



Bible School Teachers and Two Indian Boys

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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● The Rev. A. Guenther resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of Ventura, North Dakota and brought his ministry to a close some time ago because of ill health. He also served the Bertsch station of the Ventura Church. The church is prayerfully endeavoring to secure a successor to Mr. Guenther.

● The interim pastor of the Linden Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., is the Rev. Joseph Reeson, who studied at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., and was ordained in 1933. He was the founder and pastor of the Eber Memorial Church for 5 years and pastor of the Halsey Church for another 5 years. The Rev. Frank Armbruster, former pastor of the church, is now in Edenwold, Sask., Canada.

● Some months ago the Rev. Paul Hintze brought his ministry to a close in the Mowata Baptist Church near Branch, Louisiana. He is now residing at Iota, Louisiana, having retired from the active pastorate. The church is endeavoring to secure a successor to Mr. Hintze as soon as possible.

● The Rev. Elmer Buenning has accepted the call extended to him by the Baptist Church of Holloway, Minn., where he has already begun his ministry in succeeding the Rev. J. Broeder, now of Victor, Iowa. Mr. Buenning was pastor of the Bethel Church of Ingersoll, Okla., until about a year ago when he resigned in order to continue his studies at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N. Y.

● The newly organized Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho has called the Rev. Emil Riemer, pastor of the Bethel Church near Carbon, Alberta, as its minister to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Riemer will begin his pastorate in the Paul church on Sunday, Oct. 7. He served the Bethel Church for 2 years and 9 months, during which 13 persons were added to the church by baptism.

● On Wednesday, Aug. 15, the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon held a farewell reception for its church worker and missionary, Miss Martha Roth, who has become the church worker for the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California. She came to the Trinity Church more than a year ago after training in Portland. She was formerly a member of our church at Odesa, Wash. We are assured that she will render a great service in Lodi in cooperation with the pastor, Rev. A. S. Felberg.

● The Baptist Church of Beulah, North Dakota has extended a call to the Rev. Wm. G. Jaster of Bison, South Dakota to which he has replied favorably. After serving the Isabel and Bison churches of South Dakota for three years and three months, Mr. Jaster will begin his pastorate in Beulah on Oct. 1st, where he will succeed the Rev. P. F. Schilling, now retired because of ill health.

● The Second Church of George, Iowa has called Mr. Ray Allen as its pastor, succeeding the Rev. O. W. Brenner, now of Wessington Springs, So. Dak. Mr. Allen has accepted the call and has begun his work in the church. The ordination service for him is reported on pages 14 and 15 of this issue of "The Baptist Herald." He is a graduate of Northwestern Bible School at Minneapolis, Minn.

FRONT COVER PICTURE
The two Indian boys in the picture are Johnny Brown, grandson of Wensel Brown, and Andrew Shortneck of the Bull Reserve, about 60 miles south of Edmonton near Hobbena, Alberta.
The young women are Gladys Scheier, (left) and Rose Welas, who assisted the Rev. F. W. Benke in the Bible School Held at the Old Log Church on the Bull Reserve. The report of that school with the Indians appear on page 6 of this issue.

● The Rev. Herbert Koch who was formerly pastor of the East Side Church of Chicago, Ill. before going to Manville, Wyoming to accept a teaching position, has now become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rock Springs, Wyoming. His address is 1002 Wyoming St. The town of 10,000 people is at the center of the Union Pacific coal mines and is an enterprising community. The president of the coal mines is a member of the Baptist Church.

● The Baptist Church of Unityville, South Dakota has extended a call to the Rev. Fred Trautner of Sawyer, No. Dak., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Trautner has been pastor of the Benedict and Sawyer Churches since 1941. He will begin his work in Unityville soon after the Harvest and Mission Festival which was scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 9, with the Rev. A. J. Fischer of McClusky, No. Dak., as guest speaker. In Unityville he will succeed the Rev. Arthur Schulz, now pastor of the Strassburg Church of Kansas.

● On Sunday, July 14, the Rev. Wm. G. Jaster, pastor of the Gnadenfeld Church of Bison, So. Dak., baptized a father and at the afternoon communion service extended the hand of fellowship to him and his wife. On Sunday, July 22, Mr. Jaster baptized 7

converts at the Baptist Church of Isabel, So. Dak., as a result of evangelistic meetings held in Oct. 1944 with the Rev. F. W. Bartel. On June 26 the Dewey and Ziebach County Sunday School Convention was held at the Isabel Baptist Church with the largest attendance in many years.

● The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, "Baptist Herald" editor, was the guest speaker at the Immanuel Church of Wausau, Wis., on Sunday, Aug. 19. On the following Sunday he supplied the pulpit of the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., during the absence of the pastor, Rev. Owen L. Miller. On Sunday, Sept. 9, he preached in the morning service of the Faith Church of Minneapolis, Minn., and brought the message at a young people's program on Sunday evening. From Sept. 14 to Oct. 3 he will visit our churches in California, participating in a number of special programs and rallies which have been planned for these days.

● On Tuesday evening, Aug. 21, the auditorium of the Clay St. Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., was crowded to attend a "Youth for Christ" meeting with Miss Alma Siewert, one of our missionary appointees for the Cameroons, and Dr. R. A. Forrest, president of Toccoa Falls College of Georgia, as the speakers. A special offering of \$110 was designated for the Cameroons work. On Sunday evening, Aug. 12, Miss Siewert spoke in the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., of which she is a member. On Sunday evening, Aug. 9, she was the guest speaker in the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich. From June to August she travelled with a deputization team of three students of Toccoa Falls College in evangelistic and young people's work on speaking engagements in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama for a distance of more than 6000 miles.

● Chaplain Donald G. Davis, of the 120th Evacuation Hospital spent a period of 30 days at home with his family in Wasco, Calif., in July and August. Chaplain Davis, who is pastor on leave of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, filled the pulpit for four consecutive Sundays, beginning July 15. The chaplain and his family attended the California Y. P. and S. W. convention at the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., from July 19 to 21, where he was one of the speakers. Chaplain Davis addressed the Brotherhood of the Wasco Church during his visit with 103 men, members and friends of the Brotherhood present. The assistant pastor of the church, Mr. Paul F. Coulombe, and family spent their vacation in Alhambra, Calif., while the pastor was at home. Having returned from Germany, Chaplain Davis will be stationed for the present with his unit at Camp Polk, La.

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Coming!

ROCHESTER SEMINARY NUMBER
In preparation for the observance of the second annual observance of "Seminary Sunday" on October 14, the next issue will present several brief articles in the interest of the Seminary Endowment Fund. Several interesting illustrations will accompany the articles.

MEN WITH A DIFFERENT SPIRIT
The Rev. H. Hirsch of Cleveland, Ohio brought one of the commencement addresses at the recent graduation exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary on this provocative theme, which ought to be a real blessing to all "Baptist Herald" readers.

EIGHT MEN DREAM UNDER AN IOWA TREE

The story of the founding of the Iowa Young People's Union fifty years ago and of its historical growth through five memorable decades is related with graphic skill by the Rev. Paul Zoschke of Elgin, Iowa, the historian and chronicler for the Iowa Y. P. and S.S. Workers' Union.

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EDITORIAL

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The Stranger Within Thy Gates

A FRIENDLY smile or a hearty handshake can do wonders to make a stranger feel at home in our church services. It is a ministry in which all of us can participate and which ought to require no unusual effort on our part if the love of Christ fills our hearts to overflowing.

Too many churches show little evidence of this spirit of Christian friendliness. A stranger can sometimes enter and leave the church sanctuary without having felt the friendly warmth and personal concern of someone who did more than say "Hello" to him. It is easy for a spirit of provincialism to develop in a church so that relatives and families clique together and show the stranger "a cold shoulder". We are all tempted to become so immersed in our own affairs that we forget the presence of the stranger in our church and indifferently pass him by.

The churches that radiate the spirit of friendliness are beehives of successful activity. You feel the atmosphere as you enter the sanctuary. You are caught up into the arms of people who sincerely want to be your friends. The minister recognizes your presence and his handshake seems to press a special message of greeting into your hand. You have found friends in Christ here, and you know that you are wanted and needed in such a church. You become another happy member of the growing church family.

This is the season of the year when Rally Day opens the Fall and Winter program of the church. A great many preparations are being made for the activities that lie ahead. The pastors and leaders of our churches are concerned about the return of our Service Men and Women and the planning of activities for them. Revival meetings will be held in many of our churches for the winning of souls for Jesus Christ.

The success of these ventures and programs can be assured only if those who are God's people and the members of the church will transform the sanctuary into a temple of Christian friendliness, so that even strangers are prompted to explain: "See, how these Christians love one another!" Such a spirit toward the stranger within the gates of your church and toward the returning Service Men will return a hundred fold harvest in the days to come.

If God, who "commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts", then we ought to be the sunniest, happiest and friendliest people on earth. Let us live up to our name and become centers of spiritual charm for Jesus Christ!



How Secure Is Your Future?

A Sermon by the REV. ALEX
SOOTZMANN of McLaughlin,
South Dakota

AFTER our Lord had told the story of the lost sheep and the silver coin, which reveals to us the infinite love of God for lost sinners, then in Luke 16:1-9 Jesus tells the story of the unrighteous steward. Here he teaches us how we as Christians should live. At first, it may seem strange to us that Jesus, in whom there was no sin so that even his enemies could not find any fault with him, could praise such a "crooked" steward.

When the rich man heard that his steward was wasting his property, he called him and said, "What is this I hear about you? Render an account of your stewardship, for I cannot let you hold it any longer." (Weymouth) Perhaps, we may think, that if that man was so crooked, why in the world did the rich man not prosecute him and have him sent behind the bars. Didn't he deserve it? We assume that the rich man knew that something was wrong. But to prove it was another matter.

