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WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

● For a number of months, Mr. Ronald Stabbert has been serving as pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of West New York, New Jersey having succeeded the Rev. James A. Miller as pastor. Mr. Stabbert is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Stabbert of the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Washington. His address appears elsewhere in this issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday, June 30, the Reverends William Kuhn and Martin L. Leuschner were the guest speakers in the pulpits of the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., and its mission station at the Portland Avenue Chapel. For two days thereafter they conferred with members of the various General Conference committees in completing plans for the conference sessions from August 19 to 25. Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Petke of Portland, Oregon represented the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union in these conferences. On Tuesday evening, July 2, Dr. Kuhn and Mr. Leuschner addressed a missionary meeting in the Calvary Church of Tacoma before returning to Chicago, Ill.

● The Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wisconsin has again completed a two-week Vacation Bible School in union with the First Polish Baptist Church of Pound. There were 170 children who were enrolled. The four honor students were awarded a free trip to the Cave of the Mounds, a distance of 450 miles. The pastor, the Rev. Fred Mashner, accompanied them.

● The Junior Guild of the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., gave Miss Ann Swain, conference missionary, a handkerchief shower at its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 20th. Fifteen persons were present. After an inspiring message by Miss Swain, tasty refreshments were served by Joan Kipf, who is the sister of the president Mary Ellen Kipf.

● The Rev. Virgil R. Savage recently resigned as pastor of the Portland Ave. Chapel, the mission of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., where he has served as pastor since shortly after its opening in February, 1944. His resignation will take effect on Sept. 1st. He and his family will move to Portland, Oregon where he will continue his studies at the Western Baptist Theological Seminary in the Fall.

● The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner visited the Spanish-American mission field at Saguache and Moffat, Colorado from July 21 to 25, speaking at various meetings and conferring with the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Reimer and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Schantz. Several hundred feet of moving pictures in kodachrome color were taken, to be shown in our churches this Fall as well as many snapshots. His son, Ronald, accompanied him on the first lap of this extended trip to California and later to Oregon and the General Conference at Tacoma, Wash.

● The congregation of the Clay St. Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., arranged a successful surprise party for its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. R. Gutsche, on their 15th wedding anniversary on June 23rd. A dinner was given in the basement of the church and a program was rendered under the leadership of Mr. Otto Wesner, chairman of the Board of Trustees. A substantial money-gift was also given to them. Rev. and Mrs. E. Gutsche will soon complete their seventh year of service at the Benton Harbor church.

● The young people's society of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas was host to a farewell reception given for Miss Alma Siewert, a missionary-appointee for the Cameroons, on Sunday evening, June 16. Eleven Kansas churches were represented and participated in the program. After being introduced by Mrs. William Wirth, Miss Siewert brought an inspiring message. An offering was received to help buy the missionary equipment and supplies for Miss Siewert. She is being supported by the Kansas Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union and recently completed a visitation tour of the Kansas churches.

● On Sunday evening, June 30, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary, addressed a large audience of more than 1000 people in the City Auditorium of Wishek, No. Dak., with 7 neighboring churches cooperating. A mission offering of \$400 was received. Mr. Gunst was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of Wishek. He was the guest speaker in the Baptist Church of Ashley, No. Dak., that Sunday morning. On July 1st he spoke in Gackle, No. Dak., with the churches of Alfred and Streeter, No. Dak., cooperating. He addressed his "home church" at Medina, No. Dak., on July 2nd. On Sunday, July 7, he was the guest speaker at the Baptist churches of Aplington and Parkersburg, Iowa. On July 21st Mr. Gunst was the guest speaker at a great youth rally for the

Northern North Dakota Conference churches held at the Fair Grounds Auditorium of Fessenden, No. Dak.

● A "G. I. Homecoming Day" was observed by the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas for its 15 Service Men, none of whom was injured in any way, on Sunday, June 2, with services held in the morning, afternoon, and evening. Words of welcome for the returning Service Men were spoken by Mr. C. D. Porter for the church, by Mr. C. F. Bohnert for the Sunday School, by Mr. Emil Boettcher for the B. T. U., and by Miss Esther Behr for the Fidelis Club. Several of the G. I.'s brought their testimonies in the evening service. Before the Service Flag was lowered, with Mr. Herman Balka in charge, a mixed quartet sang, "I Ain't Gonna Study War No More!"

● The home of the Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Braun of Parkston, So. Dak., was the scene of a happy wedding when on June 7 their daughter, Doris Louise, was united in marriage to John William Bailey, Jr., of Clarksville, Maryland. The wedding ceremony took place in the Parkston Baptist Church, with the Tripp and Parkston Churches as guests. The bride was graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University on May 28 with a B. S. degree in Home Economics. She was active not only in her own home church, but also served several years as secretary of the South Dakota Young People's Convention. The groom is studying Radio Engineering in Columbia Technical College, Washington, D. C.

● Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Schantz of Moffat, Colorado have announced that a baby boy weighing over 5 pounds was born to them on June 17th, who has been named Allen Paul. Both the mother and child are enjoying good health in spite of the early apprehensions of the attending doctors. The Rev. and Mrs. James E. Halbert of Spokane, Wash., have announced the arrival of their first born child on June 27 who has been named David Lee. The Rev. and Mrs. Karl Korella of Camrose, Alberta, Canada have announced the birth of identical twin girls on June 18 who have been named Lynne Marie and Lynnette Maureen. The twin girls, who were born prematurely and weighed only 4 pounds 4 ounces each at birth, were placed in the hospital's incubators. The Rev. and Mrs. John Crouthamel of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., have announced that a baby girl was born to them on June 15 who has been named Jeanne Margaret.

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Coming

A MINISTRY IN ACTION IN A SMALL TOWN

The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt as pastor of the Oak St. Church of Burlington, Iowa is one of our busiest pastors, meeting all kinds of civic engagements, pastoring his large church flock, and editing the popular "Do You Know That..." column in "The Herald." The story of his ministry in action will be exciting reading for our "Herald" family.

WORSHIP IN GOD'S SANCTUARY

Mrs. Hildegard Wuttke Schieber of the First Church of Chicago, Illinois recently prepared a message on worship for her church's young people's society that was so interesting and intriguing that we shall publish it in full in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald."

THE CALL OF INDIA

After many years of missionary service in India, the Rev. and Mrs. George B. Lubbers of Tyndall, South Dakota are well informed about the needs and spiritual challenge of that country and vast people. Their stirring missionary article will lift many eyes upon the fields of India that are white already to harvest.

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EDITORIAL



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Henceforth!

THERE'S a bugle call in the one word, HENCEFORTH, which will be heard again and again during the sessions of the General Conference in Tacoma, Washington from August 19 to 25. It announces the dawn of a new day to be faced resolutely and with courage. It directs our gaze, like the set of the sails, toward the unfolding future with its stirring challenge of things that need to be done and can be done with help from above.

Jesus must have loved that word, HENCEFORTH. It appeared by implication in many of his utterances. For he stood at the watershed of history. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time . . . But I say unto you . . ." A new day had come; the age of grace had dawned. HENCEFORTH men were to live by the precepts and truths revealed in Jesus Christ. He is always ahead of us, calling us to new heights, beckoning us onward, challenging us to greater achievements.

With unforgettable emphasis Jesus used this word in speaking to his disciples. The ties of fellowship were tightening about them. The needs of the world were pressing upon them. A memorable hour was at hand. From majestic spiritual heights Jesus challenged them with the possibilities of their service and ministry for the Gospel. The world was to be turned upside down by the power of Christ's witness within them.

Look at his words again! "HENCEFORTH I call you not servants, but I have called you friends; for I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit; and that your fruit should remain." (John 15:15-16).

There is a ringing challenge in these words for every disciple of Christ. His covenant of friendship with us lays a tremendous necessity upon us which is divinely ordained. We must throw ourselves into the future with every effort bent towards achieving new high goals. We must match the difficult tasks of today with glorious achievements for our Christ. HENCEFORTH we must go forth and bring forth fruit if we are to show undeniable evidences of our friendship with Christ.

Every General Conference opens the door for us as a denomination into a new triennium. That is a momentous experience, for the future always holds great possibilities for God's children. Let the friends of Jesus Christ appropriate this word, HENCEFORTH, unto themselves and face the future with confident and determined faith. At home and abroad our denomination is groping with great tasks with unusual possibilities for the future. From within and without the irresistible, divinely given urge sends us forth: "Go, bring forth fruit!"

Soul Winning for Jesus' Sake

A Challenge to Every Christian by Rev. J. J. LIPPERT of Burton, Texas

OFTEN our young people have played the game called, "Stealing the Bacon." Two sides are formed, each side doing its very best to win the individuals of the opposite side over to themselves. And that is done by winning them one by one.

We are also familiar with the following hymn:

"If to Christ, our only King
Men redeemed we strive to bring,
Just one way may this be done—
We must win them one by one.

Side by side we stand each day,
Saved are we, but lost are they;
They will come if we but dare
Speak a word backed up by prayer.

Chorus:

So you bring the one next to you,
And I'll bring the one next to me;
In all kinds of weather,
We'll all work together,
And see what can be done;
If you'll bring the one next to you,
And I bring the one next to me,
In no time at all we'll have them all,
So win them, win them one by one."

The Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." He encouraged his disciples to lift up their eyes, and when they lifted up their eyes, they were told to look. He wanted them to have a vision!

A VISION OF HARVEST

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." When the prophets of old had no vision, they had no message. The prophets of today are in the same predicament.

A number of years ago an old friend of mine said something like this to me: "Our pastor is a great organizer. He has every department of the church all organized in every detail. In fact, everything is organization. But we are longing for spirit-filled messages, and we are not getting them."

All organizations will remain organizations until Christ comes in; then it becomes an organism. For instance: God created man and there he lay on God's workbench, put together in a most wonderful way by joints, etc. In fact, it was a wonderful organization but that is all it was, until its Creator put his breath into man's nostrils. Then that organization became an organism that could do things to the glory of God.

This illustration is only by the way. But an organization filled with the spirit of Christ can perform miracles.

A true vision will give us a picture of a doomed soul, and only then will we realize the fact that men are "lost, condemned already, under the wrath of God, dead in trespasses and sin, Godless, Christless, therefore hopeless in the state in which they are, walking on a slippery road in utter darkness, with a yawning hell beneath, ready to devour the helpless soul."

Where is your brother? Where is your sister? Where is your son? Where is your daughter? Are they by any chance in that great throng that is on its way to that bottomless pit that is prepared for Satan and his gang?

ANXIETY FOR THE LOST

After we have had a God given vision of the lost, there will be anxiety. We will be concerned, or burdened about the lost.

The Lord Jesus was anxious to save souls. He was concerned about the salvation of the lost. He was burdened with the lost souls that had turned their faces toward condemnation.

One of the most beautiful pictures in the New Testament is that of Christ standing on the brow of Olivet weeping over lost Jerusalem as he cried out, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" His great heart was filled with a passion for lost souls.

