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WHAT'S

HAPPENING

- For the past several months, the Rev. James E. Halbert has been serving as the pastor of the Arthur Street Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash. He is a graduate of the Bible School at Los Angeles, Calif. A report about the Vacation Bible School and the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Halbert appears among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue of "The Herald"
- The Men's Chorus of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, would like to have new songs. If any church or individuals should have German Men's Chorus books, which they do not use any longer, they are requested to write to Rev. R. Schilke, 10860 96th St., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada with full information before sending any books
- Miss Alice Kaaz of New Haven, Conn., the secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union has received a teaching appointment in a public school of Philadelphia, Pa beginning with Oct Her new address will be 8315 Pine Road, Philadelphia 11, Pa. All mail can reach her at that address.
- Mr. William Ehrhardt and some of the young people of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., went to Ellis Island near New York City on Sunday morning, Sept. 9, and conducted a service. Eight of the listeners responded to the invitation by asking for prayer. The Rev. W. J. Appel is the pastor of the church.
- O Chaplain Fred Schilling has returned to this country after serving overseas in Europe with the United States Army for several years. He has been reassigned and is now stationed at Post Headquarters, Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama. He is a son of the Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Schilling and a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y.
- The Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has called Mr. Arthur Thom to become the Activities Director of the church. He has charge of the radio programs, the music for young people and activities of the high school age group. He was formerly a member of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena. Mich., before coming to Detroit. He began his ministry at the Burns Ave. Church in July, 1945. Dr. A. J. Harms is the pastor.
- From Sept. 23 to Oct. 5, Dr. A. J. Harms, pastor of the Burns Ave. of Detroit, Mich., conducted evangelistic meetings in the Mennonite Brethren Church of Shafter, California. Many members of the Baptist

- Church of Wasco, Calif., and the aged mother who is no longer able to interim pastor, Rev. Paul Coulombe, also cooperated. The Rev. J. H. Pankratz of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly pastor of the West Center Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebraska, was also present at the meetings.
- On Sunday, evening, Aug. 19, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas baptized 8 young people and at the communion service that followed received them into the fellowship of the church together with four others, who came by letter. The eight converts were won during evangelistic meetings held from Aug. 5 to 12 during which Mr. Schreiber brought the messages. Mr. Schreiber also helped to conduct evangelistic meetings in Waco, Texas for two weeks recently.
- The Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., a retired minister of our churches. was far from inactive in August and September. He served as interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Erie, preaching there from July 15 to August 12. On Sunday, Aug. 26, Mr. Argow supplied the pulpit of the First United Presbyterian Church of Erie. On the first two Sundays in September he preached in the Brown Ave. United Presbyterian Church and Asbury Methodist Church, respectively. His services are eagerly sought by many of Erie's churches.
- The ordination service of the Rev. Kannwischer was held in the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta recently. The Rev. R. Kern of Calgary brought the ordination sermon and the Rev. Schulz of Olds offered the prayer. Mr. Kannwischer was welcomed into the ranks of the ministers by the Rev. E. Riemer, and Rev. E. Wegner of Carbon brought the charge to the candidate and the The Rev. R. Kannwischer, church. a July 1945 graduate of our Rochester Seminary has begun his ministry at the Springside and Ebenezer West Churches of Saskatchewan, Canada.
- At the morning worship service on September 2 the West Side Church of Beatrice, Nebraska observed the happy occasion of dedicating to the Lord's use a new communion table and the refinished pulpit. The table is of solid oak and is beautifully finished in darkened, natural grain. All this was made possible by the generosity of an

THE EDITOR'S APOLOGY

Because of a very unfortunate misunderstanding, "The Baptist Herald" in the Sept. 15th issue was misinformed by announcing the engagement of Miss Geraldine Kieferle of Kansas and Sat. Marvin Hartman of Anaheim, Calif. The editor expresses his sincere apology to all concerned for this error and accepts all responsibility for the mistake in these pages. Martin L. Leuschner.

- attend the public services but who loves the Lord and his work. "May the service of these and other of her gifts serve the Lord fruitfully, in the beauty of holiness, until and beyond that time when her now unseeing eyes shall see her Master face to face." This was the beautiful expression of her pastor, Rev. A. G. Rietdorf
- Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Straub of Rochester, N. Y., have announced the birth of a son born to them at the Genesee Hospital on Sept. 15. The boy has been named Paul Alvin. Mr. Straub is a second year student at our Rochester Baptist Seminary. Announcement has also been made by the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Wilcke of Linton, North Dakota that a baby boy, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces, was born to them on Sept. 19. This boy has been given the name of Robert Gerald.
- The Rev. Robert Schreiber of Crawford, Texas, led the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas in a good revival from August 26 to September 9, with the local pastor, Rev. Roy W. Seibel, assisting with the singing. The meetings were well attended and, although there were no conversions, everyone was drawn closer to the Lord hrough the soul-stirring messages of Mr. Schreiber. The Seibels enjoyed a much deserved vacation in September, visiting in Oklahoma and Kansas. Upon their return Mr. Seibel also resumed his studies at Baylor University.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ailt Edzards of Emery, So. Dak., Baptists of many years and active members in both the Emery and Plum Creek Churches were pleasantly surprised recently on their 25th wedding anniversary by their children and close relatives, and also the two pastors, Rev. Arthur Ittermann of Emery and Rev. G. W. Rutsch of the Plum Creek Church. Both pastors spoke words of congratulation to the honored couple and gratitude to God for the countless rays of sunshine they have brought to others in the past. After a bountiful lunch, the many gifts were opened and viewed, which clearly showed in what high esteem these friends are held.
- The Rev. Ernest Sitenhof, the husband of Mrs. Ella Sitenhof, the former missionary of the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., arrived in New York City from England on Sept. 10 on the S. S. "Queen Mary." He has spoken in Anaheim on several occasions since then. He was in England since 1933, for ten years serving as pastor of a church and for 2 years as representative of "Friends of Israel." He is to be the Pacific Coast Missionary and Representative of "Friends of Israel" in the evangelization of the Jews. If any churches or pastors would like to invite him for services, he can be reached at the address, Rt. 4, Box 286,

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Coming!

THANKSGIVING—SACRIFICE WEEK

In preparation for the annual Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week to be observed
by our churches from Nov. 18 to 25, 1945
the next issue of "The Herald" will feature an article by Dr. William Kuhn,
describe the need for generous mission
gifts and bring the most recent news
about the progress of the Fellowship
Fund for World Emergencies.

MACEDONIAN CALLS

From letters received from European countries and especially from the Danubian mission fileds, the calls for assistance from far away will be recounted with vivid clarity. The Cameroons work will also be depicted as it is unfolding and expanding in these days with rapid strides.

PREPARE FOR REVIVAL

The Rev. F. W. Bartel, one of our two general evangelists, has contributed a timely and telling article for "The Baptist Herald" about the need of preparing for revival as he has reviewed his most recent experiences in evangelistic service and has opened his eyes to the possibilities of greater success in the days ahead.

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EDITORIAL

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Called to Be Saints

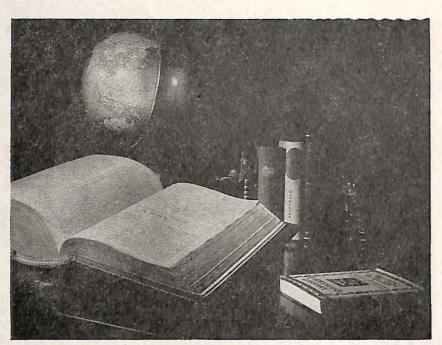
SAINT is a true follower of Jesus Christ. That is the New Testament use of the word. We have come to apply it to a person of unusual virtue and piety. But in the days of the Apostle Paul, the Christian's vocation was expressed in these words: "Called to be saints." That phrase, if rightly understood, will help us to know what it means to be a Christian.

In the New Testament sense a saint is "one who sees," according to Dr. H. F. Rall, a Biblical scholar. For him the world of the spirit is the real world. Like Moses of old he endures, "as seeing him who is invisible." (Heb. 11:27.) He sees things in their right and eternal perspective, as all things working together for good. Even afflictions have "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" because he "looks not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen." (2 Cor. 4:17-18). "God hath shined into our hearts", and this light within us, which gives spiritual insight and understanding, makes us saints of God.

A saint is also one who belongs. For a man to be holy, or a saint, means that he belongs to God. "Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Cor. 6:19-20). The Corinthians were far from ideal but they had dedicated themselves. They belonged to Christ. The apostle Paul's task was to make them see what this meant. The first demand on the saint is loyalty, loyalty to Christ, his sovereign Lord. By him who has bought us with his life-blood, we are "called to be saints!"

The saint is also one who is being made over. Dr. Rall says "the final test of sainthood is what this belonging does to the man himself. In the highest sense of this word, the followers of Jesus Christ are in the process of becoming saints." "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into that same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2 Cor. 3:18). By constant association with Christ and by an earnest walk with him, we become like him and reflect his spirit. Such are those "that are sanctified" and who are "called to be saints."