THE UNRIGHTEOUS STEWARD

However, it indicates that the steward was a clever man. Any one of us can imagine what a shock it must have been to him when his master told him that he could no longer entrust his wealth to him. He, who had lived at ease, in luxury and comfort, now had to go out and do manual labor, which perhaps he had never done before, and go begging. What to do now? That was an important question.

To follow that man in his attitude and action is not only interesting, but proves to us that Jesus knew human nature. What a great observer Jesus must have been! From his observation, Jesus gives the Church a practical lesson, which we have only partly followed, with a very few exceptions. By studying our Bible, we study human nature at the same time.

The clever but unrighteous steward reasoned with himself, and he had to do it quick and hard. He knew his future life was dependent on his very next action. He came to the follow-

ing conclusions: "In the future I will never be able to obtain such a position, as I occupy now. If I apply for one, I not only have to prove my ability, but also how faithful I have been in the past. Who would employ a man for such a responsible position with a black reputation? Of course, no one! What am I going to do; how will I live in the future?" Certainly, these are very important questions. "Time is short; time is money. I have to act quickly, and, not only that, I have to take a risk in order to secure my future."

Supposing a friend had approached him and said: "Don't take that too seriously. There will be another opportunity for you, for a capable man as you. Why, you don't have to worry. Another door will open. Don't be alarmed; everything will be alright, just take it easy." What do you think he would have said? His immediate action indicates what was in his mind. "My friend," he would have said, "I have no time to sleep my chance away. If I do not succeed in establishing my future now, then it will be too late forever. I have no other choice. I have only a very short time, and whatever may happen, in this very limited time, I must secure my future. Either, Or! There is only one way about it."

SHREWD BUSINESS DEALINGS

This shrewd man went to work immediately. He certainly lost no time, with his whole heart and all his faculties, to serve only one aim, which was to secure his future life. He called all his master's debtors, one by one. He asked the first, "How much are you in debt to my master?" "A hundred measures of oil," he replied. "Here is your account," said the steward. "Sit down quickly and alter it to fifty measures."

Well, before that debtor had left the office of this steward, there was quite a talk between the two. The man, whose debt was reduced to one-half, surely must have said to himself: "That is not merely the good nature of this man. I deal too long with him to be-

lieve such a thing. So these two men must have ironed it out, how much the one was going to receive for altering the bill. No doubt, the other inquired, whether it would work, and whether he would get into trouble later on. "Well! Well!" the steward may have said. "You let me have my share later on. I will take care of the rest; let that be my worry."

This world is shrewd when there is something to gain, honesty or not, so long as they don't get caught. Business is business! And so the steward proceeded, until he was through. The Scripture mentions only two debtors, but it shows us how quickly the unrighteous steward made his share. He certainly did not let his opportunity pass by. We can rest assured, that he made sufficient for his future. "What of it, if I have to lose this position? One thing is sure! I don't have to do hard work, nor do I have to go begging, thanks to my determination and quick action." And the Master praised the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for in dealing with their fellows, the men of this world are shrewder than the sons of light.

Think of it. Jesus praised him, this Jesus who is God incarnate. Did Jesus praise his crookedness? No, he did not! What is it that Jesus expects us to learn from this man. Certainly, not to do likewise. Yet all of us can learn a lesson from this story. The unrighteous steward did everything that was in his means to secure his future. He risked everything, even to get caught, and to be arrested. His whole mind was set to make his future secure and to make it then and there while the iron was hot.

THE CHRISTIAN'S GOAL

Once we have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we must always be aware and on guard. We are saved by grace. "For it is by grace that you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves. It is God's gift, and is not on the ground of merit." (Eph. 2:8, Weymouth) Saved by grace, the Church of Christ cannot afford to deviate from this foundation.

It is the Rock of Ages. But to those who cling to this mighty rock, only to those Jesus applied the story. Mark Jesus' statement: "The sons of this world are for their own generation wiser than the sons of light." Our Lord did not say: "They are more intelligent." The natural man plans for his future and labors for his goal. Yes, he even risks something to obtain his goal, and this is wise from the human aspect.

We, who have received eternal life through Jesus Christ, should we not be governed by a similar spirit to obtain our heavenly goal, our eternal future? Of course, in the most refined way. How often we are interested in worldly things at the expense of heavenly things! I do not mean sinful things. We are citizens of heaven. But is our whole interest, our whole life governed by the one thought to reach our heavenly goal? Saved by grace is not a spiritual rocking chair to take it easy, and then let time and opportunity pass by. Whoever thinks so, may seriously question his salvation.

The Scriptures definitely state that there will be a tremendous difference between a man, who is saved as by fire, and the man, who served Christ in this life. "Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." (1 Cor. 3:12-13.)

TREASURES IN HEAVEN

Jesus Christ did not praise the crookedness of the steward, but he praised the fact that he made a determined effort to secure his future. How is it with us? Is our life one great effort to build for eternity, or do we think that we still have time and say, "I would rather look for the things present." Oh, that we might realize that our time on earth is short, very short. We cannot afford to let time and opportunity pass by, which God grants to us to gather treasures for heaven. Are we as much concerned for our future in glory as this steward was interested in his future, even if it was for only a few years?

We can only serve God and man and gather treasures in heaven, if our faith is rooted in the eternal Christ. If we want to serve our fellow-men, then let us imitate the apostles and all the great servants of Christ. They labored in view of eternity, and men were blessed by their fruits. From their lives went forth rivers of power which led men to the living Christ. It is Christ who changes the heart of men. And men with a changed heart live a different life, which influences social conditions too.

Beyond any doubt, Jesus' intention was to teach the individual, but surely we can apply it to the Church of Christ as well. Let us also apply it to our denomination. As a denomination we must have that attitude, but as individuals we should not permit any opportunity to pass by, which God gives us through the different enterprises of our denomination.

The Essentials of a Real Revival

An Evangelistic Challenge by Mr. A. D. SCHANTZ, Pastor
of the Community Church of Moffat, Colorado

A REVIVAL is prayed down through constant praying, not worked up! The evangelist cannot bring a revival. The church cannot buy a revival. God's Throne of grace is the store house from which it must be prayed down and prayer is the only access to that store house.

The most favorable weather and the best desirable conditions will not influence people to come to Christ. The most eloquent speaker cannot move the sinner toward God, unless the church is engaged in constant prayer for the power of the Holy Spirit to convict them of their need of Christ. The revival fires are kindled in the hearts of the Christians by constant prayer for the revival. It is then that the revival fires will kindle the hearts of the unsaved to come to Christ.

There is a great sacrifice involved on the part of a church before a revival can come. There is a cross to take up, and that is the burden for lost souls. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23).

For every spiritual blessing there is a self-denial on the part of a Christian. In the service of the Lord there is a cross to take up, daily. The Christian must sacrifice of his time, means, and self-interest.

The church that cannot have a lively midweek prayer service throughout the year will never experience a real revival. The Lord can only entrust a great revival to that church that is in constant communion with him through prayer. Spending much time in the late hours in the field or business will mean less time spent on our knees before God.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you." The Christian should and must make his business a secondary matter if he wants a revival to break out in his church. A revival can be defined as God's Throne of grace set up in the hearts of his children. Therefore, a revival will not begin unless it begins in the heart of the Christian first.

The Lord entrusted to us the ingathering of lost souls into his Kingdom. Christ left the program of advancing his Kingdom in the hands of his followers when he left this earth. He has no other means to advance his Kingdom than willing hearts that are surrendered to the Holy Spirit's power to move them for the advancement of his Kingdom.

The Lord is always burdened for lost souls, but he can only bring them into his Kingdom through the efforts of the Christian. "They that teach shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Every revival is from the Lord, but the heart of the Christian

is God's source from which he directs the revival.

So the essentials of a real revival are, first, unity and love for each other in the church and home. Without unity and love for each other, there can be no revival. Second, the church must trust the Lord in real faith to him for a revival. Third, the church must pray down the revival fires in our hearts. Fourth, there must be a lot of self-denial of personal privileges so that we might be free to get under the burden which is involved for the success of a real revival.

The church must also be so burdened for lost souls that they will gladly leave their business at home, no matter how urgent the business so that they might work, pray and plead with lost souls to bring them to Christ. The church must go out after lost souls and teach them the plan of salvation. Its members must love the souls of lost men and women. They must not be partial to race or color. Christ died for them all. They must pay the price in first giving themselves, giving silver and gold, time and talent, love and sympathy to the saving of lost souls everywhere.

The church must ever be on the alert to minister to the needs of the needy in their physical afflictions as well as to their sin-sick souls. It must be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that regenerates the sinner fit for the Kingdom of God. The church must constantly pray and be in the spirit of a revival in season, out of season, and all the time.

Having done all that which the Lord would have us to do in love to him and compassion for lost souls, the gates of hell cannot prevail against the coming of a real revival. The revival must come, for the Lord has promised it. The revival will come, for the spiritual fires will have been kindled to burn. Wherever these fires are burning in the hearts of the Christians, there is an abundance of ingathering of souls into the Kingdom of God.

Do we want it? If so, we can have it by paying the price for it. Do we need a real revival? Very much so! For sin and crime are sweeping the world for the devil. Never have the days been darker. Never have the times been so severe.

God has entrusted his spiritual matters into our hands. Our hearts are his Throne from which he can direct. And he can only direct according to the desires of our hearts, who claim to be his servants. As the Lord's servants will serve, so will it be. Shall it mean utter destruction of our churches, or will it mean a real spiritual awakening? May God grant that we may wake up out of our sleep, and, by the help of God, turn the tide to a real spiritual awakening.