This same spirit fills the heart of that great apostle Paul. We let him speak for himself as he pours out his heart in his concern for the lost. "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost. That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." "To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak. I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." We are of the opinion that if this spirit of Jesus Christ and the apostle Paul could fill our souls, we would experience that longed-for revival.

PRAYER AND VICTORY

A few statements that we would like for you to catch or understand are the following: "We do not reap more because we do not weep more." "The

weepers are the reapers." "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." The burdened soul will, like Christ, offer up "strong supplication with tears unto God."

Years ago the writer was invited to a certain place for evangelistic meetings. After the meeting on the first evening a lady came to him saying something like this: "O, have you put me to shame tonight! I was so ashamed of myself!" Then followed an explanation which put the young, timid preacher at ease again. There were four or five grown children in the family and all unsaved. Only two of them were still at home, the others already had their own families. This woman went home and got on her knees. She had a vision of the lost state of her children. Then came the burden for their salvation. The burden drove her on her knees and to God and then followed victory.

No one likes to be defeated. All of us like to be victorious. No one likes to labor without seeing results and that is quite natural. The Lord Jesus said: "Ask, and it shall be given you." Many, yes, very many have tried it and, of course, found it to be so. The writer had the privilege of baptizing three members of this above mentioned family. And with another member of this family God had to take drastic measures. But he too yielded. And, what is the secret? That burdened and praying mother.

Yes, things do look impossible at times. But let us not forget that God has the last word. We are reminded of Eph. 3:20: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

A LIMITLESS GOD

We have sometimes wondered if we can grasp the meaning and significance of these wonderful words. **Our God is a limitless God!** We are limited and that very much so, but not our God. He is limitless. He can do far beyond our prayers and understanding. This God we want to trust more fully and do our utmost through Christ Jesus who strengtheneth us.

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

Does Faith Confine Your Activities?

A Message by Rev. LESLIE P. ALBUS of Carrington, North Dakota

OUR LORD and Savior was a sociable individual when he lived in the flesh here on earth. He knew the difficulties, the cares and the problems which confront mankind. If we read his words in the New Testament, we find that his understanding of human nature was sharp and keen. So when he cites the story of the invitations to the Great Feast in Luke 14, we know he is giving us a picture from life.

THE PARABLE OF THE FEAST

The story is this: (Luke 14:15-21) "And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. Then said he unto him, a certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come, for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house, being angry said unto his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind."

MANY EXCUSES

From this passage of Scripture we see that a certain group of people, when called to a specific place, did not respond to the call. They all had reasons which sounded fairly credible, but so do the reasons that people give today for not believing, that is, if you do not examine them carefully. If you examine them, you will find that they are only simple little schemes to enable these people to get away from something.

It is, after all, a proposition of choice. They are asked to come or stay, and they decide to stay. But knowing that it's a bad choice, they immediately give a weak reason to cover the choice. This is confusing but we can best clarify it by asking, "What is the reason for such a choice?"

Here we come to the theme of this sermon. We choose one way because it seems to us that many things are not allowed on the other. In the instance of our story, we could say that at this feast certain things were to be left behind. These things were worldly cares, business engagements, busi-

ness and family cares. This is illustrated by the land purchased, the testing of the new oxen, and the recent marriage of the last named man.

THINGS THAT HOLD US BACK

Broadly speaking, these are things that we sometimes feel confine our activities, but we shall reverse the procedure and say: "Are these things you would really like to do, but because you believe, you cannot do?" If they are, even though they are small, you are one of the people who feel that faith is confining your activities.

This is a warning to you that you had better "sell out" your life for Christ alone so that you might be able to overcome ALL evil. If you cannot do that, you haven't met the conditions of discipleship.

ALL OUT FOR CHRIST

In this connection I dare say that the reason most Christians sometimes think that faith confines their activities is that they are like Martha, who was fluttering around the house so that its external appearance would be "just so" and that the meal she prepared for the Master would be the



Denominational Servants at the New Headquarters Building
(Right to Left: Mr. Roland E. Ross, Comptroller; Rev. J. C. Gunst, Young People's Secretary; Dr. William Kuhn, General Missionary Secretary; Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Home Mission Secretary; and Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary.)

We haven't time nor space to mention many of these things, but I am sure you know the specific ones which hamper you. They may be old habits, questionable circles of people, things done normally where no one knows about them, and many other lesser things which do not "line up" with the program of God. And if you persist in remembering and doing them, you cannot be a true follower of Christ because that is exactly what he says in verses 26 and 27 of this chapter.

Why, then, do we have so many people who have these things which they cannot give up (so they think), who will always feel that faith is hampering their lives? Christ also gives us the answer here with two parables, one about a king going into battle with not sufficient to triumph over the enemy.

best. She was not listening to the words of eternal life, no, there were too many little things in the way, and personal appearance meant so much.

You can check your Christianity against this picture. What is important in your life? To know you are right with Christ, or to live what those around you think is religion? If it's the latter, it's time you started thinking for yourself religiously. There is no one else who can push you into eternal life. That must spring up within yourself through your contact with Jesus Christ. When that contact is as firm as it ought to be, there will not be a thing in the world that is great and beautiful enough to be a confining influence in your life or to make you feel that your faith is a confining influence.

The Last Word About the General Conference

Brief Announcements for Every Conference Delegate and Visitor

● All the news coming from Tacoma, Washington about the preparations for the General Conference to be held from August 19 to 25 is good news, in fact, very good news! There will be an ample sufficiency of hotel rooms, furnished dormitory rooms for which the bedding has been secured, and rooms in private homes for conference visitors. The rooms in homes (not necessarily Baptist church homes) will be priced at \$10.00 a week for two persons and \$7.00 a week for one person. You can still send your reservation to Rev. Virgil R. Savage, 110 Chehalis Street, Tacoma 5, Wash.

● All indications point to a large, grand conference at Tacoma! More than 800 people have already made arrangements for housing in Tacoma during the conference week. Between 1200 and 1500 of our people will probably be in attendance at the General Conference before the week is over. Advance reservations for the Special Train going from Chicago to Tacoma are very encouraging. The registration fee for the week will be \$1.00, and special week-end reservations from Friday to Sunday will cost fifty cents.

● The spiritual blessings of the conference ought to be matched by thrilling, record-breaking offerings! Every delegate's and visitor's packet will contain six different colored envelopes to be used at various sessions. The goals have been set at \$75,000 for the conference week with the following offerings represented: Missionary and Benevolent Fund \$5,000; Fellowship Fund, \$15,000; Seminary Endowment Fund, \$10,000; Home Missions Offering, \$10,000; Edmonton Institute Building Fund, \$5,000; and Cameroons Sacrifice Offering, \$30,000. Come to Tacoma, prepared to share in this great work!

● The conference program will get off to a rousing good start on Monday evening, August 19. The welcome speeches will be "short and sweet," according to the Reverends Walter C. Damrau and Walter O. Macoskey, who will make them. Fine choir music will enhance the program. The presidential address will be by the Rev. George A. Lang, a former pastor of the Tacoma Church. The climax of the evening ought to be a brief colorful pageant, depicting the nine conferences of our denominational enterprise by means of an epic poem written by Dr. Herman von Berge and illustrated with kodachrome moving pictures.

● A battery of photographers will be

CAMEROONS SACRIFICE OFFERING Goal — \$30,000

These offering gifts, which will be over and above the budget, will be used to construct missionary buildings in the Cameroons. Envelopes for this offering are available in all our churches. Between August 11 and Sept. 15 such offerings designated for the "Cameroons Sacrifice Offering" can be sent from our churches to Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

constantly on hand to make this "the most photographed of all our General Conferences." Mr. Herman Siemund of Chicago, Illinois will be the official moving picture photographer. Two young men from the Calvary Church of Tacoma will snap group pictures throughout the sessions. The official conference picture will be taken on Tuesday evening in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church. Camera men from Tacoma newspapers are scheduled to be on hand. Hundreds of amateur photographers will supplement these picture activities.

● Something new and spectacular is promised all conference visitors at the large EXHIBIT HALL. About twenty booths will be neatly arranged with hundreds of photographs, all kinds of exhibit material, a great big array of literature to be distributed, and informative posters that will tell their own story of our denominational enterprise in action. An unusual feature of the Exhibit Hall will be a life-sized mural photograph of a typical mission scene in the heart of the Cameroons of Africa. The Exhibit Hall will be open from Monday to Friday evenings in the First Baptist Church.

● Friday night's program will feature an inspiring YOUTH RALLY FOR JESUS SAKE. The auditorium of the First Baptist Church will be packed to full capacity with the probability of an overflow audience. Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary, will bring the address on "Getting Ready for Life's Big Moments." The Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim, California will direct the youth-packed program of special numbers. This is bound to be a mountain-top experience for the conference!

● Early on Saturday morning, August 24, a long caravan of cars will take several hundred General Conference visitors on a scenic trip to a majestic height on Mt. Rainier. Tickets for the outing and luncheon will cost \$3.00 for each adult, with children's tickets priced at \$2.00. The Young People's

Union will hold an informal program at Paradise Inn from 12:00 to 12:30 P. M. with the Rev. Edgar Klatt of Grand Forks, North Dakota leading the meeting in this "Rendezvous With Christ at Paradise Park!"

● The Saturday evening banquet to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Temple Theatre Building will be one of the conference's memorable events. The 950 tickets will probably be sold out in a hurry. They can be secured in advance by the conference "week-enders." Unusual banquet favors are being prepared by the local committee. The colorful program of variety numbers will be highlighted with an address by the Rev. Paul Gebauer on the striking theme, "A Rendezvous With the Multitudes."

● The Sunday morning services will offer a great deal of variety to all. An early German service will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Herbert Hiller as speaker. The General Conference service is scheduled for the auditorium of the Temple Theatre Building at 10:30 A. M. with the Rev. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, Mich., as the preacher. At the service of the First Baptist Church, of which Dr. Walter Macoskey is pastor, the speaker will be Dr. John Leypoldt of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

● The Sunday dinner will be very popular with the conference delegates and visitors. In the Fellowship Hall of the Temple Theatre Building 1000 people will enjoy a delicious dinner of roast tom turkey, whipped potatoes, June peas, lettuce and tomato salad, apple pie, coffee or milk. All of this for only \$1.25! Tickets can be bought or ordered now. Send your checks or money orders with your requests to Mrs. Jake Yost, c/o Calvary Baptist Church, 2007 So. J. Street, Tacoma 3, Washington, and the tickets will await your arrival in Tacoma.

● A four page Conference News Bulletin will be published on five successive days with the latest announcements about the conference sessions and brief illustrated accounts about our denominational enterprise. This will be distributed without charge at the close of the evening sessions from Monday to Friday. Visitors will probably want to send copies to their home friends to keep them informed. "The Bulletin" will be edited by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner and Mr. Henry Schmunk assisted by Miss Lucy Ahrens of Tacoma, Washington.