This is incumbent upon every Christian who wants to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Every action and deed of his must give witness to the fact that he too belongs to those who have been "called to be saints." That is a noble company worth cultivating!



As the Light Shines Across God's Word, So the Bible Is a Lamp Unto the Feet of Men Everywhere and a Light Unto Their Path

The Bible in Our Lives

By Rev. FREDERICK ALF of Missoula, Montana

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Ps. 119:105.

HE BIBLE, written by about 40 authors during the period of about 1600 years by educated and uneducated authors, a book of 66 volumes, the best sellers in this world, belongs to all

It is not supposed to be merely an ornament in our houses, but a lamp to be read daily as spiritual food. It gives us information about our way to Eternity, how to live this side of grave, and what to expect on the other side.

Through Martin Luther's translation of the Bible from Latin and Greek and Hebrew, it became a book for all the people. The great statesman Gladstone of England says: "It is the richest treasure" for all crises of life. Washington, the first president of the United States, arose every morning at four o'clock to find time to read the Lincoln, our president who united through his efforts the South with the North, always kept the Bible on his table at the White House. Clark became one of the greatest speakers in our Senate because he could quote the Bible in his many addresses. Wannamaker, the great owner of a department store in Philadelphia, who became a millionaire said: "I made many purchases and closed many contracts in my life, but the greatest business I closed was buying a Bible for seventy

No wonder that many years ago the Psalmist cried out: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto

A HURRICANE LAMP

At the present time we are going through a hurricane of time. There is a kind of lamp which is so made that you can carry it in the wildest of storms and the winds can never blow it out. At this time of selfishness, at this time of hate and misunderstandings among nations, we hope, and it is the only hope that the Bible will be used as a lamp to help us shine through all these storms.

A BEACON LAMP

Out upon the coast along the shore there are beacon lamps. It costs many thousands of dollars to keep these lamps burning, but it saves thousands of lives and millions of dollars of property. As a ship nears the coast, the beacon lights tell the captain where he is and how to steer his ship so as to reach the port safely. God's Word is a beacon lamp. It shows men the true way and keeps them from wreck

A SIGNAL LAMP

You have often noticed the signals at night when you have been riding

This Sermon Was First Preached by Rev. Frederick Alf as a Radio Message Over One of the Radio Stations in Missoula, Montana.

along in a train. The meaning of each light is well understood. The white light tells us that the way is clear and encourages us to go on. Thus, it is that the Bible speaks to us when we are on the right way and are going right. It invites us to go further in the way, reassuring us and encouraging us forward.

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THE RED LIGHT

But there is another very well understood signal, the red light. It means danger. It calls us to stop. Many will not stop, and the consequences are very dangerous. We are willing to obey the order of our police. The red lamps on the street corners are not put there to disobey but to obey. What about those red lamps of warning in the Bible? Are they there of which to make fun? Those red lights in the Bible are written with love. If people would only heed the red light of the Bible, there would be a great deal less sin and sorrow in the world. "The wages of sin is death!" "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?"

A WORKER'S LAMP

Visiting the coal mines at Beulah, North Dakota, I saw a little lamp on the miner's caps. This makes it possible for the miners to labor even in the deepest darkness. The Bible shines for God's workers, for preachers, for Sunday School teachers, for any who wish to be personal workers for the Lord Jesus Christ. It is both an equipment for the work and a light upon the work. It sheds its rays upon the worker himself, cheering him in

A PILGRIM'S LAMP

In the East or in the Bible lands they put a little lantern on each of their feet to find the way in darkness and to chase the wild, poisonous worms from their paths. The Psalmist used this experience of the wanderer as an illustration about the Word of God. It is a lamp for the pilgrim unto his feet and a light unto his path. But it can only be a pilgrim's lamp, if we use it, if we read it.

You remember the story, "Ben Hur", which exalts the nobility and divinity of Jesus Christ. This great story was the product of the determination of the author, General Lew Wallace, to expose the falseness of what the Bible tells us about Jesus. General Wallace was urged by Robert G. Ingersoll to write a story that would free the American people from what he termed, "Christian superstition." This Wallace set out to do. As a basis he began to read the Gospels. Soon he came to the conclusion that Jesus was a real person in history. "May He not have been in the universe what He from which he could not escape. There from which he could not escape. There was no peace for General Wallace until he propped on his knees and cried out, "My Savior and my God!"

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." All who will so appreciate and so use the written Word, and who will follow the path illuminated thereby, will find their way to the Incornate World whose their way to the Incarnate Word whose name is called, "Jesus."

The Evangelistic Imperative

By Rev. JOHN C. SCHWEITZER of Bismarck, North Dakota, General Evangelist of Our Conference

. .do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

LVANGELISM is our unescapable imperative, because in the measure in which the church fails in her ministry of evangelism, in that measure the souls of men perish, in spite of Calvary, for the salvation of the world depends upon the action of the church. God has provided salvation for the world. The world cannot accept this provision unless it is presented to them, and that is our job of evangelism. He who came "to seek and to save that which was lost" has called. authorized and empowered us to carry out his divine mission.

THE GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED

Therefore the preaching of the gospel is as vital to the salvation of the world as either the sacrifice of the Savior or the faith of the sinner. It is obvious that, wherein we fail to evangelize, the Cross is made ineffective and men die without hope.

We are living in a time in which much "re-thinking" is taken place. Evangelism could not escape the effects of a swiftly changing world. We want to be clear on this, that the essentials of evangelism will always have to remain the same. Namely, man is lost without Christ, the awful sinfulness of sin, the all-sufficient redemption through Christ and the personal appropriation of grace by faith. These cannot be touched.

In the past "mass evangelism" was the only type known. No one shall ever be able to tell of the great blessings that have come through this method of bringing souls to Christ. Today we find a greater emphasis laid upon "personal evangelism" and "visitation evangelism". This brief article does not attempt to define nor evaluate these different approaches to evangelism. I am rather of the conviction that no single method is sufficient but that each should be supplemented and several methods combined for the greatest effectiveness.

A TWO-FOLD TASK

Ours is a two-fold task, revival and evangelism. In our circles these two words are being used synonymously. People are heard saying, "What we need is a revival." What they really mean is that there are some unsaved people in their community who probably would accept Christ if the proper evangelistic efforts were made.

On the other hand, we hear it again and again, "Our church needs a revival." This is the real need in most cases and implies that many of our church members are spiritually cold and lifeless. Sinners outside of Christ cannot be revived. Unbelievers are



Rev. John C. Schweitzer of Bismarck. North Dakota, a General Evangelist of the North American Baptist General Conference

2:1.) Such must be quickened or made alive through the Holy Spirit.

There is a great difference between making alive and reviving. The evangelist is called upon to revive the slumbering saints and to evangelize the people who are outside the household of God. The first responsibility is a requisite before the second can be of the greatest fruition. Yet the winning of the lost must always be the evangelist's primary mission.

How is this task to be accomplished? First, the evangelist must have the right motives that carry him forward in his work. Like the Master, the love of God for a lost world and a passion to do the will of the Father must fill his soul. Secondly, he must have the enduement of God's Holy Spirit upon him, coupled with a consecrated character. As difficult as the task may seem, there are the many compensations that should make for courage and for joy. It is the most important and most satisfying work in the whole wide world. The presence of Christ is assured and the rewards are most glorious.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

One more word is needed.

Often the impression is created that the evangelist single-handedly has led a given number of people to the Lord which the pastor has failed to accomplish in his work during the year. Nothing could be further from the truth! The prayers of God's people, the testimonies and example of the least of Christ's disciples, as well as the untiring ministry of each pastor have a vital part in bringing souls to that decisive moment of conversion "dead in trespasses and sins." (Eph. and regeneration. It remains the work

of the Holy Spirit to revive his people and to quicken the lost. In John 4:36-38 we have the proper perspective of cooperation, of sowing and reaping and of mutual rewards for all concerned.

It is needful that we yield ourselves to the Lord Christ so fully that he may fill us with his Spirit, so that his divine compassion and love will move our hearts to reach the lost everywhere with the gospel. Shall not we reach out our hands and at any cost seek to save the lost from death and hell? To this task I would strive and consecrate myself in the name of our

"I want, dear Lord, a soul, on fire for Thee,

A soul baptized with heav'nly energy.

A willing mind, a ready hand To do what'er I know,

To spread Thy light wherever I may go."

EVANGELIST SCHWEITZER'S FIRST MEETINGS

The Rev. John C. Schweitzer in sending the list of his first engagements for publication, also described some of s first experiences in this work. We are taking the liberty of quoting from his letter in the following paragraphs.

"The meetings were very well attended at Avon, and the missionary offerings amounted to about \$200. We had very few strangers and unconverted attend the services, so I cannot report of any decisions made. It was wonderful experience and I am sure that I will grow into the work, which is not strange to me."

"It might be wise to state that all engagements are to be secured through our office, as so many are writing to me for help in meetings. I believe there are more requests than could be filled in a year. All such requests are to be sent directly to Dr. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

The following are the engagements of Evangelist Schweitzer from September to December 1945:

Sunday, Sept. 2 Mission Harvest Festival, McClusky, No. Dak. Sunday, Sept. 9 Services of Gackle and

Alfred, No. Dak. Sept. 16-28 Avon, So. Dak., Rev. P.