Indian Young People at the Bible School Held at Good Fish Lake, 105 Miles East of Edmonton (Left), and Indian Children from the Bull Reserve in Front of the Old Log Church, Built More Than 50 Years Ago (Right)

Bible Schools Among the Alberta Indians

Report by the MISSES ROSE WEISS and GLADYS SCHEIRER and
REV. F. W. BENKE

IT HAS been the privilege of students of Edmonton's Christian Training Institute to bring the story of Jesus and his love in word and song to the Indians during the months while attending the Bible School. This summer two Vacation Bible Schools were held on two Indian reserves under the direction of the Rev. Fred W. Benke, with Rose Weiss and Gladys Scheirer assisting as teachers.

The first school was conducted at the Good Fish Lake Reserve, about 130 miles east of Edmonton from May 20 to 27. We held three meetings on the first Sunday with over 100 people in attendance. Eagerly they listened as the message of God was brought to them. It was a heart-stirring joy to hear the earnest testimonies and the fervent prayers, often drenched in tears.

Especially was our attention drawn to an elderly blind lady, who stated in her testimony what a wonderful joy she had found in the Lord Jesus, who is all-sufficient to save and to help her, even in her blindness. We marvelled when we heard that she was memorizing portions of Scripture with her husband, who is one of the councilors, reading to her.

Our enrollment at this school was 46. This included not only children but young people and married couples. They seemed to find great joy in coming to study the Word of God. Some of the children understood English, but others could only understand the Cree language. We were privileged to have two interpreters, Mr. Peter Shirt and Mrs. Gladys Half. Although they were busy with their own work, they took time off to come every day and helped to make the message of God clear to those who attended.

We had three classes, and the scholars came daily both in the morning and in the afternoon. Bible study

formed the major portion of our course, also Bible memorizing, chorus and group singing and handwork. The parents took great delight in seeing the colorful handwork which the children had made. The Indian is artistically inclined and quite apt in making designs.

The following week we held another Vacation Bible School on the Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Our enrollment was 26, and the children came eagerly every morning and afternoon. God can even use a child in mission work. We were pleased to have little, talented Deanna Hammer, aged five years, come along daily. She sang for the Indian children, and at the sound of her voice all were quiet and listened attentively with ears and eyes and mouths wide open.

The Indian people are hungering for the Word of God. Truly, the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few. Not only is this true in the distant mission fields, but right here in our own country among our next-door neighbors. We do not want to be stumbling-blocks to the Indian people but rather stepping stones that they may find the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and follow him more closely.

One Indian man expressed himself in these words: "The white man hates the Indian. They think he is ignorant. The white men say they are Christians, but do more bad things than the Indian."

Again we were impressed how the Indian is seeking the Light and what a joy when we note how some of them are following the Bible teaching. An elderly, fine Indian Christian said: "I have never been to the sun dance since I am converted." His son, in one of our house visits, accepted Christ as his Savior. A boy of twelve in school expressed his desire to let Jesus come into his heart. Others need him, too.

Something that impressed us very much was the fact that most of the

children had long distances to come to school. Some gladly walked five miles to and from school every day, and eagerly returned for several evening meetings. Besides the schools and house visitation work which we did, we also held several evening services. At two occasions Mr. Benke showed some picture slides on "The Life of Christ," which were very impressive. It was a touching picture to see these dear Indian people sitting in such awe and reverence, brooding upon the pictures before their very eyes and hungrily drinking in the Gospel truths as given to them.

The nature of the Indians, unlike that of the Negroes, is that of being reserved. No matter how much they enjoy anything they will keep it to themselves. Thus, it was truly heart stirring to see our interpreter arise at our last meeting, and amid sobs and tears express the humble thanks of these Indians to us for counting it worthy to come out and teach their children about Jesus.

At both Reserves we were privileged to hold a closing demonstration program, given by the children, of what they learned as well as having a fine display of all their handwork. To add to our closing program we also had a rousing orchestra from the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church.

The accomplishments of our work done at these Reserves are perhaps not all visible. But we are thankful to God that some made decisions for Christ, others gladly read their Bibles which were given to them, and many lives were touched and brought closer to God through the uplifting messages in word and song.

At the close of one of the Vacation Bible Schools an old Indian, Weasel Brown, called us teachers to him and said in his terse way: "The Bible

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Crossing the Little Smoky River for a Gospel Service at Snipe Lake (Left) With Rev. F. W. Benke and Mr. Wm. Mueller in the Front Seat, and the Vacation Bible School Group at Watino, Alberta With the Teachers, Herta Kruger and Gladys Scheirer at the Right

Mission Work in Canada's Peace River Area

Report by REV. FRED W. BENKE, Missionary and Student Gospel
Workers

SOMETIMES the question is asked: "What is the nature of the mission work that the student Gospel workers carry on in the Peace River District of Alberta, Canada during the summer months?"

We must bear in mind that the Peace River District is a new country. Here settlers of various races and nationalities are seeking to make their homes. These settlements are at great distances from each other. Most of the people have settled here with few or no means but with great determination and endurance. Others again, due to adverse conditions and crop failures, have hardly enough to maintain a livelihood. In some of the outlying districts there is no teacher to instruct the children and in many communities there is no mission work carried on by any denomination, whether Catholic or Protestants.

They are these districts where we are especially directing our attention. At times the missionary must be content to worm his way slowly over the hills and through the dales, around stumps, and through ravines and rivers. Our mission workers have dauntlessly undertaken the Lord's work, regardless of the inconvenience that may be involved. The Gospel message is the same in all communities, regardless of race or nationality, poverty or wealth. And the Word of the Cross has still the power to save all those who believe.

Our mission workers have kept a tabulated record of some of their activities and we would herewith give the combined summary of the four C. T. I. student mission workers for the period of time from June 1st to August 5th. These four laborers in the Lord's vineyard have been Mr. William Mueller of Kelester, Sask., stationed at Valley View; Miss Herta Kruger of Olds, Alberta, stationed at Watino; Miss Gladys Scheirer of Lemberg, Sask., at Watino and Culp, and

Miss Gladys Schmuland of Fenwood, Sask., serving in Gospel work and conducting Vacation Bible Schools.

The summary of statistics is as follows: number of visits, 194; people contacted during these visits, 963; sermons preached, 43; children's talks, (including those given during the Vacation Bible Schools), 317; tracts distributed, 2,375; special songs that were sung, 296. The attendance at these meetings varied from a few to several hundred. A large number of Bibles, Testaments and other Christian literature was distributed. Through these different means we hope and pray that some lives have been touched and brought to the Lord.

During the short summer months eight Vacation Bible schools were conducted by our four mission workers, and assisted by Miss Martha Peters of Clairmont, Mrs. Christiana Hufnagel and Mrs. Alma Hess of Valley View. There were several other districts where we were asked to conduct similar schools, where children were much in need of the Word of God but due to the long distance and the few workers we were unable to reach them all in time.

SCHOOLS AT VALLEY VIEW, SMOKY VALLEY AND SNIPE LAKE

Reported by MR. WILLIAM MUELLER

We counted it a great privilege to have been able to conduct Vacation Bible Schools in three different localities this season. Our first school was held at Snipe Lake (Sunset House Post Office), a distance of 30 miles from Valley View. We could only reach this place by team and wagon, due to the treacherous Little Smoky River. We had to watch when the river was low and cross over by team since there is no ferry or bridge. Here they have had no School teacher for several years, and the children were eager to listen to the Word of God,

singing the choruses, and learn the Bible verses.

There were various nationalities represented in our schools, among them having been: English, Swedish, Norwegian, Indian, German, Hungarian and Ukrainian. In general, we enjoyed a very blessed time in each school. This can be taken from expressions made by people in these localities.

One said: "I am thankful that someone is taking an interest in the welfare of the children." We are glad that God has not only spoken to the hearts of the children, but also to their parents. These fields are open to the Gospel.

SCHOOLS HELD AT HINES CREEK AND CURRIE SCHOOL

Reported by MISS MARTHA PETERS

The children were quite apt in learning and attending the school regularly at Hines Creek. We carried on the usual program of Bible study, memory work, chorus singing and handwork. The talks given to the children were helpful to their spiritual life. Since most of these children had accepted the Lord as their personal Savior, they wanted to grow in the knowledge of God's Word. It was a joy to hear their heart-felt testimonies.

During this time, apart from the school, we had several young people's meetings, Gospel services and conducted the Sunday School with them. At the closing program quite a number of people from the neighborhood also attended and expressed their approval of what the children had learned in that short time.

Another Vacation Bible School was held at the Currie School from August 6 to 12. Although the season had somewhat advanced and the busy work had started on the farm, yet some of the children desired to have a Bible School and requested us to make such

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U. S. Army Chaplain Paul Gebauer, Former Cameroons' Missionary, Driving His Chaplain's Jeep Somewhere in Germany

Chaplain Gebauer in Action

Personal Observations by PFC. RICHARD BRAUN, a Son of Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Braun of Parkston, South Dakota

Bad Reichenhall, Germany
August 11, 1945

FOR some time I have been planning to let "The Baptist Herald" readers know about the wonderful work of Chaplain Paul Gebauer. I feel qualified to write about him, for I was perhaps more closely associated with him than most other enlisted men of our division.

It was one of the first days of February 1944 that I became aware that Chaplain Gebauer was transferred from Fort Benning, Georgia to the 14th Armored Division then at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Before I had an opportunity to meet him, I was given a furlough to my home, but when I returned I had decided to be in the audience at Chapel No. 8, where Gebauer was to hold services the following Sabbath. The meeting actually took place several days earlier, though, as the chaplain happened to visit the Service Club the same night I did.

During the next few months, I became rather well acquainted with our Chaplain. In addition to attending every Sunday service at his chapel, it became a habit for me to spend Friday evenings with him in his office. We had many discussions there. Several times he asked me to take part in the services, and I did. He liked to have the officers and men take part in the services, and each Sabbath saw some one on the platform with Chaplain Gebauer.