Religion in the Ranks

A Book Review by Rev. M. L. LEUSCHNER of Forest Park, Ill.



A BOOK that is bound to be taken to the hearts of our people is now off the press. It has all the earmarks of "a best seller" among North American Baptist Churches. This volume, RELIGION IN THE RANKS, with attractive jacket and striking designs as chapter headings, shows how our Service Men and Women held the banner of Jesus Christ high during the dark and evil days of the last war. Its price of \$1.50 will be within reach of all. Within its covers are 128 pages that will make for exciting, revealing and heart-throbbing reading of spiritual grandeur.

Returning Service Men have not been too talkative about their war experiences. It has been well nigh impossible to get some of the chaplains to write about their observations. As a result, most of us have not heard a great deal about the ministry of our 18 chaplains in the war or about the experiences of our men that have been silently but forever etched upon their souls.

But this informative book opens the windows wide upon the memorable service of our chaplains in the war. How bravely they stood by their men in the darkest hours of the war and magnified the Christ of spiritual glory to them!

Chaplain Paul Gebauer graphically tells the story of nine Americans—Shorty, Slim, Bill and others—nine twisted bodies that now lay in front of him near a German stream. "Their stiff, dead arms stuck out against the sky and clouds. Half-bent, twisted, cold arms cry out against heaven at this age. Brains are spilled upon the ground. Waxen, bloody faces stare into the warming sun. They stare, still stare—though I covered them with branches of the firs near by."

But each of these nine boys gave a glowing, thrilling testimony for Christ before they died. They were faithful to their Lord in the face of danger and even unto death. That is the story of the book, as told in the dedication—"to the young men and

women from our churches who stood and died upon the battlefields, fighting for more than victory in war, holding high the banner of religion in the ranks, and revealing the courage of those who are life's greatest conquerors."

Other chaplains complete the panoramic picture of "Religion in the Ranks." Chaplain George Zinz, Jr., with his men of the 45th Evacuation Hospital had to face the worst of the German "buzz bombs" in terrifying experiences. "Once again the planes and two bombs fell very close and doors flew from their hinges, plaster littered cots and floors, more glass was added to the heaps already grating under our feet. A surgeon was completing a difficult case in the operating room. Everyone was cool and determined. God would see us through as he had done before."

Chaplain Frank Woyke takes the reader from Brownwood, Texas to Berlin, Germany in his chapter, colorfully describing his training experiences, hospital work and heart-rending ministry with the U. S. Forces of Occupation in Berlin. Chaplain Roy B. Anderson introduces the reader to the Seabees in action in the South Pacific and interprets the work of the man of God who is always recognized by "the cross on his collar." Lieutenant Colonel Vernon P. Jaeger, a grandson of one of our Dakota Conference pioneer preachers, has written the introduction for the book with this heartening conclusion: "The vision of many men has been greatly enlarged. In their hands rests the future welfare of the world."

But this is only half of the story of his heart-gripping book. Eva Louise Blum, a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Blum of Cleveland, Ohio, was a club director of the American Red Cross in Europe. She moved in high official circles in Oxford, England and in Paris, France and was therefore in a position to relate some very interesting and revealing things about Red Cross canteens.

Lt. Alice V. Schmidt, a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John Schmidt of Chicago, Illinois, served for several years as an Army Nurse in the South Pacific. Those must have been months of an agonizing nightmare, go-

ing from New Guinea to the Philippines with the wounded, listening to their "throaty screams or fighting orders or bitter sobbings as they relived their battle experiences in a tormenting sleep." It will do your heart good to read her story how Jesus Christ and God's Word met these terrifying needs of the wounded men.

Corporal Warren Brenner served with the U. S. Marine Corps in some of the bloodiest fighting on the little coral islands of the South Pacific. But he remembered especially his visit with the Christian Fuzzy Wuzzies on the Island of Samoa. You will enjoy his adventure of attending a church service with them and of leading the choir, even though he could not understand a word of their language.

One of the great names of American life today is Harold E. Stassen, a member of our Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota. His pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, writes about Stassen's Christian witness as an officer of the U. S. Navy which reflected the early Christian training he had received in the Sunday School and church and the staunch Christian convictions which guide his social and political thinking of today. This chapter alone is worth the price of the book for a remarkable insight into the soul of a man, who may be our next president of the United States.

The opening chapter, "The Trumpet Sounds," is a comprehensive review of the part which the men and women of our churches played in the conflict. The Rev. Charles F. Zummach not only reports for the churches but also interprets the spirit of the returning Service Men. It will be a sobering and profitable experience to read this chapter repeatedly. The closing chapter gives several G. I.'s the opportunity to testify for their Lord against the background of the varied war sectors in which they fought.

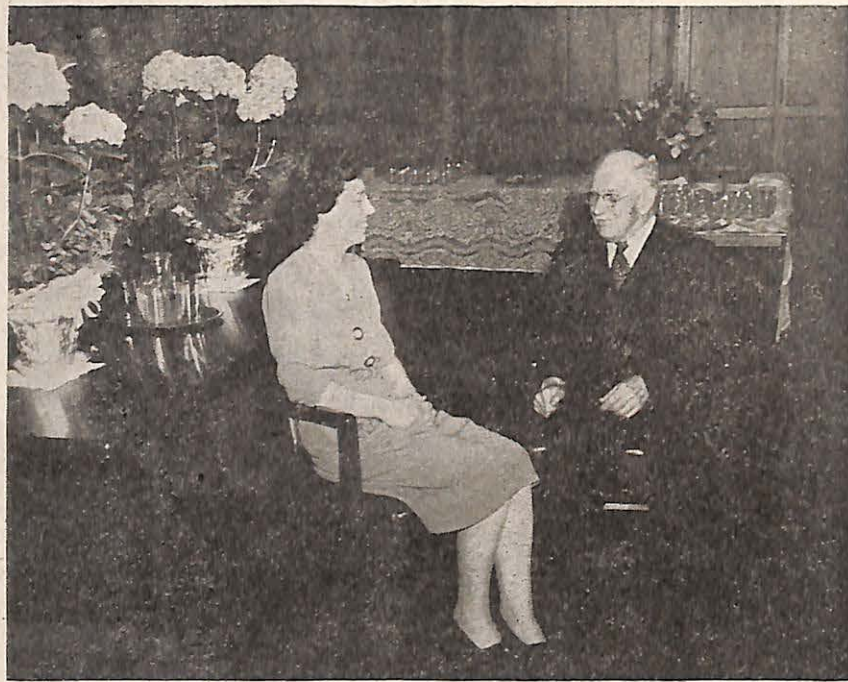
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Miss Ruby Salzman, Missionary-appointee, and Dr. William Kuhn, General Missionary Secretary, Enjoy a Pleasant Chat in the Headquarters Conference Room Before Her Departure for Africa

Miss Salzman Bound for Africa

The Story of Miss Ruby Salzman's Departure for Africa by Rev. JOHN E. GRYGO of the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y.

WEDNESDAY June 19, will remain a red letter day for the Manhattan churches of New York City. Our three churches held a welcome and farewell meeting in the Immanuel Baptist Church for Miss Ruby Salzman, our Cameroons missionary. Having found a temporary stay in our "Girls Home" during her short sojourn, we were delighted by her presence and found her to be a true handmaiden of the Lord.

The Rev. George Hensel of Bridgeport, Conn., a former pastor of Miss Salzman, led us in prayer and also introduced her to the audience. The Rev. Rudolf Schade spoke for the Second Church and the Harlem Church and the Rev. John E. Grygo for the Immanuel Church. Miss Leonore Kruse, a personal friend of our honored guest, brought a congratulatory message. However, what made our hearts glad was the fine testimony of Miss Salzman, who in a decidedly demure manner related to us her early religious experiences in her home and church in Kankakee, Ill., and how the Lord finally challenged her during the Milwaukee Convention to accept his call to dedicate her life for the Cameroons.

On the following Friday a small group of well-wishers accompanied Miss Salzman to the British freighter, "Beafra." There were three more

passengers preparing to leave and happily enough, all were missionaries! These were a Negro couple returning to their Congregational field and a newly appointed missionary of the Sudan Interior Mission, Miss Janet Schneidermann, a member of our First Baptist Church of George, Iowa. These two North American Baptist girls were privileged to share the same cabin. The Misses Alice Potts, Bernice Robinson and Elizabeth Sondgrass, former classmates of Miss Salzman at the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., were there also to spend the last few hours with our sister.

Captain Kewly and his fine group of officers entertained us most royally for some time, even inviting us to share with them a delicious dinner. Before we left, we united in prayer at the ship's bridge. Our hearts became, indeed, warm as Rev. J. O. Percy, acting secretary of the Sudan Interior Mission, commended our sisters to God's benevolent providence.

The ship sailed on Saturday, June 22nd, at eight o'clock in the morning. We were not there but the captain assured me that he would personally see to it that our brave sisters would be well looked after. But we know also that: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them."

AFRICA IS CALLING!

By Miss JANET SCHNEIDERMAN
of George, Iowa

(Miss Schneidermann, a member of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, is now on her way to the mission fields of the Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria, West Africa. Providentially she sailed on the same freighter, "Beafra," on which Miss Ruby Salzman travelled and became her roommate for most of the trip. Certainly, God moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform!)

Editor.)

More than nine years ago, I came to know the One who died for me. It touched me when I realized that Christ's blood was shed for the remission of my sins.

Three years later, one morning, I was listening to a radio broadcast. The missionary speaker told of the angel who went down at a certain season into the pool of Bethesda and troubled the water. Whosoever then first stepped into the pool after the troubling of the water was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. There was a great multitude of impotent people, of blind, halt and withered, waiting for the moving of the water. There was one man who had an infirmity for thirty-eight years. Every time he was about ready to step into the water, another was ahead of him. This man was in great need. He needed someone to help him.

His need was met when Christ came and asked him, "Will thou be made whole?" The Great Physician healed him. This man needed the Lord Jesus Christ, but today there are millions in Africa who are in greater need of the Physician for their souls. They are on their way to a Christian eternity not knowing that Christ's blood can wash away all their sins. They are calling out to us, "Come, help! come, help!"

As the speaker continued to tell of the need, I went alone and in tears I said, "Yes, God, I will go to Africa if that is thy will for me."

The Lord led in opening the door to Bible training. He became more real and precious to me than ever before. The need of Africa has been before me during the years of study. He also has provided and met the need for my going.

I sailed for Nigeria, British West Africa, on June 22nd. I'm expecting Him to work through me that many, many precious souls will be washed in the precious blood of the Lamb. I shall be working under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Christ died for them! What are you doing for these people? Will you pray for Africa?

Miss Twila Bartz Among the Indians

An Announcement of a New Home Mission Field
by Rev. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER

TWILA BARTZ is a brave young woman. She is now beginning to blaze a missionary trail on the Bob Tail Reservation of Indians in Alberta, Canada. As the first teacher and missionary among these Indians, she will have to share their primitive life and surroundings.