Geissler, Pastor. Oct. 1-12 Hebron, No. Dak., Rev. J.

Benke, Pastor. Oct. 14-26 Goodrich, No. Dak., Rev. J.

C. Kraenzler, Pastor. Nov. 4-16 Missoula, Mont., Rev. F. Alf,

Nov. 18-30 Eureka, So. Dak., A. Krombein. Pastor.

Dec. 2-14 Turtle Lake, No. Dak., A. Rosner, Pastor.

There are very few changes of guests in the Home. Two of the girls have lived in this Home for fifteen years

and several others from eight to ten

years. This is the only home that some

of the girls have. The Home accom-

modates twenty-four women, besides

Our Chicago Baptist Girls' Home

By Mrs. A. F. JOHNS and Mrs. ROLAND ROSS, Officers of the Board



The Baptist Girls' Home in Chicago, Illinois Photographed by Herman Siemund of the Grace Baptist Church

N the earlier days of the development of our Baptist work in the Chicago area, the plans included a Deaconess Home and Hospital Society. In those days the late Rev. Jacob Meier was the pastor of our First Church of Chicago, Illinois and was very active in the development of our Chicago work. In 1897 Mr. Meier, together with leaders from our Chicago churches, organized the German Baptist Deaconesses Home and Hospital Society. A small building was acquired for the Home, and thus the work was

The plan was well received and activities increased, so that in 1913 a six-apartment building was purchased, located at 3264 Cortland Street, which still serves as the present Girls' Home. Christian young women were received in this Home and given a full time nurse's training. After graduation from their hospital work, they were given a year of religious education. These girls, thus equipped as deacon-esses, worked hard and with very little remuneration. They were, how-ever, a comfort and blessing, physically and spiritually, in the many homes in which they served.

With the decrease in opportunities for deaconess service, it was found impractical to continue this Society as in the past. Therefore, in 1930 the building was remodeled and refurnished, making it a modern home for business women. Various Women's Societies, Bible Classes and other organizations, and individuals of our Chicago area churches, contributed

liberally toward this remodeling and refurnishing project.

The Society is now operated to prodevotions are conducted.

vide a home for Christian business women who are employed in Chicago and vicinity. It provides an opportunity for girls to have a Christian home and Christian companions. Each evening, after dinner, a period of daily

Miss Anna M. Brinkman, Superintendent of the Chicago Baptist Girls' Home for the Past Fifteen Years

the superintendent and her two assistants. The rooms are continuously fully occupied and there is usually a waiting list for guests who wish to

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The Spacious and Comfortable Living Room of the Baptist Girls Home in Chicago

More Missionaries for Africa

The Heart-warming Story of Open Doors and Consecrated Lives for the Cameroons of Africa

Why I Want to Be a Missionary

October 15, 1945

By Miss HILDA TOBERT of Edmonton, Alberta, Missonary Appointee for the Cameroons

Several years ago a Christian worker reminded me of an interesting fact. I say "reminded" because it wasn't news to me. It was only that I had never given the matter much thought. He said: "Christians miss God's best in their lives because they choose to do what they want to do, instead of asking God what they should do." I resolved that this should



Performing Chores Was a Daily Routine for Miss Hilda Tobert, Nurse, at an Edmonton, Alberta Hospital

never happen to my life. By God's grace, I wanted to say, "Speak Lord, thy servant heareth."

I had almost forgotten this when the doors of further education leading to material success closed to me. There was nothing wrong in learning more; there was much good that I could do in the hospitals of our own country. Thus I argued with myself. The still small voice within would not be silenced however. "Is that what God wants you to do? Don't you want God's best for your life?'

It wasn't until I asked God to show me what he would have me do that joy and purpose of living filled my heart. That is why I want to be a missionary. God has shown me that he wants me in Africa, where my life can count for most in his service.

I want to be a missionary because the need is so great. The fields were "white unto harvest" almost two thousand years ago, and there is still so much to do. I do not need to close my eyes to see the many, sin-sick physically-wrecked people who need the Light of the world so much and for whom a little medical aid will make so much difference. I have so much, but all I have will only deteriorate if I do not use it as thousands cry out for help. I want to help them.

I want to be a missionary because and disappointments as they had ex-I love the Christ who is going to Africa before me. His saving grace and his keeping power have made my life worthwhile. I want others to know that being a Christian is the only way to live and to die happily. So many in Africa have never had the opportunity to hear of the Christ who died to save. No one has told them that God's holy Son left heaven's glory to bear Calvary's cross to atone for their sins, too. I want to tell them the message of that glorious gospel.

Training at the Missionary Medical Institute

By Miss MYRTLE HEIN of Leduc, Alberta, Missionary Appointee for the Cameroons

Pondering over the values of the course of study for the past year at the Missionary Institute in Toronto, Ontario in view of missionary service in the regions beyond, I feel that words cannot convey the blessings and benefits of its training.

It would seem to me that this past year of study was an acid test in many respects, and especially so mentally and physically. The course was a difficult one, but are they not the hard and difficult things in life that bring the greatest blessing?

Mornings were spent at the hospital, the afternoons in classes, and the evenings in study or more nursing. The days were hard and long ones, but packed with new experiences, and always most thrilling and adventurous. Many times as I anxiously watched over a sick person, I would be transplanted in imagination to the mission field and silently breathe a prayer of thankfulness to God for allowing me to receive this training. Such a training is essential on the field since the missionary's own care is for a place infested with disease and fever and for those round about him who need medical aid.

In the classroom a spirit of contagious enthusiasm prevailed. Young people who had come to study from seventeen states and seven provinces put forth their best.

Spiritually, it was a time of upbuilding and glorious blessing from God. Can you anticipate the joys which were mine in the company of fifty-six consecrated young people, all preparing to go forth into foreign missionary service?

In our number there were also three returned missionaries who felt this course would be essential and beneficial to them. Weekly we had the joy of hearing outstanding missionaries from various parts of the world. Their messages were such spoken "from the heart of one missionary to another" relating the joys as well as problems

perienced them.

Opportunities for service were many in Toronto and brought much blessing into my life during the months of study there.

"I want in this short life of mine As much as can be pressed, Of service true to God and man, I want to be, to give my best."



Miss Myrtle Hein (Second from Right) in a Quartet of Students from the Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, Ontario

Missionary Projects

By Rev. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER

Our churches are enthusiastic about the adoption of mission projects. All of the missionary-appointees for the Cameroons of Africa have been adopted by our churches, and the support for other Cameroons projects is coming liberally from our people.

Miss Hilda Tobert has been adopted by the Sunday School of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California, by recent action of the school. The Sunday School and its superintendent, Mr. Walter Schroeder, were very happy in making this decision. The entire salary for her support will be paid by the Anaheim Sunday School, according to the pastor, Rev. P. G. Neumann.

Miss Myrtle Hein was adopted some time ago by the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where she served as church missionary for several years. She is a member of that church and is held in high esteem by a large host of friends. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Richard Schilke.

Both of these young women will sail for the Cameroons as soon as the health of Mrs. Ganstrom will permit. The Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, who have been adopted by the Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota, and these two young women will leave for Africa and the mission field together. The front cover picture of the young women was taken at the Alberta Young People's Assembly last July.



-Samuel Myslis Photo

Eight Men Dream Under an Iowa Tree

Looking Back Over Fifty Years of the Iowa Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union by Rev. Paul Zoschke of Elgin, Iowa

OME of the greatest visitations of God to the human soul have not been dependent upon auspicious circumstances. The fundamental laws of human behavior were not received in a pompous palace of an awe-inspiring king but by a travel-weary Moses seeking solitude with his God on the lonely peaks of Mt. Sinai. The greatest coronation call ever to reach human ears came to the young "ruddy" stripling David as he watched his father's sheep grazing on the Judean hills

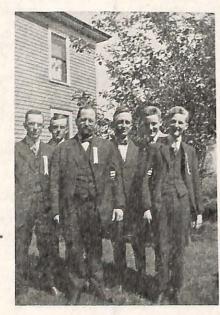
Under a box-elder tree on the yard of the late Mr. Otto Schwieger of Burlington, Iowa on a June day in 1895 sat some young men in conversation when God inspired them with the idea of organizing the Iowa Young People's Convention, which was destined to touch and enrich the lives of hundreds of young people in this state, and through them thousands of others in their missionary activity even to some uttermost part of the world. It has been said that there sat eight men in that circle, seven of whom were Otto Schwieger, Hans Keiser, Gottlieb Heide, J. A. Merkel, C. Tietge, Mr. Denoie, and August Schmidt.

To one's mind comes another scene of Holy Writ of long ago when Daniel's three friends were cast into the fiery furnace, and king Nebuchadnezzar saw four, "and the form of the fourth was like the Son of God." We know that the Son of God was in that circle in invisible form to guide those men to the God-willed conclusion, as is attested by 50 years of ever increasing missionary activity of the convention.