During the week, he made many orientation lectures to the various battalions, and he became well-known and well-liked by all the troops of the division. Sunday evenings found the auditorium of the Service Club filled

with "G. I's" who wanted to see his slides of his work as a missionary in the Cameroons, and who wanted to take part in the discussions that were held in the Music Room following the showing of the pictures.

In October, 1944 our division came overseas. My unit was one that was committed the first, and as CC"B" stayed at Marseilles, France a while longer, so did Chaplain Gebauer. In December, my battalion had been the first Seventh Army unit in Germany, and because of the lack of troops we could go no further. We were replaced on the Siegfried Line by another battalion, and were reverted to the control of CC"B". That was the Saturday before Christmas. The next day, in Schleitel, Alsace, I attended the first service led by Gebauer since we had left Camp Campbell early in October. That was like attending a service at home. From that time until the middle of March we were in CC"B", and that meant many opportunities to see and hear Gebauer. It is about those days that I can say the most.

In every battle, in the thickest combat, Chaplain Gebauer could be found up near the lines. He visited the infantrymen in their foxholes. He visited the tankers in their tanks. Everywhere the men were commenting that this chaplain was always right in there with them. In January we fought in the Bitche Salient, and the Chaplain was going up to the front in his jeep, never worrying about his own safety, but ever realizing that there were men up there that needed him.

A few weeks later it was at Hatten and Rittershoffen that we were engaging several vaunted SS divisions, and there were eight days there that

were the worst any men faced. Losses were great for us as well as for the Germans. Chaplain Gebauer asked permission to go into Hatten and stay there with the men, but he was refused. The ferociousness of that battle was said to be at a higher pitch than the months spent on Anzio, Italy. During that time, Gebauer held services in a small village about a mile behind the line. Troops going up and the wounded coming back received all his attention.

After Rittershoffen and Hatten, we were withdrawn to a defensive position. The Third Army, on our left, had to move up to help in the Ardennes Offensive that Von Rundstedt hurled at our First Army in January, 1945 and the Seventh was to defend much of what had been the Third Army sector. In our sector of the front we fell back to a defensive position along the Moder River.

During our month of comparative inactivity we took advantage of hearing Chaplain Gebauer as much as possible. In addition to the services on Sunday, he would come to our battalion several times a week. At times he would hold discussions that were vital to the coming situations. His knowledge of the country we were to conquer later was invaluable.

Let me tell you of the last Sunday in February as an example of how hard he worked. The previous day, when he had come to make arrangements for the service for the following day, he had asked me if I could go with him the next day. He was having another soldier, a violinist, go with him, also. His Sabbath day began with a 9 o'clock service for the men of the headquarters of CC"B". Then he came to the 25th Tank Battalion, my outfit, for a service at eleven. It was at the latter service that I joined the party for that day. In the afternoon there were services at two other places, and all were very well attended. Between each service there was much mileage to be covered.

Late in the afternoon we arrived in Saverne, where the rear-most unit was located. The Germans had been ranging in on Saverne for some time with some large caliber artillery, and on that Sunday morning at about 4 o'clock, had landed one shell in the heart of this unit billet area. Ten men had been killed outright, while the toll of wounded was larger. The men in that unit were very disheartened, and the service that night was one of the best I attended over here. Almost every man in that unit was present in the mess hall when Chaplain Gebauer opened the service. That was a very impressive service for the Chaplain gave a very inspiring talk that made many of the soldiers feel better after the tragedy of the night. Those were five services that Sunday for Gebauer. Never once did the chaplain repeat a talk — each was different, and equally interesting.

It was during the weeks that we were in defensive positions that Chaplain Gebauer was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. It was in recognition of his spirit and daring in ministering to the troops who needed him most — the front-line men — while they were actually engaging the enemy.

Four Months Overseas

By PFC. CHARLES F. LEHR, Son of Rev. and Mrs. C. Fred Lehr of Aplington, Iowa

On the twelfth of September, 1944, the 102nd Infantry Division was loaded on a "transport" in New York harbor, destination unknown. For most of us, it was our first boat ride and we were rather apprehensive about it.

Our course seemed to zigzag across the Atlantic. Most of us wondered whether we would ever land in England as we expected. On September 22 we stopped at Weymouth, England and then proceeded on to Cherbourg, France the next day. The Cherbourg harbor was pretty well wrecked, so we had to disembark with the use of barges instead of using a pier. It was night when we landed, so we couldn't see much of the town. There was still a lot of evidence of the battles that had taken place to secure that great French port.

We moved by train through France, Belgium, and Holland to within a few miles of the front, which was stagnant at that time. Our journey was completed by truck and foot. On October 26, 1944 we found ourselves in foxholes, seeing our first combat.

The enemy shelled us about an hour after we reached our positions and most of us were a little scared. We soon learned to recognize, by sound, which shells were ours or theirs, and which ones were coming our way. When fear strikes, man turns to God in prayer, and our group was no exception. Boys who had never prayed or thought of praying were crying to God with all the faith and sincerity they could give. Many were converted at the front lines.

I went through four attacks before I was wounded and so saw many of my friends fall in battle. Prayer is really a comfort at a time like this and knowing that God always hears your prayers makes all this a little easier to bear.

On November 29, 1944 we were making another attack, this time north of Julich, Germany, when I was hit. The bullet entered my body, at an angle, just below the left shoulder, traveling through the body and making its exit a fraction of an inch of the spine. On its path through the body, the bullet injured an artery, forming an aneurism (blood tumor) at this point. A medic immediately rushed to me and gave me first aid as best he could. Most of our group was hit that day, so that the medics were kept quite busy. At first

I felt a sense of relief, knowing that I was hit and that combat was over for me, at least for a while.

At the field hospital, the Chaplain came and prayed with us. This helped ease the pain. Chaplains are perhaps the greatest morale factors of any personnel overseas.

I was hospitalized in Belgium, England and Scotland before being flown home. I received the best of care wherever I was. The medics kept me "doped up" most of the time, so I didn't suffer much pain.



Pfc. Charles F. Lehr of Aplington, Iowa Wearing the Purple Heart Decoration for Wounds Received in Battle Action in Europe

On January 21, 1945 we were loaded on a C-54 plane and flown back to the United States. It took just 24 hours by air. The United States really looked good again. I thanked God that he had permitted me to come back home again.

I was flown to DeWitt General Hospital at Auburn, California where on February 14, 1945 an emergency operation was performed to remove the aneurism which had grown from the size of a large orange to that of a football. Again the Lord was with me, and though the odds were against me, he saw me through.

Now I am well on the way to recovery and through the grace of God will be as good as ever in time. I was given a ninety day convalescent furlough and am spending it with my parents in Aplington, Iowa. It is good to attend church at home again and I was especially fortunate in being able to attend the Iowa B. Y. P. U. Convention at Elgin and the Northwestern Conference at Steamboat Rock.

I received "The Baptist Herald" quite regularly and appreciated it very much. May God continue to bless his servants in his work and all his children, wherever they may be.



Pfc. Richard W. Braun, Author of the Article About Chaplain Gebauer, As Photographed Recently in Luxembourg

In the middle of March the last big push was organized and begun. We were reverted to the control of another Combat Command, and subsequently spearheaded the division break and drive through the Siegfried Line. We recaptured the towns that had fallen to us in December, and pushed on through to the Rhine Valley. But the old 25th was never to see Gebauer again, for until the end of the war we remained in another command, and after VE day we were widely separated. Shortly after VE day the division underwent a change, and most all the men were sent to different outfits, and were replaced by men eligible for discharge.

In the month of May, 1945 Chaplain Gebauer was awarded the Silver Star. I quote the citation: "For gallantry in action near Forstheim, Germany, on 26 April 1945. Observing the distress of several wounded officers and men, Chaplain Gebauer, voluntarily, without regard for his personal safety, and amidst a devastating enemy artillery barrage, left his position of cover and rushed to their aid. Remaining in an exposed position, he administered emergency medical treatment and directed the evacuation of the stricken men to safety. Chaplain Gebauer's cheer, courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect credit on himself and are in keeping with the highest military traditions."

Chaplain Gebauer made an indelible impression on everyone with whom he came in contact. When this war is generally forgotten one man will be remembered by men of the 14th more than any other man, and he is Paul Gebauer. His message and friendship is one of the most cherished memories of the Army careers of the entire division. I, personally, thank God for the privilege that was mine to know Chaplain Gebauer, and for the influence he has been in my life.

"Religion in the Ranks"

A fascinating book about the spiritual experiences of our Chaplains and Service Men is now in preparation. It will be ready for distribution early in 1946. The price will probably be \$1.25. Watch for further announcements about RELIGION IN THE RANKS!

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NEWS FROM THE EBENEZER CHURCH OF KANSAS

Miss Berniece Guthals, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Guthals of Elmo, Kansas, spent the past summer months at Saguache, Colorado, assisting the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer on their Spanish - American mission field. Berniece graduated from McPherson College this Spring and will teach in the Junior High Department of the Abilene schools this coming Fall. In our young people's work Berniece was the acting president of the Kansas Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union for the past year, having been in charge of all arrangements for the camp held at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga. She was also elected president of our state B. Y. P. U. for next year.



Miss Berniece Guthals of Elmo, Kansas, Who Spent the Summer in Missionary Work at Saguache, Colorado

Miss Geraldine Kieferle, president of the Senior B. Y. P. U. of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, Kansas, and also secretary of our Kansas Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, had the good fortune of being chosen by the Northern Baptist Central Association of Kansas to be its representative at the National Youth Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, from June 21 to 28. Geraldine has won the confidence and admiration of the young people of Central Kansas by her fine singing and directing of "singspiration" services at associational meetings and youth rallies. She has also recently announced her engagement to Sgt. Marvin Hartman of Anaheim, Calif., who has been stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Missionary Work in the Baptist Church and Community of Moffat, Colorado

Moffat, Colorado, is a small town in a sparsely settled area. Nothing can be raised here except by irrigation, and as there is very little water here the country is barren except for chiko brush. However, other parts of the San Luis Valley are very fertile because of irrigation.



Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Schantz of Moffat, Colorado

The range fifteen miles to our east is called the "Sangre de Christo," which is Spanish for "Blood of Christ," because of their red color when the winter sun shines upon their snow covered peaks. How wonderful it is that in the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, we may wash and be whiter than snow!

We have a friendly community. We have contacted the thirty families living in town and are now making visits in the country. We are making arrangements to spend some time in nearby towns where we will have greater contact with the Spanish-speaking people.

From June 18 to 29 we conducted a Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of twenty children. Their offerings to our Mission Board at Forest Park, Illinois, amounted to \$15.00. Several women of Moffat helped with the teaching. We were happy to have Miss Berniece Guthals of Elmo, Kansas, as a teacher. She also conducted the chorus singing. Since then we have had the joy of having a children's choir at our evening service each Sunday.

Recently we received a great blessing when three young people from the Baptist Church at Hooper and Center gave their testimonies and assisted us in all of our services. In the afternoon we had a pleasant visit with a very intelligent Mexican family, with Scripture and prayer and the singing of choruses.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Schantz, Reporters.



Miss Geraldine Kieferle of Elmo, Kansas, a Representative of Kansas at Green Lake, Wisconsin

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Vacation Bible School and Special Events at Wilmington's East Baptist Church

Another successful Vacation Bible School was held at the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware in June with Mrs. Miriam Shoesmith in charge. Four other teachers included the pastor, Rev. Christian Peters, and his wife. A total of 26 children came to enjoy these happy school days. Memorizing of Scripture verses, Bible stories, mission information, handwork and playing of games kept the hands and hearts busy learning more about the Christian way of living and the Christ who loves them all. A picnic in an open park with awarding of prizes completed the school term. A fine interest was shown this year, one boy refusing to go on a vacation trip before finishing his time at the school. One little girl confessed that she would love the Lord Jesus Christ from now on.

The Ladies' Missionary Society celebrated its 50th anniversary on May 2nd. All members and their husbands had been invited and a fine group appeared to enjoy the program. A number of reminiscent articles were read as highlights of bygone days. At the close a fine dinner was served by the ladies, which was enjoyed by all.

On April 17th, the church celebrated its 89th anniversary with a fitting program. Special mention was made of those in the Service. Our Honor Roll shows 3 gold stars. Rev. J. M. Ballbach gave an interesting address with the challenge of Christian service in the world of today.

Christian Peters, Pastor.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Two Hundred Young People at the Fourth Alberta Baptist Tri Union Assembly

With our theme, "All Out For Jesus," approximately 200 young people of our Alberta churches spent a blessed time from July 23 to 29 at the Sunnyside Camp at Sylvan Lake, Alberta for our fourth annual assembly. The camp enclosed by trees is an ideal spot for both spiritual and physical recreation.

We were privileged to have the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., and the Rev. B. Jacksteit of Pittsburgh, Pa., as teachers for our morning classes. Mr. Leuschner's topics were "Doctrine of God and the Holy Spirit" and "Christian Stewardship," while Mr. Jacksteit's topic was "You and Your Church." These classes were most interesting as they spurred us on with new zeal in the work for our Lord and Master.

The evangelistic services each evening were in charge of the different ministers present, and the evening messages were brought to us by Mr. Jacksteit. These very challenging messages inspired many to take a more definite stand for Christ.

Our Fireside Meetings were held each night out-of-doors, and different groups presented us with short programs. On Friday evening we had a "Candlelight Service" in the chapel, which was most effectively presented. On Saturday evening the young people from Edmonton rendered a missionary play, "Ordered South," which showed us the need of missionaries for the dark, heathen places. On Sunday afternoon we had a "Consecration Service" in which a number of the young people took part dedicating their lives for full time service.

The afternoons were used for sports such as soft ball and volley ball games, swimming, etc., in which all favorably took part.

On Saturday morning the following officers were elected for our Alberta Tri Union and Assembly: president, Rev. R. Kern; vice-president, Rev. J. Kornalewski; secretary, Cecilia Priebe; treasurer, Herbert Link; dean, Rev. R. Schilke; director of young people, Rev. A. Huber; director of Sunday School, Rev. K. Korella; choir director, Mr. R. Neske; pianists, Lester Bertsch and Verda Scheeler.

Our project for the coming year is to raise the sum of \$1000.00. One hundred dollars of this will be used for missions for Miss Myrtle Hein and Miss Hilda Tobert for their traveling expenses to the Cameroons. The rest will be used for our new camp site.

Lilly Bertsch, Reporter.

Alberta Young People Purchase A Five Acre Camp Site at Sylvan Lake

God must have used his best tools when he fashioned Sylvan Lake in the Canadian province of Alberta. Its name describes the placid charm of the lake and the picturesque beauty of its forest lined shores. It is about the size of Lake Galilee, which Jesus loved so dear-



Ministers on K. P. Duty at the Alberta Young People's Assembly Photographed by Sam Schubert

(Left to Right: Reverends R. Schilke, M. L. Leuschner, E. M. Wegner, R. Kern, B. Jacksteit, C. Rempel and J. Kornalewski)

ly, and some globe trotters say that it is quite similar to the more famous Palestinian lake.

For four successive years our Alberta young people have leased the camp grounds of a Pentecostal group at Sylvan Lake for their assembly. The attendance has increased from year to year until more than 200 were registered for the assembly week in July, 1945 with scores of others who came for the weekend. The location, midway between Edmonton and Calgary, is ideal for our churches. But something definite had to be done to accommodate the crowds and to meet the needs of this energetic, vivacious Alberta youth.



Beautiful Sylvan Lake of Alberta as Seen from the Five Acre Camp Site of the Alberta Tri Union and Young People's Assembly

God found the answer for them! The president of the Alberta Tri Union, Rev. Ruben Kern, was led to a campsite about three miles from the town of Sylvan in one of the prettiest spots along the lake. The five acres have a lake front of more than a thousand feet. The shore slopes up gradually but definitely, so that one can gain a grand view over the lake from the heights. The site itself is heavily wooded with hundreds of majestic poplar trees and flowering shrubs. Two houses valued at \$400 each with large screen enclosed

their time without charge for as much of the work as possible.

By the summer of 1946 these young people hope to dedicate their own camp grounds and the new buildings by holding several weeks of inspirational assemblies for young people from the Junior and Intermediate groups to youth of all ages. "Sylvan Lake" is bound to become a household word in Alberta, meaning "a garden spot for a grand assembly in glorious fellowship with the Savior."

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.

The West Ebenezer Y. P. Soc. of Saskatchewan Celebrates Its 37th Anniversary

On Sunday evening, July 29, we of the Young People's Society of the West Ebenezer Baptist Church near Spring-side, Saskatchewan celebrated our 37th anniversary.

Our program, under the leadership of our able president, Mr. Gordon Goltz, consisted of recitations, selections by the orchestra and other musical and vocal numbers. The main feature of the evening was the play, "Better Than Gold" by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner. This play, interestingly and earnestly presented, brought the Gypsy missions in the Danubian countries close to the hearts of all present.

We had as our guest speaker the Rev. G. Beutler of the Ebenezer East Church, who emphasized the present conditions of these missions. The offering of the evening, which amounted to over \$50, was designated to the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies.

At present our society consists of 34 members. During the past year our society has been active in various capacities. We have greatly felt the loss of our beloved Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Wegner, but we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our new pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. R. Kannwischer and their family. We are determined with God's help to carry on his work here.

Lorraine Grunert, Reporter.

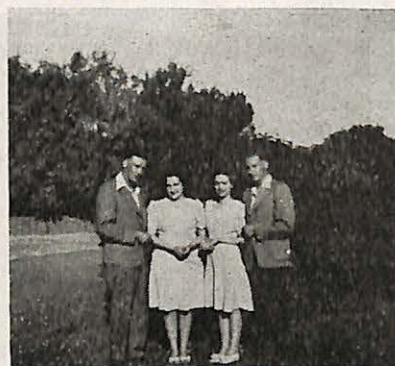
Successful Evangelistic Services in the Baptist Churches of Whitemouth and Beausejour

During the latter part of June and for several weeks during July special efforts in evangelism were put forth in our Baptist Churches of Whitemouth and Beausejour, Manitoba. We were fortunate in securing the Rev. F. W. Bartel, our general evangelist, for these meetings. How sincerely we appreciate the inspiring and heart-searching messages he brought us from evening to evening. Very eagerly the children responded to the continued stories brought in a dramatic and appealing manner by our beloved evangelist.

Working together with the evangelist and the pastor of the churches, the Rev. Fred Schmidt, was a Christian Training Institute quartet consisting of Miss Lynda Rempel, Miss Rose Weiss, Mr. Harold Weiss, and Mr. Sefferin Braier. Throughout the entire time of our meetings at both churches the quartet served in many ways. Not only did these young people gladden our hearts with songs, music and testimony, but during the day they drove from home to home in the pastor's or a friends auto, singing in the various homes of the communities and making personal contacts in regard to salvation.

At the same time the evangelist and the pastor borrowed a friend's released army truck, just one size larger than the so-called "Jeep," and visited other persons at the same time and followed up many of the personal contacts of the quartet. During all these meetings and visitations the number of decisions made for Christ was close to thirty. We pray that all may follow the Lord in baptism.

Fred Schmidt, Pastor.



