Elmer Wagner and Edward Link both of Olds, Alberta, were able to cross the border. Eight came from the Dakotas, Montana, and Oklahoma. From North Dakota we have Reuben Stading of Danzig; Milton Veitz of Hebron; Herbert Schauer of Ashley; Erwin Gerlitz of Goodrich; from South Dakota, Lorenz De Boer of Corona; August Bertsch of Venturia; from Plevna, Montana, Fred

iel Fuchs, and Mr. Walter Schmidt, president of the student body, welcomed all the new students to their high privileges and attendant duties. Messrs. Earl Abel and Roger Schmidt touched our souls by two uplifting solos. Refreshments and good fellowship with our many friends from Rochester and Buffalo, N. Y., brought this happy opening service to a fitting conclusion.

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The Buchenwald Camp

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affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." (2 Tim. 1:1-4). German rationalism scorned the truth of the Bible but helped to bring about the fulfillment of this very prophecy.

What about the future of Germany? Over 2,000 inmates of Buchenwald were German citizens who for anti-Nazi attitudes and activities had been exiled to this living death. There had been many more of them, but they too helped make up the total of 50,000 dead whose ashes now fertilize the surrounding farms.

Multiply this situation many dozens of times for all the concentration camps in Germany and the occupied countries, and one begins to see the situation as it is. When we left Buchenwald we took with us several Polish Jews to work for us. One had been in ten different concentration camps in Poland and Germany, and he told me that Buchenwald was the best he had seen; it was spoken of as a "rest camp!"

These thousands of German political prisoners are returning to their homes. Many were committed because of their stand for religious freedom. A large number of pastors are among them. Here, to some extent at least, lies the hope of the future. True, there must have been many Germans who remained at liberty though anti-Nazi at heart. These are extremely difficult to find because all now claim that they were anti-Nazi from the very beginning of Hitler's rise.

While churches were never closed in Germany, they were closely watched by the Gestapo and the SS., and attendance dropped to almost nothing. With occupation by American troops and the attendant freedom of worship, the civilian churches are crowded. People are asking for German Bibles. Children troop to church services.

A great opportunity is open to us in Germany and in all of Europe. The children flock around Americans. It seems to me that our Danubian Mission can serve Christ nobly in the days ahead. In July of this year I spoke along this line at the California Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Institute at Anaheim, and at the close of the service two fine girls came to me. "What do you think we could do under our Danubian Mission with our Bible Institute training and our knowledge of German?" Their eyes sparkled! I pictured them gathering children together, and later their parents, to present the simple message of salvation, the grace of Christ, which can put love into men's hearts instead of "Unmenschlichkeit" (inhumanity).

Let us pray that God will lead Germany back to a humble faith in Christ, the Germany which gave the world a Luther, a Hübmeier, and an Oncken. Then let us do our part in missionary giving, both of personal service and of personal means, to bring the Lord Jesus Christ back to Germany.