The actual organization was effected on December 7, 1895, when the Iowa Association (Vereinigung) met in Elgin. The Saturday afternoon of the week-end session was set aside for the delegates of the young people's societies

present for this purpose. Rev. R. J. Hack of Elgin was appointed temporary moderator and Rev. J. Schuff of Muscatine as temporary clerk.

Rev. R. J. Hack then spoke of the purpose for such an organization as not being "the correction of current evils, nor offering the young people a substitute for amusement or social intercourse, but to work for Christ and his Kingdom. We as young Christians want to work hand in hand to support financially the district missionary appointed by the Iowa Association in conjunction with home missions, who is



Professor Herman von Berge Surrounded by Youthful Iowa Hero-Worshippers Some Years Ago

(Left to Right: Henry Wiesley, Walter Siems, Dr. H. v. Berge, Wm. Kohrs, Carl Gerdes and Herbert Wiesley)

to do pioneer and mission work within the state." After further discussion the body voted enthusiastically to organize young people's convention of Iowa "in the name of our Lord."

That the spiritual vision and determination of these young people of a former generation were well conceived and directioned is evidenced not only by the continuation of the "work for Christ and his Kingdom" but also its ever increasing zeal to this very date. The first officers elected were August Schmidt of Burlington as president, Rebecca Miller of Victor as vice-president, Hans Keiser of Elgin as secretary, and N. H. Reintz of Aplington as

The district missionary of the Iowa association at the time of the organization of this convention was Rev. Gottlieb Heide. In the first year it contributed \$147.57 to his support. During the next two years a total of \$375 was sent to the association treasurer.

Mr. Heide conducted evangelistic meetings in Victor, Muscatine, George, and several other places, and a number of souls were saved. A station was opened in Buffalo Center in 1898 and in Britt and Clarion in 1899. Baptism were reported at Camerar, Germania, and Fulton. Mr. Heide tendered his resignation to the secretary in 1899, having accepted the position of missionary in Kansas.

The Rev. J. Jordan was appointed as missionary in September of 1900, who labored until 1904. Vacant for three years, during which time the Rev. G. Bleibtreu was appointed to this position in 1907 at a salary of \$500. The young people's convention made itself responsible for half of this amount, the association bearing the other half.

Entries in the records reveal that "because of removals and other reasons", the activity of the convention

lapsed for the years of 1911 and 1912. In 1913 it was re-organized and the constitution revised. Mr. Hans Keiser was elected president, and Mr. B. R. Bohstedt as secretary and treasurer.

At this session it was voted to support a teacher-missionary in Rumania in collaboration with the mission board in Steglitz. The convention pledged \$150 to his support, and each society was to receive a picture of the appointee and quarterly reports of his work. If the Steglitz mission board could arouse sufficient interest through these reports, the support would be assured for several years.

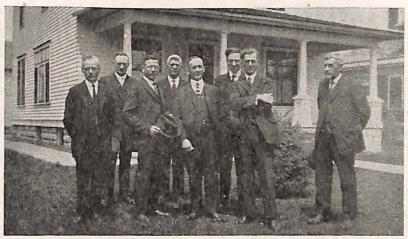
Just when the interest in and contributions toward the mission work in the Cameroons in Africa began is not known, but extant is a letter written in fine German script by a native evange-list named Johannes Fuller under the date of January 29, 1914, and evidently addressed to the convention. Presumably the convention already had knowledge of Brother Fuller's work and perhaps had already been contributing toward it at that time.

In the records of the convention in Victor in 1918 is the following entry: "The committee regarding the Cameroon missions reported as follows: Your committee is assured that it is possible to send money to our brother, Rev. Carl Bender, now on the field, by favor of the Presbyterian Mission Board; also that the work of our Brother Bender in the Cameroons during the present war disturbances has so increased in demands and responsibilities to him as to cause a shortage of necessary funds, and we therefore recommend that the money designated for Brother Fuller, and now in the treasury, be forwarded to Brother Bender by way of the Presbyterian Board to apply on the salary of Brother Fuller, or his successor or co-worker, under the supervision of Bender.' This resolution was adopted as drawn up by the committee." Henceforth, the Cameroons have figured prominently in the consideration and contributions of this organization.

In 1920 the convention celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in Sheffield. The record contains 174 registrations from out of town and comments that "there were many more who did not register." The opening service had an audience of over 400, and for an outing a motorcade of 300 drove 31 miles to Clear Lake. Praise, prayer, and en-thusiasm characterized the convention. In 1923 the first goal of \$1,000 was adopted as a missionary enterprise, \$500 of which was designated for the Work of Rev. Jacob Speicher in Swatow, China.

It is interesting to note the cycles of financial prosperity and depression in the convention offerings and mission support. At several sessions during the twenties contributions approximated the \$1,000 mark for Kingdom enterprises in various sectors of the world. But from the peak of the later twenties is a continual decline into the depression of the early thirties with its usual accompaniment of a sickening feeling.

Then a gradual upswing is manifested again so that in 1940 a goal of \$1,000 for the erection of a chapel on the Mambila field of the Cameroons



A Group of Iowa Ministers and Young People's Counsellors in 1927 (Left to Right: Reverends George Ehrhorn, A. Foll, A. Orthner, J. Meyer, P. Lauer, G. Waldvogel, H. W. Wedel and D. J. Siems)

was adopted and easily attained. Two and Rev. and Mrs. Asaph Tobert of the subsequent projects were building a hospital for Miss Laura Reddig and assisting in the denominational Centennary Fund, each of \$1,000. The 1943 convention set its sights at \$1,500 for the passage and equipment of the next missionary to be sent to the Cameroons. In 1944 again \$1,500 were to be raised for the erection of three homes for the three missionaries who had been sent during the year. For the present year the aim again was raised, this time to

During the last ten years a total of \$10,859.49 has been put into God's treasury by this convention, of which the greater share has gone to the Cameroons and general denominational missions, and the other contributions were made to Miss Bertha Lang of the China Inland Mission, Miss Margaret Lang Sudan Interior Mission.

Return now to the scene under the box-elder tree in Burlington where eight "young men were dreaming dreams" of great undertakings for the Son of God. They dreamed of an association which started with eleven persons representing four young people's societies.

But a small aperture may reveal a great vista. Into that view under the tree were to come the Cameroons of Africa, China, Rumania, Russia and Brazil, (for the records make brief mention of these latter two), plus the original mission work in Iowa and other home mission reaches. "To work for Christ and His Kingdom" was the goal set at the first convention, and it still remains the motive power of the organization today.

OUR CHICAGO BAPTIST GIRLS' HOME

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Society to provide room and board as reasonable as possible, which is greatly appreciated by the girls. There the several nationalities and numerous church affiliations represented. The girls are in no wise restricted, having freedom of the living room where they enjoy playing the piano, listening to the radio, visiting, and reading in comfort and in company with other girls. And they have access to the laundry.

We have been greatly privileged to have Miss Anna M. Brinkman in charge of the Home for the last fifteen years. For many years Miss Brinkman was a missionary at the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio before taking this position, and her previous work equipped her well for this large task which she has done so faithfully for these many years. She gives her very best to this task and is a real homemaker. To many of the girls she is

Miss Brinkman is an efficient housekeeper, keeping the Home immaculate and attractive all the time. The girls do enjoy the good breakfasts, fine home cooked evening meals and Sunday dinners that are served. Miss Brinkman says, "Our Home is not an institution; it is a place of rest and peace and good fellowship." It is not

It has been the purpose of the difficult to understand why there are few changes of guests.

The Home is managed by a Board of Directors which is made up of women from our Chicago churches and our pastors. The Board meets the second Wednesday in January, April and September. Our officers for the current year are: Mrs. Albert Johns, president; Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, vice-president; Miss Minnie Proefke, secretary; and Mrs. Roland Ross, treasurer. A House Committee, consisting of five members are: Mrs. William Bredehorn, chairman; Mrs. Anna Stracke, Mrs. Robert Krogman and Mrs. Rose Retzke.

The late Mrs. William Niedholz, who only recently passed away, was also on the House Commitee. Mrs. Niedholz was a very faithful Board member for many years and served as vice-president the past two years.

Another member deserves mention, and that is Mrs. William Bredehorn, who served very efficiently and faithfully as Finance Secretary for the past twenty years. This year the office of Finance Secretary has been combined with that of the treasurer.

We thank our Heavenly Father for his many blessings in the past years and pray for guidance that the Home may continue for years to come and be a blessing to many young women.

A Mission to the Pacific Northwest

A Report of a Recent Promotional Trip to Oregon and Washington by Rev. J. C. GUNST, Young People's Secretary

HE EXPERIENCES of a young people's secretary can be manifold and most varied in nature. There is traveling and more traveling, new adventures on each trip, life can be in danger, and occasionally one sees tragedy come to those riding on the same train. We have all read about train mishaps in newspapers. We lay the paper aside, thinking that accidents are bound to happen and we give no further thought about those who were possibly killed or injured. But once

were screaming, moaning, and blood was streaming. "What has happened?" "Are you hurt?" "Do something!" everybody was seemingly saying to everyone else.