The Quartet That Sang at Evangelistic Meetings in Whitemouth, Manitoba

(Left to Right: Sefferin Braier, Rose Weiss, Lynda Rempel and Harold Weiss)

Rev. William Hoover of Detroit, Mich., Conducts Evangelistic Meetings at Winkler, Manitoba

The Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Connors Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, completed two weeks of very successful evangelistic meetings in the Mennonite Brethren Church of Winkler, Manitoba, Canada on July 12th.

Hundreds of people from the surrounding districts turned out to hear Mr. Hoover in one of the most successful revival campaigns that the church here has ever witnessed. People came forward in large numbers at the close of the meetings to repent as the invitations from the altar were given. Many new converts were made and almost as many "backsliders" were brought to the joy in Christ. Hundreds were moved to real heart-searching prayer through these meetings and only eternity will reveal all the fruits of the campaign.

Each meeting was preceded by half an hour of singing and special numbers by the church choir, quartets, trios and soloists. By 7:30 P. M. the church was jammed to overflowing with nearly a thousand people, many of them finding only standing room. Hundreds more were turned back or gathered to listen to the loud speakers which were set up outside the building.

Brother Hoover's methods were quite unique to many of those hearing him. The first and opening night consisted of a get-acquainted meeting with a definite challenge to Christians to yield themselves and act as instruments in the hands of their Savior. At the following two meetings the invitations at the close of the services went directly to Christians and church members who had lost their zeal and who had become lukewarm.

At the final meeting all available seats as well as the aisles were occupied at an early hour. After the singing of several hymns, Mr. Hoover devoted the first part of the meeting to some helpful hints to the new converts. Then he delivered his final message and again many declared their willingness to receive Christ at the last altar call.

Then the 226 new converts and backsliders were asked to line up in front of the pulpit and the 21 ministers attending the service came to the platform.

Frank Brown, Reporter.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Twelve Persons Are Baptized and Received Into the Calvary Church, Billings, Mont.

Sunday, August 5, was a blessed day for the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana. At the morning service we felt the presence of God in a mighty way as we listened to a message entitled, "What God Says About Baptism."

In the afternoon all the members, their families and many friends gathered at the picturesque Yellowstone River for an impressive baptismal service. Eleven young people and one elderly woman openly confessed their desire to obey their Lord's command. A number of the candidates, who were baptized, accepted Christ at the time when the Rev. F. W. Bartel helped us with revival meetings in February 1945. Others again had been waiting for some time for an opportunity to express their devotion to their Savior in yielding completely to him.

After the service at the River, we assembled at the church to partake of the Lord's Supper, and to extend the hand of fellowship to the newly baptized and to seven others who were received into the church by confession.

Thus, a glorious day ended, and we could sing with all our heart, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

R. Sigmund, Pastor.

Minister's Retreat of the Central Dakota Convention at Eureka, South Dakota

The ministers of the Central Dakota Convention gathered at Eureka, So. Dak., on July 30 for their annual picnic and retreat, with the Rev. A. Krombein and family as hosts.

The weather was ideal and the roads good. Present at this gathering was Rev. and Mrs. E. Fenske, Darleen and Gordon, of Herreid, So. Dak.; Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Wilcke and son Allen, of Linton, No. Dak.; Rev. and Mrs. H. Walterreit and daughter Ruth, of Lehr, No. Dak.; Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary, and daughter Jennifer, sons Lowell and Michael, of Napoleon, No. Dak.; and Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Weisser and daughter Arlyce Anne, of Wishek, No. Dak.

It was an enjoyable day of fellowship and relaxation, seasoned with some planning and discussing of the pastoral work in general as well as some of the special events pending. A delightful lunch was enjoyed in the shade of some majestic trees in Eureka City Park. The evening was spent at the lake and speed boat riding was the main event. "Not so fast, not so fast," was repeated until the courage began to grow and then, "Open 'r up."

With the sun silently slipping away to bring awakening dawn upon a slumbering world in the West, we, comfortably tired, began looking toward home, and yet thinking of the dawn upon another such a fine occasion at Linton, No. Dak., next year.

Mrs. Arthur Weisser, Reporter.

Baptismal Service for the Ebenezer Church Near Wessington Springs, South Dakota

On Sunday, August 12, a united baptismal service was held at Wessington Springs, So. Dak. The Ebenezer Baptist Church, of which the Rev. O. W. Brenner is pastor, and the First Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, of which the Rev. W. F. Ballard is pastor, observed a very impressive joint service, at which seven persons followed their Lord in baptism. A very large gathering crowded the spacious church. Many, who were unable to enter, remained outside, attentive by listening at the doors and windows.

The entertaining church with its choir, quartet and other groups brought splendid messages in songs. The visiting pastor, Rev. O. W. Brenner, was invited to give the baptismal message, and he spoke on "Scripture's Baptism." He then baptized two persons from the Ebenezer Church, following which Mr. Ballard baptized five persons from his church.

On Sunday, August 19, at our communion service in the Ebenezer Church, the two who had been baptized received the hand of fellowship. It was a happy surprise, and a real joy for us when these two persons came quietly, like Lydia of Philippi, and expressed their faith in the Savior, and their desire to be baptized and to join our church.

O. W. Brenner, Pastor.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Baptismal Service and Recent Activities at the Immanuel Church of Chicago, Ill.

On Sunday, August 12, we of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., witnessed a great baptismal service in our church. The official photographer, Mr. Herman Siemund of our Chicago area Baptist Churches, was on hand to take the accompanying picture of the group.

These are evidences of progress in our church. First, the rededication of our church edifice on July 1st, and now a fine group of 11 persons was baptized and two others received into the church by experience. An intensive ministry of personal soul winning has been going on in our church for the last two years. Through the preaching of the Word and personal work and teaching by the pastor, Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, and our faithful workers in our church school, a goodly number of persons have been won to Christ during the period of two years. Quite a few have come from Catholic families, and for some who applied for baptism we could not obtain parental consent.

We were quite downhearted after the disastrous fire in our church, but our hearts are thrilled that the dear Lord has so graciously blessed us with such a fine ingathering of precious souls. We were told that this was the largest group taken up into our church at one time. Our God has at times turned apparent defeats into spiritual victories.

A. G. Schlesinger, Pastor.



Vacation Bible School Group of Children and Teachers at the Walnut Street Church of Cincinnati, Ohio

Successful Vacation Bible School Is Held in Cincinnati's Walnut Street Baptist Church

It was truly a great experience for the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio to have had its first Vacation Bible School in many years. It was held from July 16 to 27. Mr. Fred Hoffman, a student from our Rochester Seminary, was the director of this school. He was very capably assisted by Mrs. Hugh Orr, Mrs. Edward Morris, Mrs. Oscar Schmidt and Miss Margaret Schmidt.

It was the first church experience for many of the students. Walnut Street Church for some time has felt the great need in the community for such a project. "When Jesus looked upon the multitude, he had compassion on them." The multitude of children, that had been playing in the streets where there is no immediate outlet for recreation, soon found its way into the church where recreation, as well as religious instruction, brought them to a closer understanding of Jesus, their soul's salvation.

The total enrollment was forty-five, with an average attendance of thirty-five. Perfect harmony existed between the teachers and the students. On Friday evening, July 27, graduation exercises were held in the church sanctuary, at which time the students were presented to the pastor of the church, Rev. Robert G. Konitz, with their records. Many of the parents were present at this ceremony.

After the graduation exercises, the parents returned to the Sunday School rooms where exhibits were on display.

Robert G. Konitz, Pastor.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Prof. O. E. Krueger Conducts Two Weeks of Meetings at Killaloe, Ontario

The First and Calvary Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada were privileged to have Prof. O. E. Krueger as their guest speaker at a series of meetings from July 2 to 15.

During the opening week, the messages concerned young people's problems. Prof. Krueger dealt very favorably with questions submitted by the young people. The meetings were opened with fitting choruses, scripture and applicable object talks to the Intermediate group.

At the evangelistic services during the following week, we were richly blessed as we listened to messages, that revealed anew God's love toward his children and the assurance of heaven. Although no conversions were realized, all those who attended understood more clearly the value of the messages in "the Sermon on the Mount."

A mission offering was taken at the closing service, amounting to \$45.94.

Mrs. Lawrence Getz, Reporter.



Eleven Young People Who Were Recently Baptized by the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger (Right), Pastor of the Immanuel Church of Chicago, Illinois

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Sessions of the 62nd Southern Conference at the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas, Texas

The 62nd Southern Conference convened with the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, from July 25 to 29 and was the most tranquil in many years. It officially began on Wednesday evening, July 25, with the keynote address on the general theme, "Soul Winning for Jesus Sake," by the Rev. J. J. Lippert.

The Thursday morning devotional was led by Rev. R. C. Mulder of Donna. Under the able leadership of our moderator Rev. Wilfred Helwig, the business sessions progressed quite rapidly. The church letters gave us a bird's-eye view of the work of our conference.

The officers for this year are: Rev. C. H. Seecamp, moderator; Rev. W. H. Buening, vice-moderator; Rev. Robert Schreiber, clerk; and Rev. David Zimmerman, statistician. Rev. Roy Seibel, Rev. David Zimmerman and Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht were elected to the mission committee, and Rev. J. J. Lippert represents the Children's Home. Rev. W. Helwig was elected as mission secretary and Rev. D. Zimmerman as assistant. The Thursday morning session was concluded with the quiet half hour led by Dr. William Kuhn on "Being Alone with God."

The memorial service on Thursday afternoon was led by Rev. Roy Seibel. During the remainder of the afternoon the Rev's. R. Schreiber and D. Klein spoke on "Soul Winning Through the Sunday School," and "Through Personal Contact." Both messages were challenging and timely. On Thursday evening the Rev. David Zimmerman delivered the annual doctrinal sermon, "The Church of Christ," based on Matt. 16:18.