But her courage is a remarkable blending of a passion to take Christ to people who do not know him as Savior and of an eagerness to help others. She grew up on the farm near Anamoose, North Dakota and is still a member of the Baptist Church of Anamoose. The love of wide open prairies is in her blood. God has blessed her with a radiant and winsome personality which she has completely dedicated in the Lord's service. Every individual whom she meets becomes an important contact for the Kingdom of God. She loves to witness to others about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Her training at Chicago's Baptist Missionary Training School has equipped her mentally and spiritually for effective missionary service. She was a very good student at the school, according to Miss Alethea Kose, one of her teachers. She was among the recent graduates of the institution to receive her college degree. Other missionary societies sought to appoint her, but Miss Bartz waited for God's definite guidance.

The evidence of this was soon apparent. Chief John Bear of the Bob Tail Reservation near Wetaskiwin, Alberta had arranged for a "powwow" in Edmonton early in 1946 to be held with our Baptist leaders of that city. The Rev. F. W. Benke had been a trusted friend of these Indians for years. The Rev's E. P. Wahl and Martin L. Leuschner had visited the reserve in the summer of 1945 and had taken pictures.

But now the Macedonian call was insistent. The chief kept speaking through the interpreter, Mr. Straw Hat, at the "powwow." "We poor Indians. Our children cannot read. We want school and teacher. We want our children to know Jesus' Way. We want someone to tell us of God's love. We want you to help us!" The chief's wife and the other Indians nodded their heads in hearty agreement with their leader.

Almost at the same time, Miss Bartz had written to the Rev. Richard Schilke of Edmonton, the chairman of the Northern Conference mission committee, and had asked him about any possible missionary opening in the Canadian Northwest. The two incidents, the writing of the letter and the



Miss Twila Bartz of Anamoose, North Dakota, a Graduate of Chicago's Baptist Missionary Training School, Who Has Been Appointed as Missionary to the Cree Indians on the Bob Tail Reservation in Alberta, Canada

a brief appearance with Mr. Benke on the Home Mission program and will be commissioned on Sunday afternoon, August 25.

Her parents and friends have also become convinced that this is God's job for Twila. She knows how to win many friends and influence people. Her love for Christ will deepen her faith in God's ways and strengthen her courage to face the tasks ahead of her. The eyes of the entire denomination ought to be opened to this new home mission field of ours among the Indians and directed to this attractive young woman, who, single-handedly, with spiritual grace and friendliness will be Christ's ambassador to the Red Man in Alberta.

A Missionary Meeting at Drake, North Dakota with Miss Twila Bartz as Speaker

By Rev. A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Pastor.

A meeting of special interest was held in the Drake Baptist Church of Drake, North Dakota, on Sunday, June 23, when the Anamoose Church members were their guests. At this missionary meeting Miss Twila Bartz, a graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, and a member of the Anamoose Church, spoke. Her testimony centered around the great heritage of home and family, church and friends, all of whom shared in some degree in the preparation for the important missionary work to which God has called her. A few experiences at the Training School were related with emphasis on the

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Chief John Bear on the Bobtail Indian Reserve with His Wife and Two Nieces and the Northern Conference Worker, Rev. F. W. Benke



An Intriguing Scene of a Kaka Village Circle With the Chief of the Village of Koffa Sitting on the Stone Sent

Love at First Sight in the Cameroons

By Miss MARGARET KITTLITZ, Missionary-Nurse Stationed at Belo in the Bekom Field of the Cameroons

TWELVE MONTHS in the Cameroons! Months filled with colorful experiences and much joy in service.

Most of this time has been spent in trekking over the whole country. Together with Laura Reddig, I have been in every area in which we have work. I have visited every main station and most of the outstations. So I have had a thorough introduction to the extent of our work and its organization, thanks to Laura, and have assuredly gained an insight into the tremendous needs.

THE BALONDO FOREST

Our first trek took us from Soppo to Balondo, in the low forest belt. Like all the other areas, this place, too, has its own particular problems, beauties and ugliness. Heat and humidity vie with the sandflies, whose bites keep one scratching twenty-four hours a day. Narrow muddy paths lead to dirty villages with tumble-down, palm-thatched huts. In these villages are scores of children who are growing up in ignorance, superstition and fear and without knowledge of Jesus who said, "Let the little ones come unto me." There is unlimited disease of every description, due to filth and deficient diets.

It's a rather sordid picture, but there are beauties, too. In the forests of

great trees are vines and creepers growing, to our amazement, both up and down. The huge kapok trees have long straight trunks and gnarled branches from which soft, white kapok with small red beetles attached floats down. Butterflies, orchids and many new, strange plants, which we stopped to admire and even photograph, all helped to make our walk interesting.



Miss Margaret Kittlitz, of Waco, Texas, One of Our Missionary-Nurses in the Cameroons, Africa

There were numerous streams to cross. Some had narrow logs for bridges, which tested one's sense of balance and made one wonder if perhaps a bit of trapeze performing should be part of the preparation for Africa. While the Mambila "tie-ties" (hanging bridges) do things to Lois Ahren's knees, I much prefer them to slender sticks. At least you have a net-work of vine ropes to hold when the bridge starts shaking. Some streams have convenient stepping-stones on which to cross. Others have no other possibility than to play pig-a-back with a carrier and so let him carry you across. In this area, where people need Christ so much, we trekked for two weeks, covering the whole area on foot.

INTO THE GRASSLANDS

After what seemed a short stay at Soppo, we made our way to the grasslands or "uplands," as some of the natives say. What a contrast! Wide open spaces, no hedging in with thick forests, wonderful freedom from insects, grass-covered hills and cool breezes! So many of you write about the heat in Africa. Would you be very much surprised to know that when we start on a trek in the early morning we put on all the sweaters and jackets at hand, and several mornings I even wore gloves and then got off my horse and walked to get my feet warm? The Dodge truck took us to Belo. From

there began a trek on foot and horse-back through Bekom and Nsungli to Ndu and Mbem, where we made our abode for a time.

Mbem is a beautiful place and shows the work done by the Gebauers and Laura Reddig in the past years. The mission station nestles cozily between hills. The church building, which is unique among the native churches is dignified in appearance, retaining all of native simplicity. It has arched windows and doorways, lovely pillars at the entrance, covered on the outside with ant-hill cement and on the inside with native bamboo mats. Native carvings form the altar railings and a great wooden cross marks the center of the platform. It is a real place of worship. Many eucalyptus and cypress trees, with huge poinsettias making splashes of red against the green grass and trees, form a lovely picture.

After a short stay at Mbem looking over the station and dispensary, visiting the people and worshipping in the church, we were on our way again. Do you remember the pictures of the grassland hills? They look beautifully smooth, don't they? As usual, though, looks are deceiving. Viewing the surrounding hills from the top of any one of them, one always thinks the others must be much nicer with their green carpet of velvet but on closer view one finds them all to be very much alike. When climbing up a steep slope through thick grass which doesn't have a velvet feel at all, one is inclined to sigh for the comforts of an escalator. On the other hand, when descending on the other side a toboggan would be a handy piece of equipment to help in getting down these slippery slopes. In many places, however, the rocks might interfere with this means of transportation.

DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY

Our faithful horses took us wherever they could but many places were too slippery and stony for even the best of horses. But no matter how steep or rough the climb, there was always a breath-taking view when we reached the top. As though knowing the need for refreshing and inspiration, the Creator had spread out his choicest panorama for our special benefit. Often in the early mornings the clouds lay over the valleys below like huge mounds of snow, and when they would come drifting over the hilltops we were really up in the clouds. Going down was an entirely different matter. Somehow, my feet always insisted on getting ahead of the rest of me; consequently, much time was spent in a sitting posture.

Since we trekked during the rainy season, there were days when the sky opened up and poured forth deluges. Sometimes after pushing through the tall wet grass, we would arrive at our destination so wet and muddy that we rather feared to open our mouths, ex-

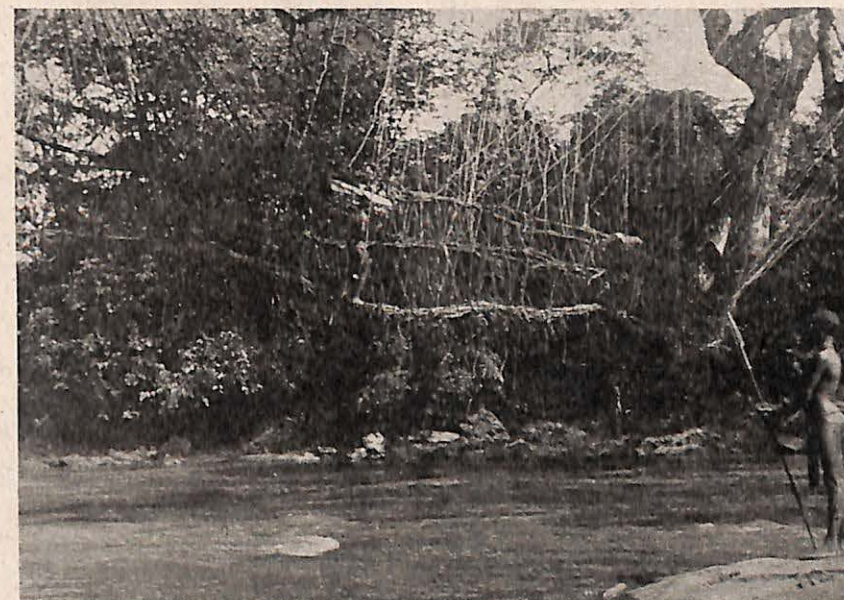
pecting barnyard noises to issue forth. On all of these walks the carriers were a never-ending source of wonder to me. I called them the seventh wonder of the world. With heavy loads on their heads they walk smoothly and quickly up and down hills, across rivers with straight bodies and heads erect, somehow finding a sure footing among rocks and mud holes.

Laura Reddig and I had fun picking out and naming landmarks. Near Belo is a hill which we have named "coffin hill" by which we can identify the location of Belo for miles around. There is another which we call "sleeping giant," because it looks like someone sleeping with his knees drawn up under the covers. Many hillsides are

Christ which they have chosen. It is so difficult for them to realize that some of their simplest native customs are incompatible with the Christian life, such as body marking, tooth-filing and wearing of sticks, nails and other things through their noses and lips. We tried to help them realize that their bodies are "the temple of the Holy Spirit," and are therefore not to be abused.

THE NURSES AT WORK

Everywhere the sick people came in droves, expecting us to cure anything from blindness to lameness. With our meager store of medicines we helped as much as we could. In one town, when we returned from a meeting with



The Hanging Bridge Over a Treacherous Stream That Must Be Crossed in Going from Kakaland to Mambila in the Cameroons

strewn with huge, round rocks which look for the world as though our giant might have had a game of marbles before going to sleep.