Rushing out of the coach we saw one of the most tragic train accidents that has ever happened in the history of that railroad. The second section of the train, running about twenty minutes apart, according to time schedule, had caught up and crashed into the first section. The result was 34 people killed and 50 injured.



Leaders of the Oregon Baptist Youth League for 1945 (Left to Right: Edwin Rocks, President; Grace Beltz, Secretary; Rev. Frank Friesen, Dean; Martha Schmunk, Treasurer)

you are personally involved in such an accident or train mishap, you realize how horrible and frightful such an experience can be.

GREAT NORTHERN TRAIN WRECK

In the earlier part of August I left Chicago with plans to fill an engagement with our Oregon churches, to spend a week at the Oregon Baptist Assembly at Camp Arrah Wanna, and to visit and serve our church in Tacoma, Wash. To make that trip I took what I thought would be the safest train which would get me to my destination in the shortest time possible. After about twenty hours of traveling the train suddenly stopped between stations. The passengers were unaware of the trouble which had developed at that section. After a few minutes the train moved on but soon stopped again.

Within a few seconds there was a terrifying crash. For a few seconds we saw nothing due to a dark cloud of dust. Then we saw people, baggage, seat-cushions, magazines and papers all over the aisle of the coach. People

All this happened in the twinkling of an eye, so to say. A lady had been pinned between the demolished coach and the locomotive in the wreckage. Nearly a thousand people were on the two sections of that train. All those who could gathered at the scene where the woman was helplessly suffering. Some were praying, some pleading to help her, some working hard to save her life, but in vain. No one seemed to be concerned, for the moment, about the other thirty-three, for everyone knew that they had died instantly.

Word had passed around, after the train was thoroughly checked and on its mission again, that possibly one man, the brakeman, had failed to perform his duties. He had not given proper signalling to the second section of that train which was approaching on schedule. This thought came to my mind. Listen, Christian friend and co-worker! How many individual lives depend for their safety and salvation upon you and me? The Lord has entrusted certain responsibilities and duties to us. The soul salvation, the very life, of ever so many individu-

als is dependent on our performing those duties properly. If we should fail in our mission, could it be true that the result would be so many dead because of our neglect?

THE BAPTIST HERALD

DELIGHTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

There are many more and much more pleasant experiences in the life of a secretary. To begin with, there are always new fields to visit and serve. There is wonderful Christian fellowship with our people. To be sure, there is hard work associated with all this, but the spiritual inspiration one receives compensates for all that. Then there is Christian service to be rendered everywhere for the good of the cause and certainly "For Jesus' Sake."

How grateful I am that my life had been spared and for the wonderful opportunity to serve our Oregon churches according to plans. Services at the Trinity Church of Portland, Salem and Salt Creek churches in a combined service at Salem, and Laurelhurst of Portland, all on the same Sunday! Stafford and Bethany Bethany Churches on week nights! Both these churches are rural churches but have very beautiful and inviting structures. The Immanuel Church of Portland was served on the following Sunday. In each church we found a warm welcome, real spiritual zeal and fervor, and genuine Christian fellowship.

The young people and Sunday Schools are carrying out a commendable program, which was an encouragement to the secretary. We had definite evidence of that when on Friday evening a large group of leaders from most of these churches met at the Trinity Church to discuss the work, ask questions about new undertakings in the National Union, and to make plans for the future. The fellowship with these fine workers and the season of prayer spent together was most inspirational. Christian Leadership Training, Scripture Memory work, proper materials for our young people and Sunday Schools to strengthen the spiritual life of our churches were uppermost in the minds of these leaders.

FROM OREGON TO WASHINGTON

The Oregon League Assembly held at Camp Arrah Wanna was the largest in attendance in the history of the League. Under the able leadership of the president, Mr. Edwin Rocks, his staff of officers, and the fine staff of instructors the week proved most helpful in study, inspiration and fellowship. Rallying the young people under such fine spiritual leadership resulted in the saving of souls and in edifying the spiritual life of all

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Mountain-top Experiences for Those Attending the Eastern Conference at Lyndock, Ontario

The 95th Eastern Conference of the North American Baptists convened at Lyndock, Ontario on Wednesday, August 29th, through Sunday, Sep-tember 2nd. God richly blessed us in the fellowship one with another and through the messages of exposition, devotion and exhortation. Each of the conference pastors present contributed much to the program through active participation. The Rev. Samuel Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote" and the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, our home mission secretary, also added much to the spiritual emphasis of the conference.

The Rev. Herbert Hiller of Buffalo. N. Y., was relected moderator of the conference, and all other officers whose terms expired were reelected.

All those present appreciated the kind hospitality of the Rev. John Kuehn and the people of Lyndock in their role of host to the conference. Those who attended will long remember this "mountain-top" experience in their spiritual lives .

Paul E. Loth, Recording Secretary.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Dedication of the New Hurnville Baptist Church Edifice Near Henrietta, Texas

Sunday, August 26th, was a happy day for the Hurnville Baptist Church near Henrietta, Texas, for on that day we held the dedication of our new church building. The construction of our church was begun on April 5, 1945, and it was with great anticipation that we looked forward to "Dedication Day,"

At 10:00 A. M. many visitors and friends assembled with the church family to await the opening of the doors. The doors were unlocked by Mr. Leon Moser, after which he handed the key to the Rev. Daniel Klein, our pastor, who led the processional as we marched into the church singing, "We're Marching to Zion."

During the Sunday School exercises, the Rev. W. Helwig of Dallas and Mrs. Chas. Marstaller, Jr., of Waco spoke words of congratulation and encouragement to the church. The Junior Choir sang for the school.

The dedication service began at 11:00 A. M. After the doxology the Rev. W. Helwig read Psalm 84. The choir sang "King of Kings" and the Rev. D. Klein led in prayer. After the choir had sung "Praise Ye the Lord," the Rev. Robert Schreiber of Crawford brought the dedicatory sermon, choosing his text from Psalm 84:1. "How lovely are



The Newly Dedicated Hurnville Baptist Church Near Henrietta, Texas

thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts." The Rev. W. Helwig led in the dedicatory

At 2:30 P. M. we assembled again in the church and were led in a song service by Mr. W. Schanz of Gotebo, Oklahoma. Speakers for the afternoon were Rev. R. Schreiber, Rev. W. Helwig, Rev. C. T. Cowart of Petrolia, Texas, and the pastor, Rev. D. Klein. A quartet composed of Alvin Moser, Ed Moser, Jr., Don Moser, and Richard Wuest favored us with a number. Time was allowed for others who wished to speak a word and among those who spoke was one of the church's charter members.

The treasurer's report was given during the day. The expenditures to August 26 were \$7,257.43 and a balance of \$98.92 in the treasury. The offerings of the day amounted to approximately \$200.00.

Rev. R. Schreiber led in the song service of the evening and also read the Scripture passage. We were also favored by a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber. The fiftieth anniversary message was brought by Rev. W. Helwig. "The House that Stood the Storm" was sung by the choir, and the church history report was given.

Our church was organized on Sept. 30, 1945 with nineteen charter members. Our present membership is 89. We praise and thank God that he has made it possible for us to build our beautiful church edifice.

Christine Oster, Reporter.

THE DENOMINATION'S THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 18, to Sunday, Nov. 25. Watch the Next Issue for Further

Announcements!

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Scripture Memory Camp at Camp Carlisle for Sixty Boys and Girls from Kansas

On Sunday afternoon, August 12, approximately 60 Kansas boys and girls assembled at Camp Carlisle near Stafford, where they enjoyed a three days' camp for the accomplishment of learning 100 Bible verses during the past year. Since the Nebraska churches found it impossible to have a camp of their own, the Beatrice church joined our camp to enjoy its blessings. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Rietdorf and two girls.

The camp manager, Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, had made the best of arrangements, so that campers could take possession of the camp with greatest ease. The campers were registered and assigned to their cabins by Mrs. F. E. Klein, who served as registrar. Under the able leadership of its dean, Rev. L. H. Smith, the camp program was carried out very smoothly. The first service on Sunday evening was conducted by the dean who also brought an inspiring object sermon.

With Monday morning, camp activities went into full swing. Morning devotions, a time, when the boys and girls rallied around their group leaders, may be unforgetable moments. Each boy and girl was privileged to attend three study classes, as follows: "Things My Bible Tells Me," taught by Rev. A. Schulz; "Know So Class," taught by Rev. H. Quick, Kansas director of the Rural Bible Crusade; and "Nice People to Know," taught by Mrs. Wm. Wirth, state director of Scripture memorization. Memory drills were supervised and coached by Miss Ann Swain and several helpers. Miss Swain also taught an adult class on the book of Revela-

Other features of interest were a nature study by Rev. L. H. Smith; recreational activities sponsored by Rev. H. Quick; and the expressional period under the supervision of Mrs. Wirth. During this latter period, many fine talents, hidden in our boys and girls, came to the surface. Singing at camp, led by Rev. A. Schulz, was both captivating and inspiring.