On Friday morning, while the ladies held their business meeting, the men met and Rev. E. J. Baumgartner very ably led in a lively discussion on problems and questions that confront men today. Dr. Kuhn again led in the quiet half hour speaking on "Praying at Midnight."

Saturday morning was devoted to the young people's union and its business and was concluded with a message by Dr. Kuhn on "Beholding God's Glory."

Sunday was the big day of the feast! During the Sunday School period the Juniors of the Dallas Sunday School rendered a varied and interesting program. Dr. Kuhn delivered the annual missionary message on "Anointing the Lord," and the missionary offering was received. On Sunday afternoon we had an organ recital, many excellent numbers from the different youth unions of our conference and a splendid message by Rev. Robert Schreiber on "Let No One Despise Thy Youth."

The closing service took place on Sunday evening. Rev. L. Hoeffner brought the closing message on "Life's Greatest Decision," based on Joshua 24:15. The Christian fellowship during the meal hours and the various services was grand and uplifting. God willing, we'll meet next year at Kyle, Texas.

David Zimmerman, Reporter.

Sessions of the Young People and S. S. Workers at the Southern Conference

From July 25 to 29 the Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union of the Southern Conference enjoyed the fellowship of the Christian people at the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. On Friday evening, July 27, numbers were rendered by the churches of our conference, after which the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Cleveland, Ohio brought a most inspiring message, "If I Were Young Again."

On Saturday morning, July 28, the annual business meeting was held under the direction of our vice-president, Rev. Roy Seibel. The following officers were elected for this coming year: president, Mr. Edwin Gummelt of Waco; vice-president and dean, Rev. Roy Seibel of Waco; secretary, Alice Ruth Hill of Kyle; treasurer, Norma Apel of Gatesville; news editor, Mrs. Charlie Marstaller, Jr., of Waco; associate editor, Elsie Graf of Dallas; council member, Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht of Waco. Our goal of \$2,000 for our Seminary Endowment Fund was reached, for which we are thankful.

On Sunday afternoon, the program consisted of special numbers by different churches, installation of officers, and a wonderful message, "Let No Man Despise Thy Youth," brought to us by Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Crawford Church.

Our project for this year is \$1500 for a general worker in our conference to help churches with Bible Schools, study courses, etc., and also for the Gypsy missions in Bulgaria. We enjoyed the most inspiring messages brought to us by both Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and Rev. Wm. Kuhn, general workers, who were present.

Edna Fredrich, Reporter.

Wedding Anniversaries Are Celebrated by the Dallas Church During the Conference Sessions

On Saturday afternoon and evening, July 28, the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas, Texas and all conference guests of the Southern Conference, convening in Dallas at the time, were invited to the beautiful Frank Schulz farm for our annual young people's outing and the evening open-air service.

However, the service of the evening was more than the annual conference affair. On July 28, 1895, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schulz joined hands in matrimony and were now celebrating their golden wedding anniversary to which the entire conference was invited. On this same day, July 28, 1945, Frank Schulz, Jr., was united with his life's partner, thus adding to the rejoicing of the parents. To add still further to the event of the day, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Boettcher celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary, joining the Schulzes on this happy occasion.

A brief but effective program was in charge of the pastor. The Rev. Robert Schreiber led in a short song service composed of favorite hymns by the honored hosts. The Rev. D. Zimmerman read John 14, their favorite Scripture, after which the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn, a former pastor, led in prayer. We were

privileged to have the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Cleveland, Ohio and Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., with us who both spoke brief words of congratulations. Mrs. Paul Peterson of the local church followed with a most fitting reading in which she told the Schulz history from the cradle to the time of this celebration.

W. Helwig, Pastor.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Homegoing of the Rev. Valentine Wolff, Former Cameroons' Missionary and Pastor

The Rev. Valentine Wolff was born on July 22, 1875 in Westphalia, Germany. His parents died when he was but a boy of eight years. He came to the United States with an uncle and aunt at the age of eleven and settled in and grew up in New York City. Here he received his elementary school training as a young man. In his early youth the sails of his life were set when he decided to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and to devote his life to full-time Kingdom service. He was baptized by the Rev. Walter Rauschenbusch and received into the membership of the Second German Baptist Church of New York City. In 1894 he entered our seminary in Rochester, New York, with a view of entering foreign mission work.

He was graduated from our seminary in the year 1900, and the following year he sailed for the Cameroons, West Africa, where he served a total of 15 years.

While on furlough in Germany in 1906 he married Miss Helen Puschel who lived near Berlin. Together they served in the Cameroons as missionaries until 1915. The outbreak of World War No. 1 forced them to leave the mission field at that time. During the years of their missionary life three children were born to them. These were left in a mission school in Germany. During the years of the war Mr. Wolff worked for the government teaching English in a Classical Secondary School. In 1921 the entire family came to the United States and for 7½ years Mr. Wolff did home mission work in Canada and North Dakota. After that he served a congregation for five years in Baileyville, Ill. From August, 1933 to August 1943 he served the Lebanon Baptist Church near Watertown, Wisconsin.

The final two years of his life were spent in Watertown, where he was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was called home on August 4th at 8 P. M. His passing was much more peaceful than life often is for many people. His passing is mourned by his sorrowing wife, three children, two grandchildren, one brother, and a host of friends.

Rudolph Woyke,
Officiating Minister.

Ordination Service of Rev. Ray Allen at the Second Baptist Church, George, Iowa

The Second Baptist Church of George, Iowa called a council to convene on the afternoon of July 27 to consider the

propriety of ordaining Mr. Ray Allen. Eighteen delegates, coming from seven neighboring churches, responded to the call. The council was organized with Rev. J. J. Renz as moderator and Rev. A. N. Williams as clerk.

Mr. J. D. Van Loh, clerk of the church, introduced the candidate to the council, who then gave a simple but convincing testimony of his conversion and also a very definite statement concerning his call to the ministry. Then the candidate read a very satisfactory statement of his doctrinal views.

In the evening of that same day the ordination service took place in the church. The clerk of the council, Rev. A. N. Williams, read the minutes and delivered the ordination sermon. Rev. H. Johnson offered the ordination prayer. Rev. J. J. Renz gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. R. M. Daken gave the charge to the church. Rev. M. De Boer welcomed the candidate into the ministerial ranks and presented the ordination certificate. Rev. Ray Allen dismissed the meeting by pronouncing the benediction.

Rev. Ray Allen was born on Feb. 15, 1915 in Niangua, Missouri. When he was only seven years old he became an orphan and was adopted by E. A. Carll of Austin, Minnesota. In September 1934 he was baptized by Rev. L. Sandgren and united with the First Baptist Church of Austin, Minnesota. He was graduated from the Northwestern Bible School at Minneapolis, Minn. He also studied at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, So. Dak., for some time. May the Lord bless the church and the new pastor!

Martin De Boer, Reporter.

Program of the Iowa Association Scheduled for Parkersburg, Iowa From Oct. 8 to 10

Theme, "The Church of Jesus Christ." Place, Parkersburg, Iowa Time, October 8 to 10, 1945

Monday—8:00 P. M.: Address, Rev. Martin DeBoer, Buffalo Center.

Tuesday—9:00-9:30 A. M.: Devotions, Rev. G. F. Ehrhorn, Parkersburg. 9:30-10:30: Organization and Reports. 10:30-11:00: Address, "The Church—Its Nature," Rev. C. Fred Lehr, Aplington. 11:00-12:00: People's Prayer Hour.

2:00-2:15 P. M.: Devotions, L. A. Johnson, Steamboat Rock. 2:15-2:45: Address, "The Church—Its Organization," Rev. Ray Allen, George. 2:45-3:15: Address, "The Church—Its Purpose," Rev. A. Bernadt. 3:15-3:30: Discussion. 3:30-4:30: Address, Rev. Wm. Kuhn, Forest Park, Ill.

8:00 P. M.: Address, Rev. Howard Johnson, Steamboat Rock.

Wednesday—9:00-9:30 A. M.: Devotions, A. Dreyer, Aplington. 9:30-10:00: Unfinished Business. 10:00-11:00: Address, "The Church—Its Power," Rev. H. Renkema, Baileyville, Ill. 10:30-11:00: Address, "The Church—Its Responsibility," Rev. John Broeder, Victor. 11:00-11:30: Discussion. 11:30-12:00: People's Prayer Hour.

2:00-2:15 P. M.: Devotions, Clarence Koenigsberg, Sheffield. 2:15-3:00: Unfinished Business. 3:00-4:30: Women's Hour.

8:00 P. M.: Address, Rev. J. J. Renz, George, Iowa.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARION KOCH of Ellinwood, Kansas

Mrs. Volley Violet Koch was born on July 10, 1912 near Ellinwood, Kansas and after a long siege of illness passed away to be with the Lord on August 2, 1945.

She was united in marriage to Mr. Marion Koch in 1939, their union being a very happy one. In 1942 she confessed Christ in baptism and was received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood by Rev. W. Helwig. Our sister was a faithful and praying member. Frail in body but strong in faith, she was a testimony to the name of Christ.

Mrs. Koch leaves to mourn her departure her husband, Marion Koch; her mother, Mrs. Lena Scheufler; four brothers, Alfred, Emil, Elvin and Russel; three sisters, Clara DeWerrf, Luella Inde and Lillian Schroeder; other relatives and many friends.

Ellinwood, Kansas.

T. W. DONS, Pastor.

MR. HEINRICH WORMSBECHER of Tyndall, South Dakota

Mr. Heinrich Wormsbecher of Tyndall, S. D., was born in South Russia, Chersonskole Guerny, Alt Danzig, on October 3, 1859, and died on July 21, 1945 at the age of 85 years, 9 months and 13 days.