While these new scenes are fascinating and make life interesting, it is our contacts with the people which bring the greatest joys and wonders into our days. After all, that is as it should be, since they are our reason for being here. Everywhere, from the coast to the northernmost corner of Mambila we saw the people as "sheep without a shepherd." When meeting with the chiefs and "big people" of the towns it seemed one could almost see Satan peering from their eyes. That is when one wonders how these people, so steeped in ignorance, so bound by their satanic "country fashions," can ever experience the redeeming love of Christ.

Then, seeing the Christians with their bright, fearless faces, one marvels at the grace of God and the power of his Spirit to draw men to himself. Whenever possible we had brief meetings with the Christians in each village, trying to encourage them and give them new insight into the new life in

the chief, there were at least three hundred people in the church-yard. It was impossible to care for them all, even if we had had enough medicine, so we limited our care mostly to children. Even so, we gave medicines and treatments until dark.

When it began to rain we thought the people would go but since they stayed we continued our work with one of our boys holding an umbrella over the work-table to protect bandages, the medicines, etc.

What a joy it has been to meet all of these people about whom we have read in "The Baptist Herald" and about whom we have heard so much. Some of them walk right into your heart and it's a case of "love at first sight." Others, one must learn to know and understand until "softly, softly" (little by little) they too find a warm place in one's affections.

Day after day, as we realize more and more the vastness of the task before us, the challenge grows and we find increasing joy in telling THESE children of our Father of his love and of him who came "that they might have life, and have it more abundantly."

Selected Contributors' Poems



THE TWO ROADS

By IRIS SCHMIDT,

A Member of the Baptist Church,
Goodrich, North Dakota

There is a road that's wide and long,
Where pain and sorrow abide,
Here there passes the worldly throng
Which has left the Savior's side.

There's a road that's narrow and
straight,
Where joy and health abound,
This road leads to the Golden Gate,
Where eternal life is found.



GOD IS EVER NEAR

By WILLIAM STURMER
of Beatrice, Nebraska

Christ is at our side
If we in him abide;
No matter what betide,
He is there to guide.

When we to him do pray,
We never more shall stray;
He always is our stay,
If we follow in his way.

When our life's work is done
And we have the victory won,
We will hear the loving Son
Say, "Faithful servant; 'tis well
done!"



I AM NOT ALONE

By Mrs. MARG. MACBETH GATES
of Waco, Texas.

If my heart grows full of sorrow,
Ah, how blessed is the knowledge
That alone I'll never be,
For my Lord and my Savior
Walketh ever near to me.
Though dangers may beset me
My heart need feel no fear
For Christ abides within me
And holds me very dear.
Should I grow sick he heals me,
When I pray he takes my pain,
If my heart grows full of sorrow,
He gives me joy again.

When I hunger, then he feeds me;
When I thirst, he fills my cup;
If I lose my way or stumble,
He will guide me—lift me up.
Should I lose a prized possession,
I've but to ask—he'll find,
For there is no spot on earth
To which my Lord is blind.
Oh, I praise the blessed Jesus,
I need never walk alone;
He gave his life to save me,
For my sins he did atone.

COLORADO SUNLIGHT

By ETHEL RENNISON SCHANTZ
of Moffat, Colorado.

Oh, these sunny Colorado days!
Seldom does the sun refuse to shine,
Flooding vale and mountain with
its rays,
Gilding aspen, cottonwood and pine.

So may Jesus flood my soul with light
Every moment, daily, all the year,
Make my life like golden sunlight
bright,
Spreading far the warmth of love
and cheer.



I FIND

By CONNIE CALENBERG
of New York, N. Y.

I find in the greatest testings
A peace, that is strangely sweet . . .
A faith in the God eternal,
Assurance in him, complete.
I find in the fiercest battle,
How sure is the helmet worn,
How strong are the shield and buckler,
This armour my soul, to adorn,
I find in the softest mire
How firm a foundation is he;
How solid the Rock, Christ Jesus,
Unchanging eternally.
I find in the longest battle,
How wondrous his comfort and strength,
To know that bears the burdens,
And bears them—the journey's length!
I find in the greatest testing,
The nites through the bitter vale,
That true is the promise given;
Christ Jesus, shall NEVER fail!



THE FAITHFUL FEW

By Mrs. H. SELLHORN
of Lansing, Michigan.

In every church, in every clime,
When there's some work to do,
It's very likely to be done
By just "the Faithful Few."

Many folks will help to sing,
And some are glad to talk;
But when it comes to doing things,
A lot of them will balk.

"I can't do this, I can't do that:
Excuse me, please, this time—
I'd be so glad to help you out,
But it's not in my line."

So when the leader looks about
For some who'll help to do,
He nearly always has to go
And ask "the Faithful Few."

He knows full well they're busy, too,
And always hard at work,
Yet he is sure they'll not refuse,
Nor any duty shirk.

They never stop to make excuse,
But always try to do
The very, very best they can
To smooth the way for you.

God bless, I pray, "the Faithful Few,"
And may their tribe increase;
They must be very precious to
The blessed Prince of Peace.



FORTUNE THROUGH CONTENTMENT

Translation by Rev. F. L. STROBEL
of Cordova, Ill.,

Friedrich von Schiller's
"Glücklich durch Genügsamkeit"
(Freund, ich bin zufrieden)

Friend, I am contented
With life's joy and care;
In this little cottage,
Cheerfully, I'll fare.
Many folks crave riches,
Some have wealth untold.
But I am contented,
Which yields priceless gold.

Tapers may not glitter
At my evening meal;
Rare wines never color
Goblets, high—unreal.
Grant my hungry body
Plain food and I'm fed;
Better tastes mid labor
This small loaf of bread.

If my name 's not printed,
Hailed in foreign lands;
And I hold no titles,
Stars, and orders, bands;
Let this heart prove noble,
Knightly may it be;
And these hands keep trying
Other's bonds to free.

Palaces may never
Shelter me at night;
Even through my window
God's sun sends its light.
With true joy indwelling,
So comes restful sleep;
If on downy feathers
If on small straw-heap.

Pyramid, fine marble
Will not mark my grave;
And upon my coffin
Rests no marshal's stave.
Peace, contentment hover
Round about my bier;
Some few friends are weeping
That brings heaven near.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Mr. Fred A. Grosser, General Treasurer of the Denomination, Is Recovering from a Serious Illness

By Rev. C. B. Nordland, Pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church

Friends of Mr. Fred A. Grosser of Forest Park, Illinois, general treasurer of the denomination and general chairman of the Seminary Endowment Fund campaign, will rejoice to know that after many weeks of confinement in the hospital, he is now on the road to recovery. Brother Grosser was rushed to the hospital on April 29, the day the General Council began its sessions. It was soon determined that he must undergo a major operation and the first stages of that operation were undertaken.

Unforeseen complications made it impossible for the surgeons to proceed with the second operation and ten long weeks passed before it could be done. On Thursday, July 11, Brother Grosser underwent the second stage of the operation and it is now earnestly hoped that before long he will be sufficiently recovered to return to his home.

Those who know and love Brother Grosser will want to join in sending him greetings. Cards and letters may be addressed to him in care of the West Suburban Hospital, Austin Boulevard at Ontario Street, Oak Park, Illinois.

Annual Session of the Children's Home Board at St. Joseph, Michigan

The annual session of the Children's Home Board was held in St. Joseph, Mich., early in June. At the present time there are 35 children in the home; the youngest is four years old and the oldest eighteen. Eight children were recently baptized and added to the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Beguin from the Connecticut Mission School at Hartford, Conn., will be assistants to Rev. and Mrs. A. Runtz.

The Home will soon celebrate its 75th anniversary. A pamphlet has been printed for the occasion.

The entrance of the Home has been changed, an electric ice box has been installed, a deep freeze unit and an automobile have been ordered. The kitchen has been renovated.

Mr. H. Bartz, the treasurer of the home, reported as follows: Income, \$25,550.33; expenses, \$18,817.94; and balance, \$6,732.39.

Mr. Walter Grosser, the president of the board, and the Rev. A. Runtz, superintendent of the Home, will represent the home at the General Conference at Tacoma, Was. Mrs. A. Runtz served a delicious dinner for the members of the board at noon and Mr. Siemund of Chicago took pictures of the occasion. Otto Bluschke, Reporter.



Mr. Fred A. Grosser of Forest Park, Illinois, Who Is Slowly Recovering from a Recent Serious Illness

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Sixtieth Anniversary and Evangelistic Meetings at the Edenwold Baptist Church, Saskatchewan

On Sunday, June 2, the Baptist Church of Edenwold, Sask., Canada celebrated its 60th anniversary. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, dean of our Bible School in Edmonton, Alta., was the guest speaker at this festive occasion. The morning message reminded us of God's past blessings and our debt to him, while the evening message challenged us to do our best and give our all for Christ.

The afternoon service centered around the history of the church. The leaders of the various departments of the church presented the past work of their groups and looked hopefully and confidently into the future. The Rev. H. Schatz brought a very timely message on the theme, "Now Abideth Faith, Hope, Love." Four choirs served us at that occasion with fitting selections. After the evening service Mr. Wahl showed us moving pictures of our Bible School at Edmonton. The churches of Swan River, Fenwood, Nokomis, Southey and Regina were represented on this day. Meetings took place in the Edenwold Town Hall. The meals were served in the church.

From June 3 to 16 evangelistic services were conducted in Edenwold with the Rev. Otto Patzia of Winnipeg, Manitoba bringing heart-searching and soulstirring messages. Two musicians from Regina, Reuben Zepik and Jack McMullen, took charge of the music and were a great blessing to many. Very effectively they prepared the way

for the messages. Six persons confessed Christ as Savior and some Christians consecrated themselves anew to Christ. We plan to have a baptismal service soon.

Mrs. Frank Armbruster, Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

The Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., Holds Service Men's Reception

On Saturday evening, June 22, the returned Service Men of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., were welcomed with a reception given in their honor.

A very interesting program was rendered in the church auditorium with our pastor, Rev. L. B. Berndt, presiding. The Service Men were formally welcomed by Mr. Henry Fluth, chairman of the Service Men's Committee of the church. The choir rendered a fitting selection entitled, "God of All Nations," after which a most appropriate message was delivered by Chaplain Frank Woyke, who is also a returned Service Man and son of the church. The Men's Chorus followed with the selection, "Quit Ye Like Men, Be Strong!"

After this program everyone was invited to enjoy refreshments in the church basement. Mrs. Albert Lang and Mrs. Abr. Quiring, both having had two sons in the service, were chosen to pour for this occasion.

After the refreshments a rather informal program followed in the basement in which many of the discharges participated, relating experiences while in uniform and testifying of God's protection over them. Fred Woyke, chairman of the financial committee of the Church Building Fund, reminded us, and especially those who remained at home, of our obligations to the Lord and gave a challenge to be progressive in the building program of our church.

There were ten returned Service Men in attendance: Stuart Temple, Everett Clinton, Albert Lang, Jr., Melvin Lubbers, Calvin Brachlow, Donald Lang, Robert Biesanz, Lawrence Pust, Alvin Quiring, and Werner Schreiber. They represented the army, navy, marines, seabees, and army air corps.