While the whole camp program created an atmosphere which made one Godconscious, this was particularly true of the evening services. It was in these services that a number of our boys and girls felt the need of the Savior and of giving him a greater part in their lives. Some expressed the desire to accept Christ as their Savior. Rev. F. E. Klein and W. W. Knauf brought appropriate messages in these services.

All in all, these were wonderful days! Kansas pastors and leaders had a wonderful opportunity to laugh, play and pray with our boys and girls.

W. W. Knauf, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference Sessions at the Immanuel and Second Churches of New York City

The Atlantic Conference, which convened Sept 8 and 9 with the Immanuel and the Second Churches of New York, N. Y., brought spiritual blessings and inspiration for greater Christian service. The attendance was very good in spite of the warm weather. The Ladies' Missionary meeting and the young people's mass meeting had the largest attendance with 275 responding to the roll call.

A large men's chorus of the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa., arrived by bus and rendered several selections at the Sunday morning and afternoon sessions under the leadership of Mr. Paul Zabel. Other fine musical renditions were given by the male chorus and the ladies' choir of the Immanuel Church, as well as the minister's chorus which was directed by the Rev. Adolph Kannwischer.

Of our 25 churches, 16 reported a total of 115 baptisms and the 4170 members of the conference contributed \$196,767.10 for all purposes, making an average of \$47.00 per member. The Second Church of Union City, N. J., contributed over \$95.00 per member. There were 55 members who went to the other side of life this past year. Special mention was made of Chaplain G. Lutz, Walter Marklein, Reuben Windisch, and Lt. Col. R. Dittrich. The Rev. H. Kuhl offered the memorial prayer.

The Rev. V. Prendinger and the Rev. P. Potzner led the devotional periods. Our home mission secretary, the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, represented our general work at home and abroad and also served the Immanuel Church on Sunday morning. Missionary George Dunger informed the people of the conditions and needs of the Cameroon fields. Dr. M. A. Darroch inspired his listeners with the message, "A Royal Commission from the King."

Farewell wishes were given the Rev. and Mrs. V. Prendinger who are soon to leave our conference. A lovely corsage was presented to Mrs. Prendinger by the Ladies' Missionary Union. The Rev. George Hensel served as moderator and is to be succeeded by the Rev. Adolph Kannwischer. The next conference is to be with the Evangel Church of Newark, N. J.

Julius Kaaz, Reporter.

DACIFIC CONFERENCE

Unique Vacation Bible School Is Held by the Arthur Street Church of Spokane, Wash.

We of the Arthur Street Church of Spokane, Washington wish to share our joy and various blessings which we have been privileged to accept these past few months through the grace of God.

From August 20 to 24 we held a very successful Vacation Bible School,

directed by our beloved pastor's wife, Mrs. James E. Halbert. As a graduate of the Biola Institute at Los Angeles, California, she has been a source of spiritual inspiration to us. Mrs. Norman Roth, Mrs. Albert Schauwecker, Miss Barbara Schauwecker and Mrs. Ben Schmidt assisted in teaching the classes. Miss Shirley Schauwecker assisted as pianist.

Thirty-six children gathered to learn from the Word of God which was taught them through the theme, "The Garden of God," upon which the entire course of study was planned. The work books gave practice in seeking verses in the Scriptures, and in doing the work of two weeks in one as far as possible. Each child was kept busy.

At the entrance of the school room stood a large, happy scarecrow, and into his pockets the children dropped scarecrow questions passed to them each day to acquaint them with the use of the concordance. Even the parents were anxious to learn the answers when they were given on the last evening. At the close of the school the scarecrow had a treat for each child as he passed him to leave the building.

On Friday evening the parents were invited to attend the program and inspect the work done by the children. All expressed pleasure and surprise at what had been accomplished. Best of all, however, was the answer to the altar call. Five children gave their hearts to Christ, and for these we praise God.

Our work does not stop here as the newly organized Junior Church continues with this group and the childrenare taught the Word of God in a manner which they can understand.

We look eagerly forward to even better things in the future days.

Mrs. Ben Schmidt, Reporter.

HORTHERN CONFERENCE

Twelve Persons Are Baptized by the Ebenezer West and Springside Baptist Churches

On Sunday, Aug. 13, a large number of people witnessed a very impressive baptismal service held by the Ebenezer West and Springside Churches of Saskatchewan, Canada. The Lord was good to us and gave us a warm, quiet morning so that the inspiring message of the Rev. G. Beutler of the Ebenezer East Church could be heard by all. Twelve candidates from Springside and Ebenezer West followed the Savior in baptism on confession of their faith in Christ.

After a luncheon at the Ebenezer West Church, we held an afternoon service. Mr. Beutler brought the message and extended the hand of fellowship to the new members before the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The choir of the Ebenezer West church rendered suitable selections. We are truly thankful to God for these new fellow-Christians and pray that they may be of real service in their respective churches.

Joe H. Knoll, Reporter.

Inspiring Out-of-door Baptismal Service for the Baptist Church of Whitemouth, Manitoba

The river near Whitemouth, Manitoba was beautiful on Sunday, August 12, when we as members and friends of the Whitemouth Baptist Church gathered there for a baptismal service. Mr. Otto Schmidt, a recent graduate from our Rochester Seminary, was our guest speaker. Our pastor, Rev. F. Schmidt baptized the candidates.

In June the Rev. F. W. Bartel was in our church for revival meetings which were held at Whitemouth and our station Beausejour. God was with us! There were 25 persons who surrendered their lives to Christ, including two who came back to be reunited with us.

Our heartiest thanks also go to the parents of Rose and Harold Weiss and Seferin Beier for making it possible for these young people to serve us as a quartet, which included Lynda Rempel of Whitemouth, and helping in the work of the homes. May we as older members of the church be found faithful so that these new converts might grow in strength and wisdom.

Mrs. H. Knopf, Reporter.

Thirty-Seven Young People Baptized and Many Blessings Received at Minitonas, Man.

We are very happy that we can report that the Lord has blessed us in Minitonas, Manitoba with many spiritual blessings. During the month of May we had our special meetings with Rev. R. Milbrandt as evangelist. The results of these blessed meetings were the conversion of many precious souls. It was my privilege to baptize thirty-seven young people and extend the hand of fellowship to them in the following communion service.

As our church is growing spiritually, so our church building is growing outwardly. This summer we painted our church inside and outside, and it stands as a testimony to our gracious Savior. The whole church is painted white and the roof is painted green. We are proud that our church now ranks as one of the finest.

During the summer months we held a Vacation Bible School with the children. In four different schools we taught the children the Word of God. We are very thankful for the services of the four ladies who helped to make the Bible school a success. Lydia Hart helped for three weeks, Lilly Boymuck gave her services for two weeks, and Hilda Siewert, Ella Tselie and Evelyn Henkelman instructed the children for one week. One hundred and fifty children were enrolled and the work they accomplished was very gratifying.

In the beautiful Swan River valley we have many mission opportunities and we are entering the open doors wherever we can. In Swan River we have a station, consisting of about 65 members, who are holding the banner of Christ high. During the past years we held our services in the English Baptist Church, but we are planning, if it is the Lord's will, to build a church in Swan River this Fall or next Spring.

Walter Stein, Pastor.

Dedication of New Parsonage by the East Ebenezer Church of Saskatchewan

October 15, 1945

Sunday, Aug. 19, was indeed a day of joy and victory for the East Ebenezer Church of Ebenezer, Sask., Canada. With hearts full of love for Christ's Kingdom and a desire to make the years of service of their minister's family more pleasant and happy by providing them with a lovely modern home, the church decided to sell the old parsonage and build a new one on a lovely corner lot, directly opposite the church. At last the hard labor, which had begun with tractors and teams and many willing hands of members and friends in excavating the full basement, constructing the building and putting on the finishing touches inside and out, was completed.

All the neighboring churches were invited to join in praise and thanksgiving to God for making such an undertaking possible in these trying times, and to dedicate the new parsonage to its special purpose in the field of Christian service. The house measures 26 by 36 feet and has 7 well arranged rooms, with possibilities of finishing 3 large rooms upstairs. With the donation of almost all the labor, except for two carpenters, the house could be completed at the moderate cost of \$4500.

As the hour for the opening service drew near, people from every direction streamed into the church filling it to capacity. Under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, the morning service was opened. The Rev. Arthur Ittermann of Emery, So. Dak., who with his family was spending his holidays in our neighborhood, served as guest speaker for the occasion. His messages on "The Work of the Lord," was ably supported by our regular mixed choir under the direction of Mr. Fred Batke.

Following the lunch, which the ladies of the church served to all present the afternoon service was opened. At this time reports were given on the progress and expense of the building by Mr. P. H. Hoffman, building fund treasurer; Mr. J. Reiman, trustee; Mr. Gus Hait, deacon; and Mr. Beutler, in which all expressed acknowledgment for the fine cooperation and many sacrifices brought by members and friends. This was followed by a brief inspiring message by our pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, on "God's Work Through Us,"

After another challenging talk on "Our Stand Against Evil" by Mr. Ittermann, the congregation went out and assembled before the new parsonage. Following the dedication prayer by Mr. Ittermann, our pastor unlocked the door, and all were welcomed to inspect the interior.