In 1877 he came to this country and arrived in Yankton, South Dakota where he stayed for a while. Then he moved to Tyndall, where he worked for the farmers near the city. In 1880 he took up a homestead in Bon Homme County, 16 miles northwest of Tyndall. In that year he built up his farm, and in the following year, 1881, he was married to Katarina Buchholz. Three sons and 5 daughters were born to this union. One son and 2 daughters preceded their father in death.

Leaving to mourn his death are his dear wife; 2 sons, Emmanuel and Alexander; 3 daughters, Mrs. Mathilda Bechtolt, Mrs. Dora Buchholz and Mrs. Hermina Mach; 30 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one brother, Johann Wormsbecher; and many relatives and friends.

In 1915 he moved to Tripp, where he lived until his death. He did not belong to any church, but on his deathbed he confessed that he had found grace in the Lord Jesus and that he was not afraid to die.

He was a good husband to his wife, a good father to his children, a good neighbor and a loyal citizen of this country.

Tyndall, So. Dak.

ALBERT ITTERMANN, Pastor.

MR. FRANK J. GUMMELT of Lorena, Texas

Mr. Frank J. Gummelt of Lorena, Texas was born on April 11, 1906 near Lorena, Texas where he lived his entire life and died on July 28, 1945 after much suffering and an operation for an ulcerated stomach at the age of 39 years, 3 months and 17 days.

Our deceased brother accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 12 and was baptized by the Rev. H. Ekruat. He became a member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, of which our brother was a member at the time of his death. The deceased was a lover of music and led a quiet and an unassuming life. The large attendance at the funeral service gave evidence of the many friends and acquaintances who were touched by the death of the deceased.

Our brother leaves to mourn his departure his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gummelt, two brothers, two sisters, a grandmother, 6 nephews, two nieces and a host of relatives and friends.

"Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1. Cor. 15:57

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Seecamp, the former pastor, Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn of Dallas, was called to conduct the funeral service, assisted by Mr. Mims, the supply pastor of the church, and Rev. G. Tullock of the Gollinda Baptist Church. The undersigned spoke words of comfort on 2. Cor. 5:1.

Cottonwood Baptist Church,

Lorena, Texas.

J. E. EHRHORN, Officiating Minister.

PROF. ERNEST F. KRUEGER of Madison, South Dakota

Prof. Ernest Frederick Krueger died on August 11, 1945 in Northfield, Ill., at the home of his son, Carl, at the age of 71 years, 7 months and 25 days. He spent practically his entire active life in the field of education.

Born in Kankakee, Ill., he was taken by his parents at the age of nine to Nebraska and after three years to Madison, So. Dak. He was graduated from the Teachers' College in Madison in 1894, studied another year at the University of Wisconsin, and then began his teaching career in the schools of South Dakota. He also served as county superintendent of schools and as state senator from Lake County. In 1908 he accepted a position on the faculty of Sioux Falls College, remaining there until ill-health forced him to retire in 1937. After a few years of rest, he became instructor and superintendent of building in our North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y.

He was baptized by the Rev. W. Staub in 1888 and was successively a member of the churches in Madison and Sioux Falls, So. Dak., and Rochester, N. Y. In 1901 he married Miss Laura Tilgner, a daughter of Rev. Tilgner, who had been pastor in Madison from 1895 to 1900. This happy union was blessed with four children, one daughter and three sons. They were all present for the funeral service in Madison on August 15.

Prof. Krueger is survived by his bereaved wife and children as well as by one brother, Prof. Otto E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., and two half brothers in Madison, So. Dak., and one half sister in Windom, Minnesota. He was highly honored and respected by all who knew him for the sincerity of his character and the conscientious way in which he did all his work. May God graciously comfort the bereaved family and his many friends!

Madison, So. Dak.

HENRY R. SCHROEDER, Pastor.

MR. WALTER P. EISEMANN of Philadelphia, Pa.

The Philadelphia churches and fellowship sustained a shocking and deeply felt loss when Mr. Walter P. Eiseemann was suddenly taken home on July 19, 1945. Mr. Eiseemann, a member of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, and a friend of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, succumbed to a sudden heart attack in the Jewish Hospital of this city. Mr. Eiseemann was fifty-three years of age, and is survived by his widow, Marie.

The memorial service, held in the Harold B. Mulligan Parlors, was directed by the Rev. John F. Crouthamel of the Fleischmann Church, and attended by a great host of friends and business relations.

Mr. Eiseemann's work for the Kingdom was characterized by a sincere humility and unobtrusiveness which endeared him to all with whom he associated. His work as treasurer of the German Baptist Home for the Aged of Philadelphia was especially meritorious, and his departure is keenly felt by the guests of the Home and the Board of Directors. His interest in all phases of our denomination's work in Philadelphia may well serve as an exemplary prototype for those who were inspired by his zeal and devotion.

We thank God for the living testimony of this man, and lift voices in thanksgiving for the certain knowledge of his entrance into the fuller life of heaven's activity.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,
Philadelphia, Pa.

JOHN F. CROUTHAMEL,
Officiating Minister.

The Seminary Endowment Fund

By MR. F. A. GROSSER, Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee

In May 1944 at the General Conference in Milwaukee, Wis., we, as a denomination, dedicated ourselves to the task of raising \$150,000.00 by Conference time in the year 1946, for our Seminary in Rochester.

We put our hands to the plow, as it were, and here is the result, in cash contributions, so far:

Year 1944

By May 31st	\$ 100
By June 30th	4,680
By July 31st	6,365
By August 31st	9,408
By September 30th	12,050
By October 31st	21,325
By November 30th	48,119
By December 31st	60,067

Year 1945

By January 31st	66,756
By February 28th	69,873
By March 31st	71,981
By April 30th	76,154
By May 31st	78,663
By June 30th	80,625
By July 31st	85,000
By Aug. 30th	85,425

This is a fine record. We are right on schedule, more than half way to our goal with about a year to go. A study of the contributions by churches would seem to indicate that while some have gone over-the-top, most of them have about reached the half-way mark.

INDIAN BIBLE SCHOOLS

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teaching is the only thing that will help us or any other people. I am sorry for not having any Bible teaching, but I am so glad that my grandchildren are now hearing more about the Jesus Way."

Another expressed himself in his figurative way: "Before you came and taught our children, they were like mud. But you have made jewels out of them."

Gratefully we acknowledge the opportunity that we have of bringing the Word of God to the natives of our country and are thankful to God that they are open for the Gospel. Since many of the Indians are still carrying on the nomadic life, we can only contact them at certain times and places. However, by travelling about they also have occasion of telling the Good News to others.

We regret that we could not hold more Bible Schools with the Indians during this past summer. We had planned several others, but could not get to them in time. Only recently while meeting some Indians at the Indian Agency, some Christian Indians called Mr. Benke to their wagon and pleaded for a Bible School with

Your committee has no way of knowing what amounts are due in unpaid pledges. We are confident, however, that each church of our denomination has determined for itself what its share is in this program. We are confident, too, that each has determined how its share will be collected from its members.

This report is sent out now as a reminder of—

1. What we purposed in our hearts to do.
2. That the time for doing slips by so very quickly that we must bestir ourselves lest we arrive too late.
3. That there is no better time for completing our goals than Seminary Sunday on October 14th.
4. That the General Conference in Tacoma, Wash., in August 1946 will be a more joyous occasion and of greater inspiration and enthusiasm if we go there having completed our objectives, this one, as well as the others which we set for ourselves as a denomination.

War is a terrible experience to pass through. It brings suffering and untold pain and moral degradation beyond computation. But this war, also, has taught our American people what really can be accomplished with zeal and determination and co-operation in providing what was needed in ships and planes and material and wealth.

What a lesson that should be to us, God's people, in doing for him quickly and efficiently, what we know should be done for his Kingdom!

their children in their neighborhood. May our hearts be burdened for the lost, irrespective of race or nationality, and may we catch the Spirit of our Master, of whom it was said: "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

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Thousands of service men are returning and our churches need to be prepared for them.

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Mission Work in Canada

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arrangements. At Currie we are maintaining a Sunday School and preaching service. The people in the district have taken a special interest in the support of the Sunday School, and the attendance is good. Some are seeking to follow Christ more closely and devote themselves wholly to the Lord's work.

SCHOOLS AND SERVICES AT CULP, WEMBLEY AND WATINO

Reported by
MISS GLADYS SCHEIRER

Great blessings were showered upon children and teachers during the Vacation Bible School that was held in Culp in July. Here Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heizelman are also faithfully carrying on a Sunday School in which the teachers participated. Then on some evenings we had young people's meetings with an enjoyable number of people attending. There is a great work for the Lord still to be done in this district.

Evangelistic meetings and a Vacation Bible School were held near Wembley from July 23 to 29. The enrollment at the school was 29 children, and of these there was a perfect attendance. The school was held both in the morning and in the afternoon and was divided into three classes. In the evening revival meetings were held with the Rev. F. W. Benke preaching the Word of God and the lady teachers bringing the Gospel message in song, testimonies and children's talks.

A number rededicated themselves to God, and several young people accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Also on the last day of the school at the children's meeting four of the scholars let Jesus come into their hearts. The attendance at the meetings was gratifying with 80 to 120 persons.

On Sunday God mightily manifested his power. A much needed rain brought the necessary moisture to the drought-suffering crop. But, moreover, rich showers of spiritual blessings were sent from above. During the morning worship service the new converts, who had come to the Lord during the week, gave their testimony of a Savior who is now so precious to them. In the afternoon the closing program of the school and the Children's Day program brought the meeting to a blessed climax.

Another Vacation Bible School was held at Watino from August 6 to 19. Twenty delightful children attended, who were eager to learn the Word of God and often asked for the school to continue a longer time. None of the parents of these children belong to the Lord and therefore their children are deprived of the spiritual atmosphere. But we trust in God, who can will not let his Word return unto him void. We are certain that the Lord is implanting the Good Seed in the hearts of these young lives.