We could not forget the one of our boys whose blue star has turned to gold, namely, Leonard Quiring, who gave his life for his country on Feb. 15, 1945. Nevertheless, we thanked the Lord that he had so graciously protected and spared the rest for an extended and greater service for him.

There was a tinge of sadness mingled with our joy of welcoming those who had returned as one of our members, Werner Reck, was inducted into the Armed Forces on June 24 and we were forced to bid him farewell. A party was given for him on June 19.

Evelyn Wiens,
Sec. of Service Men's Committee.

Many Inspiring Speakers at the Iowa Young People's Convention Held in Burlington

The Iowa Baptist Young People's Union held its annual convention from June 10 to 13 at the Oak Street Baptist Church in Burlington. There were 75 delegates from our various societies registered.

We were very fortunate to have many fine speakers on our program. The Rev. Paul Friederichson, returned missionary from the Philippines, told of his family's internment in the Santo Tomas Prison Camp with moving pictures to show actual scenes of the camp.

The Rev. George Dunger, missionary from the Cameroons in Africa, spoke and presented moving pictures and articles of interest from Africa on display. Chaplain Frank Woyke, returned chaplain from Europe, gave first hand information of conditions there. Berniece Westerman, student at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, also had an inspiring message. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner led a class period each morning. Rev. J. J. Renz, Rev. Roy Allen, Rev. Martin DeBoer and Rev. John Broeder from our local churches completed our program.

New officers elected were: Ellen Lehr, Aplington, president; Lenore Meilahn, Burlington, vice-president; Louise Finger, Steamboat Rock, secretary-treasurer.

The Iowa Young People have adopted as their project next year the sum of \$2,000 for a new permanent school building at Ndu in the Cameroons. We give God all the glory for the spiritual blessings received by all who attended the convention and for the many fine messages that were given.

Louise Finger, Reporter.

The Minnesota Young People's Assembly Is Held at Buffalo Bible Camp

The Minnesota Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union met for its 24th annual summer



"Bud" Lehr of Aplington, Iowa, Dressed Up in the Colorful Costume of a Cameroons' Native Evangelist at the Iowa Young People's Convention at Burlington

assembly from June 26 to 30 at the Buffalo Bible Camp at Buffalo, Minnesota. The theme, "Christian Teachings for Personal Living," was carried out throughout the sessions with the aid of study booklets.

Prof. Frank Woyke of our Rochester Seminary was the guest speaker and he spoke on the following subjects: "The Hope of the World"; "The Meaning of Repentance and Faith"; "Experiences in the Army"; and "Power of Christian Growth." Other classes were: "Three Ways of Dealing With Sin," Rev. Ben Zimmerman; "The Experience of Conversion," Rev. L. Berndt; "Privilege of Union With Christ," Rev. John Walkup; "Necessity of Christian Growth," Rev. G. P. Schroeder; "Meaning of Loyalty to Christ," Rev. August Lutz; "Call to Christian Discipleship," Rev. John Wobig; and "Dynamics for

Christian Living," Rev. Elmer Buening. Sunday School classes were taught by Miss Mildred Krienke of Holway and Mr. John Vanderbeck of La Crosse, Wis. We were also privileged to have the 1946 Seminary Quartet with us for a few days.

Mr. Fred Adam of Minneapolis, recreation chairman, planned a fine week-end of sports, including swimming, volley ball, a wiener roast, a boat ride, and a hike. The offering at the closing meeting on Sunday afternoon was designated for our own State work. Average attendance was sixty-three persons.

The annual election of officers was held and the following were elected: president, Karl Krueger; vice-president, Don Lang; secretary, Edith Glewwe; treasurer, Leonard Engler.

Edith Glewwe, Secretary.

Session of the Minnesota Association at the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson

The Minnesota Association met with the Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., from May 23 to 26. The guests were heartily welcomed by the local church and the pastor, Rev. G. P. Schroeder, and Rev. August Lutz, the moderator of the association, expressed the feelings of the delegates in gratitude to God and to the Hutchinson church for the warmth of Christian love shown from the very start.

The theme around which the program centered was, "Looking at Ourselves," based on the words of Paul in 1 Timothy 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself." It was the privilege of the reporter to address the well-filled house in the opening service on the topic, "Our Personal Responsibilities." Rev. M. Vanderbeck of LaCrosse, Wisconsin was given charge of the devotional periods. A number of vital topics were discussed for us in treatise form by the various pastors as follows: Rev. John Wobig, "Baptist Distinctives"; Rev. Ben Zimmerman, "Our Answer to Military Conscription"; Rev. G. P. Schroeder, "Our Church Discipline"; Rev. August Lutz, "New Approaches in Global Missions."

On Wednesday evening Rev. W. Trow of Jeffers brought the message on the topic, "The Measure of Our Devotion to God." Rev. John Walkup brought the missionary challenge on Sunday morning, "Our World-wide Obligations." The closing message on the topic, "It's Up to Us," was brought by Rev. L. Berndt of Minneapolis.

Of special interest were the programs of the ladies' missionary organizations of the association and of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. The women's missionary union of the association was organized with the following officers: Mrs. Ben Zimmerman, president; Mrs. E. A. Buening, vice-president; Mrs. John Wobig, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. August Lutz with Miss Mildred Krienke, program committee. At the youth meeting Rev. Ben Zimmerman spoke on the text, "Blessed Are the Peacemakers."

Forty-five baptisms were reported by our various churches, and several new members were gained in other ways. We are grateful to God for his leadership!

E. A. Buening, Reporter.



The 1946 Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, California With Dr. Donald G. Davis, Pastor, in Fourth Row at Extreme Left

Anniversary Program of the Ladies' Missionary Society of Kenosha, Wisconsin

Recently the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin celebrated its birthday anniversary program. With a capacity audience the meeting was opened with songs and words of welcome by our president, Mrs. Dan Behr. Mrs. Frank Schneider led in devotions, after which the choir sang for us, "Send Out the Light."

A reading, "The Air Pilot," was given by Mrs. E. H. Mahoney, followed by a xylophone selection by Arthur Klein. Mrs. Henry Binder of Racine sang for us in memory of the late Mrs. Maggie Schacht. Our speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. A. G. Schlesinger of Chicago who gave us a very inspiring message. A mission offering of \$40.00 was received to go towards our Bible teacher whom we are supporting in the Cameroons.

At one of our meetings we asked the Negro Baptists of our city to take charge. After several musical selections and a talk by their leader, an offering of \$30 was received to help them in the remodeling of their church building.

"Let's Get Acquainted" with our missionary appointees was the theme of our last meeting. After reading letters they had written to the women, a film was shown of the field in Africa in which they will work.

It was the first meeting that the Rev. and Mrs. North E. West were with us who have just begun their pastorate in Kenosha. With God's continued blessing upon the work, we are looking forward to accomplishing even greater things for our Master.

Mrs. Paul Kaiser, Secretary.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Enrollment of 224 Children at the Vacation Bible School of Wasco, California

The Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., was conducted from May 20 to 31. A total of 224 children and young people from 5 to 15 years of age and 31 teachers were enrolled, and the average daily attendance was 192.

The Junior and Intermediate departments memorized a substantial part of the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, and the Primary department memorized individual Psalms, the 23rd, 8th, 19th, and 34th, graded to age.

The Intermediates studied the tabernacle in the wilderness and its typical significance for the believer today; the Juniors studied the life of Jesus; and the Primaries engaged in a story period. For all groups there were periods of worship, music, handwork and missions. Penny missionary offerings totalled \$24.25.

Over 400 persons attended the outdoor commencement program on the final evening of the school, when memory work and other presentations of the work of the school were heard. The offering for the expense of the school amounted to \$191.66. The school was directed by the pastor, the Rev. Donald G. Davis.

Donald G. Davis, Pastor.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Ordination of Rev. W. Schmidt, Jr., in the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

It is always a joyful and impressive experience when a church ordains one of her sons into the Gospel ministry. Such a festive occasion was observed by the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., on June 7th, after Mr. Walter Schmidt Jr., a graduate of our Rochester Baptist Seminary, appeared before an ordination council, presented a clear account of his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and doctrines and was unanimously recommended to the church for ordination.

This inspiring service was opened with appropriate organ music, a "Procession March," and the singing of the hymn, "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken." Rev. Michael Kary read the Scripture lesson from Isaiah 6. Rev. Paul E. Loth led in prayer. Rev. Carl Steward presented the charge to the candidate. Dr. E. J. Nash welcomed him into the ministerial fellowship. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Herbert Hiller, preached the ordination sermon on "A Ministry with Passion and Power." Dr. Lee J. Beynon prayed the prayer of consecration with the lay-

ing on of hands. The effectiveness of it all was heightened by the Temple choir's beautiful rendition of "They that Trust in the Lord Shall Be as Mount Zion" and the tenor solo, "The Good Shepherd," by Mr. Herbert Brunner.

With the singing of the hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," the benediction by the Rev. Walter Schmidt, Jr., and the organ's stirring "Coronation March," the ordination service came to an impressive conclusion. May the Good Shepherd of our souls make our young brother minister mighty in the great work of reconciling this hate-torn and sin-sick world unto God.

Herbert Hiller, Reporter.

Dedication of the Renovated Young People's Room of Rochester's Andrews St. Baptist Church

The Young People's Society of the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., has had a busy season of activities. In addition to their regular meetings, they have sponsored one Sunday evening church service a month at which varied programs were presented with a large number of the young people taking part.

We have contributed \$512 to the Youth Fellowship Fund, raised by means of pledges. With financial help from the church we have completely re-decorated our place of meeting, all of the work being done by the young people themselves. Reproductions of Sallman's "Head of Christ," Hoffman's "Christ at Thirty-Three," and Da Vinci's "The Last Supper" have been added to the room, the last two filling places of honor at the front and one side of the room, respectively. A lecturer is to be added to the room in the Fall as part of the plan of renovation.

On May 2 we held a special service of dedication of the renovated room and installation of newly elected officers. During the reading of the litany, prepared especially for the occasion by our advisor, the Rev. D. Fuchs, the new pictures were effectively spotlighted.

We also held our customary Graduation Sunday outdoor sunrise breakfast with the graduates as guests, and the Rev. A. R. Bernadt of Burlington, Iowa as speaker. We feel that we have spent a very good, though busy, year.

Martha Wiese, Reporter.



Program Speakers at the Iowa Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Conference at Burlington

(Left to Right: Missionary George A. Dunger, Chaplain Frank Woyke, Miss Ellen Lehr, President; Miss Berniece Westerman, and Rev. Martin L. Leuschner)



The Choir of the Baptist Church of Venturia, North Dakota With Rev. C. Rempel, Pastor, and Mr. Ephraim Schrenk, Director, in Front Row, Center

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Choir of the Baptist Church of Venturia, No. Dak., Renders an Inspiring Cantata

This is our first appearance in "The Baptist Herald" as the Baptist Church choir of Venturia, No. Dak. It is a privilege to be able to describe the wonderful work which the choir is doing.