Mrs. G. Beutler, Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Northwestern Conference at Steamboat Rock, Iowa Is Well Attended by Many Visitors

The Northwestern Conference met with the First Baptist Church at Steamboat Rock, Iowa from August 8



Fifteen Young People of Whitemouth and Beausejour, Manitoba Who Were Recently Baptized by Rev. Fred Schmidt (Left, Back Row)

to 12. Approximately 200 visitors were present besides the 78 delegates from the 24 churches represented.

The theme of the conference was "Evangelism" and this was well carried out by each speaker. The following messages were given to develop the theme: "Evangelism, Is It Biblical?" by Rev. H. Lohr of Parkersburg, Iowa; "Evangelism, Is It Workable?"

Dr. George Lang spoke at the Sunday morning service when the conference mission offering was received. The mission offering, aside from the young people's offering, totaled \$251.

On Sunday afternoon the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union held its annual rally. A memorial service was conducted in connection with the rally in honor of the 19 gold stars from the



One of Four Vacation Bible Schools Held by the Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba With the Teachers and Rev. Walter Stein at Right

by Rev. T. Bender of Milwaukee, Wis.; "Evangelism, Is It Fruitful?" by Rev. A. Runtz, superintendent of the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Mich. Many other inspiring and helpful messages were given by the various pastors.

On Saturday evening the young people held their annual banquet with Rev. C. B. Nordland as the guest speaker. There were 195 people on hand to enjoy the festivities.

total of 652 service stars. An offering in the amount of \$60.26 was received to purchase medical supplies for African missionaries.

The members of the Steamboat Rock Church, their gracious pastor, Rev. Howard Johnson, all deserve our heartiest thanks for their wonderful hospitality.

William G. Trow, Reporter.



The New Parsonage of the Ebenezer East Baptist Church at Ebenezer, Saskatchewan, Canada



Students and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Held by the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn

Unique Vacation Bible School at the Dayton's Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minnesota

A very unique and very successful Vacation Bible School was held at the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota recently. The average attendance was 73. Mrs. Alfred Stanke was in charge of the school.

The Scripture foundation of the school work was based on Eph. 6:10-18. A military atmosphere was put in use with much success and interest. Pupils received promotion insignias as in the army, such as Cpl., Sgt., stripes etc. A group of memory verses had to be learned for each promotion. These verses were also used as a basis for quiz and drill periods.

Vacation Bible School of the Minnetrista Baptist Church at St. Bonifacius, Minn.

Owing to the difficulties of securing teachers, the Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minn., was held much later than Two girls from the Northusual. western Bible School, Miss Sarala Meyers and Miss Myrna Stover, together with Mrs. William Maas of our church constituted the teaching staff. The pastor used his own car as a means of conveying ten boys and girls from our neighboring town of Mound. There were also six who came from the nearby Baptist Church.

Our school period was condensed into one week with sessions both



Pupils and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School at St. Bonifacius, Minnesota Look Their Best for the Photographer

The Junior handwork was the making of a complete Roman soldier's outfit according to the Scripture lesson as follows: girdle of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of the gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation and sword of the spirit. These parts of a striking uniform were made of heavy tinfoil cloth. Larry Paul was awarded the suit.

The missionary goal was to purchase a saddle for a missionary horse. Last year money was raised for a horse.

The demonstration program on the final evening simulated a broadcast. A group of campers tuned in on a radio program of the Bible School. A glimpse of each class and their accomplishments were given. This was interspersed with hearty chorus singing, a flannelgraph of "Ships on the Sea of Life," as well as "Sword Drill" and "Taps." Handwork and work books were displayed.

Mrs. H. Stanke, Reporter.

morning and afternoon. There were forty boys and girls enrolled and the average attendance was better than The teachers made the way of truth very clear to the pupils so that several accepted the Lord as their Savior. In due time the seed that has been sown will take root and grow. The high standard which our school maintains year after year is evidence of the fact that consecrated teachers their bit and parents want their children to participate in the annual vacation venture.

August Lutz, Reporter.

Ordination of Rev. Wilmer Quiring, Pastor of the Ebenezer Church near Elmo, Kansas

On the afternoon of September 4, delegates from ten churches of Minnesota gathered to examine Mr. Wilmer Quiring, pastor elect of the Ebenezer Church of Elmo, Kansas to ascertain

his fitness for the gospel ministry. These churches included his home church, the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, La Crosse, Wis., Randolph, Jeffers, Holloway, Hutchinson, St. Bonifacius, Dayton's Bluff, Riverview and Cypress Street of St. Paul,

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The ordination council chose the Rev. John Wobig of St. Paul as moderator, and Rev. John Walkup of St. Paul as clerk. The Rev. Lewis Berndt presented the candidate to the council on behalf of the church. After listening to the candidate's story of conversion, call to the ministry and statement of doctrine, the council recommended him to the church for ordination. It might be said that the candidate gave a very clear and concise statement of his belief, basing each article of faith on scriptural references.

At eight o'clock of the same day the impressive ordination service took place. The sermon for the occasion was preached by Mr. Quiring's own pastor, Rev. L. B. Berndt. His message was based on Colossians 4. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. N. Wiens of the Cypress Street Church of St. Paul. The pastors of the above named churches, as well as Rev. A. Guenther took part in the laying on of hands. The charge to Mr. Quiring was given by the Rev. A. Lutz of St. Bonifacius. The Rev. Ben Zimmerman of Randolph welcomed him into the ministry. The Rev. M. Vanderbeck of La Crosse, gave the charge to the church. As a fitting conclusion to the service, the Rev. W. Quiring dismissed the congregation with the benediction. May God bless him in his work in Kansas!

August Lutz, Reporter.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., Welcomes Its New Pastor

The Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan had the pleasure of welcoming its new pastor and his wife. Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Harms on June 10. 1945. After two Sundays of prayer and fasting in which we definitely asked God's leading regarding a new pastor and by which our church was richly blessed, God laid it upon our hearts to call Dr. Harms.

Dr. A. J. Harms, formerly of Omaha, Nebraska, also served pastorates in Eugene, Oregon; Burlington, Iowa; and Baileyville, Illinois; and for eight years was professor of Christian Education at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago. He is a graduate of Yale Divinity School, where he received his Doctor of Theology degree.

On Monday evening, June 10, members of Burns Ave. church and its daughter churches, Ambassador Baptist, and Centerline Baptist, met at the church in an inspirational evening of welcoming our new pastor and his wife. All departments of Burns church and delegates from our daughter churches were represented during the evening as

they expressed to them their desire to go forth for Christ under their leader-

Dr. and Mrs. Harms dedicated themselves anew in one of our morning services since then, which inspired us very much, and we are seeking God's blessings in our behalf for Christ's glory.

Jean Nienhuis, Reporter.

Session of the Central Conference Women's Missionary Union at Kankakee, Illinois

The Women's Missionary Union of the Central Conference met on August 24th at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Illinois. The president, Mrs. John Schmidt of Chicago, Illinois, presided. Devotions were led by Mrs. Louis Johnson of Chicago, Illinois and she used as her text 2 Timothy 2:19-26. The banner that is awarded annually to the society obtaining the greatest number of points during the year, was presented to the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich. A brief but impressive memorial service for those who departed during the past year was led by Miss Hattie Moehlmann of Detroit, Michigan.

The first speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Gerald Downie, a missionary to China, who gave us a very enlightening picture of the great work there and also the need for help in the future. Miss Alma Siewert, who has received her appointment to go to the Cameroons next year, gave a short but stirring testimony and then talked to us through the use of an object lesson which made a never-to-be-forgotten impression upon all those present. The offering of the afternoon amounted to \$61.64.

The following officers were elected for the coming year; president, Mrs. Fred Grosser of Chicago, Illinois; vice-president, Mrs. Gideon Zimmerman of Beaver, Michigan; secretary, Mrs. Emanuel Wolff of Cleveland, Ohio; and treasurer, Mrs. Gilbert Luehrs of Kankakee, Illinois.

Mrs. Emanuel Wolff, Secretary.

Detroit's Voice of Christian Youth Meetings Are Strongly Supported by Our Churches

In a few of the larger cities around the country, interdenominational youth rallies have been held for several years. We believe the Voice of Christian Youth of Detroit, Mich., to be the oldest holding consecutive meetings, having been organized and in continuous existence since March, 1938. Then Torrey Johnson, pastor of the Mid-West Bible Church of Chicago, Illinois, saw a vision of the impact for Christ that would be made if these rallies were started in cities all over this great land of ours. And, truly, "the Youth of Christ" movement has swept the United States . . . and will soon be moving across the sea. In fact, word already comes of Y. F. C. rallies, mostly sponsored by G. L's, in the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippines, New Guinea, as well as in London, England.

On November 1st Chuck Templeton of Toronto, and Billy Graham of Chicago, members of the Youth for Christ International staff, sail for England to make the plans and arrangements for a group of about 25 young people to tour England next Spring for evangelistic meetings. In the not-to-distant future, we hope, and pray, and expect to take the gospel by youth and for youth to Germany.

We praise God for the way he has marvelously led "Voice of Christian Youth" of Detroit in the seven and a half years of its existence. He has opened doors of service, and has given "abundantly above all that we are able to ask or think." While it is not definite as yet, we believe that God has just performed a miracle in finding us a much-needed larger meetingplace. The seating capacity of the present meetingplace, the auditorium of the Art Institute, is 1226, not including a couple hundred seats on the platform for the choir, etc. Because of its beautiful appointments, we felt we could never again find a nice place and as we checked auditoriums we found only two larger in the city, and neither was suitable or available. But God is providing a place we had never dreamed would be available for this type of work. We cannot praise him enough!

At each rally, decisions for Christ are made, and Christian young people depart with a new vision, and new enthusiasm for spreading the gospel. All of the five North American Baptist churches in Detroit are ardent supporters of V. C. Y. The Connors Ave., Burns Ave. and Ebenezer Churches are frequent winners of awards for attendance. While Linden and Bethel have never won banners, they always have a loyal group in attendance. Our churches have supplied more of the leaders in this work than any other five churches in the city.

We would urge people everywhere to support this "Youth for Christ" movement in every way through active participation, attendance, prayer and

We believe God is using "Youth for Christ" to stir revival fires up and down our land. Incidentally, "Youth for Christ" is the general name, although many other cities, as Detroit, have a different name locally but are affiliated with the movement. We believe this movement was born of the Holy Spirit, and is being used to the glory of God and the salvation of

Bernice Scheu, Executive Secretary.

Bazaar at the Chicago Home for the Aged on October 18, 1945

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Missionary Societies of our Baptist churches of Chicago and vicinity for the benefit of the Western Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago will be held on Thursday, October 18, 1945 at the Home, 1851 No. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

: OBITUARY :

MR. JOHN PFAFF

of Lincoln Valley, North Dakota Mr. John Pfaff of Lincoln Valley, No.

Dak., was born in Altfreudental, South Russia on Sept. 28, 1878. He attended public school and early in youth received the blessings of a Christian home. On Feb. 18, 1900 he was united in marriage to Miss Christine Krausz. Twelve children were born to this union, six having preceded him in death. Soon after their preceded him in death. Soon after their marriage the family came to America and settled near Lincoln Valley, the home which our departed occupied with little exception, until he went to the Harvey hospital.

In his youth in 1911 he accepted Christ In his youth in 1911 he accepted Christ as his Savior and upon confession of his faith was baptized by Rev. C. A. Gruhn. He united with the Lincoln Valley Baptist Church. His life was marked with a friendly disposition and as a courageous worker, both in material and spiritual things. He was a fatherly provider of his family and a firm leader in spiritual matters. As Sunday School teacher, church clerk, trustee and deacon, he served the church faithfully.

In 1924 the Lord called his helpmate.

In 1924 the Lord called his helpmate to her reward. For a time he carried on with the children, nobly sharing in the upkeep of the home. He was united in marriage to Mrs. Katharina Meintzer, nee Kludt. On April first she was called to her reward above.

It was about this time when he needed a physician's care. Of late his health was improved. On August 24 at 3 A. M. he was called home from the Harvey hospital in the attendance of his children at the age of 66 years, 10 months, and 27 days.

Mourning his passing are 6 children: Reinhold and Mrs. E. Wanger (Dena) of Lincoln Valley, No. Dak., Herbert of St. Agnatius, Mont., Mrs. E. Frank (Edna), and Otto of Lincoln Valley, and Mrs. K. Neufiller of Heaton, No. Dak.; 2 sisters, 4 grandchildren and one brother.

Lincoln Valley, North Dakota. A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Officiating Minister.

REV. JULIUS L. SCHMIDT of Morrisdale, Pa.

The Rev. Julius Ludwig Schmidt was born on Aug. 3, 1883 at Demetrufka, New Volinia, Russia, and died on Sept. 4, 1945 at the State Hospital in Philipsburg, Pa., at the age of 62 years, one month and one day.

In 1904 he came to America and made his home in Munson, Pa, Brother Schmidt accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in 1905 and was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Valsing and united with the Munson Baptist Church, now called the Forest Baptist Church.

On Oct. 21, 1909 he joined hands in holy wedlock with Miss Mathilda Litke with whom he shared life's joys and trials for nearly 36 years. God blessed their home with 6 children, of whom one son, Robert, Is now pastor of a Baptist Church in North Dakota, and five daughters. five daughters.

In September 1912 Brother Schmidt entered our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., to prepare himself for the Christian ministry. Graduating in May 1916, he accepted the churches at Lyndock and Sebastopol, Ontario, Canada. From 1919 to 1923 he was at Arnprior, Ont.; 1923 to 1925 at New Leipzig, No. Dak.; 1925 to 1930 at Eureka, So. Dak.; and 1930 to 1933 at Corona, So. Dak.

Due to illness Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt and family moved back to Munson in 1933. Since then his activity in the church has been a blessed one. He was a great friend to his pastor. The family, the church, the community and his pastor will miss him very much.

Those who are left to mourn his departure are the faithful wife and mother of the following children: Dorothy, Frida, Robert, Ruth, Magdalena, Ruby; two grandchildren, and many friends.

Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, Pa.

GEORGE ZINZ, Pastor.

The Pacific Northwest

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present. We thank God for these victories and for those consecrated present. workers.

It was my privilege to pay a visit to our home for the Aged in Portland. We had opportunity to visit with some of the guests, get acquainted with the superintendent and his wife, and to address the group at the chapel service.

These saints of our churches, who so ably served the Lord in making a decided contribution to our larger work, certainly deserve a well earned rest in what seems to me to be one of the most beautiful, best equipped, best staffed, and best managed Homes for the Aged in our country.

From Portland we went on to Washington. Tacoma is a very inviting, attractive, and hospitable city on the West Coast. Here too we have a very fine, spiritually glowing, and growing church. We can assure you a warm and friendly welcome in Tacoma for the General Conference in August, 1946.

It was, indeed, a privilege for me to spent a Sunday with the Calvary Church and its mission station. It was most gratifying to see the Portland Avenue Mission in action and to speak a few minutes to the Sunday School. The Rev. V. Savage is doing a fine work here. The Sunday School and young people's officers had arranged a very unique program at the Calvary Church centered around the theme, "Youth Fellowship Crusade." The vital interest of the people in the needs in the war torn world was manifested by the Tacoma church in a very fine offering of over \$1300.00.

Plans are already under way with the Tacoma Church for the entertaining of the General Conference next August. Having had a taste of their cordial and generous hospitality I can assure you a happy time at that conference.

To be sure, what is true of these Oregon and Washington churches is also true of most of our churches throughout the denomination. The spiritual leaders of time past have built up a great work. Ours is that great heritage today. God is still opening new doors for us. The work entrusted to us again needs to be intensified at this stage of our denominational history. As in the days past the Spirit of the Lord is still working on the hearts of our people. Our churches everywhere are again ready to meet the new challenge of the new day.

We are hopeful for our work among our Sunday Schools and young people's organizations. Let us, above all, be true to our mission. First, to win souls for the Lord and, secondly, we dare not forget to "teach" them to "observe all things whatsoever I command you," in the words of Jesus. If we shall pledge ourselves unreservedly to that task and do it faithfully and joyously, we shall have nothing to fear. Then, too, we shall render a great service to our God, our people, and to the world.

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Do You Know That ...?

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The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do.

That only one Protestant in three in the city of Chicago, Illinois is related to any church.

Lightning striking a tree leaves such queer wreckage because the lightning causes the moisture in the tree to boil literally, exploding the trunk.

The present Pope said of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt that "he was the most Christian among statesmen."

Alcoholic addiction is seven times more pervalent among men than among women.

The Bible has now been made available on 169 records for the use of the blind, with the reading time of 841/2 hours.

"The Journal of Living" magazine states, "The beautiful old custom of saying grace before meals is of physical benefit, too."

"The Pathfinder" claims that churches in the United States will invest at least a billion dollars in the postwar period to put their properties in repair and replace structures destroyed by fire and storm.

A fortune awaits the person who can design a church without any front pews.

Rochester YMCA and YWCA accepted \$30,000 in gifts from the Brewers Exchange of that city. Gifts of similar kind were returned by Baylor University and Southern Methodist recently.

When God shuts a door, he always opens a window.

Chaplains in the U.S. Army have held about 4 million services attended by 250 million people since Pearl Harbor.

62% of the world's population cannot read, and in some countries more than 90% of the population are literate.

Methodists have voted to use \$52,000 in establishing a radio department for evangelistic broadcasts.

There are 80,000 Jews in Italy; 30,000 of them in Rome.

World War I cost us 32 billion dollars, but World War II has already cost

A man left the bulk of his fortune to his lawyer, which reminds us that if everybody did this, a lot of time would be saved.

Within one month of the Normandy invasion there was a shipment of 3,298,640 bottles or cans of beer and 18,000 cases of gin and whiskey.

The wife who drives from the back seat is no worse than the husband who cooks from the dining room table.