At these meetings we had the honor of having our minister, Rev. C. Rempel, as the speaker. We trust that the story of our crucified and risen Lord will have made lasting and fruitbearing impressions on many.

The cantata was directed by Mr. Ephraim Schrenk, who was assisted at the piano by Mrs. C. Rempel. The officers of the choir are as follows: Mr. Otto Bertsch, president; Miss Adeline Dockter, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. C. Rempel pianist.

Adeline Dockter, Reporter.



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School Recently Held at the Baptist Church of Cathay, North Dakota

We have a total of about 45 members in the organization, who are doing their best in financing the work and in singing. The choir presented a cantata recently entitled, "The Resurrection Day," at the Fredonia Baptist Church. Later it was presented at the Lehr Baptist Church, at our home church in Venturia, and at the Herreid Baptist Church. Each meeting was well attended and appreciated by all.

Forty Children Enrolled in the Vacation Bible School at Cathay, North Dakota

For two weeks, from June 10 to 21, a Vacation Bible School was held in the Baptist Church at Cathay, North Dakota, of which the Rev. R. A. Grenz is pastor.

School began at nine o'clock each



Vacation Bible School Group of Children and Teachers of the Alfred Station of the Grace Baptist Church of North Dakota

morning with the children marching in the church to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." After the salute to the Christian flag and to the Bible, the teachers took turns conducting the worship service. Then came instruction in memory work, singing choruses, missionary and character stories and hand work. The teachers were Mrs. Richard Grenz, Beginners department; Mary Ann Edinger, Primary department; Bernice Seibold and Vella Schramm, Junior department; and Rev. R. A. Grenz, Intermediate department.

On the last day of school the children had a picnic lunch. In the evening a program was presented which gave the parents an idea of what the children had been doing in school. The parents and pastor expressed their gratitude to the teachers. The average attendance for each week was 36 students, although forty were enrolled.

Vacation Bible School of the Alfred Station of North Dakota's Grace Church

We held a one week Vacation Bible School at the Alfred Station of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, No. Dak. from June 18 to 24 with 27 pupils, 4 regular teachers and 2 assistants. We had a young woman, Miss Jean Lindblom, whose home is in Moorehead, Minn., a graduate of the Bethel College of St. Paul, Minn., as superintendent. She also taught the Intermediates. The pastor, Rev. R. A. Klein, taught "The Gospel of John" to a group of Juniors. Miss Marie Klundt and Miss Delores Henne taught the Primary and Beginners children. The Intermediates made bandages and scrap-books for Africa.

There was a fine spirit of cooperation in the community and we believe a good seed has been sown which will bring forth its harvest in due season. One of the teachers, Miss Delores Henne, is planning to go into training for full time Christian service.

R. A. Klein, Pastor.

Anniversary Program of the Baptist Ladies' Missionary Society of Tripp, South Dakota

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Baptist Church of Tripp, South Dakota, presented its sixth annual Mother's Day and birthday anniversary program on Thursday, May 9th. The program consisted of a pageant, "Mothers of Long Ago," poems, readings and our mother's favorite songs.

We as a Society meet every second Thursday of the month. Our program for the year is in booklet form, and each member takes some part.

Throughout the year we had accumulated from various sources the amount of \$360.89 and our hearts are thankful to God for his guidance. The Society bought dishes and silverware for the church, paid for the tables and, as soon as we are able to get lumber, we are going to have cabinets built in the basement.

We are glad to have Mrs. H. G. Braun as our president. She has been a great help to us in these past six years. We are happy that as a Ladies' Missionary Society we have had a share in the Lord's work.

Miss Lenora Litz, Secretary.

The Dakota Conference Women's Missionary Union Reports a Very Successful Year

A very successful year of the Dakota Conference Women's Missionary Union was reported at the annual session held in Grand Forks, No. Dak., during the time of the conference from June 12 to 16. The following figures and facts were given in the secretary's report.

The union consists of 65 societies, 62 of which sent in their annual reports. A gain of 127 new members was shown. However, there were 18 deaths and 89 other losses reported, which leaves only a net gain of 20, bringing the present membership up to 1212. There were 35 societies represented at the conference sessions with 26 delegates, and these showed a most enthusiastic spirit of cooperation in the further support of our denominational projects. Closest to our heart is the Nurses School in Africa that has been so warmly presented to us and which we intend to support generously.

The newly elected officers for the coming year are: Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, Plum Creek Church, Emery, S. Dak., president; Mrs. Edgar Klatt, Grand Forks, N. Dak., secretary; and Mrs. Ed. Fenske, Herreid, So. Dak., treasurer.

Miss Alethea Kose of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., was the guest speaker at the evening program and stirred every heart in the large audience with her vivid and convincing message based on the words of Christ: "So send I you!" The local society rendered a very fitting playlet entitled, "Follow the Light." The evening offering was \$101.00.

Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, Reporter.

Session of the Women's Missionary Union of the Northern North Dakota Convention

The Women's Missionary Union of the Northern North Dakota Convention met at Carrington on June 7 in connection with the regular session of the convention. A large group of delegates and visitors was present. Mrs. D. Klein led in the singing of several songs, Scripture reading and prayer. Mrs. R. Grenz, president, then took charge of the business meeting. Forty delegates from ten different societies answered to the roll call. The treasurer's report indicated that the union gave \$100 for different mission projects.

From the written reports sent in by the different societies we learned that all the societies are actively engaged in our Master's work by giving large sums of money for home and foreign missions, supporting our denominational projects, remembering the sick and bereaved with flowers, cards and other gifts and helping feed and clothe the hungry and needy. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. Kepl, Martin, president; and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, Goodrich, secretary-treasurer.

At 2 P. M. a very fine program was rendered before a large audience. The song service was led by Mrs. W. Gerthe. The Rev. L. Albus led the devotions. The local president, Mrs. W. Mayer, bade us a hearty welcome to which



Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Kruegel of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Near Junction City, Kansas

Mrs. R. Grenz responded. Mrs. W. Gerthe delighted the audience with a vocal solo. A very informative report of the Old People's Home in Bismarck was given by its superintendent, the Rev. C. Knapp. It was a great privilege to have Chaplain F. Woyke as our guest speaker. Our hearts were touched as he depicted present-day conditions in Germany.

Quiet piano music and a ladies' duet accompanied the interesting and inspiring chalk talk given by Mrs. A. Lebbe of Carrington. The offering amounted to \$110, which was equally divided between the Fellowship Fund, general missions, Rochester Seminary Endowment Fund and the Home for the Aged in Bismarck.

Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, Secretary.

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Eastern	1,480.85	609.95
Central	13,851.63	4,461.46
Northwestern	4,805.18	3,635.26
Southwestern	3,643.02	4,208.88
Southern	1,197.82	648.88
Pacific	3,092.48	3,088.53
Northern	4,913.42	2,887.46
Dakota	4,195.60	3,051.88
Totals . . .	\$38,110.06	\$23,906.05

Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies

June, 1946	\$ 18,780.89
June, 1945	3,994.81
Total to June 30, 1946	\$305,955.25

Seminary Endowment Fund

June, 1946	\$ 1,601.61
June, 1945	1,858.36
Total to June 30, 1946	\$113,054.66

Christian Training Institute Building Fund

June, 1946	\$ 1,536.98
June, 1945	3,636.28
Total to June 20, 1946	\$25,386.02



Mrs. William Wirth and Her Cabin Group of Girls at the Kansas Scripture Memory Camp Held at Camp Carlile

Recent Memorable Events at the Bethany Baptist Church Near Vesper, Kansas

Big events have followed one another closely at the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas. On Easter Sunday our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, baptized four persons and five were received into the church's fellowship.

Our Vacation Bible School began on April 29, also under the leadership of Mr. Knauf. Miss Ann Swain, Conference Missionary, was one of the teachers. Fifty-three pupils were enrolled and the final program on May 12 was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience, many of them parents.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Blackburn by the Dickinson County Church

June 2nd was a special Sunday of rejoicing for our First Baptist Church of Dickinson County in Kansas, for on this day we had the privilege of welcoming our new pastor, Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn, and his wife and three children. Following the morning service everyone enjoyed a bounteous dinner and a time of fellowship in the church basement.

The afternoon service, led by Mr. Alvah Ihde, chairman of the pulpit committee, was opened with song. Dr. Hiebert, professor from Tabor College

Large Attendance at the Kansas Scripture Memory Camp Held Near Stafford

The Kansas Scripture Memory Camp, held this year in the early season from June 2 to 5 at Camp Carlile near Stafford, Kansas, was the largest, and, in many ways, the best! There wasn't a dull moment from the time the first car full of youngsters arrived until the last one departed. The breakfast count on the first morning showed 98 present with no shorts on food or appetites. The enrollment soon rose to 108, of whom 87 were memorizers and 21 adults. All but one of the eleven Kansas churches was represented with Stafford at the top of the list with 24 memorizers, and Lorraine second with 14. There was even a substitute for the missing church since Nebraska sent over five memorizers from Beatrice.

The Lord was again gracious in providing good weather. Games were plentiful for the afternoon activities and boating could be had with or without motor power. The Camp Committee had done a good job in making all provisions and the Stafford Church, which had much of the responsibility, had provided for the best of cooking and abundance of food.

The spiritual part of the camp program was in line with the excellent attendance and weather. The memorizers were divided into two groups, Juniors and Intermediates. Each one attended two classes in the forenoon with Mrs. Wm. Wirth and Rev. Arthur (Continued on Page 20)

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Women's Missionary Union Anniversary Program at the Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas

We, as members of the Immanuel Baptist Women's Missionary Union of Kyle, Texas, are grateful to the Lord for permitting us to celebrate another anniversary. Friday, May 31, was the happy occasion on which we presented a missionary program to a large audience under the very able leadership of our president, Mrs. David Zimmerman.

The program consisted of various musical numbers, a reading and the play entitled, "The Open Window." Mr. Edward Link of our Rochester Seminary was also present and brought a short message. The offering of the evening was designated for the "Cameroons Love Gift." Following the program, a fellowship hour was enjoyed in the church's dining room.

We were privileged to hold all twelve meetings in the past year. In our April meeting we especially honored our aged members. This was also our birthday month. We were very fortunate to have the Rev. Martin Leuschner as our guest speaker at this meeting.

May the Lord bless his children everywhere and use us in the glorification of his work!

Mrs. Emil Schmeltkopf, Reporter.

Miss Bartz Among the Indians

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character-building, spiritually-uplifting influences of the instructors at this Institution. The following week Miss Bartz was the teacher for the "Junior High" class at the Lake Metigoshe Assembly. As an appointee to the mission work in Alberta, she will be giving us interesting reports of the service among the Indians and at the Edmonton Bible school, in our publications.

Another special blessing of the above meeting was to have Miss Alethea Kose of the Baptist Missionary Training School with us. We shall never forget the story as to how and why this richly blessed school came to be what it is, how and by whom it was founded. Mention was made of the many young women now in many parts of the world who have received their training at this school which has for its motto: "Be Mine To Serve." Their ministry of teaching and soul-winning, only eternity can fully record.

In a closer fellowship following the service, refreshments were served. Many choruses were sung; testimonies were gladly given. Miss Kose closed this informal gathering with a sincere prayer.

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OBITUARY

Mr. BRUNO R. MARTIN of Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Bruno R. Martin was born in Lichtenberg, Germany on February 19, 1884. As a young man of 19 years he went to London, England, where he came under the influence of the gospel. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ by faith and was baptized at the Spurgeon Tabernacle.

In the year 1906 he came to New York City where he met Miss Amalia Keth and was married to her in 1907. The Lord blessed this union with three children: Mrs. Augusta Schreiber, Mrs. Lillian Maxant and Dr. William B. Martin, and four grandchildren.

In 1911 the Martins moved to Chicago and became members of the First German Baptist Church. Mr. Martin was one of our active and faithful members. He served as Sunday School teacher and superintendent, and as a trustee of the church. He loved the Christian fellowship and participated in the prayer meetings.

For some time Brother Bruno Martin had not been well, but he would not complain. After a few days at the hospital, the Lord called him home on Father's Day, June 16, 1946, at the age of 62 years and four months. At the funeral service Mr. Fred Prescher sang two beautiful solos, and the pastor gave a comforting message on Hebrews 11:10. May the Lord comfort Mrs. Martin and her children.

First German Baptist Church,
Chicago, Ill.

John Schmidt, Pastor.

Mrs. GRACE OLTMAN'S GETTING of Parkersburg, Iowa

Our departed sister Grace Oltmans Getting of Parkersburg, Iowa was born in Grundy County, Iowa on June 5, 1904 and died on June 29. On June 29, 1932 she was united in marriage with Fritz Getting of Parkersburg, Iowa. This happy union was dissolved by the death of her husband after only about 3 1/2 years. Since then she lived with her father, Mr. Oltman Oltmans, at Parkersburg, Iowa.

After receiving Jesus as her personal Savior she became a faithful and respected member of the Parkersburg Baptist Church. During her comparatively short life she knew much suffering, for during the last 20 years she suffered from the disease which finally caused her death. She bore her lot patiently but with the growing desire to be at home with the Lord. Besides her husband, her mother and an infant sister have preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her departure her aged father, 2 sisters, 4 nephews and a large number of relatives and friends. John 14:1-3 served as a word of comfort at a large funeral service.

Parkersburg, Iowa.

H. Lohr, Pastor.

Mrs. ARTHUR LEUSCHNER, Sr. of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Anna Amalia Leuschner, nee Unger, was born in Chicago, Ill., on March 17, 1884. At the age of 18 years she accepted the Lord Jesus as her Savior and was baptized on the confession of her faith into the fellowship of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago by the Rev. Jacob Meier.

In 1903 she was married to Arthur Leuschner, Sr., who is now a deacon of our church. Five children were born into the family who together with Mr. Leuschner survive their dear mother: Mrs. Mary Pfeiffer, Mrs. Alice Woolverton, Mr. Arthur Leuschner, Jr., Miss Ruth Leuschner and Mrs. Margaret Rempas. There are also six grandchildren.

Mrs. Leuschner was a faithful wife to her husband, a loving mother to her children and a dear sister in the Lord. She loved her Savior and the Word of

God. She suffered a short but serious illness and was taken to a hospital. On Sunday, June 16, 1946, the Lord called her to the heavenly home.

A Ladies' trio sang at the funeral service, and six members of the Women's Bible Class served as pall-bearers. The pastor brought a message of hope and comfort from 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

First German Baptist Church,
Chicago, Ill.

John Schmidt, Pastor.

Mrs. Elizabeth Misiun of Anamoose, North Dakota

Mrs. Elizabeth Misiun, nee Heringer, of Anamoose, No. Dak., was born in New Danzig, Russia on January 8, 1861. Due to persecution of the Christians the family moved to Turkey and later to Bulgaria where her father served the British Foreign Bible Society as agent for 33 years. In 1881 she became a Christian and was baptized in the Danube River by Rev. Kargel, and was united with the Baptist Church at Ruschuk, Bulgaria. She was active in Sunday School and with the Ladies' Group, an activity she maintained throughout her Christian life. She studied in the General Hospital in Vienna, Austria learning the nursing profession, in which capacity she served abroad and also in the Anamoose vicinity where she came in 1899. In 1903 her mother, Mrs. Heringer, came to America. Mrs. Misiun cared for her for 15 years.

In 1915 she was united with Mr. Michael Misiun. This happy union was dissolved when Mr. Misiun died in 1934. After spending some time in Oregon, she came back to Anamoose where she continued to make her home until several months ago when she needed hospitalization. For a time at Harvey, and since May 22, in the St. Joseph Hospital in Minot, she received medical care without avail. She passed away on June 13 at the age of 85 years, 5 months and 5 days.

Services were held from the Anamoose Baptist Church.

Anamoose, No. Dak.

A. W. Bibelheimer,
Officiating Minister.

Mrs. AMELIA TIEPERMANN of Ellinwood, Kansas

Mrs. Amelia Tiepermann, nee Hug, of Ellinwood, Kansas was born on April 13, 1876 in Pittsburgh, Penn., and passed from this scene temporal to the scene eternal after a prolonged illness at the St. Rose Hospital in Great Bend at the age of 70 years. She was a patient sufferer but through it all kept a cheerful attitude.

As a small child she came with her parents to Ellinwood where she attended the district school and grew to young womanhood.

On Feb. 26, 1895 she entered the holy bonds of matrimony with her now bereaved husband, Henry Tiepermann. Just a year ago they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They understood each other perfectly and happiness and love reigned between them. God blessed their married life with six children, all of whom survive their mother.

In her youth she came to believe in Christ as her personal Savior and upon confession of faith was received by baptism into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood. She was not only a faithful member of this church but she was a Christian who had a vital interest in the work of the Lord. As long as she was physically able she attended the services and was wholeheartedly for the building of the new sanctuary.

Mrs. Tiepermann leaves to mourn her departure her beloved and sorrowing husband, Henry Tiepermann; three sons, William, Alvin, Clyde; three daughters, Mrs. Caroline Fischer, Mrs. Viola Christensen, Mrs. Marie Nolte and their respective families; 15 grandchildren; one brother, Henry Ahlgrim; one sister, Hilara Piepmeyer; a sorrowing church and many friends.

Ellinwood, Kansas.

Theo. W. Dons, Pastor.



Some of the Members of the Women's Missionary Union of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas

Scripture Memory work, under the leadership of the local leader, Mrs. A. D. Wirth, is one of our prominent activities. Every two months the boys and girls present an evening's program based on their memory passages. Thirty-one were enrolled this year with twenty-four completing the work.

The young people are also active. They have completed a study of "the Life of Christ" taught by the pastor. They were well represented at the State Encampment at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga in May. The Rev. F. G. Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas was the speaker at their missionary program on May 19. At this time their missionary goal of \$150 turned out to be \$200. On June 9 the Kansas young people's missionary, Miss Alma Siewert, was their guest and the following Sunday they joined the other Kansas churches in a Youth Missionary Rally at Lorraine where Miss Siewert was speaker.

Myrtle Wirth, Reporter.

at Hillsboro, read Scripture and offered prayer. Words of welcome were spoken in behalf of the church by Mr. Alvah Ihde, for the Sunday School by Mr. Milton Jacobson, the B. Y. P. U. by Mary Ann Kohman, and the Women's Missionary Society by Mrs. Milton Jacobson. Dr. Hiebert gave a challenging and very appropriate message for the occasion. Then Rev. and Mrs. G. Wesley Blackburn responded in words of appreciation and the sincere hope that their ministry among us might be truly what God desires.

From June 10 to 14 Mr. Blackburn conducted a Vacation Bible School with Mrs. Blackburn, Mary Ann Kohman and Jane Jacobson assisting. There were 28 children enrolled who gave a splendid demonstration program of what they had learned and done after the Sunday evening service of June 30. Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn held open house at the parsonage for members and friends of the church.

Mrs. Milton Jacobson, Reporter.

Do You Know That...?

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The new Year Book of American Churches lists 14,208,193 Baptists, 9,924,842 Methodists, and 5,129,147 Lutherans in the United States.

The soldier complained that the trains were running so late that they saw a troop train loaded with Confederate soldiers on its way to Gettysburg.

Protestant Churches and pastors are still being stoned in South America, but the persecution has raised defenders.

When told it was three miles to the next town in a bee-line, the motorist wondered how far it would be if the bee had to walk and roll a flat tire.

President Truman says he has read through the Bible three times before he was 12 years of age.

When it comes to eating, you have to hand it to Venus de Milo, because how else could she eat?

Roger Babson says that the people of United States spend 42 times as much for pleasure, luxury, and crime as they do for church and religion.

The man grew a mustache because since his wife took to wearing pants

he wanted to make sure the neighbors knew which was the man in the house.

70% of the business corporations organized in this country do not live longer than 10 years.

When the man complained there was soap in his food, he was assured that it was there to wash the food down.

More than a million and a quarter dollars were wagered on the last Kentucky Derby race! What that amount of money wouldn't do for starving China?

The only difference between steak and hamburger is one day.

The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9 which contains 90 words.

When the customer complained that his piece of chicken was only skin and bones, the waiter asked if he wanted the feathers too.

The King James version of the Bible contains 773,692 words; 592,439 are in the Old Testament and 181,253 are in the New Testament.

The cake was pretty good looking but it defied the law of gravity; it was heavy as lead but still wouldn't go down.

In the Bible Version, known as the Bug Bible, Psalm 91:5 is translated, "So thou shalt not be afraid for any bugs by night."

The boy who complained that the all-day sucker they handed him was rather small was reminded that the days are getting shorter.

Kansas Scripture Camp

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Schultz teaching the classes concerning the Holy Spirit, and Miss Ann Swain and Rev. Fred Ferris on Evangelism. Much of the class work was an interpretation of the very Scripture verses they had memorized during the past year. The "Singspirations," both morning and evening, with chorus singing and a hymn story fulfilled well the meaning of that name.

And the evenings? We were reminded of the Garden of Eden, not because of any perfect beauty of the surroundings but in the fact that it was in "the cool of the day" that God called and spoke to man, and that it was then that he heard the "Voice of God." There was the expressional hour when the God-given talents (some obviously outstanding) were shared for the blessing of the whole assembly. In the devotional periods, led by different pastors, God's voice was heard in the hearts of many. Out of the number eight young people confessed personal faith in the Lord Jesus and five volunteered for full time Christian service. And, last but not least, the mission pictures, provided by Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, showed some of the denominational fields which are waiting, "white and ready for the harvest." So in the memory of the campers, their leaders and visitors the words of the poet might be paraphrased to say, "And what is more rare than these days in June."

A. G. Rietdorf, Reporter.



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